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Solar cell activity quickens as many firms strive to reduce cost and improve efficiency. Solar concentrators are used to boost power output, while computers

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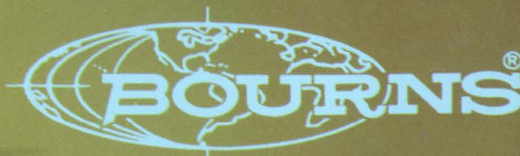
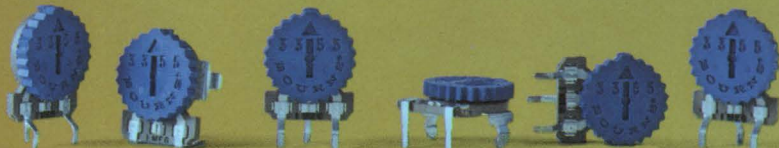
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Contact Resistance Variation	1.0% max.	No Spec	No Spec	No Spec
Power Rating	.25 W at 70°C	.25 W at 55°C	.25 W at 55°C	.25 W at 40°C
Flammability	UL-94V-1	No Spec	No Spec	UL-94
Board Wash Capability	Yes	No Spec	No Spec	No Spec

*Source: CTS Series 201 Data Sheet, Mepco Data Sheet ME1004, Piher Data Sheet F-2002 Rev 7/73



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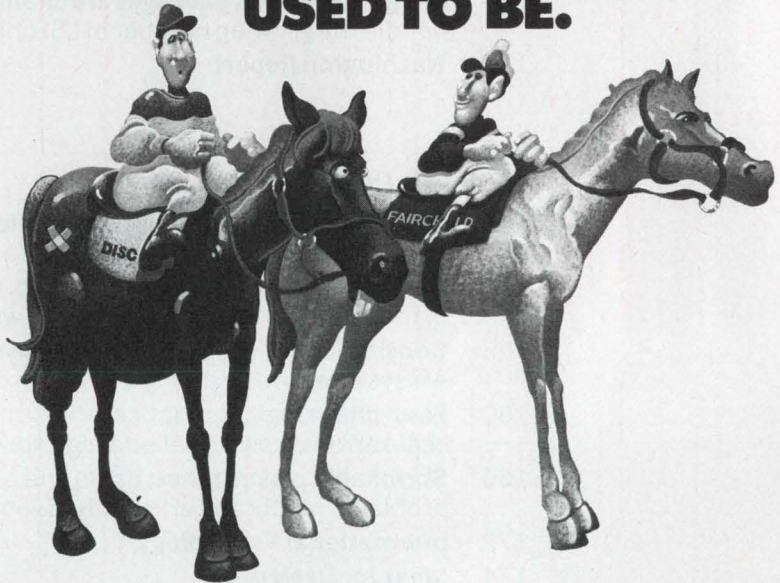
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F464-2	5	336

Speed and power dissipation for F464 family.

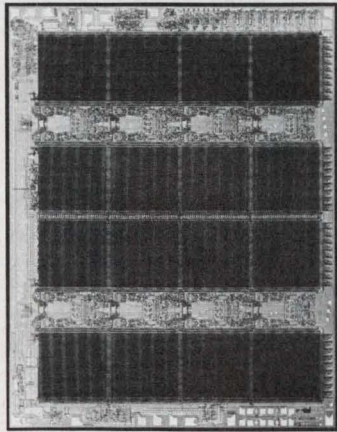
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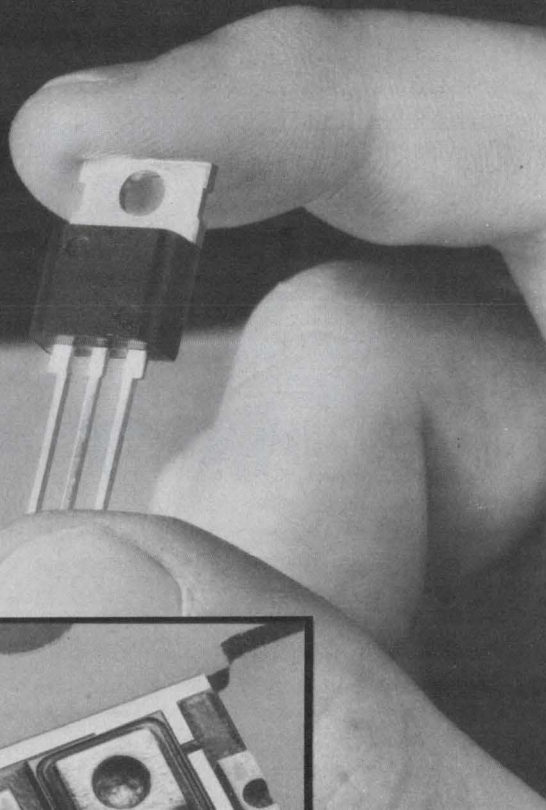
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Across the desk

More—much more— on professionals

Your editorial, "The professionals" (ED No. 15, July 19, 1977, p. 51) agreed with my personal experience. When my wife developed cancer, I learned all I could, and found that many people feel that cancer can be treated as a nutritional-deficiency disease.

Early this year, my wife learned she had a large tumor in the bladder. Shortly afterwards, about 3/4 of the tumor was removed. However, when my wife was released from the hospital, I was informed that the tumor was malignant.

After a checkup about three weeks later, my wife was given a prescription for an antibiotic and told to come back for a second operation. I asked the doctor about vitamin therapy, including laetrile. He ended up saying I could give my wife anything I wanted to as long as I had her back at the hospital for the second operation.

I learned of a doctor who specialized in nutrition. He examined my wife and prescribed a daily consumption of 3 grams of vitamin C, 50,000 units of vitamin A, 800 units of vitamin E, one high-potency vitamin-mineral supplement, 100 grams of pangamic acid and 2 grams of amygdalin (laetrile). **WARNING:** Vitamins of this potency should never be taken without a doctor's prescription. I obtained those vitamins, and my wife followed her doctor's instructions, including the antibiotic he'd prescribed, until the second operation.

The complete tumor was removed in a short operation, there were no side effects, and I was informed that a second biopsy proved that the tumor was now benign.

After this experience, I feel there is a strong link between nutrition and

cancer. Until proven unnecessary, laetrile should be allowed to be used as part of a nutritional approach to preventing and treating cancer.

Edgar W. Van Winkle
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I have generally been impressed with the thought, if not the idea, behind most of your editorials. However, that unfortunate epic included in the July 19, 1977, issue, "The professionals," insults not only my own intelligence but Mr. Rostky's.

While vitamins B₁, B₂, B₃, C, and D may well have been known to prevent and/or cure many diseases prior to general recommendation by the medical profession, laetrile is *known* to cure only terminal wealth! Tests with the former substances will cure disease in any test animal commonly used—but laetrile has yet to cause any discernible reaction beyond cyanide poisoning if used in excess. It belongs in the same category as "Dr. Monster's Super Buzz Bomb for Cancer, Arthritis, Ear Wax, and Editorial Ignorance." Neither laetrile nor anything else will cure any of those conditions.

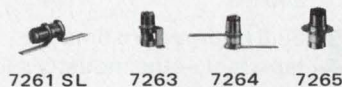
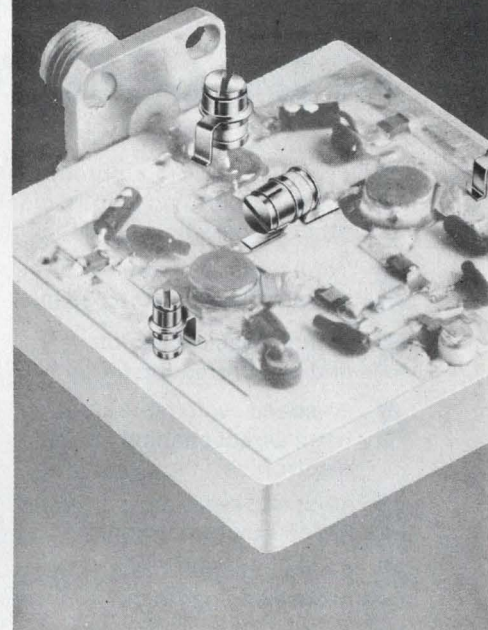
One must wonder whether Mr. Rostky would be so glib if a loved one steadfastly ignored the advice of physician to treat an operable cancer and then died—after thousands of dollars and several years of treatment with laetrile.

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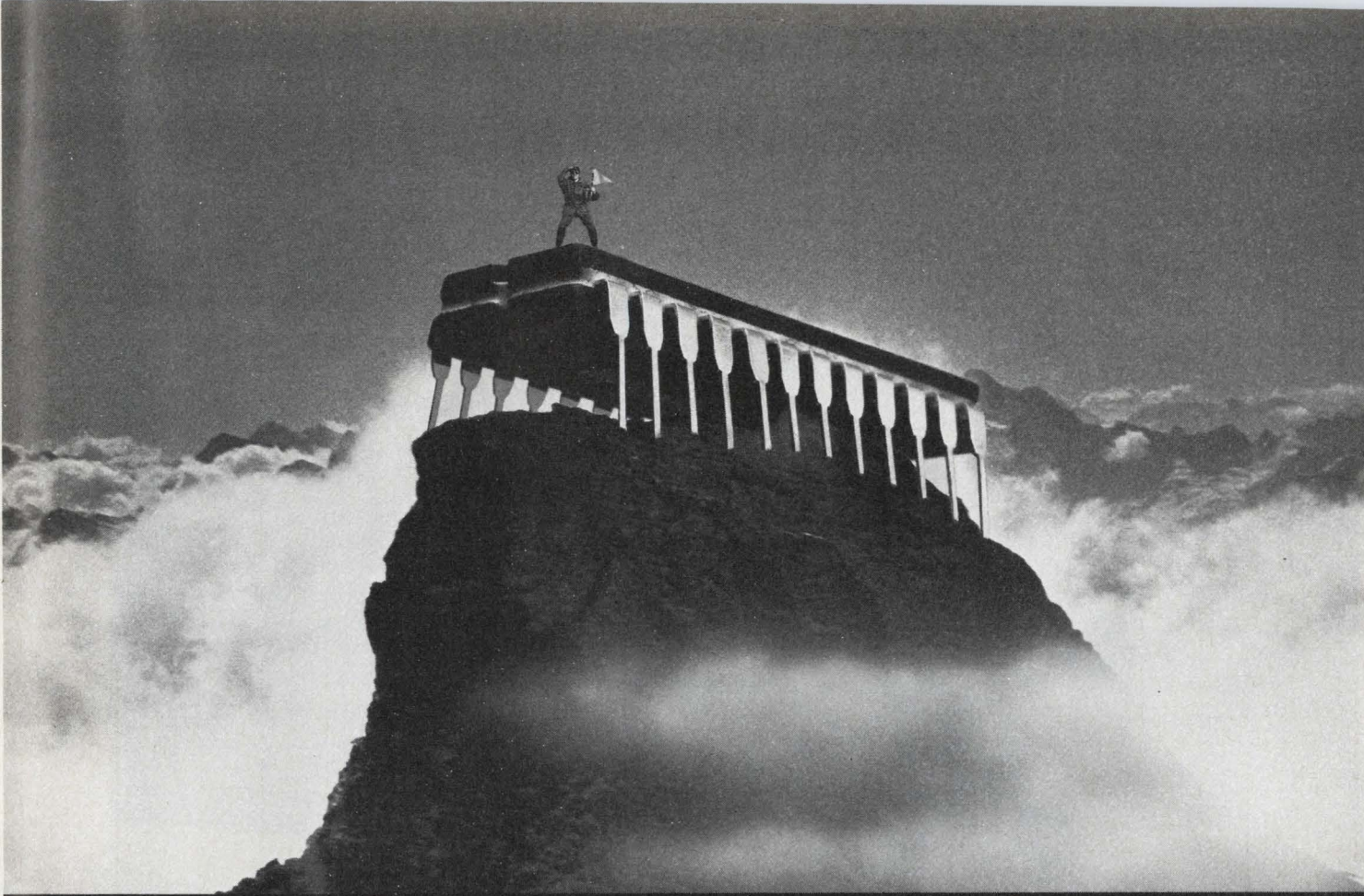
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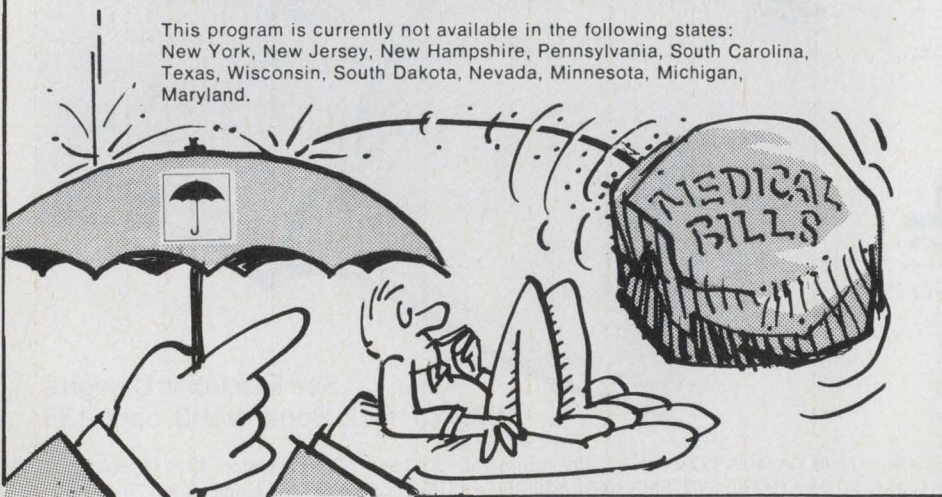
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write emotional letters, but I cannot resist joining the laetrile/professionalism fracas. I have no personal knowledge concerning the effectiveness of laetrile, but I remember when hypnosis was introduced to the public. The AMA immediately attacked the validity of the process and pressed for vigorous prosecution of the practitioners. Some years later when hypnosis was a little better understood, the AMA decided that it was real but could be practiced only by MDs.

Acupuncture has been treated in precisely the same manner. First there was no such thing—now (in California) it can be practiced only by MDs. As Linus Pauling points out in *Vitamin C and the Common Cold*, the British government knew for years that limes prevent scurvy, but found it more expedient to impress fresh sailors than to protect the health of those on board.

The official reaction to Pauling's book was immediate and predictable. The staff "doctor" of the L.A. Times said in his review that Linus Pauling was not qualified to comment on the efficacy of ascorbic acid because he wasn't even a doctor. What a classic example of the high regard that "doctors" have for themselves.

I remember when the director of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory stated in a press conference that one of the principal reasons for expediting the search for a cancer cure was to eliminate the restrictive emission standards that nuclear power plants are saddled with. He retracted the statement the next day, but the mentality is unchanged. Sickness and medicines are *very* big business in America.

I'll never have any faith in the medical establishment until it puts human values ahead of profit motives. I appreciate immensely the human values that you express in your editorials and wholeheartedly agree with your sequel editorial in the Sept. 13 issue. If the typical dyed-in-the-wool doctor is a "professional"—much less a healer—I'd rather be a ditchdigger than be lumped in the same category as such bigoted charlatans.

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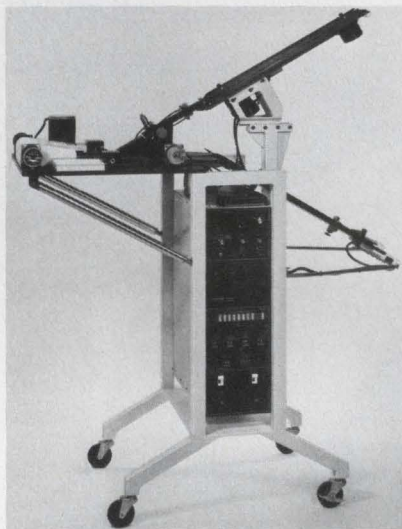
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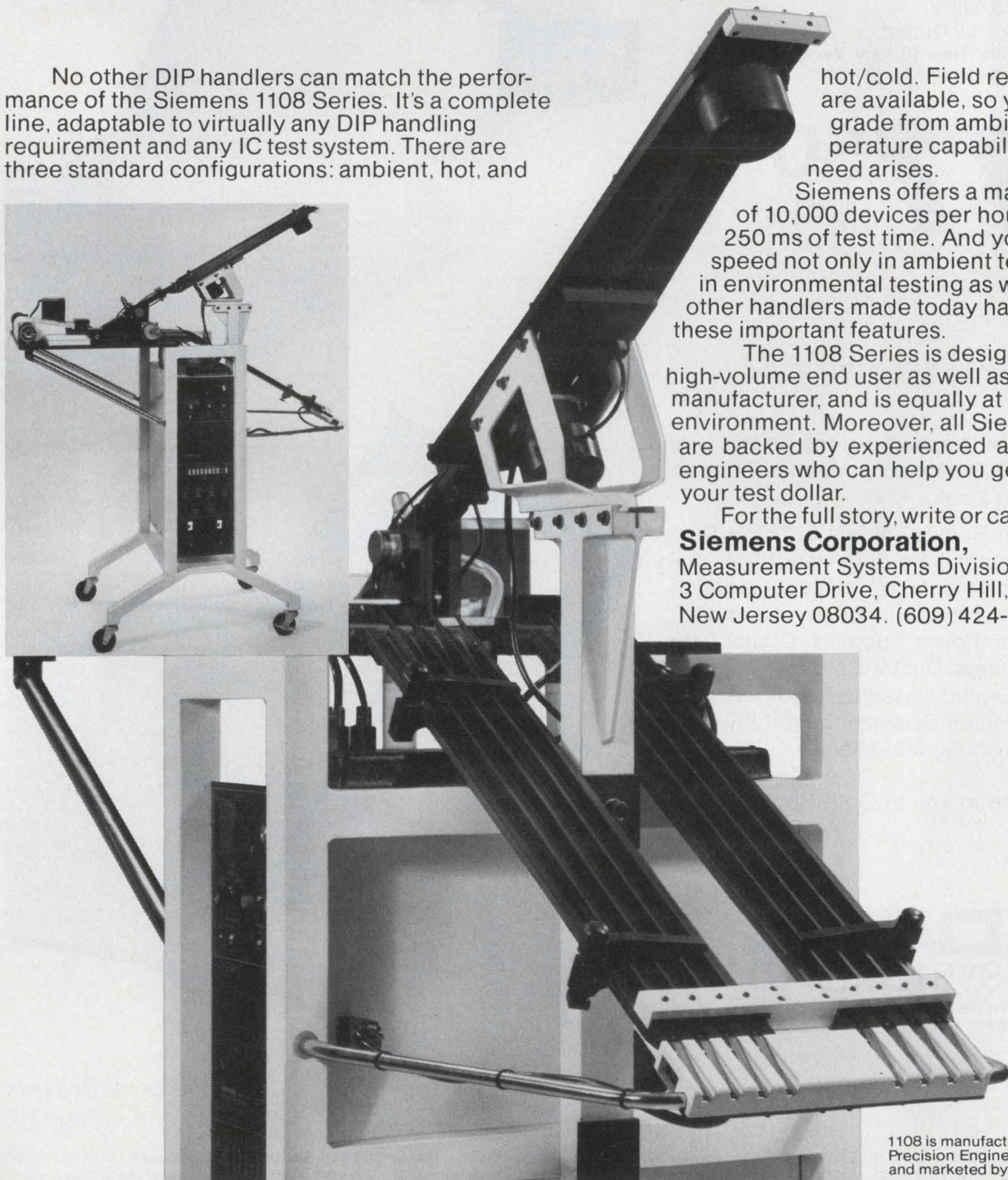


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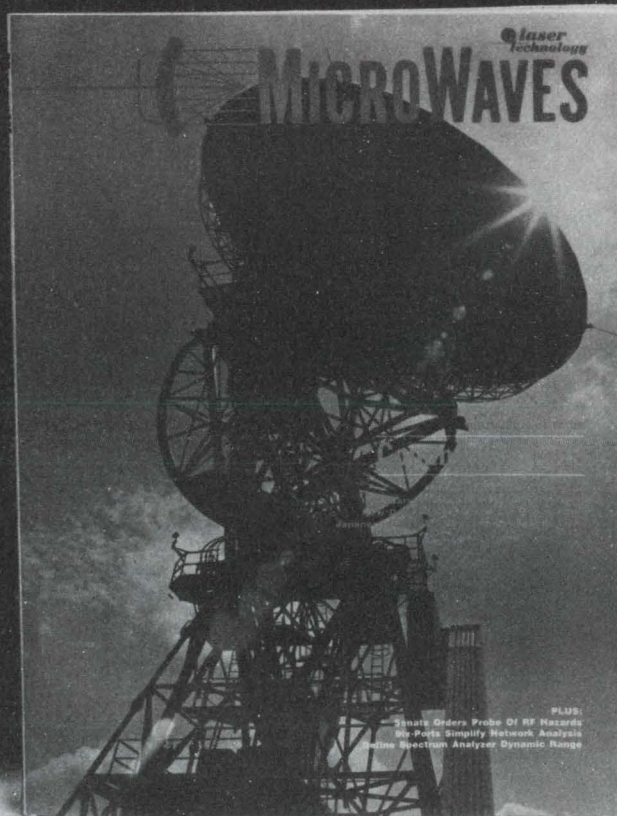


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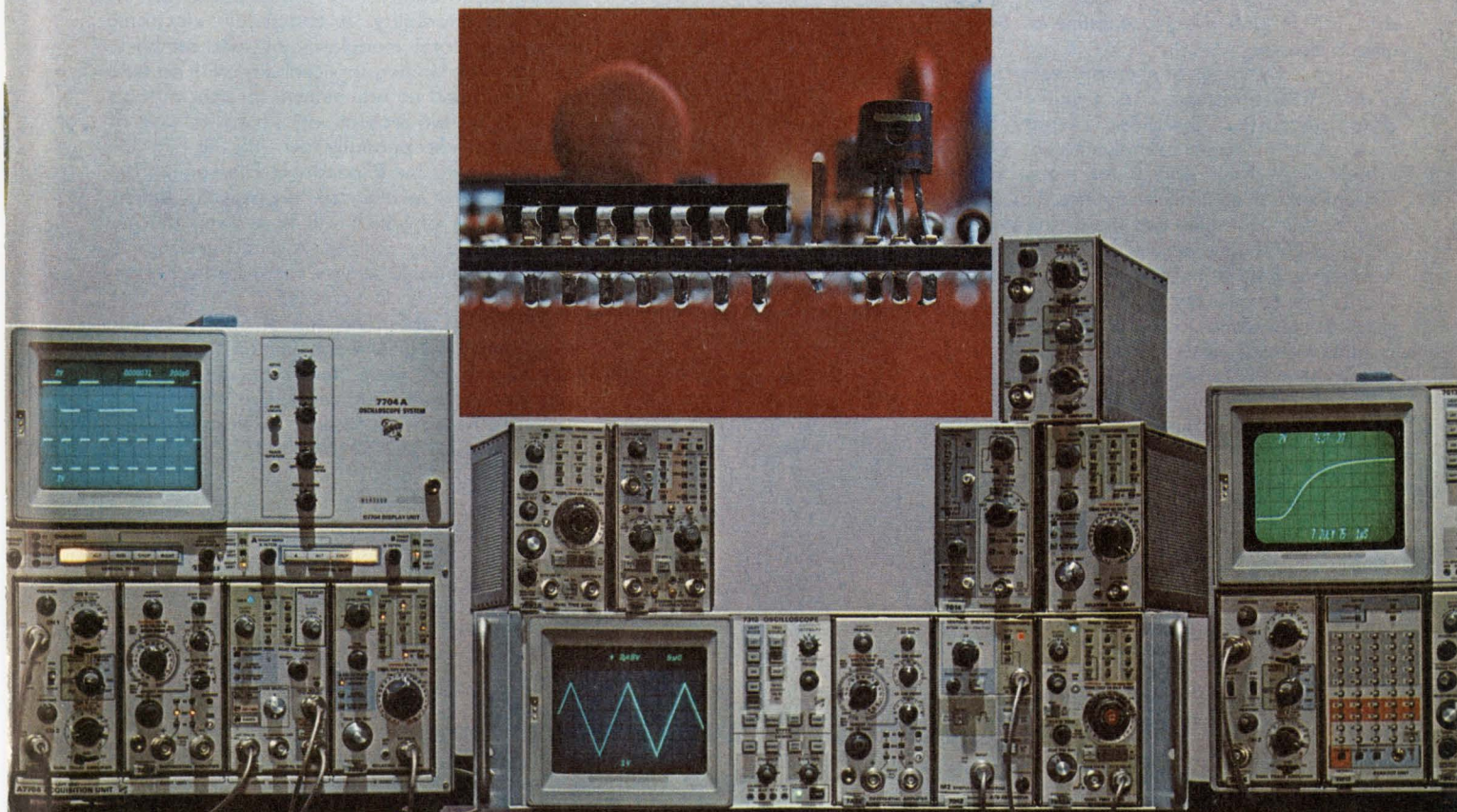
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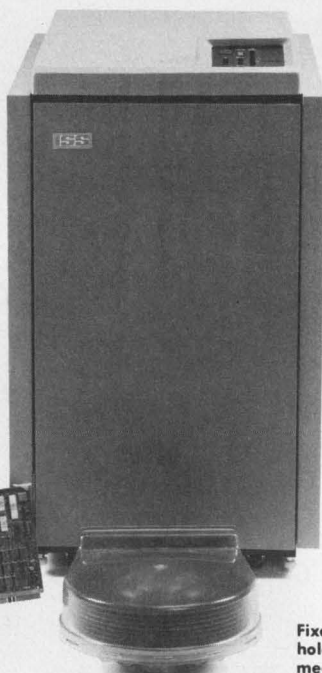
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CIRCLE NUMBER 17

Speeders beware: The cops can fake you out

The hide-and-seek played by motorists with devices that pick up police radar a couple of miles before it can identify their speeding cars is about to become "radar poker." The reason? A low-cost decoy transmitter that can be mounted alongside or away from the highway to confound a Fuzzbuster, a Super Snooper or other CB "early warning" systems with false alerts.

The Solure is the first electronic countermeasure that promises to cut down the effectiveness of such cop alerts. Developed by Transportation Safety Associates, the decoy radar operates at 10.525 MHz in the X band, just like a Fuzzbuster and police radar. To be self-sufficient, the decoy is powered by batteries recharged by a bank of solar cells, and operates up to 40 hours on a single charge.

Anticipating countermeasures,

Transportation Safety has incorporated a timer that can deactivate the system when it would be prone to vandalism—from midnight to 7:00 AM.

With a Solure set up every 10 miles or so, a speeder with a Fuzzbuster will not know which is the real radar and which is not.

"We'll be playing poker with him," says Walter W. Friel, director of traffic safety for Washington, the first state to purchase and install many of these devices. "By stationing a patrol car at random in these series, we'll further increase system effectiveness."

Meanwhile, radars are appearing that operate in the K band. The present Fuzzbusters can't detect them and improved models will probably cost twice as much. But for \$30, says Friel, the X-band decoys can be modified to play speed poker on the K band.

Ultrasonic transducer tests without contact

Usually, ultrasonic transducers for nondestructive testing have to send energy between the transducers and body being inspected, either through bonding or immersion in a liquid. A new ultrasonic transducer system generates and detects ultrasonic waves simply by being placed close to the surface under test. What's more, the transducer is not confined to examining flat surfaces. It also works in a vacuum and at high temperatures that would destroy bonds and vaporize liquids.

In the ultrasonic transducer, a dc magnetic field interacts with a radio frequency field in the surface of either a conducting object or an insulating material with a conducting coat.

The magnet-rf transducer system operates on a unique phenomenon and does not rely on piezoelectric or magnetostrictive effects. Rf electromagnetic fields are produced in the surface of the

test object by means of planar coils placed adjacent to the surface, according to Dr. Bruce W. Mayfield, who helped invent the transducer system. These coils are energized with 1 to 2- μ s bursts of rf at a repetition rate of about 100 Hz. Peak pulse power is on the order of one to a few kW.

A dc magnetic field, which may be produced either by an electromagnet or, in recent designs, by a 3.5 to 4-kilogauss samarium-cobalt permanent magnet, is oriented perpendicular to that of the electric vector of the rf field. The ultrasonic waves are generated in the surface of the material at the rf excitation frequency. The waves are produced on the atomic lattice of the metal under test by interatomic forces generated by rf eddy currents interacting with the magnetic field.

The ultrasonic waves travel through the metal and if a flaw is present acoustic energy is reflected. After an rf burst is applied to the transducer, the coils are switched to a receiver, which amplifies the reflected energy

and displays it as echoes on a scope.

The coil-magnet system generates bulk waves and typically operates at frequencies up to 0.5 MHz. But with proper transducer design there is no practical upper limit, according to Maxfield, currently at Lawrence Livermore Laboratories, Livermore, CA. Normal system bandwidth is one to one-and-a-half octaves.

For substantially higher frequencies, surface acoustic waves (SAW) can be generated, Maxfield notes. In this case, rf bursts are applied to a meander line deposited on a piece of Mylar or other insulating substrate. Once the dc magnetic field is properly oriented surface waves result.

This approach provides a noncritical and noncontact way to produce SAW waves that is simpler than conventional methods requiring edge transducers bonded to the SAW-device surface. Maxfield points out that now SAW waves can be generated in a surface too rough for a conventional SAW-transducer.

One possible way to use this improved SAW system is in the inspection of tubing and pipe now performed by eddy-current testing.

The magnet-rf system is available for license through the Research Corp., 405 Lexington Ave. in New York City, 10017.

Inverter efficiency goes up with precision Xformers

Precision transformers in a power inverter make it 50% more efficient by getting rid of power-robbing resistors. A precision input transformer to the transistor power switch guarantees a fixed voltage to each transistor, and a precision output transformer guarantees a fixed output load on each transistor. So resistors for balancing the load are unnecessary.

In a conventional inverter, which is 60 to 70% efficient, the transformers have a single or center-tapped winding connected to the transistors. Current sharing is set by resistors between the transistors.

In the power inverter from Elgar Corp., San Diego, a dc signal is chopped and the resulting ac waveform is fed to a transformer with multiple output windings. Each winding feeds one of many transistors in parallel, a configuration chosen to share the inverter's current load and increase power-output. The transistor outputs are fed

into another transformer, which has multiple input windings. This transformer raises the voltage to the desired level, while isolating the transistor circuitry from the load.

Without resistors, efficiency climbs to 90%, according to John Waterman, Elgar marketing vice-president.

This efficient inverter circuitry is used in a series of Elgar power inverters designed for harsh environments. But in a commercial package the Elgar inverters will cost about the same as older designs, says Waterman.

CIRCLE NO. 318

Fiber-optic connector cuts interface losses

Connecting the ends of individual fiber-optic strands instead of bundles cuts the interface losses of a fiber-optic connector from a typical 3 dB to 1 dB or less.

Both electrical and optical lines are housed in this connector, which has been developed by Hughes Aircraft's Connecting Devices Div. for airborne applications.

Dead space between round fibers in a bundle prevents optical conductors from being precisely aligned. Losses usually hover around 3 dB. That is, fully half the light is lost in passing through an optical interface between bundles. Previous loss-reduction techniques have included arranging the bundle in geometric shapes, but the actual fiber-to-fiber alignment was left pretty much to chance.

A single optical fiber is all that's necessary to transmit data from one place to another, and by eliminating all redundant fibers Hughes has developed an optical interconnect scheme that reduces the interface loss to 1 dB or less.

"Axial alignment is the most crucial consideration in an optical connector," explains Jim Wittmann, Military Products Manager for the Hughes division in Irvine, CA. "A coaxial misalignment of a mere 500 micrometers will create an optical loss approaching 1 dB." Angular misalignment and a nonoptimum gap between the two ends add to the interface loss—a .005 in. gap causes a 2-dB loss. But if two ends actually meet, shock and vibration will destroy the smooth glass faces. The ideal gap, according to Wittmann, is .001 in., which causes a minimum loss of 0.5 dB.

It is possible to reduce the alignment losses to zero. So far, Hughes has

demonstrated an over-all loss as low as that by crimping soft bushings over the ends of glass fibers. Machined bushings provide mechanical stability so the fibers can be securely mounted in a two-section alignment tube, one section on either side of the interfacial gap. The gap is controlled by a 1-mil-thick washer. Mechanical springs bias the bushings together against the washer, so the assembly stands up to shock and vibration.

Three moisture-proof seals of elastic silicone keep atmospheric contaminants out of an interface, which is recessed 1/4 in. inside the connector body.

The new optical connector is designed to support a multiterminal data bus for carrying avionics control signals in weight-critical military aircraft. It meets MIL-C-85028 in lieu of a MIL Spec on airborne optical connectors, according to Wittmann. The units go for \$2 to \$3 per mated line.

CIRCLE NO. 319

Brain cells monitored by tiny FM transmitter

A miniature FM transmitter may help shed light on the workings of that most complex and mysterious of all organs, the brain. A 16-by-16-mm cylinder attached to a tiny electrode, has been inserted into a laboratory animal's brain to monitor the electrical signals of a single cell. The animal can go about its business, unimpeded by the long and cumbersome wires that were necessary in past studies.

The transmitter was developed by David Pettijohn, a research associate and electronics specialist in the Dept. Psychology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in collaboration with Dr. Howard Eichenbaum, a postdoctoral fellow and Anne Deluca, a research associate.

This brain-cell instrument, according to Pettijohn, may revolutionize the rapidly expanding field of psychology, which records and studies the firings of single brain cells in response to specific stimuli. The long-range goal, he notes, is to better understand how information flows within the brain.

Individual brain cells range from 10 to 50 microns, and recording from them requires a tiny high-impedance electrode flexible enough to move "as the brain sloshes around."

The electrode is composed of a bundle of platinum-iridium wires, each 25 microns in diameter. To be stiff enough

to penetrate the brain, the bundle is encased in a shaft of dextrose, which provides temporary support until it dissolves in the brain. The individual wires then can spread out and move with the brain fluid.

Weighing only four grams, the transmitter is manufactured by Midguard Electronics, Newton, MA, under license to MIT. The unit contains a FET and four other transistors to amplify and broadcast the signal from the electrode. The FET provides high impedance at the transmitter input and drives a high-power-gain Darlington amplifier whose output in turn provides the signal to the output oscillator.

Powered by a standard 1.5-V hearing-aid battery, the transmitter has a broadcast range of 10 meters (about 30 feet). Bandwidth is 1.5 to 12 kHz and is pretuned during assembly to a broadcast frequency specified by the user.

Currently, single cells can be recorded from several days to two weeks. About 30 of the transmitters have been manufactured to date and are being tested in many laboratories.

In addition to animal studies, the transmitter may prove useful for recording electroencephalographic data for studying epilepsy, exercise physiology and neurological diseases.

μ p-controller pen gauges signatures

A piezoelectric sensor pen and tablet can, under microprocessor control, analyze signatures by measuring not only the pressure exerted by the pen on paper, but also the pen's accelerations. Developed at Sandia Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM, the pen was described at the International Electron Devices Meeting in Washington, DC, earlier this month.

The pen has a central, slightly flexible shaft that supports two long, thin sensors mounted 90° apart. The shaft is mounted within a rigid tube; one end is fixed to the tube and the other has a ballpoint-pen tip. When the pen is in use, the shaft can flex, and the accelerations of the pen can be measured in x and y coordinates. A sensor platen detects the third axis of information—pen pressure.

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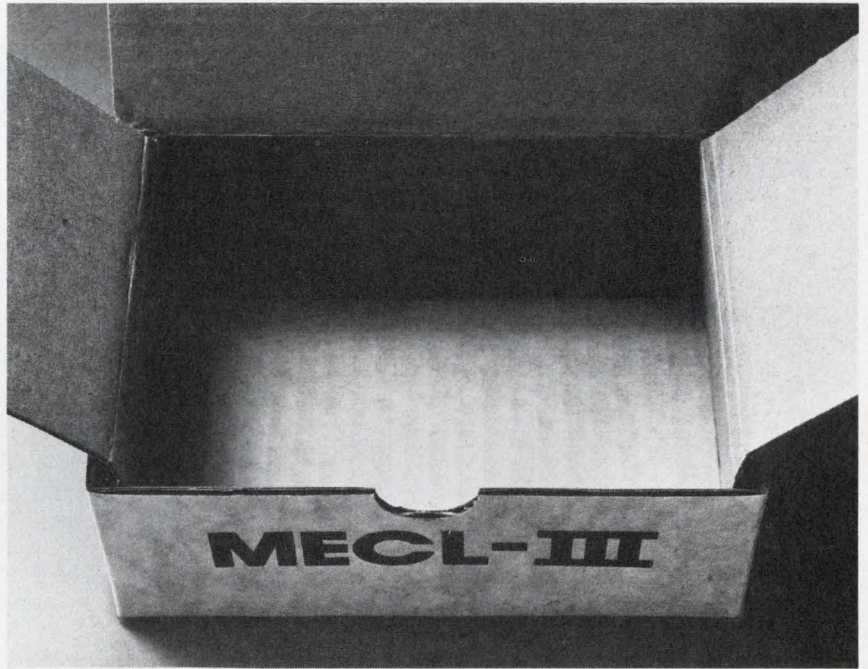
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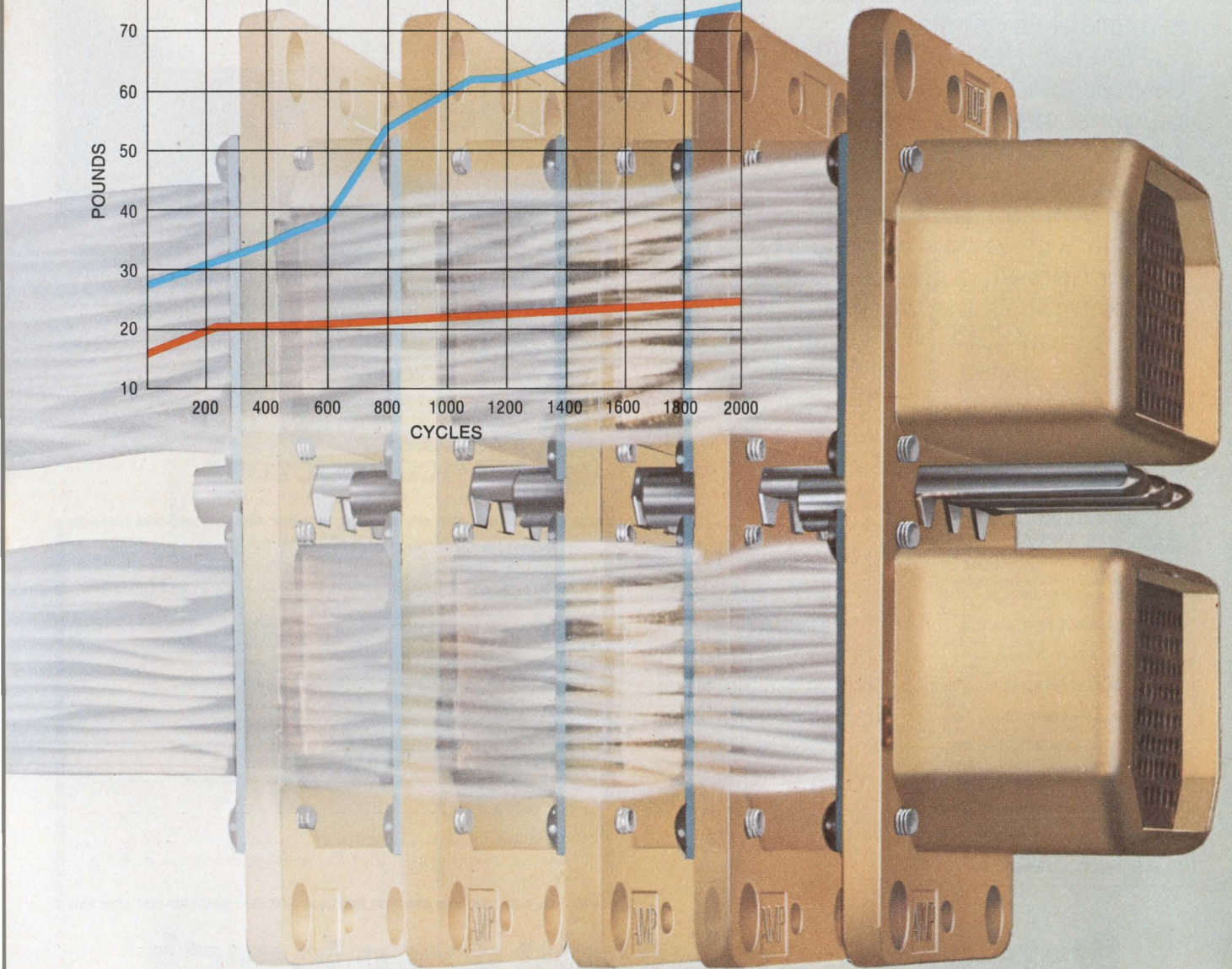
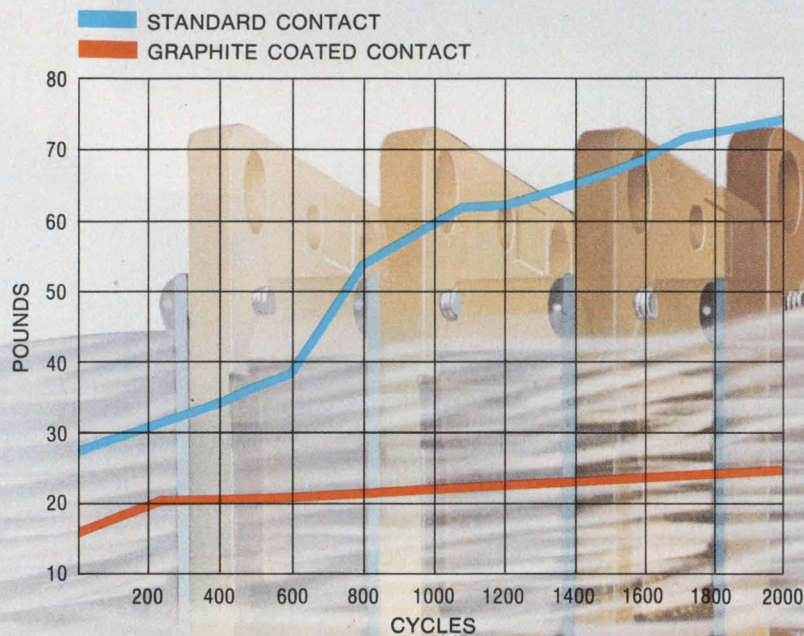
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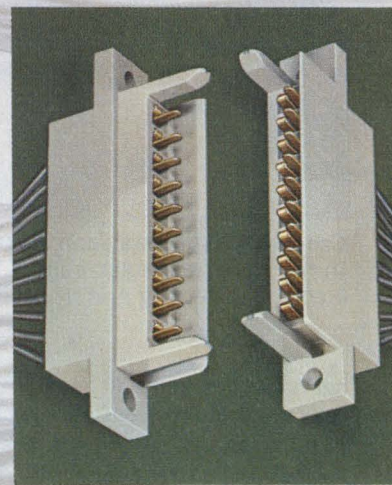
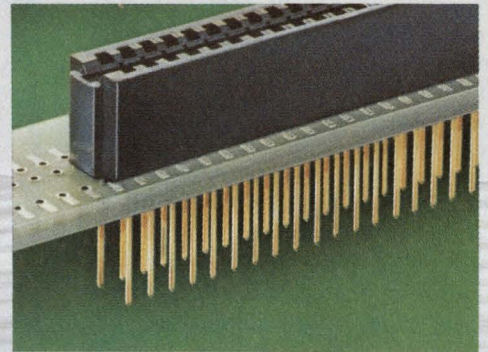
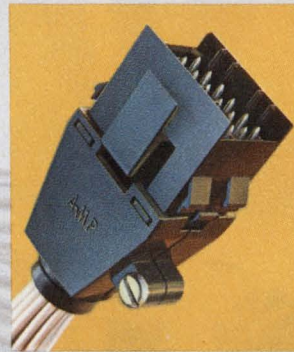
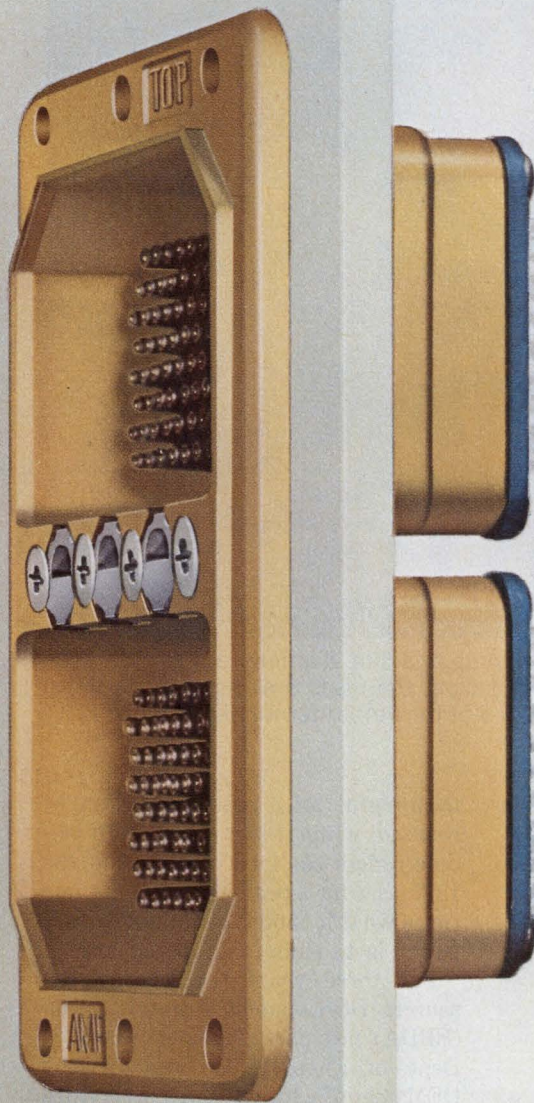
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CIRCLE NUMBER 19

Solar-cell technology

Little by little, solar-cell technology is being directed by the federal government toward increasing the nation's energy supplies. While solar-electric, or photovoltaic power systems have a long way to go before they actually compete with fossil-fueled power plants, there are signs indicating that progress is being made:

- Commercial use of photovoltaic power in the field has increased to 500 kW, from 100 kW in 1970.

- The 1978 price of a unit of solar power, a peak watt (W_p), is expected to get down near \$13—from \$90 in 1970.

- Silicon-fabrication techniques are breaking away from the 20-year-old Czochralski growth process and edging into high-volume and potentially low-cost silicon ribbons and sheets.

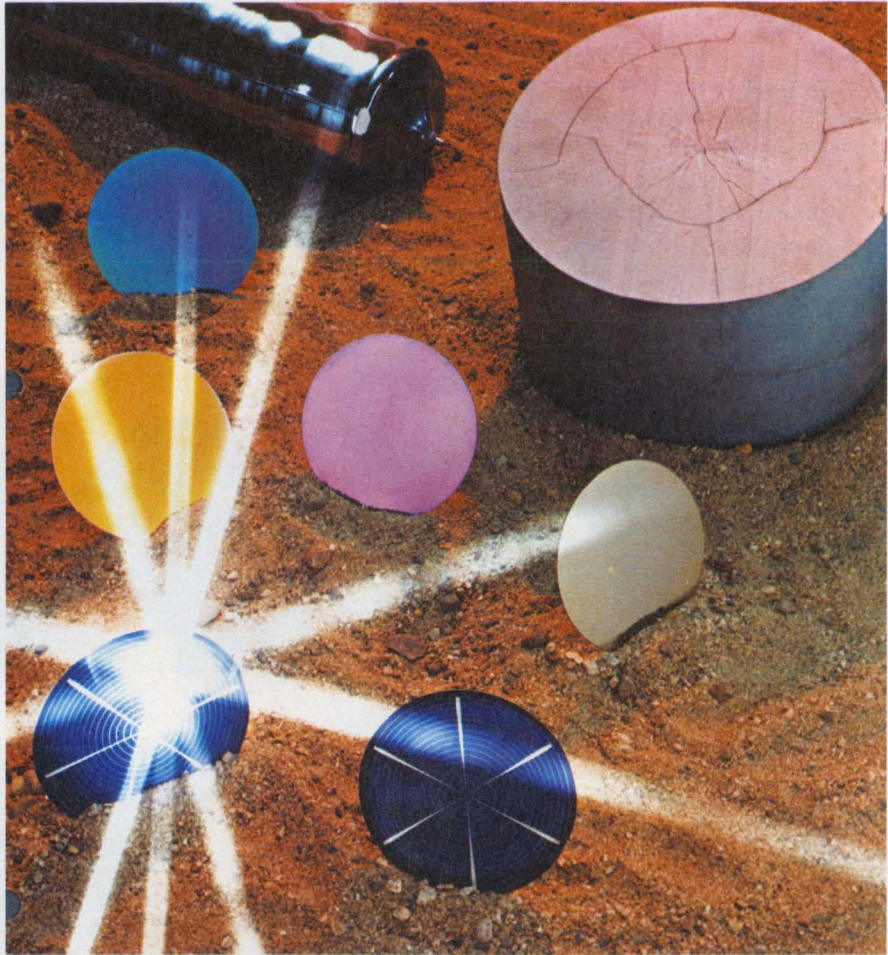
- A dozen materials are being studied for their photovoltaic effect; single-crystal silicon still dominates, but polycrystal silicon, gallium arsenide and cadmium sulphide are getting increased attention for special uses.

- Optical concentrators are increasing the effective area of solar arrays by converting more incident energy than would otherwise fall on the cells.

- Computers are helping to configure and optimize complete commercial photovoltaic power systems, according to load, geography, weather and even the cost of money.

The impetus is free energy—a cloudless summer day with the sun shining brightly yields a peak energy distribution of about 1 kW/m^2 , the maximum solar irradiation defined by a peak watt. Just lying in the sunlight, a 2-in. diameter solar cell provides $1/4 W_p$, a 3-in. wafer $1/2 W_p$, and a 4-in. wafer, $1 W_p$.

Each unit cell outputs a fixed volt-



Czochralski-grown silicon crystals with up to a 5-in. diameter are sliced wafer-thin to produce solar cells. After diffusion, the discs are metalized with an electron-collecting grid. It becomes one of the output terminals. (Motorola).

age, about a half-volt (see box). The cells are normally configured in series-parallel arrays to provide a specific voltage and current capability. Except for the cost involved, there is *no limit* to the number of cells that can be interconnected.

The price volume quandary

But solar-cell technology faces a dilemma. Without high-volume orders,

meaningful price reductions can't be realized; without low prices, high volume orders can't be placed. And the 1977 price for a peak watt, \$15, is three times what it should be if photovoltaic power is to enjoy widespread use.

For three years the Energy Resources Development Administration (ERDA), now part of the newly created Dept. of Energy, has been funding OEM manufacturers and universities in an over-all solar-electric cost-reduc-

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advances—but slowly

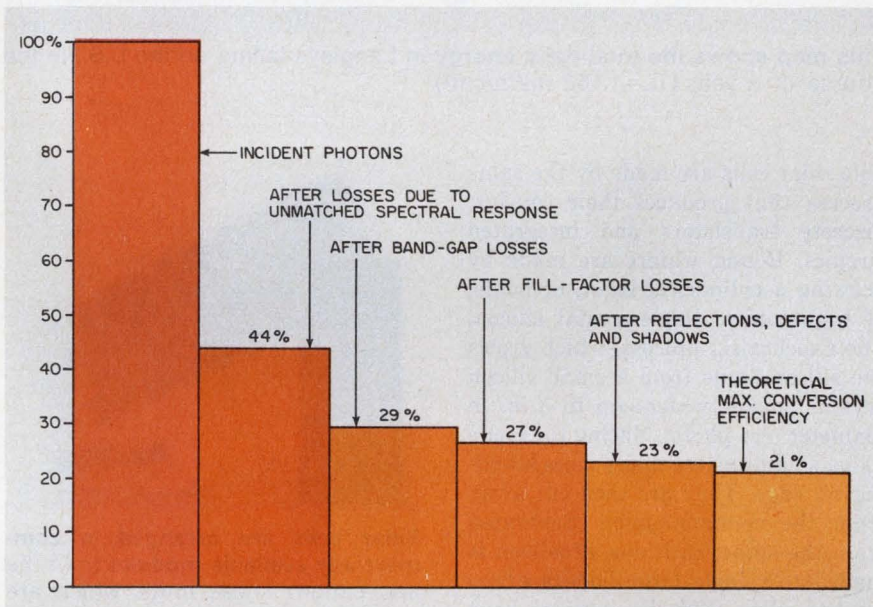
tion program, which relies on the federal government's three existing research facilities. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA, researches and develops raw solar-cell material, fabricating large-area sheets, encapsulating the finished cells, integrating them into modules and testing the completed array. Sandia Laboratories in Albuquerque, NM, designs and evaluates optical concentrators and "total energy" systems, and power-conditioning and storage subsystems, and identifies over-all system tradeoffs. Lewis Research Center in Miami, OH, tests and demonstrates real-life systems in the field. Through Lewis, the largest solar-electric array was installed and set into operation—a 25-kW (W_p) irrigation-water pump station in Nebraska.

Introducing SERI

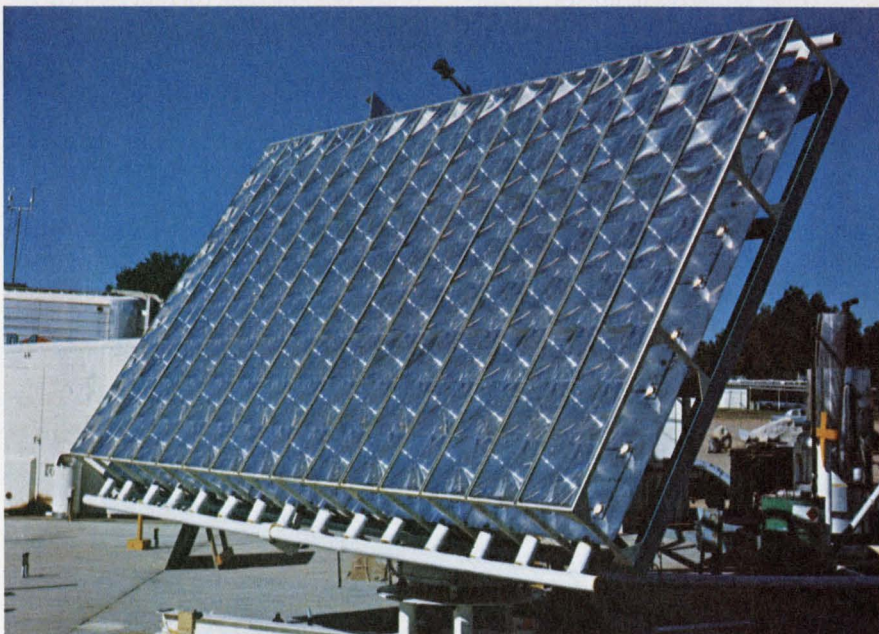
Soon, however, federal solar-energy R&D will be consolidated under the roof of the Solar Energy Research Institute (SERI) in Golden, CO. Created by Congress, SERI is just now getting staffed and organized under the directorship of Dr. Paul Rappaport, recognized as one of the country's leading experts in photovoltaic conversion.

Since petroleum is the most portable energy source around, Rappaport sees its use only for the transportation industry. Stationary facilities will ultimately be powered by the sun, Rappaport predicts. But more efficient solar-cell manufacturing processes are needed before that can happen. Because low-production volume requires a great deal of manual intervention, Rappaport advocates shifting away from the batch-oriented schemes to a continuous-flow process that can be automated. "Just sawing a boule of silicon into wafers adds 35 cents to the price of each watt," he notes.

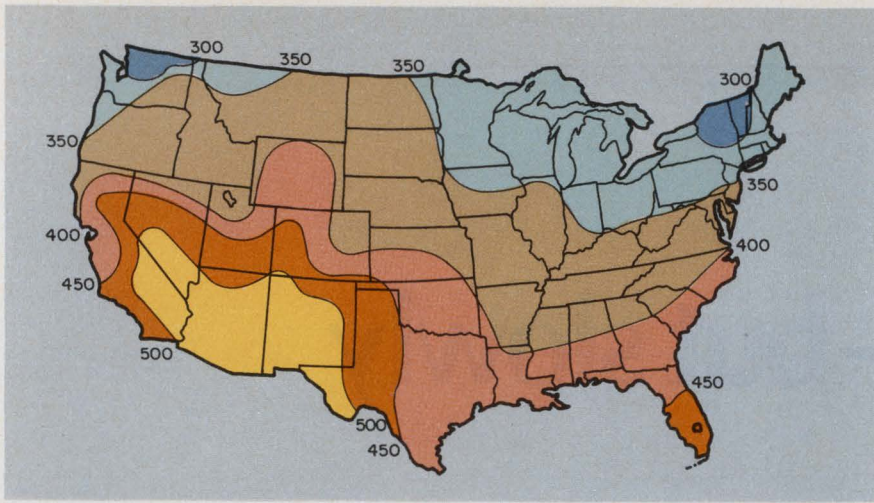
Most of today's commercially avail-



Even the best solar cells won't reach more than 21% conversion efficiency, according to theory. Today's devices range from 8 to 18%.



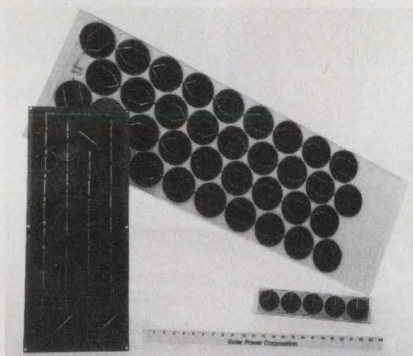
Generating 1000 W_p , this two-axis tracking array uses fresnel lenses to concentrate solar energy 60 times. Lenses are 80% efficient; grooves are turned inward to prevent dirt from accumulating.



This map shows the total daily energy in Langleys falling on the U.S., in the course of a year ($1L=1.162 \text{ mWh/cm}^2$).

able solar cells are made by the same process that produces their cousins, discrete transistors and integrated circuits. Round wafers are made by growing a cylindrical ingot, or boule, of high-purity, single-crystal silicon. The Czochralski process, which grows the silicon boule from a small silicon crystal, makes wafers up to 5 in. in diameter (see photo). Slicing the boule like a salami leaves many discs standing on edge. They are then cut away from the common spine. Separated from the spine, each disc of silicon is made into a single, large diode (see box) by the same diffusion process that creates ICs and transistors, except that the wafer surface isn't masked and only a single diffusion step is necessary. (Interestingly, it makes no difference whether the *p* side or the *n* side of the junction faces the sun.)

Finally, an ohmic, current-collecting grid is deposited over the face of the wafer. It becomes one of the solar cell's output terminals—the other terminal is formed by metal deposited on the backside of the cell. Output voltage polarity is determined by the direction



Solar cells are arranged in commercially available modules to fit the application. These units, which are available from Solar Power Corp., North Billerica, MA, generate $25 W_p$, $9.2 W_p$ and $1.4 W_p$, respectively.

of the *p-n* junction; current flows in the forward direction.

The ultimate in efficiency

Growing silicon in boules is great for producing quarter-inch IC chips (the wafers are scribed, then cracked into squares). But the process is woefully inappropriate for making carpet-sized



The largest photovoltaic installation yet is this 25-kW_p array at an irrigation-water pumping station in Nebraska.

sheets of the material to collect and convert sunlight. Several firms are currently under contract to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory to produce large-area silicon, either in ribbons or in sheets. These companies include Mobil-Tyco (Waltham, MA), Motorola (Phoenix, AZ), RCA (Princeton, NJ), Rockwell International (Anaheim, CA), Honeywell (Bloomington, MN), Westinghouse and General Electric (Schenectady, NY).

Other JPL contractors are working to alter the existing batch-manufacturing process with such alternatives as ingot casting and improved sawing or cutting of the boules. These contractors include Texas Instruments (Dallas, TX), Varian (Lexington, MA), Coors (Golden, CO), Crystal Systems (Salem, MA) and Eagle Picher (Miami, OK).

Meanwhile, commercially available solar arrays are beset with problems. For one thing, they are only about 12% efficient—that is, they convert incident sunlight into usable electric power at the rate of 120 W/m^2 . Small-area laboratory devices have reached efficiencies as high as 18%, but theoretically no cell can exceed 21%.

For silicon, unmatched spectral response reduces the available photons to 44% efficiency. The band-gap limit further reduces them to 29%, and fill factor brings the number down to 27%. After surface reflections and defects, the figure is 21%, which still doesn't allow for dirt, metal-mask shadows and I^2R losses.

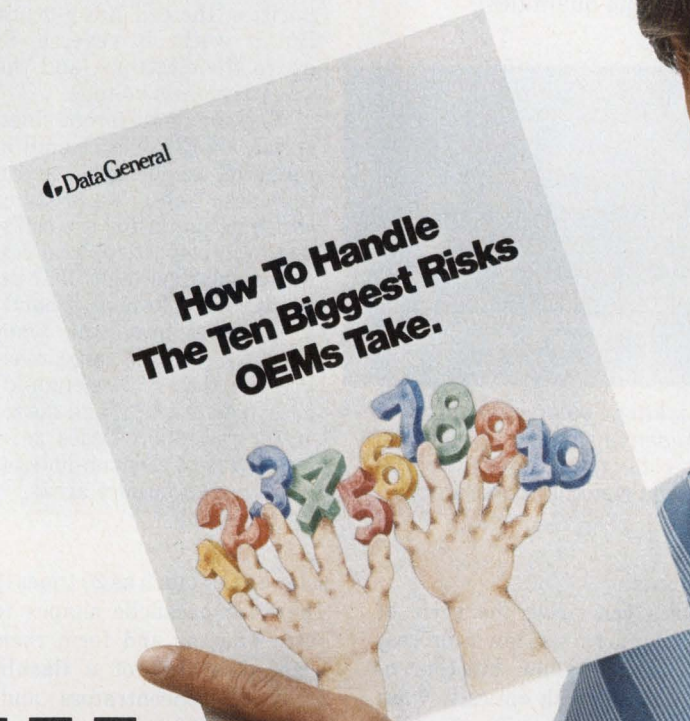
Geographical location has a profound effect on a solar array's output. Peak watts are generated only during the ideal conditions of summer sun and clear skies. Even then, peak watts occur only at noon. Averaging peak power with cloud cover, night darkness, and the sun's acute angle of incidence in winter cuts the annual amount of usable power down to 25% of the peak in Phoenix, and down to 16% of the peak in Boston (see map).

Temperature takes a toll, too, and a solar array with a supposed 15-V output will droop to 13 V if noontime temperatures hit 110 F (43 C). Evaluation arrays purchased by JPL are spec'd for operation at 150 F (65 C), but that's probably overkill for most OEM applications.

Problems on earth

Properly interconnected and potted, solar cells can be expected to operate indefinitely. In fact, solar cells have

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been used in space for years, and the Jet Propulsion Lab has not been able to find a measurable degradation or failure yet. But back on earth, a few reliability problems do crop up. The chief culprit, not surprisingly, is the encapsulating, or potting material of a solar-cell module.

Although a module needn't be hermetically sealed, it must be weatherproof and impervious to moisture so that it can withstand day/night temperature cycling. Moisture on the cell's surface degrades the unit's performance rapidly. It causes extra losses by absorption and refraction, and it promotes the growth of organic substances that block valuable sunlight.

Another performance degrader, odd-ly enough, is the sun, whose ultraviolet rays darken the encapsulant material.

There is even a problem with the most used encapsulant, silicone rubber. Its sticky surface collects dirt. Manufacturers cover the module's face with clear plastic or tempered glass to make the module better able to clean itself: The surface should wash clean in the rain, and snow should slide off.

Cell interconnections within the module can also become failure mechanisms, so multiple, redundant connections must be made to the disc.

Since solar arrays make power while the sun shines but never at night, power conditioning and storage facilities are prime requisites for any commercial solar-electric system.

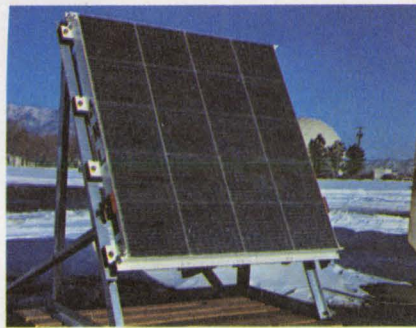
Automobile-type, lead-acid storage batteries remain the only realistic power buffers. Vendors combine them with solar-cell modules, a shunt regulator, a blocking diode (to prevent shorting out the batteries at night), mounting hardware and cabling to configure a complete OEM solar power generator.

System configuration is called "sizing," which normally includes a computer analysis of the site's latitude, longitude, altitude, mean temp and yearly "in-solation"—which refers to the amount of time the site is in the sun, or "in sol." The unit of measure of insolation is the Langley, which is equal to 1.162 mWh/cm² (see map).

Armed with a description of the power required and the site's solar circumstances, a computer determines the most efficient system for that application: the number of solar modules and their series-parallel connections, the array's compass heading and tilt angle, the number of batteries required and their interconnections, as well as projected system performance on a



This two-axis, three-section tracking concentrator generates 300 W_p, and uses a solar-powered μ P and stepping motors to follow the sun. RCA expects this "fly's eye" concentrator to cost \$1/W_p in volume quantities.



A nontracking, solar concentrator uses high-density strips of cells and parabolic reflectors to generate 100 W_p. (Argonne National Laboratory).

monthly basis.

Computers can drive the price of flat-plate solar arrays as low as process and materials will allow, but concentrators can accomplish optically what process and materials can't—an effectively large solar cell. Concentrators are considered the "hot" price-reduction strategy, and are being intensively developed; some may become commercially available as early as mid-1978, after testing at Sandia.

Concentrating on the sun

Concentrators can gather and focus more of the sun's energy on available solar cells using parabolas, fresnel and optical lenses. Tests at Sandia show that concentrators can boost the equivalent efficiency of silicon solar cells above 15%, and gallium arsenide cells to almost 20%; they are most effective in the southwestern United States where sunlight is most intense and least diffuse. Both tracking and non-tracking concentrators show promise.

Nontracking concentrators effectively multiply the surface area of a

The 'Un-led,' and how it works

Operating, the solar cell is a light-emitting diode working backwards.

A conventional LED, like the type that might be used as a display in your watch, has a depletion layer formed in the semiconductor material by oppositely doped impurities. An external energy source—voltage—excites the electrons to conduct through the depletion layer. Excess energy is given off as photons, which you can see.

A solar cell, too, has a depletion layer formed in the semiconductor material by oppositely doped impurities (the cell is a p-n junction). But it works in reverse. Photons excite the electrons, and the junction develops a voltage.

Working on different sides of the street, a LED doesn't emit a broad range of wavelengths, and a solar cell doesn't absorb a broad range—which accounts for the cell's losses due to imperfect spectral response.

The solar cell and LED do share limitations. The energy band gap ($\Delta \cong 1.5$ eV) limits the amount of energy either one can convert. And because they're less-than-ideal diodes, both the LED and the solar cell suffer reflection losses as well as losses due to electron-hole pairs recombined in impure areas.

solar cell as much as 20 times (20 suns). They use parabolic shapes to collect extra photons and form them into a beam, like that of a flashlight. An array of concentrators and a like number of solar cells are mounted on a rack that looks like a backyard swing. The rack tilts the array at the best angle for the site's latitude, and is adjusted seasonally.

Beyond a concentration ratio of 20 suns or so, the optical alignment of sun, lens and cells becomes too critical for a fixed-frame array—because of the earth's rotation. The sun must be tracked.

The tracking speeds involved are slow enough for stepping motors to move the frame of a tracking concentrator—it's all under μ P control. Together, the stepping motors and the μ P consume only a small fraction of the energy they help collect.

The highest concentration ratio to date is in RCA's "fly's eye" (see photo). With a concentration ratio of 300 suns, the tracking must be very accurate: the unit updates its position 30 times a minute. ■■

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IC packages are changing shape to handle growing LSI chips

Pressure is mounting for the re-design of IC packages, both to accommodate the increased size and complexity of LSI chips and to bring down the cost of consumer ICs. As a result, new IC-package standards have been proposed and new packages are being developed.

Putting more and more circuitry on a digital chip is not only increasing chip size, but in effect is making the standard DIPs too small. But lengthening the packages to add more pin-out connections extends internal leads and adds parasitic capacitance that loads down the circuits, limits operating speeds and adds undesirable delays.

Moreover, the rectangular shape of the DIP packages requires excessive board area. This holds down the number of packages that can be mounted in a given space.

Meanwhile, high-volume, low-cost consumer applications such as calculators, clocks and video games, are suffering because the IC package now costs as much or more than the chip.

The standard DIP cavity, 300 mils wide, is just getting too small for the new memories being developed, says

John Hewkin, strategy manager of MOS Memories for Texas Instruments in Houston. For a memory that will take only 16, 18 or 20 pins, the chip is getting to be almost too big to fit into a standard package.

"For example, our new 64-k RAM will barely fit into a 16-pin, 300-mil package," Hewkin observes. "We could live with a 400-mil package width for LSI for the foreseeable future, but the 300-mil unit is marginal."

The industry has acclimated itself to the specific DIP sizes because of the massive investment in packaging equipment. But agreement is almost universal that new package designs are needed. Hewkins points out that TI has tentatively put off making wide memories because of existing package limits.

However, in what has been termed a rare show of collaboration, new standards for LSI packages are being coordinated by package users, package manufacturers, and the semiconductor manufacturers.

Tentative specifications have been developed by the Joint Electronic Device Engineering Councils for a family of LSI chip-carrier packages that will permit a system user to change from one package to another without re-designing the system.

Two square-package series—one for

PC-board use, the other for high-density ceramic packaging—are being proposed by the JEDEC JC-11.3.1 Task Group, headed by Daniel I. Amey of Sperry Univac, which spearheaded the industrywide effort over two years ago. Mechanical details and dimensions have been resolved. According to Amey, pin-identification details still have to be finalized.

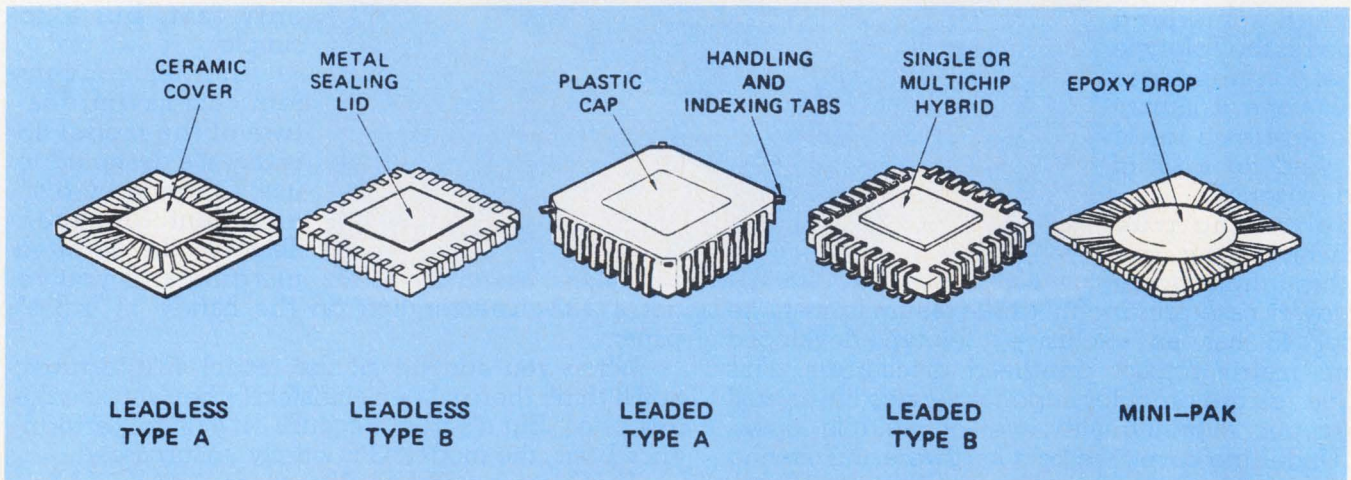
Square is fine

A square format was determined to be most efficient in terms of circuit density. Also, the format minimizes the lead length of all connections, and consequently reduces parasitic lead capacities. The basic package has contact pads for interfacing with a connector or mounting directly to the PC board or ceramic substrate. The leads on the leaded version are located on the sides to act as spring contacts for mating with a socket.

Type I, geared to PC-board use, has contact pads or leads located on 50-mil centers. Designed for 28, 44, 52, 68, 84, 100, 124 and 156-lead packages. Type I ranges from about 0.45 in. to 2.05 in. square.

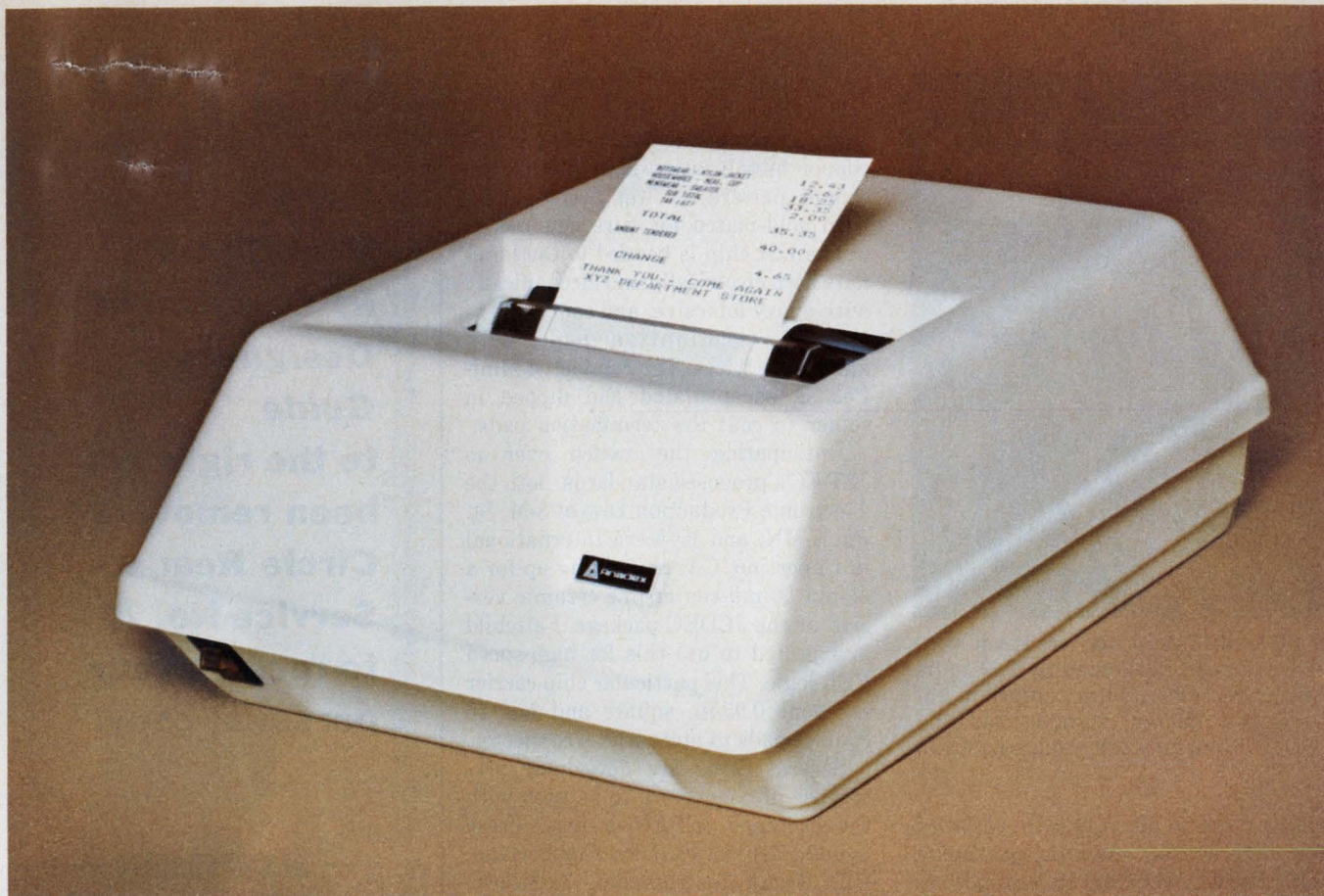
The Type II series proposed by JEDEC is like the Type I series except that the leads are on 40-mil centers,

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New LSI IC packages proposed by JEDEC have features shown above. One style has leads on 50-mil centers and

is for PC-board mounting. The other style, with leads on 40-mil centers, mates with ceramic substrates.



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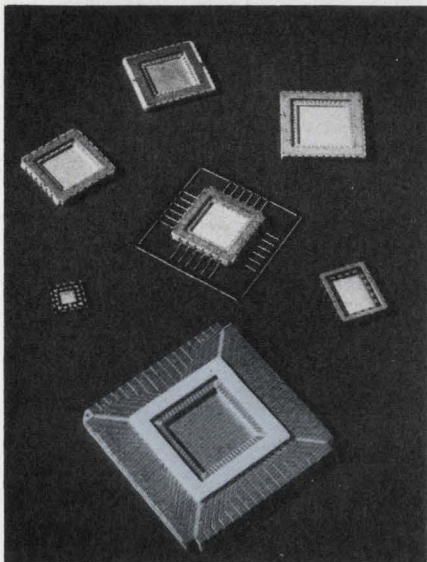
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A 68-lead IC-chip carrier, lower center, has been developed by 3-M to be one of the new 50-mil centerline LSI packages being standardized by JEDEC. Chip carriers are also shown.

rather than on 50. Primarily designed for high-density ceramic packaging with direct attachment to ceramic substrates, Type II devices would have 40, 48, 64, 80 and 96 pins.

Both leadless and leaded variations of Types I and II have been proposed (see figure). The design of these new leadless and leaded types will affect mounting requirements. For example, leadless type A is intended to be mounted with the chip bonded to the top surface for better heat dissipation. A mating connector is required.

Leadless type B can be mounted directly on a ceramic substrate with the chip on the bottom of the carrier. For PC-board mounting, however, a connector is needed.

Leaded type A, a molded plastic nonhermetic package, is designed for reflow soldering to either ceramic or PC board substrates. It is intended for continuous-carrier-film automated die attachment and package mounting. Leaded type B is simply a leaded version of leadless types A and B, aimed at reflow soldering.

Even before JEDEC came up with proposed DIP standards, companies were responding to the packaging problem. For example, a 28-pin leadless design by General Instrument called the Mini-Pak eliminates the lead frame, molds and molding compounds, which provides substantial savings in consumer applications. Interestingly enough, the Mini-Pak is now a part of

the proposed JEDEC standard.

The Mini-Pak board is made of an epoxy or composite laminate on which copper metallization is produced. The copper pattern is first nickel-plated, then gold-plated for wire bonding.

The LSI chip is bonded to the laminate both electrically and mechanically with epoxy adhesive, and connected to the 28 termination pads with aluminum wires. The completed Mini-Pak is encapsulated and dipped in solder to coat the termination pads.

Anticipating the switch over to JEDEC's proposed standards, both the Electronic Production Div. of 3-M, St. Paul, MN, and Kyocera International in Cupertino, CA, are tooling up for a 68-pin 50-mil-center-line ceramic version of the JEDEC package. Fairchild is expected to use this for high-speed ECL logic. This particular chip carrier is about 0.95-in. square and has 68 contact pads to mate with a connector.

Several firms are developing prototypes of connectors to be used with the proposed JEDEC designs. These include Berg Electronics, Cumberland, PA, Texas Instruments, Attleboro, MA, and AMP Inc., Harrisburg, PA.

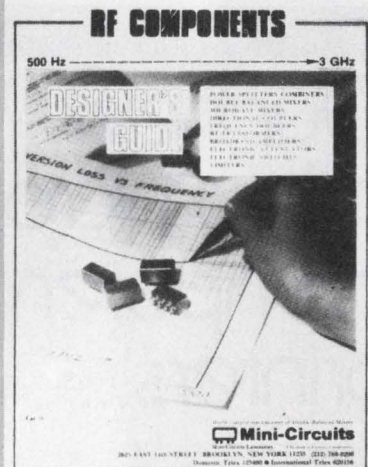
Interestingly, AMP had decided months ago that a new low-cost chip package was needed. So it went ahead before the JEDEC proposals were finalized and developed a flat, 24-pin package for mass application. The AMP package, called a "pre-molded packet," also has its leads on 50-mil centers, six to one side. The package is slightly less than 0.4-in. square.

The AMP device can be soldered easily to PC boards, even those that may warp during soldering operations. The packet frame is molded with six leads extending from each side. The chip is inserted inside the carrier, bonded, and capped after being filled with silicon gel for chip protection.

The leads are folded back underneath the flat pack for a springlike effect. As the PC board expands and contracts during a soldering operation, the compliant leads protect the package itself from any strain. On some boards, for example, ceramic carriers can't be soldered because PC-board strains produced by soldering can crack the fragile carriers.

Industry consensus is that the standard 14, 16, 18 and 24-pin DIPs will be around for a long time yet in many low-cost, noncritical applications. For the LSI circuitry, however, the new 40-pin and up packages will be needed. ■■

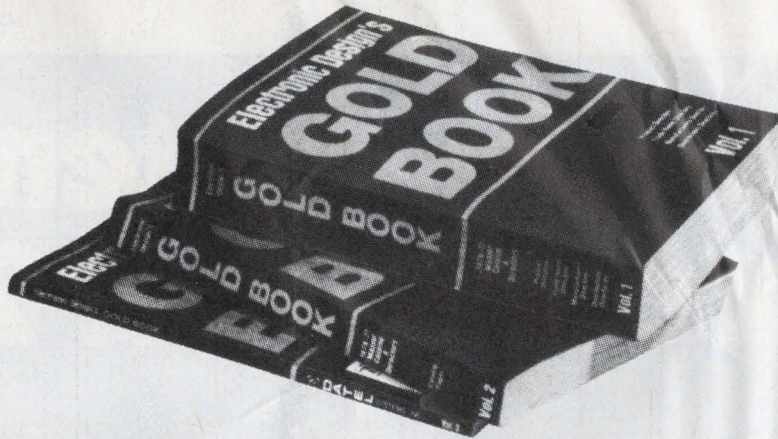
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Another \$1.5-billion slated for B-1

The Air Force will spend another \$1.5-billion to test the B-1 bomber as a possible alternative to cruise missiles, despite President Carter's decision in June not to order the bomber into production.

The figure came to light when the Air Force submitted to Congress its quarterly Selected Acquisition Report (SAR), which lists the projected total costs of the Pentagon's 45 largest weapons-systems programs. The latest SAR estimates that B-1 costs will total \$4.9-billion, or \$19.9-billion below the previous estimate, which was projected before the decision not to produce 240 aircraft. The Air Force has already spent nearly \$3.5-billion on three prototype B-1s and will get a fourth in early 1979. That aircraft will be used to test its special defensive electronic countermeasures system, and the Air Force expects B-1 flight tests to continue for at least another three years.

The latest SAR projects that all told the Air Force's top 45 programs will cost \$179.5-billion, or \$19-billion less than projected in the last report. Program increases will be worth \$900-million, with the largest to be an extra \$103-million for 12 Navy A-7E attack aircraft, which were added by Congress to a program that the Pentagon has been trying to end for at least three years.

Air Force sensor to detect aircraft from space

An experimental sensor system scheduled to be launched into orbit by the Air Force in March 1981 will be used to detect enemy strategic aircraft from space. The first sensor package, whose code name is Teal Ruby, is being built by Rockwell International Corp.'s Space Div. at Downey, CA.

If it becomes operational, the system will provide early warning of an attack by the Soviet Union's new Backfire long-range supersonic bombers and, possibly, its cruise missiles. Operating frequencies are classified, but it is believed that the Teal Ruby sensors will use the infrared spectrum to detect the effluent gases of the bomber and cruise-missile engines. Each type of engine has its own identifiable spectral "signature," which can be used to locate the engine's aircraft.

Rockwell has completed the design of the Teal Ruby sensor and has recently received a \$3.3-million contract from the Air Force's Space and Missile Systems Organization to build the first sensor package, which will be launched from NASA's Space Shuttle. The program has cost \$24-million to date.

Battlefield sensors are going automatic

Prototypes of an automated battlefield sensor system to detect movements of enemy troops are being built by RCA for testing by the Army Electronics Command (ECOM). The sensors in the Remotely Monitored Battlefield Sensor System (REMPASS) will work like the unattended ground sensors used in Vietnam except that they will use a more advanced data-communications system.

The REMPASS's magnetic, seismic, acoustic and infrared sensing devices remain passive until activated by enemy movements. Then they send back signals via vhf radio link, directly or by means of repeaters either on the ground or in helicopters.

At least six engineering models will be delivered to ECOM. RCA's Automated Systems Div., Burlington, MA, recently won a \$9-million contract from ECOM to integrate the sensors with the improved communications system.

Power system for space is on the way

An isotope power supply capable of generating up to 2 kW for spacecraft is being developed for the Department of Energy. The Brayton Isotope Power System (BIPS) is a closed-cycle gas-turbine electrical generator that takes the heat generated from a plutonium isotope and converts it into electric power through a generator driven by a high-speed turbine. Prime contractor Garrett AiResearch Manufacturing Co. of Phoenix is testing it in an altitude chamber simulating space conditions.

The generator is due to complete a 1000-hour endurance run next May. If it passes, a BIPS may be tested on NASA's Space Shuttle in late 1981 or early 1982. The ultimate goal is 50,000 hours, or nearly six years of operation. An earlier 15-kW Brayton power system developed by Garrett for NASA recently passed the 30,000-hour endurance mark at the agency's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland.

Superconductive receiver operates in millimeter region

The first successful operation of a superconductive heterodyne receiver in the millimeter-wave region has been reported by scientists at the National Bureau of Standards Cryogenics Div., Boulder, CO. Superconductive methods have already been demonstrated for microwave receivers and magnetometers.

The millimeter-wave receiver is tunable over the 200 to 325-GHz waveguide band. The system's noise temperature (single-sideband) is estimated at 823 K, with an instantaneous bandwidth of 20 MHz. This temperature is an order-of-magnitude improvement over the best uncooled mixer receivers at this frequency, according to NBS, and is comparable to the noise performance of helium-cooled indium-antimony bolometers, which are limited to i-f bandwidths of less than 2 MHz.

The mixer is a point-contact Josephson junction mounted in a single-mode waveguide. A 300-GHz backward-wave oscillator is used as the local oscillator to produce a nominal 9-GHz i-f signal, which is amplified by a low-noise ruby maser.

One potential application for the new receiver is astrophysical observation of the line spectra of molecules.

Capital Capsules: The Office of Federal Procurement Policy is expected to reaffirm the government policy of **contracting out as much work as possible to industry rather than having it done "in-house" by government employees.** This policy is required by Office of Management and Budget circular A-76, but inflation and tight federal budgets have forced government agencies to keep work in-house in order to protect employment levels. The new policy statement is expected to require Commerce Department certification that no commercial source is available before in-house activity can be undertaken....**NASA is reviewing all its field centers work forces to meet President Carter's requirement that its total work force be cut back by 500 jobs this year.** Sources say NASA may have to close a field center.



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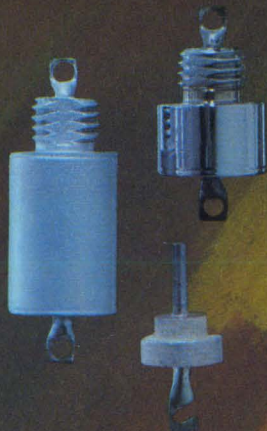
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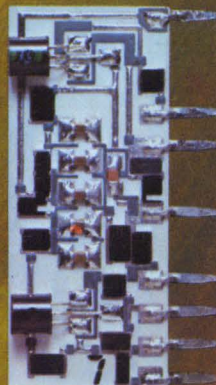


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It's likely that this tale is apocryphal. But it's not likely that our hero was the first—or last—to hear just what he wanted to hear. The world is full of people with one-track ears.

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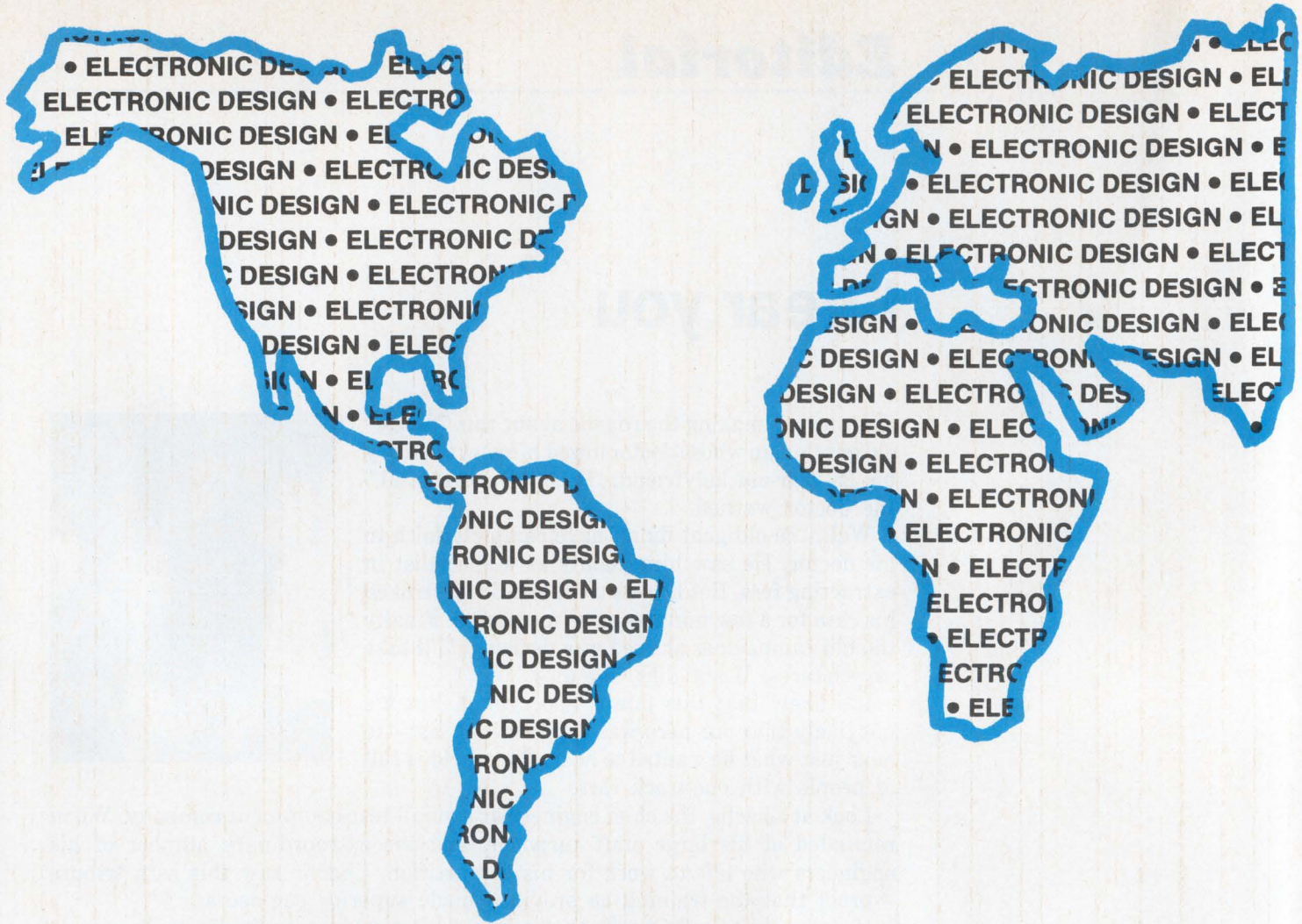
If you were to tell Charlie that some of his working conditions made morale so poor that he was actually spending lots of money to train staff for his competition, he wouldn't hear it. He couldn't hear it. He could hear only praise.

Jack, on the other hand, could hear only condemnation. If you were to tell Jack that his new design was splendid, but that it might be improved with a slightly larger display, he would arch up and claw at you. Even the mildest suggestion was an attack.

Me? I'm different. I hear exactly what people tell me. There's never any coloration due to my background and make-up. How about you?



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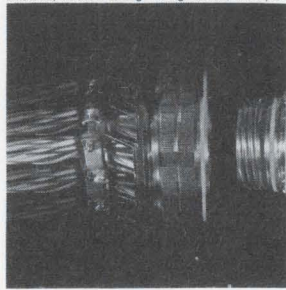


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Drive servos with a switching amplifier.

With a switching servo amplifier in your loop, you get high efficiency in a compact control package.

Delivering power with low losses in the output stage, a switching servo amplifier (SSA) requires far less heat sinking than a similarly rated linear amplifier. The switching mode power output provides typically ± 75 V at ± 10 A to drive a dc servo motor. And whether you're building a position or velocity servo, an SSA controls equally well in either case. Of course, you can build your own servo amp stage by stage, but an SSA module allows you to eliminate hardware design of your control unit.

Within an SSA package you'll find all the conventional servo amplifier stages—summing block, gain stage, compensation network and power amplifier. System control is performed by this single module—you supply a motor and feedback elements to complete the servo loop.

For position servos, the feedback element can be a potentiometer, resolver, or any element that provides electrical output as a function of position. Tachometers are often used as feedback elements to sense velocity. An SSA's input summing block simultaneously accepts signals supplied by two feedback elements and a reference source.

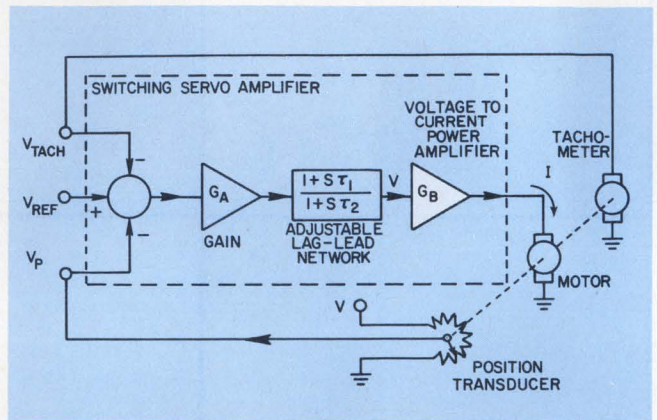
At an SSA's output, power is supplied to a motor with high efficiency. Dissipation in the amplifier is minimized by switching mode operation, with the output transistors connected in a bridge circuit.

Crossing the "H" bridge

In an SSA's power amplifier, four output transistors are operated in the switching mode, in an "H" or "transistor bridge" configuration.

In the SSA block diagram of Fig. 1, G_B represents the power stage, including the control electronics. The "H" bridge portion of G_B is shown schematically in Fig. 2. Arranging the output transistors, Q_1 through Q_4 , in a bridge circuit allows current to flow in two directions through the motor, which consequently develops torque in both the clockwise and counter-clockwise directions.

When Q_1 and Q_2 are turned on by a driver, current flows in the direction of the current arrow, $i(t)$, in Fig.



1. A complete servo amplifier is housed in a single switching servo amplifier (SSA) package. Depending on feedback elements, either a position or velocity servo can be built. In the SSA block, G_B represents not only the power-amplifier stage but also the control electronics section that provides drive signals.

2. At this time Q_3 and Q_4 are in the nonconducting (off) state. Turning Q_3 and Q_4 on (and Q_1 and Q_2 off) causes current to flow in the direction opposite to the arrow. Switching takes place continuously; at no time is the "H" bridge totally off—even when the motor is at rest.

With the motor at rest, current is delivered to it first in one direction, then in the other. The average current is then a triangular waveform centered on the zero axis as shown in Fig. 3.

While circulating current through the motor with no resulting motion seems wasteful, it prevents the servo system from exhibiting a dead zone at zero speed or "zero" position. As a result, both small and large mechanical disturbances can be corrected by the servo.

The cycle of events that generates the waveform of Fig. 3 further explains how the "H" bridge operates. When Q_1 and Q_2 are turned on by a driver in the control electronics, the supply voltage, V_s , appears across the inductor, L (Fig. 2). Current flows in the direction of the current arrow, $i(t)$. (This is an ideal case, which assumes no saturation drops across the transistors, and zero motor back-emf.) Since $V_s = L(di/dt)$, i is a ramp of current as shown in Fig. 3 for the interval $0 < t < t_1$.

Next Q_1 and Q_2 turn off while Q_3 and Q_4 turn on.

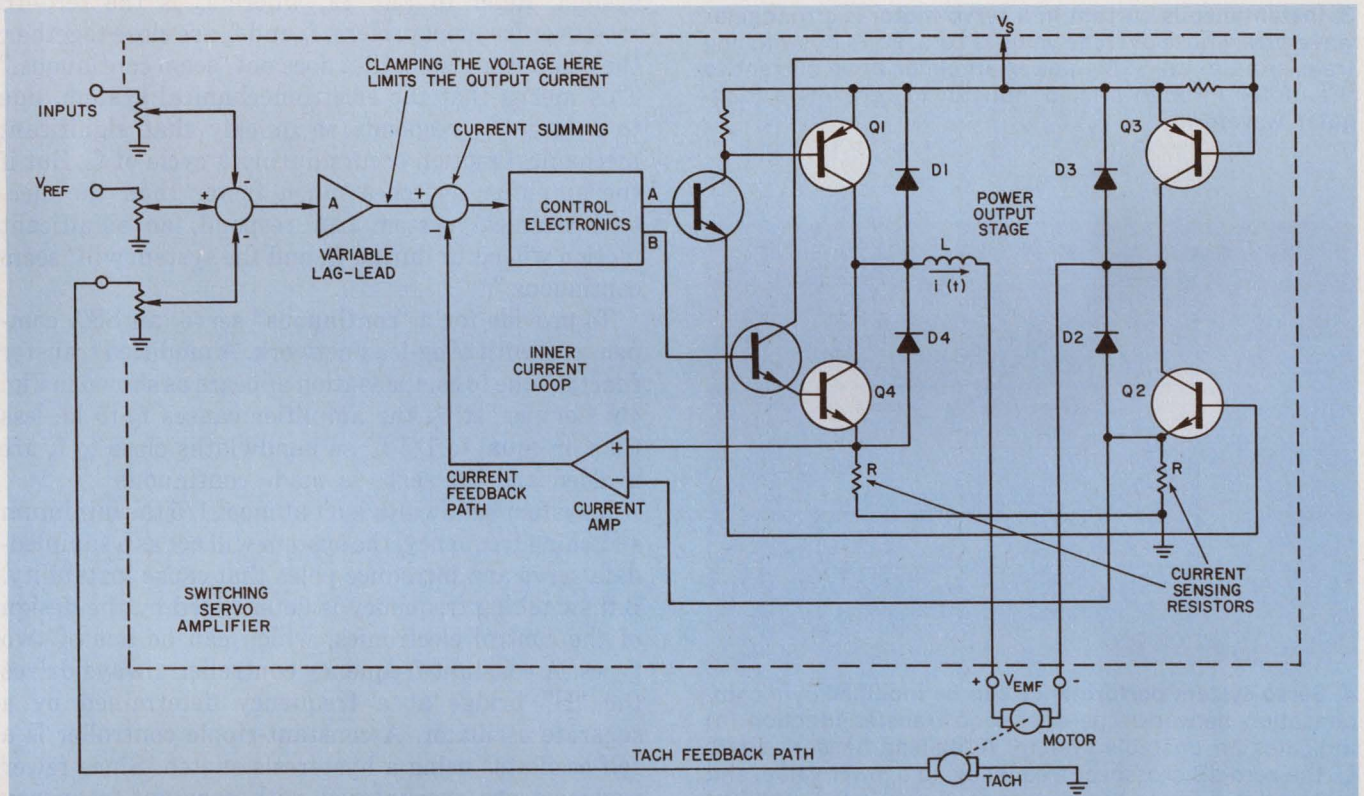
Current continues to flow in the same direction through L because of the inductor's collapsing field. Free-wheeling diodes D_3 and D_4 provide a continuous path for current flow. At the same time a $-V_s$ appears across L . This condition is shown in Fig. 3 for the interval $t_1 \leq t < t_2$.

At $t = t_2$, the inductor field totally collapses, and Q_3 and Q_4 maintain $-V_s$ across L . A negative ramp of current occurs in the $t_2 \leq t \leq t_3$ period since $di/dt = -V_s/L$. Finally, Q_1 and Q_2 are again turned on, as Q_3 and Q_4 go off.

motor. A signal proportional to motor current is fed back to the control-electronics input. Operating the "H" bridge as a current amplifier rather than a voltage amplifier becomes important when an SSA is used in a position servo.

Current sources are better

Sensing current in the "H" bridge and comparing it with the control electronics' input voltage produces a voltage-to-current transform. Current feedback,



2. Motor drive in an SSA is provided by an "H" bridge. Alternate pairs of switching transistors, Q_1 through Q_4 , allow current to flow in the motor in two directions. An "H" bridge is a current source that senses current flow

through a motor and feeds it back to a summing junction at the control-electronics input. Current-source drive makes position servos stable and is a "universal" feature of all SSAs on the market.

Even after Q_3 and Q_4 are off, a current of $-I$ continues to flow through L on a path provided by D_1 and D_2 —until the inductor field again collapses. The entire cycle then repeats itself.

Time delays are built into the amplifier to allow one transistor pair to turn off before the other pair comes on. This avoids a low impedance path from V_s to ground through the transistors. In Fig. 2, Q_1 must be fully off before Q_4 turns on, or V_s will have a direct path to ground through them. The delays don't affect the waveforms because the diode pairs conduct immediately after a transistor pair is turned off. And the diode pairs allow enough time for recovery and turn on of the appropriate set of transistors.

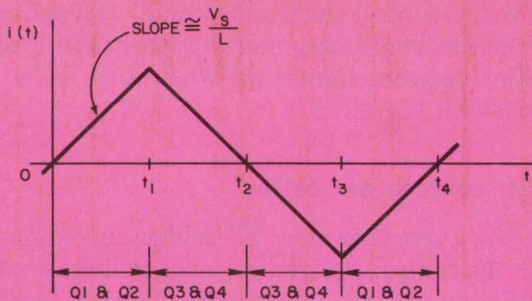
In the emitter legs of Q_2 and Q_4 of Fig. 2, notice that two resistors sense current flow through the

from the current op amp in Fig. 2, is returned to the junction at the control-electronics input. There, it's summed with voltage from the output of the compensation network.

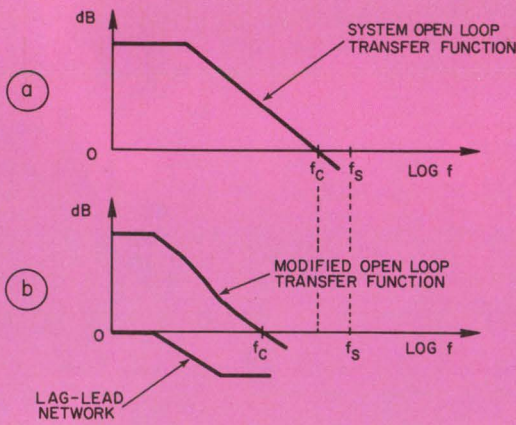
When a motor is driven from a current source, your servo system can benefit several ways:

- Position servos are stabilized by current drive, which results in a second-order system. On the other hand, voltage drive causes a third-order, or unstable system. (It doesn't matter what type of drive you use in a velocity servo, since it is naturally stable with either current or voltage sources. But since SSAs are designed as "universal" controllers, current drive is employed to ensure that every application is stable.)

- Current-limiting to the motor is easily provided. Clamping the input voltage of the power stage to a



3. Instantaneous current in a servo motor is a triangular waveform whose average value is zero. Pairs of switching transistors in an SSA's power amplifier drive current to the motor through a fixed inductor to generate a triangular waveform.



4. Servo-system performance can be modified by a compensation network. The open-loop transfer function (a) indicates an unstable system. A lag-lead network shifts f_c , the zero-dB crossover frequency, to a lower value, and restores stability to the system as shown in the modified transfer function (b).

maximum value sets the maximum current level, no matter what the input command dictates. And when the current limit is reached, the output transistors don't have to come out of saturation, which may occur with other types of current limiters.

■ Inductor L , which is required in current-drive systems, smoothes the output of the "H" bridge and provides almost pure dc to the motor (Fig. 2). A relatively large inductor (about 1 mH) prevents current spikes—and protects the output transistors. Since current in L cannot change instantaneously, the inductor buys time, in effect, to detect faults and shut the system down before currents become excessive. Servo performance is not affected by an inductor as long as the output is operated as a current source.

■ Short-circuits are protected against automatically. Current is delivered independently of load.

So great are the advantages of a current-source

output that virtually all SSAs are designed in this way. And reliability and ease of use make it a universal output stage.

But before a current-source power stage can drive a motor, your SSA must condition and control the input signals. To see how, examine the functions of the compensation network and control electronics.

System control—points to ponder

In a high-gain servo, the zero-dB axis crossing of the open-loop transfer function can occur too close to the switching frequency, f_s ; the result is an unstable system. Refer to Fig. 4a, where f_c is the zero-dB crossover frequency. Here, f_c and f_s are close together; the result is a system that does not "seem continuous." This means that the electromechanical system, due to a large f_c , responds so quickly that significant mechanical motion occurs during a cycle of f_s . But if the amplifier switches much faster than the electromechanical system can respond, no significant motion will occur during f_s , and the system will "seem continuous."

To provide for a "continuous" servo, an SSA compensates with a lag-lead network. A modified transfer function due to compensation appears as shown in Fig. 4b. Compensating the amplifier causes f_c to be less than or equal to $1/5 f_s$, so bandwidths close to f_s are avoided and the servo is made continuous.

If system bandwidth isn't at most $1/5$ the minimum switching frequency, the system will act as a sampled-data servo and introduce poles that cause instability. But switching frequency is determined by the design of the control electronics, which can be one of two types. A constant-frequency controller always drives the "H" bridge at a frequency determined by a separate oscillator. A constant-ripple controller is a self-oscillator using a hysteresis switch. Since fewer problems are encountered with constant-frequency types, they're more widely used in SSAs. But at low system speeds, they can generate large ripple currents.

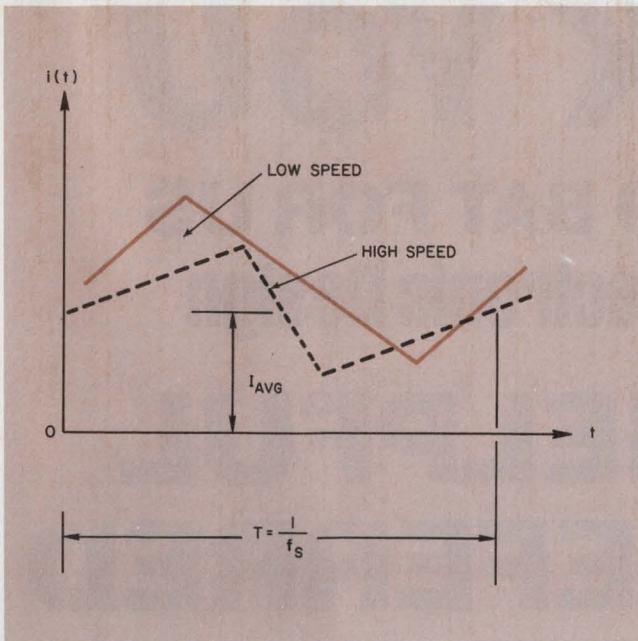
Because the back-emf of a motor operating at low speed is small, the voltage across the inductor is almost equal to the supply voltage. Therefore, $di/dt = V_s/L$ produces a large ripple current that depends on system speed as shown in Fig. 5. To see how large the ripple current can be, assume that an SSA has a switching frequency of 5 kHz. The period of the switching waveform is then $200 \mu s$, and in $t/4$ or $50 \mu s$, the waveform rises from zero to its maximum current. If V_s is 75 V and the inductor is 1 mH, the rate of change of current will be

$$\frac{di}{dt} = \frac{V_s}{L} = \frac{75}{10^{-3}} = 75 \times 10^3 \text{ A/s,}$$

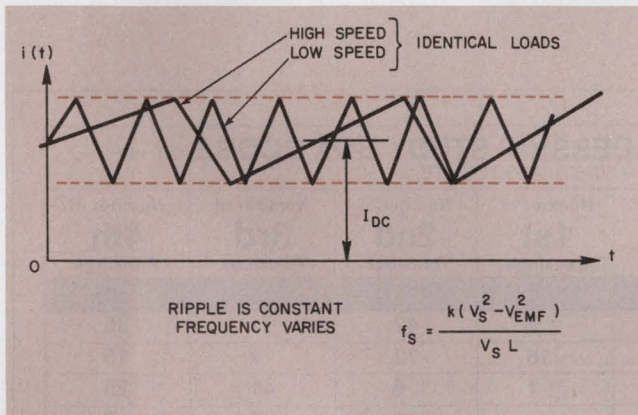
and

$$\Delta I = \frac{di}{dt} (\Delta t) = 75 \times 10^3 (50 \times 10^{-6}) = 3.75 \text{ A.}$$

Peak currents of 3.75 A heat the motor and serve



5. **Ripple current in a servo motor is a function of motor speed.** With constant frequency control, ripple current is large at low motor speeds, increasing motor heating. But current must circulate through a motor at all times to prevent a system dead zone.



6. **Ripple is constant**, regardless of motor speed with a constant ripple controller. However, frequency variations can lead to instability in position servos.

no purpose other than to prevent a dead zone. But this problem can be overcome by constant-ripple control, which is designed to sense ripple and keep it independent of speed. Although ripple is fixed (Fig. 6), frequency varies depending on the speed of the motor, and this introduces other problems. When frequency varies, it can pass through a mechanical resonant point of the servo causing uncontrollable disturbances or loss of control. And because the switching frequency determines the upper limit of servo bandwidth, system bandwidth can vary. But as already shown, system bandwidth must be at least five times less than the minimum switching frequency for a system to be "continuous." Large frequency swings, therefore, can produce conditions that cause instability. ■■

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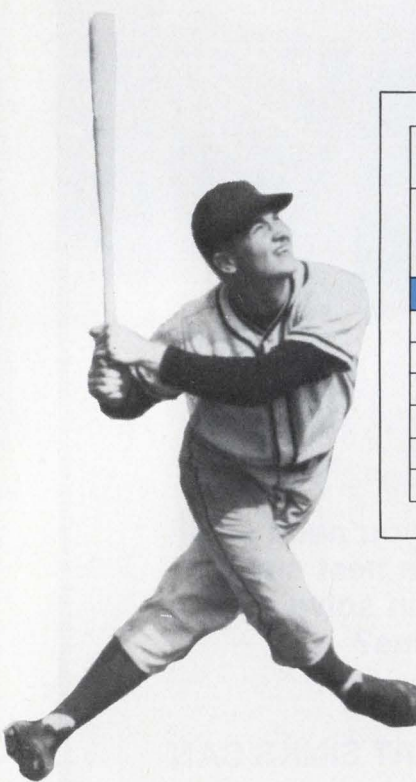
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1. Determine the total current.
2. Select the core material.
3. Determine the optimum flux density and magnetic-field strength.
4. Select the minimum-sized magnet wire.
5. Determine the minimum effective volume.
6. Select the minimum-sized core.
7. Determine the number of turns.
8. Determine the air gap.
9. Check the incremental effect.
10. Determine the total power loss.
11. Determine the maximum operating temperature the inductor must withstand.

Follow this step-by-step method to determine the optimum magnetic characteristics without the usual lengthy iteration. The power dissipated in the coil's windings then becomes the major factor that limits the inductor's minimum size.

Finding the coil current

But before you can start, distinguish between the maximum incremental current, I_m , and the rated current at maximum temperature, I_r . The incremental current is the total instantaneous ac or pulse current (I_{pk}) and dc offset or bias (I_{dc}):

$$I_m = I_{pk} + I_{dc} \quad (1)$$

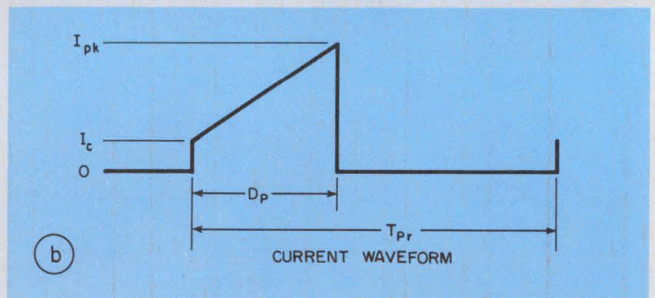
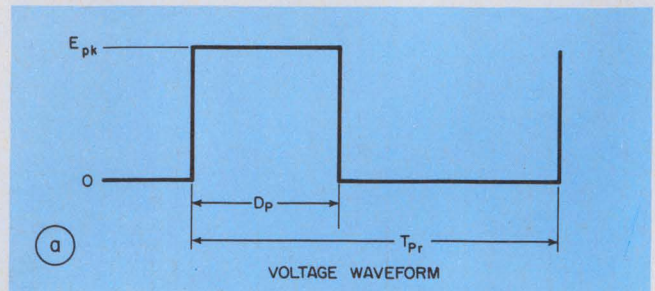
Since these currents together change the choke's inductance, the minimum inductance is determined by I_m .

The rated current is the total effective ac, I_{eff} , and I_{dc} :

$$I_r = I_{eff} + I_{dc} \quad (2)$$

These currents heat the inductor, so I_r determines the minimum size of the magnet wire.

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1. A trapezoid of current (a) results when a square wave of voltage (b) is impressed on an inductor. The initial jump of current, I_c , ramps up to the final value, I_{pk} , with a slope that depends on coil inductance and resistance.

With a sine wave of E_{ac} , the maximum rms voltage across the choke, I_{eff} depends on L_m , the incremental inductance at I_m , and the operating frequency, f :

$$I_{eff} = E_{ac}/2\pi f L_m \quad (3)$$

also

$$I_{pk} = \sqrt{2} I_{eff} \quad (4)$$

Be careful in assigning a value to f —it may not be the line frequency. For instance, with a 60-Hz three-phase full-wave-bridge rectifier, f is 360 Hz.

For pulse excitation of the choke, as in switching regulators, the voltage and current waveforms are shown in Fig. 1. When a choke handles pulses rather than sine waves, I_{pk} depends on the pulse excitation voltage (E_{pk}), the pulse duration (D_p), the L_m and the core-loss current (I_c), which is due to hysteresis and eddies:

$$I_{pk} = (E_{pk} D_p / L_m) + I_c \quad (5)$$

Choose the proper core and you can keep I_c less than 10% of I_{pk} :

$$I_c \leq 0.1 I_{pk} \quad (5a)$$

The pulse-repetition time, t_{pr} , comes into play for I_{eff} .

$$I_{eff} = \sqrt{D_p (I_p^2 + I_{pk} I_c + I_c^2) / 3} \quad (6)$$

Once you've determined the values for the ap-

Table 1. Average values of common core materials.

Material Designation	Freq. Range (Hz)	Temp. Range (°C)	U _i (G/Oe)	B _s (G)	B _r (G)	H _i (Oe)
Electrical Steels⁴						
Silicon Iron	20 to 1 k	-55 to +300	500	17.5 k	12 k	5.5
Silectron	20 to 10 k	-55 to +375	1.5 k	16.5 k	14 k	0.83
Alloy 48	20 to 8 k	-55 to +250	1 k	12.5 k	10 k	1.25
HY-MV 80	20 to 25 k	-55 to +230	10 k	8 k	4.4 k	0.18
Supermalloy	20 to 25 k	-55 to +230	50 k	7.3 k	4 k	0.033
Supermendur	20 to 2 k	-55 to +460	1.5 k	21 k	19 k	0.67
Molypermalloy Powders						
MPP 14 ²	400 k to 1 M	-55 to +250	14	6 k	10	214
MPP 26 ²	400 to 650 k	-55 to +230	26	6 k	10	115
MPP 60	400 to 250 k	-55 to +200	60	6 k	10	49.8
MPP 125	40 to 100 k	-55 to +200	125	6 k	200	23.2
MPP 160	40 to 70 k	-55 to +200	160	6 k	200	18.1
MPP 200	40 to 30 k	-55 to +175	200	6 k	200	14.5
MPP 300	40 to 25 k	-55 to +150	300	6 k	300	9.5
MPP 550	40 to 20 k	-55 to +125	550	6 k	650	4.86
Powdered Irons						
Carbonyl SF ²	2 to 50 M	-55 to +125	7.5	8 k	10	533
Carbonyl E ²	200 k to 10 M	-55 to +125	10	8 k	10	400
Carbonyl C ²	100 k to 2 M	-55 to +125	20	8 k	10	200
Carbonyl GQ4 ²	50 k to 1 M	-55 to +125	35	8 k	10	114
Carbonyl HA	1 to 100 k	-55 to +105	60	8 k	2200	48.3
75 Powder	400 to 50 k	-55 to +105	75	8 k	2200	38.7
90 Powder	400 to 10 k	-55 to +105	90	8 k	2200	32.2
Ferrites³						
F40	10 to 80 M	-55 to +250	40	2400	750	20.6
F125	200 k to 10 M	-55 to +250	125	2350	1200	4.6
F175	100 k to 5 M	-55 to +230	175	2550	1400	3.28
F250	50 k to 4 M	-55 to +200	250	2200	1100	2.2
F400	10 k to 2.5 M	-55 to +175	400	2700	1100	2
F750	1 k to 1.5 M	-55 to +125	750	4000	1800	1.47
F1000	1 k to 1 M	-55 to +125	1000	4200	1700	1.25
F1500	1 k to 650 k	-55 to +125	1500	4000	1100	0.97
F2000	400 to 500 k	-55 to +125	2000	4400	1500	0.72
F2300	400 to 300 k	-40 to +105	2300	4000	1200	0.61
F2700	400 to 250 k	-30 to +105	2700	4700	2000	0.50
F5000	400 to 100 k	-25 to +105	5000	4300	1200	0.31
F10000	400 to 80 k	-25 to +90	10000	4300	1200	0.16

Notes:

(1) For specific data and tolerances, refer to individual suppliers. (2) Excessive heating occurs before incremental effects are observed. (3) There are no standard designations for equivalent materials between ferrite suppliers. Designation used is for convenience. (4) Frequency range of electrical steel depends on material thickness. The thinner the material, the higher the frequency range.

Glossary of inductor terms

Symbol	Terminology	Units
A_c	Cross-sectional area of the core	cm ²
A_{Lo}	Initial-inductance index	H/turn ²
A_{Lm}	Incremental-inductance index	H/turn ²
A_s	Total surface area	cm ²
B	Maximum operating-flux density	G
B_r	Residual-flux density	G
B_s	Saturation-flux density	G
C_v	Core loss per unit volume	W/cm ³
C_{vf}	Core-loss factor	W/cm ³ /Hz
d_i	Insulated-wire diameter	in.
d_o	Bare-wire diameter	in.
D_p	Pulse duration	s
E_{ac}	Ac-excitation voltage	rms V
E_{pk}	Pulse-excitation voltage	pk V
f	Design operating frequency	Hz
G_t	Thermal conductance	W/°C
H	Maximum operating magnetic-field strength	Oe
H_i	Intrinsic magnetic-field strength	Oe
I_c	Core-loss current	A
I_{dc}	Dc current (offset or bias)	A
I_{eff}	Effective current	A
I_f	Fusing current	A
I_m	Maximum incremental current	A
I_{pk}	Pulse current	A
I_r	Rated current at max temperature	A
I_{ro}	Rated current at room temperature	A
k	Winding-utilization factor	---
L	Inductance	H
L_c	Magnetic-path length of the core	cm
l_e	Effective magnetic-path length	cm
l_g	Total air-gap length	cm
L_m	Incremental inductance at I_m	H
l_{tm}	Mean length per turn	ft
L_o	Initial inductance	H
N	Total turns	turns
p	Dc resistance per unit length	Ω/ft
P_c	Core loss	W
P_t	Total power	W
P_w	Winding loss	W
r	Thermal coefficient of resistance	Ω/Ω/°C
R_{dc}	Dc winding resistance	Ω
S_d	Surface dissipation	W/cm ² /°C
T_a	Ambient temperature	°C
T_m	Maximum operating temperature	°C
T_o	Reference temperature	°C
T_{pr}	Pulse-repetition time	s
T_r	Temperature rise	°C
t_{pi}^2	Winding density	turns/in. ²
U_e	Effective permeability	G/Oe
U_i	Initial permeability	G/Oe
U_m	Incremental permeability	G/Oe
V_e	Effective volume	cm ³
V_{em}	Minimum effective volume	cm ³
V_c	Actual core volume	cm ³
W_a	Winding cross-sectional area	cm ³

appropriate coil currents, you can select a core material from the hundreds of magnetic materials available. Table 1 lists a representative cross-section of several popular core materials.

To pick the right core material, you need to know the required f , maximum operating temperature, T_m , core properties you need, cost, geometry and winding limitations, among other things. But whenever possible, and especially for switching regulators, use gapped-ferrite cores.

The core loss per unit volume, C_v , depends on the core-loss factor:

$$C_v = C_{vf} f \quad (7)$$

The crux of this entire procedure is that it determines explicitly—without iteration—optimum values for maximum operating flux density, B , and maximum operating magnetic-field strength, H , for the selected core material. Empirical analysis has shown that incremental effects begin approximately when the intrinsic magnetic-field strength, H_i , equals the saturation-flux density, B_s , minus the residual-flux density, B_r , all divided by twice the initial permeability, U_i , or

$$H_i = (B_s - B_r) / 2U_i \quad (8)$$

Thus, for inductors passing substantial dc, you must lower the maximum operating flux density to the differential flux density, $B_s - B_r$, rather than just B_s :

$$B = B_s - B_r \quad (9)$$

Maximum operating field strength depends not only on B , but also on incremental permeability, U_m :

$$U_m = U_i L_m / L_o \quad (10)$$

where L_o is the choke's initial low-level ac value of inductance with no dc, and L_m is the desired inductance value at I_m .

Now you can find H :

$$H = B / U_m \quad (11)$$

Because of the large variations in the permeabilities of many magnetic materials, especially the electrical steels, specify U_i at no more than 40 G. And expect variations in U_i , B_s and B_r at high temperatures.

Minimizing magnet-wire size

Having found values for B and H , you can figure out the thinnest magnet wire that you can use.

The size of the magnet wire is limited by its current rating, I_r . However, the usual current rating for copper wire doesn't apply to inductors. Ratings based on a current density of 1000 circular mils/A—the loading that causes a 2% voltage drop per 100 ft of standard house wiring—aren't realistic.

Instead current ratings for industrial and military inductors are based on a more practical consideration—maximum temperature rise. Since these ratings range typically from 5 to 20% of the wire's fusing current, rating the inductor wire at 10% of its fusing current is realistic, not to mention convenient for calculation. This rating applies at T_m .

At 20 C, the fusing current for bare-copper magnet wire of diameter d_o is found by

Table 2. Magnet Wire Design Data.

AWG Size	Bare Wire				Single Film					Double Film				
	Max OD	Max I	Max Tensile Strength	Ω/ft	Max OD	ft/lb	Ω/lb	Tpi	Tpi ²	Max OD	ft/lb	Ω/lb	Tpi	Tpi ²
10	0.1024	33.6	82.4	0.00100	0.1047	31.6	0.0316	9.551	91.22	0.1061	31.5	0.0315	9.425	88.83
11	0.0912	28.2	65.3	0.00126	0.0935	39.8	0.0501	10.70	114.4	0.0948	39.7	0.0500	10.55	111.3
12	0.0812	23.7	51.8	0.00159	0.0834	50.3	0.0800	11.99	143.8	0.0847	50.0	0.0795	11.81	139.4
13	0.0724	19.9	41.2	0.00200	0.0746	63.3	0.1266	13.40	179.7	0.0757	62.9	0.1258	13.21	174.5
14	0.0644	16.7	32.6	0.00252	0.0666	79.9	0.2013	15.02	225.5	0.0682	79.3	0.1998	14.66	215.0
15	0.0574	14.1	25.9	0.00318	0.0594	101	0.3212	16.84	283.4	0.0609	100	0.3180	16.42	269.6
16	0.0511	11.8	20.5	0.00402	0.0531	127	0.5105	18.83	354.7	0.0545	126	0.5065	18.35	336.7
17	0.0455	9.94	16.3	0.00505	0.0475	159	0.8029	21.05	443.2	0.0488	158	0.7979	20.49	419.9
18	0.0405	8.35	12.9	0.00639	0.0424	201	1.284	23.58	556.2	0.0437	199	1.272	22.88	523.6
19	0.0361	7.02	10.2	0.00805	0.0379	253	2.037	26.39	696.2	0.0391	251	2.020	25.58	654.1
20	0.0322	5.92	8.14	0.0101	0.0339	318	3.212	29.50	870.2	0.0351	315	3.182	28.49	811.7
21	0.0286	4.95	6.42	0.0128	0.0303	402	5.146	33.00	1089	0.0314	397	5.082	31.85	1014
22	0.0254	4.15	5.07	0.0162	0.0270	508	8.230	37.04	1372	0.0281	503	8.149	35.59	1266
23	0.0227	3.50	4.05	0.0203	0.0243	633	12.85	41.15	1694	0.0253	625	12.69	39.53	1562
24	0.0202	2.94	3.20	0.0257	0.0217	806	20.71	46.08	2124	0.0227	794	20.41	44.05	1941
25	0.0180	2.47	2.54	0.0324	0.0194	1013	32.82	51.55	2657	0.0203	990	32.08	49.26	2427
26	0.0160	2.07	2.01	0.0410	0.0173	1282	52.56	57.80	3341	0.0182	1260	51.66	54.95	3019
27	0.0143	1.75	1.61	0.0514	0.0156	1608	82.65	64.10	4109	0.0164	1580	81.21	60.98	3718
28	0.0127	1.47	1.27	0.0653	0.0140	2033	132.8	71.43	5102	0.0147	1990	129.9	68.03	4628
29	0.0114	1.25	1.02	0.0812	0.0126	2525	205.0	79.37	6299	0.0133	2470	200.6	75.19	5653
30	0.0101	1.04	0.801	0.104	0.0112	3215	334.4	89.29	7972	0.0119	3140	326.6	84.03	7062
31	0.0090	0.874	0.636	0.131	0.0100	4065	532.5	100.0	10000	0.0108	3950	517.4	92.59	8573
32	0.0081	0.747	0.515	0.162	0.0091	5000	810.0	109.9	12076	0.0098	4880	790.6	102.0	10412
33	0.0072	0.626	0.407	0.206	0.0081	6369	1312	123.5	15242	0.0088	6170	1271	113.6	12913
34	0.0064	0.524	0.322	0.261	0.0072	8064	2105	138.9	19290	0.0078	7870	2054	128.2	16437
35	0.0057	0.441	0.255	0.331	0.0064	10210	3380	156.2	24414	0.0070	9940	3290	142.9	20408
36	0.0051	0.373	0.204	0.415	0.0058	12760	5295	172.4	29727	0.0063	12440	5163	158.7	25195
37	0.0046	0.319	0.166	0.512	0.0052	15800	8090	192.3	36982	0.0057	15300	7834	175.4	30779
38	0.0041	0.269	0.132	0.648	0.0047	19920	12908	212.8	45269	0.0051	19300	12506	196.1	38447
39	0.0036	0.221	0.101	0.847	0.0041	26040	22056	243.9	59488	0.0045	25100	21260	222.2	49383
40	0.0032	0.185	0.0804	1.08	0.0037	33110	35759	270.3	73046	0.0040	32200	34776	250.0	62500
41	0.0029	0.160	0.0661	1.32	0.0033	40100	52932	303.0	91827	0.0036	39500	52140	277.8	77160
42	0.0026	0.136	0.0531	1.66	0.0030	51000	84660	333.3	111111	0.0032	49800	82668	312.5	97656
43	0.023	0.113	0.0475	2.14	0.0026	65800	140.8k	384.6	147928	0.0029	63700	136.3k	344.8	118906
44	0.0021	0.0985	0.0346	2.59	0.0024	79400	205.6k	416.7	173611	0.0027	76300	197.6k	370.4	137174
45	0.00176	0.0756	0.0243	3.62	0.00205	104k	376.5k	487.8	237954	0.00230	99600	360.6k	434.8	189036
46	0.00157	0.0637	0.0194	4.54	0.00185	132k	599.3k	540.5	292184	0.00210	126k	572.0k	476.2	226757
47	0.00140	0.0536	0.0154	5.71	0.00170	162k	925.0k	588.2	346020	0.00190	153k	873.6k	526.3	277003
48	0.00124	0.0447	0.0121	7.29	0.00150	205k	1.494M	666.6	444444	0.00170	199k	1.451M	588.2	346020
49	0.00111	0.0379	0.0097	9.09	0.00130	258k	2.345M	769.2	591716	0.00150	252k	2.291M	666.6	444444
50	0.00099	0.0319	0.0077	11.4	0.00120	312k	3.557M	833.3	694444	0.00140	306k	3.488M	714.3	510204
51	0.00088	0.0267	0.0061	14.5	0.00110	416k	6.032M	909.1	826446					
52	0.00078	0.0223	0.0048	18.4	0.00100	555k	10.21M	1000	1.000M					
53	0.00070	0.0190	0.0038	22.9	0.00085	667k	15.27M	1176	1.384M					
54	0.00062	0.0158	0.0030	29.1	0.00075	859k	25.00M	1333	1.777M					
55	0.00055	0.0132	0.0024	37.0	0.00070	1.090M	40.33M	1429	2.041M					
56	0.00049	0.0111	0.0019	46.6	0.00065	1.380M	64.31M	1538	2.367M					
Units	Inches	Amperes	Pounds	Ω/ft	Inches	ft/lb	Ω/lb	Tpi	Tpi ²	Inches	ft/lb	Ω/lb	Tpi	Tpi ²

Maximum ODs, Ω/ft and ft/lb are taken from Materials and Processes Handbook. Maximum rated current is 10% of the fusing current at 20°C. Maximum tension is based upon a tensile strength of 10.00 PSI. Ω/lb is derived from $(\Omega/\text{ft}) \times (\text{ft}/\text{lb})$. Tpi = $1/\text{Max OD}$. Tpi² = $(1/\text{Max OD})^2$.

$$I_f = 10,244 d_o^3 \quad (12)$$

As a result, the current rating at 20 C is

$$I_{r0} = 0.1 I_f, \quad (13)$$

Furthermore, for a required I_r , the magnet wire's minimum current rating at 20 C must be

$$I_{r0} = I_r [1 + 0.00393 (T_m - 20)] \quad (14)$$

Current ratings for copper magnet wire, based on Eq. 13, are tabulated in Table 2 along with other selected magnet-wire design data.

Finding the effective volume

Using your values for B and H, determine the minimum effective volume, V_{em} , that will sustain your inductor's operating conditions.

$$V_{em} = 0.4\pi \times 10^8 L_m I_m^2 / (B H). \quad (15)$$

For ungapped cores like toroids, the actual core volume must equal or exceed V_{em} . But meeting this requirement may make the core size excessive. Fortunately, however, an air gap in the magnetic circuit can reduce core size significantly. If the air-gap length, l_g , is small with respect to the effective magnetic-path length, l_e , the equivalent effective volume, V_e , is:

$$\begin{aligned} V_e &= A_c l_e \\ &= A_c (l_c + U_i l_g) \\ &= V_c + (A_c U_i l_g), \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where l_e is the magnetic path length of the core, A_c is the core's cross-sectional area and V_c is the actual volume.

To get the L_m when you select the core gap ensure

$$V_e \geq V_{em}. \quad (17)$$

Armed with the minimum effective core volume, select the smallest core that can sustain the required inductance. With the help of core-size indexes pick a core from magnetic-core catalogs. They also provide data for the winding area, W_a , and for A_c that you can use in

$$W_a A_c = 5.067 \times 10^8 L_m I_m d_i^2 / (k B). \quad (18)$$

Here d_i is the diameter of the insulated-wire (double-film insulation is recommended), and k is the winding-utilization, or "fit," factor. For toroidal windings, k is typically 0.4; for bobbin windings, 0.8.

The core must satisfy Eqs. 15 and 18. Often, the core's geometry is severely limited by mounting space and dc winding resistance, R_{dc} . (Other factors that affect core geometry are compared in Table 3.)

Even slug-type inductors can be designed with this step-by-step procedure, but you must empirically determine l_g and V_e for slugs.

Now that you know the material, size and geometry of the core, you can calculate the maximum value of the incremental inductance index, A_{Lm} , from

$$A_{Lm} = (B A_c)^2 \times 10^{-16} / (L_m I_m^2). \quad (19)$$

Then with A_{Lm} , compute the number of turns, N , required for the L_m you need:

$$N = \sqrt{L_m / A_{Lm}} \quad (20)$$

Take N and H , and determine l_e :

$$l_e = 0.4\pi N I_m / H. \quad (21)$$

For cores without air gaps, such as toroids, make sure that

Table 3. Core-geometry selection criteria.

Selection Factor	E-U-I Cores	Pot Cores	Toroid Cores	Slug Cores	Other Shielded Cores
Core Cost	Low	High	Low	Low	High
Winding Cost	Low	Low	High	Low	Low
Winding Flexibility	Excellent	Fair	Good	Good	Fair
Mounting Flexibility	Good	Good	Fair	Fair	Good
Shielding	Fair	Excellent	Good	Poor	Good

$$l_c \geq l_e. \quad (22)$$

For cores with air gaps, compute the air-gap length from

$$l_g = (l_e - l_c) / U_i. \quad (23)$$

Now you can find the effective permeability:

$$U_e = U_i / [1 + (U_i l_g / l_c)]. \quad (24)$$

For core geometries in which an air gap interrupts the magnetic circuit twice, the inserted material thickness should be half that computed in Eq. 23.

The air gap affects the initial-inductance index, A_{L0} , as follows:

$$A_{L0} = 0.4\pi \times 10^{-8} A_c / [(l_c / U_i) + l_g]. \quad (25)$$

Calculate the initial inductance, L_0 , from

$$L_0 = A_{L0} N^2. \quad (26)$$

Next, compute the percent change in inductance L

$$\%L = [(L_m / L_0) - 1] 100. \quad (27)$$

Don't let the inductance change more than 25%. Next, compute P_t , the total power dissipated by the complete inductor—both the winding and the core. First determine the power dissipated in the windings, P_w .

The d_i used for the magnet wire when finding the minimum-sized core is the minimum for the I_r . However, the W_a of the actual core may be able to accept a wire with a large diameter and thereby lower the windings' power loss. The maximum diameter for the insulated wire is related to the winding density in turns per inch, t_{pi}^2 , by

$$d_i = \sqrt{1 / t_{pi}^2}. \quad (28)$$

The winding density must conform to

$$t_{pi}^2 = 6.452 N / (k W_a). \quad (29)$$

Select a wire with the best size for lowest dc resistance per unit length, p . The dc winding resistance, for a particular mean length per turn, l_{tm} , is found with

$$R_{dc} = N l_{tm} p. \quad (30)$$

Compute P_w , using R_{dc} , the reference temperature T_0 , the wire's thermal coefficient of resistance (r), and the T_m and I_r :

$$P_w = I_r^2 R_{dc} [1 + r (T_m - T_0)]. \quad (31)$$

If T_0 is 20 C, r is 0.00393; if T_0 is 25 C, r is 0.00385.

Now, determine the core loss, P_c , from the data for

core loss per unit volume, C_v , which most core manufacturers either graph or tabulate. If necessary, you can extrapolate the value of C_v for your conditions:

$$P_c = C_v V_c \quad (32)$$

Finally, the total power dissipated by the inductor

$$P_t = P_w + P_c \quad (33)$$

Of course, since you haven't built your inductor yet you can only estimate its maximum operating temperature. Surface dissipation, S_d , is the wide-ranging variable that makes determining the T_m fuzzy. The many material variations plus nonuniformity in construction and processing can significantly alter S_d . But, you can at least calculate a value for S_d that is close enough for a first-order estimate.

Find S_d at the ambient temperature, T_a , by

$$S_d = 0.0014 + 1.217 \times 10^{-6} T_a^{1.585} \quad (34)$$

With the total surface area, A_s , and S_d , approximate thermal conductance:

$$G_t = A_s S_d \quad (35)$$

Then the temperature rise:

$$T_r = P_t / G_t \quad (36)$$

and finally the crucial variable, T_m :

$$T_m = T_a + T_r \quad (37)$$

If you find the T_m gets too high, reduce it by increasing A_s , R_{dc} , or both.

Putting the steps all together

To see how all the equations work together, consider an inductor meeting the following requirements:

- $L_o = 5.6$ mH at 0-Adc.
- $L_m = 4.7$ mH minimum at 1.4-A pk and 20 kHz with a 34% duty cycle.
- $T_r = 60$ C maximum at 20 C ambient, therefore $T_m = 80$ C.
- $I_{dc} = 0$.
- The inductor must be mountable on a PC board and shielded.
- The inductor must be small.

Step 1: Determine the total current. Because I_{dc} is zero, from Eq. 1,

$$I_m = 1.4 + 0 \\ = 1.4 \text{ A}$$

For a 34% duty cycle at 20 kHz,

$$t_{pr} = 1/20 \times 10^3 \\ = 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s,}$$

and

$$P_d = 0.34 \times 5 \times 10^{-5} \\ = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s.}$$

Assuming that I_c is 10% of I_m ,

$$I_c = 0.1 \times 1.4 \\ = 0.14 \text{ A.}$$

Although not specified in this design, E_{pk} is always of interest, so from Eq. 5,

$$E_{pk} = (1.4 - 0.14) 4.7 \times 10^{-3} / (1.7 \times 10^{-5}) \\ = 348 \text{ V pk.}$$

From Eq. 6,

$$I_{eff} = \sqrt{\frac{1.7 \times 10^{-5} [1.4^2 + (1.4 \times 0.14) + 0.14^2]}{3 \times 5 \times 10^{-5}}} \\ = 0.497 \text{ A.}$$

And from Eq. 2,

$$I_r = 0.497 + 0 \\ = 0.497 \text{ A.}$$

Step 2: Select the core material. Choose F2000 ferrite for the core material because, as you can see from Table 1, it has the greatest operating flux density. From the table,

$$B_s = 4400 \text{ G.}$$

$$B_r = 1500 \text{ G.}$$

And from Table 2,

$$U_i = 2000 \text{ G.}$$

$$T_m = +125 \text{ C.}$$

From the supplier's data, at 2900 G and 20 kHz,

$$C_{vf} = 12 \mu\text{W/cm}^3/\text{Hz.}$$

Therefore, from Eq. 7,

$$C_v = 12 \times 10^{-6} \times 20 \times 10^3 \\ = 0.24 \text{ W/cm}^3$$

Step 3: Determine the optimum B and H. From Eq. 9,

$$B = 4400 - 1500 \\ = 2900 \text{ G.}$$

From Eq. 10,

$$U_m = 2000 \times 4.7 \times 10^{-3} / 5.6 \times 10^{-3} \\ = 1679 \text{ G/Oe.}$$

From Eq. 11,

$$H = 2900/1679 \\ = 1.73 \text{ Oe.}$$

Step 4: Select the minimum-sized magnet wire.

With an 80-C value for T_m in Eq. 14,

$$I_{ro} = 0.497 [1 + 0.00393 (80 - 20)] \\ = 0.614 \text{ A.}$$

From the data in Table 3, the thinnest wire that can accommodate I_{ro} is AWG 33, whose

$$p = 0.206 \Omega/\text{ft,}$$

and

$$d_i = 0.0088 \text{ in.}$$

Step 5: Determine the minimum effective volume.

From Eq. 15,

$$V_{em} = 0.4\pi \times 10^8 \times 4.7 \times 10^{-3} \times 1.4^2 / (2900 \times 1.73) \\ = 231 \text{ cm}^3.$$

To provide this effective volume, an upgapped core would have to fill a 6.13-cm cube—much too large for mounting on a PC board. Use a gapped core instead; and since shielding is required, make it a pot core.

Step 6: Select the minimum-sized core. From Eq. 18,

$$W_a A_c = \frac{5.067 \times 10^8 \times 4.7 \times 10^{-3} \times 1.4 \times 0.0088^2}{0.8 \times 2900} \\ = 0.1113 \text{ cm}^4.$$

A search through core catalogs reveals the smallest standard pot core that you can use is 22 × 13 mm. For this core

$$A_c = 0.63 \text{ cm}^2$$

and

$$W_a = 0.292 \text{ cm}^2.$$

Therefore,

$$W_a A_c = 0.292 \times 0.63 \\ = 0.1840 \text{ cm}^4,$$

which is, of course, large enough. From the catalogs, you get the following additional core data:

$$\begin{aligned}l_c &= 3.15 \text{ cm.} \\V_c &= 2 \text{ cm.} \\A_s &= 18.02 \text{ cm}^2. \\W_o &= 0.0453 \text{ in.} \\l_{tm} &= 0.145 \text{ ft.}\end{aligned}$$

Step 7: Determine the number of turns. From Eq. 19,

$$A_{Lm} = (2900 \times 0.63)^2 \times 10^{-16} / (4.7 \times 10^{-3} \times 1.4^2) = 3.623 \times 10^{-8} \text{ H/turns}^2.$$

Then from Eq. 20

$$\begin{aligned}N &= \sqrt{4.7 \times 10^{-3} / (3.623 \times 10^{-8})} \\&= 360 \text{ turns}\end{aligned}$$

Step 8: Determine the air gap size. From Eq. 21,

$$\begin{aligned}l_e &= 0.4\pi \times 360 \times 1.4 / 1.73 \\&= 366 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

Then, from Eq. 23,

$$\begin{aligned}l_g &= (366 - 3.15) / 2000 \\&= 0.182 \text{ cm} \\&= 0.072 \text{ in.}\end{aligned}$$

The air gap interrupts the magnetic circuit twice, so the spacer should be 0.036 in. thick—half the computed value of l_g .

Check V_e in Eq. 16:

$$\begin{aligned}V_e &= 2 + (0.63 \times 2000 \times 0.182) \\&= 231 \text{ cm}^3.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, V_e complies with the V_{em} required by Eq. 17.

Step 9: Determine the incremental effect. From Eq. 25,

$$\begin{aligned}A_{LO} &= 0.4\pi \times 10^{-8} \times 0.63 / [(3.15/2000) + 0.182] \\&= 4.31 \times 10^{-8} \text{ H/turn.}\end{aligned}$$

Then, from Eq. 26,

$$\begin{aligned}L_o &= 4.31 \times 10^{-8} \times 360^2 \\&= 5.59 \text{ mH,}\end{aligned}$$

which is close enough to the required 5.6 mH. If L_o isn't close enough, change the turns ratio appropriately—a simple process using Eq. 26.

Step 10: Determine the total power loss. From Eq. 29,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{tpi}^2 &= 360 / (0.8 \times 0.0453) \\&= 9934 \text{ turns/in.}^2\end{aligned}$$

From the wire data in Table 2, you can use AWG 32 heavy-film wire instead of AWG 33. Then,

$$p = 0.162 \text{ } \Omega/\text{ft.}$$

From Eq. 30,

$$\begin{aligned}R_{dc} &= 360 \times 0.145 \times 0.162 \\&= 8.46.\end{aligned}$$

From Eq. 31,

$$\begin{aligned}P_w &= 0.497^2 \times 8.46 [1 + 0.00393 (80 - 20)] \\&= 2.54 \text{ W.}\end{aligned}$$

From Eq. 32,

$$\begin{aligned}P_c &= 0.24 \times 2 \\&= 0.48 \text{ W.}\end{aligned}$$

Note that the core loss is much smaller than the winding loss. From Eq. 33,

$$\begin{aligned}P_t &= 0.48 + 2.54 \\&= 3.02 \text{ W.}\end{aligned}$$

Step 11: Determine the maximum temperature.

From Eq. 34,

$$\begin{aligned}S_d &= 0.0014 + 1.2717 \times 10^{-6} \times 25^{1.585} \\&= 0.0016 \text{ W/cm}^2/\text{ }^\circ\text{C.}\end{aligned}$$

From Eq. 35,

$$\begin{aligned}G_t &= 0.0016 \times 18.02 \\&= 0.02883 \text{ W/ }^\circ\text{C.}\end{aligned}$$

From Eq. 36,

$$\begin{aligned}T_r &= 3.02 / 0.02883 \\&= 105 \text{ C.}\end{aligned}$$

From Eq. 37,

$$\begin{aligned}T_m &= 20 + 105 \\&= 125 \text{ C.}\end{aligned}$$

This value of T_m is too high. The open construction of the proposed inductor doesn't have enough surface to limit T_r to 60 C max. From Eq. 36, the minimum thermal conductance required is

$$\begin{aligned}G_t &= 3.02 / 60 \\&= 0.0503 \text{ W/ }^\circ\text{C}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from Eq. 35, the minimum A_s required is

$$\begin{aligned}A_s &= 0.0503 / 0.0016 \\&= 31.43 \text{ cm}^2.\end{aligned}$$

The maximum diameter and height of the pot core are 0.866 inches and 0.536 inches, respectively. So you should be able to encapsulate it, with thermally conductive epoxy, in a round or rectangular plastic shell. The nearest suitably sized round shell has an outside diameter of 1.187 inches, a height of 0.75 inches, and a thickness of 0.03 inches. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}A_s &= 5.01 \text{ in.}^2 \\&= 32.32 \text{ cm}^2.\end{aligned}$$

Combining Eqs. 35, 36 and 37,

$$\begin{aligned}T_m &= 20 + 3.02 / 0.0016 \times 32.32 \\&= 20 + 58 \\&= 78 \text{ C,}\end{aligned}$$

which meets the required design goal. ■■

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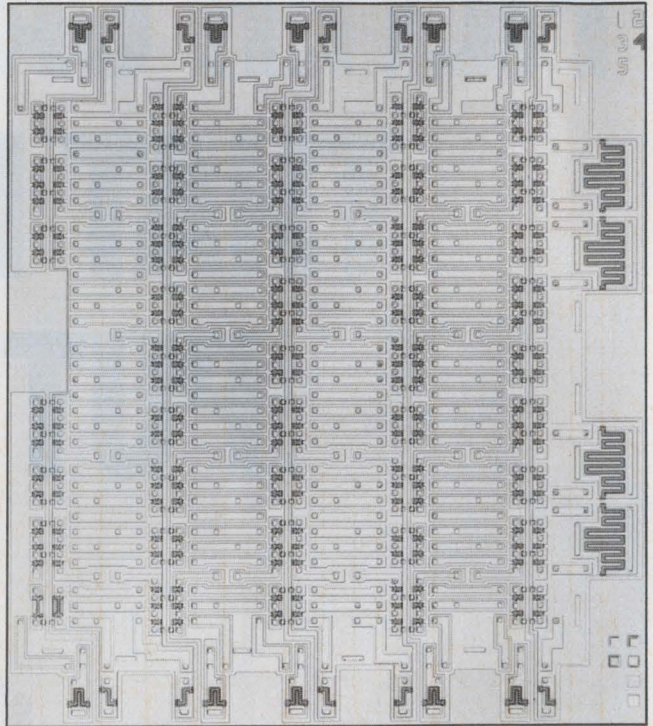
Of course, the development dollars that an array vendor puts into an uncommitted device array must be repaid somehow, so you will end up paying his costs in the form of higher chip prices than those charged by a custom IC manufacturer. The custom IC vendor does all the development from the ground up, thus shaving chip costs to the bone by keeping the silicon area of the die to a minimum.

But you can't really compare total design costs without knowing how many devices using arrays will be produced. In fact since production cost per unit for a purely custom device will drop more rapidly than the cost of an uncommitted array, any economic decision you make depends almost entirely on the number of chips to be purchased.

For 10,000 and under, uncommitted arrays are usually more favorable, while for more than 10,000 a totally custom circuit usually looks more attractive. Table 1 shows how the two alternatives compare when 10,000 units are purchased yearly, and the development costs for a similar circuit are estimated at \$50,000 and \$10,000 for the custom and uncommitted circuits, respectively.

Although uncommitted arrays look good for low

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Typical of uncommitted digital arrays, this MasterMOS Model S chip contains 106 p-channel and 106 n-channel transistors, 10 medium-power buffers, four large n-channel devices with high-current capability, and one p-channel and one n-channel high-impedance device. The chip is 65 × 74 mils, with pads of 4 × 4 mils.

volumes, less than a dozen companies offer mask-programmable units (Table 2). The differences in these arrays are essentially the differences between the semiconductor processes they are made from. For example, if you're looking for a CMOS array, you can go only to about three companies—and you will find little, if any, differences between the arrays.

Check the process and performance

How many processing steps are required to produce finished devices also depends on technology. CMOS wafers require only one step—etching the aluminum interconnects—while other technologies require two or more steps.

Of course, you'll have to make some performance compromises between the mask-programmed arrays and custom-designed circuits. CMOS arrays, for in-

stance, operate in the 1 to 4-MHz region and require several microwatts of power. True custom devices typically can perform at slightly higher frequencies and at lower power levels.

In addition, since most available arrays are pointed toward digital applications, most wafers are made with many small circuit elements or gates. The small elements are not suited for linear applications, and another array must often be used when designing linear devices (some typical array specs for the CMOS digital version are listed in Table 3).

Still, designing with an uncommitted array is fairly simple, since all the transistors are already placed on the wafer. All you have to worry about is designing the logic of the functions to be implemented on the

chip. Then, working with an array manufacturer, you figure out the interconnections needed on the chip.

Divide the procedure into steps

Although the design procedure will vary slightly from one company to the next, depending on the technology, the CMOS arrays from International Microcircuits can be designed by following six simple sequential steps:

1. Define circuit functions and design the logic required to implement those functions. Breadboarding is often valuable at this point for checking the circuit functions and verifying all operating modes.

2. Convert the detailed logic design to a complete circuit design that includes every transistor and every logic element. You should now count logic elements and input and output lines to help you select the right-sized array for your design.

3. Sketch interconnecting lines on a large drawing of the appropriate array. This requires part intuition and part trial and error to arrive at the best grouping of components and eliminate any crossovers. The sketch need only show the points that are to be connected, and not the exact routing of the interconnecting lines.

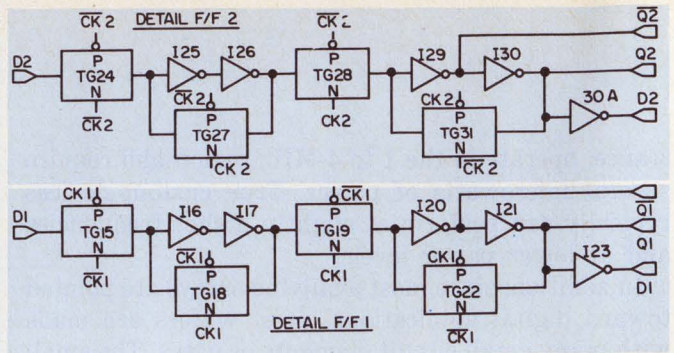
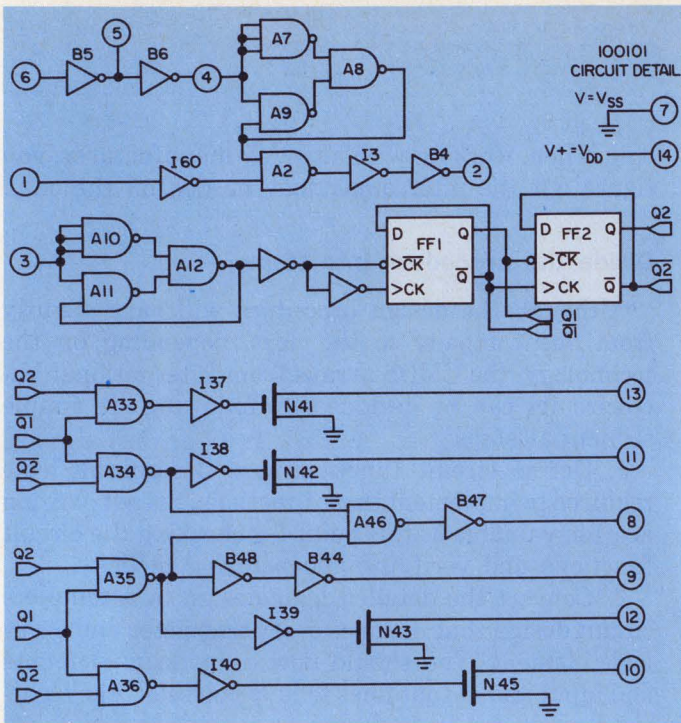
The three previous steps can be done without the

Table 1. Custom cost vs array cost

	Custom	Prediffused
Development cost	\$50,000 (\$5/unit)	\$10,000 (\$1/unit)
Production cost	\$20,000 (\$2/unit)	\$30,000 (\$3/unit)
Total	\$70,000 (\$7/unit)	\$40,000 (\$4/unit)

Table 2. Major uncommitted array vendors

Manufacturer	Array capability	Circle No.
Exar, 750 Palomar Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086. (408) 833-7700.	Bipolar (linear and I ² L digital)	511
Ferranti, E. Bethpage Rd., Plainview, NY 11803. (516) 293-8383.	Bipolar	512
Interdesign, 1255 Reamwood Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086. (408) 734-8666.	Bipolar, CMOS and NMOS	513
International Microcircuits, 3004 Lawrence Expressway, Santa Clara, CA 95051. (408) 735-9370.	CMOS	514
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Microcircuits Technology, 975 Comstock St., Santa Clara, CA 95050. (408) 249-2501.	CMOS, NMOS and PMOS	516
Motorola Semiconductor, 5005 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85008. (602) 244-6900.	Bipolar (ECL)	517
RCA Solid State, Route 202, Somerville, NJ 08876. (201) 685-6000.	CMOS	518
Siemens, Oskar-von-Miller Ring 18, D-8000, Munchen 2, Federal Republic of Germany.	Bipolar (ECL)	519
Stewart Warner Microcircuits SWAP (now part of Dionics, 65 Rushmore St., Westbury, NY 11590. (516) 997-7474).	Bipolar (I ² L)	520
TRW, 14520 Aviation Blvd., Lawndale, CA 90260. (213) 679-4561.	Bipolar (TTL)	521



Designing a circuit with an uncommitted array can be broken into three steps. Start with the logic diagram of the circuit (left), which in this example is a four-channel scanner, and then transform the logic diagram into a discrete device diagram (above) so that the metal interconnect patterns can be defined (below).

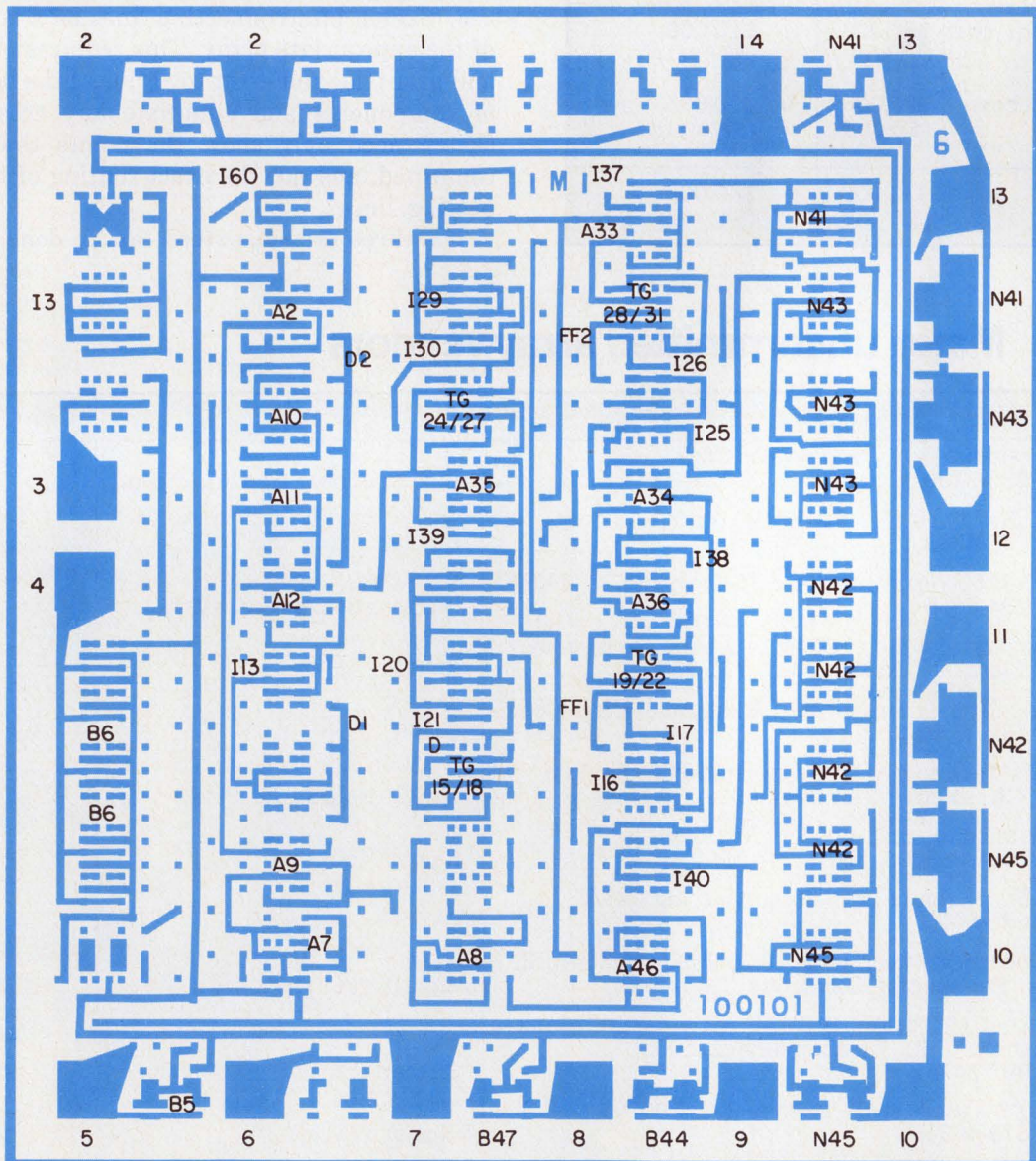


Table 3. Sample array specifications

Capacitance	
Aluminum over thick oxide	0.02 to 0.025 pF/mil ²
Aluminum over thin oxide	0.2 to 0.25 pF/mil ²
N+ to P-	0.25 to 0.3 pF/mil ²
P+ to N-	0.08 to 0.12 pF/mil ²
Threshold voltages (adjacent complementary devices at 1 μ A)	
N channel	0.5 to 1.5 V
P channel	0.6 to 2.3 V
Punch-through voltages	
	30 V at 0.4 mils
	20 V at 0.35 mils
Breakdown voltages at 1 μ A	
N+ to P-	18 V
P+ to N-	30 V
Sheet resistivity	
P- type wells	1000 to 3000 Ω/\square
P+ diffusion	40 to 80 Ω/\square
N+ diffusion	8 to 12 Ω/\square
Over-all system limits	
V _{dd} - V _{ss}	15 V (max), 0.5 V (min)
Input voltage	V _{dd} +0.5 V to V _{ss} -0.5 V
Output voltage	V _{dd} +0.5 V to V _{ss} -0.5 V
Junction temperature	150 C (max), -55 C (min)
*Max toggle frequency	2 MHz at 15 V
Typical propagation delays	
Two-input NOR	70 ns at 5 V
Two input NAND	90 ns at 5 V

* assumes a D-type flip-flop built from array devices

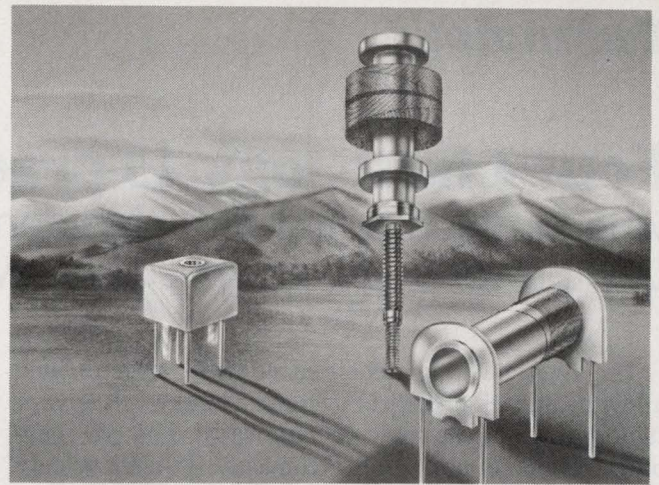
aid of the array vendor, but the next three steps usually require hand-in-hand cooperation:

4. Working from the sketch, technicians prepare precise artwork that indicates all interconnecting lines. The artwork is then checked against the logic design and circuit design to minimize the possibility of a layout error.

5. A photomask is produced from the artwork and is used to etch the aluminum interconnections on the preprocessed wafer.

6. The finished chips are inspected, diced, packaged, tested and then shipped to the customer.

The array manufacturer can enter this design schedule at any time up to the preparation of the photomask artwork. However, the earlier the vendor gets involved, the easier the design procedure. Some vendors even maintain a staff of applications engineers that can help you design your circuit, or at least give you some basic guidelines as to what the arrays can and can't do. ■■



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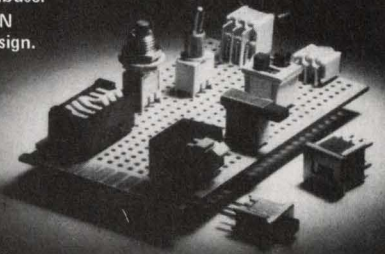
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Four-phase logic is practical

when implemented with high-density MOS large-scale arrays. Low power and high speed can overshadow any disadvantages.

The high packing densities of MOS circuits now allow designers of digital systems to take full advantage of four-phase logic economically. Though four-phase logic is not a new concept,¹ it isn't widely understood, so here's a quick review of its characteristics.

Four-phase logic offers the following advantages:

- Very low power consumption—only a few micro-watts per stage.
- Higher speeds than conventional DTL, TTL and even many CMOS-logic systems—typically only 10-ns delay in a four-phase stage.
- Simple circuitry, highly compatible with computer-aided methods—all "components" are MOS devices.

But four-phase logic also has some disadvantages:

- The logic system is dynamic—inputs and outputs occur only in specific time slots.
- The system needs a four-phase clock—the timing intervals must be accurately determined.
- The rules of interconnection must be strictly observed—even though they are simple and easily handled by computer-aided design.

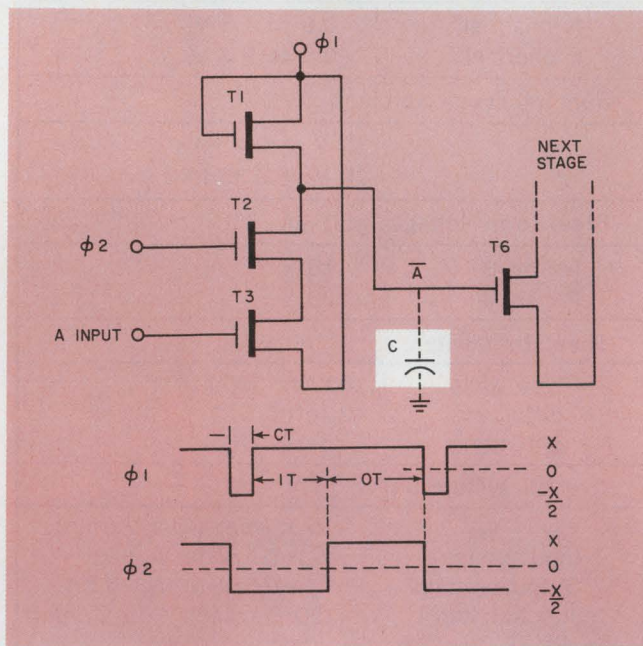
Nevertheless, the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, especially in large-scale programmable-logic arrays (PLAs), programmable-gate arrays, and μ Ps. And converting conventional logic circuits into four-phase logic is simple—once you know how four-phase logic works.

Inherent capacitance holds the signal

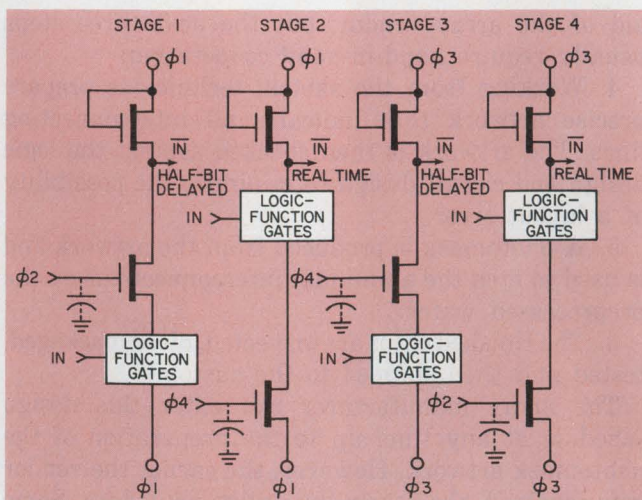
Fig. 1 shows a basic four-phase "stage" configured as an inverter. Phase-1 ($\phi 1$) of the system's clock powers the series string of MOSFET transistors T_1 , T_2 and T_3 ; phase 2 ($\phi 2$) clocks the gate input of T_2 ; and the logic-signal input is applied to the gate of T_3 .

The $\phi 1$ clock, applied to the gate and drain of T_1 , turns T_1 on, and negatively charges the small inherent capacitance, C , of the next stage's input gate. After this charging time (CT), $\phi 2$, which holds T_2 on, allows the charge on C to remain or reverse, depending on the logic-signal input to T_3 .

A ONE (corresponding to a negative level) on the

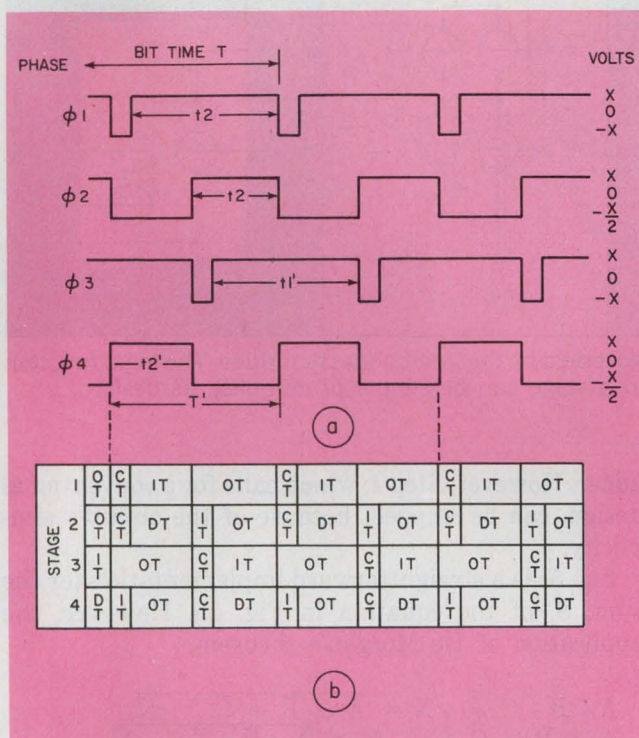


1. In a four-phase inverter, the inherent small capacitance of the next stage's input charges during time CT of clock $\phi 1$. The state of this capacitance is determined, during the input time (IT), by the condition of the logic input A . During the output time (OT), the output—the state of C —transfers to the next stage.



2. Four-phase logic requires the use of four stage configurations. The rules for stage interconnection are relatively simple. Besides, the different stage delays add logic flexibility, and available computer programs can easily obey all the rules consistently.

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3. A four-phase clock is needed for four-phase logic (a), and the clock-signal transitions define the output time (OT), input time (IT), charge time (CT) and dummy, or idle, time (DT) of each of the four stage configurations.

input to T_1 turns T_3 on, discharges C and recharges it positively to ZERO, since ϕ_1 is now positive and T_1 has turned off. Conversely, a ZERO (positive level) input to T_3 retains the negative charge on C ; clearly, the stage acts as an inverter. This part of the circuit's operation is called the input time (IT).

When ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are both positive, T_1 and T_2 are cut off and C is isolated. This part of the operation is called the output time (OT). Another operational interval, called idle—or dummy—time (DT), doesn't occur in the stage type just discussed—Stage 1—but does in two other types of stages—Stages 2 and 4 that we'll look at later (Fig. 2).

The voltage polarity that represents a ONE or ZERO depends upon the logic fabrication—PMOS or NMOS. Since PMOS gates conduct when the gate is negative with respect to the source, the convention is to use ONES to represent negative levels.

Low-threshold PMOS four-phase logic systems readily operate with 7-to-8-MHz clocks, and well

designed NMOS systems can work up to 16 MHz. For example, General Instruments' MEM 3064, a 64-bit serial accumulator, operates at 5 MHz, contains 400 PMOS devices on a 58×58 -mil chip, and dissipates only 40 mW. And LSI Computer Co. (Melville, NY) is developing four-phase custom PMOS and NMOS arrays for miniaturized computers like the Control Data 469 miniature computer.

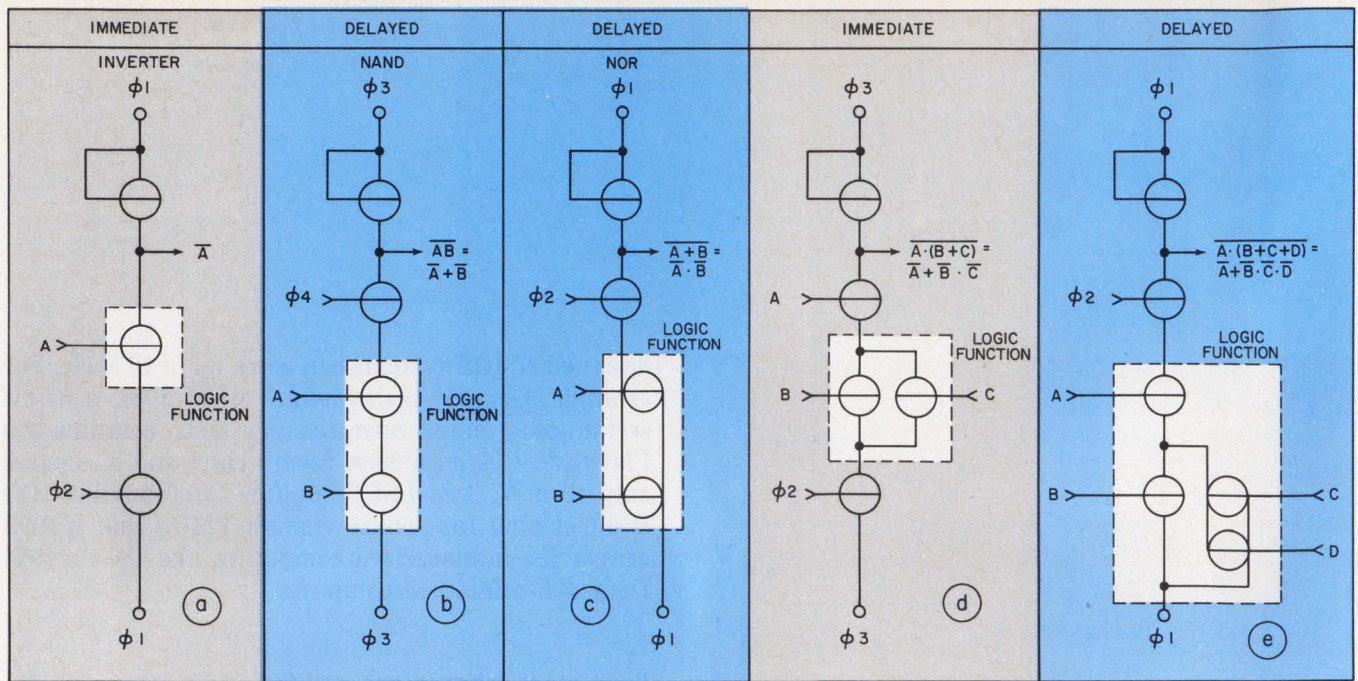
Four clock phases are needed

Fig. 3a shows the complete set of timing and wave shapes—the four phases of the clock needed to power a complete PMOS four-phase logic system (other wave configurations are possible¹). ONES and ZEROS propagate—as in a shift register—through a logic system made up of properly interconnected combinations of the four coupling, or “stage,” circuits shown in Fig. 2. Clock pulses under control of the logic conditions charge and discharge the small inherent capacitances of the logic-input gates of each successive stage. The gate capacitance is, about 0.2 pF typically, with a series impedance of about 25 k Ω ; therefore, a stage output can easily drive a dozen other stages.

In addition to four clock phases, four stage configurations are needed (Fig. 2) because, unfortunately, a stage can't drive another with the same configuration; nor can the stages be connected to each other randomly. A stage may drive its next consecutively numbered stage—Stage 1 may drive Stage 2, 2 may drive 3, and so on. Stage 4 then drives Stage 1. In addition, Stages 1 and 3 may drive each other, so there are six legal combinations in all. All other stage connections are illegal—for example, Stages 2 and 4 can't connect to each other directly.

Furthermore, the logic-signal inputs to Stages 2 and 4 don't propagate through a clocked MOS gate to get to the output; thus their outputs are immediate (real time), whereas stages 1 and 3 outputs are delayed half a clock time of ϕ_2 or ϕ_4 , respectively. Also, note that the outputs of all the stage types are inverted.

These legal-connection rules may seem complicated, at first. But they are easy to remember and they give you considerable flexibility, especially when you design dynamic and sequential systems, such as shifting, counting and time multiplexing circuits. For example, a Stage-1 inverter connected to a Stage-3 inverter generates an output equal to the input, but delayed by one bit. This combination of stages, therefore,



4. Logic functions implemented in four-phase logic must be "carried" in one of the four stage configurations as

governed by the interconnection rules. The logic function in a stage can be simple or complex, as desired.

becomes one stage of a shift register.

Fig. 4 shows a few examples of some simple logic functions in four-phase configurations: an inverter, a NAND gate, a NOR gate and two NAND/NOR combinational circuits. You can easily compile a collection of your own simple-logic building blocks.

But, if you're building complex logic structures, take care: Often the MOS characteristics limit the circuit to only two or three serial OR-gate functions. To overcome serial-OR limitations, alternate vertical-parallel OR (Fig. 4c) and horizontal-parallel-OR (Fig. 4d) configurations. The difference between the vertical and parallel configurations lies in the way the IC-chip designer structures the gates and current paths in the MOS devices. Further, to optimize the circuit density on the chip, the use of real-time stages and delayed stages should be alternated.

Five steps to four-phase logic

Designing four-phase logic circuits boils down to five simple steps. Note that the first four steps are merely the steps of ordinary logic design:

1. Draw a truth table.
2. Map the truth table on a Karnaugh map.
3. Write the logic equation in its simplest form.
4. Lay out the circuit in conventional logic and use one type of logic gate only—all ANDs, ORs, NANDs or NORs.
5. Transform the design into a four-phase circuit, drawing the MOS gates as bubbles.

A conventional logic design can be transformed into four-phase logic many ways—the number is directly proportional to its complexity. For example, Fig. 5 takes you through the steps in designing a two-bit full

adder. However, Step 4, which calls for a conventional design, can be skipped, because of the circuit's simplicity.

Fig. 5c is a straightforward implementation for the sum, S, of the equation in Fig. 5b. However, the application of De Morgan's theorem,²

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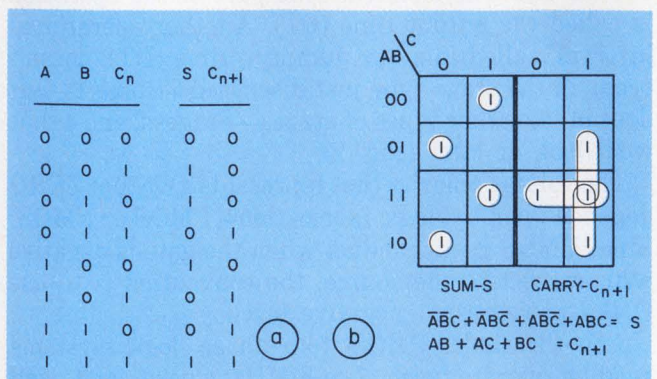
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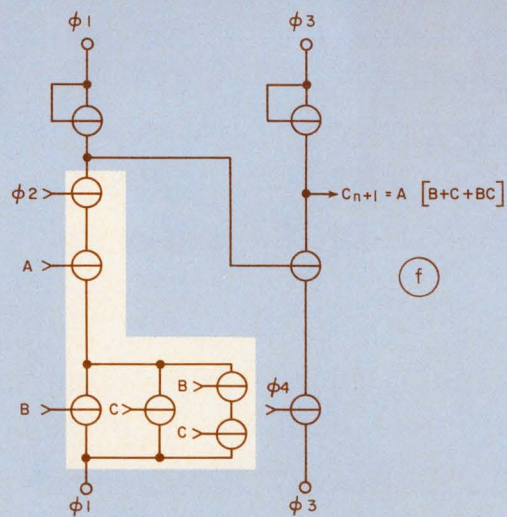
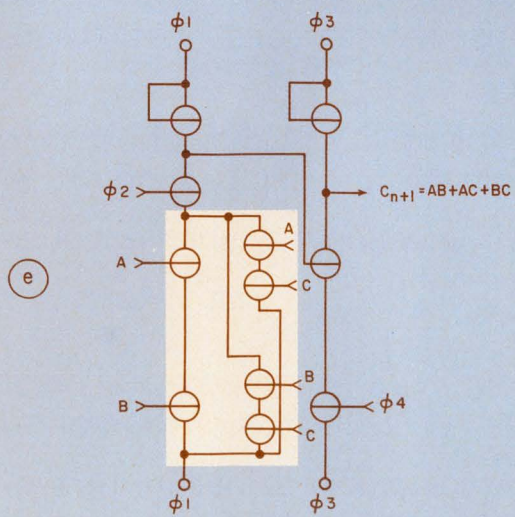
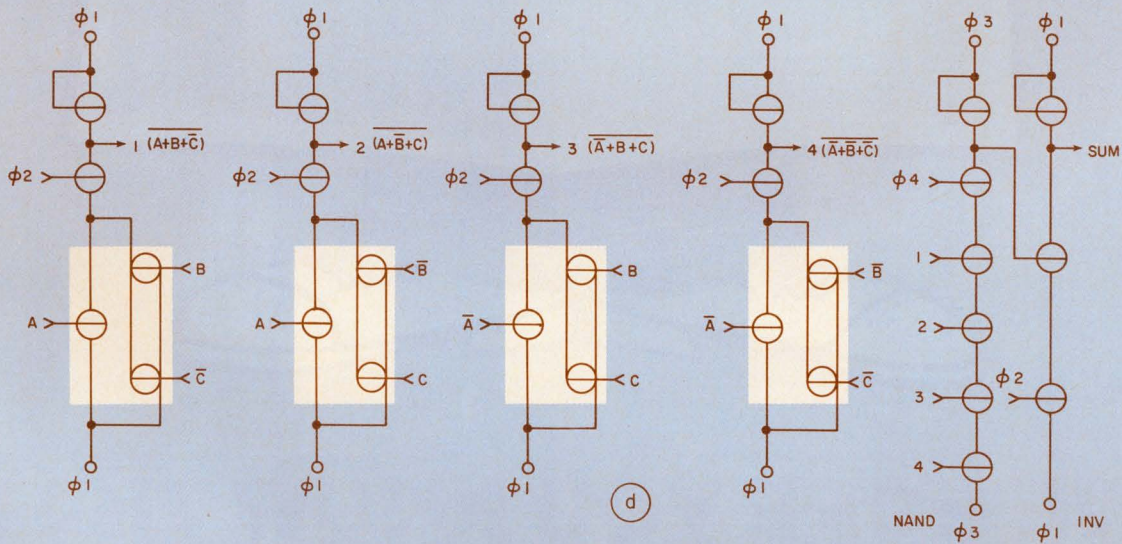
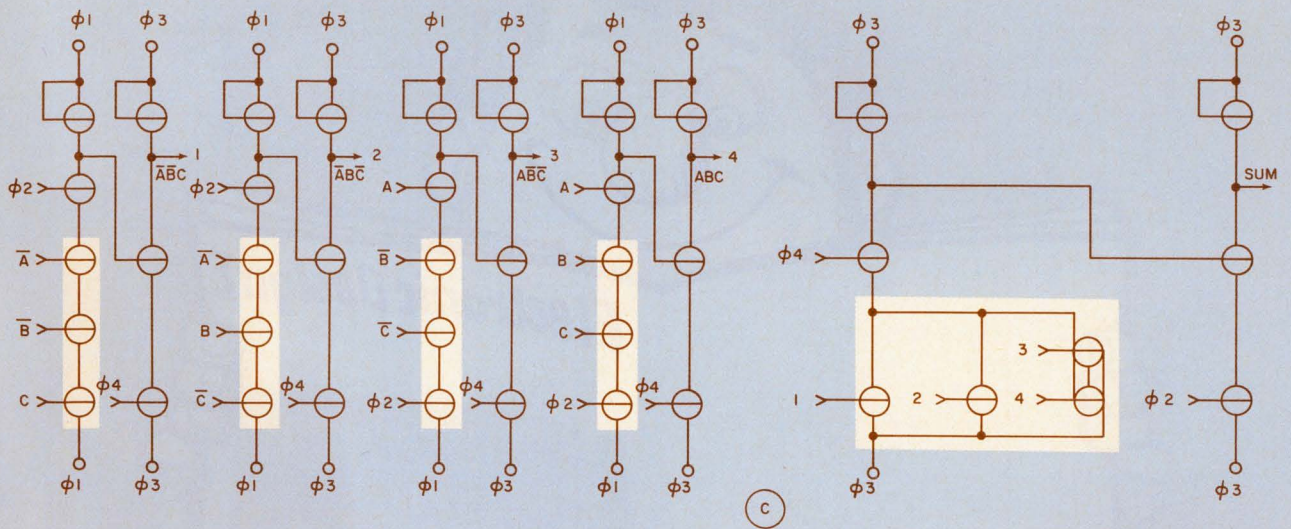
eliminates the need for a separate inverter after each logic term before the ORing operation, and thus greatly simplifies the logic design in Fig. 5d.

The logic for the carry, $C_{(n+1)}$, also is shown in two versions: Fig. 5f is a straightforward application of the equation in Fig. 5b, and Fig. 5f is a somewhat simpler version. ■■

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5. A two-bit full-adder design example is taken through the suggested design steps from truth table (a) and Karnaugh map (b) to variations of the design—direct

implementation (c and e)—or use of De Morgan's theorem (d and f). However, because of the simplicity, Step 4—the conventional-logic design—is skipped.



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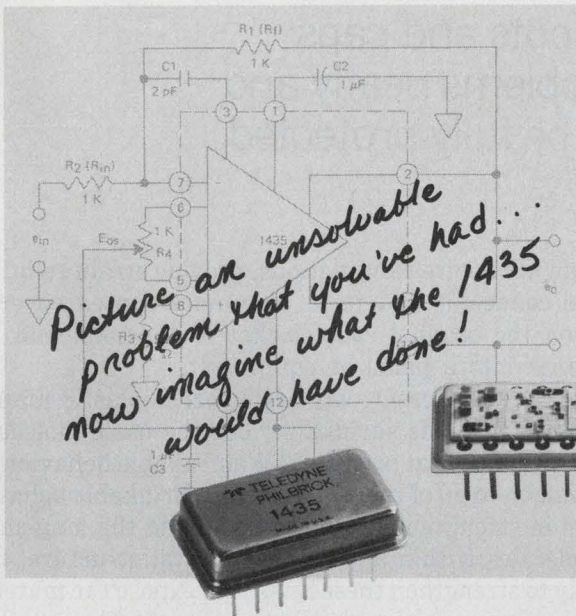
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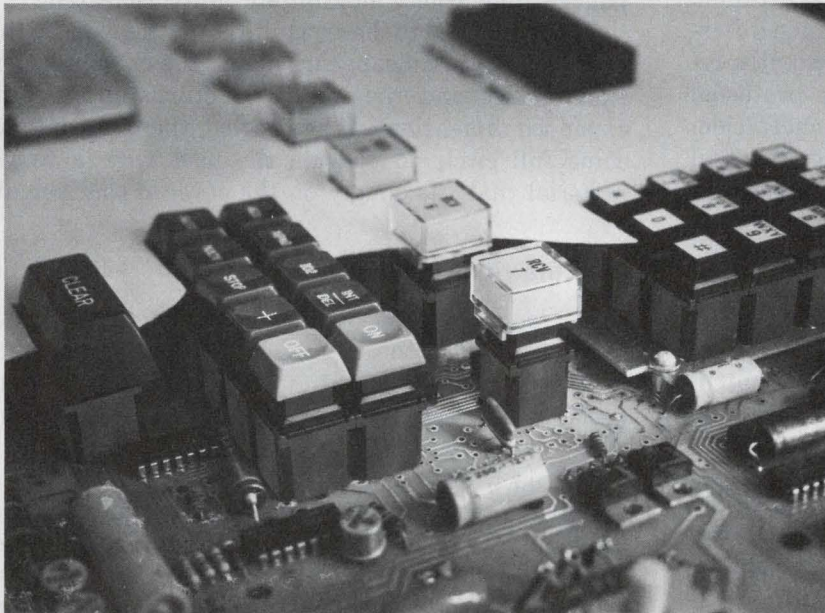
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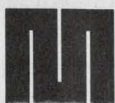
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Heat shrinkable plastics are a substantial portion of the insulating materials used today. Tubing is by far the commonest form, but boots, caps and transition pieces also are used in large quantities. Even many irregularly shaped objects, formerly insulated with tape, are now protected with special heat-shrinkable forms rapidly and at low cost.

The good insulating and mechanical properties of most shrinkable plastic tubing, along with its compatibility with ordinary wire-insulation plastics make such tubing eminently suitable for covering splices to provide both electrical and mechanical protection. As an added bonus, splices have a neater appearance with tubing, rather than with electrical tape.

Furthermore, shrinkable tubing is easy and convenient to use. It cuts easily with scissors, electrical cutters or standard paper cutters. And automated cutting equipment is available. Some tubing manufacturers and distributors even supply pieces cut to order. Standard industry packages contain 4-ft tubing lengths, but some suppliers offer 2-ft lengths, which are easier to store and handle. But even 6-in. packages are readily available.

You can fabricate your own cables, and jacket them for both protection and identification. Damaged flexible cord and cable jackets can be conveniently repaired with shrinkable sleeving, and thus protected against any further damage or moisture penetration. Encapsulating and moisture-proof tubing can seal connectors and splices. Also, shrinkable tubing can serve as strain-relief bushing for cords and connectors. And besides being available in a wide range of colors, the tubing can be surface-printed with characters.

Another major tubing application is to insulate connector terminations. The tubing is slipped over individual connector wires before they are terminated. After termination, the tubing is placed over the wire/connector-terminal joint and shrunk to both insulate the connection and relieve it from strain.

In addition, end caps, which are tubes closed on one end, are used to protect bundles of splices and to prevent moisture from penetrating the cut ends of cable when in storage. And connector boots are specially shaped to fit connector profiles. They protect

individual wire terminations, provide strain relief for the connector and form an uninterrupted covering from the original cable jacket to the connector entrance into a panel or equipment.

Several different polymeric thermoplastic materials can be made shrinkable, but the basic molecular interactions that produce this shrinkable behavior are common to all of them. The key to shrinkable behavior lies in strengthening the links among the long-chain molecules within a polymer's crystal structure. One way to strengthen these links is to expose the material to radiation under controlled conditions. The radiation produces a crosslinking of the molecules that strongly binds the long-chains together.

With crosslinking, if the material is heated to the crystalline melting point, it doesn't melt, but becomes soft and rubbery. The crystal structure dissolves, but the crosslinks hold the molecules together in a viscous mass that prevents the material from melting and flowing. In this soft state, the material can be stretched, which puts the crosslinks under tension. If cooled while held in the expanded state, the crystal structure reforms, but the material retains its expanded dimensions indefinitely, until reheated.

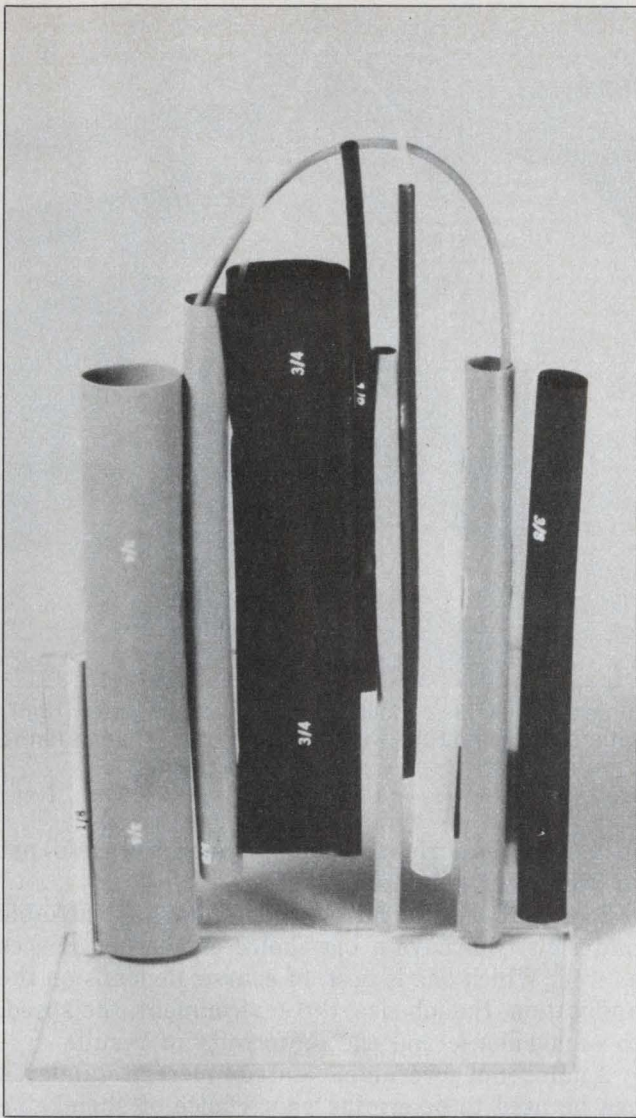
When reheated to the crystalline melting points, the crystal structure disappears again, the crosslink tension relaxes and the material returns to its pre-expanded dimensions. When cooled, the material has come full circle to provide the user with a tough material that fits snugly on the covered component.

Pick the right material

The large choice of available shrinkable materials may make selection difficult. But at the same time, the large range of properties allows you to meet your needs more precisely. The following short list of the most commonly used materials should help you find what you want:

1. *Irradiated flexible polyolefin* is by far the most commonly used shrinkable plastic. The material has good electrical and mechanical properties for most general-purpose applications. It is popular because it is both low-cost and available in a wide range of sizes and colors. Shrink temperature is a cool 121 C.

2. *Irradiated semirigid polyolefin* is a physically stiffer and stronger version of polyolefin, and it's used

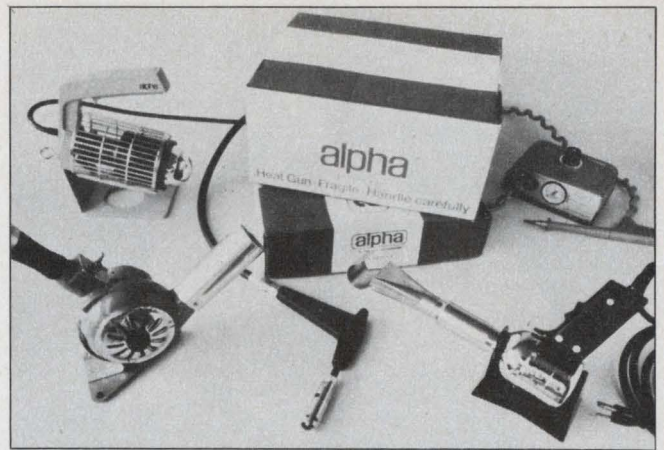


1. Heat-shrinkable tubing is available in many sizes and types of materials to suit almost any application.

primarily for the strain relief of soldered connections and terminals. Shrink temperature is 135 C and price is about 1-1/3 times the flexible variety.

3. *Surface-irradiated polyolefin* behaves differently from the other shrinkable materials. Because only its outer surface is irradiated and shrinkable, the inner surface can melt and flow when heated to the shrinking temperature. When the outer surface shrinks, the melted inner material squeezes into the crevices of the covered item to provide excellent mechanical adherence and protection against vibration and strain. Shrink temperature is 135 C, and its price is about three times that of flexible polyolefin.

4. *Mastic-lined polyolefin* is coated inside with meltable mastic. As the tubing is heated and shrinks, the mastic melts and flows. Unlike the interior of surface-irradiated polyolefin, which hardens completely when cooled, the mastic material remains somewhat viscous to provide a strong barrier against moisture. The material is particularly suitable for sealing outdoor connections and for protecting connec-



2. Heating devices for shrinkable tubing come in many styles and with a variety of attachments to provide uniform and rapid heating where needed.

tions directly buried in the ground. Shrink temperature is 135 C, but the price is high—about 5-1/2 times flexible polyolefin.

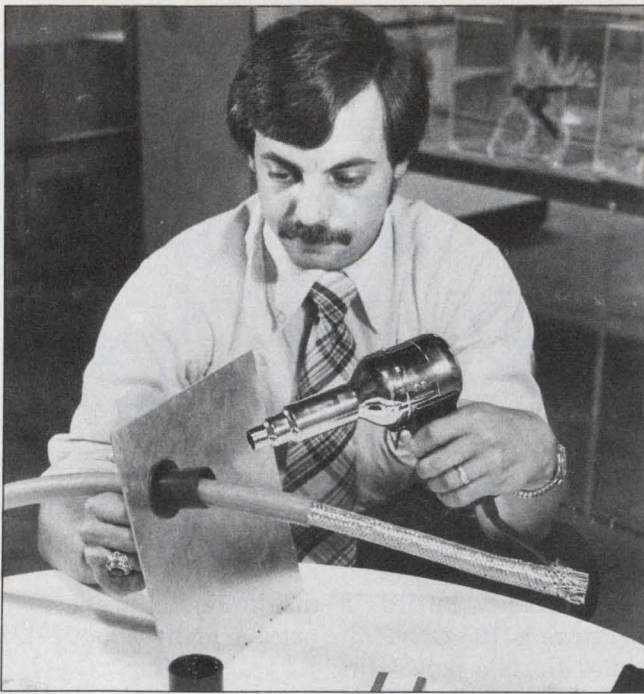
5. *Irradiated vinyl* is the most economical of all the shrinkable tubing. Unlike most of the other materials, it is available in long lengths, so it is suitable for jacketing long cables. However, vinyl's insulating capability is slightly inferior to polyolefin, and is available only in black. Shrink temperature is high—175 C. A nonirradiated shrinkable vinyl is also available, but the irradiated material offers several distinct advantages: it has indefinite shelf life, withstands solder-iron heat, resists splitting and possesses low longitudinal shrinkage.

6. *Irradiated Kynar* is a high-temperature plastic capable of continuous operation at 175 C. It is nonflammable, resistant to severe environmental conditions and physically very strong. Because of its high strength, Kynar tubing can be very thin walled. Standard tubing is transparent and shrink temperature is 175 C. The material is about three times more expensive than flexible polyolefin.

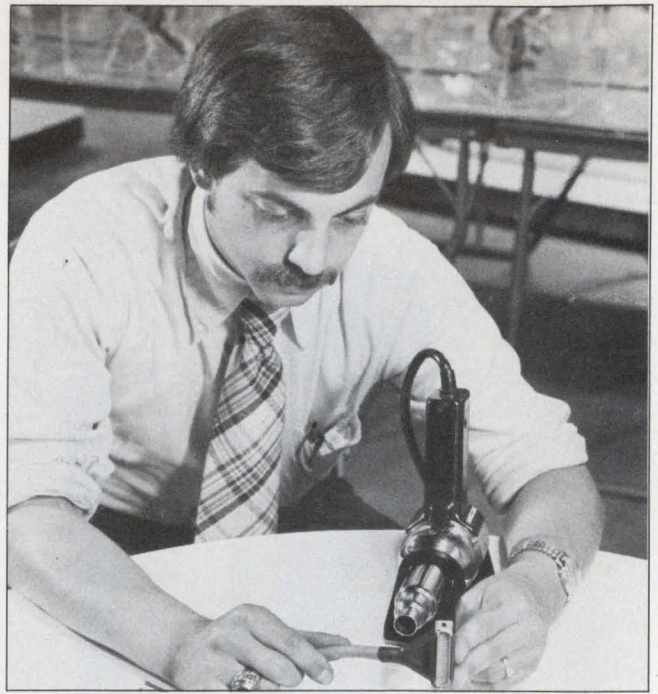
7. *Irradiated neoprene*, also available in long tube lengths, is very flexible and durable as a cable jacket, but it is used more for mechanical protection than for electrical insulation. It comes in black and its shrink temperature is 175 C. Price is about five times that of flexible polyolefin.

8. *Teflon*, or tetrafluoroethylene in chemical terminology, doesn't melt and therefore doesn't require irradiation. Instead, Teflon undergoes a crystal-structure transition at 327 C, which makes it pliable so that it can be stretched. The molecular bonds, thus put under tension, when reheated to 327 C are relieved and the material shrinks. Since Teflon doesn't melt or burn, and resists almost all chemical attack, it can fit many tough applications. But its price is over 4-1/2 times that of flexible polyolefin.

9. *Fluorinated ethylene propylene*, or FEP, is a meltable grade of Teflon. Shrinkable FEP has the chemical-resistance properties of TFE, but not the continuous-duty rating—204 C as opposed to 250 C



3. The hot-air gun is the most popular heating tool for shrinkable material. It can be used to shrink a feed-through seal around a heavy-duty control cable (left) or



mold a shrinkable connector cover to a connector (right) without damaging the wires or connector. A clean flame or infrared can do the job in some cases.

for TFE. It's easier to install, however, because its shrink temperature is a lower 176 C. But it costs nearly five times more than flexible polyolefin.

Shrinking is easy

Shrinkable materials can be heated with a cigarette lighter or even a match. But large tubing sizes can't be heated evenly with a small flame. Also, open flames often can't be used in some environments, sensitive components can be damaged and soot residues can destroy the material's appearance and compromise its insulation protection. A hot-air gun, however, is both safe and clean.

A gun can supply a required shrink temperature uniformly over a large area. An electric heating element raises the temperature of air, which is forced out of the gun nozzle with a fan. Guns come in many sizes and for different temperatures. In some, the temperature can be precisely adjusted. And by using differently shaped nozzles, an operator can concentrate the gun's output as required. The results obtained will be uniform and quick. Obviously, shrinking should take as short a time as possible, both to maximize production and to protect heat-sensitive circuit components.

But electric power isn't always available, say, to seal pipe joints and to splice large underground power and communications cables. Very large tubing used outdoors is often shrunk with a propane torch. At other times, for delicate small jobs, an infrared heat gun, which relies on a material's absorption of infrared radiation rather than hot-air convection for heating, is more convenient. Infrared can produce almost

instantaneous shrinkage, but you must be careful not to overheat the material.

So not only do you have a wide choice of shrinkable materials; you have a big choice of heating devices as well. Which one is best, of course, depends on the application, the job size, the environment, the speed, the convenience and the uniformity of results.

A number of government and commercial standards can be used to determine your choice of shrinkable material. The most widely used spec is MIL-I-23053. Although intended for military procurement agencies, the spec also has been adopted by many industrial-equipment makers, so that many drawings for commercial-grade equipment call out shrinkable materials by referring to this spec.

MIL-I-23053 includes an extensive list of the shrinkable materials you may use, with dimensional data and tolerances for each material. Tests for tensile strength and resistance to solvents, oils and fungus growth are provided. And the properties of the material before and after heat aging are specified.

Some shrinkable material is recognized by Underwriters' Laboratories (subject 224). But because UL—in this case—is more conservative than the military, UL doesn't list as many types. The flammability requirements are especially severe, since UL emphasizes fire safety. To ensure traceability, UL requires that the material be surface-marked with the manufacturer's name or UL-file identification number, and a temperature rating.

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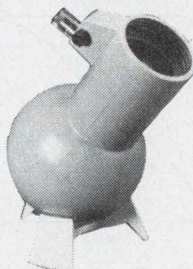


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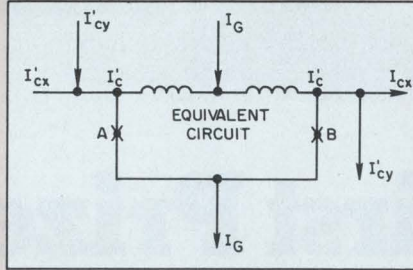
NDRO logic circuits use Josephson effect

Josephson junctions are potential memory elements for ultra-high-speed logic circuits. But retaining information on readout has complicated the logic circuitry. Now, a nondestructive-readout (NDRO) memory cell based on the Josephson effect has been designed at the University of Karlsruhe, West Germany.

The equivalent circuit of an NDRO memory cell (Fig. 1) consists of two Josephson junctions, having unequal maximum currents, connected by an inductance. The inductance and the two junctions form an interferometer loop. Information is stored according to the presence or absence of a single flux quantum.

As with all superconducting switches, operation is fast, with pulses of the order of 100 ps. A major advantage of the NDRO cell, however, is that external bias currents are not required to preserve the stored information. In addition, the control pulses for all access lines have the same polarity and amplitude, so simple drive circuits can be used.

Individual memory cells are selected by a word line, which supplies gate



current I_G , and by two control lines that are inductively coupled to the cell. One control line, I_{CX} , is at right angles to the word line, I_G , while the other control line, I_{CY} , runs in a staircase pattern through a matrix of cells.

A read operation is performed by applying control currents I_G and I_{CX} . If I_{CX} is switched off before I_G , the information in the cell isn't changed by the read operation. If all three currents are applied simultaneously, a ZERO is written in the cell. To unite a ONE, only currents I_{CX} and I_{CY} are applied.

The cell can be easily fabricated since the inductance connecting the two junctions consists of a superconducting strip deposited on top of a thick oxide layer.

turns ratio (see Fig. 1). Each output port is connected to every other output port by a resistor of NR_0 , so that the number of resistors required is $1/2N(N-1)$. $N-1$ transformer windings are connected in series between each output port and the input port, so that $1/2N(N-1)$ transformers are required.

Connections for the resistor and transformer when $N=4$ are shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, respectively. The complete four-way splitter is obtained by combining the two sets of connections. The input impedance is R_0/N and each output-port impedance is R_0 .

A four-way splitter has performed well over a 10:1 frequency range.

Improved fiber-breaking 'sparked' by Post Office

Limitations of the latest technique for breaking optical fibers cleanly for splicing—spark erosion—have been overcome by modifying the spark gap and its electrodes.

When the end of an optical fiber is joined to another fiber or optical component, the fiber end must be of very high quality. But the spark-erosion technique has not always given repeatable high-quality results.

Investigations by the British Post Office have led to a more reliable spark-gap technique that allows simple mechanization of the fiber-breaking process. With the spark technique the fiber is placed between two electrodes and subjected to a high-voltage spark that is fired at the rate of a few thousand pulses per second. The fiber can be broken by hand, but for better results, it is pulled apart mechanically.

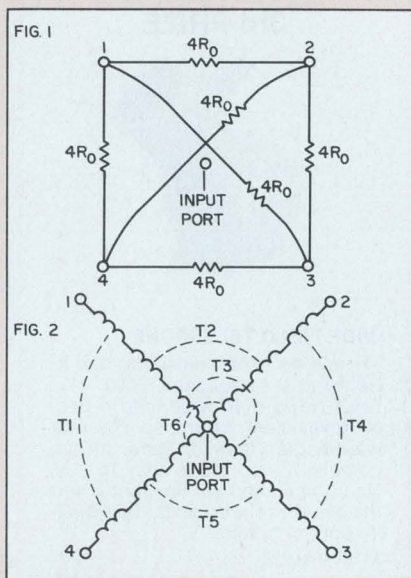
The British Post Office also found that the commonly used platinum or tungsten-carbide electrodes were inferior to copper or steel electrodes. The former wear away quickly and it is thought that the fiber is weakened by surface damage caused by accelerated metal ions.

It was also learned that the best breaks can be obtained with a diffuse spark, which is achieved with a bundle of wires, instead of with a solid electrode, on one side of the spark gap.

N-way power splitter cuts insertion losses

Normally, a radio-frequency power splitter, which divides power applied to its input port equally among a number of output ports, is put together with simple two-way splitters as building blocks. But if the number of output ports is not a power of two, unused ports are terminated internally—splitter-insertion loss goes up. Now, with a technique developed at the European Space Research and Technology Center in Noordwijk, Holland, low-loss splitters with any number of output ports can be designed easily.

An N-way splitter (one input, N outputs) consists of resistors and ideal inverting transformers—with a 1:-1

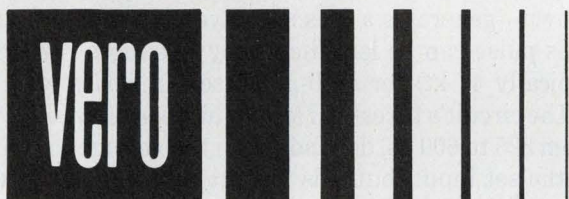


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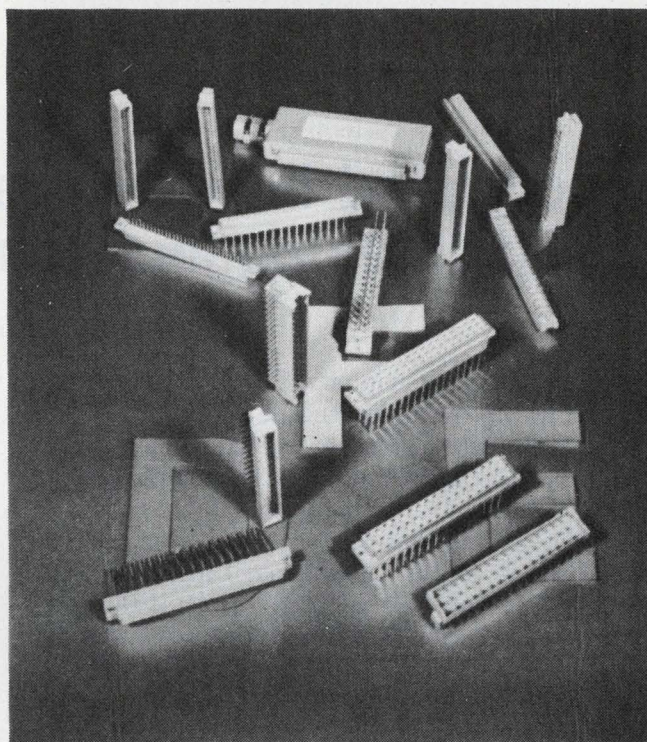
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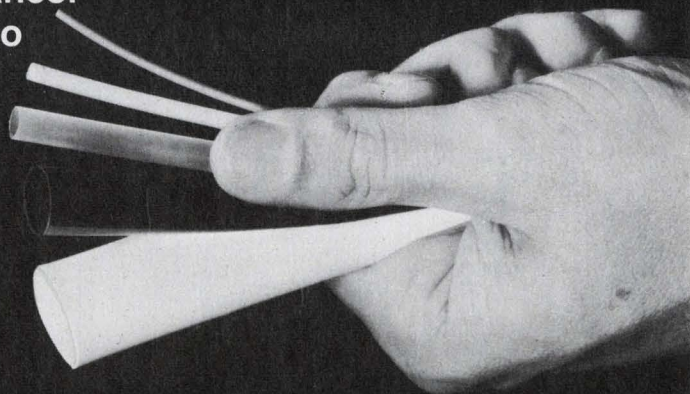
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Optocoupled line-receiver input discriminates against narrow noise pulses

The simple optocoupled interface in Fig. 1a connects a data line to the receiving end of a data link that features pulse-length discrimination to enhance noise-pulse rejection. A rugged red LED, D₁, can bypass any reasonable fault currents to protect the relatively fragile optocoupler input diode.

Normal 20-mA signal pulses about 1 ms wide pass about 15 mA through the LED and cause it to emit a visible flash for each pulse—a useful test feature. The LED's peak current rating—1A for 1 μ s—enables the circuit to handle most transients safely.

During an input pulse, capacitor C discharges with time constant CR₄; during quiescent periods C recharges with a shorter time constant, CR₃. If the input pulse is so short that C can't discharge below the set threshold-voltage of the circuit's set/reset bistable, the circuit remains in its set state and no output is generated. If the pulse is longer, at the end

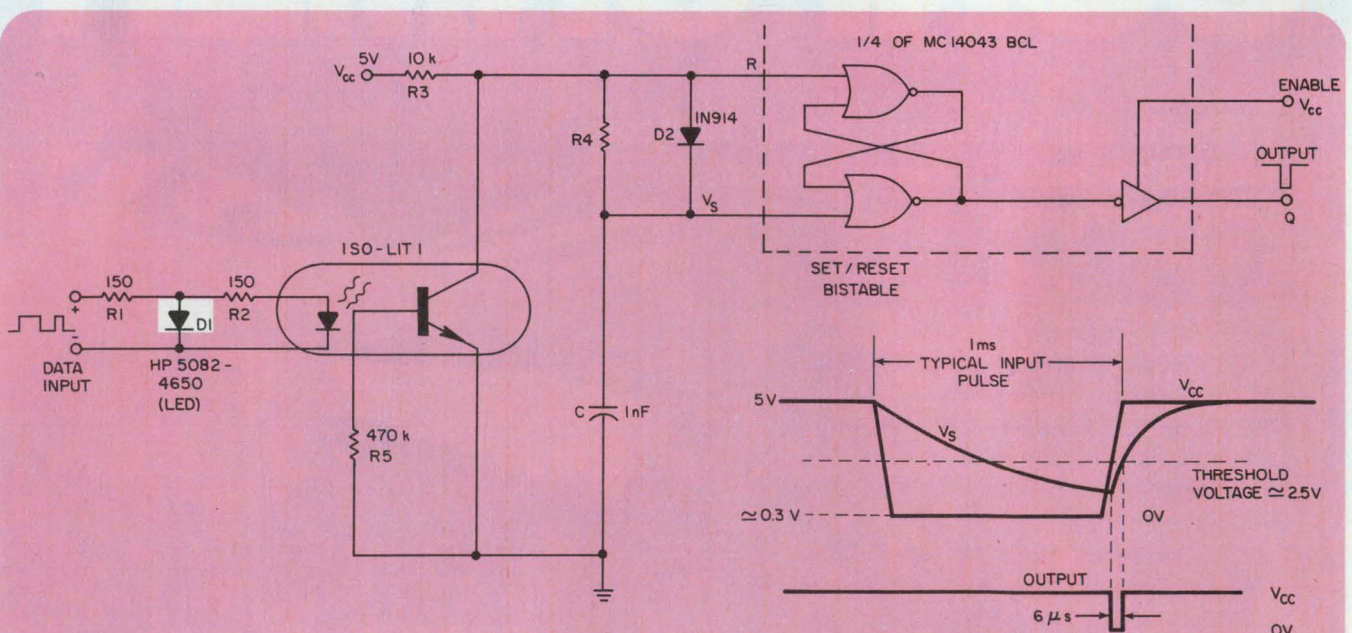
of the input pulse the bistable is briefly reset, before being set again when C recharges.

Thus, each input pulse greater than the threshold length—about 500 μ s with the component values shown—generates a 6- μ s negative-going output pulse. This pulse can be lengthened by putting a resistor—typically 47 k Ω for a 30- μ s pulse—in series with D₂.

The circuit's threshold length has been found to vary from 325 to 600 μ s, depending on the voltage threshold of the set input, but this variation isn't important in our application. Of course, the threshold length can be adjusted by changing the time constant CR₄.

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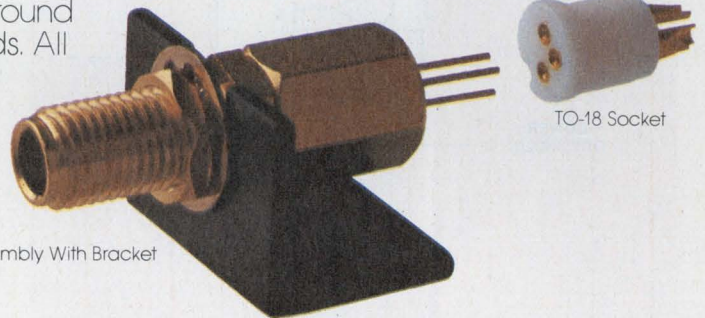
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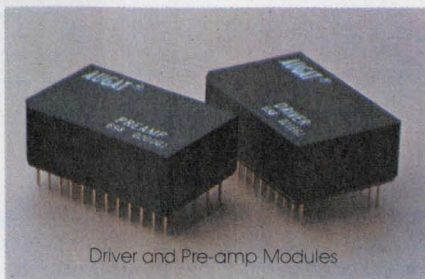
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Ideas for design

Upper and lower thresholds can be set independently in latching-comparator circuit

Here's a simple way to provide hysteresis in a comparator circuit that overcomes the problems of conventional hysteresis circuits. It uses two comparators and a set-reset latch (Fig. 1a). The circuit is used to "clean up" noisy inputs to digital systems.

The usual way of introducing hysteresis employs positive feedback around the comparator. But the amount of hysteresis is a function of the feedback ratio, which is affected both by input impedance and output voltage. These interactions make independent control of threshold and hysteresis difficult.

In the set-reset latch circuit, the two thresholds can be adjusted independently to the limits of the required dead band. When an input exceeds the upper threshold, the latch sets to provide a ONE output. Only an input below the lower threshold can then reset the output to ZERO. Inputs within the dead band produce low levels at both comparator outputs, and the latch isn't affected.

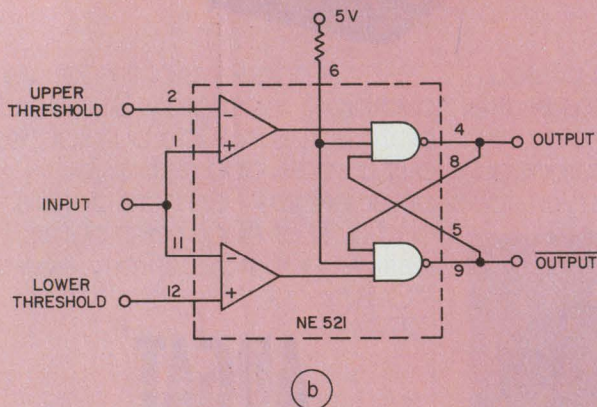
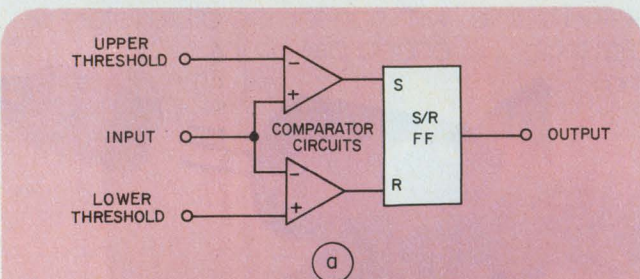
A fast, single-chip implementation of the latch

circuit uses a Signetics NE 521 dual comparator (Fig. 1b). The chip includes Schottky TTL-gated outputs, which are connected to form a latch.

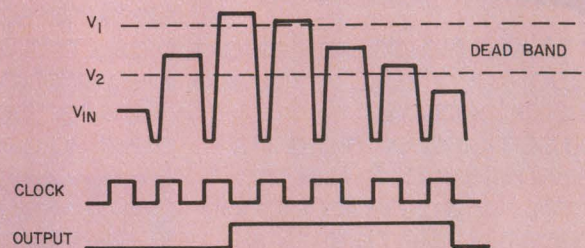
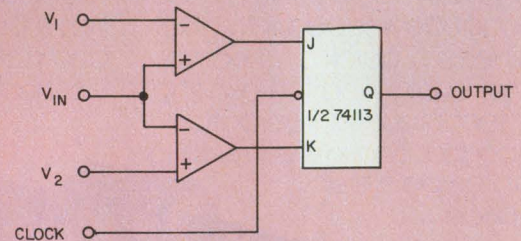
Another advantage of the latched-comparator circuit is that it can be modified so that data are clocked into the latch only during specific intervals. Instead of a set-reset flip-flop, use a j-k flip-flop with the dual comparator (Fig. 2). Not only are data clocked, thus ignoring any noise spikes or false levels between clock transitions, but hysteresis applied to the valid input data can't be affected by such spikes. The output of the flip-flop can change only when both the input is above (or below) the dead band and a clock edge goes low.

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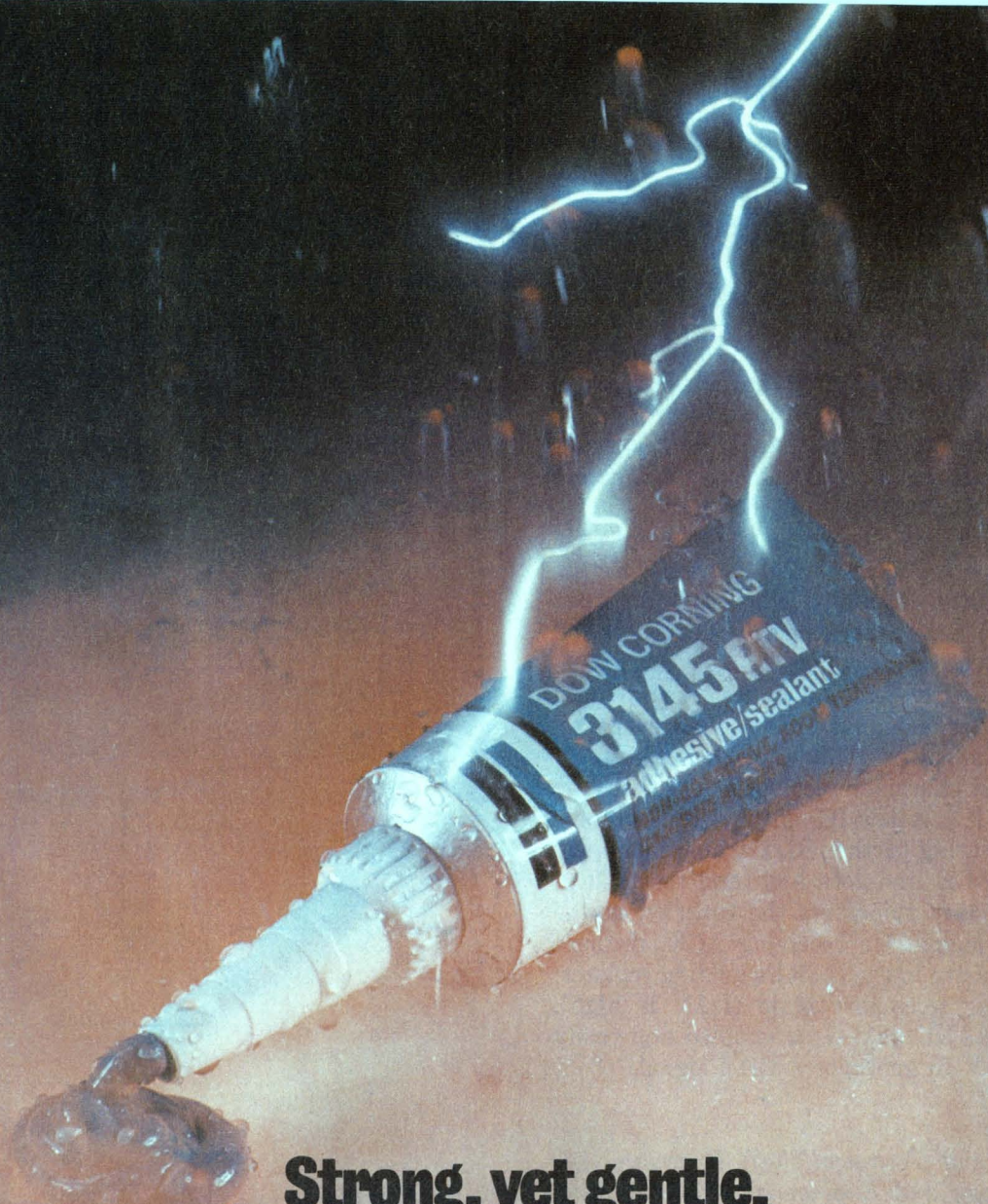
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1. A set-reset flip-flop allows hysteresis to be introduced into a comparator circuit. And the threshold levels of the dead band can be set independently of each other.



2. A j-k flip-flop following the comparators allows the circuit to be clocked to synchronize input data. In addition to hysteresis from the comparators, clocking helps reduce noise rejection even further.



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Use double-buffer characteristic of a UART and still avoid overrun errors

You can use the double-buffer characteristics of a UART to speed data communications with a simple handshake structure. When the UART in the figure receives and transfers a character to its holding register, its output labeled DAV goes high.

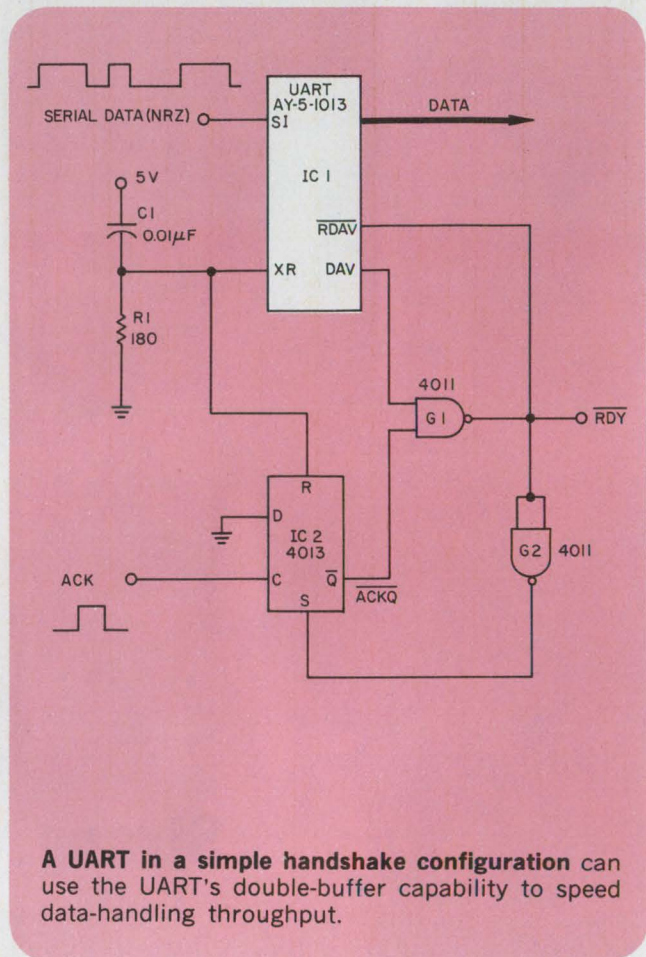
Output DAV remains in this state as long as a character remains in its register. However, if \overline{RDAV} doesn't go low after a second character has been received, the UART may receive a third character and produce an overrun error.

The handshake circuit in the figure depends on a received acknowledge signal (ACK) to prevent an overrun. On initial power-up, R_1 and C_1 reset both IC₁ and IC₂. The first character received makes \overline{RDY} go low, which sets IC₂. A low IC₂ output from \overline{Q} stops DAV from generating further \overline{RDY} transitions until the handshake ACK line goes high and resets IC₂.

The \overline{RDY} signal supplements the function of the UART's \overline{RDAV} signal. On receiving ACK, if there should be a character in the UART's holding register, \overline{RDY} immediately goes low again (DAV is high). Otherwise, the NAND gate G₁ is enabled and ready for the next DAV to generate a \overline{RDY} signal.

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DOWN

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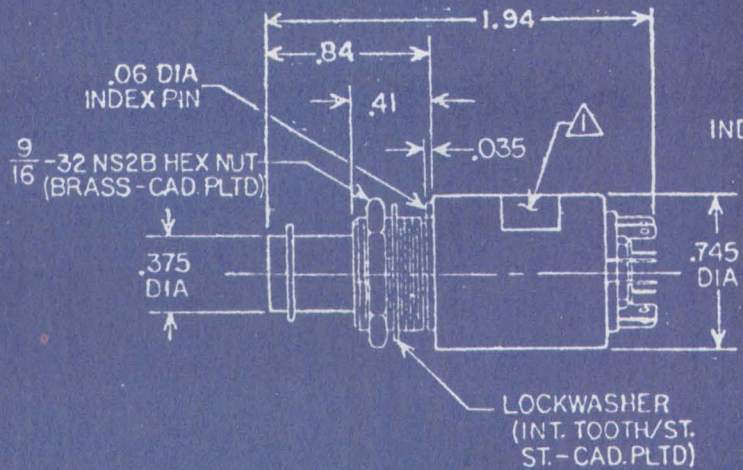
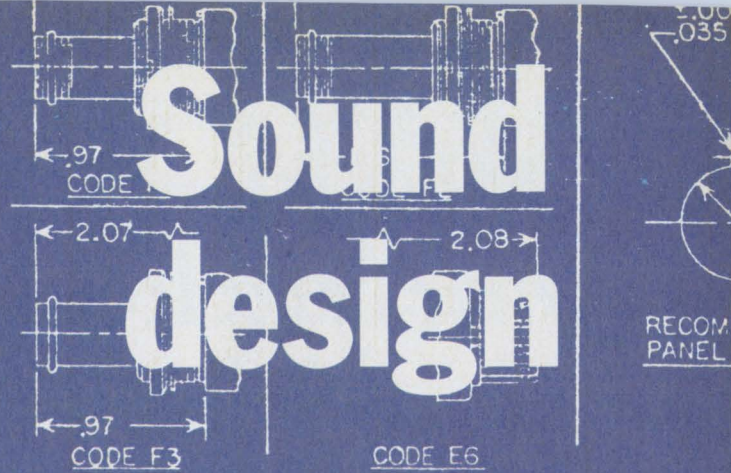
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Sound design



CODE	MODIFICATION DESCRIPTION
*D4	O-RING (ETHYLENE PROPYLENE) ON PLUNGER, EPOXY
*D5	SILICONE RUBBER BOOT, SEALED AT CASE NECK, BEA EPOXY SEALED BASE.
E3	SWITCH CONTACTS AND TERMINALS GOLD PLATED FOR RESISTANCE APPLICATIONS AND GREATER SOLDERABIL
E4	PROVIDES LAMP CIRCUIT WITH MAKE & BREAK CONTACT OF SWITCH CONTACTS. LAMP GOES ON WHEN PLU PROCEED, GOES OFF WHEN PLUNGER IS RELEASED.
E5	ALL NORMALLY OPEN SWITCH CONTACTS CLOSE BEFORE CLOSED CONTACTS OPEN.
E6	PROVIDES SWITCHLIGHT TERMINALS THAT ACCEPT AMP RECEPTACLES (0.016 TAB STYLE A).
F1	SINGLE LIGHT GANGSWITCH MOUNTING (MECHANICALLY PROVIDES PLUNGER LENGTHENED 0.125 IN.. PLUNGER SPANNER NUT FOR MOUNTING.
F2	MULTI-LIGHT GANGSWITCH MOUNTING (MECHANICALLY PROVIDES PLUNGER LENGTHENED 0.312 IN.. PLUNGER SPANNER NUT FOR MOUNTING.
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Piece Price* (per line)	1¢+	2¢-3¢	3¢-5¢	5¢-10¢	5¢-10¢
Special Conductor Preparation	None	Required	None	None	Required
Installation Tooling (Purchase/Rental)	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Operator Training Required	None	None	Skilled	Skilled	Skilled

*In Quantity

†Average price.

FLEXLOK DESIGN FEATURE COMPARISON

Design Simplicity	1 piece	2 pieces or more	2 pieces or more	2 pieces or more	2 pieces or more
Conductor Types Accommodated	Round Flat Flex. P.C.	Flat Flex. P.C.	Round	Round Flat	Round Flat Flex P.C.
Top or Side Entry Available	Yes	No	No	No	No

FLEXLOK PERFORMANCE DATA

Contact Resistance Test Data		MIN.	MILLIOHMS MAX.	AVG.
Test Group 1	Initial Contact resistance	7.00	7.60	7.26
	After thermal shock	7.10	7.50	7.25
	After durability (5 cycles)	7.10	7.80	7.39
	After moisture resistance (10 days)	7.20	8.70	7.68
	After vibration	PASSED		
	After mechanical shock	8.20	25.20	12.30
Grp. 2	Insulation resistance (megohms X 10 ⁶)	.002	9.50	5.26
	Dielectric withstanding voltage No breakdown @ 500V AC	PASSED		
	Initial contact resistance	7.00	7.50	7.25
Grp. 3	After thermal shock	7.20	7.90	7.46
	Ammonium Sulfide exposure (3 min.)	7.20	8.00	7.59
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Operation is simple. Connect the LN_2 container, insert the DUT in the test fixture, turn power on, and select the desired test-temperature and gas flow.

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Designed to be compatible with virtually all manual and automatic test systems, the T-2050 can be used with several types of fixtures that incorporate the gas outlet and temperature sensor. These include a general-purpose thermal cap, a thermal test socket for ICs, and a thermal rail for component handlers, which presoaks ICs to temperature before they reach the test head.

"An unusual use is to temperature-test hybrids before encapsulation," Kufis points out. "We may also be able to provide the ability to temperature-test circuits while they are still in the wafer stage."

Designed for bench-top operation and movable from one work area to another, the T-2050 weighs 40 lb and measures $17 \times 17 \times 14$ in.

CIRCLE NO. 301

Logic-state analyzer plugs into Tek scope

Scanoptik, P.O. Box 1745, Rockville, MD 20850. Jerry Shumway (301) 977-9660. \$3250; 8 wks.

Logic-state analyzer, LC-732, plugs into Tektronix 7000 oscilloscopes. The single-module unit has 32-channel capability and fits in a four-wide scope without affecting normal scope operation. For triggering, the device matches a 16-bit μC address bus or 8-bit data bus, or both combined for a full 24-bit word trigger. After address match, there is a digital delay capability up to 65,000 counts. The memory stores 64 words of 32 inputs, and presents the information in hexadecimal characters on the scope.

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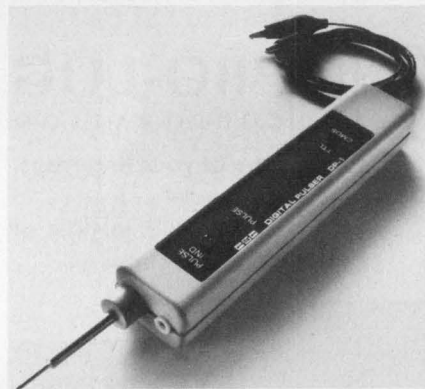
Adapter converts scope to logic analyzer

Mid-South Instrument Services, P.O. Box 1252, Gretna, LA 70053. (504) 393-0450. \$74.95; stock.

The MS-1 multiplexer switch is a compact adapter for converting any single channel oscilloscope into a multichannel logic analyzer. The adapter features 2, 4 or 8 channels of displayed data which are switch-selectable, and it operates in either chop or alternate-sweep modes. Up to eight data lines may be sampled, while displaying the digital-logic levels and timing relationships on the scope. Each input channel is multiplexed through an analog switching device, so that waveforms as well as logic levels are preserved. Size is $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ in. With a 9-V battery, the current drain is less than 6 mA.

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Digital-pulser probe boasts bit of automation

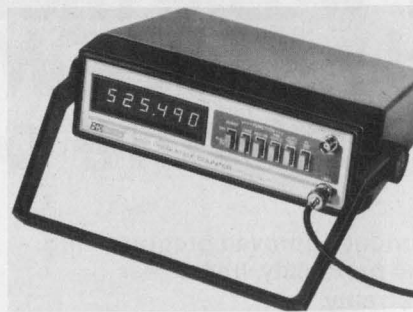


Continental Specialties, 44 Kendall St., New Haven, CT 06509. (203) 624-3103. \$74.95.

In digital pulser, DP-1, internal circuitry monitors the node being probed, then presets the dual-mirror output circuitry to pulse the node the other way. The probe delivers a 50-mA pulse in the CMOS mode, 100 mA in the TTL mode, to kick most lines with no need to desolder, unplug or isolate. Power is derived from the circuit being tested, and a switch selects threshold levels to trigger either CMOS or TTL. If the pulse pushbutton is held down for more than a second, the probe delivers trains of about 100 pulses/s.

CIRCLE NO. 305

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Resolve down to 0.1 $\mu\Omega$ with digital ohmmeter

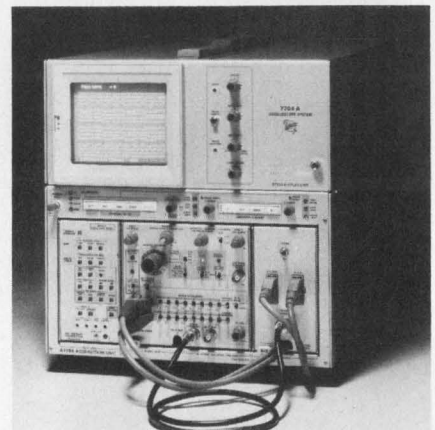


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CIRCLE NO. 308

16-channel digital latch mates with Tek scope



Tektronix, P.O. Box 500, Beaverton, OR 97077. Wyn Giluck (503) 644-0161. \$1475; 4 wks.

The company's logic-analyzer line using 7000 series oscilloscopes has been extended with the 16-channel DL2 digital latch. This module provides the designer using a 7D01 logic analyzer the ability to latch pulses occurring asynchronously to systems activity. The pulses can be as narrow as 5 ns at the probe tip, with an amplitude as small as 500 mV centered on a threshold set by the user. The P6451 data-acquisition probes connect to the DL2 which then interfaces to the 7D01.

CIRCLE NO. 309

If you think logic analyzers, recorders or scopes are the only way to debug digital circuitry, you're wrong.

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the complex circuitry you've
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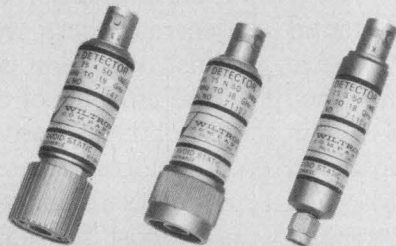
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Tri-data, 800 Maude Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043. Melinda Magnett (415) 969-3700. \$1995.

FlexiFile, a flexible disc system, can be used for program loading, data logging, and on-line data collection, and is fully user-programmable from its front panel. A text-editing software package is included which features insert and delete, file merging and character-string search. Equipped with the RS232 and/or current loop interface, the device will accommodate a terminal and modem simultaneously at independent baud rates. The user can prepare his data off-line and then batch-process it to a CPU at a high transfer rate.

CIRCLE NO. 320

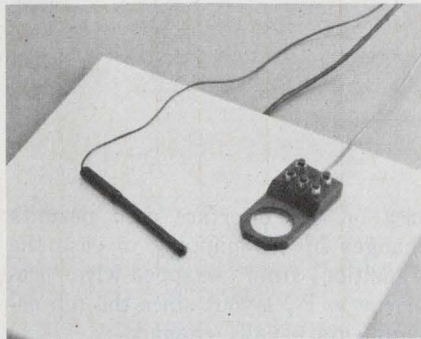
Hi-density tape systems mate with CDC computers

Control Data, P.O. Box 0, Minneapolis, MN 55440. (612) 853-7600.

A series of high-performance magnetic tape subsystems that record data at densities up to 6250 bytes/in. is available for CDC's large-scale computers. The CDC 677 and 679 tape transports and 7021 controllers are for use with the CYBER 170, CYBER 70, and 6000-series computer systems running under NOS/BE and NOS operating systems. Six 9-track models of the 679 tape transports operate at speeds of 100, 150 or 200 in/s. Three models are offered with 800 or 1600 bit/in. densities, NRZI or phase-encoded (PE) recording. Three units feature 1600 bit/in. PE recording, or group-coded recording, at a density of 6250 bytes/in. All units provide data transfer at rates of 160,000 to 1.25 million char/s.

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Tablet digitizer converts graphic data to digital



GTCO, 1055 First St., Rockville, MD 20850. (301) 279-9550. \$750 up (large qty).

The Datalyzer tablet digitizer, when used with a cursor and electronic controller, converts graphic data into a digital format for computer processing. The device provides graphic data inputting similar to a keyboard operation for inputting alphanumeric data. A crystal-controlled electromagnetic scanning method is used with a free-movement cross wire/pen cursor. Graphics can be digitized from source materials up to a thickness of 1 in. Standard tablets have an 11 × 11, 14 × 14, 11 × 17 and 20 × 20-in. active area.

CIRCLE NO. 322

Any popular mini reads these diskettes



Techtran Industries, 200 Commerce Dr., Rochester, NY 14623. (716) 334-9640.

Type 9512 micro-discs recorded on the Model 9512 recorder from any RS-232 terminal or data logger can be read on any popular minicomputer disc system. Diskettes generated on-line from the DEC, RCA or Intel systems can be read off-line by the micro-disc, back to an ASCII terminal or, via the RS-232 communications interface, to a remote location. The diskettes provide total random access by character string, easy editing, bidirectional skip and economical data storage and retrieval.

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Video system is crammed onto 5 × 10-in. board

IOR, P.O. Box 28823, Dallas, TX 75228. (214) 358-2671. \$399; stock.

The VDS2K video system contains all address decoding necessary for both memory-mapped and isolated I/O on a 5 × 10-in. PC board that is fully S100-bus compatible. Video output is either XYZ-TTL compatible or composite video. A Greek, upper/lower case character with a 7 × 9 matrix in a 9 × 12 field is displayed with attribute availability. The actual display consists of 1920 char organized as 30 lines of 64 char plus a 128-char, nondisplayable buffer. There is 2 k of memory with under 500-ns read/write time. A screen of data can be changed in under 800 μs.

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Cluster system accesses local databases fast

Delta Data Systems, Woodhaven Industrial Park, Cornwells Heights, PA 19020. Barry Maser (215) 639-9400.

The Model 6500 cluster-computer system is for storage and immediate access to local databases in a stand-alone or a distributed processing environment. The system permits up to eight video display terminals to share access to a processor, a host communications port, up to 1.5×10^6 char of storage and up to two printers.

CIRCLE NO. 325

Desktop unit scrambles for data security

Datotek, 13740 Midway Rd., Dallas, TX 75240. (214) 233-1030.

A portable, self-contained, desktop encryption unit, DC-26, has a full-size keyboard and thermal page printer. As the message to be enciphered is typed, the characters appear on a five-character LED display. By continued typing, the characters are shifted off the display, enciphered and printed. Messages are deciphered by entering the scrambled characters in five-character groupings, with the characters being successively shifted off the display, deciphered and printed. A key generator provides an almost infinite number of user-selected key variables (10^{52} possibilities), making the possibility of unauthorized interception extremely remote.

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Bit-slice development system looks like a compact instrument



Step Engineering, 154 San Lazaro Ave., P.O. Box 61166, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. Steve Drucker (408) 733-7837. P&A: see text.

An instrument for developing bit-slice microcomputers combines the functions of several ROM simulators, a logic analyzer, and a command-language CRT terminal in a single 5-1/4 × 18 × 20-in. package. The STEP-2 Microcode Array Simulator and Processor Diagnostic System is a new type of tool for checking out real-time firmware/hardware, diagnosing faults, and patching microcode.

Step Engineering prefers to call the STEP-2 an instrument, not a development system, because it has a fixed program, it's much more compact than earlier units, and it's easier to operate. Learning its 14 English-language interactive commands is just as easy as learning the functions and the controls of a scope or logic analyzer, according to the company.

The STEP-2 is small because it performs no software tasks. Instead it

concentrates its power on firmware/hardware checkout. Moreover, where doing an assembly would tie up the typical development system and halt hardware tests, the STEP-2's hardware checkout won't be disrupted because the software is developed elsewhere, in a mini or large computer, and transmitted to the STEP-2 through the RS232 interface. Also, a new assembly can be loaded down-line from another computer when it's needed.

To simulate the macrocode and microcode memories of the application hardware, the memory can be partitioned into two independent arrays that operate simultaneously. Up to 96 kbits of user memory in STEP-2 can be switch-configured efficiently for widths of 8 to 96 bits and depths of 1 to 12 k, and cycled at 20 MHz.

Plug-in memory interface cards provide three options to optimize connection to the user's system: nonbuffered for high-speed direct connection, buffered and latching. A wrapped-wire

area on the interface card permits changes in bit mapping to ease the transition from wrapped-wire prototype to PC layout since the pin assignments usually change.

Any bipolar ROM can be emulated by the STEP-2 regardless of ROM organization. Optional ROM emulator plug-ins enable the STEP-2 to interface directly with existing user PROM sockets. The STEP-2 user interface consists of a 5-in. CRT display and alphanumeric keyboards. The display features an 8-line × 32-character fully formatted, word-oriented output with 1/4-in. characters.

A full ASCII keyboard with separate cursor-control keypad and hex data-entry keypad controls the instrument, manipulates data and communicates with external computers.

Input to the STEP-2 comes through a serial-communications link, RS232, or a 20-mA current-loop, at 110 to 9600 baud. And with a modem interface, the STEP-2 can be hooked up to a time-sharing facility over a phone line.

A word-oriented object-code editor (in ROM) permits address information and object code to be displayed in either octal or hex. An "expand" feature permits a selected portion of object-code word to be displayed and modified in binary.

Several diagnostic outputs are provided to help with system debugging. What's more, processor activity can be monitored directly on the CRT. Multiple real-time breakpoints allow conditional-jump analysis. The breakpoint state is displayed on the CRT and duplicated on BNC connector outputs.

Program execution can be monitored with a real-time trace, which includes combinatorial breakpoint triggers with a cycle counter and programmable relationship between trace length and trigger.

Delivery is scheduled to begin this month with the real-time trace option to be available the first quarter of 1978. Prices start at \$9000, which includes 64 kbits of high-speed reconfigurable memory, and run to \$14,000, with all options.

CIRCLE NO. 327

Add-on memory provides 2 Mbytes for PDP-11/70

Monolithic Systems, 14 Inverness Dr. E., Englewood, CO 80110. Karen Garritano (303) 770-7400. \$9525; 6 wk.

An add-on memory, MSC 3602, for the DEC PDP-11/70, provides up to 2 Mbytes in a self-contained unit. It is expandable in 64-kbyte increments to 4 Mbytes with an additional 5¼-in. chassis. Access time of 500 ns and cycle time of 700 ns permit using the PDP-11/70's memory bus at the maximum data rate. MSC 3602 is a 10½-in. high freestanding or rackmount chassis that includes power supply and forced-air cooling.

CIRCLE NO. 328

I/O card provides real-time clock

Hewlett-Packard, 1501 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303. Mike Malone (415) 493-1501. \$600; 4 wks.

An I/O card provides both a real-time clock and timing generator for use with the HP 9825A desktop computer. The HP 98035A card provides real-time information in months, days, hours, minutes and seconds. The device can interrupt at a specific time, after a time delay or a periodic interval. A counter is incremented every millisecond and an internal battery holds real time for up to two months. Error checking and external triggering is provided.

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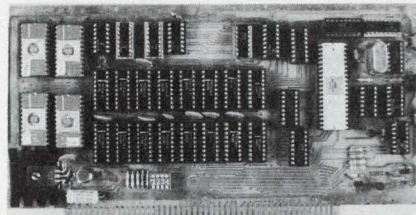
Controller has remote switch for 16 channels

International Data Sciences, 100 Nashua St., Providence, RI 02904. (401) 274-5100. \$1090; 4 wk.

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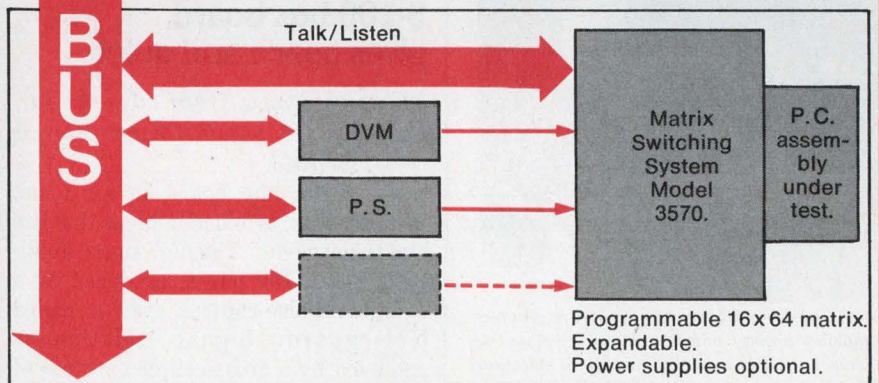
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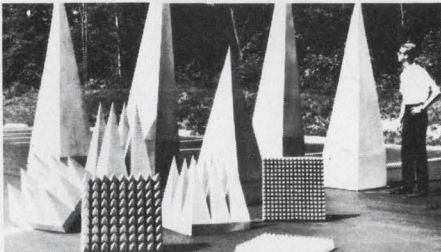
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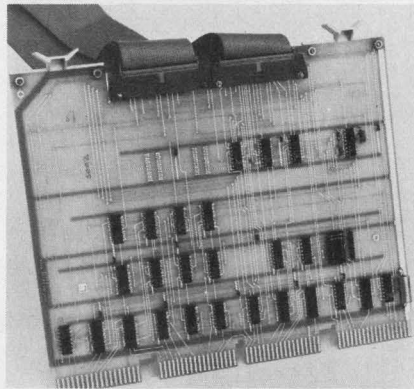
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A logic card, Model DK 8/11, provides the PDP-8 with a 16-bit parallel interface. The card allows direct compatibility between the DEC PDP-8 Omnibus and peripherals and systems that normally would interface to the DEC PDP-11 DR11C general purpose interface. The device converts the PDP-8 12-bit words into 16-bit DR11C-compatible words. It plugs into one Omnibus slot and is completely compatible with the DEC DR11C interface, including all necessary control and handshaking signals so that a PDP-8 can communicate directly with a 16-bit minicomputer.

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Static RAMs mate with S-100 bus

Dynabite, 4020 Fabian Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Mike Watts (415) 494-7817. \$525 to \$995; stock.

Modules of 16-k and 32-k static RAMs are available with access times of 450 or 250 ns. The 250-ns units are compatible with 4-MHz Z-80 processors. Both 16-k RAM modules feature bank select, allowing up to eight separate banks of up to 64 k to reside in the same system. The module may be addressed in four separate 4-k blocks along 4-k boundaries. Each of these blocks may be individually write protected. The 32-k modules offer 4-k boundary addressing and complete buffering.

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Add-on parity memory mates with PDP-11's

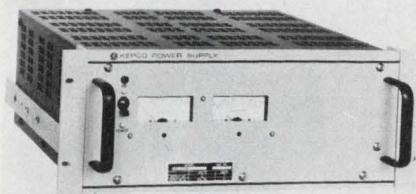
Amplex, 200 N. Nash St., El Segundo, CA 90245. Clyde Cornwell (213) 640-0150. \$4950 to \$12,750; 4 wks.

An add-on parity memory, ARM-1100P, provides 32 to 128 kwords of memory for any DEC PDP-11 computer using a Unibus structure. The device can expand memory from any 8-k boundary in 32-k increments up to the maximum of 128 kwords. The memory uses only one CPU slot and needs just one Unibus load. Each unit is supplied with wired card rack, power supply, interface, parity control, cooling fans and interconnecting cables. An access time of 375 ns and a full cycle time of 700 ns is provided.

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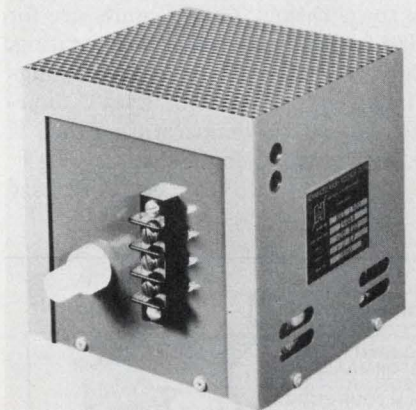


Kepco, 131-38 Sanford Ave., Flushing, NY 11352. Paul Birman (212) 461-7000. \$590; stock.

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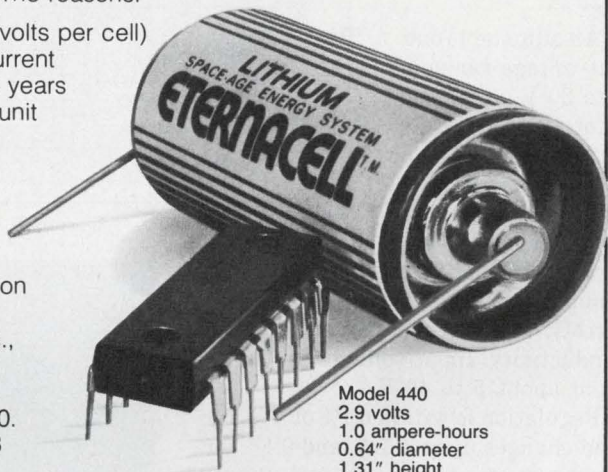
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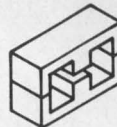
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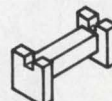
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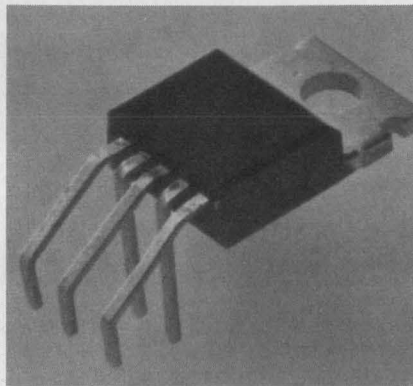
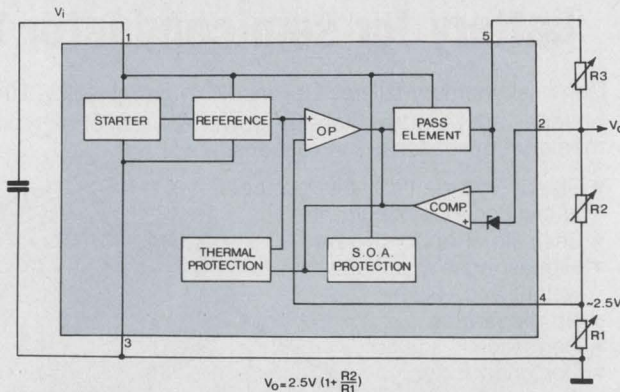
Regulator delivers 3 to 30 V and limits currents to 1.8 A

SGS-ATES, 79 Massasoit St., Waltham, MA 02154. Ruben Sonnino (617) 891-3710. P&A: See text.

An adjustable output-voltage range of 3 to 30 V on a regulator is nice enough, but the L200 also offers an adjustable current limit of 0 to 1.8 A. Housed in the new five-lead TO-220 package, the monolithic regulator can be mounted directly to a heat sink for good thermal conductivity. Input voltages can range from about 5 to 40 V.

Regulation is within 0.1% of V_{out} for load changes up to 1.5 A, and 0.1% for input-voltage changes of 10 V. Ripple rejection is greater than 70 dB for a 10-V change in V_{in} and generated noise is typically less than 40 μ V over 10 Hz to 100 kHz. An on-chip band-gap element not only provides a low reference voltage, but reduces noise as well.

During load variations, thermal drift of the output current is 100 ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C, and current stability is better than 0.2% of I_{out}/V . During no-load operations, the regulator draws just 5 mA of quiescent current (at a 20-V, V_{in}).

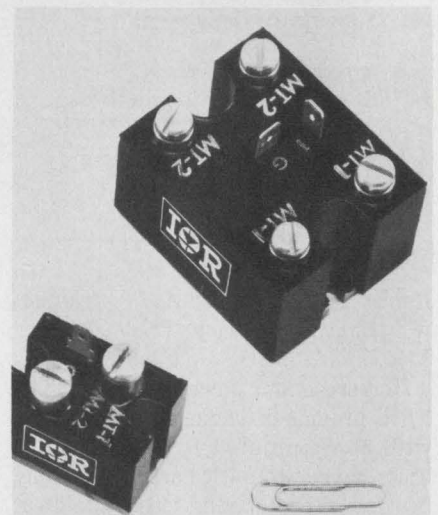


Thermal resistance from junction to ambient is 50 C/W and from junction to case, 3 C/W.

In 1 to 99 quantities, the L200 costs \$4.20. Delivery takes from 4 to 6 weeks.

CIRCLE NO. 302

Molded triacs claim highest power rating



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Timer/sequencer delays from μ s to months



Exar Integrated Systems, 750 Palomar Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086. Brooks Hamilton (408) 732-7970. \$0.90 (100 qty).

A long-range timer/sequencer IC capable of time delays from microseconds to months (designated the XR-2242) contains a precision time base oscillator and an 8-bit binary counter. Upon triggering, it provides an accurate time delay of 128 times an RC constant. Since it uses the count-down principle, cascading several timer circuits causes the total time interval to increase geometrically. The time base oscillator is accurate to 0.5% and has a tempo of less than 100 ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C.

CIRCLE NO. 340

Clock signals provided at up to 15 rates

Harris Semiconductor, P.O. Box 883, Melbourne, FL 32901. (305) 724-7430. See text; stock

CMOS programmable bit-rate generators, HD-4702 and HD-6405, provide clock signals for digital data-transmission systems. The HD-4702 can be programmed for one of 13 bit rates while the HD-6405 extends to 15 selectable rates. The HD-4702 has TTL-compatible pull-up circuitry and is pin-out and specification identical to 34702 devices. The HD-6405 has no pull-up circuitry but offers standard high-impedance CMOS inputs. The HD-4702 and 6405 operate at 2.4576 MHz and dissipate only 4.5 and 4 mW, respectively. The devices come in 16-pin plastic or ceramic DIPs in either -40 to $+85$ C, -55 to $+125$ C ranges. 100 quantity prices are \$9.40 for the plastic; \$15.16 for the ceramic and \$20.90 for the ceramic hi-temp.

CIRCLE NO. 341

Receiver IC meets IBM 360/370 I/O spec

Texas Instruments, P.O. Box 5012, M/S 308 (attn: SN75128/129), Dallas, TX 75222. Dale Pippenger (214) 238-2165. \$2.33/\$3.10 (100 qty); stock.

Two new eight-channel line receiver ICs meet the IBM 360/370 I/O specification. Type numbers SN75128 and SN75129 feature common strobes for each group of four receivers. The

SN75128 has an active-high strobe; the SN75129, an active-low strobe. Schottky-diode-clamped transistors allow low current requirements, while maintaining fast typical switching speeds of 16 ns. The receiver input resistance is specified from 7 k to 20 k and input threshold from 0.7 V to 1.7 V. The ICs are output compatible with DTL and TTL. The devices are offered in either 20-pin plastic or ceramic DIPs.

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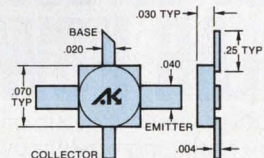
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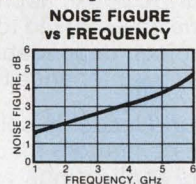


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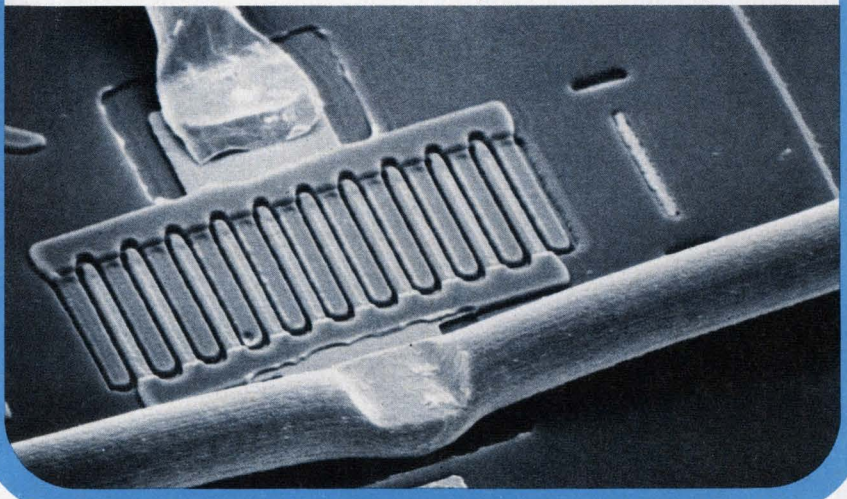
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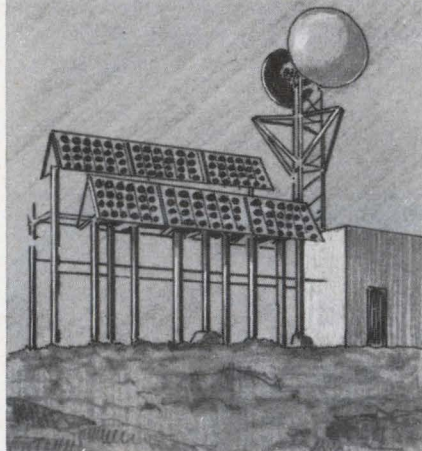
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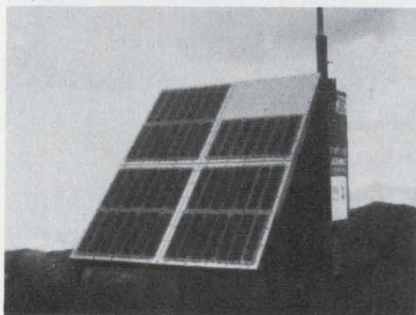
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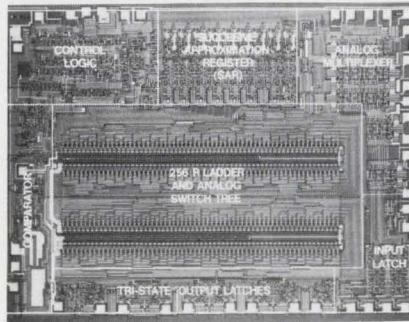


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CIRCLE NUMBER 60

ICs & SEMICONDUCTORS

One-chip data system can save a bundle



National Semiconductor, 2900 Semiconductor Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051. Jerry Zis (408) 737-5831. \$19.95 (100 qty); stock.

A one-chip data-acquisition system can replace \$100 to \$200 worth of hybrid and discrete-component analog boards. Included on a single 28,000-sq mil CMOS chip (ADC0816) are a true 8-bit a/d converter with latched outputs, a 16-channel expandable multiplexer with address input latches, provision for handling external signal conditioning and all the logic control needed for mating the chip to all standard μ Cs. The 40-pin device performs a conversion in 50 μ s. At 25 C, the linearity, zero error and full-scale error are less than ± 0.5 LSB each.

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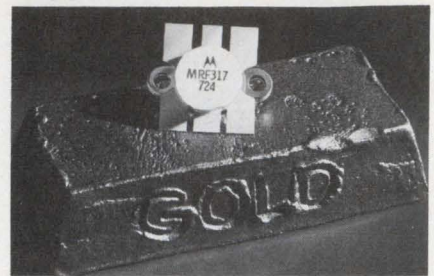
TTL-to-MOS drivers have three-state outputs

Texas Instruments, P.O. Box 5012, M/S 308 (Attn: SN75357), Dallas, TX 75222. Dale Pippenger (214) 238-2165. \$1.41 to \$2.47 (100 qty); stock.

Two quadruple TTL-to-MOS driver ICs, SN75357 and SN75375, feature three-state outputs. The 75375 has individual supply voltages for each of the four drivers, capable of operating from 5 to 24 V. The 75357 has low transient current during switching, making it useful for mating with CMOS systems. It has a high-level output voltage variable from 5 to 13.2 V. Individual supply voltage pins on the 75375 allow individual adjustment of V_{OH} levels to match various load conditions. Typical propagation delay is 31 ns and the output-current drive capability is 150 mA. The circuit has two NAND and two inverting drivers. Both circuits operate from 0 to 70 C and are in plastic (N suffix) or ceramic (J suffix) DIPs.

CIRCLE NO. 344

Gold helps produce rugged vhf power devices

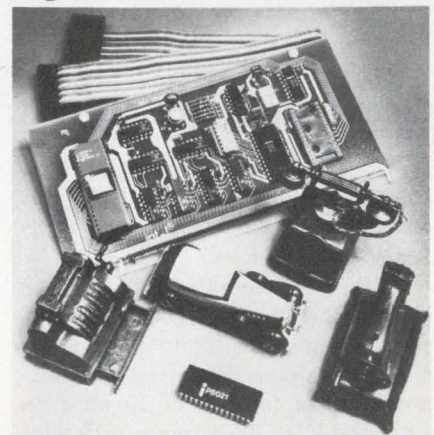


Motorola, P.O. Box 20912, Phoenix, AZ 85036. Alan Wagstaffe (602) 244-6394. \$11 to \$39.50; stock.

Dissimilar metal interfaces, which can impair reliability of military grade rf power transistors, are eliminated in the MRF314-317 series of vhf devices. Gold chip metallization, gold wirebonds and gold-plated package interfaces produce ruggedness suitable for new wideband, multimode vhf systems. The 28 V, 30 to 100-W series offers gains from 9 to 10 dB at 150 MHz, and is characterized from 30 to 200 MHz. Ruggedness is assured by 100% testing to withstand a load VSWR of 30:1 at rated output power.

CIRCLE NO. 345

Single-chip μ C aims at high-volume control use



Intel, 3065 Bowers Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95051. Rob Walker (408) 249-8027. \$3 (OEM qty).

The 8021 single-chip μ C is a low-cost general-purpose IC for high-volume control uses. The chip contains an 8-bit control processor, 64 bytes of read-write data memory, 1024 bytes of program memory, 21 I/O lines and all other generally required functions, including a programmable interval timer and event counter, system clock and oscillator. Operation is from a 4.5 to 6.5-V supply.

CIRCLE NO. 346

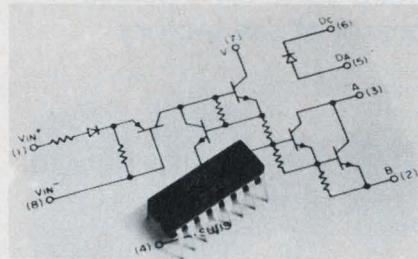
Logic arrays are field programmable

Texas Instruments, P.O. Box 5012, M/S 308 (Attn: S330), Dallas, TX 75222. Gerald McGee (713) 494-5115. \$9 (100 qty); stock.

Schottky TTL field-programmable logic arrays (FPLA), the SN54S/74S330 and SN54S/74S331, feature a built-in capability of multi-dimensional expansion of their basic 12 input \times 50 product term \times 6 output organization. A special circuit is included that can decode true product terms to automatically enable the FPLA outputs. The result is expandability to virtually any size array without external logic or control. This control option is activated by fusing a single link. Additionally, the S330/S331 can be programmed to stand alone; i.e., the outputs are constantly enabled when system power is applied. The arrays come in 20-pin DIPs.

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Power driver operates at 80 V and 300 mA peak

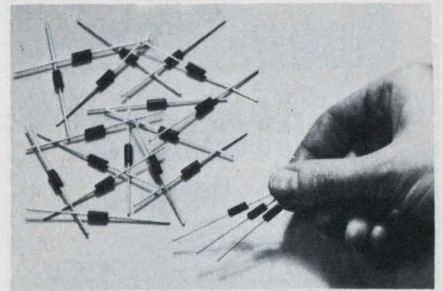


Dionics, 65 Rushmore St., Westbury, NY 11590. Manny Sussman (516) 997-7474. \$1.38 (10,000 qty); stock.

DI-446 is a universal dual high-voltage, high-current power driver in a 16-pin plastic DIP operating at voltages to 80 V and peak currents to 300 mA. The circuitry allows the device to operate with either "positive-true" or "negative-true" inputs from logic systems. The logic threshold voltage can be adjusted, thereby providing excellent noise immunity for input signals having an absolute voltage level between ± 40 V. A fully isolated high-current diode provides transient suppression if an inductive load is to be driven.

CIRCLE NO. 357

Zener diodes made to user specs



American Power Devices, 7 Andover St., Andover, MA 01810. Bob Dimodana (617) 475-4074. \$0.065 to \$0.30 (1000 qty).

A series of 2.5 to 5-W zener diodes can be made to customer specification. Specifications with tolerances as close as $\pm 1\%$ and zener voltages ranging from 3.3 to 62 V can be met. The diodes have silicon-oxide-passivated junctions, and are produced in epoxy and double plug packages. Planar oxide processing results in diodes with low leakage current, uniform sharp reverse breakdown voltages, and uniform heat dissipation. DO-7, DO-35, AIEE and AIRX axial lead and glass transfer-molded packages are available.

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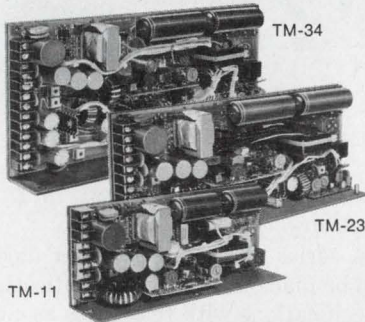
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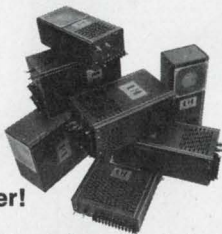
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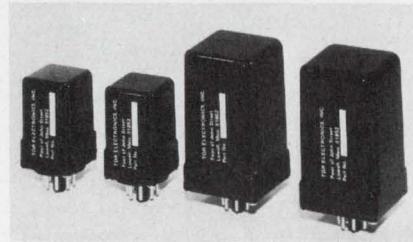
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COMPONENTS

Solid-state time delays preset at the factory

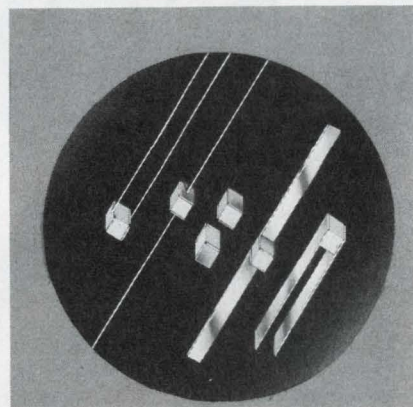


TDR Electronics, Foot of John St., Lowell, MA 01852. Gil Rogers (617) 459-0151. \$18.04 up; 2 to 4 wks.

TDR solid-state time-delay modules, factory preset, provide repeatable time delays from 1 to 300 s. The modules operate from 10 to 250 V ac or dc. Some types are available with total isolation between control and load circuits. The devices operate from -55 to 85 C and timing variation is $\pm 10\%$ over the voltage and temperature range. Repeatability is $\pm 3\%$ at fixed operating conditions and reset time is 500 ms. Off-state resistance is 20 k Ω , minimum.

CIRCLE NO. 359

Capacitors boast better rf characteristics

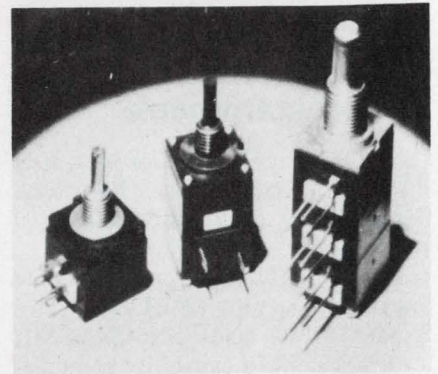


Republic Electronics, 176 E. 7th St., Paterson, NJ 07524. George Wolter (201) 279-0300. \$0.43 to \$0.88 (OEM); 8 to 10 wks.

A new ceramic formulation provides rf capacitors, Type 013Q, with a Q greater than 10,000 at 1 MHz, a QC product greater than 100,000 at 30 MHz and the ability to pass 4 A at 250 MHz with no power loss. The units are available in sizes from 0.1 to 1000 pF with voltage ratings from 100 to 500 V dc and a TC of 90 ± 20 ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C. Size is 0.110 in.² by 0.1 in. thick. Chips or five standard-lead types are available.

CIRCLE NO. 360

Panel pot has plastic resistance element

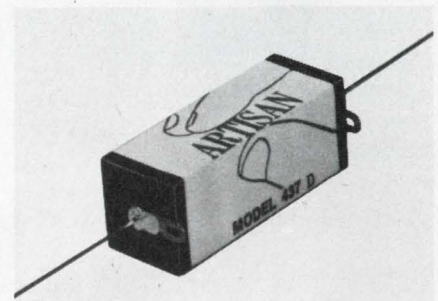


Allen-Bradley, 1201 S. Second St., Milwaukee, WI 53204. (414) 671-2000.

Conductive-plastic resistance elements and signal-level circuit switches are now offered in the MOD POT series of panel potentiometers. The conductive-plastic, unitized resistance element affords smooth rotation and low turning torque. Also, contact-resistance variation is less than 0.2% and roll-on/roll-off, less than 0.25%. The switch is tested with current levels as low as 15 mA and an open-circuit voltage of 5 V. Resistance range and tolerances are 100 Ω to 1 M Ω , $\pm 10\%$ or $\pm 20\%$. Linear, modified-log clockwise and counter-clockwise resistance tapers are available.

CIRCLE NO. 361

Drop out time delayed by solid-state timer



Artisan Electronics, 5 Eastman Rd., Parsippany, NJ 07054. Alan Seman (201) 887-7100. \$5; 2 to 3 wks.

The Model 437D solid-state timer delays the drop-out time of a relay when wired in series with a 48-V-dc relay coil. The relay picks up in the normal time. With wire leads and solder lugs, the timer's square package is easily mounted. Operating on 30 to 60 V dc at 10 to 500 mA, the timer's delay can be preset from 10 ms to 600 s.

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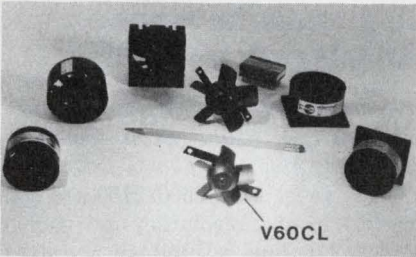
Metal-film resistors meet MIL spec

International Components, 105 Maxess Rd., Melville, NY 11746. Mel Karasik (516) 293-1500. \$36/M (5000 qty); stock to 12 wks.

The MF-25 1/4-W evaporated metal-film resistors have a special epoxy coating for protection in severe environments. Characteristics meet MIL-R-22684 equivalent to the RN-55. Resistance ranges from 20 Ω to 350 k Ω in standard 1% values. The tolerance is $\pm 1\%$ with a TC of 100 ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C. Packaging is on tape and reel, magazine pack, bulk pack or cut and formed to customer requirements.

CIRCLE NO. 363

Ultramini fan weighs only 1.7 oz



Micronel, 8 Kane Industrial Park, Hudson, MA 01749. S.W. Linko (617) 568-8542.

With an output of 10 cfm in free air, the Model V60CL fan has an impeller diameter of 2.3 in. and weighs only 1.7 oz. It features a multivane impeller driven by a high-efficiency ac motor.

CIRCLE NO. 364

Multiposition rotary switch mounts on PC

Janco, 3111 Winona Ave., Burbank, CA 91504. (213) 845-7473.

Printed-circuit rotary switches, Series 2481, are for direct circuit-board or flex-circuit mounting use. These compact switches are 1 in. in diameter and available in 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 22 and 24 positions. The shaft must be pulled in order to exit or enter certain pre-designated positions. Secondary circuits are made or completed when the shaft is pulled. Completely enclosed and explosion-proof, the switches offer BCD output and meet or exceed MIL-S-3786 and/or MIL-S-22710.

CIRCLE NO. 365

Micromini capacitors can mount on any side

Corning Electronics, Corning, NY 14830. (607) 974-9000.

A line of microminiature solid-tantalum capacitors with a unique coplanar design allows them to be mounted on any of their four sides. Called "Minichip" capacitors and desig-

nated the MK series, they are available in five case sizes and have electrical values ranging from 0.1 μ F at 50 V to 47 μ F at 10 V. Special ratings are available. The components have high resistance to mechanical shock, a low DF/ESR rating and good electrical stability. They can be used with automatic handling equipment and a vibratory bowl feed.

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3 new relays from Gould Allied Control

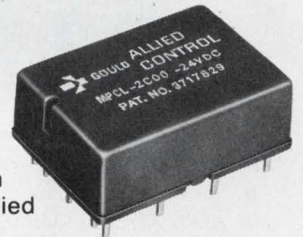


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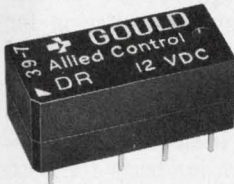
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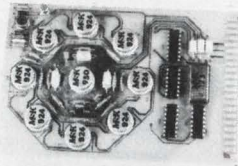
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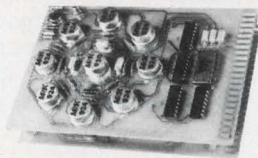
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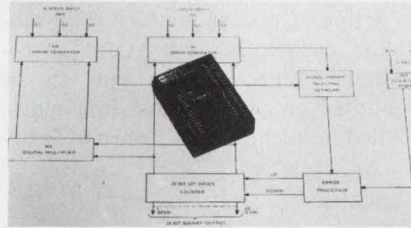
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MODULES & SUBASSEMBLIES

Synchro to digital unit fits into single module

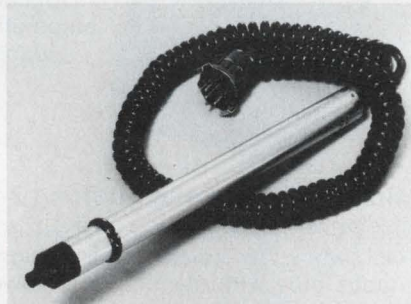


Natel Engineering, 8954 Mason Ave.,
Canoga Park, CA 91306. Ed Berman
(213) 882-9620. \$1195; stock to 6 wks.

Two-speed 20-bit synchro to digital (s/d) conversion is available in a single standard module. Model 2SD412 is 2.6 × 3.6 × 0.8 in., weighs less than 10 oz and is available with both TTL and LPTTL outputs at power consumptions of 3.5 and 2 W, respectively. Both binary and nonbinary ratios between the fine and coarse synchros are offered. Accuracy is 0.001° at a speed ratio of 36:1. Standard inputs are 11.8, 26 or 90-V rms. The 400-Hz reference can either be 26 or 115-V rms.

CIRCLE NO. 367

Light pens easily mate to CRT system



Information Control, 9610 Bellanca
Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045. Ron Hoover
(213) 641-8520. \$450/\$475.

Two models of light pens, LP-210 and 211, simplify system interfacing for interactive CRT systems because of their high sensitivity and fast response. Sensitivity (with average brightness, P-31 phosphor, 20-mil spot, 60 Hz) is 2.0 foot-lamberts for both models. Response time is less than 300 ns. Spectral response is from 4200 to 11,000 Å; minimum vector speed is 20 cm/ms; minimum input separation is 20 μs. The LP-210 is activated by touching the operator's index finger to the pen's barrel. Model LP-211 has an actuation tip, enabled by pushing against the CRT faceplate.

CIRCLE NO. 368

Op amps operate in harsh environments

Teledyne Philbrick, Allied Dr. at Route 128, Dedham, MA 02026. Frank Goodenough (617) 329-1600. \$62 to \$158 (unit qty.); stock.

Four high-performance military-grade op amps, Models 1036, 1036-20, 1037 and 1037-20 can operate in harsh industrial and military environments from -25 to +85 C. The 1036/1036-20 output swings ±10 V at ±50 mA and its offset voltage (E_{os}) tempco is ±10 μV/°C. The output of the 1037/1037-20 (a FET input device) swings ±140 V at ±10 mA. Its initial E_{os} of ±2 mV eliminates any need for a trim potentiometer. The devices use hi-rel MIL components and meet environmental conditions of MIL-STD-202 and are processed to MIL-STD-883.

CIRCLE NO. 369

A/d converter resolves 16 bits with 500 mW

Phoenix Data, 3384 W. Osborn Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85017. Srinii Iyer (602) 278-8528. \$725 up; 8 to 12 wks.

The Model ADC 2000/2100 a/d converters have a resolution of 1 part in 65,535 (16 binary bits) with a total power consumption of only 500 mW. Accuracy is ±0.004% and linearity is ±0.002%. All output and control signals are CMOS/TTL-LS compatible. The Model 2000 size is 5 × 4.5 × 0.5 in. on a PC card and the Model 2100 is encased in 3 × 4 × 0.4 in.

CIRCLE NO. 370

DIP clock provides ECL output

Vectron Labs, 166 Glover Ave., Norwalk, CT 06850. Larry Jawitz (203) 853-4433. \$95; 4 to 10 wks.

The CO-633 DIP-compatible crystal oscillator operates from -5.2 V dc and provides a stable ECL-compatible output. Frequency is in the 5 to 125-MHz range. Initial accuracy is ±50 ppm for the CO-633A while that of the CO-633B is ±10 ppm. Stability of each type is ±25 ppm from 0 to +70 C. Package size of the 14-pin unit is 0.5 × 0.8 × 0.5 in. Options include the MIL-range CO-633-2 with stability of ±50 ppm from -55 to +125 C and the CO-633-3 that provides ±3 ppm from 0 to +50 C.

CIRCLE NO. 371

Fixed-head memories operate on 48 V dc

Vermont Research, Precision Park, North Springfield, VT 05150. E.W. Hinkley (802) 886-2256. See text.

Fixed head memory, Model 4016-DC, operates on 48-V-dc input power for use in telecommunications systems where power interruptions cannot be tolerated. The device has a storage capacity of 37.9-Mbits and access time of 8.5 ms. The memory occupies 12.25 vertical in. on a 19-in. rack. All electronics, power conversion and controls are outside the media enclosure and easily accessible for maintenance. OEM price at 100/year is \$12,370 for ac units and \$13,390 for dc units at 4.64-Mbyte capacity.

CIRCLE NO. 372

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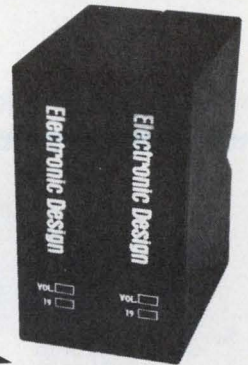
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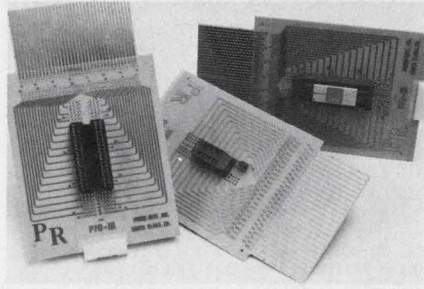
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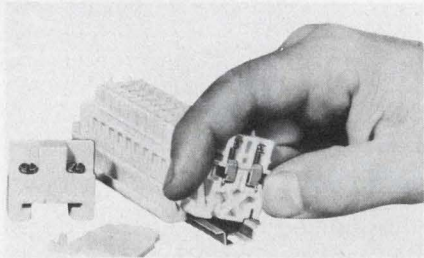


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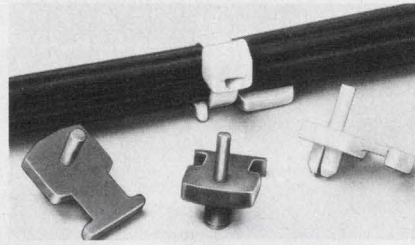


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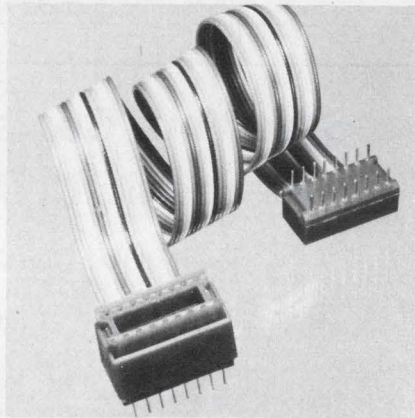


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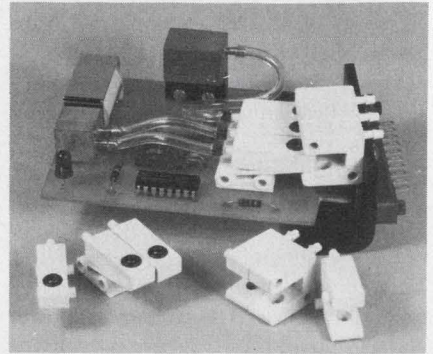


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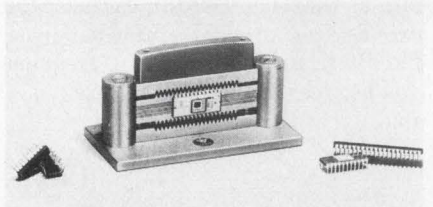


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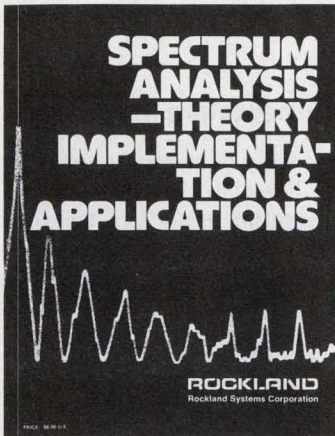


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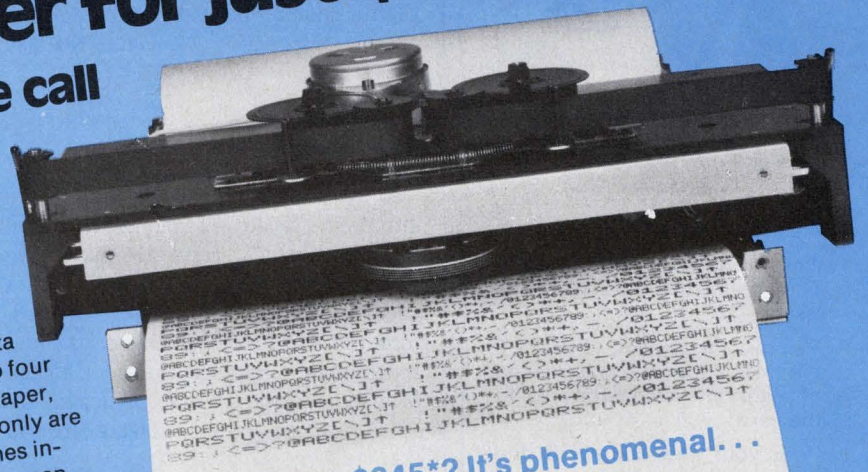
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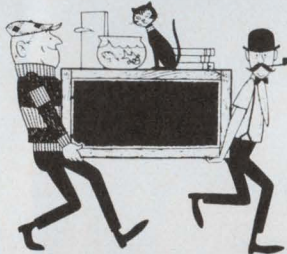
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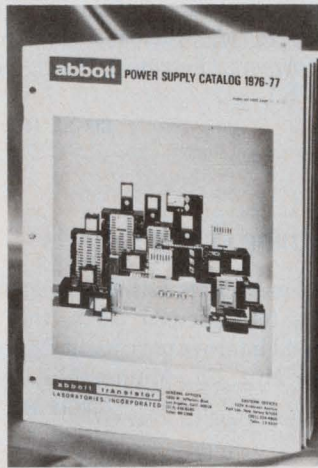


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Across the desk

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I support your viewpoint on "Professionals" 100%. The lack of professionalism, as it might be called, is not only a sore thumb for the engineering community, but a sore thumb for most cross-sections of our society.

Ron Stier

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Don't let them put you down! Your laetrile editorial strikes at the heart of the biggest issue facing all of us, a government that can tell us the best things to buy, the proper foods to stuff our mouths with, the best way to be treated for disease—and people who collectively know little more about the real facts than any of us on the outside. Why can they do this? Because we let them. Why do they do it? Because they claim through a "feeling" for humanity that they are doing what is "best."

How can your scientific and logical readers simultaneously demand freedom to study, to investigate, to work and to live without interference and then claim that the Government must "protect" those "others" who are not as capable? Logical opinions do not necessarily come from people dealing with logic. When some of your more vocal readers can distinguish between grades of freedom and how they can be distributed between us and the unfortunate and misinformed, then publish their letters—and not before.

Stanley A. Fierston

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Most people missed the most important point of the laetrile controversy. The issue is individual freedom, not the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of laetrile.

Each of us owns himself. Governments do not own us. If I want to shoot mayonnaise into my veins, that is my business and not any government's (by the way, some dumb kid did shoot mayonnaise when he couldn't get heroin and he promptly died). As far as I know, mayonnaise is not yet a controlled substance.

I don't care if laetrile is dangerous or safe, effective or ineffective, or some combination thereof. If I want to use laetrile, I will use it. Governments have no right to prevent my making it or buying it from someone who does make

it. I am an adult human being. I am responsible for earning my own living and keeping myself properly nourished, etc. Am I not also capable of determining or hiring someone to determine the safety, effectiveness, cost desirability, etc., of things that I wish to obtain and use?

I am an individual. I shall continue to do as I please while I observe the rights of others. I shall not knowingly violate anyone else's rights (property rights, human rights, etc.). Governments are hereby put on notice: Go jump in the lake!

David Michael Myers
Chief Engineer

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I notice that two respondents who disagreed with your laetrile editorial mentioned thalidomide. I think that story needs to be told over and over until everyone comprehends what really happened and the implications.

Based on prescribed laboratory tests, many nations approved the manufacture and sale of this potent tranquilizer. The United States did not. Subsequently, in Europe and elsewhere, a rash of severely deformed children was traced to the use of this drug by their pregnant mothers. The United States was largely spared this horrible tragedy. The Food & Drug Administration selected one of its top women "researchers," and in a public ceremony presented her an award for having prevented the distribution of this drug in the U.S.

But why did this entrenched bureaucracy fight against thalidomide? Was it inadequate testing, a lack of effectiveness, or, as proved to be the case, very undesirable side effects—items the FDA is supposed to monitor? Hell, no! the decision was based on protecting the status quo, something the gone-to-seed bureaucracy is superb at. There already were approved drugs on the market to do the same job!

Raymond D. Musick

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Professionalism in the medicine business is nothing much more than a public relations technique to ensure a high income for the average physician and to protect him against the consequences of his own stupidity and arrogance.

Stupidity and arrogance? Those are the words.

Until about 1900, the chances of anyone being improved by a visit to a physician in the United States were about 50%. Lower in most other places. Even today, about 20% of hospital cases are due to iatrogenic (physician-caused) problems, and a large additional number to unnecessary, and frequently harmful, medical procedures and surgery, according to medical profession sources. Also, the various surveys conducted by the AMA show 10 to 20% of practicing physicians to be utterly incompetent or too drunk to practice, and perhaps 50% to be relatively incompetent.

Other places may be worse. About 100 years ago, for example, at the University of Gottingen Hospital, there was a period of three years during which not a single live mother or baby came out of the maternity wards. All were killed by puerperal fever induced by the physicians, physicians too arrogant even to consider the possibility that Semmelweis might have been right.

The medicine men will either ignore me, attack me on irrelevant grounds, or claim that things are different now. But of course they are not. The tradition of Gottingen lives on.

The physician of today is a body repairman, who hasn't a clue as to how the body works. He knows almost nothing of physics, damn little of microchemistry, a little bit about the essential chemical reactions of the body, and absolutely nothing about the internal workings of the brain. "Reputable" psychiatrists (MDs all) still go in for the gruesome procedures of electroshock "therapy," which is on a par with attempting to repair a large computer complex by passing lightning bolts through the power supplies.

But the tradition of medical infallibility lives on, and it is still almost impossible to get a physician to stand up in court and testify that a fraternity member goofed.

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Across the desk

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Laetrile should be judged on the question of whether it is helpful or harmful. There appears to be more evidence than many are aware of that it is helpful and little, if any, evidence that in normal doses it is harmful. The medical community itself is very divided on this subject. However, many doctors are using and supporting it. Even if laetrile is proved to be just another placebo (many of which have been used effectively by the medical profession for years), there is no reason to ban it. We cannot overlook the psychological cure of diseases and the relief of pain—in fact, this approach should be researched and expanded. Who cares how a person is helped as long as he is really helped?

Also, much evidence exists as to the dangers of smoking—but where is the big movement to ban it? The tobacco industry is, of course, much too wealthy and powerful to let that happen. And as we all must admit, it is the wealthy, hence powerful, groups that direct our government, not good old common sense and “what’s best for the people.”

As to the medical profession, reader Brody (ED No. 19, Sept. 13, 1977, pp. 188-190) seems to exemplify the members whose attitudes have resulted in a lack of faith in the medical community. We are aware of the countless number of unnecessary operations performed yearly, the fraud in Medicare programs, the ever increasing interest in more money rather than in the patients’ health, and in many cases outright incompetence.

Then we read such statements as “I most respect the medical profession for looking out for #1” and “I’d rather be a rotten S.O.B (don’t worry Doc—you are) with a good, steady income and some solid security than that really hard working Nice Guy who’s out of a job...” Where’s the RESPECT Dr. Brody talks about? Professionalism certainly does mean respect *and* dedication to the profession, not to money! Certainly money is important and EEs should fight for a much better deal. But having a high income certainly does not make you a professional. Nor does a high formal education such as a Ph.D make you honest and trustworthy.

I became an EE and remain one because I love the *profession*. I spend a great deal of my own time and money

studying and trying to improve my knowledge and ability. There are many other jobs where I could make more money and have greater security, but I stay in electronics because it is more than just a job to me. It is my profession and even hobby—my second favorite thing, if you will (after all, I was a male before I was an EE).

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It occurred to me in reading your second laetrile editorial (ED No. 19, Sept. 13, 1977, p. 51) that most people who agree with your position would not bother to write.

I am an electronics designer who gets his laetrile by eating about five peach or plum pits every day—to hell with the FDA.

Your outspokenness is very much appreciated—keep up the good work!

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Three cheers for your September 13 stand on professionalism. If enough specialists in all fields cannot become personally responsible to the public at large for their own conduct and for their own set of priorities, we are all probably doomed.

Who can police the professional but other similarly trained professionals? An everyone-for-himself-to-hell-with-everyone-else attitude destroys the mutual trust on which modern (technologically enslaved) society depends.

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Judging from the negative replies in the September 13 issue, your July 19 editorial on professionals using the current “nonprofessional topic”—laetrile—was sorely needed.

You picked a good selection of letters, as they covered just about every irrationality and prejudice associated with laetrile. As you stated in your rebuttal, the negative replies—and some of the positive ones—missed the basic idea of the editorial: A pro-

fessional who does not keep an open mind is not professional—or worse. Unfortunately, the medical-industrial complex is the most unprofessional group around—except for big government.

Keep on reminding us of our professionalism.

Peter E. Sluka

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Anonymous con

Occasionally, Mr. Rostky is so bright he’s out of sight. He reminds me of our QC Dept.—great at pointing out problems they do not have to solve.

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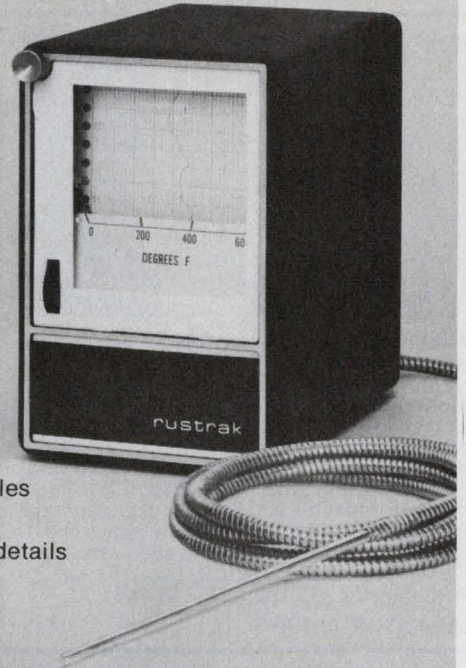
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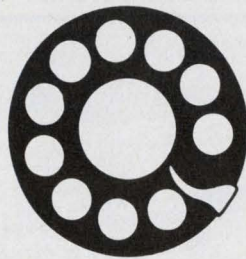
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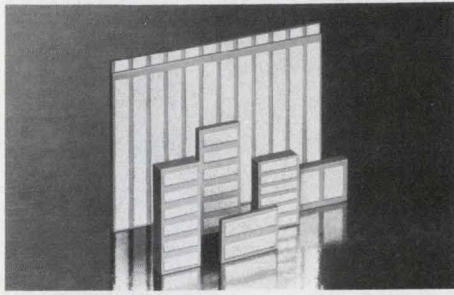
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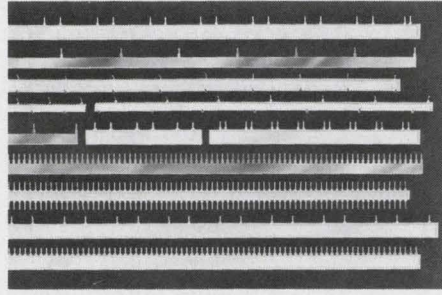
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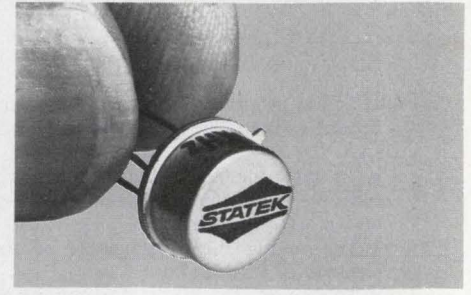
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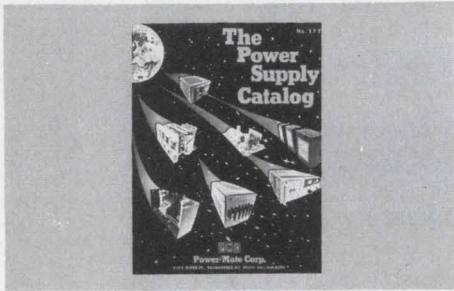
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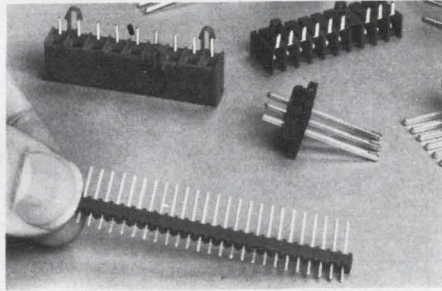
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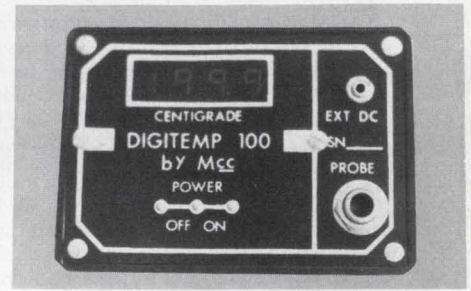
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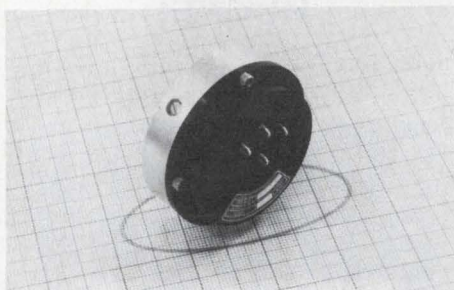
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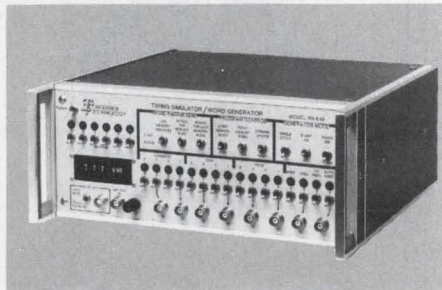
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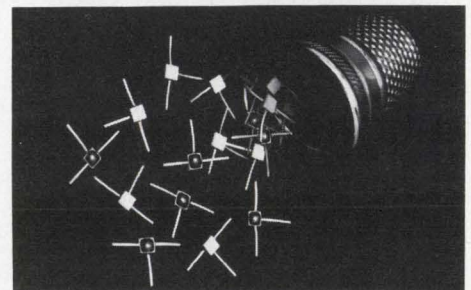
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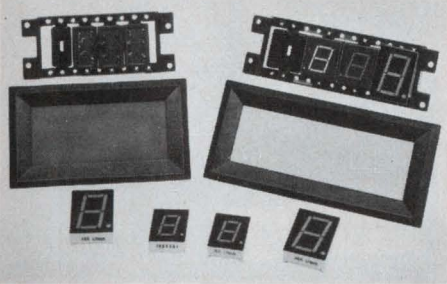
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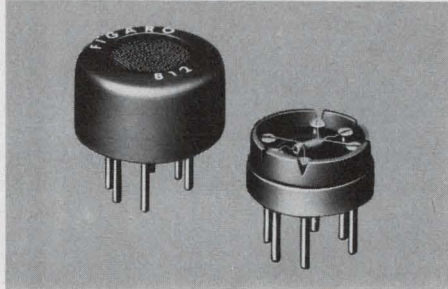
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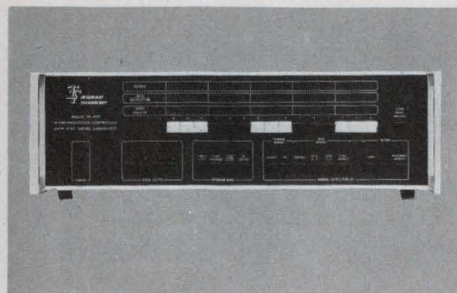
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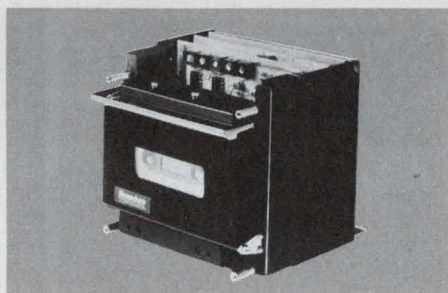
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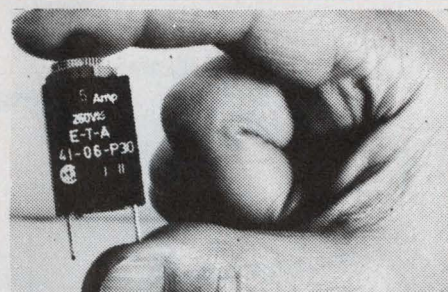
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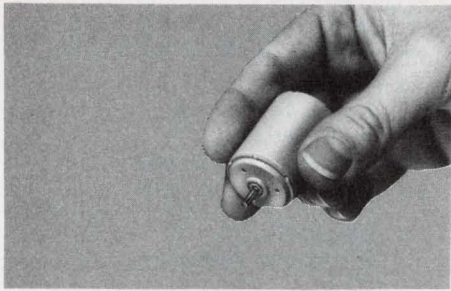
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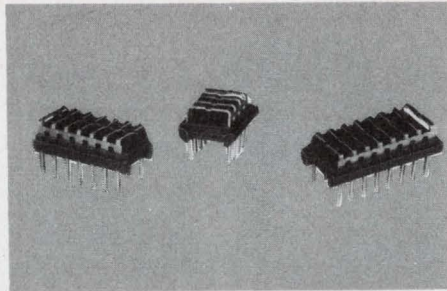
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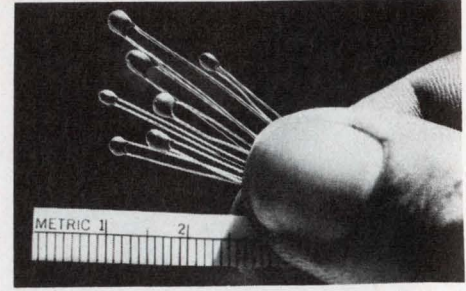
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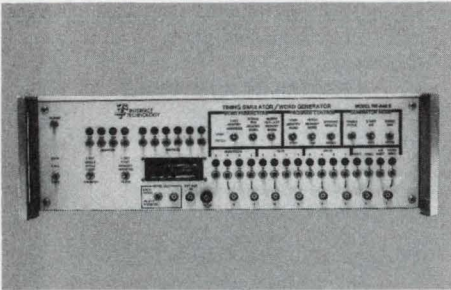
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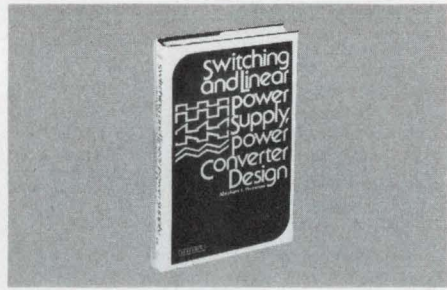
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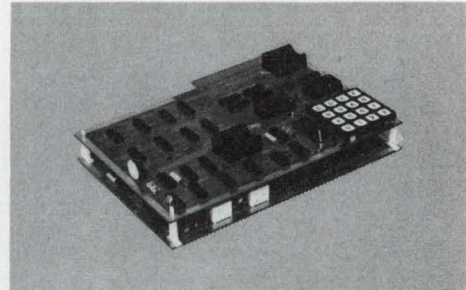
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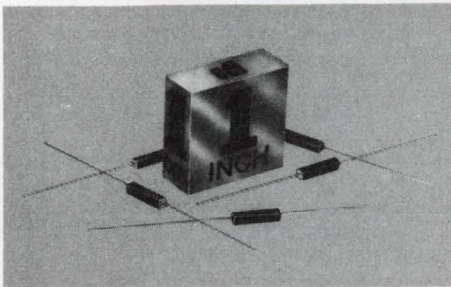
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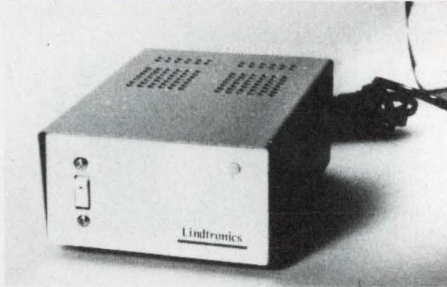
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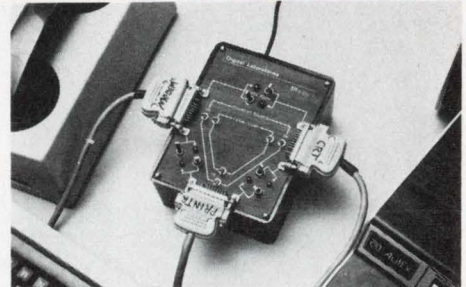
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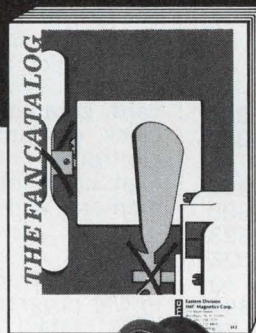
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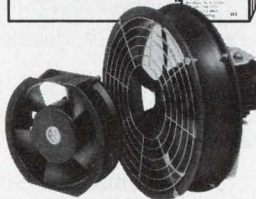
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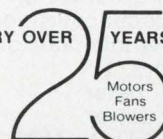


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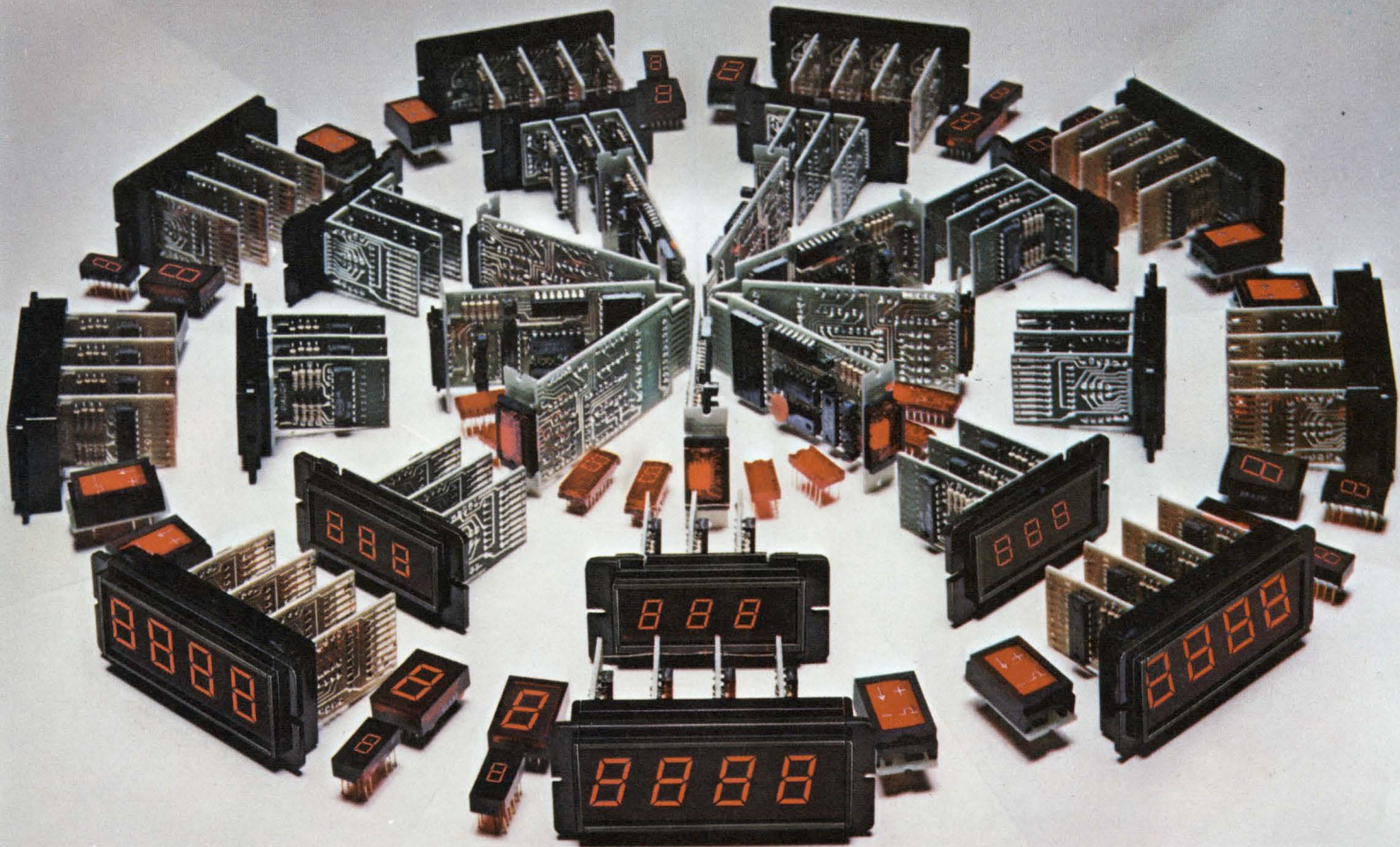
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