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Cinch-Nuline can meet your needs for these high density, subminiature devices.

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For delivery information contact any Cinch Sales Office or write to Cinch-Nuline, a division of TRW Inc., 1015 S. Sixth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55415.

MIL-C-26500 Omega Connectors are also available from Cinch-Nuline on short delivery cycles (generally 6-8 weeks) for any shell style, contact size and insert configuration.
A wave analyzer with a 10,000-second sweep time? Why?

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The new HP 3590A/3595A system solves that dilemma. The HP 3595A plug-in is a sweeping local oscillator with 10,000 seconds of sweep time available. By using it with the HP 3590A Wave Analyzer mainframe, you can scan the entire three-decade audio frequency range at 2 Hz per second, in one sweep. And, by adding an HP X-Y recorder, you can see the results on a single 11 x 17-inch graph.

In addition to extended sweep time, the 3590A/3595A combination also gives you a choice of five sweep rates (from 1 Hz to 1,000 Hz per second) and four filter bandwidths (from 10 Hz to 3,100 Hz), an 85 dB dynamic range over either of two frequency ranges (20 Hz to 62 kHz and 200 Hz to 620 kHz), 3 µV to 30 V sensitivity, and built-in autoranging for ease of operation.

The result is a systems-analysis tool ideally suited for work in the lower frequency ranges, with the capability to work in higher frequency ranges as well!

The 3590A Wave Analyzer mainframe is $3200; the new 3595A plug-in with the 10,000-second sweep time is $1250. Other plug-ins available for the 3590A are: the 3592A slave and program unit, for use with a second mainframe, $80; the 3593A with 3-digit mechanical display and 620-second maximum sweep time, $1100; and the 3594A with 5-digit electronic counter frequency display and 620-second maximum sweep time, $1600.

To get complete information on the HP 3590A and the various plug-ins, contact your local HP field engineer. Or, write to Hewlett-Packard, Palo Alto, California 94304. In Europe: 1217 Meyrin-Geneva, Switzerland.

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SLOW CIRCUITS WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE HAVING HALF-A-SATELLITE!

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| FAMILY          | PROP. DELAY (TYP) | TOGGLE/SHIFT FREQUENCY (TYP) | FUNCTIONS AVAILABLE | GATE POWER DISSIPATION (TYP) |
| MECL II         | 4.0 ns           | 180 MHz         | 41               | 25 mW               |
| MECL III        | 1.0 ns           | 350 MHz         | 16               | 55 mW               |
| MECL IV         | 0.9 ns           | 500 MHz         | —                | 20 mW               |

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Other features which help make the 9300 the fastest-selling register on the market include a 20MHz shift frequency, $J$ and $K$ inputs (which, tied together, provide D-type input), gated synchronous parallel inputs, $Q$ and $\overline{Q}$ outputs.

The 9300 is completely compatible with all Fairchild MSI elements. It comes in a 16-lead hermetic DIP and Flatpak in both military and industrial temperature ranges.

To order the 9300, call your Fairchild Distributor and ask for:

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you have to get serious about MSI family planning.

We put together a family plan by taking systems apart. All kinds of digital systems. Thousands of them.

First we looked for functional categories. We found them. Time after time, in a clear and recurrent pattern, seven basic categories popped up: Registers. Decoders and demultiplexers. Counters. Multiplexers. Encoders. Operators. Latches.

Inside each of the seven categories, we sifted by application. We wanted to design the minimum number of devices that could do the maximum number of things. That’s why, for example, Fairchild MSI registers can be used in storage, in shifting, in counting and in conversion applications. And you’ll find this sort of versatility throughout our entire MSI line.

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213-675-3311; TWX 910-325-6602.

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International Conference on Engineering in the Ocean Environment (Panama City, Fla.). Sponsor: IEEE. Lewis Winner, 152 W. 42nd St., New York, N. Y. 10036.

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60 Hertz

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<th>Input Primary</th>
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<td>Insulation</td>
<td>1750 VAC or 150% of secondary voltage (whichever is higher)</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
<td>To MIL-T-27B, grade: 4, class: &quot;S&quot;, life: &quot;X&quot; (10,000 hrs.), case: steel</td>
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<td>Environment</td>
<td>To operate in 105°C maximum ambient temperature. Encapsulated to meet MIL-E-5272C and MIL-E-5400H for vibration, shock, acceleration, sand, dust, humidity, saltspray, fungus, sunshine, rain, explosion, and altitude (to a vacuum)</td>
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<td>Secondary</td>
<td>From 5 volts at 1 ampere to 5000 volts at 32 milliamperes</td>
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400 Hertz

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<th>Input Primary</th>
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<td>Environment</td>
<td>Encapsulated to meet MIL-E-5272C, including vibration to Proc. XII, temperature to 105°C, shock, sand, dust, humidity, saltspray, fungus, sunshine, rain, explosion, and altitude (to a vacuum)</td>
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A complete description of all of these power transformers together with their prices is contained in Abbott’s 10 page transformer brochure, available FREE on request.

Please write for your FREE copy of Abbott’s transformer brochure or see EEM (1969-70 ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS MASTER Directory) Pages 2848 to 2882.

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INFORMATION RETRIEVAL NUMBER 7

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We don't have a crystal ball. And rarely resort to mystic means in recommending what terminal should be used for a particular data communications application.

Some of the things, we at Teletype look at, that make the job a little easier are these:

- Distribution
- Urgency of message
- Frequency of use
- Volume
- Language
- Accuracy

The diagram below demonstrates how you can fit a number of Teletype terminals into a system based on function and usage requirements. Magnetic tape makes the speed and language of various terminals compatible. In this hypothetical case we use one computer program, one major line control procedure, one computer port, one type of data set per link. And deliver greater data through-put per on-line dollar. Using terminals that offer the best capabilities within each station's communication situation.

Using Teletype magnetic tape data terminals, combined with various Teletype keyboard send-receive sets, you obtain some unique system flexibility. And the on-line time saving aspects of operation are really dramatic. Magnetic tape data terminals can keep data flowing on-line at up to 2400 wpm.

In the example shown, the manufacturer has linked sales, engineering, accounting and inventory control departments to a central office computer. As well as manufacturing plants, warehouse and regional offices. He's covered all critical data points with a common medium speed link, using a variety of terminals. Magnetic tape data terminals make it possible.
Routine aspects of the system are maintained in standard speed links. Branch offices are tied into the regional office terminals on standard speed networks. Regional offices batch routine branch office data on one magnetic tape. Transmit the data to the central office processor at one time. Saving a number of additional computer port requirements.

Since data generated at manufacturing plants is urgently needed, but volume is low, low-cost model 33 terminals are used here. The warehouse data volume is higher, but not complex, so a heavy-duty model 35 is working here.

Volume requirements are heaviest in the accounting department. Cost accounting, payroll, billing and invoice payment functions generate data all day long. Here magnetic tape is prepared off-line at various terminals. And an on-line stand-alone magnetic tape terminal is used to transmit data to and receive data from the central processor.

Sales and engineering departments are equipped with Teletype 37 terminals. But for different reasons.

**model 33 series:** An extremely low-cost 100 wpm terminal line. Uses ASCII. The most widely used terminal in time-sharing systems today.

**model 35 series:** A rugged, heavy-duty line of 100 wpm terminals. Uses ASCII.

**Inktronic® data terminals:** A unique electronic, solid state terminal. Prints up to 1200 wpm. Forms characters through electrostatic deflection (no typebox). ASCII compatible.

**magnetic tape data terminals:** Use compact reusable tape cartridges. Operate on-line at up to 2400 wpm, and connect "locally" to lower speed Teletype terminals using ASCII.

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The sales department uses the model 37 for order processing. It has on-line vertical and horizontal tab set control, and form feed platen (optional) which makes data transmission and reception on multiple copy business forms easy and economical.

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Monolithic random-access memory (RAM) devices offer new approaches for implementing read/write digital memories, but their use is sometimes overlooked because the design engineer lacks a general knowledge of their actual operation.

Basically, the RAM is a group of latches or storage flip-flops that store binary data in a digital system when the system is not using that data. Information can be randomly written into or read out of each flip-flop as required.

Author C. D. Talbert, shown above, an engineer in the Avionics Division of Bendix Corp., at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., tells how RAMs operate and how to select the device best suited to your needs.

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A new data storage system called Comfile provides the data access and organization styles of discs and drums at the low costs associated with magnetic-tape cartridge systems. At the heart of the new system is a 30-inch-long magnetic-tape loop capable of storing up to 72,000 characters of data. This stored data is accessible within an average time of 315 ms.

The magnetic-tape loop is completely enclosed in a magazine that is easily inserted into the drive mechanism. A file-protect mechanism—similar to a write ring in a reel-type drive—guards against inadvertent recording.

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A growing awareness that technology can help solve certain of the nation's most pressing civil problems is reflected at this year's Western Electronic Show and Convention in Los Angeles.

In addition to the regular technical program covering such areas as microelectronics, computers and microwaves, there are papers on ecology and water-pollution instrumentation, medical electronic equipment and earth-resources satellites. Also, Wescon is supplementing its 27-session program with a special two-day symposium on "Applying Technology to Public Problems."

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Digital Equipment Corporation, as the world's leading maker of small computers, knows the economics of incoming inspection as well as anybody. It knows that even with garden-variety ICs, defectives can easily run to 2 or 3 percent. Assuming 25 to 50 dollars to find and replace a bad IC in a logic module, you don't need a computer to figure out that even one-percent defectives can do a job on a balance sheet. So DEC subjects all its incoming ICs to thorough testing. Lots are first sample-tested dynamically. Once a lot passes these tests, DEC puts every IC in that lot through a full battery of functional and dc parametric tests. And it manages these dc and functional tests with an instrument that isn't much bigger than a breadbox and that costs less than a Cadillac. The instrument is a Teradyne J133.

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Second, it is economical. At only about $5000 apiece, DEC's pair of J133s paid for themselves in a few weeks.

Third, it is handler-compatible. One of DEC's J133s works with a 4800-unit/hour Daymarc handler, taking bowl-fed ICs and putting the bad ones where they belong—in reject bins.

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DC-10 getting set to fly with 'first' in electronics

Santa Monica, Calif.

With advanced guidance for automatic landings in zero-visibility weather, an on-board computer and a color CRT cockpit display among its electronic highlights, the first McDonnell Douglas DC-10 is undergoing taxiing tests prior to making it maiden flight.

If the guidance system is approved by the Federal Aviation Administration, the DC-10 will be the first transport in airline service to fly in Category 3b conditions—zero visibility for landings. The DC-10 is McDonnell Douglas' entry in the jumbo-jet field.

The guidance that allows automatic landings was developed by the Bendix Corp.'s Navigation and Control Div. in Teterboro, N.J. The computer and the color CRT display—also firsts in airline service—are manufactured by Honeywell's Aerospace Div. in Minneapolis. The cockpit display gives the pilot a symbolic runway with a predicted point at which the plane will touch down. The computer incorporates a digital control system that evaluates sensor data from 13 avionics systems.

To convert pressure inputs to digital frequency-modulated signals, the computer system uses a solid-state pressure transducer with a silicon wafer diaphragm. Two piezo-resistive elements are diffused in the face of the wafer to control two oscillators. The oscillators generate the signals that are fed to the computer.

Honeywell points out that integrated circuitry is used extensively in the design to increase reliability and reduce complexity. The computer provides control and instrument output signals by monitoring altitude, airspeed and temperature. And, according to Boris Boskovich, program manager in Honeywell's Aerospace Div., the system will also predict the performance of the automatic landing system as much as 150 seconds ahead of time, based on signals from radios, altimeters and inertial sensors.

Almost 20 feet wide and 182 feet long, the DC-10 accommodates 345 passengers. McDonnell has orders for 237 aircraft. Each plane costs about $15-million.

Who'll be NASA chief? 4 are called possibilities

The resignation of Dr. Thomas O. Paine as head of NASA caught Washington by surprise and has triggered the ever-popular Potomac game of picking a successor before the President does. At least four names are being bandied about.

Names in the running to replace Paine include NASA's deputy administrator, Dr. George M. Low, who was acting director after Dr. James Webb resigned in October, 1968; Air Force Secretary Robert Seamans; Dr. Hilliard Page, president of the General Electric Space Div., and Dr. Wernher Von Braun, now NASA's planning director.

The computer auction gets its start in U. S.

A Univac 1107, valued at about $2-million when new, could have been bought for $50,000, and an IBM 7094 system, with an original price tag of $2.3-million, had a knockdown price of $15,000.

But the first public auction of used computers and peripherals proved to be a flop in New York City, in spite of a standing-room-only audience. The problem was that many came to watch, and few were prepared to buy.

Time Brokers, Inc., a computer equipment brokerage house, sponsored the auction in cooperation with Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc., an auction house usually associated with art offerings. Time Brokers was seeking a new outlet for used computers, and Parke-Bernet was interested in expanding its horizons.

Over ninety lots were offered, including the Univac 1107 and IBM 7094. No bid was entered for...
either of these. Two minicomputers were sold, one for $7,000 and one for $9,000. The highest price paid for any item was $52,500 for an IBM 360/20. It was rumored that the buyer was the original seller, who feared that the price was too low.

Despite the setback, it appeared that computer auctions had arrived in the U. S. to stay.

The sale was held July 30, the same day that Standard Prudential Corp., a diversified financial services company, announced that it would open soon in New York City a permanent trade center specializing in the auctioning of computer equipment. The center is to occupy the 10-floor building at 226 West 26th Street, owned by the New York Auction Company, a division of Standard Prudential.

"New York Auction is keeping abreast of the times by changing from auctioneers for fur traders since 1916 to computer auctioneers," said Theodore H. Silbert, chairman of Standard Prudential. "As one industry becomes history, we are pioneering in another."

The disappointing showing at Parke-Bernet was attributed variously to the economic slowdown, smog or the summer do l drums. Both Time Brokers and the art-auction gallery said they hoped to try another sale when the time seemed more propitious.

New aerospace computer features compatibility

A new military aerospace computer that is software-compatible and input/output-compatible with its commercial prototype has been announced by the Honeywell Aerospace Div., St. Petersburg, Fla.

The military computer, the HDC-601, is totally compatible with the DDP-516, produced by Honeywell's Computer Control Div., Framingham, Mass. Clinton M. Crabtree, director of computer products at the Aerospace Div., says:

"With this new concept, the customer does not have to wait for delivery to begin programming. He can do his software work on an existing DDP-516 and be ready to operate when the HD-601 arrives."

Although the two machines are compatible, they are not at all alike. The aerospace machine weighs 30 pounds and occupies 0.7 cubic foot, compared with 250 pounds and 30 cubic feet. The memory of the HDC-601 may be either ferrite core or plated wire. All current production, however, calls for plated wire, which is favored because of its inherent non-destructive read-out characteristic.

Aerospace concerns hail fly-before-buy proposal

Changes in Defense Dept. procurement recommended by a Presidential commission—from "total package" procurement to "fly before you buy"—have stirred the hopes of the aerospace giants.

"Anything is better than total package procurement" is the general attitude of most.

According to a spokesman for Lockheed, the industry has not yet had a chance to review the entire report of the commission, but the proposed policy "has to be an improvement over total package procurement—that kind of award was catastrophic for the industry."

North American Rockwell's president, Robert Ander, sums up the case against total package procurement this way: "As an automotive man [Chrysler], I was amazed by my first encounter with the total-package procurement concept . . . . [It] not only delayed the procurement of many needed systems and equipment, but it also fostered an utterly unrealistic budgeting process. Can you imagine an automobile manufacturer contracting at a fixed price to deliver a model 1977 automobile six years from now?"

Lasers help identify air-pollution gases

Lack of a simple, fast way to measure smog particle sizes and motions precisely, and to determine the types and magnitudes of the pollutants, has hindered the battle to clean up the air over big cities. But two new pulsed-laser instruments—one developed at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, the other at the General Electric Space Technology Div., Valley Forge, Pa.—may provide solutions.

A pulsed laser to identify and measure concentrations of pollutant gases has been announced by the Brooklyn institute's graduate center in Farmingdale, N. Y.

Conventional methods of running an analysis to find out what gases are in a mixture can take hours.

"With the pulsed laser," says Dr. Samuel Lederman of the Brooklyn institute, "instantaneous measurements can be made using Raman scattering."

General Electric's laser measures the concentration and motion of air-pollution particles, according to Dr. Fritz Mezger, manager of advanced studies in the company's Space Sciences Laboratory. A laser and a receiving telescope are aligned on the same optical axis. Light reflected by smog is collected by the telescope and focused on a photomultiplier tube. The photomultiplier output gives backscattered light as a function of laser range.

Custom LSI at low cost promised by Motorola

Motorola's Semiconductor Products Div. has opened a new center in Mesa, Ariz., for the design and manufacture of custom large-scale integrated circuits.

At the dedication ceremonies, Stephen L. Levy, vice president and general manager of the division, promised that the new center "will permit custom circuit design at a rate of a new design a day by 1971."

With the help of computer-aided design—in which a small, inexpensive computer will be used for test generation and layout programs—Levy promises "the lowest fixed design costs in the industry."

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Do R&D cuts peril U.S. lead in electronics?

Some engineering educators say they do, others aren't worried, but all agree research is essential

John N. Kessler  
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Cutbacks in federal support of research and development may cost the U. S. its future leadership in advanced electronics, says Dr. Harvey Brooks, Dean of Engineering and Applied Physics at Harvard University.

Brooks, who expressed concern for the general climate of technological innovation, told ELECTRONIC DESIGN: "At a time when the United States shows signs of losing its technical leadership, particularly its advantage in foreign trade, it doesn't seem to be a very wise thing for the Government to be cutting back on its research program, particularly in engineering and more applied areas."

But Dr. Eric Walker, president of Pennsylvania State University and former president of the National Academy of Engineering, isn't alarmed. He told this magazine: "It's high time we've had a shake-out to make sure that what we're doing really is relevant."

$53-million slash due

The two opinions represent the opposing poles in a sampling of reaction to Government cuts in R&D funds for colleges and universities. The Bureau of the Budget reports that such spending totaled $1,471,000,000 in 1969. For 1970, the estimated figure is $1,418,000,000, down $53-million. For 1971, the amount planned is $1,532,000,000, but the increase will go to solve social problems rather than to further basic engineering and scientific research.

At Harvard, federal research funds were cut about 10% in 1968-1969 and, according to Dean Brooks, they will be down 10 to 15% more this year. "This," he says, "represents an even larger cut in effective work, because of the increasing cost of research."

At the other extreme, Penn State's president reports that its budget has suffered little from federal cuts of approximately $2-million in a research program that totals $40-million this year. The state of Pennsylvania has made up the difference, Walker explains.

In between, the reactions are somewhat more moderate, but they tend toward pessimism. Dr. Francis H. Clauser, chairman of the Div. of Engineering and Applied Science at California Institute of Technology, says that "ceilings have been placed on funds, and you can't look forward to a climate of growth." Like Brooks, he voices concern for the work of young engineers who do not yet have an established reputation.

In commenting about technological innovation at Cal Tech, Clauser says: "Certainly we don't have the atmosphere we had here 10 or 20 years ago, in which there was enough growth so that all segments of the scientific and engineering community were able to find support for good work. Now the funds are limited."

At the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, the cut in federal support of graduate research fellowships is causing concern. "This is serious," says the Dean of Research, Frederick R. Eirich, "because it reduces the trained manpower four, five, six years from now."

According to Eirich, the United States has been leading the world in electronmicroscopy, computers,
supersonic flight and radio astronomy. But, he says, Japan, Germany, the Soviet Union, Britain and France recognize the importance of research in these fields and have become serious contenders to American leadership.

"The best electron microscope," says Eirich, "is not being built here, but in France. And the best computer facilities in a few years will probably be in England."

Government agencies, such as the Dept. of Defense, the Atomic Energy Commission and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, have been forced to cut their academic support as budgetary economy measures. As a result, Eirich says, "we are going to lose [over an 18-month period] almost 30% of our graduate fellowships." And since this is happening at engineering colleges throughout the country, Eirich sees serious consequences for the United States.

"We have lost already—in three or four important fields—the technological leadership of the world, and in 10 years we will have lost more," he says.

Effect on world trade cited

This is also the view of Dr. Chauncey Starr, Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of California at Los Angeles and vice president of the National Academy of Engineering. "The very serious depletion in our technological resources, as represented by the highly educated scientific and engineering manpower, shows up in our inability to complete internationally in new technologies," he says.

Starr mentions Japanese TV and miniature calculators as being not only as good as American products but, in many instances, better. "Japanese optical goods," he says, "from the point of view of price

Here at Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois, the AEC cuts will total about $300,000. But the AEC's total high-energy physics budget is down from $120-million to $119-million. With the costs of research going up, the net effect is much more than the $1 million cut would indicate.

### U.S. R&D spending, at a glance

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and quality, are the best of anyting we have.”

Shipbuilding, he notes, is another example of Japanese ingenuity. “It’s not just the cost of labor; it’s the fact that they are using more advanced technology in their manufacturing,” says Starr.

As an example of the relationship between advanced engineering and international trade, Starr gives this illustration: “The biggest production problem with integrated circuits is their rejection rate. If we had the best advanced engineering and scientific skills brought to bear on that problem, we could come up with an improved production technique.” This, he says, would lower total cost and make U.S. electronic products more competitive in world markets.

A shift to social concerns

Starr is not overly impressed by the rise in federal spending planned in 1971. According to a spokes-

man for the Bureau of Budget, that $114-million increase will be used to “assist those who wish to undertake research within or across disciplines related to a better understanding of the problems faced by contemporary society.”

“Practically every graduate engineering school in the country has almost 80% of its support coming from the Dept. of Defense,” Starr says. And this support, he points out, will drop a little over 10% in three years, while the cost of supporting the same work goes up roughly 15 to 20%.

The Atomic Energy Commission, another big supporter of university engineering research, will drop its support by 5%, but with inflation, the net effect will be about 20%, Starr says.

“The NASA cut,” he continues, “will represent close to a 50% real cut.”

What about increased amounts planned through the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare? Starr contends that UCLA doesn’t get much support from that department, and never has.

Cuts in the Atomic Energy Com-

mission’s high-energy physics budget have resulted in depleted operating funds for some of the nation’s giant particle accelerators. The total high-energy physics budget is down from $120-million to $119-million for fiscal 1971.

By terminating operation of the 3-billion-electron-volt Princeton-Pennsylvania Accelerator at Princeton, N. J., in June, 1971, the AEC will trim off $2 million; funding for the 6-Bev Cambridge Accelerator in Massachusetts will be cut from $3.5-million to $2.4-million; and budgets have been trimmed at Argonne National Laboratories, near Chicago, and at Lawrence Radiation Laboratory in Berkeley, Calif.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) in its 1970 Report on the Physical Sciences discusses the connection between esoteric concepts and practical applications. It notes, for example, the effect of solid-state physics on the development of the computer.

A spokesman for the foundation puts it this way: “Basic research is the mother of applied research and development.”

Industry links R&D to creative engineering

How is industry reacting to federal cuts in R&D spending?

If industry is going to be inventive, if it is going to create cheaper ways of doing things, it must have bright young PhDs in science and engineering, says Dr. Albert M. Clogston, director of physical research at Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, N. J.

Clogston is concerned that federal cuts in R&D at universities will limit the number of fellowships and traineeships and indirectly reduce manpower for industrial laboratories.

But focusing on R&D cuts and the current economic downturn in the U. S., Lee Davenport, president of General Telephone & Electronics Laboratories in Bayside, N. Y., doesn’t see any long-range damage to electronics growth.

He does admit that the pace of R&D is slowing, and he says:

“There is an increased emphasis on projects that will place a product in the market promptly.”

“Employment is down,” according to Davenport, “but not appreciably.” And GT&E Labs is looking to hire younger people who can generate and accept new ideas in the research and development area.

Also he notes a shift “toward more systems-oriented people having broad skills in electronic systems, as applied to telephony, communications and the like.”

Industry plays a crucial role in the R&D pattern, because it conducts about 70% of all research and development in the nation, according to the National Science Foundation. While the figure for Government R&D has remained essentially the same, or has increased slightly, in the last five years, it has not kept pace with the rising cost of research, according to a spokesman.
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Improved electronics at weapons range puts Navy on target

Story and photographs by John F. Mason
Military-Aerospace Editor

A target drone streaks through the blue Caribbean skies a few miles northwest of Puerto Rico, passing low over an aircraft carrier. A Terrier missile lunges from the carrier and misses by feet. The orange pilotless aircraft, flying at nearly the speed of sound, makes a sharp right turn and comes back for another pass. This time the missile almost intercepts. The misses are measured for distance by a doppler sensor in the drone and the information is telemetered back to the Navy’s Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range headquarters at Roosevelt Roads on Puerto Rico’s western tip.

The drone operator, sitting in a small control room in the headquarters building, guides the drone by uhf radio toward a destroyer a few miles away to test the missilemen skills on the ship.

Next door to the drone room, in the large Range Operations Center, the whole sea range exercise is carried live—or only microseconds old—on one of the most sophisticated large-screen displays the military owns. The sea range, which lies both to the north of Roosevelt Roads in the Atlantic and to the south in the Caribbean, covers a total area of 195,000 square miles.

Besides the open sea range, where airborne drones provide target practice to ships and fighter planes and radio-guided boats serve as targets for surface-to-surface weapons, Roosevelt Roads manages two other ranges. A few miles to the west an inner range, consisting of 60 miles of islands, cays and rocks, provides targets for bombing, strafing and amphibious attacks. And a 16-square-mile underwater range at St. Croix is available for submarines and surface ships to test torpedoes, Asroc rocket-torpedoes, sonar and other equipment.

All three ranges offer realistic training to 46,500 Navy men who go there every year to sharpen their weapons delivery skills. The ranges are equipped with electronic sensors to some extent and are automated in varying degrees. The manual portions are constantly being updated and facilities for new services are being planned.

An elaborate underwater tactical range, for example, is going to be built so the Atlantic Fleet can carry out thorough, well-monitored antisubmarine warfare exercises just west of Roosevelt Roads.

New floating hydrophone target arrays are to be built in the open sea so that more strafing and bombing practice can be carried out when all the target rocks are in use or being repaired.

A phased-array radar is also being requested that will double the reach of the present surveillance radar and more than double its capabilities.

Besides the drone control room at Roosevelt Roads, the pilotless planes can be controlled from sites on St. Thomas and St. Croix in the Virgin Islands. All three drone stations have acquisition and tracking radar, as well as microwave radio links with each other and to a computer in headquarters for the large-screen display.

“What we need now—or by the January, 1973, deadline the Navy has given us—is a system that will send six drones over the horizon from different directions to surprise an unsuspecting ship,” says Don Duckworth, range development engineer. “At present we can control only four, and those must be within line-of-sight.”

Over-the-horizon control appears to be the answer, Duckworth says, probably using an airborne data link aircraft.

“We could control a drone by hf,” Duckworth says, “but you need to see it to know where you want to
Culebra is vital to Navy weapons range

The Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range, despite its vast size, is an intricately designed complex. The sea and land areas used as targets and for observation posts, command and control stations, and communications links, have been carefully selected.

Choosing, or in some cases designing, electronic sensors for the complex, tying them together with telemetry and communications, and then providing a data-processing system with displays, has been a major engineering effort. The result is valued at $250 million and $300 million.

Duplicating the system now would cost far more, even if there were another complex of uninhabited small islands and rocks with a suitable configuration—and belonging to the United States—to which we could go.

To close down one of our key areas in the range—the island of Culebra, inhabited by approximately 726 people—and its surrounding uninhabited rocks and cays would cripple the range where some 46,500 Navy men train each year. To move part of these facilities to a new island over the horizon, as was first suggested by some of the Culebrans and now by other groups in Puerto Rico, would be an enormously difficult and expensive engineering feat. I believe an electronics design engineer can readily see this.

New microwave communications links could, of course, be built. New radars could be installed, but the cost, engineering complexities and degraded accuracies of monitoring aerial practice bombing, strafing, and gunfire from surface ships from a site many miles away on the other side of a hill, would be staggering.

The only change the Navy is proposing to the Culebrans, who have shared the uninhabited part of their island with the Navy for 68 years, is to lease 2,200 acres of additional land on the island where only five houses now stand. The land would serve as a safety zone against remote miscalculation in practice bomb runs that are made on the uninhabited, five-year-old bombing target of Ladron Cay, 3/4 mile off Culebra's northeast coast. This land would continue to be available for farming and cattle raising.

Capt. R. L. Johns, U.S. Navy Commande r Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range/Fleet Air Caribbean

The aircraft could relay radar position data but only from one drone at a time. We must have multiple control.”

Several methods are being studied. One calls for the drone to be equipped with a navigation system, such as loran, and to telemeter its position to the control room. “This would be very expensive,” he says, “and is going the wrong way. We want cheaper drones, not more expensive ones.”

Another approach is for the drone to send continuous telemetry data that tells its speed, heading, turns, and other maneuvers, while a computer in headquarters calculates its position. This amounts roughly to having the data-processing portion of an inertial guidance system on the ground.

A third approach calls for a beacon in the drone that responds to two surface-based, pulsed and timed transmitters. The return signals would provide two ranges from known sites, thus revealing the drone’s position.

The Navy’s need for more multiple-target training by 1973 and more antisubmarine warfare exercises may bring in a phased-array radar to help out the conventional surveillance radar and the height finder that now sit on Pico del Este.
mountain, east of Roosevelt Roads. Used by both the Navy and the Federal Aviation Administration, the radars have a range of 150 miles for air targets and 50 miles for those on the surface. A phased array would double this range and could track at least eight surface targets and seven airborne targets at a time.

News from the range

The big push in the range telemetry facility at the moment is to convert from vhf to uhf by October. Two of the new 16-foot tracking antennas are installed and a third is on the way. The 6-foot antenna and receiving system is also in place. Because the radio horizon for the antenna for surface-to-air missile operations is only about 27 miles, airborne data-link aircraft are used to relay information.

"Moving to uhf frequencies, which are 10 times higher than the present vhf frequencies, changes operating procedures considerably," says the facility's senior analyst, D. C. Gibson.

The receiving antenna must be physically larger to intercept approximately 100 times more radio energy than that needed at vhf.

"This, of course, results in greatly reduced antenna beam width," Gibson explains. The uhf antennas will have a 2-degree beam width compared to the present 35-degrees width.

"At a range of 50 miles, the present vhf antennas provide coverage over a 62,000-yard-wide cone. The uhf antennas will cover a 3400-yard cone."

On a typical day, the sea range might be the scene of an antisubmarine warfare exercise involving a submarine, surface vessels and aircraft. There will be surface-to-air missile shoots, dog fights with air-to-air missiles, and bombing runs on surface drones.

All this is carried live, or only microseconds old, on three large screens in the Range Operations Center. Ship commanders and other VIPs watch on translucent, 7 by 7-foot screens, in a vivid six-color presentation, the positions and tracks of ships, aircraft and drones.

Data is fed to the three rear-screen projectors by near-real-time digital computers (Univac 1230) and manually by radar operators seated at consoles in front of the screens. Called Vigicon Display, the system was built by the Nortronics Div. of Northrop Corp., Hawthorne, Calif.

As effective as the display is, it is going to be improved. At present, words go from the Univac 1230 computer to an interface buffer. The buffer takes the word, processes it and sends it to a digital-to-analog converter. From there it goes to a symbol generator, which is a photoelectric device. The output from this device is amplified and fed to the synchronizers in the projectors, which plot the data.

"The only part of the system that gives us any trouble," says Chief Warrant Officer William Tarvin, "is the photoelectric device we use as a symbol generator. If anything breaks down, it's this device. It's a mechanical monster."

"Right now, we've got an analog system from the interface buffer to the projectors," Tarvin says. "We are going to get rid of the symbol generator we have now and replace it with a small general-purpose computer. This will give us a digital system from the big Univac computer right up to a digital-to-analog converter at the projector. The computer will contain the instructions to generate the symbology that we want. This will give us only one analog step—from the converter to the projector."

Air-to-ground and ship-to-shore

On a complex of islands, cays and rocks, some 20 miles west of Roosevelt Roads, Navy aircraft deliver their rockets and bombs, and ships bombard the shore with shells and torpedoes.

The rock called Fungy Bowl, 700 by 300 feet, rising to a height of 180 feet, makes an excellent high and low level radar target. It is also illuminated at night.

Culebrita Island, which has a 300-foot hill, a lighthouse and a sheer cliff, provides a number of functions. It has six banners mounted on poles that are used for strafing, and it is equipped with acoustic devices that report the success or failure of the strike by wire to the lighthouse observation post up the hill.

The most sophisticated setup, and the one that points to the future, is the way the observation post on Luis Peña Cay works with the nearby target of Agua Cay. Luis Peña is equipped with a modified Nike Ajax radar that monitors the over-the-shoulder, or loft bombing,
and dive bombing on the 150-yardwide rock, some 800 yards away.

"Here's the way, we work it," explains Tarvin. "A plane comes toward Agua Cay at about a 2000-foot altitude. The radar at Louis Peña locks on. From the radar, we get the plane's range and bearing, its altitude, speed and dive angle.

"When the pilot releases the bomb, he automatically triggers a tone to us by uhf radio. We then calculate where the bomb would hit. This data is then sent by microwave back to Roosevelt Roads to the drone control room. It's displayed on the same 36-inch by 36-inch displays that show the drones over the sea range."

This much automation is good, Tarvin explains, but more is needed. "Instead of having to calculate where the bomb dropped, we would like hydrophones around Agua Cay with cables to Louis Peña. This would give automatic, precise scoring information. For targets farther from the observation post, microwave links could be used instead of cables."

A hydrophone target in open water has advantages over hydrophones around a rock, says Duckworth. "Dive bombing beats the rock up pretty badly, and we have to put a bulldozer on it to smooth it out. Then we have to repaint new targets. A hydrophone array, on buoys, would solve this problem."

"Floating targets should be in shallow water to permit repair by scuba divers," Duckworth says. "And no more than seven miles from shore. Beyond this calls for elaborate and expensive amplifiers which require maintenance."

Work on the hydrophone array for Agua Cay is already under way. Upgrading a second target may begin soon.

Construction of a large 3000-yard, open-sea target equipped with hydrophones is also planned. It will have changeable targets and will be used for antisubmarine warfare exercises.

**Evaluating the underwater gear**

Off St. Croix a three-dimensional—air, surface and underwater—tracking range is available. With the aid of 11 underwater arrays, each equipped with four hydrophones, 20 underwater targets can be tracked simultaneously. Radar and theodolites track objects on the surface and in the air.

Torpedoes can be tracked from water entry to the end of the run. Sonar detection can be evaluated using torpedoes, submarines and surface ships as targets.

Objects to be tracked underwater must be instrumented with a pinger, consisting of a precision electronic countdown circuit, amplifier and acoustic transducer.

Pingers of all tracked objects are synchronized to a central-range timing system by a radio link, receiver and synchronizer. Approximately every 1 1/3 seconds, each object puts a 1.5-ms pulse into the water at 75 kHz. The acoustic energy travels through the water to the array of hydrophones from which the signals are hardwired ashore. They are amplified and the travel times fed into the facility's SDS 910 computer. Travel times are known because a synchronous timing system is used. The position is then displayed on a 30-inch by 30-inch Milgo plotting board. The delay is only about 2 1/2 seconds.

At the moment, two of the hydrophone arrays are being pulled up and new ones put down. The old ones were damaged by lightning during an electrical storm.

"We have such a good ground system," explains Fred R. Berloga, manager of the underwater range, "and the rest of the island such a poor one, that when the high voltage surge occurred it drained right through us, down to our arrays and burned two out."

The new arrays are different from the old ones. While both consist of four hydrophones 30 feet from each other, the old ones floated above the bottom, their tilt in the current being measured by a pendulum potentiometer. Unfortunately, the potentiometers degraded in time and the readings became less accurate.

The new arrays are fixed on the bottom, even though the bottom is not level. The reason this freedom is possible is that computer software has improved so that, when the tilt of a fixed array is determined, it is simply programmed into the computer and the solution comes out correctly. Not only can the computer handle this problem, but the 30-foot base line between hydrophones doesn't have to be so precise. Instead of 1/8th inch maximum error in the old arrays it can now be off as much as an inch.

Two improvements the underwater range needs are a link to the big Univac computer at Roosevelt Roads by microwave and a more powerful radar.
Scanning for disease—a new diagnostic tool

Computer processor and CRT display, used with radioactive technique, pinpoints damaged tissue

John N. Kessler
News Editor

Computer processing and display technology is being used in conjunction with radioactive substances to pinpoint diseased areas of the body with greater accuracy than ever before, a University of Pennsylvania doctor reports.

The physician, Dr. David H. Kuhl, associate professor of radiology at the university, says the technique is especially useful in brain diagnoses. In carrying out experimental studies, Dr. Kuhl has been using a new brain-scan instrument that he and Roy Q. Edwards, chief engineer at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, designed.

The instrument, combining a computer and a cathode-ray display, operates in real time and permits a doctor to obtain a three-dimensional fix for a damaged or diseased area. Also, by reprocessing the image data, quantitative information—the degree of damage or disease—can be obtained.

This work is being supported by a grant from the Atomic Energy Commission and the U. S. Public Health Service.

Basically the brain-scan instrument consists of scintillation counters that detect the presence of radioactive substances, which have been administered orally or intravenously to a patient. The radioactivity tends to accumulate around diseased areas of the body. By scanning at a specific rate, the doctor determines the intensity of radiation for a specific body area.

In early work by Dr. Kuhl and Edwards, this information was recorded on paper tape. The new instrument records image data directly on a magnetic drum; it is then run through a small computer processor for smoothing and boundary definition—techniques similar to those used by NASA in increasing the resolution of photographs of the moon and Mars. The processed information is then displayed on a cathode-ray tube.

Computer processing permits, for the first time, the viewing of cross-sections of the body, thereby enabling the physician to narrow the diagnostic possibilities and to focus his treatment directly on affected areas.

Another important advantage of the computer method is that ex-

Brain-scanning system developed at the University of Pennsylvania is being used in experimental studies. Data is stored in a digital memory beneath the bed, and the pictures are viewed as they build up on the display screen.

To view a transverse section of the brain (at top), a doctor turns a knob to adjust a cursor (black line) through the area of interest. The four radiation detectors then scan at lines tangent to the side of the head. This determines the radioactivity in a thin cross-section of the brain. The scan at the bottom was produced in 170 seconds.
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tremely small amounts of radioactive material can be recognized when their gamma rays penetrate tissue.

The picture, produced by a raster scan, is made up of radiation counts recorded in 6-bit binary code. This is recorded on a magnetic storage drum. In this way, as an area of the body is being scanned, the previously recorded information is recirculated. The drum speed is 30 revolutions per second. Thus a picture similar to that on slow-scan TV is seen.

The brightness of a CRT spot is proportional to the voltage applied to the operational amplifier that controls the intensity of electrons hitting the screen. A range of 64 shades of gray is available, according to Dr. Kuhl.

Significant advantages cited

The radiologist says that the average general-purpose digital computer has a number of disadvantages when used to process image data. The hybrid system of digital processor and analog CRT that he is using, he reports, provides the following advantages:

- Flexibility—the system permits radio-nuclide scanning of the brain and the rest of the body.
- Simplicity—the instrument does not require the use of complex programs.
- Immediacy—pictures can be processed so rapidly that the physician can remain with the patient and redirect the scan to focus on affected areas.

To view a transverse section of the body, the operator turns a knob that controls a line cursor. The cursor passes through the suspected region and the radiation counters are automatically positioned. The operator presses a button to begin the scan. Three to five minutes is usually sufficient for a good picture, says Dr. Kuhl.

Industry 'discovers' standard MOS/LSI chips

For the first time, standard MOS/LSI—previously confined to computer memory—is being used in an industrial product. Larse Corp., Palo Alto, Calif., is manufacturing chips that form the heart of sending/receiving remote monitoring and control units.

Each unit is contained in a box about as big as a pack of king-sized cigarettes but a little longer—1 by 3.2 by 7.5 inches. In addition to the single MOS/LSI chip, each box contains a few support elements. All the user has to do is connect it into his system and supply electrical power. The units can be used in almost any remote monitoring and control system, such as traffic control, monitoring of water supply and distribution facilities and weather-data collection.

The nearest competing equipment for either the sending or the receiving unit would occupy half a rack, cost about 50% more ($1500 or more compared to $600 to $650 for an MOS sending unit) and consume almost 70 times as much power—typically 20 W compared to 300 mW, according to George Larse, company president.

A natural for industry

The low cost, low power dissipation, and high noise immunity of standard MOS/LSI make it a natural for industrial environments. Larse foresees that it will revolutionize electronics for industrial and consumer applications. Why hasn't it been used in these areas before?

"Because," says Larse, "people assumed that the amount of circuitry that goes on one chip would have to be unique to a single system and therefore couldn't be standardized." But with LSI, he says, it is possible to put many different options on one standard chip so that it can fill the needs of many users.

For example, the Larse telemetry units can work with almost any kind of communication link (telephone line, dc wire, microwave link, radio link, etc.) and can transmit or receive in eight different modes, including single-word, continuous, tone interrogation and coded interrogation. Every receiving unit has two types of output: a control that provides an output flashing signal for human interface and a data-ready indicator signal for computer interface. All these options are provided in every unit, but the user must choose a different unit for different communication modes (frequency shift keying, AM tone, line switch, etc.).

Pneumatic equipment is out

Larse believes that standard MOS will eventually replace pneumatic equipment now used for control functions in factories. "One of the problems with electronic equipment in a factory," he says, "has been that it inadvertently gets triggered by electrical noise and transients. But MOS has inherently high noise immunity, and now we're getting the cost down to the point where it will be competitive with pneumatic devices."

Larse Corp. designs its own MOS/LSI chips, sends them out for mask and wafer making, then tests, scribes, dices and packages the chips inhouse. Wafer yields have been running around 30%. Larse says—which is considered phenomenally high for LSI. ■

Standard MOS/LSI devices, such as this data communicator developed by Larse Corp., may eventually replace pneumatic equipment now used for control functions in factories.
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Redesign that military product for civilians

More and more electronics companies are turning defense-contract skills into consumer-market profits

Jim McDermott
East Coast Editor

A Plainview, N.Y., company that built a $200 airborne power supply for a military IFF transponder has redesigned it into a minicomputer supply selling at $100.

A company in Bohemia, N.Y., has redesigned a $200 military aircraft antenna into one for general aviation use—again, at about half the original cost.

A Palo Alto, Calif., concern has reworked its design of a flight director display for the Navy's A-6A attack plane and come up with a simplified version for civilian aircraft. The military version sold for $40,000; the price of the civilian unit is $9700.

These successes typify what some electronics companies are doing these days to counter the temporary downturn in the nation's economy.

With many firms hit hard by sharp decreases in military spending, an obvious reaction is to attempt to use the background in military technology to produce industrial or consumer items—preferably by redesigning a product that the company has already developed for the military.

But the ground rules for designing civilian products differ from those for turning out military equipment—in some cases they are even more demanding—and it is easy to squander money in new developmental costs. What are the guidelines to profitable redesign?

Interviews by ELECTRONIC DESIGN with a number of manufacturers who have successfully converted a military product into a salable commercial item indicate that these are the common denominators of redesign:

- Costs must be markedly reduced.
- Repackaging is necessary.
- Maintenance must be simplified.
- The product must be reworked for a more esthetic appearance.

The overriding problem in redesigning from a military to civilian version is reducing the product cost. Although many techniques are uniquely related to a particular military design, there are cost-shaving design principles that can be universally applied.

For example, Clifford Crawbuck, chief engineer at Trio Labs in Plainview, N.Y., who is responsible for the redesign of an airborne power supply for an IFF (identification, friend or foe) transponder into a minicomputer supply selling at half the cost, makes these points (Figs. 1 and 2):

"The compact military designs are expensive to fabricate, and because of limited heat dissipation, they require costly, high-temperature components. So the first step in lowering the price is to repack- age the equipment—providing more room between the individual components.

"This makes it easier to build and also helps get rid of the heat. With the equipment running cooler, lower-cost, derated components can be used. For example, where the military supply uses 125°C capacitors, we use 85°C units in the computer version.

"Along another line, when repackaging, eliminate costly castings and substitute sheet metal frames and chassis.

1. Military version of airborne power supply by Trio Labs, has costly, high-packaging density. It has eight different output voltages.

2. Commercial version of the military unit was redesigned into this 5-V, 20-A minicomputer supply. Note the better heat dissipation in this version.
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"Use standard components, readily available from more than one supplier. This includes many MIL-standard components, which it frequently pays to use, instead of a special low-cost component from a single supplier."

Does it pay to save simply by substituting low-cost equivalents for such standard components as resistors and capacitors?

"Not necessarily," Crawbuck says. "In the computer and industrial applications for which our power supplies are used, we want reliability and equipment life that is better than that of the military equivalent. We achieve this by using a total of 80% of high-reliability components."

Simplification of design helps

The less-stringent requirements of nonmilitary application can be another source of cost reduction, according to Joseph Margolin, vice president of Granger Associates, Bohemia, N.Y. For proof, he points to his redesign of a military aircraft navigation antenna to one with equally good performance for general aviation and at about half the cost (Figs. 3 and 4).

He took advantage of the fact that while the military version was designed to withstand supersonic speeds and high vibration, the general aviation unit would be flown at only 200 or 300 miles an hour.

"The less rigorous environment allowed us to use smaller and lighter mechanical elements," Margolin notes. "Also, whereas the original antenna operated from 108 to 122 MHz, the civilian version was reduced to 108 to 118 MHz. Although the bandwidth reduction seems small, it permitted simpler matching elements and fewer detailed parts in the antenna assembly."

Paring of equipment advised

To reduce the cost of large military equipment or subsystems, an evaluation of each functional assembly is required, according to John Sabel of Kaiser Aerospace & Electronics Corp., Palo Alto, Calif., designer of both military and civilian versions of an aircraft flight director display.

The military display, called the AN/AVA-1, was designed for the A-6A Intruder attack plane. Called a contact analog display, it gives the pilot the impression he's looking ahead out the window, when actually he's not. It has ground and sky references, and upon these, various attack symbols are superimposed.

While the military version sold for $40,000, Sabel was given the task of designing a simplified version—the FP-50—that currently is selling for $9700.

There are two basic elements in the FP-50: a cathode-ray tube display and a computer that generates the ground, sky and other elements. These are tied in with the plane's navigational instruments, so that as the craft moves, the scene moves with it.

"With the military system," Sabel says, "the mission is takeoff, navigation, attack and landing. But for general aviation we used only the navigation and landing circuitry, our first cost trade-off.

"Another area where we made considerable savings was in the display itself. The original requirements were for high-brightness display, because it was under a bubble canopy, which is subject to high ambient light. This required an expensive, high-brightness tube, plus a costly 15-kV power supply.

"But the FP-50 uses a Sony five-inch TV tube and deflection circuits and substantially lower voltage. To overcome ambient light, we recessed the face of the tube and added an optical, high-contrast filter. This, plus the fact that the ambient light is much lower in general aviation planes, gave us a workable, low-cost solution."

As far as packaging is concerned, Sabel and Crawbuck of Trio Labs are in agreement.

"The military always wants equipment in minimum size, weight and power," Sabel points out. "And dense packaging runs the cost up rapidly. For the general aviation model, we reduced packaging density and cost by separating the system into two units: the display and computer/symbol generator."

As for the esthetic appearance of equipment, the military isn't overly concerned about it but the civilian buyer is. Granger Associates points out that in its redesign of the military aircraft antenna much effort was expended in molding the housings for eye-appeal. •

3. Military version of aircraft navigation antenna by Granger Associates withstands supersonic speeds. It is installed during plane construction.

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Mr. Pappa's point on serviceability is well taken. The wired-OR does present a problem when the output, F, is at a permanent ground. Granted that all DTL outputs must be removed to find the defective gate, we are really only interested in determining which IC package is bad.

Thus in Fig. 6d, all four 2-input gates are in one package, and so a failure in the wired-OR circuit need not be narrowed down to the gate level. Rather the IC package is replaced to cure the problem. The wired-OR circuit of Fig. 6b uses circuitry from two ICs, and so repair of this circuit at most requires the replacement of the two packages.

As a general rule, then, it becomes rather obvious that all circuits connected to the wired-OR point should be contained in the same IC package, and if this is not possible, then the number of packages used should be minimized.

I must whole-heartedly agree with Mr. Pappa that troubleshooting a bad IC when, say, six different ICs provide the wired-OR functions can indeed be more tedious than saving one or two gates is worth.

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Electronic Design 17, August 16, 1970
Defense Dept. reorganization heads for struggle

The proposed reorganization of the Defense Dept. may face a hard battle in Congress when the DOD agency seeks legislation to enact some of the proposals. As outlined by Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird, the new plan would take the Joint Chiefs of Staff out of the chain of command and replace them with a single senior military officer. This idea is particularly repugnant to Congress, which, as one member puts it, has “always feared the man on horseback.”

The reorganization report, prepared by a Presidential Commission headed by Gilbert M. Fitzhugh, board chairman of The Metropolitan Life Co., also recommends splitting the functions of the Pentagon into three major groups; management of resources, evaluation, and operations, each headed by a deputy secretary of defense. The position of director of defense research and engineering, the top science job in the Pentagon, would be abolished; and the director would be replaced by three assistant secretaries.

The report also recommends the establishment of a defense test agency under a civilian director, operating independently of the armed services. The services would no longer test their own weapons or equipment. Big development programs would be broken down into smaller sections to give more contractors a chance to bid and to broaden the industrial base.

And, finally, the report recommends abolishing of the total package concept of procurement. It would be replaced by the prototype-development policy, which was used by the military prior to the ballistic missile programs and McNamara’s era in the Pentagon. Secretary Laird has already put this concept into action, and from now on, all major systems will be developed in a series of steps, with prototype hardware constructed and tested at each step. The development would be stopped at any stage at which the hardware did not perform as promised.

Congressional and military leaders agree that about 90 per cent of the proposals could be put into effect by Secretary Laird by executive fiat. The other 10 per cent, they also agree, will make for some “interesting” debate on Capitol Hill.

Western Union seeks domestic satellite

Western Union is asking the Federal Communications Commission to approve its application for a $95-million, three-satellite domestic communication system. Western Union said the system would include 10 TV channels, indicating that it would seek business from the three TV networks in addition to its own communications.

Comsat, AT&T and TelePromTer Corp. are expected to file similar petitions.

Senate bars Defense loan guarantees over $20-million

The Senate has approved an amendment to the Defense Production Act which, in effect, stop the Government from underwriting a $100-million loan that Lockheed was reported to be negotiating with some 24 banks. The amendment makes it illegal for the Government to guarantee
any more than $20-million and adds that the money may not be used to avoid bankruptcy. The measure now goes to the House. Meanwhile the debate over the $200-million "contingency fund" already approved by the House for Lockheed continues in the Senate.

Lockheed has more than $600-million in claims and litigation pending against the Government, and says it needs the $200-million to continue operation this year. The contingency fund is contained in the over-all authorization for the C-5A program, part of a $19.2-billion defense spending package.

**FAA sees 300% rise in R&D costs to meet traffic demands**

The Federal Aviation Administration has revised its thinking on research and development needs for the next decade: it sees a jump of almost 300% in expenditures to meet the demands of the air traffic system of the 1980s.

The FAA now estimates that it will need between $150-million and $160-million a year in R&D funds if it is to meet its goals. Previously the agency had been projecting $60-million a year over the next decade. This was knocked down to $47.5-million by the Department of Transportation, and then to $45-million by the House. The money bill is now before the Senate.

**Capital Capsules:** The National Transportation Safety Board has told the Federal Aviation Administration that it believes passive radar reflectors could and should be made part of light aircraft equipment. The board made the recommendation because "small aircraft are difficult and sometimes impossible to detect with present-day radar." . . . Dr. John S. Foster Jr., Director of Defense Research and Engineering, has told the House Appropriations Committee that Communist China has embarked on a major space program, aimed primarily at surveillance rather than placing weapons in orbit. Foster says the Chinese are moving slowly on ICBM and intermediate range missile development . . . . General Electric will build the $50-million Earth Resources Technology Satellite that is expected to be ready for launching early in 1972. The satellite will record crop growth, water distribution, pollution and soil makeup. GE will develop two spacecraft, the equipment needed for a ground data system, and six ground platforms for remote site data collection . . . . The high cost of living on the moon is also up. NASA has just awarded $14.1-million more to United Aircraft for work on an improved portable life-support system for astronauts. The contract now totals $74-million . . . . Manufacturers of general-aviation planes are feeling the effects of the material economic decline. Piper Aircraft has shut down operations for four to eight weeks, blaming the closedown on a high inventory caused by the economic slump. Aero Commander meanwhile is laying off some 100 production workers and engineers, also due to slow sales; earlier it had laid off 700 production workers but had rehired half of them . . . . One of the larger aerospace corporations recently unsuccessful in several large bids, is eyeing its leasing and data transmission field. The Defense Dept. would be a prime practically idle computers with the idea of moving into the computer target for sales.
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Technology Abroad

British grid for big semi memory battle

Firms in the United Kingdom are hoping to break the U. S. hold on semiconductor memory markets in that area with a series of new products this year. Coming up: a 64-bit MOS random-access memory with 200-ns access time from Mullard; a word-oriented 16-word, eight-bit read/write memory capable of de-to-4-MHz operation from Marconi-Elliott Microelectronics Ltd.; and 256-bit low-threshold MOS RAMs with 0.6- to 1.0-µs access time from both Marconi-Elliott and Plessey.

18-mile waveguide to be communications link

An experimental communications link, consisting of a 50-mm-diameter circular waveguide nearly 18 miles long, will be installed by the British Post Office between Martlesham Heath and Mendlesham in Suffolk. When completed, the two-inch “pipe” will be capable of transmitting up to 300,000 simultaneous two-way telephone conversations or 200 color-TV channels.

The frequency range in the waveguide link will be divided into two main bands: 32 to 50 GHz and 50 to 90 GHz. In the lower band, the system will provide 16 high-speed digital broadband channels, each capable of supporting a data rate of 500 megabits per second.

West Germany develops multilingual TV ‘dubber’

West Germany is working on a system that will permit simultaneous broadcast of audio signals in as many as 12 different languages to “dub” a single video picture.

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Standard Elektrik Lorenz AG says the only big remaining problem is getting authorities to agree on standards for multisound transmission.

Israeli minicomputer invades U. S. market

An Israeli minicomputer, the Elbit-100, is being marketed in the U. S. Manufactured by Elbit Computers Ltd. of Haifa and sold in this country by Electronic Products International Corp., Wheeling, Ill., the machine is a 2-microsecond, 12-bit model available in 1024 to 12,288-word configurations. It’s priced at $4650.

Air traffic control data recorders are usually custom-made and fairly expensive. This situation may change if EMI Electronics of England has its way. The company says it is developing a $20,000 radar display video tape recorder based on commercially available Sony TV recorders.

Siemens AG of Germany has announced it will soon begin manufacturing transistors in Singapore. The company expects its staff there to grow from 150 to 1000 in three years.
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When our Military-Aerospace editor, John F. Mason, went to Puerto Rico to see how the Navy has successfully converted 195,000 square miles of open sea and 60 square miles of islands and rocks to automated weapons ranges, he wasn’t prepared for the peripherals:

- He hadn’t counted on having to enter San Juan Naval Station through the back gate to avoid the demonstrators out front shouting: “Yankee go home!” and “Get out of Culebra!” Culebra is the small island that’s more or less the center of the complex of rocks and cays the Navy uses for strafing and for bombing practice. Once inside, Mason bravely stood behind the perimeter fence to view the protestors, and was surprised to note how much some of the blond girls looked like the ones he had seen demonstrating outside the Pentagon.

- He couldn’t see the admiral because he was closeted all morning with a team of television reporters and cameramen from New York, asking about the Navy’s plans to quit or stay on Culebra.

- And later, in the observation post on Culebra itself, he had a hard time photographing the operators and equipment without tripping over TV camera cables and reporters from New York.

Apart from these minor distractions, Mason brought back a good technical picture of a sophisticated electronic complex that cost $250-million and continues to grow. For his report, see page 28.

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In addition to the regular technical program covering the significant and practical in areas such as microelectronics, computers and microwaves, there are papers on ecology and water-pollution instrumentation, medical electronic equipment, and earth-resources satellites. Also, Wescon is supplementing its 27-session program with a special two-day symposium on "Applying Technology to Public Problems."

Twenty of the technical sessions are being held in the California Museum of Science and Industry, near the Sports Arena, and the seven sessions of a special computer-oriented program dealing with software and hardware considerations are being offered at Hollywood Park race track.

More than 40,000 engineers are expected to attend the show August 25-28. Nearly 600 U. S. and overseas companies are displaying their products at more than 1000 booths at Hollywood Park and the Sports Arena.

The special symposium—a departure from traditional Wescon programming—is being held August 26 and 27 in the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel. It is made up of four sessions, starting with a keynote meeting and covering the areas of transportation, communications and the urban society. Among the scheduled speakers are Dr. C. Lester Hogan, president of Fairchild Camera and Instrumentation Corp.; the Hon. James M. Beggs, Under Secretary, U. S. Department of Transportation; Dr. Peter C. Goldmark, director of CBS Laboratories; Dr. John R. Pierce, consultant at Bell Telephone Laboratories; and Dr. Daniel E. Noble, vice chairman of the board of Motorola, Inc.

Dr. John V. Granger, president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, will keynote the show with an address entitled "Electronics: Past Imperfect, Future Conditional"—an analysis of the topsy-like growth of electronics since the late 1940s. He will suggest major changes in the identity of the electronics industry in the years ahead.

Other attractions during the week include: Display of the 26 winning products selected in Wescon's annual Industrial Design Awards program; the annual Distributor-Manufacturer-Representative Conference at the Century Plaza Hotel on August 24; the Eta Kappa Nu awards luncheon honoring the nation's outstanding engineering students; and a Science Film Theater of outstanding technical motion pictures to be screened daily at Hollywood Park.

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Technology expands on all fronts

Papers at Wescon stress the thrust of electronics into new territories. But the emphasis is on the practical

Aerospace

New space systems: a design challenge

Space work will continue to challenge the design engineer despite the cutback in NASA spending. A number of conventional programs will be carried through the decade, in addition to several new ones that represent a dramatic step forward in design sophistication.

Besides detailing the “far-out” space station scheduled to go up late in the decade, Wescon’s Session 13 will provide comprehensive information on the advanced communications experiments next in NASA’s series of applications technology satellites; the earth-resources technology satellite; the synchronous meteorological satellite; and a multifunction satellite for conventional trunk-line communications, TV distribution and small-user service.

To keep the meeting within the world of reality, session organizer S. H. Durrani, Comsat Labs, Clarksburgh, Md., has included only projects that are already funded.

The first project described is the space station that will go up in the late 1970s and stay up for 10 years, according to a paper by A. Adelman and R. W. Kockenberger, Federal Systems Div., IBM, Huntsville, Ala. The 300-mile-high earth-orbiting structure will initially accommodate crews of 10 to 12 scientists. Gradually, the station will be expanded to a space base that can house contingents of 50.

Free-flying modules—as many as four at a time—will go out on specific missions as far as 200 miles from the station. There will be free-flying scientists outside the structure, and space shuttles ferrying crews and supplies from the earth and back. And there will be the laboratory’s ground stations. All of these “terminals” need foolproof communication links.

A detailed look at data collection, processing, and dissemination in the spacecraft and to the ground is presented in the paper.

A data relay satellite will be used to solve the line-of-sight problem and to funnel to the ground multiple voice channels, two-way color television and broadband experiment data.

Because the space station will be as self-contained as possible, much of the experimental data is processed on board. What is sent to the ground will be in the form of information rather than raw data. “However, for significant events or experiments, all raw data can be transmitted,” the IBM spokesmen say.
On-board transmitters will have 50-W power and will use 15-foot parabolic antennas.

Internal communications in the space station must be built between all on-board systems and experiments. They must provide for collecting, routing and disseminating data between on-board devices, including command, audio, video, digital, rf and tracking.

"The current trend in large astronics systems," the IBM engineers say, "is toward multiplexing (using a data bus for data acquisition and distribution) to reduce cabling and provide flexibility, decreased weight, increased reliability, ease of maintenance, simplified manufacturing, and improved configuration control."

NASA builds 30-foot deployable antenna


Among the outstanding features of the satellite design are a 30-foot deployable antenna, with highly accurate pointing of 0.1 degree and a slewing capability of 17.5 degrees in 30 minutes.

According to the authors, these are ideal characteristics for the satellite's missions, which are to provide educational TV to villages in India and navigation and air traffic control between a synchronous satellite and two or more commercial aircraft over the North Atlantic. The satellite is also intended to provide two-way tracking and data links between a synchronous satellite and one or more low-altitude satellites.

The next two papers describe the first earth resources technology satellite, which is expected to go up in 1972, and the synchronous meteorological satellite. The earth-resources satellite paper is given by B. T. Bachofer of the General Electric Space Center, Valley Forge. The weather-station paper is by Donald Fordyce of NASA's Goddard Space Center.

Departing from government programs, session chairman Durrani delivers a paper on a multifunctional satellite for the late 1970s. Durrani foresees a greatly expanded demand for conventional trunk-line communications, as well as a number of new services, including TV distribution, domestic communications, aeronautical-maritime service, small-user service, and space-vehicle communications.

Designers in the growing field of automatic test equipment get an unusual opportunity in Session 5 to hear in one setting four military users of such equipment tell what they like and don't like about it.

"We're having a good feedback right from the user," session organizer Fred Liguori, Emerson Electric Co., St. Louis, Mo., told ELECTRONIC DESIGN. "The four speakers discuss not only design problems but how to manage the systems."

William Morris of Tobyhanna Army Depot, Tobyhanna, Pa., tells his experiences with DI-MATE (depot installed maintenance automatic test equipment) that is used to test Army avionics. "We found that it's better to install a system in its working environment while it's still in its prototype stage instead of waiting until it's fully tested. The real-life problems that crop up can be solved by changing the design. We actually develop the system after it's installed."

H. A. Fraser, Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex., gives the Air Force's recommendations for a future GPATS (general-purpose automatic test set) to test avionics in Air Force planes. William E. Grunald, U. S. Army Missile Command, Huntsville, Ala., and A. T. Carver, RCA, Burlington, Mass., pool their observations on the LCSS (land combat support system). And a representative from Newark, Ohio, shares his experiences with the versatile automatic test equipment, VATE, a system used to test inertial guidance in aircraft.

Components

Digital techniques require new filters

The engineer is having a rough time selecting the best filter or equalizer for every project he works on.

The increase in data transmission by both radio and telephone—a phenomenon made possible by improved digital techniques—calls for more sensitive filters with narrower bandwidth, reduced passband ripple, and better envelope delay characteristics. Radar and control systems engineers must be on the lookout for greater phase linearity or phase matching between filters.

How can an engineer find the best filter from the growing number available?

Ways to make these decisions is the theme of Wescon's Session 10, entitled "Active and Passive Filters and Equalizers." The four-paper session was organized by Robert A. Johnson, Collins Radio Co., Newport Beach, Calif.

"The choice of a filter is made very difficult by the fact that both price and performance are very similar for a number of filter types," Johnson says in discussing the session. At present, he points out, most voice-channel filters are pas-
Three approaches to a better equalizer

Charles E. Schmidt, Lenkurt Electronics Co., San Carlos, Calif., in his paper on "Delay Equalizers," examines three approaches to design techniques: equal-ripple, least-squares and maximally flat. "The least-squares design has considerably better performance over most of the passband than the equal ripple," Schmidt says. "But it has slightly poorer performance at the band edge. The maximally flat design," he continues, "is extremely poor at the band edge." Schmidt concludes that "the least-squares approximation is a happy medium between the two."

The least-squares approximation is also used in the design of a multistage adjustable delay equalizer described by Jerry G. Willford and Jay V. Robertson, Collins Radio Co., Newport Beach, Calif. In their paper, "Active Filters and Equalizers Using Operational Amplifiers," the authors describe how the delay adjustment can be made by changing a single resistor and how this adjustment is incorporated in the optimization program. A basic realization procedure using operational amplifier building blocks is also described. The minimum sensitivity, the authors say, is achieved by separating the filter into isolated first and second-order stages which, in addition, simplify the design and alignment procedures. The design procedure is made clear through a six-stage, twin-tee equalizer design example.

In addition to outlining specific design methods the papers include information on performance characteristics as determined by basic parameters such as crystal, inductor or amplifier gain stability. A paper by C. W. Pond, Hughes Air-}

craft Co., Newport, Calif., called "Phase Matched Bandpass Crystal Filters," discusses in some detail the degree of phase-match possible for various crystal cuts and filter types. The crystal filter designs include discrete component narrow-band and intermediate bandwidth filters, as well as a few words on monolithic (quartz mechanical) filters.

Computers

The spotlight is on minicomputers

Because of the increasing impact of computer applications on engineering, Wescon is featuring this year a special four-day computer-oriented technical program. Minicomputers highlight the sessions, which also cover time sharing, computing systems, computer-aided design, programmable calculators and software.

Some 10,000 minicomputers are sold annually for design into industrial and process controls, automatic test systems, and other specialized systems. The advantages and limitations of these machines and their associated peripheral equipment are presented in the Wescon program, as well as discussions of application problems.

There are currently more than 60 different models of minicomputers on the market. (See "The Minicomputer: machine with an endless future," ELECTRONIC DESIGN 9, April 26, 1970, p. C6.) The number of minicomputers applied in industrial and process control applications has increased dramatically in the last two years, according to Ernest T. Roland, executive vice president, Jackson Associates, Columbus, Ohio. His paper in Session C is entitled, "Minicomputers and Peripheral Equipment—a Current Review."

While his paper is essentially concerned with selecting a minicomputer for process controls, Roland's conclusions also can be applied to industrial control.

He says that the first job is to match the requirements of the system. In process control the minicomputer is used in data acquisition; direct digital control; a combination of the two; or as the lowest member of a computer hierarchy.

In these applications the transducers or sensors are the governing interface. Roland develops a method and chart that define the accuracy required for various types of process measurements, in terms of the binary bits needed in the minicomputer. These range from 4 bits for 6% to 16 bits for 0.002%.

A universal problem, Roland notes, lies in
The shortage of medical personnel is expected to increase the need for labor-saving electronics equipment. This Statham patient monitoring cart contains all the instrumentation required for cardiac monitoring and resuscitation. It's shown in use at M. D. Anderson Hospital, Houston (Session 12).

Cathode-ray tube display center is used in Bendix Corp.'s new Airborne Display and Electric Management System (Paper 17.2).
making direct cost comparisons between different minicomputers, once the general requirements are established. He pinpoints common denominators that provide meaningful comparisons. These include the central processor, the memory, the input structure and the software package as well.

A matter of system design

One of the principal problems in designing minicomputer-controlled systems, says Alvin J. Fanthorp, electrical engineer, P. E. Developments Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, lies in the lack of compatibility between the computer and the sensors or transducers supplying information to the system. In his paper in Session C, entitled “Minicomputer Sensor and Interface Selection,” he notes that while computer control-system costs dropped with the introduction of the lower-cost minicomputers, the proportion of money spent on the sensor-computer interface has risen. This is because most of the basic sensors used are hand-me-downs from analog systems that must be adapted to the computer.

As a result, the designer is called upon to compensate for nonlinearities, time delays, or other types of inaccuracies by utilizing the computer's capability to act as a part of the sensor system.

What will probably be the most controversial of the minicomputer sessions will be a paper in Session C by Dr. Sergio Ribeiro, member of the technical staff, National Semiconductor, Santa Clara, Calif. It is called “Talking to the Minicomputer.”

“There is a need for more practical and usable minicomputers,” he told ELECTRONIC DESIGN. “I feel that, so far, the people who make them have not understood very well the way they are applied. Since they are used in dedicated operations, there should be a more practical interface between operator and minicomputer than typewriters and paper tapes.”

He pointed to the Wang and Hewlett-Packard 91 programmable calculators.

“The minicomputer systems should be like these calculators,” he said. “The input goes through the keyboard. The output goes to a CRT or printer, which is built into the system as inexpensively as possible, and which is not faster than the job requires.

“But the minicomputer manufacturer gives the buyer the building blocks to put together himself—and often the buyer doesn’t know how to do this very well. He frequently comes up with something too expensive, too cumbersome, or possibly inadequate.

“And to further aggravate the problem,” said Dr. Ribeiro, “minicomputers are very often used for purposes that were never intended, like assembling and compilation.

Time sharing, a prime tool for design and development is undergoing continuous growth in technical and program capability, according to Victor O. Muglia, systems-analysis group leader, Hoffman Electronics Corp., El Monte, Calif. He is the organizer of the Wescon Session E on the “Evaluation of Time-Sharing Services.”

“This group of papers,” he told ELECTRONIC DESIGN, “will review the common features and the differences in time sharing among a variety of users.”

Muglia himself will deliver a paper on “An Overview of the Time-Sharing Industry.”

Lessons learned in the use of time sharing for engineering work over the past two years will be discussed in a paper by Arthur H. Wehry, senior design engineer, Tridea Electronics, El Monte, Calif. Some of the potential costly pitfalls for the new time-sharing user will also be presented.

The role of time sharing for the military—for remote-site testing, test-data gathering and test-data reduction as well as other engineering and scientific applications will be described by Jerome L. Zaharais, head, application section, data computation branch, Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, Calif.

The group of programmable calculators now available, including those from Wang Laboratories, Hewlett-Packard, Cintra Scientific, and Olivetti, provide the engineer with a powerful and relatively simple-to-use means of computation. Session D, entitled “Hands-on Programmable Calculators,” will present five papers on the application and future of these machines. In addition, the manufacturers will provide a number of calculators at the session so that the participants will have an opportunity to try their hands at the machines.

Environmental

New instrumentation gets top priority

New electronic instruments are needed to help solve urgent environmental problems. Two sessions at Wescon are designed to highlight this need and to stimulate the interest of instrument designers in meeting it: Session 6 on “Institutional Guidelines for the Study and Control of Ecology and Water Pollution” and Session 20 on “West Coast Environmental Problems.” The latter covers in particular land slippage, oil seepage and fire problems, air pollution and airport and freeway noise.

Speakers at the two sessions will describe a
particular environmental problem and the type of instrumentation now being used. They will explain why this instrumentation is not adequate and will outline what is needed to replace it.

"To help predict earthquakes," says Robert D. Nason, research seismologist at the U. S. Environmental Sciences Administration, Earthquake Mechanism Laboratory, San Francisco, "some system for measuring distances 10 miles apart to an accuracy of better than 1/2 inch is vitally needed.

"We need to place such instruments a small distance apart all along a fault line that may extend for hundreds of miles in length," continues Nason who is a speaker at Session 20.

Why would this help to detect earthquakes? Nason explains it this way: A fault line is an area of breakage caused by earthquakes in the past. Once a fault appears, it constitutes a weak area in the earth, and future earthquakes tend to occur there rather than elsewhere. But even when there is no major earthquake, small tremors occur along the fault line, causing slight land deformations at distances up to 10 miles on either side of the fault.

"To predict earthquakes," says Nason, "we need to know whether the deformation that occurs a few days or hours before an earthquake differs from long-term deformation. Does the amount of deformation accelerate just before an earthquake? This would be a way of warning us that an earthquake is coming."

**What do fish eat?**

John S. Pearse, marine biologist at the Kerckhoff Marine Laboratory, Corona Del Mar, Calif., and one of the speakers at Session 6, says marine biologists urgently need new instrumentation that will monitor small changes in microscopic particles suspended in the ocean. Why? Because these particles may constitute food for marine microorganisms that in turn provide food for commercial fish and crustaceans. When man introduces small microscopic particles into the ocean from industrial wastes, for example, it is important to know whether they contain nutrients on which living organisms can feed. If so, they may upset the balance of nature and in time wreak havoc.

For example, he points out, in recent years, the kelp beds along the coast of Southern California have largely disappeared, and with them commercial fish. At the same time, he says, sea urchins, which normally must eat kelp to live, abound. What caused the sea urchins to reproduce so rapidly, and how do they survive now that the kelp is gone? The theory is, says Pearse, that unseasonably high temperatures in the late fifties killed a large part of the kelp. Normally when this occurs, the sea urchins die off from lack of food. The kelp then reappears, and along with it, tiny microorganisms that feed on the larvae of the sea urchins and in turn are eaten by the commercial fish. Thus the balance of nature is restored.

The larvae that grow into adult sea urchins control the microorganisms by eating the kelp in which they live, and the microorganisms control the sea urchins by killing off their young. Unfortunately, when some of the kelp was killed in the Fifties, this normal balance was never restored. Why? Probably, says Pearse, because waste material from sewage had introduced a new element into the cycle: suspended particles that contained nutrients on which adult sea urchins could live. As a result, the sea urchins overpopulated the area, killing all the kelp and with it the microorganisms that provide food for the commercial fish.

"In barren areas like Palos Verdes," says Pearse, "where there are no kelp beds at all, the sea urchins—both larvae and adults—abound, and there is almost no other kind of marine life."

"To prevent future upsets of this sort," he observed, "we very much need instrumentation that would monitor suspended particles in the ocean, so that we can keep a record of small changes over a period of time."

In the past, he states, samples of the sea water were collected and taken to the lab for chemical analysis. But this is very tedious. "What we really need," he says, "is some kind of instrumentation that we can put into the ocean for continuous monitoring."

**Medicine**

**Electronics will cut shortage of doctors**

The growing shortage of doctors and nurses is expected to greatly expand the need for labor-saving electronics equipment, according to Dr. Morton D. Schwartz of the University of Southern California's Biomedical Engineering Department and organizer of Session 12. This shortage of medical personnel could total 1/2 million people by 1975, says Dr. Schwartz. As a result, he expects the electronic equipment sold to the medical market to double, from about $1 billion in 1970 to over $2 billion by 1976. Speakers at the session will describe state-of-the-art equipment designed to meet special needs and will discuss areas where new or improved equipment is needed.
One promising prospect for alleviating the shortage of doctors and nurses is a computer terminal at the bedside of cardiac patients. Such a system is described in a paper by Dr. Jerome Russell, director of the Computer Science Facility, Department of Cardiology, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles. He is chief designer of this system, as well as earlier ones. According to Dr. Russel, the system "eavesdrops" on several cardiac monitoring units, each tied to a patient's bed. It measures and records many bodily functions at once and analyzes the data. It can be commanded by a doctor or nurse to perform special measurements or to display recorded information.

"For example," says Dr. Russell, "if you want to correlate an eight-hour plot of the patient's heart rate with his arterial pressure for the same period, you can command the computer to display the information graphically on the screen. Then, if you want a permanent record, another command will cause a Cal Comp plotter in the computer room to make a paper printout."

The terminal consists of a standard TV monitor, a telephone dial and push buttons for entry, and a Data Disc 6500 unit tied to a Xerox Data Systems Sigma 3 computer. The computer is attached to a controller that generates the graphical images and stores them on a magnetic disc in a composite video signal format that can be displayed on the TV screen.

Dr. Russell points out that the system does not automatically sound an alarm when it receives a warning from a sensor connected to the patient's body. "For example," he says, "if there is no electrical signal on the electrodes in the patient's heart, the computer does not automatically sound the No. 1 alarm. Instead, it checks the blood pressure signal, and if this is satisfactory, the message on the screen is simply 'Check ECG on Bed 3.'"

Dr. Russell says he does not believe that a single time-shared system of this type is the best approach to automating a hospital, because of its high initial cost and the overdependence on a central computer, which can break down. "I think a better approach," he states, "is to make a decentralized computer network using a number of small computers dedicated to specific tasks." One such computer might be dedicated to looking for life-threatening conditions, he explains, and another to managing the terminal interactions. A whole network of such small stand-alone machines could communicate with a central file processor.

Hospital as a hostile environment

The need for improved equipment to eliminate hazards to patients' safety is stressed in a paper by Allan F. Pacela, chief research scientist, Beckman Instruments, Inc., Fullerton, Calif. Pacela says, "the hospital is a hostile environment for electronic equipment"—particularly since currents as small as 20 µA can be a lethal shock to a catheterized heart patient. Pacela explains that hundreds of millivolts of ground-potential difference may exist between different outlets in the same hospital room. Since the patient's impedance may be as low as 1000 ohms, this amount of voltage could kill him.

According to an estimate by an insurance firm, Pacela says, 1200 accidental electrocutions occur each year in U.S. hospitals—most of them unreported. He discusses instrument design improvements that would prevent such tragedies—for example, grounding of patients, isolation of patient/equipment interface, redundancy and fail/safe design.

Two papers—one by Charles A. Broutman and Malcolm G. Ridgway of TRW Systems, Redondo Beach, and the other by Kenneth L. Dufour of Humetrics Corp., Los Angeles—discuss instrumentation needs for medical screening by para-medical and untrained personnel.

In an interview with ELECTRONIC DESIGN, Broutman pointed out that most of the screening systems used today consist of instruments that were designed for diagnostic purposes and must be used by doctors. What is needed, he said, is instrumentation that can be used by technicians, as well as doctors, to perform a kind of "go-no-go" test that can determine quickly whether or not a person has a certain disease. He suggested that the trend will be toward measuring a total body system. For example, he says, "Instead of an instrument that measures blood pressure, you need a system that will measure many different parameters of the cardiovascular system, and preferably one that is connected to a computer so you can correlate the different parameters and get a diagnostic readout."

Kenneth Dufour of Humetrics Corp. describes two mass-screening devices that were designed by his company to detect abnormal electrocardiographic changes—one for adults and the other for children. Both devices can be operated by nonmedical personnel.

Microelectronics

The accent is on ICs at home and abroad

Wescon sessions on microelectronics cover a wide range of subjects from the burgeoning field of optoelectronic devices to LSI memories to ICs—at home and abroad.
View down a helical waveguide symbolizes an experimental millimeter-wave communications system that is now under investigation at Bell Telephone Laboratories, Holmdel, N.J. Such an operational system would have a capacity of 230,000 two-way telephone channels (Paper 3.2).

The integrated-circuit overseas is the subject of Session 8. American exhibitors at the recent Mesucora show in Paris (photo left) were impressed with the rapid growth in the European electronics market.
“Optoelectronics—the combination of optics and electronics in the solution of engineering problems—is a field of promise and excitement,” according to L. Merrill Palmer of Centralab Semiconductor Div., Globe-Union Inc., El Monte, Calif. Palmer, who organized Session No. 15 on “Optoelectronic Devices and Applications,” says the area has a tremendous growth potential. Its uses include solid-state vidicons, optical isolators and many others.

Some applications are practical only with optoelectronic devices, according to Palmer, and new knowledge is required on the part of the electronic designer. Terms that may be common to a physicist—such as spectral response, color temperature and lumens per square meter—are unfamiliar to the electronic design engineer. Session 15 gives him an excellent opportunity to obtain some practical information.

A paper, “Survey of Photosensitive Materials and Devices,” by A. Seck, also of Centralab, provides introductory material on the subject. He discusses the various ways light is changed into electrical energy and also covers operating characteristics, limitations and relative merits of a wide variety of semiconductor photosensitive devices. This paper is extremely helpful in making the proper selection of a photosensitive device to achieve optimum results in most photosensor applications.

In a paper on “Opto-Hybrid Integrated Circuit Photosensitive Devices,” Palmer offers solutions to some interface problems.

Photons—coupled devices offer advantages

Two different applications for optoelectronic devices are described by W. M. Otsuka and R. A. Hunt, Sr., Monsanto Electronic Special Products, Cupertino, Calif., in their paper, “Innovations with Light-Emitting Diodes.” The first application discussed is the monolithic gallium arsenide alphanumeric display. The second and potentially more exciting application is the optical isolator. Photon-coupled devices can offer the circuit designer many advantages in terms of superior input to output isolation, ultrafast response and transistor and IC compatibility.

Two very different sessions being held at the same time will be vying for attention. Session No. 7 is on “LSI Memories” and Session No. 8 on “The Integrated Circuit Overseas.”

The organizer of Session No. 7, Andrew C. Tickle of Zeion Inc., Canoga Park, Calif., observes that, “The high density and relatively simple logical organization of memories make them ideal for the demonstration of new processes, design and manufacturing techniques.”

In the first paper of Session 7, “Silicon Gate MOS Technology and Its Memory Application,” D. Frohman-Bentchkowsky, of Intel Corp., Mountain View, Calif., describes this technology, compares it to some of the other MOS technologies and discusses its impact in terms of yield, performance and over-all costs. A major feature of this technology is the self-aligned gate structure, which leads to low gate and feedback capacitances, resulting in higher speed operation, lower internal-drive requirements and lower input and clock capacitances.

All about ion implantation

Ion implantation, another process possessing the very desirable self-aligning feature, is presented at this session in a paper by Tickle and his associate from Zeion, L. F. Roman. In addition to improving speed and possibly yields, the authors state, ion implantation can produce higher ohmic value resistors to replace inefficient MOS transistor loads. In bipolar circuits, improvements can be achieved, they say, by implanting low-voltage clamping diodes to prevent saturation and adding shallow ohmic contacts.


The memory “module,” built by Computer Microtechnology and discussed by Kubinec, is a 4096-bit random-access memory (RAM) containing both MOS and bipolar IC chips. The RAM consists of 16 MOS memory chips (256 bits per chip), four bipolar one-of-eight decoder chips, and two bipolar read-write sense amplifiers. Each chip is fixed as a substrate by ultrasonic bond on aluminum beam leads. The substrate has two layers of aluminum interconnect separated by a glass dielectric. Kubinec compares the cost and reliability considerations involved in using this technique with using individual packages.

A look at the European market

For engineers and managers whose interests extend beyond the limits of design and territorial limits of the United States, ELECTRONIC DESIGN’s Managing Editor, Raymond Daniel Speer, has organized Session No. 8. This session, although primarily dealing with ICs, provides a very broad view of the European electronics market in general. Attendees will also obtain a sociological insight to Europe, in addition to a purely technical one.

According to Speer, “Session 8 will put the European market in perspective. The speakers, unquestionably expert in their fields, will de-
scribe and analyze the manufacture and application of ICs in foreign markets, the problems of selling in Europe and the solutions to them, tariffs as barriers to trade, and the role of the American company in the world market.”

**Microwaves**

**Renewed interest in millimeter waves**

A big explosion in the millimeter-wave field has been “just around the corner” for something like ten years now, and microwave engineers have learned to add several grains of salt to reports they read of the “rapidly growing interest” and “potentially huge markets” in this area. Actually, there has been a great deal of interest in millimeter waves, but it has been cyclical rather than sustained.

While recognizing these facts, Robert M. Knox, Chairman of Wescon’s Session 3, “Millimeter Systems, Devices and Guides,” nevertheless feels that “…spectrum crowding at lower frequencies and the desire for narrower beamwidths and broader information bandwidths have once again caused a revitalization of interest in this (30 to 300-GHz) frequency range. The gradual improvement in availability of active components has also stimulated increased activity in millimeter-systems development.”

Knox’s statement is supported by the session’s leadoff paper, “Millimeter-Wave Systems—An Overview,” by Alan J. Simmons of the Microwave Products Div., Control Data Corp., East Boston, Mass. He is concerned mainly with outlining the wide range of applications for millimeter-wave systems. Some of the systems he describes are actually in operation; others are only in the planning stage.

Basically, Simmons breaks the systems into two groups—sensors and communications.

The sensor applications include research-laboratory work on ionized plasmas, passive radiometry and active radar. The laboratory work is not of great commercial importance but it emphasizes an important advantage that millimeter waves have over lower-frequency microwaves: Only millimeter waves are short enough to penetrate dense ionized media and provide transmission data from which such important parameters as electron densities can be calculated. The impetus behind this work is mainly the study of hydrogen fusion for power generation.

Millimeter-wave radiometry—the passive detection of objects by their thermal emission in the millimeter-wave region—is a fairly new field with some exciting implications. Simmons points out three solid advantages of millimeter waves in radiometric applications:

- High resolution, approaching that of optical photographs.
- Subtle temperature discrimination, made possible by the use of sensitive receivers.
- Better penetration of clouds, fog and even rain than is possible with infrared and optical frequencies.

In the active radar field, millimeter waves are attractive in short-range applications that require high resolution. “Hands-off” landing systems and collision-avoidance radars are examples of radar systems that need millimeter waves.

“The most rapidly expanding area of millimeter-wave applications at present,” says Simmons, “is in communications.” He cites the ability of millimeter-wave systems to provide huge information bandwidths as the primary reason for this expansion.

Backing up this viewpoint is the paper, “A Digital Transmission System Using Circular Electric-Mode Waveguide,” by E. T. Harkless of Bell Telephone Laboratories, Holmdel, N. J. He gives a fairly detailed description of an experimental millimeter waveguide transmission system with a capacity of 230,000 two-way telephone channels. The system uses two-inch circular waveguide and has an error-rate objective of 1 in 107 over a 4000-mile path.

The millimeter waveguide system uses a frequency range covering 40 to 110 GHz. This band is divided into 120 channels each of which is 550 MHz wide. Of particular interest, in this paper, is the description of the passive networks used to separate the 550-MHz channels from each other for amplification and regeneration.

**Miniaturizing at millimeter frequencies**

The successful introduction of hybrid microwave integrated circuits (MICs) at the lower microwave frequencies has created pressures for similar developments at millimeter-wave frequencies. Unfortunately, ordinary microstrip circuitry cannot be used at millimeter frequencies. To avoid propagation of higher-order modes, the center-line width and dielectric thickness must be made quite small as frequency is increased. This causes excessive losses in the center conductor.

To overcome this problem, an alternative form of waveguide—rectangular image line—can be used. In a paper entitled “Rectangular Dielectric Image Lines for Millimeter Integrated Circuits,” Dr. P. P. Toulouk and R. M. Knox of the IIT Research Institute, Chicago, Ill., present an analysis of the rectangular image line, along with dispersion curves for various aspect ratios and dielectric constants.
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The technical program in review
Here's a timetable showing who's giving papers, what the subjects are, and when and where the sessions are being held.

Communications

Millimeter Wave Systems—An Overview—Alan J. Simmons, Control Data, Boston. (3.1/Tues./a.m./C)

A Digital Transmission System Using Circular Electric Mode Waveguide—J. H. Mullins, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Holmdel, N. J. (3.2/Tues./a.m./C)

Rectangular Dielectric Image Lines for Millimeter Integrated Circuits—P. P. Toulios and R. M. Knox, ITT Research Institute, Chicago. (3.3/Tues./a.m./C)

Millimeter Wave IMPATT Power Sources—N. B. Kramer, Hughes Research Laboratories, Torrance, Calif. (3.4/Tues./a.m./C)

Recent Advances in Low-Noise Transistor Amplifiers—R. I. Disman, Watkins-Johnson Co., Palo Alto, Calif. (9.1A/Wed./a.m./A)


Recent Advances and Performance Characteristics of Mixers and Tunnel Diode Amplifiers and Their Use in Low-Noise Microwave Receivers—William W. Raukko and Edmund Moley, Aetech Industries, Sunnyvale, Calif. (9.2/Wed./a.m./C)

Use of Parametric Up-Converters in Receiving Systems—W. J. Gemulla, Zeta Laboratories, Mountain View, Calif. (9.3/Wed./a.m./C)

Consideration of Components for Use in High Performance Wide Band Receivers—W. Dale Bush, Sylvania Electronic Systems Group, Mountain View, Calif. (9.4/Wed./a.m./C)

New Single Sideband Mechanical Filters—Robert A. Johnson, Collins Radio Co., Newport Beach, Calif. (10.1/Wed./p.m./A)

Phase Matched Bandpass Crystal Filters—C. W. Pond, Hughes Aircraft Co., Newport Beach, Calif. (10.2/Wed./p.m./A)

Active Filters and Equalizers Using Operational Amplifiers—Jerry G. Williford and Jay V. Robertson, Collins Radio Co., Newport Beach, Calif. (10.3/Wed./p.m./A)

Delay Equalizers—Charles E. Schmidt, Lenkurt Electronics Co., San Carlos, Calif. (10.4/Wed./p.m./A)

Space Station Communications—A. Adelman and R. W. Hockenberger, IBM, Huntsville, Ala. (13.1/Thur./a.m./A)

A Multifunctional Satellite for the Late 1970's—S. H. Durrani, COMSAT Laboratories, Clarkburg, Md. (13.4/Thur./a.m./A)

A Low-Level, High-Speed, Solid-State Multiplexer with Programmable-Gain Amplifier—David Hartke, Xerox Data Systems, El Segundo, Calif. (14.1/Thur./a.m./B)

A Versatile Interface Control Station—Nico H. Roos, Control Systems Division, Motorola, Phoenix, Ariz. (14.2/Thur./a.m./B)

A High-Speed High-Resolution Analog-to-Digital Converter Utilizing Parallel/Decision Successive Approximation and Error Correction—Donald Reiss, Electronic Engineering Co. of California, Santa Ana, Calif. (14.3/Thur./a.m./B)

A Versatile Data Distributor Which Provides Both Analog and Digital Outputs—Brett M. Nordgren and John Mickowski, Hewlett-Packard Co., Berkeley Heights, N. J. (14.4/Thur./a.m./B)


The TXE4 System—J. Tippler, British Post Office Corp., and L. G. S. Clark, Standard Telephone & Cables Ltd., an ITT associate. (19.3/Fri./a.m./A)

A Review of Current UK Developments in Pulse Code Modulation Switching—J. Martin, British Post Office Corp. (19.4/Fri./a.m./A)

CCITT No. 6 Signalling System—The U.K. Field Trial Equipment—B. R. Horsfield, British Post Office Corp., and R. F. Speed, GEC-AEI Telecommunications Ltd. (19.5/Fri./a.m./A)

Computers and Computer-Aided Design

Silicon Gate MOS Technology and its Memory Applications—D. Frohman-Bentchkowsky, Intel Corp., Mountain View, Calif. (7.1/Wed./a.m./A)

Performance and Economic Relationship of a Beam Lead Multichip Memory—J. J. Kubinec, Computer
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Ac voltages can be measured using an average-responding converter card (model 01) at an extra cost of $545. It operates from 10 Hz to 100 kHz ranging in accuracy from ±0.08% of reading ±0.02% of full scale to ±0.8% of reading ±0.1% of full scale.

A patented computing rms converter card (model 02) is available at an extra cost of $695. It also operates from 10 Hz to 100 kHz ranging in accuracy from ±0.06% of reading ±0.02% of full scale to ±0.8% of reading ±0.1% of full scale for undistorted sine waves. It can also make accurate measurements of square, triangular, sawtooth and distorted sine waves.

A true-rms converter card (model 03) costing $745 will be introduced by the end of 1970. It generates a square law electronically. A piecewise-linear approximation to a square law is first generated, then a pseudo-random waveform is added to the input signal; both signals are then impressed upon the piecewise-linear square law.

Because of this electronic square law, filtering can be done with active devices instead of depending on the thermal time constant of a thermocouple.

The true-rms converter operates from 10 Hz to 1 MHz ranging in accuracy from ±0.08% of reading ±0.02% of full scale to ±1% of reading ±0.5% of full scale (at 100 kHz).

Three selectable front-panel filter positions allow full flexibility in the choice of noise rejection vs reading speed. One position places all filters out of the input circuit and allows measurement over the basic frequency range of 10 Hz to 100 kHz. Another position selects a five-pole Bessel filter with 30-dB rejection at 60 Hz to give a frequency response of 50 Hz to 100 kHz. The third position selects a five-pole Bessel filter with 100-dB rejection at 60 Hz, and with a response of 400 Hz to 100 kHz. Setting times to 0.1% of final value for the three filters are 950, 300 and 110 ms, respectively.

The multimeter's input circuit uses a successive-approximation a/d converter, with three digitizing modes of operation: periodic, auto-track, and hold. The periodic mode is the one generally used in most multimeters. The tracking mode allows 80 readings/s when the input signal is varying. The auto-track mode allows the voltmeter to automatically determine if the input signal has stabilized, before a reading is taken.

The model 5800 measures dc voltages from ±1.09999 to ±1099.99 V in four ranges at a resolution of 10 µV. Input resistance ranges from 1 to 10 MΩ.

A chopper preamplifier board (model 05) is available to extend dc voltage measurements down to 10 mV full scale at 0.1-µV resolution, with two additional dc voltage ranges. Its cost is $250.

Another accessory is a four-wire converter for measuring resistances (model 04) costing $400. It has a total of nine ranges to measure 1 Ω to 100 MΩ full scale. Resolution is 10 mΩ. The converter is a floating current source with its own independent precision zero reference. This means that the impedance of the leads for the component under test cannot degrade the accuracy of a measurement. Selectable five-pole filters are also provided for resistance measurements.

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Monsanto Electronic Instruments, 620 Passaic Ave., West Caldwell, N. J. Phone: (201) 228-3800. P&A: $950; September, 1970.

Occupying only one-third the volume of competitive instruments, a new half-rack reciprocal-taking counter for $950 measures frequencies from 0.1 Hz to 20 MHz with full five-digit resolution. Model 107A also automatically computes and displays the correct decimal point and range indication.

In addition, the new instrument has a solid-state light-emitting-diode digital readout for enhanced reliability. The half-life reliability of this five-digit display is estimated to be one million hours (100 years).

Other features of the 107A include programmability, a BCD output, a self-test mode, and an oven-stabilized crystal-controlled clock for increased accuracy. This instrument can be used to measure frequency or rotational speeds (rpm).

Besides operating independently for conventional measurement applications, the new counter can be used in combination with other instrumentation in systems applications. It may also be connected to a printer for monitoring and recording purposes.

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The instrument’s input characteristics include a sensitivity of 100 mV rms and an impedance of 1 MΩ shunted by 20 pF. Input signal amplitudes can be as large as 35 V peak, ac plus dc.

Besides its five-digit display with automatic decimal-point location, the 107A has an overrange indicator that illuminates when register capacity is exceeded. There is also a manual reset push-button.

The new counter measures 4-1/4 by 7-1/2 by 11 in. Its power consumption is 25 W.

Booth No. 551 Circle No. 298

Oscilloscope for $346 performs out to 10 MHz


Selling for just $346, a new five-in. single-trace oscilloscope features a bandwidth of dc to 10 MHz. Model 555G provides a vertical amplifier with a rise time of 35 ns and a sensitivity of 20 mV/cm to 10 V/cm. Its sweep rate can vary from 1 µs/cm to 1 s/cm, and its sweep calibration accuracy is ±5%. Input impedance is 1 MΩ and 38 pF.

Booth No. 430 Circle No. 288

Portable scope has FET input

E-H Research Laboratories, Inc., P. O. Box 1289, Oakland, Calif. Phone: (415) 834-3030.

Achieving high sensitivity with junction-type field-effect transistors in its input circuit, the Iwatsu SS-200 Synchroscope is a compact lightweight portable oscilloscope with simplified operation. The electronically switched dual-trace vertical deflection system features a bandwidth of dc to 200 MHz with a sensitivity of 10 mV/division for both channels.

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INFORMATION RETRIEVAL NUMBER 136
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200 Terminal Dr., Plainview, N. Y.
Phone: (516) 681-8600. P&A:
$3500 to $3800; 5 wks.

Providing orders-of-magnitude improvement in speed and accuracy over its predecessors, the 545/100 high-speed resolver/synchro-to-digital converter features a tracking rate of 20,000 degrees/s at a static accuracy of 0.01 degrees ±1 digit.

Other key features include a five-decade readout to give resolution of 0.01 degrees, a range of 000.00 to 359.99 degrees, a maximum update of 100 ms for a worst-case input step of 180 degrees, and a velocity constant of 200,000/s.

Frequency range extends from 50 to 400 Hz. Input impedance is 300,000 Ω and a digital BCD output is available.

The converter implements the basic servo-mechanism principles for digitizing resolver or synchro angular data that were originally developed for the electromechanical converters. However, instead of using an actual rotating servo system, the model 545/100 simulates the electromechanical closed loop with a solid-state electronic servo.

This technique improves static accuracy, dynamic and tracking rate, reliability, update response and versatility drastically.

For instance, the new converter exploits its precision dynamic performance by featuring such things as track-and-hold, sample-on-command, and sample-at-fixed-intervals operation modes.

In principle, the conversion process is based on matching the shaft angle of a built-in local resolver or synchro transducer to the shaft of a remote transducer whose angle position is being digitized.

Instead of actual rotation components, the 545/100 performs the analogous function of adjusting the angle of a simulated resolver until this simulated angle matches the actual angle of the remote data source. At angular coincidence, the local electrically generated angle is identical to the remote shaft angle, with the value displayed digitally.

Applications include bench checkout measurement of resolver and synchro angles during the development of systems and subsystems, data acquisition for manual and automatic testing, and on-line control systems operated by a computer.

Booth No. 324 Circle No. 287

3-1/2-digit voltmeter costs just $189.50

Alco Electronic Products, Inc., P.O. Box 1348, Lawrence, Mass. Phone: (617) 686-3887. Price: $189.50.

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Booth No. 1720 Circle No. 272

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Data generator has MOS clock


Combining the functions of an MOS clock with a data generator, a new laboratory test instrument for testing MOS integrated circuits provides timing signals while generating words up to 32 bits in length. The model 501 MOS-clock/data-generator may be used in any application in which 30-V clocks or data outputs are required.

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Microdot Inc., 220 Pasadena Ave., South Pasadena, Calif. Phone: (213) 682-3551.

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Plug-in neon displays have decoder/drivers

Alco Electronic Products, Inc., P.O. Box 1348, Lawrence, Mass. Phone: (617) 686-3887. P&A: $24.45 to $29.80; stock.

Series DM-17G compact plug-in display modules are ready-to-use readouts with a miniature Elfin neon display and an integral decoder/drive. The neon display is front-mounted on a PC board which contains the decoder/driver and the logic required to accept four-line BCD inputs. All input-output contacts appear at the PC connector.

Booth No. 1720 Circle No. 266

Square-button switches are only 2-in. long


Two new square-button bezel-mounted switches feature a behind-the-panel dimension of less than 2 in. from the mounting surface. The model 46-230 is a momentary-contact unit, while the model 46-430 is an alternate-action (push-on/push-off) one. Both switches offer dpdt (break-before-make) circuits and wiping contacts to maintain a low contact resistance.

Booth No. 2501 Circle No. 263
BREAKTHROUGH
in mercury wetted contact relays

less noise
In a 10KHz bandwidth system, 4 ms after coil energization, HGJ contact noise = 10 µV. (Horizontal, 1 ms/div.; vertical, 50 µV/div. Red line: HGJ; white line: industry standard relay.)

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For full information, circle the Reader Service Number.
Fast custom design hybrid microelectronics

... like a 1.5 amp pulse differentiator driver

Typical Application and Connection Diagram

Absolute Maximum Ratings

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Booth No. 1216 Circle No. 265

Matrix program boards highlight versatility


Offering special crosspoint arrangements and front panels for mounting accessory components, a new line of matrix boards can be programmed with diode pins and can function as programmable word generator memories. Other applications include circuit/component test programmers, communications distributors, logic memories and batching programmers.

Booth No. 1313 Circle No. 258

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ELECTRONIC DESIGN 17, August 16, 1970
Precision timing and control of high current (mercury displacement) load switching requires advanced, reliable components and circuitry. Where nanoseconds, seconds, minutes, or even hours must be controlled, precision solid-state circuitry must be employed to insure maximum dependability. ADLAKE now offers two new timing devices, plus a unique solid-state bistable relay designed for precise and reliable control. These versatile products will find applications in circuits ranging from the most simple electro-mechanical apparatus to highly sophisticated computers.

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The NPN-QD-100 Series (in TO-71, 78, 78 epoxy cans) exhibit DC current gains ($h_{fe}$) of 200 min. from 10 uA to 1 mA with the Base-Emitter Voltage ($V_{BE1}-V_{BE2}$) of 5 mV, 3 mV and 1.5 mV. The 100 piece price is $1.00 to $3.68, depending upon the package and model you choose.

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Qualidyne Corporation, 3699 Tahoe Way, Santa Clara, Calif. 95051. (408) 738-0120.
DATA PROCESSING

Cassette recorder consumes but 1 W

Intermed Corp., 2710 Forest Lane, Dallas, Tex. Phone: (214) 241-6831. P&A: $3700 to $5000; 30 to 45 days.

Contained in a three-pound package, a new battery-operated analog cassette tape recorder provides up to four hours of four-channel dc to 100-Hz data-taking capability while consuming only 1 W of power. Model IMR-14 uses a C-120 type cassette as the recording medium. Tape speed is 15/32 inches per second, and signal noise ratio is 33 dB.
Booth No. 514  Circle No. 254

Transduced typewriter boasts $300 price tag


Selling for approximately $300, the TMP-250 transduced alphanumeric printer and the RSK-250 keyboard combine to provide typewriter-quality copy at low cost. The keyboard can be mechanically or electrically coupled to the printer to drive the character inputs and auxiliary functions. Coupling selection is dependent on overall system requirements.
Booth No. 167  Circle No. 252

Data transfer system interfaces instruments

Data Graphics Corp., 8402 Speedway Dr., San Antonio, Tex. Phone: (512) 332-9486. P&A: from $2500; 60 to 90 days.

Designed to couple various instruments to a remote computer via a time-sharing terminal, the DGC-301 data transfer system accepts BCD data from various instruments, stores the data, decodes it and then presents it to the time-sharing terminal. Input data is accepted in parallel, formatted, and presented sequentially.
Booth No. 101  Circle No. 291

Desktop calculators have 248 data registers

Wang Laboratories, Inc., 836 North St., Tewksbury, Mass. Phone: (617) 851-7311. P&A: $6700 (A), $6800 (B); 6 months.

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Portable cabinets enhance designs


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Booth No. 3017 Circle No. 282

Fast etching fluid makes Teflon bondable


Eccoetch etching fluid makes it possible to bond fluorocarbon plastics, like Teflon, together or to other materials with the same ease and with the same bonding agents as other plastics. When dipped into Eccoetch for 5 to 10 seconds, the exposed fluorocarbon surface displays a uniform light brown color. Eccoetch is dark blue-green.

Booth No. 368 Circle No. 280

Aerosol cleaner leaves no residue

LPS Research Laboratories, Inc., P. O. Box 25964, Los Angeles, Calif. Phone: (213) 478-0095.

Intended for use on precision electrical and electromechanical equipment, a new aerosol contact cleaner is a non-toxic, non-conductive, fluorocarbon solvent that leaves no residue. It is said to quickly remove oil, grease and other organic matter from precision instruments and controls with no adverse effect on the article being cleaned.

Booth No. 2208 Circle No. 281

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**Ultra Critical Uses?**

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**Current**

1A 2A 3A 4A 5A 6A 7A 8A 9A 10A

**Resistance**

0.1ohm to 10,000 ohms

**Wattage**

1W 2W 3W 4W 5W 6W 7W 8W 9W 10W

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**Information Retrieval Number 155**

**Electronic Design** 17, August 16, 1970
The DVM to beat the system!

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_Booth No. 2225  Circle No. 251_

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_Booth No. 374  Circle No. 285_
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Ultrasonic bonder uses photocells

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INFORMATION RETRIEVAL NUMBER 161
Two-input counter spans dc to 3 GHz

Solid-state VCOs put out 150 mW

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Covering the frequency range from dc to 3 GHz, a new microwave counter offers remote programmability plus a BCD recorder output. Model 6053 is a seven-digit instrument, which receives its input on one of two channels—either 20 Hz to 200 kHz or 200 kHz to 3 GHz. Its sensitivity is 10 mV rms for the low input and 100 mV rms for the high input.

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Texscan Corp., 2446 N. Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Phone: (317) 357-8781. P&A: $600; 3 to 4 wks.

Series VTO solid-state voltage-tuned microwave oscillators deliver power outputs of 20 to 150 mW over the frequency range of 1 to 6.6 GHz. Their harmonic distortion content is guaranteed to be more than 25 dB from rated output. Input requirements are a bias supply of —24 V at 150 mA and a tuning voltage of 0 to —65 V dc.

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U.S. scientific leadership threatened by R&D cuts

“Our national apparatus for the conduct of research and scholarship is falling into a shambles ... the American lead in science is in jeopardy—boding ill both for national security and the American economy.”—Dr. Philip Handler, president of the National Academy of Sciences.

“Cutbacks in federal support of research and development may cost the U. S. its future leadership in advanced electronics.”—Dr. Harvey Brooks, dean of engineering and applied physics at Harvard University.

“We have lost already—in three of four important fields—the technological leadership of the world, and in 10 years we will have lost more.”—Frederick R. Eirich, dean of research, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

These are just a few of the views expressed recently by leading educators and researchers on the effect of cutbacks in federally supported research and development (see p. 24). Though there was a divergence of opinion, reactions tended to be pessimistic—especially on the long-term effects of R&D cutbacks on technological innovation and leadership in the U. S.

What will these cutbacks mean to the electronics industry?

Probably the most serious consequence will be our inability to compete internationally in new technologies. As Eirich notes, the United States has been leading the world in computers, radio astronomy, supersonic flight and electron microscopy. Japan, Germany, Russia and France are becoming a serious threat in these areas, he comments. “The best computer facilities in a few years will probably be in England. The best electron microscope is not being built here, but in France,” says Eirich. Little need be said about the soaring electronics industry in Japan. As one observer noted: “It’s not just the cost of labor, it’s the fact that they are using more advanced technology in their manufacturing.”

Another effect is that, with less federal support of graduate research fellowships, the reservoir of trained engineers coming off the nation’s campuses will be seriously reduced, four, five and six years from now.

This year’s budget for federal R&D support will amount to about $1.4-billion. For 1971 this figure is expected to increase by about $120-million. The increase will be applied to solve social problems rather than to further basic engineering and scientific research.

We are seeking solutions to our ecological and urban problems, but seemingly at the expense of technological research. More money should be spent to help solve the nation’s ills and to further basic research. Both are important for the nation’s progress. The R&D figure amounts to less than 1% of the total federal budget this year.

Surely we can afford to spend more in an area so important to our technological leadership and growth.

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Simplify random-access memory selection by following these guidelines. Some of the basic aspects of the evaluation process are also revealed.

Monolithic random-access memory (RAM) devices offer new approaches for implementing read/write digital memories, but their use is sometimes overlooked because the design engineer lacks a general knowledge of their operation.

Basically, the RAM is a group of latches or storage flip-flops that store binary data in a digital system when the system is not using that data. Information can be randomly written into or read out of each flip-flop as required, hence the name “random-access” read/write memory. These are also called scratch-pad memories because they are often used for temporary, fast input/output time storage.

Once it has been determined that a random access memory can be used in a particular application, selection of the proper device may be greatly simplified by following the guidelines presented here.

How the RAM operates

To understand the operation of a RAM, examine the one-bit memory shown in Fig. 1. The one-bit memory is a latch with data input and output lines enabled by the address and write enable lines. The address line must be energized to write data into or read data out of the latch. The write operation is performed only when the write enable is also energized.

This type of addressing, where each bit (or word) has its own address line, is called linear selection.

Another commonly used type of addressing is known as coincident selection. Here the bit is selected by the intersection of an X and a Y line that locates a point in a two-dimensional matrix. The type of on-chip selection used depends upon the manufacturer and the memory configuration.

Determine word size and configuration

The first step in selecting a random-access memory is defining word length and memory size. The number of words and the number of bits per word are entirely dependent on the system application. This also sets the upper limit on the size of a RAM configured from a single unit. Once the total memory size has been decided, the various possible configurations that can be selected to make up this memory can be determined. This allows you to design a memory that will not only meet the size requirements but will provide a choice from among memories that will have other significant characteristics, such as speed and power dissipation.

The monolithic RAM is produced in many different configurations by a number of manufacturers. Two of the configurations (16 by 4 and 16 by 1) will be examined to illustrate their basic operation and differences.

The RAM in Fig. 2 is of the 16-by-4 configuration. It is composed of 64 one-bit memory cells and can store 16 four-bit words. Note that the write enable and address lines are common to all four bits in each word (linear select); thus, four bits are written in or read out in parallel.

The 16-bit memory shown in Fig. 3 is a 16-by-1 RAM. 16 one-bit words may be written in or read out in serial at random. Each word (bit) for this configuration is addressed by four X and four Y address lines (coincident selection).

To demonstrate the difference between the two configurations, examine the read and write oper-
2. Linear selection is used to address and write-enable each four-bit word in this 16-by-4-bit RAM. One line is required to address each word but it is independent of word size.

3. Compare the use of coincident selection for this 16-by-1-bit RAM with the linear selection used in Fig. 2. Matrix selection reduces the number of address lines required for a given memory size.
4. On-chip decoding (a) allows for direct memory address in binary form. Although this results in a smaller
ation of both circuits. To write a four-bit word into address No. 2 of the 16-by-4-bit memory:
1. Address line No. 2.
2. Place four-bit word at data input terminals.
3. Energize write enable.
When the energizing voltage is removed from the write enable, the word will remain stored in location No. 2. This word will appear at the data output terminals as long as address No. 2 is high, and will remain in location No. 2 until another word is written into this position. This characteristic is known as nondestructive readout (NDRO). Note that semiconductor memories are volatile—memory will be altered if power is removed.

To write a bit into cell 1, 2 of the 16-by-1 memory:
1. Energize X₁ and Y₂.
2. Activate one of the write amplifiers. To write a “1,” the input of the “write one,” W₁, amplifier is raised to a high level. To write a “0,” the input of the “write zero,” W₀, amplifier is raised to a high level.

As before, this word will appear at the output terminals as long as the X₁, Y₂ address is high and also exhibits the NDRO feature.

Two different methods are used for addressing a RAM (Fig. 4). In general, on-chip decoding is provided so that a binary counter may be used to provide the word address. If on-chip decoding is not provided, external decoders and inverters are required.

Bipolar or MOS?

After the word size and configuration have been defined, the next consideration should be the maximum operating speed and access time. This may determine whether a bipolar or MOS RAM should be used.

Several important switching characteristics are defined by the table below and the switching waveforms of Fig. 5. The access pulse represents the switching of the address lines.

It is possible to determine the cycle times for all possible combinations of memory operation by using the delay times shown in Fig. 5. The WRITE-to-READ cycle time is the sum of write pulse width and the recovery time, while the READ-to-WRITE cycle time is the sum of access time and the time required for circuitry external to the memory to read the memory output. The WRITE-to-WRITE cycle time and READ-to-READ cycle time may be determined in the same way.

A comparison of access times, minimum write pulse widths and maximum operating speeds reveals that MOS RAMs are generally one to two orders of magnitude slower than bipolar RAMs. Typical values of bipolar RAMs are access times

5. The cycle times for all possible memory operations can be determined from the switching characteristics. For example, the WRITE to READ cycle time is the sum of WRITE pulse width $T_{wp}$ and the recovery time $T_{wr}$. 
6 Two different approaches to memory expansion are shown by these two 64-by-4 random-access memories. Word size of (a) is easily increased by adding one chip for each additional bit of information desired.

Table. Switching characteristics

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<td>Read access time (Ta)</td>
<td>The time delay between a valid address at the input and the indicated point on the output waveform.</td>
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<td>Read recovery time (Trr)</td>
<td>Time for output to turn off after access pulse goes low.</td>
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<td>Write pulse (Twp)</td>
<td>Minimum pulse guaranteed to write.</td>
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<td>Write throughput time (Ttt)</td>
<td>Time from write pulse to read data out from bit just written into.</td>
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This 128-bit data generator is being used for testing a digital communication system. The two 16-by-4-bit random-access memories are wire-OR'd together to form a 32-by-4-bit memory.

(Tₚ) of 50 ns, write pulse (Tₚₛ) of 30 ns and write recovery time (Rₛₚ) of 40 ns. An exception is complementary MOS, which has speeds comparable to the bipolar memories.

What the MOS lacks in operating speed, it makes up in lower dissipation, higher bit density and lower cost per bit. In 100-piece quantities a MOS RAM may cost 30¢ per bit, while a bipolar RAM will be more than twice as expensive.

A major disadvantage of MOS is the requirement for negative power supplies and special interface circuitry if the RAM is not TTL/DTL compatible. Several of the MOS RAMs are dynamic; that is, they require refresh pulses or multiphase clocks.

Expand the memory

Great flexibility for word expansion is provided by the uncommitted collector output that allows many cells to be wire-OR'd together. This also allows increasing memory size by “wire-ORing” several chips together. Figure 6 shows two methods for forming a 64-by-4 memory with smaller memories. The 64-by-4 memory formed by four 16-by-4 memories uses wire OR techniques, while the memory formed by four 64-by-1 memories obtains an output from each chip.

After the word configuration, operating speed, operating temperature, and power-supply requirements have been compared, the proper RAM for your application may be selected by comparing other component specifications. These include package size, power dissipation, complexity (multiple chip select required, separate read and write lines, refresh pulse required, multiphase clock required) and, of course, cost.

Using the RAM

Almost every digital system requires some type of word generator as a test feature. A word generator, containing two 16-by-4 RAM packages is being used by the author to test a digital communication system (Fig. 7). This 128-bit (32 words, four bits per word) data generator could have been configured in one of several methods. The RAM finally chosen was best suited for the particular application.

Data is entered into the memory via a four-bit thumb-wheel switch. The word address is selected in the WRITE operation by the presettable counter, the address thumb-wheel and the chip select. In the READ mode, the entire storage of both memories is read out in serial at intervals determined by the timing logic. The number of bits could be easily doubled by using an 8-bit parallel-to-serial shift register instead of the four-bit shown. The extra four bits could be a hardwired preamble plus parity, such as used for USACII.

Other applications may be developed from the same example as, for instance, storing a message received in one form (such as BCD) at one bit rate, then retransmitting it in a different form (such as binary) at a different bit rate. ■
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The square-law or parabolic function is very useful because it can perform exponentiation, root-mean-square and multiplication calculations. It can be generated by using many different devices such as varistor-resistor or diode networks, but here is a new wave-shaping technique, that makes use of static components only to create harmonically related triangular waves, that can produce very precise parabolic outputs. It is relatively independent of temperature effects, and its accuracy exceeds all other methods.

Multiplication over four quadrants using the square law is carried out by two parabolic functions of opposite polarity using the quarter square multiplier. The basic algebraic relation for the multiplier is

$$XY = \frac{1}{4} [(X + Y)^2 - (X - Y)^2].$$

As a nonlinear function generator this multiplier may be applied to computation, modulation, coordinate transformation and power measurement.

Among the older approaches to generating the square-law function are devices with transfer characteristics of parabolic response or piecewise linear segmental networks of resistors and diodes. The former suffer from low accuracy and temperature dependence, while the latter require the use of a large number of segments to realize the required accuracy. Even with 36 segments, the diode-resistor network cannot do better than 0.05% because of diode defects and resistor balance errors.

But harmonically related triangular waves can be added to generate parabolic functions to an accuracy of 0.005%.

Adding up triangular waves

When triangular waves are used, each wave of higher frequency is generated from the next lower frequency. The triangular waves are repeatedly added and subtracted to generate the parabolic function by parallel wave shaping. Harmonic triangular waves of sufficiently high order can be produced to meet the 0.005% accuracy specified. This precision, in turn, is adequate for a multiplier with an accuracy of 0.01%.

Before considering the means by which the triangular waves are produced, refer to the block diagram of a multiplier in Fig. 1. Two input signals, X and Y, are applied to the inputs of summing, inverting and absolute-value amplifiers to obtain (a(X - Y)) and (a(X + Y)). These two outputs are fed into squaring circuits to produce b(X + Y)^2 and -(X - Y)^2. The sum of these signals is the desired product, cXY.

The squaring network is the critical element. If the inputs are zero, the output should be zero. Thus, the output curve of the squaring network is a parabola that passes through the origin. If a sequence of harmonically related triangular waves with a frequency progression of 2^j where j=1,2, ..., as shown in Fig. 2, are added so that the base breakpoint of each triangle coincides with the peak of the next higher harmonic, the segmented parabola of Fig. 3 is the result. If there are p triangular waves, the parabolic approximation will have 2^p segments.

Observe from Fig. 2 that the slope of the successive curves, A_j to A_p, decreases in the order 15, 7, 3. The general expression for curve A (Fig. 3) which is the sum of A_1, A_2, A_3, and A_p, is A = (n^2 - n)/2 where n is full-scale input voltage divided by the number of segments. This generates a generalized parabolic function of the form an^2 + bn + c. For multiplier applications, however, the linear term bn = n/2 must be

![Diagram](image-url)

1. An analog multiplier can be based on a squaring circuit. One type of squaring circuit makes use of a parabolic or square-law function derived from harmonically related triangular waves.

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2. The outputs of the triangular-wave generators are $A_1$, $A_2$, and $A_3$. Their slopes decrease in the ratio 15:7:3. $A_1$ is not shown, but its slope is one. The curves $S_2^+$ and $S_2^-$ are input signals in the circuit shown in Fig. 6.

3. The sum of the fundamental triangular wave and its harmonics produces the lower parabolic curve. If the right bias is added, the upper parabola, which is suited to use in a multiplier, is the result.

4. A higher-order harmonic, here called $A_6^+$, can be passed through a diode. The square-law diode characteristic generates an error-correcting parabolic curve, $A_6$. eliminated. One way of accomplishing this is by shifting the base breakpoints of the triangular waves $A_1$, $A_2$, $A_3$, and $A_4$, n/2 to the left of their positions in Fig. 2.

Once the number of triangular wave forms is selected and the number of segments or breakpoints is established, n is calculated as the full-scale input voltage divided by the number of segments. Figure 3 is thus approximated by 16 segments. To shift all triangular waves of $A_1$, $A_2$, $A_3$, and $A_4$ by n/2, only a constant bias of $-(n/2)$ to the input signal n is required to arrive at the relation $A = 1/2(n^2 - 1/4)$ as shown dashed in Fig. 3.

One of the major advantages of approximating the parabolic function this way is that the num-
ber of segments and hence the accuracy can be easily increased. Precisely \(2^n\) segments are realized with \(p\) rectifying amplifier circuits that produce \(p\) symmetrical half-wave triangular functions. Parabolic functions of higher accuracy can be approximated simply by using a larger number of component waves.

Further, each successive wave provides a correction to the function generated by the sum of preceding waveforms. The true correction curve at any stage of the progression is equal to the difference between the continuous parabolic function and the sum of the triangular waves. This difference is in itself a repetitive parabolic function. \(A_n\) of Fig. 4 is the error curve between the parabolic function and its \(A_1, A_2, A_3\) and \(A_4\), approximation. This error curve may be approximated by passing \(A'\) (Fig. 4), which is a full wave function of \(A_n\), through a diode.

**Generate the triangular waves**

The basic element of the triangular wave generator is the absolute-value amplifier shown in Fig. 5. This amplifier has two possible outputs, one of which is always positive and the other always negative. However, only one output can exist at any given time. A positive output appears at its terminal when the input is less than zero; a negative output appears at its terminal when its signal is greater than zero.

Diodes are connected across the amplifier output to separate the positive and negative outputs and to disable the feedback loop for signals below the forward drop of the diodes. Thus, a dead zone appears in each output. The dead zone is proportional to the slope of the input signal and the time constant of the amplifier.

The positive half of each output wave is used to make up the parabolic approximation (Fig. 6). The negative half of the output is inverted and added to the positive half to make up the input to the triangular wave generator of next higher frequency. A suitable bias signal then displaces the all-positive input to a zero average level.

Each successive triangular wave inherently has a frequency precisely twice that of the previous one (Fig. 2). The relative amplitude of each triangular wave is adjusted by setting the gain of its amplifier and the magnitude of the input bias signal. Note that a ramp function is used to initiate the process.

The last wave generator in the sequence has its triangular output shaped to a high-frequency parabolic correction signal by using a diode network. All of the outputs are summed and amplified to produce the desired parabola.

This technique can produce both high speed and high static accuracy. It is the basis for an accurate four-quadrant multiplier. **

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**Test Your Retention**

Here are questions based on the main points of this article. Their purpose is to help you make sure you have not overlooked any important ideas. You'll find the answers in the article.

1. **How is the square-law function used to multiply?**

2. **What are the defects in older methods of producing parabolic functions?**

3. **How can the error between a parabola and its approximation be generated?**

4. **How does the absolute-value amplifier produce its dead zone?**
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Linearize your CRT displays.
Least-square analysis and error-correcting networks permit accurate multi-function registration.

One of the most difficult problems confronting the display engineer occurs when there is a non-linear image on the face of a cathode-ray tube. The problem becomes particularly important when registration is required on the display in conjunction with a second or third auxiliary function. Examples of such multifunction displays are those with optical rear-port projection, screen overlays, and dual channel deflection.

A compensating correction, to achieve linearity in a CRT display, can be summed into the deflection waveform. This waveform is a complex function of numerous parameters, and it can be generated by an analog circuit.

The geometry of the tube itself is probably the most important factor contributing to image distortion. Two basic types of CRTs are encountered—the single-gun tube and the multigun tube with its electron guns at an angle to the central axis of the tube. The single-gun CRT produces pin-cushion effects, while the off-axis multigun tube gives rise to keystone effects (Fig. 1).

**Determine error experimentally**

In addition to the distortion caused by electron-beam deflection are such other factors as the gain of the deflection amplifier, the gain of the deflection yoke, and the type of yoke that is used. It is particularly important that the gain of the deflection channel be known, and held constant, so that a compensation network can be specified. Also to be considered are any constant magnetic fields outside of the deflection field. For instance, the direction and flux density of these fields that usually come from ion traps must be held constant.

The two ways to approach this problem are by experiment or by electromagnetic field theory. The experimental technique is far more desirable, however, since the problem is too complex for an adequate theoretical solution.

To collect experimental data, the face of the CRT is divided into an equally spaced grid pattern whose X and Y axes intersect at the central axis of the tube (Fig. 2). The magnitude of X and Y deflection voltage necessary to deflect the beam to each coordinate position (a, b) is then measured, thereby obtaining data for all the coordinate positions. If each coordinate position is assigned a linear normalized deflection voltage, the amount of correction necessary can be obtained from the experimental data.

**Use least-square analysis**

The least-square analysis generates an equation that fits a curve to a set of data points. The best approximation results from a polynomial of infinite order.

\[
C_x = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_{jk} X^j Y^k ,
\]

where \( B_{jk} \) are the coefficients in the polynomial.

In order to fit the data to the polynomial, the sum of the errors squared must be minimized. This is expressed by

\[
S = \sum_{L=1}^{N} (E_x - C_x)^2 ,
\]

where \( C_x \) is given by Eq. 1, and \( E_x \) is the value measured at the particular point of interest. The summation is over N coordinate points for which the fit is desired. Substituting Eq. 1 into Eq. 2,

\[
S = \sum_{L=1}^{N} (E_x - \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_{jk} X^j Y^k)^2 .
\]

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1. A square trace is distorted by a single gun CRT into the pincushion of "a." An off-axis gun, as found in a multigun tube, causes additional keystone distortion (b).
To minimize this sum, the partial derivatives with respect to the various coefficients are taken. The partial derivatives of Eq. 2 are:

\[
\frac{\partial S}{\partial B_{st}} = 2\sum_{L=1}^{N} (E_x - C_x) \frac{\partial C_x}{\partial B_{st}},
\]

where \( s = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \); \( t = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \).

Set the partials equal to zero and substitute for \( C_x \) to get:

\[
\sum_{L=1}^{N} E_x \frac{\partial C_x}{\partial B_{st}} = \sum_{L=1}^{N} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_{jk} X^j Y^k \frac{\partial C_x}{\partial B_{st}} \quad (3)
\]

This result is a set of simultaneous equations suited for computer solution. Sub-routines for the solution of simultaneous equations are available in the libraries of most commercial time-sharing services. Either these can be used, or a program can be written to solve this set of equations.

**Determine correction network**

Consider the following second-degree polynomial as a typical example of a deflection equation:

\[
C_x = \sum_{j=0}^{2} \sum_{k=0}^{2} B_{jk} X^j Y^k.
\]

If \( B_{00} = B_{11} = B_{02} = B_{20} = B_{21} = B_{22} = 0 \), this reduces to

\[
C_x = B_{01} Y + B_{10} X + B_{12} X Y^2.
\]

Assume that there are 30 data points to fit (\( N = 30 \)). Equation 3 then becomes the three simultaneous equations:

\[
\sum_{L=1}^{30} (E_x) Y = \sum_{L=1}^{30} (B_{01} Y^2 + B_{10} XY + B_{12} X Y^3)
\]

\[
\sum_{L=1}^{30} (E_x) X = \sum_{L=1}^{30} (B_{01} XY + B_{10} X^2 + B_{12} X^3 Y^2)
\]

\[
\sum_{L=1}^{30} (E_x) XY^2 = \sum_{L=1}^{30} (B_{01} XY^3 + B_{10} X^2 Y^2 + B_{12} X^3 Y^4).
\]

In them \( E_x \) is the experimentally measured X deflection voltage for the given coordinate position, and \( X \) and \( Y \) are the normalized deflection voltages associated with the same point. The solution of this set of simultaneous equations in the three unknown coefficients \( B_{01}, B_{10} \) and \( B_{12} \) is substituted back into Eq. 1 to obtain an equation for the corrected X deflection waveform. A Y deflection equation can be obtained similarly.

The next step is to translate the equation into analog hardware. This can be achieved with two basic building blocks — the analog multiplier and the operational amplifier. The multipliers are used to square and cross-multiply signals, while the op amps are used to obtained the desired coefficients.

For example, consider the equation

\[
C_x = B_{10} X + B_{20} X^2 + B_{30} X^3 + B_{21} X Y.
\]

In order to minimize the distortion in the linear term, it is separated from the other terms and not summed in until the final stage of the network. Therefore the equation is rewritten as

\[
C_x = B_{10} X + X (B_{20} X + B_{30} X^2 + B_{21} X Y).
\]

The hardware representing this equation is shown in a block diagram in Fig. 3.

The resistor values are:

\[
R_x = \frac{R_f}{B_{10}}; \quad R_{y2} = \frac{R_f}{B_{20}}; \quad R_y = \frac{R_f}{B_{21}}; \quad R_1 = R_f
\]

and \( R_2 = \frac{2R_f}{B_{30}} - R_1 \).

2. The first step in compensating for distortion is to divide the CRT face into a grid. The X and Y deflection voltages for each point determine the correcting network.

3. After the equation for the proper deflection is obtained, the circuit can be designed. This is the block diagram of a network for the X deflection for the equation shown.
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INFORMATION RETRIEVAL NUMBER 46
Appraise with confidence when your employer asks you to interview job applicants. Use this guide to evaluate and compare technical personnel.

Have you appraised an applicant lately? Suppose your company asks you to help recruit technical personnel—don't be surprised, be prepared. Be prepared to interview men, to evaluate them, and to select those who will be able to work effectively in your organization.

The purpose of a technical interview is to examine the applicant's understanding of principles and his ability to tackle new problems.

To help you interview more effectively, we'll consider how to conduct an interview, and we'll also present a system for ranking interviewees.

In preparing for an interview, select useful data from the resume submitted, using this checklist as a guideline:

- Specific areas of interest. Part-time and summer jobs often provide valuable training. Self-initiated projects are very good indicators of curiosity and drive.
- Articles and papers. They can be a sign of excellence, especially when they arise from independent (non-required) work. They provide good clues for questioning the applicant.
- Memberships in technical and honorary societies. These do not offer much information because acceptance in them is based on totally different requirements from those you're looking for. Only if a man shows proof of significant research or leadership should society membership be considered.
- Other extracurricular activities. In general, these will provide only an indication of personality type and personal ambition.
- References. They are useful if they come from someone who has worked with the man in his field and who is willing to make an honest appraisal of his capabilities.

When interviewing college graduates, check their transcripts for the Grade Point Average (GPA). How does this compare to the norm for new hires. Also important is the GPA in the major field alone—is it consistent with the overall average? And what is the trend of grades in the major? A downward trend might indicate a lessening of interest in that field. Are course sequences completed? If not, this may indicate lack of perseverance. Does the applicant have a good foundation in the basics, or has he taken easier courses that might cause him to become obsolete later? Temper this data with your own opinion of the school. A talk with a graduate of the school in your company might help in evaluating the transcript.

Interviews aren't automatic

Your attitude toward the applicant will establish the tone of the interview. The following suggestions will help guide you:

1. Greet him by name and show some acquaintance with his record.
2. Chat with him for a while to set him at ease—he'll probably be nervous about the impression he's making. Consider him a fellow engineer who's communicating his understanding of certain technical subjects to you.
3. When you ask him technical questions, give him time to think and paper to figure on. It's important that you question a man only in areas of his experience. You'll be able to judge him far more accurately if you talk with him about things he knows, rather than having him struggle with unfamiliar concepts. Sometimes, of course, it's appropriate to ask a slightly vague question to check the interviewee's ability to sort facts and seek additional information if necessary, and to work from general guidelines rather than specific instructions.

One good starter is to ask him which courses he liked best in school, which ones he learned the most in, or which ones best increased his insights. Don't expect him to have all the formulas at instant recall; you probably don't either. You're more interested in how the man derives and uses formulas rather than how well he remembers them.

Another good starter is to ask him to describe a project he has worked on.

If you draw a blank in a specific area, don’t

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belabor it; go on to something else. If he seems to get bogged down, a further hint or suggestion of what you’re driving at may trigger the candidate so that he will be able to carry on from there. If he gives you a quick answer, ask him to show you the steps involved. Ask him what approximations were made and to show that they are valid. See if he knows what limitations exist for the answer.

As the interview progresses, you should be asking yourself:

- Does he logically attack problems?
- Does he check answers?
- How does he express himself?
- Does he ask about unclear points?
- Does he need specific instructions?

These questions are important since they are the basis for the later evaluation.

A written evaluation must be done soon after the interview to record your impressions before they fade. The report should indicate the areas you covered in the questioning and the applicant’s relative performance. You should include an honest evaluation of his strong and weak points and his ability to progress. Finally, a recommendation for or against employment should be given, with specific reasons. These might include whether or not you feel you could work with him and what contributions you think he could make.

Rating the applicant 10 to 1

One of the best ways to put a bit of objectivity into a basically subjective process is to use a numerical scoring system to establish the relative merit of each man you interview.

Make a list of the job qualifications you are looking for in new men. Now give a weight between 10 (high) and 1 (low) to each qualification to reflect its importance to you. The applicant may be rated by using the following scale:

- 10 The very best
- 9 Very high
- 8 High
- 7 Above average
- 6 Average
- 5 Average
- 4 Below average
- 3 Poor
- 2 Very poor
- 1 Unacceptable

“Average” must apply to the spectrum of candidates you actually see—not what you think the average of all engineers might be.

The final weighted score for each qualification (see Fig. 1) is obtained by multiplying the score you have given the applicant by the qualification weight. The applicant’s relative merit is the sum of the weighted scores. This rating system will be a valuable tool in aiding you to be consistent in sorting out your impressions.

As you can see in Fig. 1, a truly average man would score 286 by the rating system. Depending on the needs of your company, you will establish, over a period of time, a level of probable hire. But this should not be inflexible because the scoring is still largely subjective—based on your impressions.

Putting the system through its paces

Now that we’ve established a few guidelines, let’s see how they might apply.

Two men have applied for a position as circuit designer at your company. Frank is a recent BSEE graduate from State U, which you know to have a good EE department. George has been at ElectroThing, Inc., for three years after graduation from Grimbley, a fairly well respected engineering school.

In preparing for the interview, you have learned from Frank’s university transcript and resume that his interests run to classical music, mountain climbing, and sailing. He has had few outside activities—perhaps because he has worked 20 hours a week to support himself at school. His grades are adequate, showing an over-all GPA of 3.0/4.0 with an electrical engineering average of 3.4. The grades show no significant trends, and he has finished several solid sequences in communication theory, network synthesis, and feedback control theory. He has worked part time in a lab on campus as a tech-
nician for a professor. His responsibilities included some circuit design and a lot of troubleshooting.

As you greet Frank and chat with him about conditions at State, he seems ill at ease. You wonder how best to begin your questions. The part-time work provides a clue, and he readily responds to a suggestion that he describe his work. One of the experiments required stable voltage supplies, which he designed. He quickly sketches out the schematic and is able to identify the purpose of each element. He seems to be aware of the limitations of the circuit, which is basically simple. When asked what might be done to improve performance, he makes several suggestions involving more feedback and better references. When shown some additional techniques, he seems to grasp how they work.

At this point, you figure that he is fairly familiar with the practical end of electronics and knows the characteristics of basic components. Now you give him a quick tour of communication theory. He shows acquaintance with the various transforms and conditions for their use. He has some trouble figuring out the spectrum created by the time-domain multiplication of two signals, but with a bit of help he gets the feel for the shape of it. Then you change the signals a bit, and he realizes that it is a frequency mixer that you've described. He really lights up when you show him where it was used in a real instrument.

Next you ask about a simple feedback circuit, drawing one that will be unstable without additional compensation. Frank is unable to realize the problem designed in at first. He feels that something is wrong with the circuit but isn't able to put his finger on it. When the problem is pointed out, he recognizes it but admits that he doesn't know how to correct it.

Upon further questioning Frank tells you that it has been a year since the sequence was studied, that the course had a reputation for being poorly taught with no practical value, and that he took it only because of pressure from his advisor. He has not had a chance to use any of the material since then. You ask him to derive the gain of a simple operational amplifier with feedback (stable this time). He writes out the equations and obtains the relation for the gain and is able to work out frequency responses for reactive feedback components.

His synthesis courses did not cover active synthesis, but he sees immediately that op amps are extremely useful circuit-design elements. Near the end of your time with Frank, he asks you about continuing education opportunities. He is just finishing an introductory course in semiconductor physics and finds it very intriguing. He wants to continue to learn in that field particularly by taking additional courses.

The interview is over. How would you rate Frank? Try filling out a rating sheet and writing an evaluation; then compare yours with the one given below.

Now it is George's turn

George's present job is in the R&D lab of ElectroThing, Inc., a company in the avionics field, handling both military and commercial systems. He indicates that he feels restricted in this field and wants the opportunity for broader experiences offered by your company.

His resume states that he has done circuit design and that he has had project responsibility. His school record was good with a 3.5/4.0 aver-

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2. Rating sheet for Frank

age. A closer look at the transcript reveals that, although he did well in the required EE core courses, they were not followed up with electives. Most of his electives were in business and economics. He was involved in numerous activities and had several positions of leadership. He is now active in an IEEE group, and has had a paper published on considerations for a new satellite navigation system.

George comes on strong at the greeting and after a few minutes you begin to wonder who's interviewing whom. In answer to your question about his present work, he describes a system for aerial navigation involving both digital and analog elements and display modules. The system is being proposed to a major contractor, and...
George is proud of his part in it. His responsibility involved a signal processor that was driven from a VHF receiver. He draws a block diagram and explains its operation fairly well.

You ask him about specific elements in the diagram, such as phase detectors, amplifiers, and digital-control circuits. He shows some reluctance to answer specifically, saying that these are fairly standard elements. However, he is familiar with the configuration of an amplifier and can show you how it operates. You ask how it might be modified to meet a new set of specs with tighter tolerances and broader frequency range. He is able to make a few suggestions but can’t come close to meeting the new requirements. When you make a few additions to the circuit to improve it, he comments that he has seen that done before. He is not able to explain what improvements could be expected from use of feedback.

You now ask about the project in which he had leadership, and he tells you about a small digital processor that monitors a number of quantities and drives appropriate displays. He answers the simple questions you propose. The design was done with standard ICs, but he doesn’t know much about their internal structure. The little he knows he picked up in an in-plant seminar held by a semiconductor maker.

Although it has been a few years, you ask George about his course work. He admits that, toward the end of his junior year, he lost interest in engineering and wanted to switch to business. He decided to stick it out and has not really regretted it. He says that he enjoys his work. You ask some more questions about specific transistor circuits, and he shows a reasonable feel for their characteristics.

Your time is up, and you must evaluate George. How would you rate him? How would you compare him with Frank? Would you hire George or Frank or both?

Who gets the job?

Frank’s strong point is curiosity and good insight into things that he has worked with. He is weak on experience with a broad range of circuit problems, but you think that he has the ability to learn quickly and grasp new ideas. He is not reluctant to dig in and solve a problem. You checked with Henry L., who also attended State U, and he confirmed that the course on feedback theory is worthless. The interview covered a power-supply circuit he designed, communication theory, and operational amplifiers.

Recommend hire. Frank should progress well, and you would like to work with him.

George is good at handling systems concepts, but is impatient with details. He is intelligent and can do anything he wants to well. You question his desire to design circuits; most of his work used standard designs. He showed no desire to improve on them or to understand them. You rated him low on growth because you don’t think he will be able to progress.

In several instances, George has had the opportunity to gain further understanding of circuits but has passed it up. The interview covered navigation systems, amplifiers, logic and simple transistor circuits.

Recommend reject. George’s basic orientation is not compatible with the company’s needs.

The two rating sheets show up the difference in the two men. Both rated higher than average, but you know from experience that your company has hired only men rated considerably above 300 in your rating system.

Frank comes out with a much higher score because of his drive and eagerness to learn. George shows up as one with some technical knowledge but no desire for deeper insights. He will be able to continue to do routine design work but will probably never make any significant contributions.

At this point, depending on your company’s recruiting policy, you should decide whether George might be suitable for another department. Remember his earlier desire to go into Business Administration. If he seems to have other talents, you should recommend an interview with that department.
Staggered-finger heat sink design is more efficient, saves space and weight

**Unique design is causing circuit designers to re-think their thermal theory.**

Design engineers are learning daily that power ratings of power transistors are often not at all what they appear to be at first glance. For example, the data sheet on a transistor may state, "maximum power dissipation — 50 watts." But the fine print — if there is any — says, "at 25°C case temperature." Actually, the transistor alone will dissipate only 3 to 4 watts before the maximum allowable junction temperature is reached!

Obviously, something must be done to maintain the specified case temperature when more than 3-4 watts are to be dissipated. This is normally accomplished by mounting the transistor case to a dissipator or heat sink, but dissipator state-of-the-art has been such that these devices are too bulky, too heavy — just plain inefficient. Now you needn't tolerate these size and weight penalties in your design because IERC has achieved a major breakthrough in heat sink design: The IERC Staggered Finger Dissipator.

International Electronic Research Corporation has developed a broad line of these smaller, lighter, much more efficient heat dissipators based on the unique, multiple staggered finger design which has proven to be 30% more efficient overall, and in some cases up to 500% more effective than many conventional designs now in wide use. An example of the staggered finger design is shown in Figure 1. This is an IERC HP3 Heat Dissipator. To show how efficient this device is, it is shown compared to a common finned extrusion. The HP3 and the extrusion are virtually equivalent in their heat dissipating ability; however, the HP3 is only 1/8rd the weight and 3/5rd the volume of the extrusion.

The secret to the efficiency of the new dissipators is the staggered fingers. (Figure 2) Note how the fingers are positioned so they do not radiate to each other and the configuration is so arranged that natural convection takes place very readily.

In a finned extrusion the fins radiate to each other and it is difficult for natural convection to take place in the confined area between the fins. (Figure 3) In a forced air environment the staggered finger configuration is even more effective. The air can be from any direction. (Figure 4) As it hits the fingers, turbulence causes it to move around each of the fingers, striking many surfaces in its flow past the part. The turbulent air against these surfaces disturbs their surface barrier and is the principal reason for the significant improvement in the forced air heat dissipating properties of these parts.

Compare this turbulent air flow over the staggered fingers of the IERC part with the air flow conditions when directed at a finned extrusion. Here laminar air flow, rather than turbulent air flow, takes place. The air must be directed in one direction only, (Figure 5) parallel to the fins. The air enters the space between the fins; but because of this restricted space, it immediately tries to leave. Shortly after entering, it is not flowing against the bottom of the fin surfaces. Since the air flow is laminar, not turbulent, and it is not disturbing the surface barrier at the bottom of the fins shortly after entering, the surface areas of the fins are only partially effective.

The old rule-of-thumb which considers only the surface area relative to heat dissipation is not valid. The effectiveness of the area must also be considered. The staggered finger concept is a significant breakthrough in heat dissipating devices and is the first improvement in heat dissipator design since the flat fin or extrusion design.

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During the past several years, IERC has developed numerous heat dissipating devices...
using the staggered finger configuration. The UP style (Figure 6) is just 1.78 inches square and is available in various heights up to one inch. It was designed particularly to accommodate a single power transistor such as a TO36, TO3, TO15, etc. However, it will also accommodate more than one smaller semiconductor, including the newer plastic case power transistors.

To really appreciate the efficiency of the UP, refer to the temperature vs. power curve (Figure 7) showing a 2N1208 power transistor mounted in a UP-TO15-B dissipator. Remember, now, that this UP part weighs less than one ounce. Considering a maximum case rise of 100°C, the 2N1208 by itself will dissipate only 3 watts. When mounted in the UP dissipator in natural convection, it will dissipate 14 watts, or more than four times more power at the same case temperature. In a forced air environment of only 200 FPM, 28 watts can be dissipated — more than nine times the power at the same case temperature. With 1000 FPM, the remarkable light weight UP will allow 50 watts of dissipation from the transistor — seventeen times more power at the same case temperature.

Think now. You must limit the case temperature rise of a power transistor to 100°C. You need to dissipate 14, 28 or 50 watts. You have three cubic inches of space and are limited to adding one ounce of weight. And you can't spend more than 40 cents for a dissipator or sink in medium quantities. What would your present thinking lead you to do?

Another IERC dissipator, the HP1, is a companion to the HP3 shown in Figure 1. The HP1 is 2½ inches square, slightly larger than the UP. At the same case temperature rise of 100°C, it will dissipate 23 watts in natural convection; in a forced airflow of 200 FPM, it will dissipate 33 watts; and 65 watts with 1000 FPM. The HP3, which is 3½ inches square, will dissipate 28 watts in natural convection, 42 watts with 200 FPM, and 74 watts with 1000 FPM. When the HP1 and HP3 are nested, Figure 8, more than 100 watts can be dissipated at the same 100°C case temperature rise with 1000 FPM.

Stop and contemplate the sizes of heat dissipating devices which would have been required to dissipate these powers before the advent of the staggered finger design, and you will appreciate the savings of space and weight which the UP and HP make possible.

The staggered finger design has also been used in heat dissipators for TO5 and TO18 metal case transistors. Models in the LP Series, Figure 9, are available in three lengths and two heights and to accommodate one or two transistors. These parts are so efficient that when a TO5 transistor is mounted in the largest model LP dissipator (only 2.31 x 1.12 x ½), the dissipator is virtually an infinite heat sink. The case temperature rises only 65°C when 5 watts are being dissipated. When 1000 FPM of air is used at 5 watts dissipation, the case temperature rise is phenomenally low — less than 15°C.

In addition to their thermal efficiency, LP parts are extremely versatile. Almost any application problem where a conduction plane is not available can be solved with these simple, low cost devices.

The staggered finger concept is also available in dissipators for plastic case power transistors and integrated circuits and microcircuit packages as shown in Figure 10. The staggered finger concept of heat dissipation is the most significant breakthrough in heat sink technology since the advent of the power transistor. Get specific technical and pricing information on those IERC heat dissipators most applicable to your needs. Write on your company letterhead for Technical Bulletin 149 for more detailed information on the PA and PB series and Technical Bulletin 151 for the LB series. Technical Bulletin 134 and Test Report 172A detail the UP series; Technical Bulletin 139 and Test Report 198 cover the HP series; and for the LP series, ask for Technical Bulletin 135 and Test Report 182. You'll be surprised how substantially these advanced new heat sinks will contribute to the efficiency of your design and your equipment.

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IC design makes stable ramp generator/sawtooth VCO

This ramp generator consists of resistor $R$ and capacitor $C$ with associated circuitry to provide constant charging current. The principal advantage over a regular integrator circuit is that the necessary capacitor is referenced to ground, which simplifies the retrace circuit. This design has the inherent stability and precision afforded by op amps.

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The ramp generator (left) can be converted to a sawtooth VCO by addition of comparators and a flip-flop (right). Ground-referenced timing capacitor C simplifies the retrace circuitry.

swing for the particular IC op amp used. Part of the ramp output e is summed with the input control voltage E in the noninverting amplifier, A1, which also has a gain of 2. Thus, if the output of A1 equals \((E/2) + (e/2)\), and the input to A2 is \(e/2\), the voltage across R must be \(E/2\), which is constant. This insures a constant current flow into capacitor C, which produces a linear ramp with a slope proportional to E. T is the time needed to go from level \(e_1\) to \(e_2\) and equals \((RC) (e_1 - e_2) / (E/2)\). The zero-adjust pot is set to keep \(e=0\) for \(E=0\). This linearity pot is set to make the voltage across R constant. Retrace transistor Q1 should be a high-quality switching transistor with low \(I_{on}\).

The ramp generator was first built for an application where speed was more important than precision, and the circuit values indicated were selected to provide a slope variation from 0.075 to 3 V/µs for an input range of 0.1 to 4 V. However, the desired 40:1 ratio by no means represents a performance limit.

By adding comparators B1 and B2 and flip-flop F1/F2, the circuit can be converted to a precision voltage-controlled sawtooth oscillator, as indicated by the dashed lines in the figure. Sawtooth frequency \(f = 1/(T+t)\), which approximates \((1/T)(1-t/T)\). The retrace time, t, should be small, and proportional to T if possible. (For example, the Q base current can be roughly proportional to E.) For a simple version, B1, B2, F1, F2 and Q can be replaced by a single unijunction transistor or four-layer-diode.

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### Nomographs determine multiwire cable diameter

Here's how to determine the right size grommet hole or cable tubing for large numbers of wires. Figure 1 is for small wire, and Fig. 2 applies to large wire. For values that overlap both nomographs, the small-wire nomograph is more accurate.

The empirical equation relating cable diameter, D, wire size, d; and the number of wires, N, is

\[ D = d \left[ 0.94 + \sqrt{(N - 3.7)/0.907} \right] \]

The \(D^2\) scale shown in each figure is used when there is more than one size of wire involved. The total cable diameter having multisize wire is

\[ D_{total} = \sqrt{\sum (D_1^2 + D_2^2 + D_3^2 \cdots + D_n^2)} \]

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Example using Fig. 1: Find the minimum cable diameter for sixty-five 0.076-inch-diameter wires.

The cable diameter is found by using a straight edge. Locate 65 wires on the N scale and 0.076 inches on the d scale. Draw a straight line through these points intersecting on the D scale. This junction determines the cable diameter of 0.696 inches, or, for practical purposes, 0.70 inches.

Example for multisize wire: Find the minimum cable diameter containing sixty-five 0.076-inch wires, fifty 0.050-inch wires and one-hundred 0.100-inch wires.

Determine D for each group of wire sizes, using the procedure shown in the first example. Draw a short line perpendicular to the D scale for each value of D over the D^2 scale. Locate the first two groups of wires in Fig. 1 and the third group in Fig. 2.

\[ D_{total} = \sqrt{0.49 + 0.16 + 1.50} \approx 1.5 \text{ inches} \]

which is the desired minimum cable diameter.

2. Use this table for large wire. Where overlap occurs with Fig. 1, better accuracy is obtained from the small-wire nomograph.

Bibliography:

"Cable, Cord and Electric Wire, Electric, Packaging and Packing of," MIL-C-12000.
"Wire and Cable, Hookup, Electrical Insulated," MIL-W-76.

Louis F. Caso, Jericho Plant, PRD Electronics, Inc., Jericho, L. I., N. Y.

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**good temperature stability.**

\(R_1, C_1; R_2, C_2\) form a frequency-compensated voltage divider network, while \(D_1\) provides a stable dc reference voltage. Whenever the input level is such that the voltage across \(R_2, C_2\) is greater than the sum of breakover voltage \(V_{D2,b}\) of \(Q_1\) and the zener voltage \(V_{Dz}\), the four-layer diode \(D_2\) breaks over and \(Q_1\) conducts, thereby discharging \(C_2\). This produces an output pulse at the transformer secondary.

The feedback winding \(N_r\), with the polarity shown, will increase the base drive to \(Q_1\). This allows \(C_2\) to discharge through \(Q_1\) to a lower voltage than that across \(D_1\). As the feedback voltage across \(N_r\) decreases, a point is reached when \(Q_1\) turns off. The current through \(D_2\) will then decrease below the holding level, turning \(D_2\) off.

This process is repeated, and as long as the input voltage remains above the preset value, a pulse train is generated at the output. The repetition period \(T\) can be approximately expressed as

\[
T = \left[ \frac{R_2 R_1 (C_2 + C_1)}{R_2 + R_1} \right] \ln \left[ \frac{E_1 R_2}{E_1 R_2 - (V_{D1} + V_{D2} + V_{b}) (R_1 + R_2)} \right]
\]

where \(E_1\) = input voltage.

The trip level, \(E_2\), can be set by varying \(R_1\) and \(/\)or \(C_2\) so that the product \((R_1)(C_2)\) remains constant. \(E_2\) can be expressed as

\[
E_2 = \frac{(V_{D1} + V_{D2} + V_{b}) (R_1 + R_2)}{R_1}
\]

When trip level \(E_2 = 840\) V, input voltage \(E_1 = 1000\) V (applied at 840 V \(\mu\)s) and the operating temperature is 25°C, the results obtained are:

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- Accuracy: (Code) at 25°C ±0.025% ±0.05% ±0.1% ±0.025% ±0.05% ±0.1%
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Product Source Directory

Word Generators

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The following abbreviations apply to all instruments listed: ina—information not available; n/a—not applicable; req—request.

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- a. Variable delay width. Output voltage variable 0 to +7V, 0 to -7V simultaneously.
- b. Complete line of pulse shaping equipment for TTL, ECL, and MOS is available.
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- n. Includes C4A clock pulse generator.
- o. Includes 80mA maximum.
- p. Common word repeat.
- q. Includes 12,900
- r. Includes $5000 depending on requirement.
- s. Includes 80mA maximum.

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- a. Total message capability and alpha-numeric capability.
- b. Status Indicator, 12 individual message areas capable of being displayed individually, in section, or all simultaneously.
- c. 24 message position; hexadecimal capability.
- d. Cueswitch.
- e. Letters, numerals, symbols.
- f. Time sharing capability (200,000 hour life).
- g. Anode voltage 1750 at 40 microamps.
- h. Nimbo F-10 gun crt display.

More information on the devices in the table above can be obtained from Industrial Electronic Engineers, Inc., 7720-40 Lemona Ave., Van Nuys, Calif. 91405 (213) 787-0311 or by circling 295 on Information Retrieval Card.
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**Device Notes:***

- *Impedance: ±10 / 2k*
- *Typical: ±10 / 10k*
- *Gain: ±100 / 220k*
- *Voltage: ±100 / 1kV=*
## Operational Amplifier Addendum

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INFORMATION RETRIEVAL NUMBER 57

Electronic Design 17, August 16, 1970
New Products

$1200 tape-loop memory stores 72,000 characters

Compat Corp., 177 Cantiague Rock Rd., Westbury, N.Y. Phone: (516) 822-1320. P&A: $1200 for system, $35 for magazines; 60 days.

A new random-access data storage system called Comfile provides the data access and organization styles of disks and drums at the low costs associated with magnetic tape cartridge systems. At the heart of the new system is a 30-in.-long magnetic tape loop capable of storing up to 72,000 characters of data. This stored data is accessible within an average time of 315 ms. Worst-case access time is only 900 ms.

The magnetic tape loop is completely enclosed in a magazine, which is easily inserted into the drive mechanism. A file-protect mechanism—similar to a write ring in a reel-type tape drive—guards against any inadvertent data recording.

Data is recorded on the loop at a density of 300 bits per inch. This is done serially by bit on one track at a time, as compared with conventional parallel recording in which a single character is written across all nine tracks. Serial recording reportedly provides increased data storage density, while eliminating the problems of tape skew and tape distortion.

The entire Comfile magazine and drive combination has only three moving parts for high reliability. The tape head and tape cleaners are the only parts that touch the oxide side of the tape.

Primary application areas for the new random-access data storage system include minicomputers, CRT display terminals, data acquisition and machine control. For minicomputers, the Comfile system means fast loading programs, individual data files, and the ability to store seldom-used subroutines.

The complete system is priced at $1200. Additional magazines cost $35 each.

Low-profile keyboards sell for 25¢ per key


With volume prices approaching 25¢ per key, a new line of low-profile keyboards employ conductive elastomer contacts and encoded outputs that do not require diodes or external logic circuitry. The keyboards are available with any number of keys on 3/4-in. centers; standard 12-key arrays sell for $9.50 each. The encoded output can have up to 16 bits.

Slim keyboards encode with MSI

Dataneics Corp., 2828 Spreckels Lane, Redondo Beach, Calif. Phone: (213) 542-4355. Availability: 2 wks.

Five new low-profile MSI-encoded keyboards for communications and data entry terminals incorporate unique elastic diaphragm switching. Series DC units are available with 13 or 15-in. frames, and 49 to 71 keys for dual and tri-mode operation. Their TTL/DTL-compatible MSI encoding circuitry provides up to an eight-bit (plus parity) encoded output.

ELECTRONIC DESIGN 17, August 16, 1970
Fast thick-film memories reduce storage to 1¢ per bit

Signal Galaxies, Inc., sub. of the Signal Companies, 6955 Hayvenhurst St., Van Nuys, Calif. Phone: (213) 888-1570. P&A: 0.7¢ to 1¢/bit; fall, 1970.

Dropping the cost of data storage to 0.7 to 1¢ per bit, a new line of magnetic thick-film memories features a full-cycle time as low as 100 ns. The non-destructive-read-out units, which use a novel memory technique called flux ring, also offer 100% bit redundancy and high packing densities.

Heart of the memories is a planar array of thick-film elements providing storage for 8k to 32k bits with up to 16k elements in a 4-in. square. By late fall, memories will be available for storing up to 64k bits in a single module.

The flux ring, which provides relaxed magnetic characteristics, consists of thick-film planar memory elements deposited in the center of a toroid. Because of the material used, flux from the film element finds a lower reluctance path in the ring than in the air.

This means that the lowest energy state exists when the magnetic vector of the element lines up across the diameter of the ring. A restoring torque is applied by the element's demagnetizing field proportional to the saturation density, the path reluctance, and the angle between the planar magnetic vector and the preferred direction.

Word lines enclose the element parallel to the preferred direction. The perpendicular magnetic field generated by a unipolar current can be used for readout in the rotational mode and in conjunction with a smaller digit field applied perpendicularly, for storing 0's and 1's. The conductor used for the digit field can also be used for sensing.

Writing is accomplished by rotating the magnetization of the element with the word current so that it is nearly perpendicular to the preferred direction. The application of a digit field tips the magnetization in a 1 or 0 state, depending on the digit current direction.

To read a bit, the word current is applied to the selected line. The magnetization is then rotated away from the preferred direction, and a voltage is induced in the sense (digit) line.

There are two adjacent memory elements per bit in the flux-ring memory resulting in 100% redundancy. Although the failure of one of the two elements will cause a degraded output of that element, the remaining element will still function as a storage unit.

Output voltage is independent of word current direction. In addition, complementary bit structures and plane uniformity insure self-cancellation of common-mode noise.

Rise times in the flux ring are typically less than 10 ns, and word drive currents are 450 mA.

Cassette transport can read backwards


Offering both incremental and continuous operation, the model 350A cassette tape transport has read/write capability over its entire tape speed range plus the ability to read backwards (including search). Packing densities of 5,000,000 bits per cassette are possible depending upon writing techniques and data blocking needs.

Tape recorders boost data storage

Borg-Warner Controls, 3300 S. Hallday St., Santa Ana, Calif. Phone: (714) 545-5581. P&A: $9000 to $23,000; 60 days.

Reportedly storing twelve times as much data per cubic inch of space as standard competitive models, the Acculog 2460 magnetic instrumentation recorders offer six operating speeds and 10-1/2-in. reels. The units have only nine rotating parts, eliminating belts and pinch rollers. Coaxially mounted reels allow for a take-up motor in the hub assembly.
Popular sizes and styles of beryllia heat sinks are now in stock in AlSiMag® 754, a dense 99.5% beryllia material. This material has a remarkable ability to conduct heat (approaches that of aluminum) plus excellent electrical characteristics which equal or exceed those of alumina ceramic.

"AlSiMag® Beryllia Ceramics" (bulletin 693) and other information sent on request.
**Data Processing**

**Data Display Terminal Stores 1k Characters**


A self-contained desktop data display system featuring a memory capacity of 1024 characters that can be written at any of 2048 screen locations is now available. Model 622 also offers a dual-intensity option, which permits the user to easily distinguish between entered data and format information appearing on the screen. The display screen can accommodate 32 lines of 64 characters.

**Tape Transport is Three Modules**

Anderson Jacobson, Inc. 1065 Morse Ave., Sunnyvale, Calif. Phone: (408) 734-6030.

An IBM-compatible magnetic tape transport is designed around three functional modules: a tape deck, an electronic card cage, and a power supply. Each of the modules is completely unitized and may be manufactured, tested and serviced as separate units. Model 707 has a speed range of 4 to 25 inches per second at densities of 200, 556 or 800 bits per inch.

**Desktop Calculator Simplifies Operation**


Making it unnecessary to learn a complicated machine language, a new self-contained desktop calculator, the Scientist 909, speaks the universal language of mathematics. To operate the machine, the user simply keys his mathematical expression directly on its keyboard—without the preliminaries required by other machines. The unit uses MOS LSI circuits.

**Printing Computer Accepts 128 Steps**

Eugene Dietzgen Co., 2425 N. Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill. Phone: (312) 549-3300.

Besides a printed tape output, a new desktop computer features a programming capability of 128 steps. The unit prints results with their identifying mnemonic symbols on a 3-7/16-in. paper tape at a rate of 2-1/2 lines per second. The printout shows up to 10 significant digits plus exponent. Dimensions are 15 by 16 by 6 in.
Glass memories perform at 16 MHz

Corning Glass Works, Electronic Products Div., Raleigh, N. C.
Phone: (607) 962-4444. P&A: 2.5¢/bit; stock.

Costing less than 2.5¢ per bit in quantities of 1000 or more, plug-in 4096-bit glass memory modules offer a data rate of 16 MHz and a delay time of 256 µs. Power supply conversions are not required because the compact 5.9 by 4.5 by 1-in. modules have high-speed TTL flip-flop input-output interfaces. Operating temperatures can range from 15 to 55°C.

CIRCLE NO. 350

Modular agc amplifier smooths line signals


A new automatic-gain-control amplifier is intended to maintain signal levels for the reception of Touch-Tone, voice or similar data transmitted over telephone lines. The modular plug-in unit controls input signals from -40 to +10 dBm and provides an output signal of 0 dBm ±3 dB. Frequency range is 100 Hz to 20 kHz.

CIRCLE NO. 351

Printing calculators offer 14 registers


Series 100 statistical, engineering and scientific printing calculators feature either 6 or 14 special registers — each register adds, subtracts, multiplies and divides, performing as a complete and separate calculator. These new calculators can perform simple business calculations, such as mean and standard deviation, up to complex scientific calculations. They are self-contained and incorporate the latest advances in MSI circuitry.

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Eliminating the common time-sharing problems of foreign-city and baud-rate fragmentation, a new full-contention programmable data communications controller minimizes mainframe intervention while providing maximum system utilization. Besides accepting up to 150 remote terminals, the ADS-945 is said to save system hardware, free mainframe computer ports, and increase throughput.

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**Image processor upholds resolution**

The Photomation image processing system makes on-line real-time digital image processing a practical reality by maintaining picture integrity through the various phases of processing, storage, recall, and transmission. This new system consists of the model 55 image digitizer, the model 50 image display, and a computer.

**CIRCLE NO. 355**

**Track ball control directs displays**

Able to be used with a wide variety of data display terminals, for positioning cursors, or for other control applications, a miniature track ball control called the Thumbtracker 10-756-00-01 is less than 3 in. in diameter. When the track ball is manually rotated, two shaft-encoders integrated within the unit provide two-axis control of data outputs.

**CIRCLE NO. 356**
For complex waveforms, a new dual-channel pulser—Top of HP's '8000' line

HP's Model 8010A dual-channel pulse generator is a new top-of-the-line addition to our 8000 series. It gives you the ability to produce two separate pulses—to vary them independently in all respects but rep rate—and to combine them to form complex waveforms, without loss of amplitude.

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Price of the 8010A is only $1925; other units in the HP 8000 Series of pulse generators begin as low as $470. Call your local HP field office to order. For full information on the 8010A, or on the entire 8000 Series, see pages 237-245 in your 1970 HP Catalog, or send for a free HP 8010A data sheet and brochure on all HP pulse generators. Hewlett-Packard, Palo Alto, California 94304. In Europe: 1217 Meyrin-Geneva, Switzerland.

Electronic Design 17, August 16, 1970
Read-only memory can be wire-OR'd


Organized as 512 words with eight bits per word, a new 4096-bit read-only memory has two output inhibit controls that allow it to operate as a 1024-word, four bits-per-word array. The output inhibit control also allows the use of multiple units in a wire-OR'd configuration. Model EA 3300 provides a typical access time of 1.2 µs.

CIRCLE NO. 357

Dual amplifiers compensate on-chip

Precision Monolithics Inc., 1500 Space Park Dr., Santa Clara, Calif. Phone: (408) 246-9222. P&A: $24 or $80; stock.

Two dual frequency-compensated operational amplifiers, the SSS747 and the SSS747B, provide a maximum input offset voltage of 2 mV or 3 mV, respectively, and a maximum input offset current of 5 nA. Operating temperature range is -55 to +125°C for the SSS747, and -25 to +85°C for the SSS747B. Input resistance is 2 MΩ.

CIRCLE NO. 358

LSI dual register retains 256 bits

Texas Instruments Inc., Components Group, P.O. Box 5012, Dallas, Tex. Phone: (214) 238-2011. P&A: $80; 2 to 4 wks.

Ideal for delay lines, refresh memories, and data storage in calculators and terminals, a dual 128-bit MOS LSI static shift register can store a total of 256 bits. Capable of operation from dc to 1 MHz, the model TMS3028 can be operated at very low frequencies and can be stopped if necessary. Two power supplies are needed.

CIRCLE NO. 359

Dual IC op amp does not latch-up

Amelco Semiconductor, 1300 Terra Bella Ave., Mountain View, Calif. Phone: (415) 968-9241. P&A: $27; stock.

A general-purpose monolithic dual operational amplifier can be driven without going into a latch-up state. Model 747 also offers internal compensation, short-circuit protection, large common-mode and differential voltage ranges, and offset null points. Applications include active filters, oscillators, integrators and summing amplifiers.

CIRCLE NO. 360
N-channel JFETs minimize noise

Solitron Devices, P.O. Box 1416, San Diego, Calif. Phone: (714) 239-3471. Availability: stock.

Said to be virtually noise free, three new n-channel JFETs hold maximum noise to as little as 10 nV/√Hz at 10 Hz. Types 2N5592, 2N5593, and 2N5594 also offer symmetrical construction with reversible source and drain terminals, square-law transfer characteristics and high breakdown voltages. Typical output admittance is 1 μmho and typical forward transconductance is 4500 μmho.

CIRCLE NO. 361

MOS shift registers sell for 1.5¢/bit

National Semiconductor Corp., 2900 Semiconductor Dr., Santa Clara, Calif. Phone: (408) 732-5000. Price: $3 or $5.

Two new MOS shift registers bring costs down to less than 1.5¢ per bit. The MM5016 is a TTL-compatible 512-bit shift register which sells for only $5 in quantities of 100. The MM5006 is a dual 100-bit shift register priced at $3 each in 100-unit lots. Both devices operate on +5 and -12-V power supplies, eliminating the need for external interface circuitry.

CIRCLE NO. 362

Counter/divider dissipates 5μW


A new complementary MOS counter/divider, model CD4017D, keeps its quiescent power dissipation to 5 μW typical with a supply voltage of 10 V. This MSI device consists of a decade counter and output decoder that converts a binary code to a decimal number. It is designed to operate with clock input rates of dc to 3 MHz. The housing is a 16-lead ceramic DIP.

CIRCLE NO. 363

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*CIRCLE NO. 364*

*Sarkes Tarzian Inc., 415 N. College Ave., Bloomington, Ind. Phone: (812) 332-1435.*

A new miniature variable-capacitance diode is now available for automatic-frequency-control applications at uhf frequencies to 200 MHz. Type VC-2 provides a Q of 150 at 50 MHz, and a 9-pF capacitance at -4 V and 1 MHz. Its power dissipation is 250 mW at 25°C, and peak reverse voltage is 15 V. The unit is supplied in a hermetically sealed DO-5 glass package.

*CIRCLE NO. 365*

*Advanced Micro Devices Inc., 901 Thompson Place, Sunnyvale, Calif. Phone: (408) 732-2400. Price: $3 to $5.90.*

Fully tested complex digital and linear integrated circuit dice are now available. The devices, which are provided in 100-unit carriers, are subjected to complete functional and parametric testing, and can be supplied in full-military-temperature versions. All devices are visually screened to meet the requirements of MIL STD 883.

*CIRCLE NO. 366*


A new single-package character generator with a 2-MHz (500 ns) character access time replaces conventional multi-unit devices. Model RO-1-2240 is an MTOS (metal-thick-oxide silicon) 2240-bit read-only memory that accepts ASCII-coded inputs for 5 by 7 character selection. It provides asynchronous/synchronous operation.

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Ceramic FM i-f filter retails as low as $1.20

Murata Corp. of America, 2 Westchester Plaza, Elmsford, N. Y. Phone: (914) 592-9180. Price: $1.20.

With a nominal center frequency of 10.7 ±0.35 MHz, a 3-dB bandwidth of 210 kHz and a 50-dB bandwidth of 780 kHz, the SFG-10.7MA ceramic FM i-f filter is priced as low as $1.20 in production quantities. Insertion loss is 10 dB and ripple is 1 dB. Input and output impedances are 330 Ω. Operating range is -30 to +80°C.

Alphanumeric displays use split flaps

Conrac Corp., 330 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y. Phone: (212) 687-3330.

Including single-character and wide-flap units, with up to 64 flaps per module, a new line of modules uses split flaps for alphanumeric displays. A display board can utilize an unlimited number of these modules, positioned in relationship to the information display needs. Characters can be 2-1/2 or 4-in. high and flaps are available in 4, 6, 12, 18, 24 and 30-in. widths.

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A new incandescent readout provides a 0.32-in.-high display in only 0.2 square inches of panel space. It is bright enough to be read in sunlight yet can be driven directly from IC logic. Relamping is accomplished from the front. A solid-state BCD decoder which permits lamp brightness to be varied is optional.

Tiny thumbwheel switch has hexadecimal output


Designated T20-09A, a new subminiature thumbwheel switch contains a hexadecimal coded output, its complement, and two commons. It is designed for back-of-panel mounting applications and can also be supplied for front-panel mounting. In addition to standard numerals of 0 through 9, alpha readouts of A through F are available.
Cassette-tape dc motor drives at 2 to 100 in./s

TRW Inc., Globe Industries Div., 2275 Stanley Ave., Dayton, Ohio. Phone: (513) 228-3171.

A new dual dc motor, type 69A-161, can directly drive and rewind computer tape cassettes at drive speeds from 2 to 100 in./s without intervening mechanisms. It is designed for a wide range of voltages and can be furnished with or without spindles for engaging cassette hubs. It can be used for reel take up and wind/rewind functions with a capstan drive.

CIRCLE NO. 372

Stable 1% resistor has TC of 50 ppm

Corning Glass Works, Electronic Products Dept., Corning, N. Y. Price: $2.05.

Called the NC3, a new NC-style resistor meeting MIL-R-10509F characteristic C standards has a temperature coefficient of 50 ppm and is rated at 1/10 W at 70° C or 1/20 W at 120° C. Its tolerance is 1% and its resistance range is from 49.9 Ω to 100 kΩ at 200-V rating. Length (lead-to-lead) is 0.145 in., dia is 0.062 in. and leads are 1 in. long.

CIRCLE NO. 373

Latching reed switch uses magnetic contacts

Tempress Electronic Corp., 666 Park Ave., East Orange, N. J. Phone: (201) 677-0440. P&A: 85¢; stock to 6 wks.

The Memreed is a latching reed switch whose contacts are made of hard magnetic material to maintain closure without continuous energizing of its operate coil. A control signal of 50 µs causes the switch to respond in 1 ms. Rating is 200 V dc at 0.5 A dc and contact resistance is 0.1 Ω at 1 V dc and 10 mA dc.

CIRCLE NO. 374

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COMPONENTS

Temperature sensors carry 75¢ price tags


Featuring temperature coefficients ranging from -10 to +6000 ppm/°C. Temp-Istor temperature sensing or compensating precision wire-element resistors retail from 75¢ in quantities of 100. Resistance value at 25°C is 100 Ω ±0.25% and operating temperature range is -55 to +125°C. Special-order elements can be made.

CIRCLE NO. 375

Ac-voltage capsule delays up to 300 s


Featuring solid-state construction, a new two-lead device delays ac voltages to resistive, inductive or lamp-load circuits from 0.1 to 300 s. It can deliver up to 2 A of ac current to a specific load. Recycling time is 100 ms maximum, after a timing cycle. Transients of up to 2000 V for 1.5-μs durations will not cause premature operation.

CIRCLE NO. 377

Dual-gun storage tube displays in 2 colors

Thompson-CSF Electron Tubes, Inc., 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. Phone: (212) 245-3900.

The TEI 1347 is a direct-view storage tube which allows simultaneous writing and storage of two input signals, in two colors of green and red. A dual gun used in combination with a ribbon-shaped collector and a strip-pattern screen makes this feature possible. Another feature is a complete half-tone capability for each of the two displayed colors.

CIRCLE NO. 376

Solid-state relays isolate input/output

Ebeko GmbH & Co. KG, Dr. E. Wolff, 1241 Welsh Rd., Huntingdon Valley, Pa. Phone: (215) 947-1544.

Introduced from Germany, the new ELR solid-state relays feature complete isolation between input and output circuits, high operating speeds (from microseconds to nanoseconds), and no moving contacts or parts. Isolation is obtained by a magnetoresistor (field-plate) which does not require a separate reference voltage.

CIRCLE NO. 378

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INFORMATION RETRIEVAL NUMBER 69
MOS chip capacitors span 0.5 to 220 pF

A new line of MOS capacitor chips for hybrid circuits features six case geometries of single and dual units with capacitances from 0.5 to 220 pF and working voltages from 25 to 75 V. Chip sizes range from 20 to 45 mils square and are 6 mils thick. The chips are gold backed for conventional eutectic die bonding and have aluminum pads on the surface.

CIRCLE NO. 379

Glass-bulb thermistor ignores ambients

The K365 thermistor is a combination of a heating element and a bead enclosed in a glass bulb that is unaffected by changes in ambient conditions. A temperature increase of 1°C changes its resistance from 50,000 to 15,000 Ω.

CIRCLE NO. 381

50-mil-square chips give up to 6800 pF

Ceramolithic chip capacitors are now available in a new size—50 by 50 by 40 mils. The units come with NPO or W dielectrics for capacitances from 6 to 6800 pF in 50 and 100-V sizes. Silver-end terminations are standard; gold, palladium-gold, and palladium-silver ones are also available. The chips meet all applicable requirements of MIL-C-11015 and MIL-C-39014.

CIRCLE NO. 380

Fenwal Electronics Inc., 63 Fountain St., Framingham, Mass. Phone: (617) 872-8851.

Core Memory:

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4k x 18 or 8k x 9 core memory systems at 2 microseconds full cycle. 100 quantity price: $1,475 ea.
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Disc capacitors accept 10 kV dc

Tiny trimmer capacitor gives up to 2 pF

DIP-cased capacitors span 0.001 to 0.047 µF

Centralab, 5757 N. Green Bay Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. Phone: (414) 228-2769. P&A: from 21¢; 5 to 7 wks.

Reducing possible sources of radiation in high-voltage circuits, three new ceramic disc capacitors are available with values of 1000 pF (at 9 kV dc), 2000 pF (at 9 kV dc) and 2500 pF (at 10 kV dc). Sizes are 0.85 in. in dia and 0.375-in. thick, 1.1 in. in dia and 0.375 in. thick, and 1.3 in. in dia and 0.375-in. thick, respectively.

CIRCLE NO. 382


Using a ceramic dielectric, a new miniature trimmer capacitor ranges in capacitance values up to 2 pF, while measuring only half as long as former trimmers of its type. The 7200 series trimmer capacitor has a 10:1 tuning ratio and ranges down to 0.1 pF of capacitance. It is constructed of gold-plated brass and uses high-K glass and alumina ceramics.

CIRCLE NO. 383

S&EI Mfg., 18800 Parthenia St., Northridge, Calif. Phone. (213) 349-4111.

Constructed of metalized mylar or polycarbonate dielectrics, new multiple capacitors are available in 14-pin dual-in-line cases with values from 0.001 through 0.047 µF and with a tolerance to ±1%. Operating temperatures are −55 to +105°C. Special designs are also available. Applications include integrated circuits where stringent space requirements exist.

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COMPONENTS

Flatpack 12-bit ladder is accurate to ±125 ppm

The HX510 12-bit flatpack ladder network has total output accuracy of ±125 ppm ±1/2 the least significant bit over the temperature range of −55 to +125°C. Resistors are made of vacuum-deposited nichrome thin film and conductors are gold thin film. Case size is 3/8 by 5/8 in. Total power dissipation is 200 mW and maximum input voltage is 20 V dc.

CIRCLE NO. 385

Temperature stabilizer regulates in 1 minute

Texas Instruments, Inc., Control Products Div., Attleboro, Mass. Phone: (617) 222-2800.
A new solid-state self-regulating TO-5-cased device operates without thermostatic controls to self-stabilize both itself and contained components at 65°C in less than 1 minute. It draws under 1 W of power in its steady state at room temperature and operates over ambient temperatures from −55 to +15°C below its control temperature. Operating voltage is 24 V ac or dc.

CIRCLE NO. 387

Transformer 16-pin DIPs decrease leakages

A new series of modules, each consisting of four transformers in a 16-lead DIP case, features transformers with primary-to-secondary leakage inductance and capacitance of 0.35 µH and of 6 pF, respectively. Inductance values from 20 to 500 µH and turns ratios of 1:1 and 2:1 are available. Peak pulse voltage rating is 50 V and insulation resistance is 10,000 MΩ.

CIRCLE NO. 386

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Readouts, Inc., 215 15 St., Del Mar, Calif. Phone: (714) 755-2641. P&A: $7 per decade; stock.
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INFORMATION RETRIEVAL NUMBER 72
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10-bit d/a converter settles within 40 ns


Permitting update rates as high as 10 MHz, the model MDA-10F digital-to-analog converter settles to one least-significant bit in 60 ns maximum and settles in 40 ns to one-half the least-significant bit. The new 10-bit converter has its own built-in reference source, ladder network, and current switches. It operates from ±15 V.

CIRCLE NO. 389

Economy supplies deliver 150 W

ACDC Electronics Inc., Oceanside Industrial Center, Oceanside, Calif. Phone: (714) 757-1880. P&A: $51 to $110; stock.

A new series of OEM low-voltage regulated power supplies provide a wide range of voltage and power requirements for only $51 to $110 in production quantities. These supplies are available in three case sizes with voltages from 4 to 32 V and power levels ranging from 30 to 150 W. Features include 0.1% regulation and 2-mV ripple.

CIRCLE NO. 390

Wideband op amp slews 1000 V/µs


Featuring a FET differential input, a new operational amplifier has a 100-MHz small-signal bandwidth and a large-signal slew rate of 1000 V/µs. Because of its differential input, model 3400B can be used as a non-inverting buffer amplifier. Maximum bias current is 100 pA, and minimum open-loop gain is 80 dB.

Booth No. 1135 Circle No. 257

High-speed amplifier delivers 10 V at 0.5 A

Optical Electronics Inc., P.O. Box 11140, Tucson, Ariz. Phone: (602) 624-8388. P&A: $98; stock.

In addition to supplying an output of ±10 V at 0.5 A, the model 9695 operational amplifier offers a slewing rate of 100 V/µs and a closed-loop bandwidth of 10 MHz. The unit has a maximum bias current of 100 nA and a maximum input offset voltage drift of 10 µV/°C. Minimum open-loop gain is 80 dB, gain-bandwidth product is 20 MHz, and maximum full-output frequency is 1.5 MHz.

CIRCLE NO. 391
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INFORMATION RETRIEVAL NUMBER 76

MODULES & SUBASSEMBLIES

Stable amplifier suits transducers

Kulite Semiconductor Products, Inc., 1039 Hoyt Ave., Ridgefield, N. J. Phone: (201) 945-3000.

Developed specifically for transducer applications, a new operational amplifier has a frequency response of 100 kHz and a common-mode rejection ratio of 90 dB. The gain of the device is normally set at 50, but can be externally adjusted. Model KH-101 provides an input impedance of 20 kΩ and an input drift of 10 μV/°C. Linearity is 0.1%.

CIRCLE NO. 392

Data noise filter covers 2.5-MHz band


Designed to eliminate sources of system noise in data transmission applications, a new hybrid digital interface circuit operates at data rates from dc to 2.5 MHz. Since the FTI-2001 data filter derives its power from the input signal, it requires no external dc power connections. Transformer coupling eliminates ground-loop currents.

CIRCLE NO. 393

210 ELECTRONIC DESIGN 17, August 16, 1970
Modular phase shifter puts out square wave


Designed to operate from 10 Hz to 100 kHz with a sinusoidal input, a new phase-shifter provides 0 to 360-degree phase control in four 90-degree segments. Model 102 also features a constant-amplitude square-wave output, and easy selection of operating frequency. The unit is a 1.5 by 1.5-in. encapsulated module with standard pin spacings.

CIRCLE NO. 394

Display package takes BCD inputs


A seven-segment display (model MS-4000B) and a mating plug-in BCD-input decoder/driver (model DDM-703) are now available. The readout uses standard T-1 incandescent lamps rated at 5 V and 60 mA. The decoder/driver plug-in module provides an 80-mA output, and includes an intensity control and a lamp test input.

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Analog Devices, Inc., 221 Fifth St., Cambridge, Mass. Phone: (617) 492-6000. P&A: $37 or $47; stock.

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**Wideband op amp slews 1000 V/μs**


Designated as model WB-23, a new operational amplifier has a unity-gain bandwidth product of 150 MHz, a full-power output of 12 MHz, and a slew rate of 1000 V/μs. The unit also offers a settling time of 250 ns to 0.1%, and an output of ±10 V at 50 mA. Its voltage stability is 10 μV/°C, and current stability is 0.3 nA/°C.
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Inserting tool for ICs simplifies IC handling


EI-419 is a new inserting and extracting tool specially designed for PC boards, connector assemblies, and flatpack ICs. Its unique design greatly eases handling in production lines, installation and service. It is precision-made of a special alloy that is fully nickel-chrome plated. Overall length is 6-1/2-in.

Vacuum desolder pump is worked with one hand


Constructed of sturdy lightweight aluminum, the new T-2 vacuum desolder pump can be loaded and discharged with only one hand. It measures 7-in. long and consists of three parts. Tips are made of Teflon and are easily replaceable. The pump's design eliminates wasted motion and the danger of a rapidly ascending plunger.

Low-cost vacuum pump costs a mere $12


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Providing an alternate choice to multi-layer printed circuit boards, Mini/Bus planar busses are now available as free evaluation samples. Typically, a Mini/Bus structure consists of planar conductors separated by a dielectric medium. In most cases, there are two planar conductors—one for power and the other for ground return.

Actually, the conductors and dielectric create a large capacitive power distribution system. This structure is then laminated on both sides with layers of insulation.

Each conductor layer has the required number of tabs for interconnection of PC-board components. The tabs are simply inserted into holes in the PC board.

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Depending on the type and thickness of the dielectric medium used, Mini/Bus distributed capacitance can be as high as 850 pF per square inch. This distributed capacitance at each component power and ground terminal is said to be more effective than discrete de-coupling capacitors.

In addition, noise pick-up from adjacent conductors is minimized, and some shielding from radiated ambient noise can be realized. The large surface area and thermal mass of Mini/Bus structures also protect circuitry by acting as heat sinks. Rogers Corp.

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Low-loss dielectrics

Twenty-one low-loss dielectric materials are described in a four-page folder. The folder contains a property table as well as application notes and illustrations. Properties listed include viscosities, colors, service temperatures, specific gravities, thermal expansions, thermal conductivities, dielectric strengths, volume resistivities, dielectric constants and loss tangents. Emerson & Cuming, Inc.

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Alloys

Users of electrical, magnetic and electronic metals may avail themselves of a handy pocket reference card describing most-widely used metal alloys. Chemical and physical properties such as typical coefficients of thermal expansions are shown for glass sealing, low and high-expansion, magnetic and electrical and constant-modulus alloys. Cyclops Corp.

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Heat-shrink chart

A 15-by-22-in. reference chart for heat-shrinkable insulation materials extensively cross-references electrical, physical, chemical and other important properties of currently available materials. Materials are listed by both chemical and trade names. The relative cost for each material is given, in addition to military, NASA, SAE, UL and ASTM specifications. Electronized Chemicals Corp.

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Medical instruments, integrated circuit testers, strain-gage transducers, PC racks and guides.
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1969: net sales, $5,164,141; net income, $114,000.
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MOS ICs, CATV, defense electronics, disc memories, printers, keyboards, lamps and capacitors.
1969: sales and services, $248,006,683; net income, $10,313,391.
1970: sales and services, $258,132,701; net income, $4,517,130.
CIRCLE NO. 432

Hazeltine Corp., Little Neck, N. Y.
Electronics for ASW, ECM and air traffic control, film analyzers, video and keyboard displays, radar systems.
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Technical ceramics for the electrical, electronic, mechanical and chemical industries.
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Raytheon Co., Lexington, Mass.
Computers, radar, missiles, air traffic control, lasers, communications, chemicals.
1968: net sales, $1,192,366,000; net income, $30,444,000.
1969: net sales, $1,285,134,000; net income, $35,232,000.
CIRCLE NO. 435

Riker-Maxson Corp., 280 Park Ave., New York, N. Y.
Resistors, antenna systems, switches, interactive terminals.
1969: net sales, $111,827,236; net income, $4,481,900.
CIRCLE NO. 436

Signal Analysis Industries Corp., 595 Old Willets Path, Hauppauge, N. Y.
Spectrum, correlation and probability analyzers.
1968: net sales, $384,113; net income, $14,640.
CIRCLE NO. 437

Tenney Engineering, Inc., 1090 Springfield Rd., Union, N. J.
Environmental ovens, space simulators, bio-medical, power conversion and control instruments.
1968: net sales, $7,666,717; net earnings, $222,612.
1969: net sales, $7,031,198; net earning, $42,555.
CIRCLE NO. 438

Unitrode Corp., 580 Pleasant St., Watertown, Mass.
Zener, rectifier, signal and power diodes, transistors, power-supply packages.
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UL-approved materials
How to choose materials for Underwriters' Laboratories applications is shown in a 12-page booklet. It describes what Underwriters' Laboratories' materials temperature ratings mean, and outlines why Underwriters' Laboratories' approval of materials is important. It also shows how temperature ratings are determined and illustrates flammability testing procedures. Fiberfill Div., Dart Industries Inc.

Programming languages
Entitled "Programming Languages," a 442-page softcover book contains descriptions of the major programming languages available for the PDP-8 family of small computers. Languages such as FOCAL, BASIC, and 8K FORTRAN are described. Digital Equipment Corp.
Ceramic capacitors
A 76-page handbook on ceramic capacitors features standard capacitor product information, a guide to the use of ceramic capacitors, and capacitor manufacturing and quality-assurance information. It discusses in detail the various operations required to produce a capacitor. Gulton Industries, Inc.

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Three technical papers describe three new capacitors; one in production and two under development. The papers were presented at the 1970 Electronics Components Conference in Washington, Sprague Electric Co.

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MOS multiplexers
A MOSFET five-channel multiplex switch and an MOS eight-channel multiplex switch are described in two new data sheets. Ameleo Semiconductor.

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An interactive graphic system consisting of a graphic terminal, a graphic tablet and joystick input devices are described in a four-page brochure. Computek Inc.

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Test equipment
Professional test equipment (B & K line) for electronic servicing, school, laboratory and industrial applications is shown in a new catalog. Solid-state design is dominant in such instruments as voltmeters, rf signal generators, sine/square-wave generators and tube testers. Other instruments include sweep/marker generators, oscilloscopes/vectoroscopes, capacitor and transistor analyzers, color generators, CRT rejuvenators checkers and vacuum-tube voltmeters. Dynascan Corp.

CIRCLE NO. 451

Electrical isolation
A new newsletter that discusses the intricacies of isolated power supplies and isolation transformers compared with conventional power supplies and transformers is available. Known as Isodata, it delves into today's increasing electrical-pollution problem, and tells how power-line isolation will play a leading role in the electronic/electrical clean-up of the 1970s. Elecor, Products by Welex Electronic, a Halliburton Co.

CIRCLE NO. 454

IC handling
An eight-page catalog lists a broad assortment of digital accessories for IC handling. It provides information for in-line IC sockets, flatpack holders, high-density wire-wrap PC cards and extenders. Cambridge Thermionic Corp.

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A colorful easy-to-use 36-page catalog details solderless terminals and connectors. Six classes of terminals are illustrated with dimensions. Vaco Products Co.

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Encapsulation shells

Nearly 1300 encapsulation shells for electronic packaging are listed in a 20-page catalog. It features precision module, oblong, round and square shells with part numbers and essential dimensions. Robinson Electronics Inc.

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Teletype equipment

Answers to questions about Teletype equipment are available in a six-page foldout booklet. It lists numerous case-history brochures that describe how manufacturers, government agencies, and health and safety groups have improved their operations with Teletype equipment. Two prepaid reply cards are attached for reader use in requesting any of the listed publications. Teletype Corporation.

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Electronics marketing

"Marketing Publications for the Electronics Industry" is a new catalog for design engineers and engineering managers whose engineering efforts involve them in some aspects of marketing their products. It lists publications dealing with market research for the electronics industry. Schoonmaker Associates.

CIRCLE NO. 478

Phase measurements

A four-page application note describes an unusual and versatile approach to high-accuracy phase measurements at frequencies up to 15 MHz. Phase measurements, which were formerly cumbersome and expensive and sometimes required a computer, are made by a computing counter and its programmable keyboard. Hewlett-Packard.

CIRCLE NO. 479

MOS reliability report

A total of 1,479,000 life-test device hours with zero failures are reported in a new MOS reliability report. The total represents 115-million-bit test hours with a failure rate of 0.0008% per thousand hours at 125°C. The report describes MOS device fabrication, production processing, quality control and failure screening. National Semiconductor Corporation.

CIRCLE NO. 480

Data transmission

Describing the characteristics of series 55/75 line drivers and line receivers, an eight-page booklet shows how designers can benefit by using these integrated circuits in party-line data transmission systems. Discussed are two signal generating and detecting systems, which are coupled by a single bifilar line to make use of the party-line facility of the IC drivers and receivers. Also described is a method of transmitting a digital signal and its synchronizing pulses down a single-wire line. Texas Instruments Inc.

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Software

How engineers can profitably use APL (A Programming Language) is explained in a new folder. Specifically, the publication describes ACTION/APL, a modified version of APL computer language and illustrates its use in engineering problem solving. Available library programs are listed, and an example of program construction is given. The Computer Company.

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Instrument rental

A 22-page bulletin describes a recently announced instrument rental program. Ranging from short-term rentals (under 6 months) to annual rental contracts (for billings over $20,000 per year), the program encompasses a wide selection of rental opportunities. Also described are a lease program and a purchase option plan. Beckman Instruments, Inc.

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Breadboarding system

A new universal circuit system for test and breadboarding is fully detailed in a six-page catalog. Accessories and components for the system are included. They include vertical socket boards, input/output connectors, stacking gangplugs, and TO-5 and flatpack ICs. Robinson-Nugent Inc.

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Optoelectronic news

A new single-page monthly optoelectronic newsletter titled "Eye On" features news of the latest optoelectronic products, specifications and applications. It includes a check-off coupon system for requesting additional product literature. A glossary of optoelectronic terms is also available. Schweber Electronics.

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Wire-wrap assemblies

A comprehensive 44-page catalog provides complete details about wire-wrap plate assemblies, male headers, and edge-card connector wire-wrap plate assemblies. In addition to cross-section drawings, product dimensions and specifications, it contains extensive guidance for the design engineer. Masterite Industries.

CIRCLE NO. 486

Printed wiring boards

"Computer-Aided Production Techniques for Prototype Development" is the title of a technical paper concerned with the application of computer-aided techniques for manufacturing initial prototypes and short production runs of printed wiring boards. The paper was delivered at a seminar at the NEPCON 1970 show in New York City. Computer Art Services Co.

CIRCLE NO. 487
Integrated reed relays

Two pieces of literature describe a development and manufacturing firm and its activities in magnetic switching and switching devices, and a product line of integrated reed relays. The relays have integral provisions for the inclusion of electromagnetic coils, coil terminations, and magnetic shields.

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PC-board plating

Cu-Tronix, a new economical acid-copper electroplating process, is described in a ten-page technical bulletin. The process features favorable metal distribution along with the deposition of smooth fine-grained copper plate. Harshaw Chemical Co.

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Two reference books for the PDP-10 computer, a basic course in time-sharing and a programming guide, are available. The time-sharing handbook is a 501-page publication. The reference handbook contains 657 pages of information. Digital Equipment Corp.

CIRCLE NO. 492

Modular connectors
A comprehensive line of modular connectors is described in a 16-page catalog. Known as Snap-Wrap and Mini-Wrap, they permit the design of a solderless wrap, crimp or solder contact configuration. Amphenol Industrial Division, Bunker-Ramo Corp.

CIRCLE NO. 493

Connectors
A revised and expanded guide describes a wide range of low-cost rack-and-panel connectors. Rectangular, miniature, modular, and appliance connectors ranging in complexity from 2 to 140 contacts with current ratings of 5 to 20 A are illustrated. Elco.

CIRCLE NO. 494

Minicomputer hardware
A process input-output system, a card punch, and a line printer for the Prodac minicomputer system are described in three illustrated publications. Westinghouse Electric Corp.

CIRCLE NO. 495

Components
A 20-page distributor stock catalog provides technical and price information on a line of relays and optoelectronic components. All products are illustrated and described. Sigma Instruments.

CIRCLE NO. 496

Linear IC handbook
An 88-page pocket-size catalog describes a complete line of linear integrated circuits. It provides key information and pin diagrams for 31 products, and previews a number of special linear products that are scheduled for introduction later in 1970. Fairchild Semiconductor.

CIRCLE NO. 499

Themocouples
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Analytical services
"Analytical Services" is the title of a new book that describes extensive facilities for the analysis of materials from a wide variety of industries. Johnson Matthey Chemical Limited.

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Solid-state modules

A new means of building and expanding flexible intercommunication systems by the use of a family of solid-state modules is described in a detailed bulletin. Daven McGraw Edison.

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Microwave products

A 56-page microwave product guide lists microwave products with their key operating characteristics. Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.

CIRCLE NO. 604

Time-delay relays

Four new bulletins illustrate and describe a complete line of ac and dc subminiature and standard-size hermetically sealed time-delay relays. Styles covered include adjustable, preset and proportional reset. Listed also are specifications, dimensional details, performance ratings and specifying information. A. W. Haydon Company.

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"The Complete Modular Solution To Control System Design" is a new publication that describes a broad range of information, decision and action solid-state control modules, mechanical and electrical construction aids and devices. These products include vane-switched reeds, cadmium-sulphide photoelectric detectors, counter modules, thumbwheel switches and decision-making NOR gates. Mullard, Inc.

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TRANSCAP, a new interactive computer-aided circuit design package, is now available from Binary Systems, Inc., Plainview, N. Y. The package, TRANSient Circuit Analysis Program, provides transfer-function, ac, de and transient computation for large circuits. All popular transistor models are accommodated. Proprietary algorithms reduce running time of transfer-function calculations by an order of magnitude over comparable older methods. The package, which is claimed to have solved problems that caused other methods to fail, is fully documented and available on time-sharing networks. A batch version in FORTRAN IV for lease has a 30-day delivery.

CIRCLE NO. 609

AMCAP is a computer program that can be used to cut costs and save time in many phases of microwave engineering. The engineer can simulate the effect of faults and obtain a set of diagnostics that can be used for rapid troubleshooting. AMCAP can also generate test specifications for subassemblies. It is a product of Environmental Computing Inc., Lowell, Mass.

CIRCLE NO. 610

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CIRCLE NO. 611

An electronic sensing device, known as an indium-arsenide-phosphide photocathode, can substantially increase the performance of optical communications systems that employ space lasers and telescopes. The unit reportedly can detect infrared light with 30 times the efficiency of present photocathodes. It is available from the Electro-Optics Div., Sylvania Electric Products Inc., Mountain View, Calif.

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