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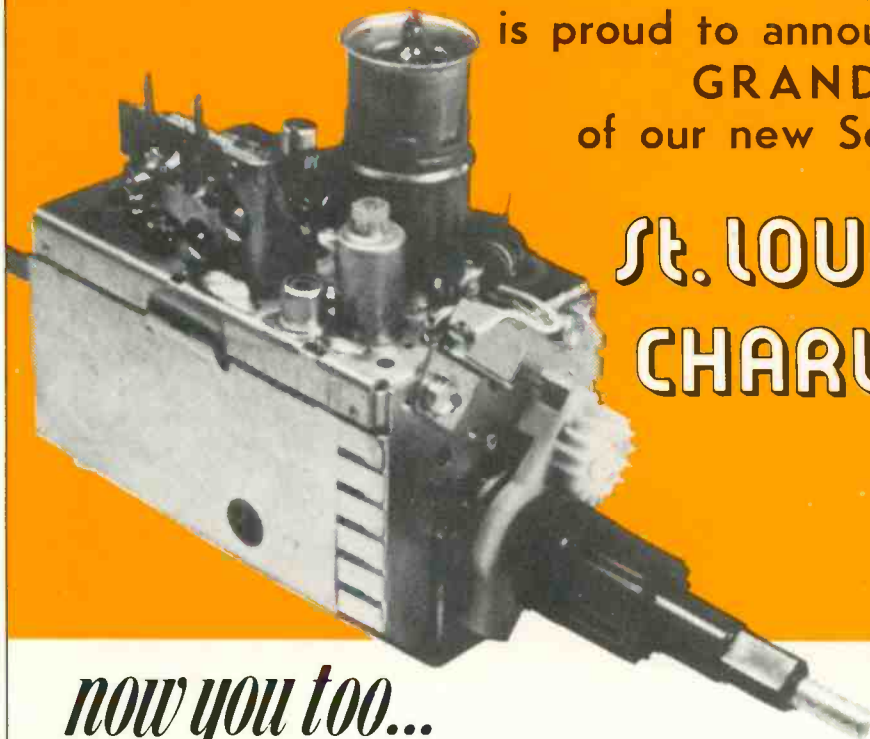
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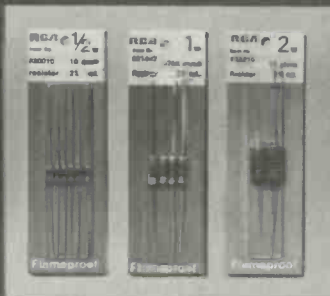
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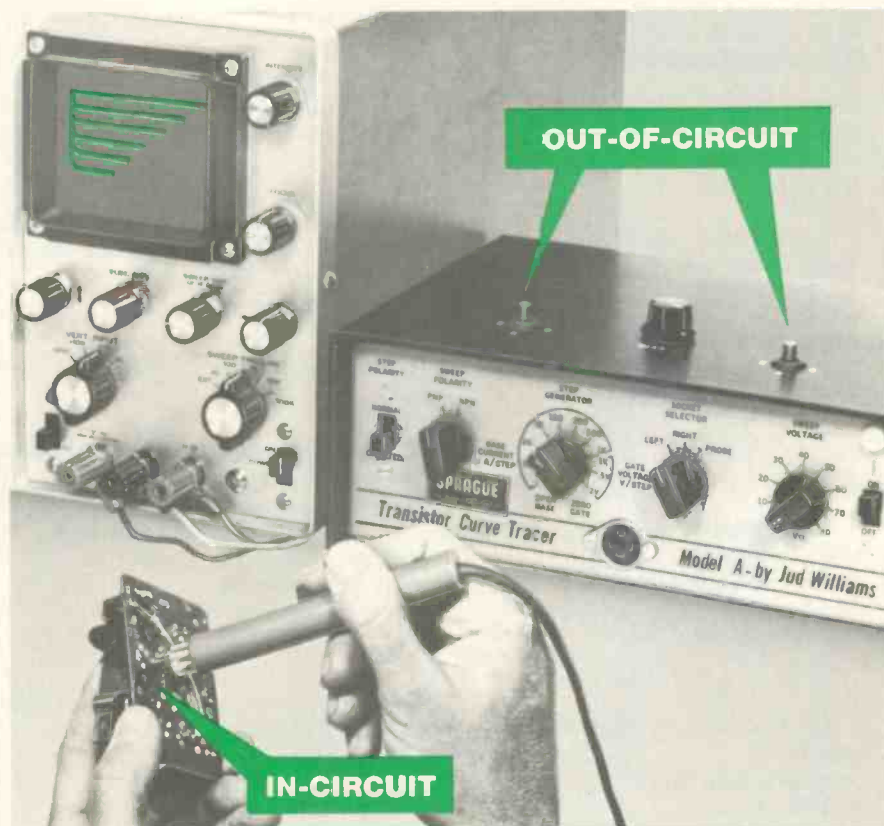
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The caution voiced by you is valid for substitute tuners which are not designed specifically for consumer use, and hopefully it will be heeded by technicians.

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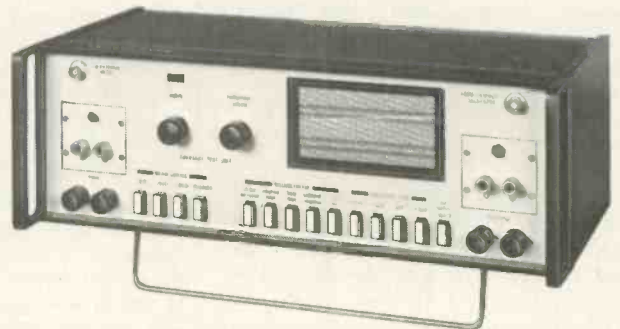
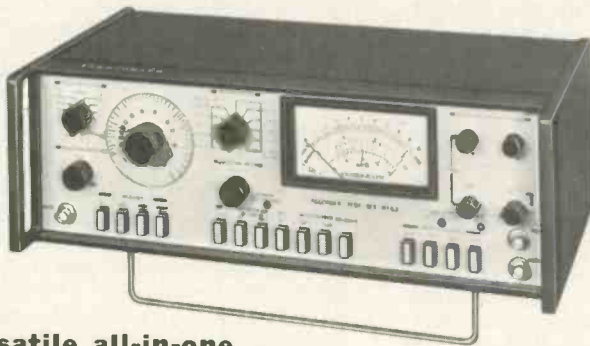
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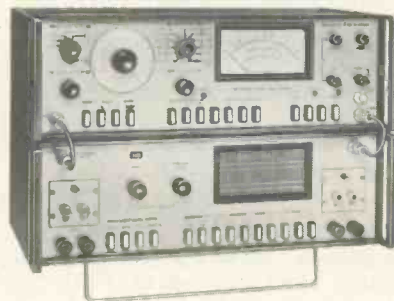


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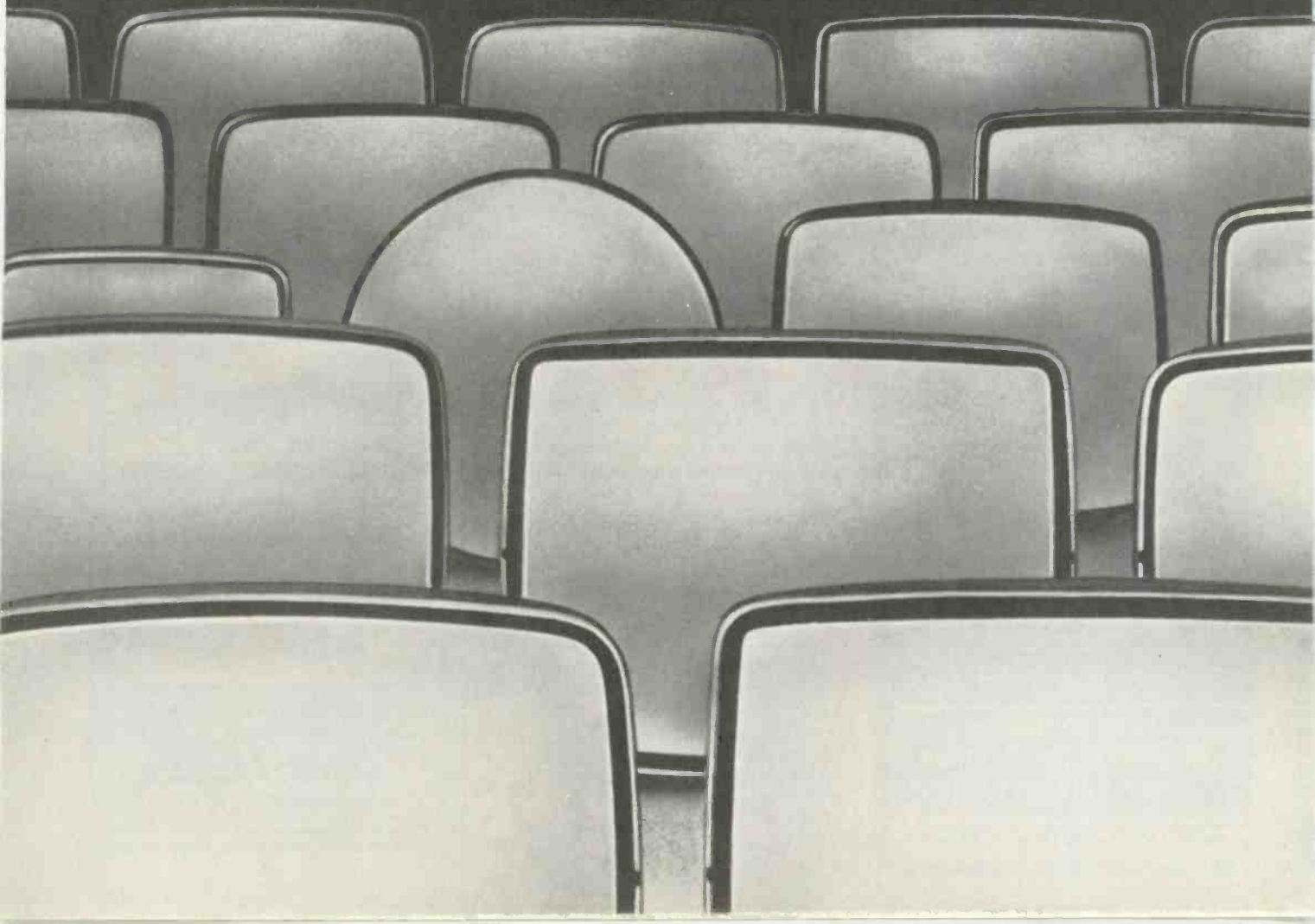
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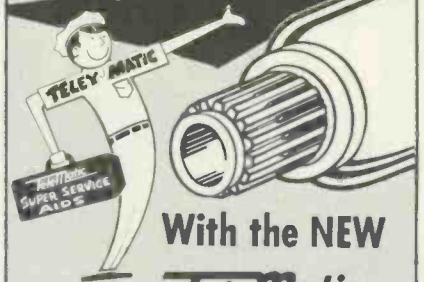
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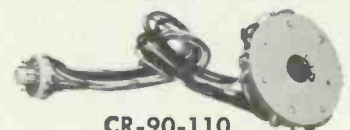
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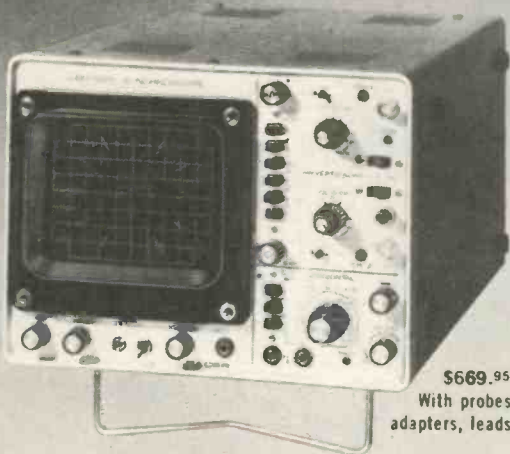
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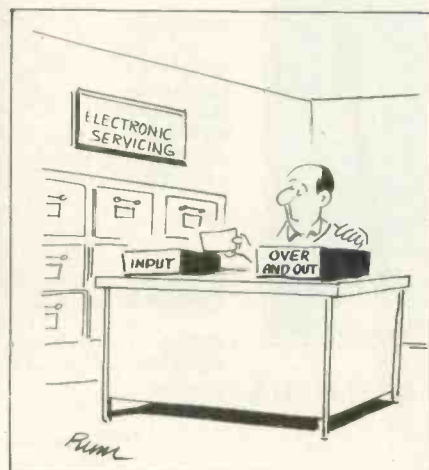
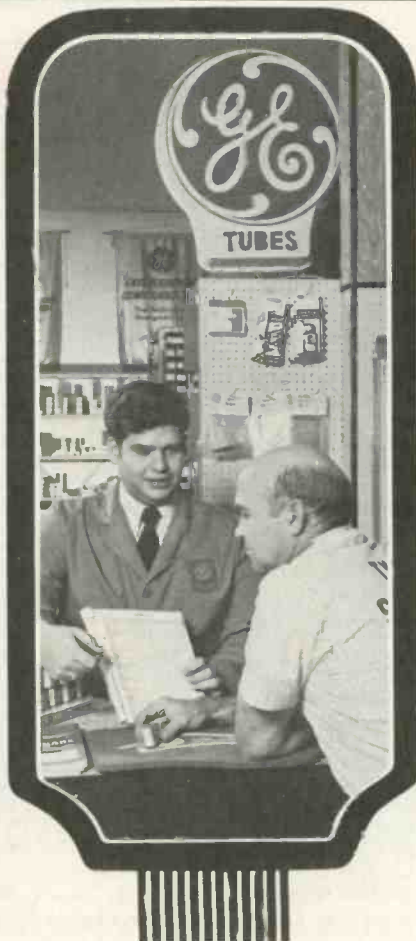
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New York City Electronic Technicians Organize New Association

The Consumer Electronic Technicians Association of New York recently was chartered by a state-wide association of electronic servicers, the ESFETA. Officers of the new association are: Ron Palluth, CET, president; Ken Parese, vice president; Dick Jones, secretary; Al Szajer, treasurer; and Bruce Yerka, recording secretary.

Eastern Illinois Servicers Form New Association

A group of electronic service dealers in the central Eastern area of Illinois have formed a new association, the Electronics Service Dealer Association of East Central Illinois. The new association, formed at a meeting of dealers in Urbana, Illinois, in January, elected Jerry Martin, Champaign, to the position of president. Other officers elected at the meeting are: William Wageng, Champaign, vice president; Warren Bandy, Champaign, treasurer; and William J. Young, Cissna Park, secretary.

NATESA Annual Convention

The annual convention of the National Alliance of Television and Electronic Service Associations will be held at the Chicago Sheraton Hotel, Chicago, August 16-18. Information about hotel accommodations and convention registration can be obtained by writing: NATESA, 5908 South Troy St., Chicago, Illinois 60629.

Colorado Association Adopts New Constitution, Elects New Officers

The Colorado Professional Electronics Association, in a Constitutional Convention in Loveland, Colorado, in February, adopted a new constitution which abolished their state board of directors and replaced it with a house of representatives comprised of an executive committee and representatives from each local area. The number of representatives from each local area is determined by the percentage of members in the local area in relation to the total membership of the State Association. Representatives are to be elected by the members of their local chapter.

New officers of the State Association are: Charles H. Littlejohn, CET, president; Robert Kavan, vice president; Alan Evanston, CET, recording secretary; William K. Parker, treasurer. The newly formed executive committee consists of the preceding elected officers plus the executive director, who has no vote.

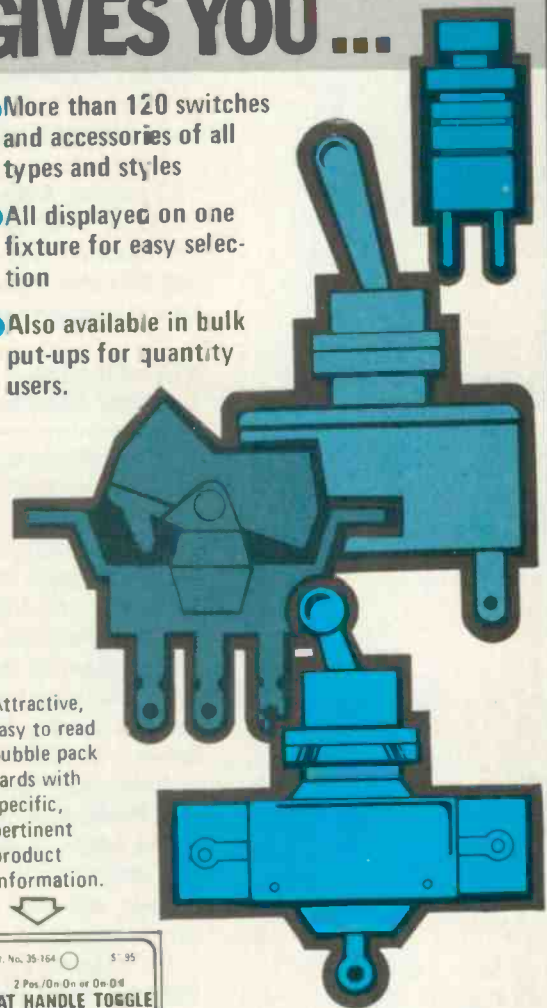
Kentucky Association Successfully Discourages Consumer Association Support of Shop Licensing

The Kentucky Electronic Technicians Association (KETA) has been successful in its attempt to discourage the Consumer's Association of Kentucky from proposing and supporting a bill which, if passed by the Kentucky leg-

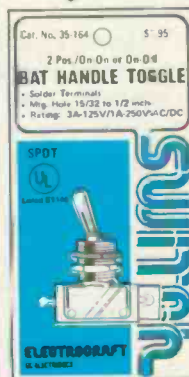
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1974 Summer CES—June 9-12

The eighth annual Consumer Electronics Show will be held June 9-12 at McCormick Place, Chicago. Sponsored by the Electronic Industries Association, the annual show includes exhibits of the latest consumer electronic products and a variety of industry-oriented seminars and events.

Imports of Monochrome TV and Phonographs Decreased in 1973, All Other Consumer Electronic Imports Increased

Monochrome TV imports decreased 1.3 percent and phonographs 1.2 percent in 1973 over imports in 1972, according to statistics released recently by the Electronic Industries Association's Marketing Services Department. All other consumer electronic imports increased.

Imports of color television increased 6.1 percent in 1973 over 1972. Total television imports finished the year 0.2 percent ahead of imports in 1972.

Home radio imports increased 1.9 percent in 1973 while automobile radio imports increased 52.5 percent. Audio tape imports increased 2.6 percent while the smaller video tape category increased 544.9 percent.

Transceiver imports increased 31.1 percent in 1973 over 1972. Automatic record changers and turntable imports increased 3.6 percent while the smaller manual record players and turntable imports increased 113.8 percent.

EIA's Electronic Servicing Instructors Workshop Kicks Off Summer Seminar Program

Thirty college-level electronic instructors and representatives from four of the Electronic Industries Association's Consumer Electronic Group (EIA/CEG) minority training centers have completed a 40-hour workshop at Zenith's Service Training facilities in Niles, Illinois.

The instructors, who teach EIA's Consumer Electronics Group sponsored Summer Seminars, received in-depth information about the industry's latest technical developments and teaching techniques from training specialists representing fifteen major consumer electronic companies. Donald E. Perry (GE), chairman of EIA/CEG, said they also upgraded their teaching skills with training ideas by two authors of EIA/CEG's thirteen textbooks and lab manuals.

The workshop included a panel discussion on the industry's position on repair or replacement of modules; the state of the art in picture tubes; cause and cures for IC and solid-state failures; six separate sessions on new test equipment uses by leading test equipment manufacturers; new tuner developments, and techniques of symptom diagnosis. Dr. Robert Adler, Vice President-Director of Research, Zenith Radio Corporation, provided a detailed projection on the future of flat screen television and video tape systems. A panel discussion on what the service dealer expects from the new employee featured representatives from large, medium, and small service shops. A field trip to Zenith's module fabricating plant rounded out the session.

The instructors will be teaching 23 classes in consumer electronics servicing to more than 500 high school vocational and industrial arts teachers this summer, Perry said.

The 500 high school teachers will, in turn, present the possibility of a consumer electronic servicing career to more than 25,000 young high school and vocational arts students by the end of the year.

Complete RCA 1975 Color TV Line to Be All Solid-State

RCA has announced that its 1975 color TV line, to be introduced to distributors and dealers this month, will consist entirely of all-solid-state models.

The 1975 XL-100 color TV receiver line will be 100 percent solid-state in all screen sizes, and all receivers will feature negative black matrix picture tubes and automatic fine tuning. The new color TV line will consist of only five screen sizes—15, 17, 19, 21 and 25 inch (diagonal)—and all receivers, regardless of size or price, will be covered by a one-year Purchaser Satisfaction warranty.

William C. Hittinger, RCA Executive Vice President, Consumer and Solid-State Electronics, who recently announced RCA's decision to become the first domestic manufacturer to offer a color TV line consisting entirely of solid-state models, said the changeover to exclusive production of all-solid-state receivers is scheduled to begin June 7, when the last tube-type color

TV set will be manufactured at RCA's Bloomington, Indiana, facility.

RCA also plans to discontinue the "instant-on" feature in its black-and-white and color TV receivers in response to the need for energy conservation.

Sales of RCA television, audio products, records, tapes, parts and accessories plus activities of the RCA Service Company relating to consumer products totaled \$1,149,000,000 in 1973, compared to sales of \$1,090,000,000 in 1972, according to the corporation 1973 annual report. Net profit for this grouping of RCA consumer products and services in 1973 was \$48 million, down from \$57.7 million in 1972. Part of the profit decrease reportedly was caused by losses by RCA Records as a result of rising labor and material costs. The consumer activity, according to the annual report, made a larger contribution to the corporation's sales and profits than any other group—26.8 percent of sales and 26.1 percent of net profit.

Motorola Engineers to Accompany Technicians on Home Service Calls

Color TV design engineers from the Consumer Products Division of Motorola are scheduled to accompany service technicians on home service calls several times each year as part of a new program recently announced by Richard Kraft, vice president and director of color operations for Motorola's consumer products division. The purpose of the visits by the engineers are to collect product planning and product evaluation information and to provide an additional method of two-way communication with the consumer.

St. Louis Journeymen Technicians Will Receive \$5.50 Hourly Wage Effective November 1, Master Technicians to Receive \$6.25

Under the terms of a new two-year contract recently agreed to by employers and members of the Electronic Specialists and Technicians Union of Greater St. Louis, Local No. 1, Journeymen Technicians, who now receive \$5.10 per hour, will receive a \$5.50 hourly wage, and Master Technicians, who now receive \$5.85 per hour, will receive \$6.25 per hour, effective November 1, 1974.

The new contract, which covers the period from November 1, 1973 to November 1, 1975, also provides minimum wage increases for the following technician classification: Student Employee, starting wage of \$2.00 per hour, with a 10-cent increase every 90 days until he reaches the apprentice level; Apprentice Technician, starting wage of \$2.85 per hour, with a 10-cent increase every 90 days. The Student Employee is a new classification.

Admiral, Rockwell Merger Proceeds

The board of directors of Admiral Corporation and the board of Rockwell International Corporation recently agreed to a 10 percent reduction of the share ratio through which Admiral stock will be converted to Rockwell common stock when the two firms merge. The new ratio is .5 shares of Rockwell common for each share of Admiral stock outstanding. The ratio previously announced when the two firms reached an agreement in principle for the merger last October was .56.

Ross D. Siragusa, Sr., chairman of the board of Admiral, said the revised ratio was agreed to because the "results of operations for the year ended December 30, 1973, were lower than had been anticipated at the time the initial ratio was set, and because of adverse developments in the latter part of 1973 in the markets for consumer electronics and home appliances."

Admiral stockholders are scheduled to vote on the merger in a special meeting April 9.

Regional Consumer Electronics Trade Show Scheduled for Denver

The 1st Rocky Mountain Consumer Electronics Dealer Show, reportedly the first wholesale trade show for the consumer electronics market to be presented in the Rocky Mountain region, is scheduled for August 25-27 at the Hilton Inn-Airport, Denver, Colorado.

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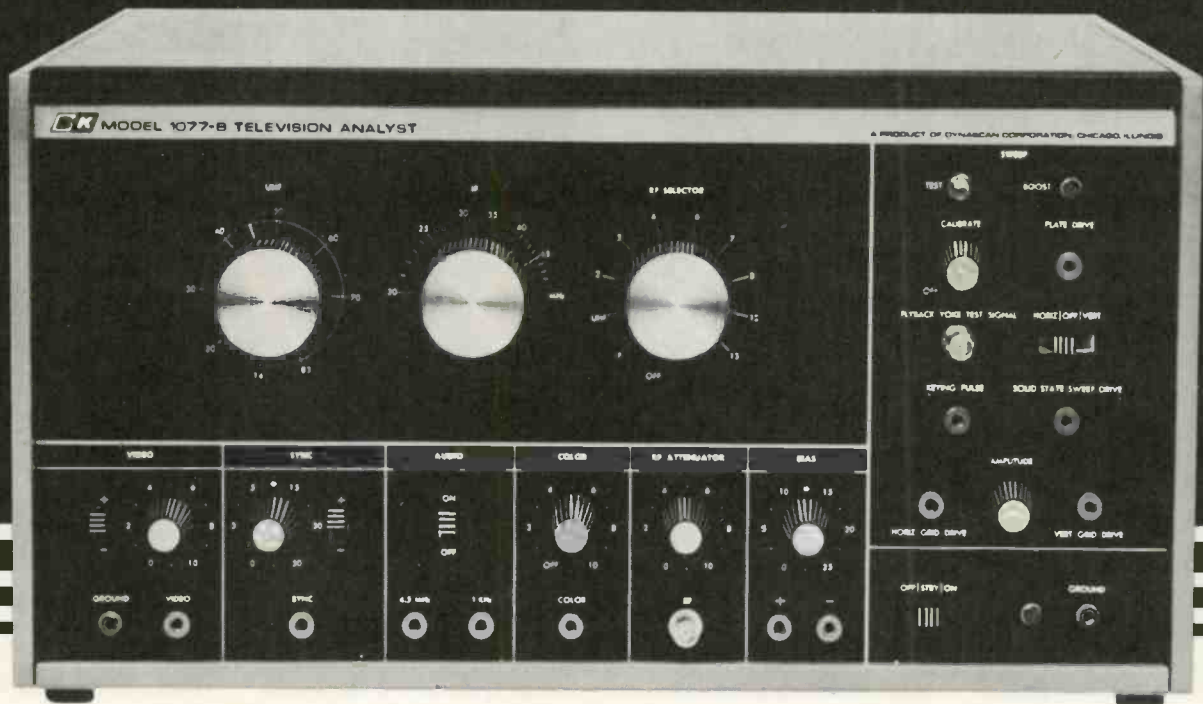


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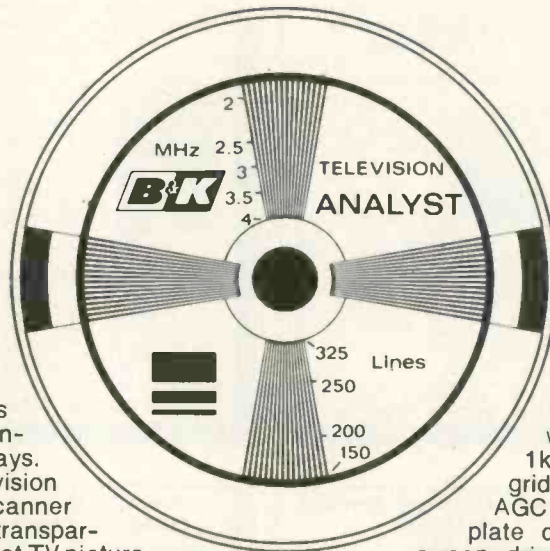
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by Joseph Zauhar

GTE Sylvania's E06 Color TV Chassis

An analysis of this manufacturer's new small-screen, all-solid-state, nonmodular, tilt-out chassis with plug-in semiconductors and a new in-line picture tube

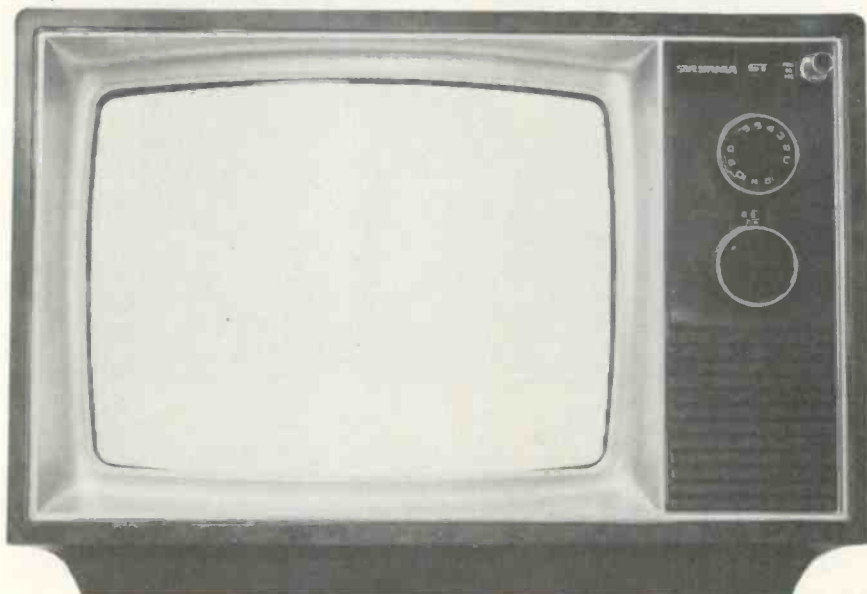
■ U.S. sales of color television receivers to dealers in 1973 was up 10.6 percent over the sets sold in 1972, according to the Electronic Industries Association (EIA). The largest percentage of sales increase was noted in the small screen, or personal portable, category of color TV receiver.

To increase their sales in the small screen category, Sylvania has introduced a 13-in. (measured diagonally) color TV with an in-line pic-

ture tube. This new color TV receiver, Model CA4115W, uses the new E06-2 color TV chassis. Features of this new receiver are:

Simplified tuning system—The GT-Matic self-adjusting circuits make this TV set almost totally automatic, eliminating many of the former customer controls. The circuits are so automatic that most of the controls are located inside of the set or locked behind a hidden panel on the top rear of the cabinet. The VERTI-

GTE Sylvania's Model CA4115W Portable Color TV, which is equipped with the E06-2 chassis.



CAL HOLD control has been eliminated and the HORIZONTAL control is factory set. The only customer controls located on the front of the cabinet are the VHF and UHF SELECTOR knobs, VHF FINE TUNING, and the ON/OFF switch and VOLUME control.

Chassis serviceability features—The "U" shaped solid-state chassis is designed with many plug-in features. The transistors and integrated circuits are mounted in sockets to simplify replacement and to permit troubleshooting by using the substitution method. Most of the components are located on one main circuit board which is mounted horizontally in the receiver. This board is clearly roadmapped on both the top and bottom with component and test point numbers. After the cabinet of the TV set is removed, the underside of the circuit board is

completely exposed, for component removal if required. To make servicing of the chassis even easier, it can be tilted down by loosening two screws on the side support brackets—the front of the chassis is mounted on a hinge-type bracket. Complete removal of the chassis is simplified by plugs which connect the deflection yoke, convergence assembly, speaker and degaussing coils to the main-chassis circuitry. This chassis is equipped with eight integrated circuits, which, in turn, reduces the number of single components, providing more service flexibility.

In-line picture tube—The in-line gun system permits a less complicated dynamic convergence system, because of more precise gun alignment. Only the red and blue guns, which are on the outside, are aligned. Green, the inside gun, falls in the center and is not moved.

Tuner and Video IF System—The VHF tuner employed is quite conventional except that the three transistors used are plugged into sockets, permitting the substitution method of troubleshooting.

The UHF tuner is a detent-type, which makes channel selection as easy as VHF tuning. The UHF channel numbers appear in an illuminated window above the UHF channel selector.

The four-stage Video IF system used is fully shielded against 40-MHz interference, with adjacent picture and sound traps for rejecting upper channel picture and lower channel sound interference. This video IF shield snaps tightly into place without the need for soldering.

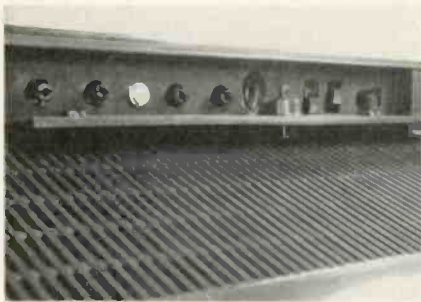
Some of the circuits employed in the new EO6 chassis are similar to those in the EO5 chassis. However, major changes have been made in a number of the circuits. These are analyzed in the following paragraphs. During the analysis, you can refer to the simplified schematics included or you can refer to Tekfax Schematic No. 1526 (ET/D, May, 1974), which covers the complete circuitry of this new Sylvania chassis.

Regulated Power Supply Circuit

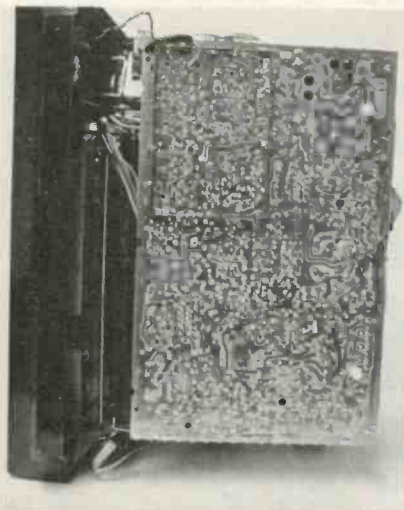
The B+ voltage at the emitter of transistor Q502 (Figure 1) is established by the setting of control R514, which is referenced to zener diode SC514. The voltage appearing at the wiper of R514 will be the voltage at the emitter of Q502, neglecting transistor and diode junction voltage drops, because both transistor Q500 and Q502 operate as emitter followers.

The resistive network consisting of R516, R519 and R520, in the base circuit of Q500, provide the necessary isolation for injection of pincushion correction voltage and functions as a clamp circuit for low line-voltage operation.

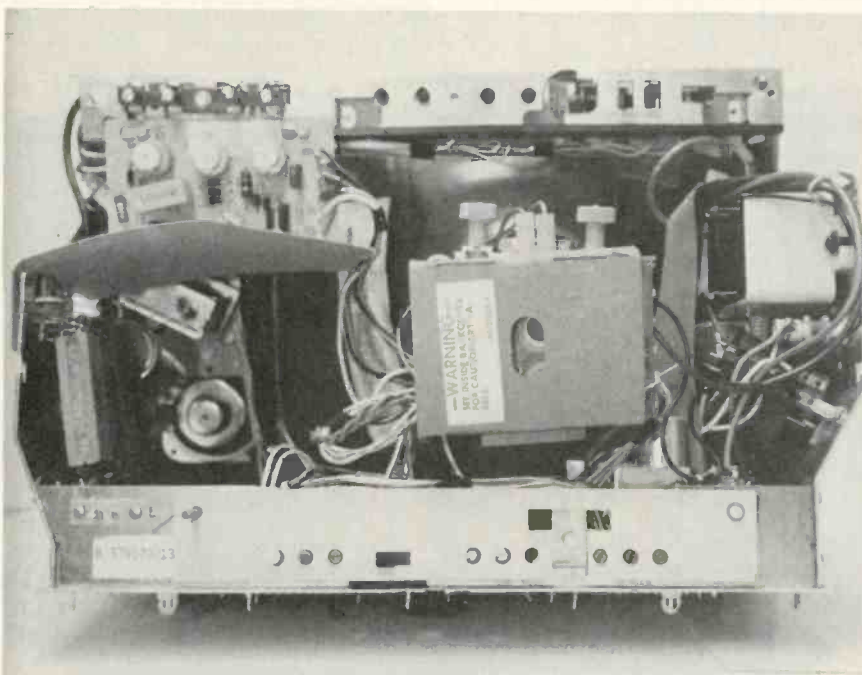
The low line clamp circuit consists of voltage divider resistors



Top rear edge of the cabinet showing the GT-Matic controls, which are located behind the tilt-down door.



When the back cover of the TV set is removed, the complete underside of the chassis is exposed.



Rear view of the chassis showing the service and GT-Matic controls.

R505 and R507 which are connected to the collector of Q502. Under normal operating conditions, diode SC512 is reverse biased, and the voltage on the wiper of R514 determines the conduction of Q500 and Q502 and, therefore, the B+ voltage. When the voltage at the junction of R505 and R507 drops lower than that at the junction of R516 and R519, the diode becomes forward biased, and the base of Q500 tracks the collector voltage of Q502. The purpose of this circuit is to keep Q502 active at low line voltage.

The 170v supply voltage (Figure 2) is obtained by adding approximately 60v, which is obtained from a flyback winding, to the 107v supply. The additional 60v is produced by rectification of the flyback pulse by switching diode SC510.

The low B+ supply voltage is from the horizontal-output transformer winding, terminals 3, 8, and 10.

This winding is also used as the emitter circuit for the horizontal-output transistor, Q402 (Figure 3). When transistor Q402 is turned on, a 27v peak pulse voltage is developed across winding terminals 8 and 10. During trace, this pulse is rectified by diode SC530, producing the DC voltage for the 27v source. The filtering action of capacitors C530, C528 and the dividing action of resistors R437 and R530 produce the 24v supply voltage.

Transistor Q504 (Figure 2) functions as a current limiter to aid in the shut down of the 27v line if current overload occurs. Current in excess of 1.5a through resistor R532 turns on Q504. Conduction through its collector resistor, R437, places a positive voltage at the junction of R437 and R436. This positive voltage is applied to the gate of SCR430, triggering it on. During conduction, the SCR pulls the junction of R430, R438 to a ground potential. This action kills the drive pulses to the horizontal driver and holds the horizontal-output transistor off. Without Q402 conducting, the pulse source for the 27v supply is absent and the 27v does not develop.

Shutdown diode SCR430 is also controlled by zener diode SC434. This 120v zener conducts when the 107v source rises above 120v, causing current flow through R437,

R436 and SC434 to the high B+ voltage source. The resultant positive voltage across R437 turns on the SCR, which again, kills the drive pulse to the horizontal driver, Q400. This, in turn, cuts off Q402. With Q402 cut off, the flyback pulse in T400 is no longer present, and no high voltage is developed. The 170v source then drops to 107v. This action provides a good test for checking regulator transistors Q502, Q500 and SC514 (Figure 1). The 170v source is used for the collector voltage on the R, G and B color amplifiers—Q906, Q908 and Q910.

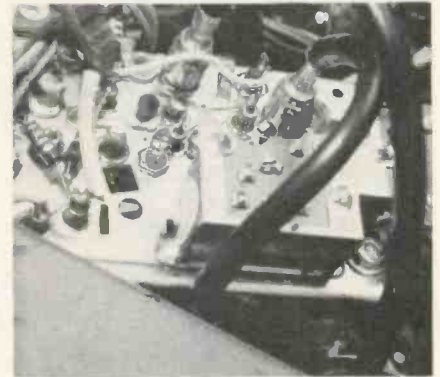
The 170v source uses a fast recovery diode, SC510, to rectify the pulse riding on the 107v line. This pulse is present during retrace and charges capacitor C506C to peak voltage. The loading on this supply is moderate, and the repetition rate of the pulse produces limited regulation.

The horizontal-output transistor, Q402, is centered across the primary winding of transformer T400. Instead of being single ended as a conventional output transistor, its position permits the use of a toroidal yoke, reducing the corona content in the yoke wires.

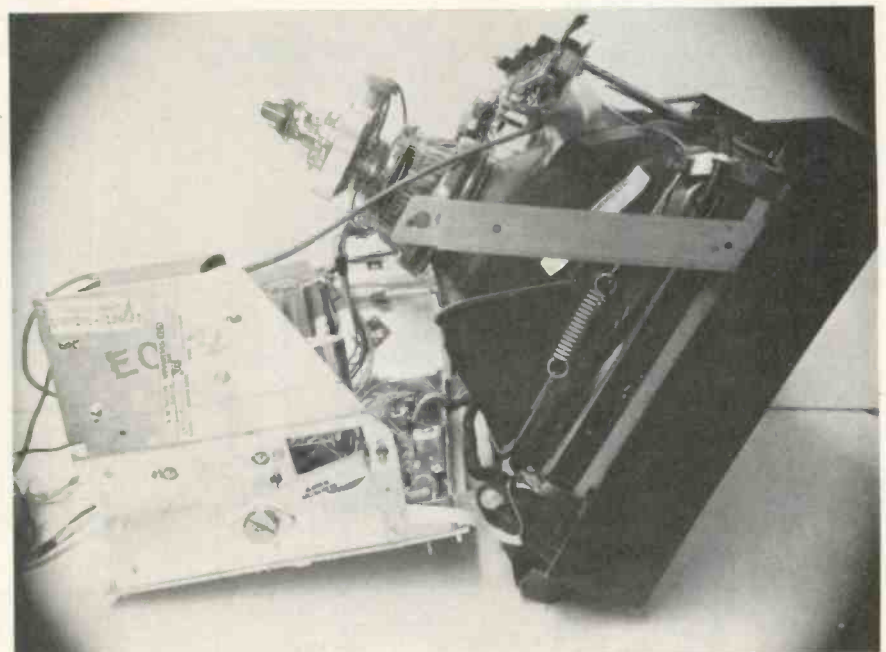
A split primary winding in transformer T400 causes the ground reference to shift in this sweep system. However, all waveforms, current and voltage, appearing at the collec-



The high-voltage system is mounted vertically on the right side of the main chassis.



Top view of the VHF tuner showing plug-in transistors.



After loosening of two screws and removal of the picture tube socket, the chassis tilts down to provide easy access to components.

tor and emitter of Q402, are equal in amplitude and opposite in polarity with the positive referenced collector.

Pincushion Circuit

Normally, the regulated +107v system has very little, if any AC rip-

ple. However, the pincushion system in this chassis causes the horizontal supply voltage (+107v) to appear as hum, but the "hum" is actually the pincushion modulation voltage, which increases and decreases the sweep output to correct for pincushion error.

Side pincushion correction is accomplished by modulating the regulated 107v with a vertical parabola, which is developed by integrating the vertical waveform through R828 and capacitor C826 (Figure 1). This integrated vertical waveform is coupled to transistor Q800 and, after being amplified and inverted, it is capacitively coupled to the base of Q500, the regulator driver. The amount of pincushion correction voltage is adjusted by resistor R820.

Horizontal Scan and High-Voltage System

A pulse locked oscillator clocks the countdown integrated circuit, IC300, providing the vertical and horizontal drive pulses. The hori-

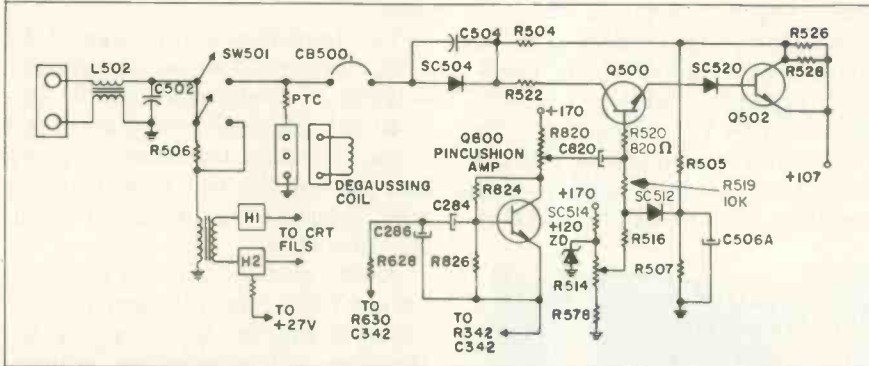


Fig. 1—Schematic diagram of the 107v regulated power supply and side pincushion correction circuits. Courtesy of GTE Sylvania.

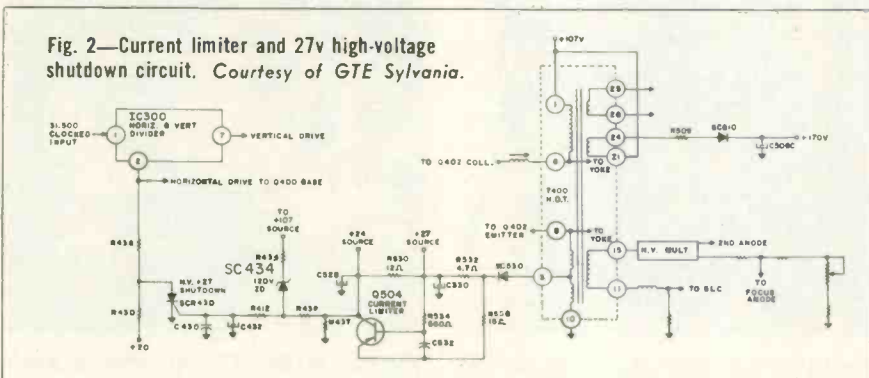


Fig. 2—Current limiter and 27v high-voltage shutdown circuit. Courtesy of GTE Sylvania.



The B+ regulator transistor heat sink, on which the conveniently grouped voltage divider resistors are also mounted.

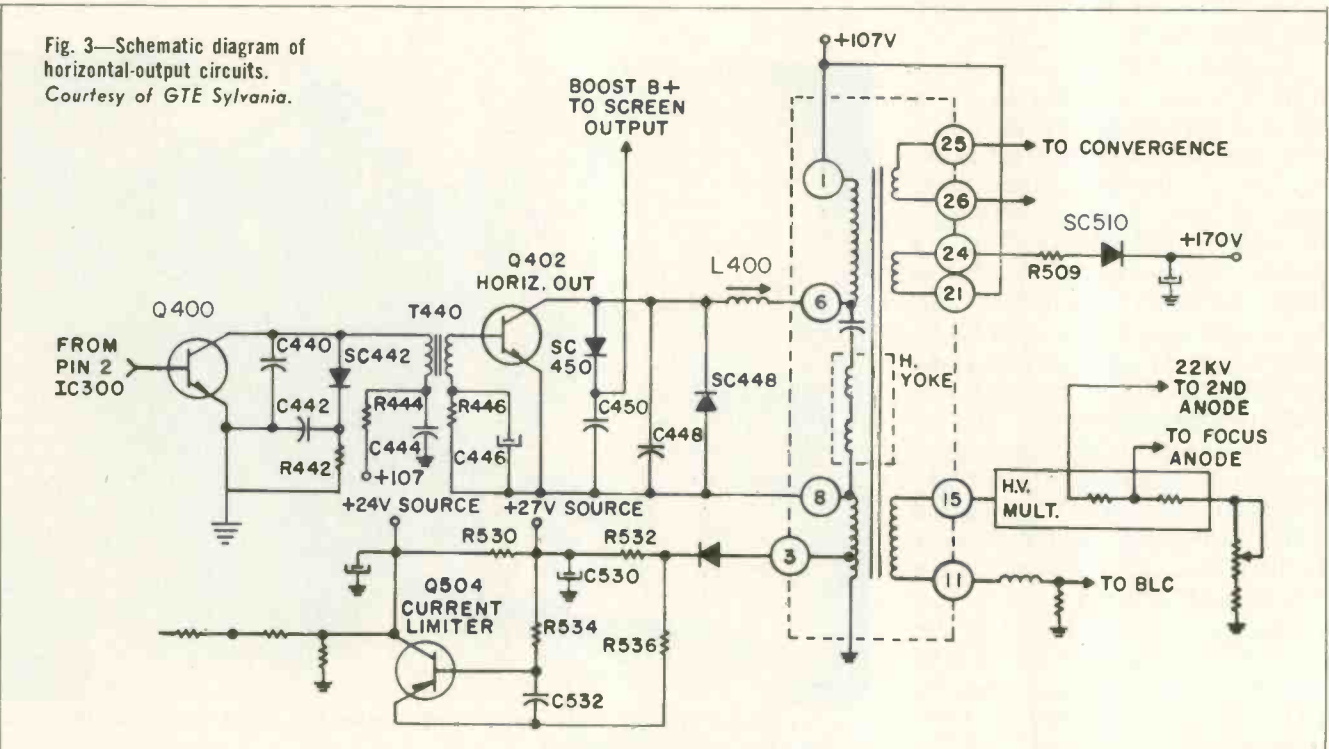


Fig. 3—Schematic diagram of horizontal-output circuits. Courtesy of GTE Sylvania.

Semiconductor Diode Theory, Testing and Replacement

by B. B. Dee

Technician-oriented facts about rectifiers, varactors and zeners

■ The service technician today is faced with a proliferation of semiconductor devices, each with its special characteristics and advantages. A two-terminal device is no longer "just a diode." It may be a four-layer switch, a tuning diode, a zener diode, a tunnel diode, or one of several other devices. But the situation is no different than that faced by technicians thirty years ago during the explosive and diverse growth of the vacuum tube from a simple triode to pentagrid converters, beam tubes, quadrature detectors, klystrons, etc. Lest you forget, semiconductors that amplify have been commercially available for about twenty-five years. It is time they became specialized and sophisticated. And, it is time that the service technician knows what they are, how they work, how to test them, and how to replace them. After all, what could be more basic in this solid-state age?

The Basis of All Semiconductor Diodes—The PN Junction

The semiconductor diode has seldom received the attention it deserves in service literature. Because it has but one junction, it is deceptively simple in appearance. Yet, most semiconductor devices in use today are based on that PN Junction. It is therefore necessary that you understand the basic principles involved. PN junction theory will be explained here, simply, without mathematics, in a form readily useful to service technicians.

To form the common PN junction, a crystalline semiconductor material is used. Two different impurities are then introduced into the material to make P or N type materials. If the impurities introduced produce an excess of free, mobile

electrons, the resultant material is labeled N type. If the impurities produce a deficiency of electrons, leaving "holes," or spaces, where electrons are missing from atomic orbits, the result is P type material. In both cases, the electrons or holes are mobile, or free to move about.

When a single piece of crystalline material has two adjacent areas "doped" with impurities, one being P material, the other N material, a PN junction is formed. Mobile holes from the P area diffuse into the N material, where there is a low concentration of holes, while free electrons from the N area diffuse into the P area, where there is a deficiency of electrons.

In the P material, there is a high concentration of holes, and so they are called "majority carriers," while electrons are "minority carriers." In N materials, the situation is the reverse, with electrons the majority carriers and holes minority carriers.

When the majority carriers

(holes) in the P material diffuse into the N material they are minority carriers in the N material, and, as a result, combine with (neutralize) the N material majority carriers. Simply stated, the excess holes are filled with the excess electrons from the opposite polarity material. This process is called *recombination*, and takes a certain small interval of time to complete. This recombination time has important effects in semiconductors, and will be discussed later.

Not all of the carriers recombine, however. Those close to the PN junction combine; those further away can not diffuse, and, hence, do not combine. See Figure 1. Notice that in the immediate area of the junction there are no mobile carriers left, because of recombination. This is called the *depletion region* (sometimes called "space charge region"), and forms the junction barrier. This junction therefore has no current flow through it until a forward bias is applied. When a reverse bias is applied with the polarity shown in Figure 2, any remaining uncombined carriers will be attracted away from the junction area towards the external electromotive force (voltage), widening the depletion barrier region. Because this insulating barrier effectively prevents current flow, the diode is nonconductive when reverse bias is applied.

Varactor Theory

You already know that two con-

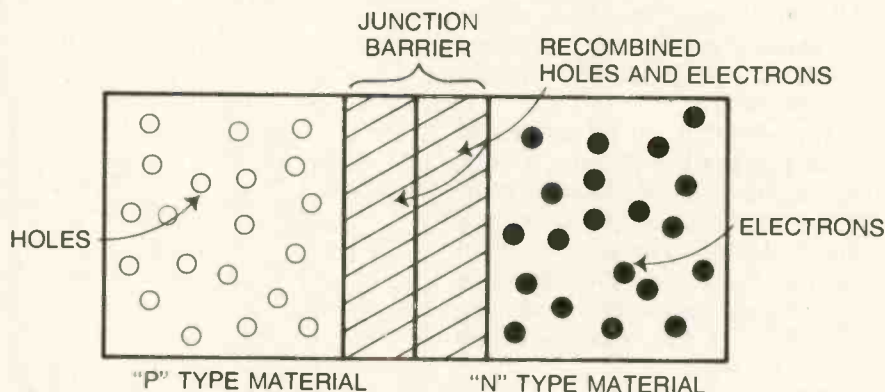


Fig. 1—Graphic representation of PN junction showing condition with no external voltage applied across it. P type material has deficiency of electrons, creating "holes" in atomic structure; these serve as majority carriers. N type material has an excess of electrons. The excess, or "free," electrons serve as majority carriers in N Type material. Recombination of holes and electrons in the immediate vicinity of the area where the two types of material join produces a "barrier," which opposes further recombination of holes and electrons until an external voltage of the correct polarity is applied across the PN junction.

ductors separated by an insulator form a capacitor, and that the capacitance varies if the thickness of the insulation varies. It is obvious that a reverse-biased PN junction forms a capacitor, and that the capacitance can be varied by varying the amplitude of the reverse bias. Maximum capacitance occurs at very low values of reverse bias, but, unfortunately, the "Q" (quality factor) also varies, and is at its lowest at maximum capacitance. As reverse bias increases, the junction widens, capacitance decreases and Q increases, up to the point where the reverse-voltage design limit of the

junction is approached.

Such a PN junction produces a voltage-variable capacitor, which is called a *varactor*.

The PN junction can be fabricated to produce different capacitance values, but there are practical limits on the ratio of minimum to maximum capacitance that can be achieved in a particular varactor. A typical curve of capacitance versus applied voltage is shown in Figure 3. It is important to note that the curve is not linear, but instead, nearly logarithmic. Because such curves vary among varactor types, it is not practical to substitute one varactor

for another, particularly when tracking or calibration is important. Whenever possible, an *exact* replacement should be made. Because, like all semiconductors, varactors are temperature sensitive, location is important when replacing them.

Varactor Tests

How can you tell if a varactor is defective? Because the capacitance of a varactor is varied by an applied bias, you first check the bias with a high-impedance VTVM or FETVOM, rotating the control which changes the bias while monitoring the bias voltage. (Note: In a high-frequency circuit, the varactor bias is applied through a filter such as a choke or high-value resistor. To prevent affecting the tuned circuits involved, the bias should be measured on the *source* side of the filter. A quick check should be made to assure that the filter is neither open nor shorted.) Normal voltage is a reverse bias of a few volts.

If the voltage seems normal, a small trimmer capacitor of suitable range can be substituted for the varactor and adjusted with an insulated tool. This should produce normal operation of the set if the varactor is defective. Ohmmeter tests will reveal an open or shorted varactor, as they will with any other diode, but they will not test the capacitive characteristics of the device.

Solid-state sets now under design and test are equipped with matched sets of varactors for RF, mixer and oscillator stages.

As with any diode, exceeding the reverse voltage limit of a varactor causes a reverse current flow which can damage or destroy the device.

Zener Diode Theory

Reverse current through a reverse-biased PN junction remains very low as the voltage is increased, until *breakdown level* is reached, after which a further small increase in voltage produces a very rapid increase in current. A principal cause of this effect is the fact that the higher voltage increases the speed of movement of some of the carriers. When the speed is high enough, those fast carriers that collide with other atoms in the crystal structure are able to knock loose other car-

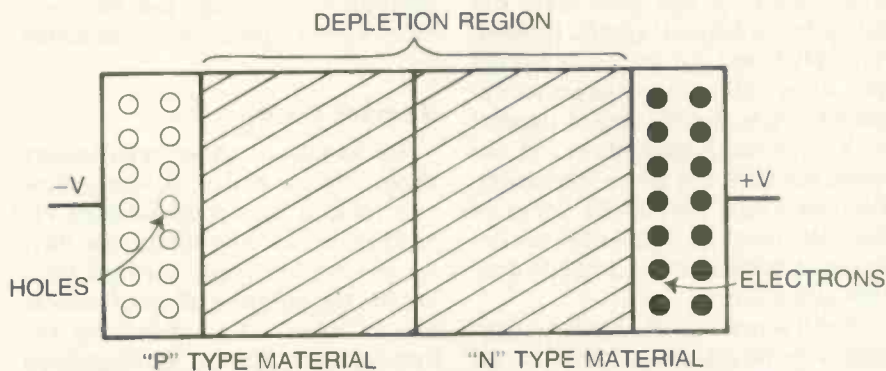


Fig. 2—Graphic representation of PN junction showing the condition which exists when a reverse bias is applied across the junction. Holes in P type material are attracted toward negative external voltage, and electrons in N type material are attracted toward positive external voltage. This action broadens the depletion region, preventing the flow of majority current carriers through the junction, and, consequently, only a small, "reverse" current flows in the external circuit.

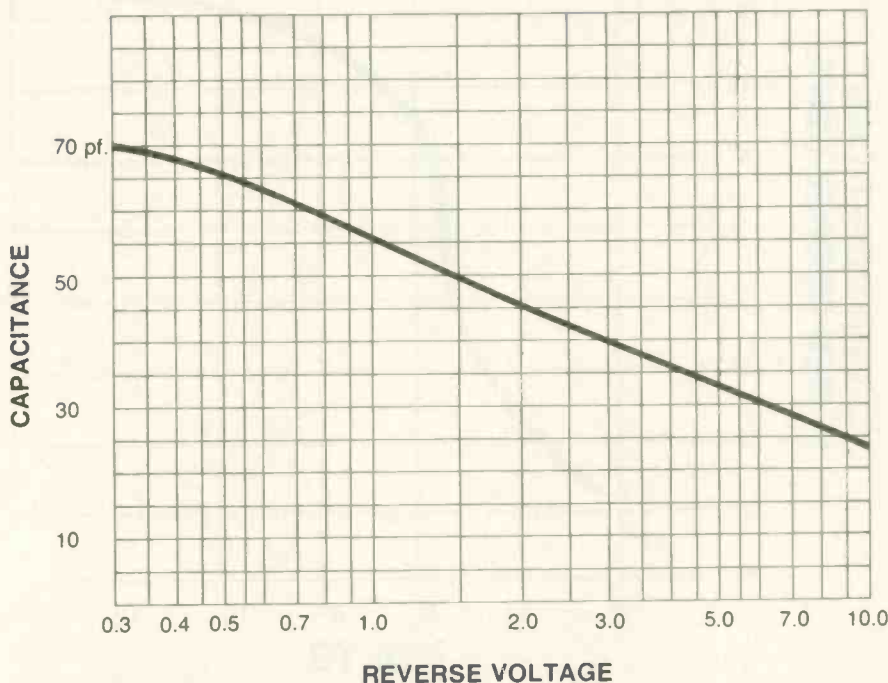


Fig. 3—Graph which illustrates how the capacitance of a typical varactor diode is changed by varying the amount of reverse bias applied to it.

riers, which in turn hit other atoms, freeing still more carriers. These mobile carriers produce a rapidly increasing reverse current condition called *avalanche breakdown*, which is the principle on which zener diodes operate.

Because the reverse current increases extremely rapidly with increasing voltage, a zener diode will destroy itself unless sufficient series resistance is used to limit the current to a specific rated maximum. Zener voltage is fixed at a specific value by impurity concentration, processing and selection during manufacture. Again, being a PN junction, zeners are temperature sensitive. And this is a good point at which to discuss junction *temperature coefficients*.

Both germanium and silicon forward-biased diodes have *negative* temperature coefficients, which cause the forward voltage drop to *increase* between one and two millivolts for each centigrade degree that the temperature *decreases*. (This level of increase is too small to measure with service-type instruments, but will be quite important when we cover transistors in a later issue.) The temperature coefficients of reverse-biased zener diodes vary, depending on the zener voltage, as shown in Figure 4. At low voltage, the coefficient approaches -0.1 percent per degree centigrade, goes through zero at about five volts, and approaches $+0.1$ per degree at higher voltages. Thus, a 24-volt zener would change nearly 6 percent, or about 1.5 volts, from a cold start at a room temperature of 25 degree centigrade to a normal junction operating temperature of about 85 degrees. This kind of change is not an indication of a defective zener. Voltage below rated value is not necessarily an indication of a defective zener either, because the zener is a shunt type of regulator and can only *decrease* the applied voltage by drawing current; it cannot increase an abnormally low supply voltage. If the applied voltage is low, the zener simply stops conducting, and the voltage is no longer regulated.

Zener Diode Tests and Replacement Selection

Open or shorted zeners may be easily spotted with an ohmmeter, but

degraded zeners cannot be verified in this manner. Two simple tests in the set will reveal degraded zeners: First, check the zener operating voltage. If it is within limits, vary the power supply voltage with a variac or by some other means and observe the shift in voltage across the zener. If it is very small, the zener is regulating. (Opening one of the loads on the zener regulated line will achieve the same purpose by varying the load.)

Defective zeners often produce broad-band "white noise," which is amplified by audio, video, chroma, sync, and even IF amplifiers, and which can appear in the most unlikely places. If you have never run into a noisy zener, it can be baffling. The quick test for this is to bypass the zener with a noninductive capacitor, or a .01-mfd disc in parallel with a 10-mfd electrolytic. If the noise vanishes, the zener is probably the cause and should be replaced because there is a correlation between unusually noisy semiconductors and failures.

Small zeners can be replaced with two or more zeners connected in series to obtain the correct voltage rating. Larger zeners pose a problem

because of the necessity of heatsinks.

Some zener-like devices are really "references" which consist of both negative and positive temperature coefficient diodes in one package. They are not intended for use as regulators, but rather are designed to run at a constant current and deliver a constant voltage output for reference voltage purposes. They can be tested only by observing the output voltage as the temperature is changed. Because of the very small changes in the operating current, laboratory type instruments are required to detect the few millivolts of change that occur. They are encountered only in test and measuring equipment, etc., and are best serviced by the equipment manufacturer.

Rectifier Theory

Up to now we have been talking about reverse-biased devices. Now let's look at the forward-biased PN junction of a conventional rectifier. As you might expect, forward biasing has the opposite effect of reverse bias. Carriers are repelled by the forward bias source, forcing them across the depletion barrier region. When they cross, more carriers are

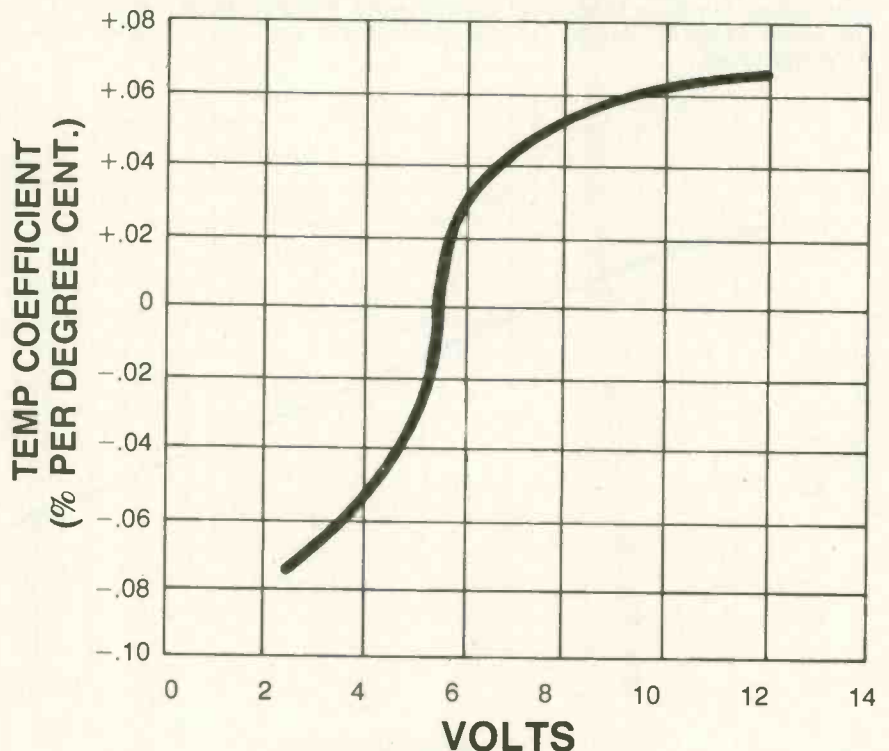


Fig. 4—Graph which illustrates that the temperature coefficient of a zener diode depends on the amount of voltage applied to it.

supplied from the external power source, keeping up a steady flow of current.

It would seem that a conventional forward-biased semiconductor rectifier is a simple device compared to varactors and zeners, but this is only because it is the diode with which you are most familiar. Varactors and zeners are always reverse biased, and never switch at all, while the rectifier must turn on and off with each cycle, which leads to some difficult problems.

Consider a rectifier running at the horizontal sweep rate of nearly 16

KHz, with a period of 60 microseconds. A half wave is only 30 microseconds. Let's examine what happens if the rectifier takes ten microseconds to turn on and ten more to turn off. Look at the common rectifier configurations of Figures 5 and 6. Note that if any two opposing rectifiers (labeled "A" and "B" in Figure 6) are on simultaneously, there is a short circuit directly across the power source. Further, it is undesirable, from both the efficiency and waveform viewpoints, to have a diode that fails to switch properly when the input polarity reverses.

Earlier, when we were discussing carrier recombination, it was pointed out that recombination takes a specific amount of time to complete. Because of this characteristic, a PN junction does not instantly create the insulating *depletion region barrier* needed for blocking action. Even worse, if heavy current is flowing through the diode, all the carriers in the depletion region produced by the current must also be "swept out" before the diode can return to the blocking state. The time needed to accomplish this is called *turn off time*, and is more in large junctions and with higher currents. Turning on the diode takes time too, and there are also capacitance effects, which can be appreciable in large junctions.

Rectifier Replacement

Now you can see that the common rectifier is really a switching device with a specific characteristic switching time. At 60 cycles this is no problem, and you can substitute one of those "bargain" rectifiers you have in stock. But the new sets are using 16-KHz power supplies to provide rectified DC as well as deflection. And computers, mobile radio, aircraft, and other fields are using 20-KHz power to reduce size and weight. For these, you need a rectifier diode designed for fast turn-on and turnoff. Such diodes cost more, but they are available from several semiconductor manufacturers. For these applications, you should not use "bargain" rectifiers.

In low-voltage, high-current power supplies, such as in autos and computers, the voltage drop across the rectifier is an appreciable percentage of the output voltage and, thus, an appreciable percentage of the power. This means big, heavy, costly heatsinks, and wasted power. In such cases, Schottky diodes, which have about .5 volt forward drop at high current, are used. With present technology, they can be made only for relatively low voltages. Replacing a Schottky type rectifier with a conventional silicon rectifier will cause severe heating of the silicon device. The two types look alike, but you can tell them apart by the low voltage drop across the Schottky rectifier. ■

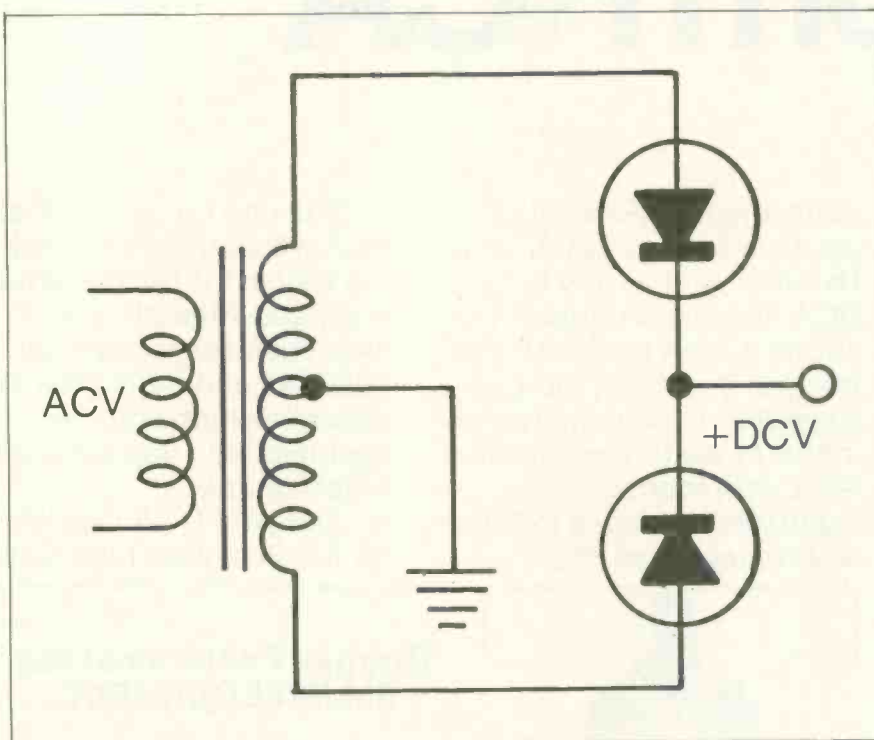


Fig. 5—Full-wave rectifier circuit.

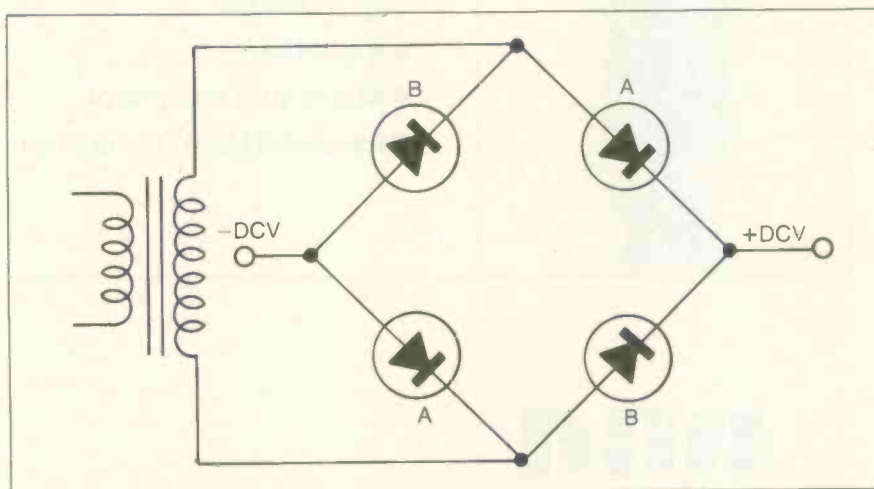


Fig. 6—Bridge type rectifier circuit.

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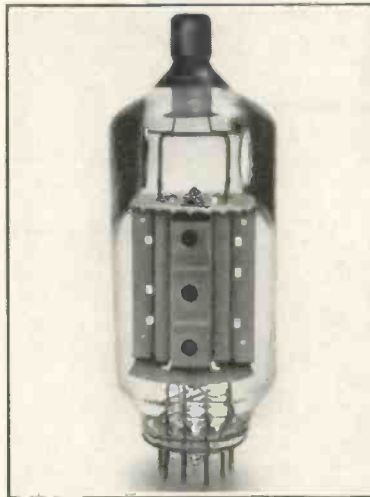
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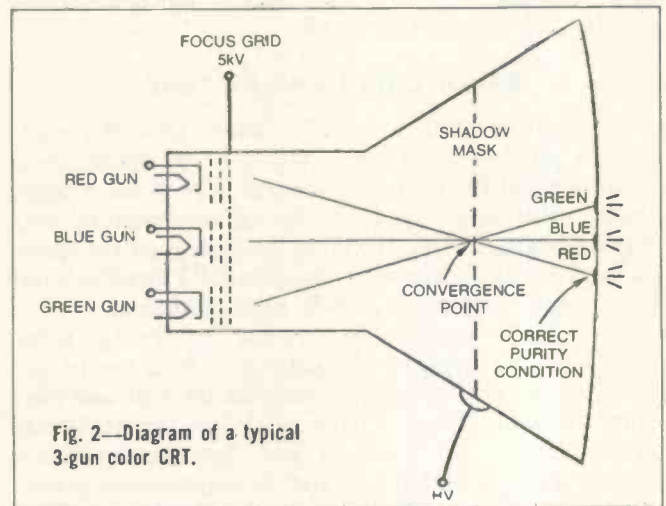
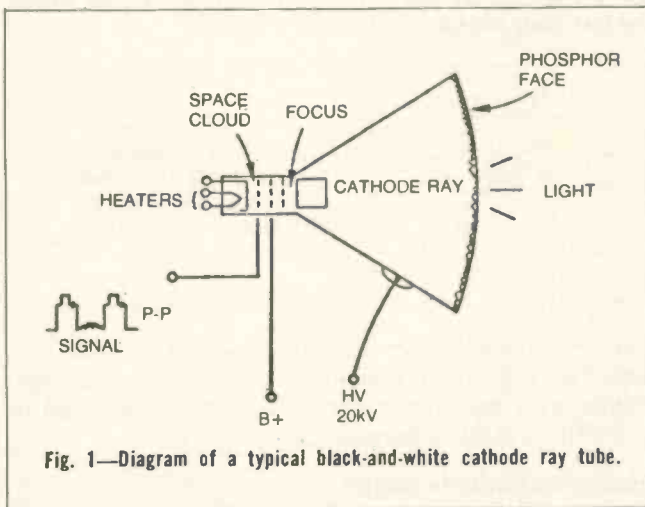
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Picture Tube Repairs

by Art Margolis



■ Replacing a picture tube in a TV is a mechanical job that is delicate and time-consuming. It is the repair the customer dreads most—it is never inexpensive. Consequently, if you can rescue a dying CRT with a fairly permanent repair, you are performing a valuable service.

Picture tube repairs actually boil down to correcting problems in the electron gun. There is nothing you can do to a burnt phosphor screen, to a slipped shadow mask, or to an air leak near the anode well. When you see burn marks on the phosphor, polka dots due to a slipped mask, changing purity and convergence due to unwanted expansion and contraction of the mask, or evidence of a loss of vacuum, the only recourse is to replace the defective CRT.

On the other hand, if you find low brightness due to low cathode emission, loss of Y signal due to a heater-to-cathode short, or other gun troubles, it's quite possible you can effect a repair. But you must have a good CRT rejuvenator-tester.

BLACK-AND-WHITE CRT's

A black-and-white CRT consists of a glass envelope, electron gun, high-voltage anode and a phosphor screen (Fig. 1). Like any small vacuum tube, a filament in the gun heats the cathode. The cathode emits electrons, forming a space cloud. The screen grid has a positive B-plus voltage that draws the electrons through the control grid. The electrons then pass through a focus anode that squeezes them together so that they form a fine beam instead of a spread-out one.

Attached to the high-voltage anode is a positive voltage of about 20 Kv. This high potential is distributed around the entire large bell end of the glass envelope.

The negative electrons in the beam attain a high velocity as they speed toward the anode. When the beam hits the phosphor screen, the phosphor emits light. The finer the electron beam, the sharper the focus will be.

The control grid, which is modulated with the picture signal, is powered with a voltage, in contrast to a speaker that needs a large current to drive the voice coil. The voltage on the grid at any instant determines the actual intensity of the cathode ray, thus forming different shades of gray on the phosphor as the beam scans the CRT screen.

COLOR CRT's

In a color CRT, instead of a coating of white phosphor spread evenly over the screen, there are three phosphors arranged in groups of three dots (triads). Each triad is composed of a red, green and blue dot. There are about 333,333 dot triads, adding up to about a million dots on the average color screen. Some picture tubes use triads of stripes or long narrow ellipses instead of dots. Whatever the actual arrangement, there are three separate phosphors.

There are three guns in a color CRT (Fig. 2), one for each color. The red gun is aimed at the red dots, the blue gun at the blue dots, and the green gun at the green dots. Each gun receives the appropriate color signal, which varies the intensity of each beam to provide the right mixture of the three primary colors on the screen.

To insure that each of the three cathode rays strikes

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the correct dot, a shadow mask is installed between the electron guns and the phosphor. There is one hole in the shadow mask for each group of three dots. The electron guns are angled slightly so that the electrons converge at the shadow mask hole and then deconverge on the other side as they speed to their individual destinations. When the cathode rays hit the right dots, the color purity is correct. If a part of a beam strays to a wrong dot, the purity will be off where that occurs.

When the three cathode rays converge at the correct shadow mask hole, the convergence is correct. Should they converge in front of the holes or not converge at all, the convergence will be off.

BRIGHTENING THE PICTURE

Getting enough light from the screen phosphor is always a problem. In a new CRT, a heavy space cloud forms around the fresh cathode and each beam is more intense. But as a tube ages, the cathode material oxidizes and wears away, lowering the density of the space cloud. As a result, the most common CRT trouble is old age, and its symptom is a lower brightness level.

Fortunately, most of the cathode "poisoning" takes place on the surface of the cathode. There are procedures to "cure" the cathode material the first and possibly the second time it happens. When the brightness drops for the third or fourth time, there usually is not much cathode material left, and the rejuvenation procedure stops working. To alleviate the situation, a CRT tester is attached to the heaters of the suspect electron gun. In a monochrome TV, it is the only gun. In a color CRT, when one color loses brightness, that gun becomes suspect.

From the CRT tester, about 10v is applied to the heater (Fig. 3). Since the heater is designed typically to operate at 6.3v, 10v causes a higher current flow, and the heater becomes abnormally hot. As a result, the cathode material overheats and some of the poisoning is boiled off. Then, the heaters are turned off and a button is pressed. The button connects a filter capacitor, charged to about 1000v, between the cathode and control grid of the gun. The electrons that are settling back to the cathode material as it cools are suddenly pulled away from the cathode. This knocks off more of the "poisoned" material. In many cases, the cathode is only a few molecules thinner, but the fresh cathode material is capable of much better emission. For all intents, the CRT has a new lease on life.

This procedure works well on older black-and-white picture tubes, but is less effective on newer black-and-white and color picture tubes. But if the CRT is going to be replaced anyway, it's worth the try.

After the CRT rejuvenator has done its job, it is quite often useful to attach a brightener. This is a small stepup transformer that typically increases the heater input voltage from 6.3v to about 9v (Fig. 4). Brighteners come in all socket types to match the bases of most picture tubes.

RELIEVING GUN SHORTS

The electron gun, like any tube, is susceptible to shorts between elements. The short can be the result of

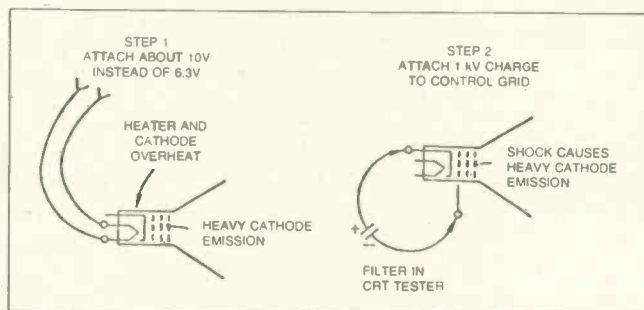


Fig. 3—There are two ways to rejuvenate a CRT: Overheat the filament and draw heavy cathode current for a brief interval.

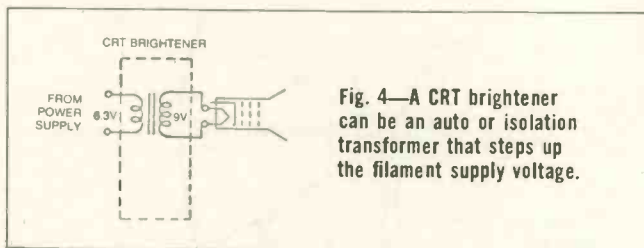


Fig. 4—A CRT brightener can be an auto or isolation transformer that steps up the filament supply voltage.

two elements actually touching each other, or some foreign material can become lodged between the elements. Either way, many times the short can be eliminated or relieved to make a permanent repair.

Heater-to-Cathode Shorts

Between the heater and cathode there is a ceramic sleeve (Fig. 5A). The heater and cathode both touch the sleeve but are insulated from each other by it. Between the other elements, such as cathode and control grids, or control and screen grids, there is nothing but a vacuum. When a heater-to-cathode (H to K) short develops, it requires a different technique than that needed for shorts between other elements.

The symptoms of an H-K short in a black-and-white CRT are usually fixed brightness and a defocused beam. Normally, the cathode operates with about 150v and the heaters at 6.3v AC. A break or a carbon path sometimes develops in a ceramic sleeve between the heater and cathode. If the resistance of the short is low enough, the 150v B-plus is reduced to near ground level, leaving the control grid just a few volts positive. At any rate, if the cathode voltage drops, the difference between the cathode and grid narrows, making the bias near zero. With no bias, the cathode ray is turned on completely and an overly bright picture results. Adjustment of the brightness control has little or no effect. Due to the increased intensity of the beam, it spreads a bit, causing defocusing. Since there is no bias between the cathode and the control grid, the retrace becomes visible. The CRT tester will reveal the presence of a short with neon lights or some other indicator.

The repair is simple and sure. Install a 1:1 isolation transformer between the heater supply and the heaters (Fig. 5B). Also available are isolation brighteners that attach between the CRT base and the socket. The isolation transformer simply supplies the heaters with 6.3v, but without the ground reference. The 6.3v heater floats at the cathode potential. For all practical purposes, the short to ground is eliminated.

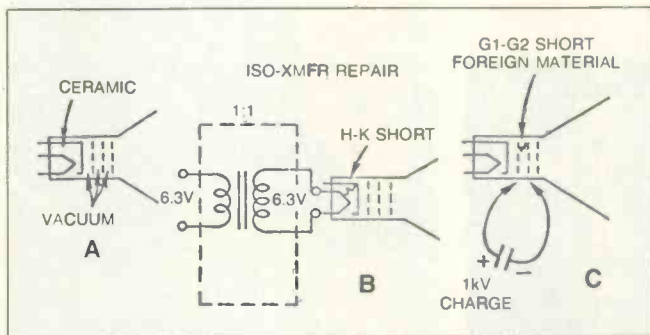


Fig. 5—Heater-cathode shorts are relieved with an isolation transformer (B) while K-G and G1-G2 (C) shorts are blasted away with a capacitor charge.

While most of the time this isolation cure is sure and permanent, on occasion the cathode is broken at the point where the short exists. The cathode is still operative in such cases because it is returned to ground through the heater supply. But when you install the isolation transformer, you not only isolate the heater from the source but the cathode as well. With the open cathode, emission ceases. To get around the open, simply attach the cathode socket pin to one of the heater pins.

A second complication occurs when the isolation transformer causes a mismatch between the CRT input circuit and the cathode. The video response is limited, and a smeary picture results. You can try a couple of different iso-brighteners, but usually this problem can't be solved easily. A new CRT is the only solution.

In a color CRT, a heater-to-cathode short can develop in one or more of the guns. The symptoms are usually a loss of Y signal and a smeary color picture. The repair is handled the same as with a single-gun CRT.

Cathode-to-Grid Shorts

A CRT tester will reveal other shorts in the gun structure. A cathode-to-control-grid short will eliminate bias, of course, and produce the same raster symptoms as a heater-to-cathode short. A control-grid-to-screen short usually causes a complete loss of brightness due to the loss of the screen B-plus.

Most of the time these shorts are caused by foreign material lodged between the elements (Fig. 5C). Often, you can "blast" the short away with the charged filter in the CRT tester. Press the button and the 1-Kv charge is placed on the control grid. If there is any foreign material between the elements, the charge usually will disintegrate it. This produces a permanent cure (Fig. 5C). If the elements are actually touching, the technique will not be effective. But, since the CRT will have to be replaced anyway, it is worth the attempt; there is nothing to lose.

REPAIRING AN OPEN GUN

Any of the electron gun elements are subject to detachment from the gun structure or the base connecting leads. If the heaters open, the trouble is quickly noticed. They can open either inside the glass envelope or outside where they attach to the CRT socket.

If the open is outside, a drop of solder produces a

permanent cure. Even just squeezing the pins where the solder has corroded will get the heaters back on. The same simple repair can be made if there is a poor connection to any of the other elements.

However, when the open is inside the glass, the situation becomes difficult. An open cathode kills the raster, of course (unless there is also a heater-to-cathode short).

An open control grid can produce a blurry raster. An open screen grid kills the raster, since there is no B-plus to attract the cathode ray. On occasion, an open screen grid produces a lower brightness level. In those cases, the second anode is still able to attract some of the cathode ray, but not with full intensity.

The CRT tester will tell you which elements are open. The repair attempt is a hit-and-miss affair, but it's worth a try. The idea is to try to weld the detached elements back onto the gun structure. Usually, it is only separated by a tiny space and is still generally in the right spot. Sometimes the element is not actually detached but loose enough for a resistance to exist between the element and gun.

A CRT tester has a heater voltage of about 10v, which is applied to the filaments. With this extra voltage applied, the entire gun will become very hot. After the gun has heated, steadily tap the neck of the tube with a pencil or ruler. This will cause the gun to vibrate. Hopefully, the detached element will start bouncing against the connecting point. If, during the heat and vibration, you start applying the 1-Kv filter charge again and again, you might get the charge into the gun just as the detached element strikes the gun structure. If that happens, a flash will occur and the loose element will re-weld itself in place. There is a possibility that you might blow something else in the process, but there is nothing to lose with a CRT that is scheduled for replacement.

TECH BOOK REVIEW

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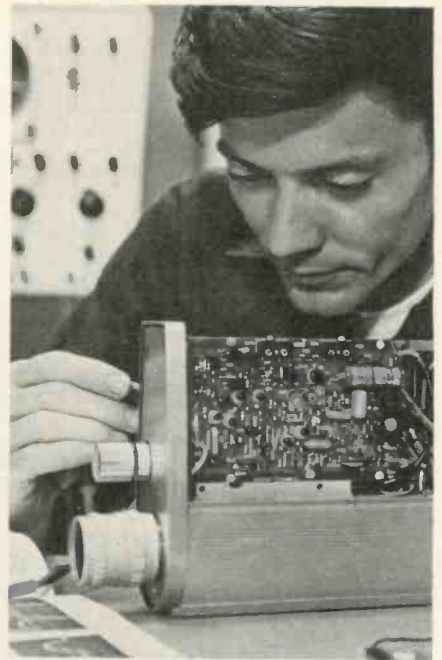
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For the "roadman" who wants to graduate to the TV bench, here is an extremely useful and thoroughly interesting book. It will acquaint the reader with the basics he needs to take his place on the bench, or help the ambitious entrepreneur step up the output of a one-man shop. The text explains the setup of a typical, efficient shop, outlines shop repair methods, and provides troubleshooting procedures for each section of color and black-and-white receivers.

The author, who has many years of bench experience in every situation—from one-man shops to large service organizations—devotes the first chapter to the role of a benchman. He explains how a benchman should approach a TV repair, how he should analyze the trouble in a receiver and the methods he should use to find the cause of it. Another chapter details what is

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The TV camera shown here is part of the two complete closed-circuit TV systems which the two electronic technicians at St. Rita's must maintain.



Shown here are central station heart monitors which are interfaced with the telemetry system used to monitor the heart activity of post-coronary patients while they are away from their beds.



Senior Medical Electronics Technician Jim Marshall tests the cable and leads which connect a patient to the heart monitor mounted on the wall beside the bed.

Electronics in Modern Hospitals—A Varied and Vital Role

by J. W. Phipps

A look at some of the many applications of electronics in a progressive Ohio hospital

■ Few other types of businesses or institutions depend on a more diversified group of electronic instruments and systems than do modern hospitals. Nor is safe, accurate operation of equipment more vital. If a home TV or radio fails, it causes only inconvenience. However, if a heart monitor in the coronary care unit of a hospital fails, it can mean the difference between the survival or the death of the patient.

The use of electronics in today's medical facilities has increased the speed and accuracy of diagnostic functions and has permitted closer monitoring of the condition of acute-



Bench servicing of a video tape recorder in the electronic service facility located in a "penthouse" atop the hospital.



Maintenance of the medical laboratory electronic equipment is also a responsibility of the two electronic technicians employed full time by St. Rita's. Jim Marshall is shown here testing a 12-channel blood analyzer in the medical laboratory.



Gordon Branstetter, Administrative Engineer at St. Rita's, is responsible for the development and administration of the hospital's maintenance program, which requires a 40-member maintenance staff, including two full-time electronic technicians and an electrician.

ly ill patients. It also has contributed to the development of new surgical and treatment techniques as well as improving existing ones. Equally as important, the many applications of electronics has helped increase the productivity of our country's overburdened medical facilities and personnel, without sacrificing the quality of care.

St. Rita's Hospital, Lima, Ohio, is typical of the progressive medical institutions in our country which, with the help of a variety of electronic instruments and systems, not only have continued to meet their communities accelerating medical-care

needs but, at the same time, have continued to improve the quality of care offered.

St. Rita's, which is the largest medical-care facility within a 70-mile radius of Lima, has 439 beds, and each month treats over 2,000 patients in its emergency out-patient clinic. In 1971, this hospital received national acclaim when its staff, after an 11-week effort, saved the life of a six-year-old boy who had been infected with rabies by a rabid bat. It is the first documented recovery of a human infected with rabies.

THE ROLE OF ELECTRONICS AT ST. RITA'S

The varied and vital role of electronic equipment and systems in modern medical institutions is revealed by the following partial list of those used and maintained by the staff of St. Rita's:

CCTV and VTR's

Two complete closed-circuit television (CCTV) systems are operated and maintained by St. Rita's. One is an RF system which provides entertainment and educational services to patients via 229 televiewers. The CCTV system provides patients a variety of live and taped programs throughout the day, including religious services from the hospital chapel. In addition, a CCTV camera in the lobby and a related telephone communications system permits parents to visit each weekday evening with their children, who are not permitted on the patients' floors.

A video CCTV system provides live and taped educational programming to hospital personnel and the

medical staff via televiewers in eleven locations throughout the hospital.

Included in the CCTV systems are five cameras, nine monitors and a variety of special-effects equipment plus video tape recording and playback systems. The video recorders are controlled from the hospital's PBX switchboard on a 24-hour basis.

Intercom Systems

Extending throughout the hospital is a complete communications system to which is connected the nurse call system and an intercom network consisting of 60 master and 147 staff units, plus a variety of entertainment facilities, including AM/FM radio, eight commercial TV channels and the RF CCTV channel.

Coronary Care Unit Equipment and Systems

The coronary care unit of the hospital is equipped with 8 patient cardiac monitors which are connected to four complete central station monitors with alarms and eight channels of graphic recording.

The cardiac arrest, or Code 99, alert system used by St. Rita's was designed by the staff of the hospital. When the cardiac rate computer detects that the cardiac activity of a patient has deviated from acceptable limits, the following sequence of actions occurs: 1) an elapsed-time clock starts; 2) the nurse-call system activates a green light at the patient's room and at other strategically located positions, and an audible tone sounds; 3) the nurse checks the patient and, after confirming that a cardiac arrest actually has occurred, presses the Code 99 button; 4) the

Code 99 signal causes the green visual alarms to change to red, initiates another audible alarm and alerts the PBX switchboard; 5) communications personnel announce the Code 99 situation to the medical staff via the public-address system and a two-way radio network. A public-address monitor in the coronary care unit confirms to the attending nurse that the rest of the medical staff has been alerted.

Post-Coronary Care Telemetry

Patients in the post-coronary care unit have regularly scheduled periods of controlled exercise which require that they be away from their bedside cardiac monitors. To assure that their cardiac activity continues to be monitored during these exer-

cise periods, a telemetry transmitter only slightly larger than a package of cigarettes is attached to them. Their cardiac activity is transmitted back to a receiver and is displayed on the patient and central monitors. If their cardiac activity deviates beyond acceptable limits, an alarm sounds to alert the medical staff, and a graphic recorder starts.

Fire Alarm and Suppression Equipment

St. Rita's is equipped with a coded fire alarm system which automatically transmits an alarm signal to the Lima Fire Department. This complex but vital system consists of 93 break-glass stations, 70 alarm locations, two master control panels and two 3-fold master units. Back-

ing up this system are a dialless, direct-ring telephone system and two-way radio communications to the fire department.

A Halon 1301 Fire Suppression System also is installed in St. Rita's. This system provides quick suppression of fire in four areas of the hospital: the dietary range hood, the telephone equipment room, volatile solution storage and the data processing section. Each of these four subsystems are triggered by heat and smoke sensors, except the volatile solutions storage system, which is triggered by an ultraviolet detector.

Vital Liquids and Gases Alarms

To assure that the quantities of vital liquids and gases are maintained at levels and pressures con-

MONITOR INSPECTION

Location Serial Number
Model Manufacturer

INSPECTION

Attachment plug
Line cord and strain reliefs
Cables and connectors
Fuse
Condition of controls, indicators and meters
General condition with instrument
Electrode pads
Position of controls

OPERATION

Leakage current to chassis	Circle Unacceptable Valves	
	OFF	ON
Properly grounded	..... μ A	..... μ A
Ungrounded, correct polarity	..... μ A	..... μ A
Ungrounded, reverse polarity	..... μ A	..... μ A
Rate indicator		
Calibration		
Function switch		
Graphic recorder controls		
Video controls		
Alarm indicator		
Affix Appropriate Tag, i.e., Safe, Unsafe and Date Tag		

Checklist used by Senior Medical Electronic Technician Jim Marshall during daily inspection of heart monitors.

The thoroughness with which medical electronics equipment is regularly checked is revealed by this list of operational checks and inspection performed on heart defibrillators. (The defibrillator is a high-voltage device which is used to literally shock an erratic heart muscle back into a regular rhythm.)

DEFIBRILLATOR

Location Serial Number
Model Manufacturer

INSPECTION

Attachment plug
Line cord and strain reliefs
Paddles, cables and connectors
Fuse
Condition of controls, indicators and meter
General condition of instrument
Electrode pose on saline pads
Position of controls

OPERATION

Leakage Current to Chassis	Circle Unacceptable Valves	
	OFF	ON
Properly grounded	..... μ A	..... μ A
Ungrounded, correct polarity	..... μ A	..... μ A
Ungrounded, reverse polarity μ A μ A
Leakage Current to Paddles		
	OFF	ON
Properly grounded μ A μ A
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Charging Time to Maximum Energy Setting		
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Internal discharge of stored energy		
Output energy (watts seconds)		
Control setting	Indicated energy
Delivered energy	Previous value	.....
Change		
Energy delivered after one minute		
Maximum setting	..... watt seconds	
Synchronize operation		
Comments and description of deficiencies		
Affix appropriate tag on equipment, i.e., Safe, Unsafe and Date Tag		

sistent with the normal and emergency needs of the hospital, various measuring and alarms systems are employed to indicate when the levels should be replenished. For example, the oxygen needs of the hospital are provided from a large, spherical bulk liquid oxygen tank. The liquid oxygen in the tank is fed to a liquid-to-gas converter, from which the oxygen, now in gas form, is fed under pressure to those areas of the hospital which require it. The level of liquid in the main storage tank and the pressure in the distribution system are monitored by alarms in the PBX switchboard, powerhouse, surgery, intensive care and cardiac units, and the post operative care area.

Other vital gases, such as nitrous oxide, which is used in anesthesiology, and nitrogen, which is used to power surgical tools, are monitored by alarms in the powerhouse, at the PBX switchboard and in the surgical control center.

Blood-needed alarms are connected among the blood banks in the laboratory and surgery area and to the PBX switchboard and powerhouse.

Powerhouse Alarm and Surveillance System

The two principal types of powerhouse equipment which require electronic servicing are the standby power generators and a complex equipment surveillance system.

To provide emergency power, three 438 KVA generators are automatically started whenever normal power to the hospital is interrupted.

An automated equipment surveillance system continually surveys the operational status of the hospital's environment conditioning equipment, such as heating and air conditioning systems, either on a time-interval basis or whenever a critical function fails. For example, if an air handler shuts down because of a momentary interruption of voltage input, the surveillance system initiates an alarm and presents to powerhouse personnel digital and printed readouts which tell them exactly what equipment has shut down and why. The powerhouse or maintenance

personnel can correct the defect, if corrective action is needed, and then can initiate another surveillance scan to verify that the air handler is again functioning properly.

The equipment surveillance system receives inputs from about 240 remote sensing devices, including pressure switches (water and steam), pressure sensitive switches (air), thermocouples (temperature, air and water), thermostats (temperature, air and water), manometers (filter condition) and flow switches (water flow). All of these devices require frequent testing to insure reliability.

ELECTRONIC MAINTENANCE

Two electronic technicians and an electrician are employed full time by St. Rita's to maintain all of the electronic instruments and equipment used by the hospital. They are part of a 40-member maintenance staff which operates under the supervision of Ben Pursley, Director of Maintenance, and Gordon Branstetter, the Administrative Engineer.

A well-equipped electronic service facility is located in a "penthouse" atop the hospital. This location was chosen to provide electrical isolation between the service facility and the other electronic equipment operating in the hospital complex.

All of St. Rita's electronic equipment is maintained in accordance with an electronic maintenance program developed by Gordon Branstetter and James Marshall, the Senior Medical Electronics Technician, with guidance from the Emergency Care Research (ECR) Institute, an independent agency in Philadelphia which helps medical institutions establish standards of operation and maintenance. Under the program, which includes both preventative and requested maintenance, all hospital electronic equipment maintenance is grouped into one of three classifications according to how vital the equipment is: Priority 1 is given to critical equipment, Priority 2 is given to noncritical but important equipment, and Priority 3 is for maintenance of all other types of hospital electronic equipment.

To augment the electronic service staff of the hospital, service engineers and/or technicians from the manufacturers of the equipment used by the hospital inspect their equipment on a quarterly basis. These factory representatives, and personnel from Lima Radio Parts Co., Inc., Lima, Ohio, which supplies much of St. Rita's non-medical electronic components and test instruments, also are available to assist the hospital electronics service staff if the workload becomes excessive or if a particularly difficult problem is encountered.

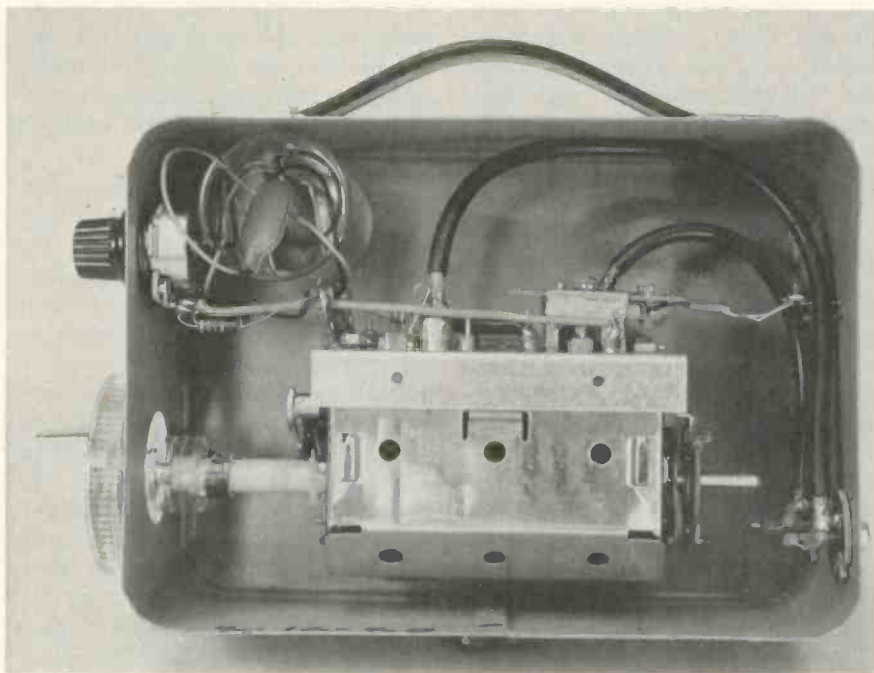
Preventive maintenance is performed in accordance with schedules and checklists provided by the Emergency Care Research Institute and/or the equipment manufacturers. For example, heart monitors receive daily visual and operational inspection to insure that they produce clear, accurate pattern complexes and accurate heart rate digital displays. Graphic recorders are tested for acceptable trace qualities. All systems and equipment performance is reviewed by both the Senior Medical Electronic Technician and the Charge Nurse. (Samples of heart monitor and defibrillator checklists are shown in an accompanying illustration.) After inspection, a dated tag which indicates that the equipment either is safe or unsafe for use is attached to the equipment.

SUMMARY

This brief look at some of the electronic equipment and systems used by St. Rita's Hospital, Lima, Ohio, provides a general overview of the diversified and vital role electronics is now performing in modern hospitals throughout our country. It also provides some insight into the technical skills and methodical maintenance procedures which are necessary to insure that the complex electronic equipment and systems continue to operate both accurately and safely. And it introduces a relatively new breed of electronics technician—the medical electronics technician—whose skill is an integral part of the efficient, modern hospital. ■

TeleMatic Tuner-Mate Substi-Tuner Model KT730

by J. W. Phipps



Sideview of Model KT 730 with side cover removed. The VHF tuner is a strip-type, fully-shielded, solid-state unit capable of receiving all 12 VHF TV channels and, when used with a receiver's UHF tuner, all UHF TV channels. Two 9v batteries which power the unit are placed in a round plastic holder in the upper left corner.

■ TeleMatic's Model KT 730 Tuner-Mate is a battery-powered, portable substitute tuner which can be used in place of the VHF tuner in any black-and-white or color TV receiver equipped with a 40-MHz video IF system.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND FEATURES

The Tuner-Mate is equipped with a fully-shielded, strip-type, solid-state VHF tuner powered by two 9v batteries (Eveready No. 216, or equivalent). The tuner, which is enclosed in a metal case with a collapsible vinyl handle, provides reception of all 12 VHF TV channels (2-13) and, when used in conjunction with the UHF tuner of the set being serviced, it also provides reception of all UHF TV channels.

VHF channel selection and fine tuning are accomplished by standard detent-type TV tuner controls on the front panel of the instrument. UHF reception is selected by placing the channel selector in the U position.

The gain of the tuner can be varied by a control on the front panel. Minimum gain is 25dB on all VHF channels and 40dB in the UHF mode. Although maximum gain figures were not included in the specifications furnished us by TeleMatic, during our lab tests of the unit it provided sufficient gain to overload a Sylvania E06-2 color TV chassis, without rotating the Tuner-Mate gain control beyond the $\frac{3}{4}$ position. (Before connecting the Tuner-Mate to the E06-2 chassis, the AGC of the receiver was adjusted to provide a normal color picture with an in-

put of 1000 microvolts to the tuner of the receiver.)

VHF input to the Tuner-Mate is through a conventional screw-type 300-ohm antenna terminal on the back of the unit. The 40-MHz IF output of the tuner is fed through a shielded cable to a standard IF cable jack on the back panel, labeled I.F. Input from a UHF tuner is via a second standard IF cable jack on the back panel, labeled U.H.F.

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

Testing Receiver VHF Tuner by Substitution

To determine whether or not the VHF tuner in a receiver is defective, substitute it with the Tuner-Mate in the following manner:

- 1) Disconnect the VHF antenna lead-in from the receiver and connect it to the ANTENNA terminals on the back of the Tuner-Mate.
- 2) Disconnect the receiver IF cable from the receiver tuner and plug it into the I.F. jack on the back of the Tuner-Mate. (A shielded extension cable with alligator clips on one end is provided with the Tuner-Mate for use with receivers which are not equipped with a plug-in-type IF cable connection on the tuner.)
- 3) Turn on the TV receiver and the Tuner-Mate. (The Tuner-Mate ON/OFF control is located on the upper left of the front panel and is in the ON position when pushed up. A pilot lamp to the right of the ON/OFF switch lights when the switch is in the ON position.)
- 4) Rotate the CHANNEL SELECTOR of the Tuner-Mate to an active channel, then adjust the FINE TUNING and GAIN controls as required to produce a normal picture. (Rotating the GAIN control clockwise increases the tuner gain.)

If a normal picture is produced with the Tuner-Mate connected to the receiver, the tuner in the receiver or the tuner AGC circuit probably is defective. However, it is also possible that a defect in the receiver AGC circuit or IF section is preventing correct AGC action. Because the variable gain of the Tuner-Mate might be compensating for slightly inadequate or slightly excessive RF or IF AGC, it is advisable to check the chassis AGC circuit before deciding that the receiver tuner is defective. The procedure for using the Tuner-Mate to check the AGC action of a chassis is presented next.

Testing Receiver AGC Action

The following procedure for using the Tuner-Mate to check the AGC action of a receiver eliminates the need for an external bias supply:

- 1) Disconnect the VHF antenna lead-in from the receiver and connect it to the ANTENNA terminals on the back of the Tuner-Mate.
- 2) Disconnect from the receiver VHF tuner the cable to the receiver IF input, and leave it disconnected.
- 3) Rotate the receiver channel selector to an inactive channel.
- 4) Plug the Tuner-Mate extension cable with alligator clips into the I.F. jack on the back of the Tuner-Mate. Connect the alligator clip of the red lead to the grid or base of the first video IF stage which is not AGC controlled. Connect the alligator clip of the black lead to a chassis ground point.
- 5) Turn on the receiver and the Tuner-Mate.
- 6) Rotate the Tuner-Mate CHANNEL SELECTOR to an active channel and adjust the Tuner-Mate FINE TUNING and GAIN controls to produce a normal picture.
- 7) Measure the receiver RF and IF AGC voltage. If they are not within the limits specified by the manufacturer's service literature, troubleshoot the receiver AGC circuitry.

Testing Receiver Video IF's

If substituting the receiver VHF tuner with the Tuner-Mate does not produce a normal picture on the receiver screen, use the following procedure to test the receiver video IF section:

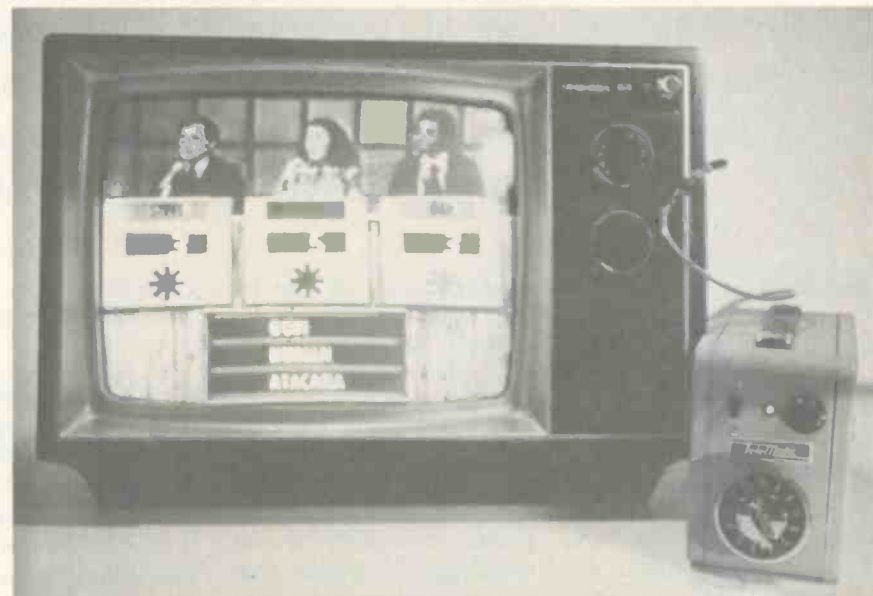
- 1) Perform steps 1, 2 and 3 listed under the procedure for *Testing Receiver AGC Action*.
- 2) Plug the Tuner-Mate extension cable with alligator clips into the I.F. jack on the back of the Tuner-Mate. Connect the alligator clip of the red lead to the grid or base of the IF stage *immediately preceding* the video detector. Connect the black lead to a chassis ground point near the red lead connection.
- 3) Turn on the receiver and the Tuner-Mate.
- 4) Rotate the Tuner-Mate CHANNEL SELECTOR to an active channel and adjust the Tuner-Mate FINE TUNING and GAIN controls to produce a normal picture.
- 5) If a normal picture is obtained, proceed to step (6). If a normal picture is not obtained, and adjust-



Rear view of Tuner-Mate and Sylvania small-screen color TV receiver showing interconnections for VHF tuner substitution.



TeleMatic Model KT 730 Tuner-Mate. For more information about this instrument, circle 900 on the Reader Service Card.



During lab tests of the Model KT 730 Tuner-Mate, we connected it to a new 13-inch (diagonal) Sylvania color TV receiver and obtained the high-quality reception shown here.

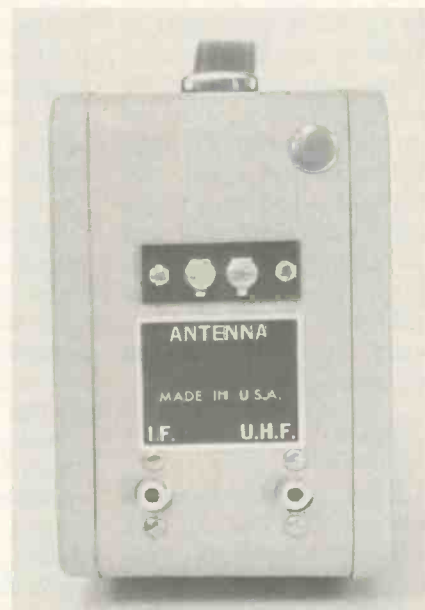
ment of the receiver AGC control does not produce a normal picture, the trouble is in the final video IF stage, video detector or video amplifier(s) following the video detector.

- 6) If a normal picture was obtained in step (5), use the red lead of the Tuner-Mate extension cable to inject the IF signal from the Tuner-Mate into the grid (or base) or plate (or collector) of each of the other video IF stages, proceeding *back toward* the first video IF stage. The point at which a normal picture is no longer produced is the site of the defect.

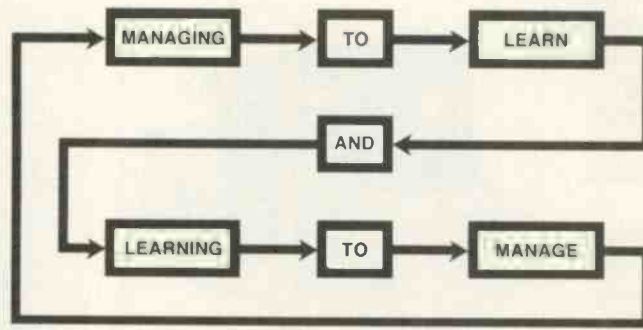
Testing the UHF Tuner by Elimination

The Tuner-Mate can be used to determine, by the process of elimination, whether or not the UHF tuner is the cause of inadequate or no

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Rear view of Tuner-Mate showing antenna and UHF inputs and IF output jack.



by Ray Sawyer

In this series, problems or situations involving business management and/or shop operations are presented for ET/D readers to resolve. The action taken to resolve the situation described in the January, 1974 issue is presented this month along with reader responses representative of those received about this situation.

Situation

Bill, an outside technician employee of a sales/service shop, has caught up on all outside calls and to keep busy has selected a set which he had brought in to the shop, and has completed the repair of it. Under a new system of assigning specific sets to specific inside technicians, the set Bill has repaired had been assigned previously by the service manager to John, an inside technician. Upon learning that Bill already had repaired the set previously assigned to him, John became upset and complained about it to the service manager. Bill and John both demanded credit for the repair. (Both inside and outside technicians are on an incentive pay plan.)

Solutions suggested by readers

I would give Bill the credit for the work he did, but I would inform him that, in the future, he should ask the service manager for work assignments, and if he doesn't, he will not

receive credit for the inside work he does.
 Marc V. Burdeck
 Long Beach, Calif.

The service manager should "take the heat" in this mixup because the new procedure he has instituted obviously is not working. To insure that the situation does not happen again, when a set is assigned to a particular inside technician it should be tagged with his name or it should be put in a work or storage area designated for that particular technician. All technicians should be informed about this procedure, and the technicians should be cautioned against using procedures which are in conflict with standard shop procedures. Also, the service manager should make it clear that if an unusual situation should occur which is not covered by a standard shop policy, he should be consulted, and if he is absent, the technicians should proceed with whatever course of action is most accommodating to the customer.

Calvin Cillay
 Bethesda, Maryland

The service manager should inform Bill that he is not to infringe in an area that is not assigned to him and that he is not to repeat this mistake. John then should be assured that Bill has been warned.
 James B. Snider
 Youngstown, Ohio

If the temperaments of Bill and John permit it, the service manager should call both of them into his office together and point out to John that any wrong done was not intentional and that an additional set will be assigned to him to make up for the set Bill repaired. The service manager then should give Bill credit for the work he did and explain the "inside" system to him. Both men should be assured that a general meeting of all personnel will be held to make sure that everyone understands the new system. The service manager should ask them if they have any other suggestions about how the shop can be

made more efficient and then thank both of them for their cooperation in making the shop more efficient.

Charles V. Feeley, Jr.
 Brookfield, Ill.

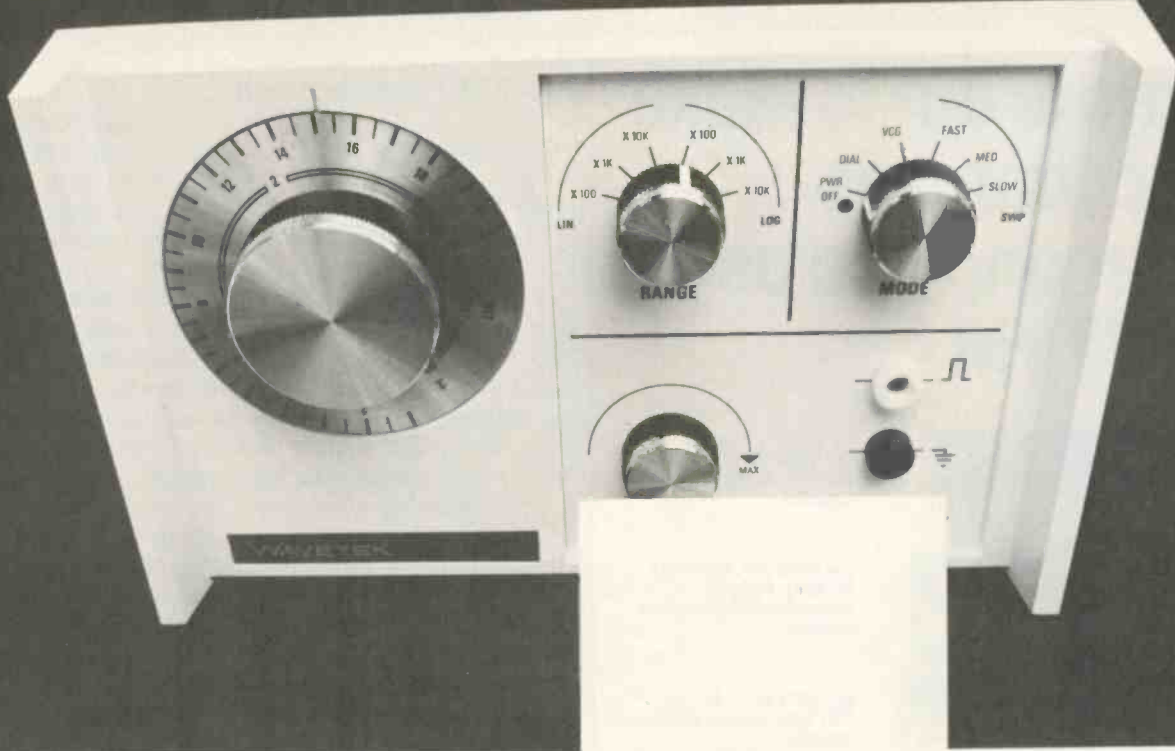
Outside technicians should be allowed to request additional work from the inside men when they have time to work inside and the work should be done on a 50/50 arrangement, to promote efficiency and increase the bench experience of outside technicians.

E. R. Oswals
 Livingston, New Jersey

Actual solution

This episode revealed to the service manager that the new shop procedure for assigning inside work had not been explained thoroughly to all outside technicians as well as inside men. To clear up the immediate problem and to avoid further conflict between Bill and John, the service manager first talked to each individualy. He explained the new

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called "bench flow"—the manner in which each receiver is handled from the time it arrives in the shop until the repair is completed. The procedure described is practical and will enable a new benchman to understand modern service philosophy and techniques.

The book examines the basic operation of tube-type, solid-state, and modular receivers, and tells how to cope with the fundamental, inherent characteristics of each type from a troubleshooting standpoint. Also included are detailed instructions for picture tube tests and repairs, and color picture setup adjustments, including purity, convergence, and high-voltage.

The remaining 17 chapters are devoted to individual receiver sections. In each case, there is a simplified explanation of operation, adjustment and troubleshooting techniques. Revealed are many servicing secrets, as well as the principal trouble causes, and cures for each section. In addition, the detailed troubleshooting procedures described will help the technician locate the cause of those elusive problems that can baffle most beginning technicians.

CONTENTS: How to Get Started—Bench Production—Vacuum Tube Receivers—Solid-State Receivers—Modular Receivers—Picture Tube Repairs—Color Picture Setup—Power Supplies—Tuners—UHF & Varactor Diodes—Remote Control Tuning IF Strip—Overall IF Alignment—Video Detector & Video Input Stages—Video-Output Circuits—Sync Circuits—AGC Circuits—Audio Circuits—Vertical Sweep Systems—Horizontal Sweep Systems—High-Voltage Systems—Color IF Circuits—Color Demodulators—Color-Output Amplifiers—Color Sync—Index. ■

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inside work assignment system to Bill and made sure that Bill realized that, although he was being given credit for the work this time, in the future he would not be given credit if he deviated from established shop policy. During his conference with John, the service manager explained that Bill previously did not understand the new shop procedure and had repaired the set without knowing that it was assigned to John. He assured John that he had since explained the new system to Bill and that John would be assigned an additional set to make up for the one Bill repaired and received credit for. The service manager then called John and Bill into his office together and, over coffee, apologized to both of them

for not taking sufficient action to insure that all outside and inside technicians thoroughly understood the new shop policy.

The episode also revealed to the service manager that the new shop work assignment policy had been implemented without specific procedures to avoid such conflicts. Consequently, he instituted the following new procedures:

- a) To make sure that all shop personnel were aware of what set was to be repaired by who, he affixed to each set a tag which clearly showed to which inside technician the set was assigned.
- b) To assure that outside technicians re-

ceived bench experience whenever the outside workload permitted, and yet protect the work volume of each inside technician, the outside men were instructed to check with the service manager for all inside work assignments. The service manager then would determine which inside technician had the heaviest workload or needed help to catch up and would assign the outside technician work from that inside technicians workload on a 50/50 basis after

first clearing it with the inside technician. This particular situation has made clear the need for shop operating policies which include specific procedures that protect both the shop's and the technician's interests. It also points up the need for insuring that all shop personnel, both inside and outside, thoroughly understand policies and procedures. Equally important, it points out a characteristic which all managers should practice — when you make a mistake, admit it and take immediate action to correct it. ■

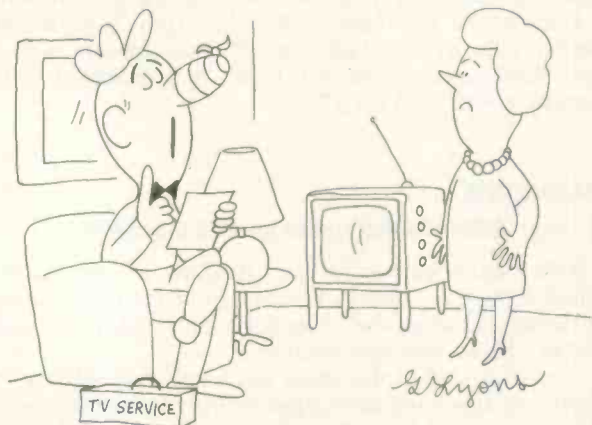
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islature, would have required the licensing of consumer electronic repair shops in that state, according to a report in *Forward Thrust*, the official publication of KETA.

Upon learning that the Consumer's Association planned to submit a repair shop licensing bill, Gene Dillingham, President, KETA, immediately urged the KETA membership to take action to discourage the proposal of such a bill and, instead, promote support of an Electronic Technician's Licensing Act then before the Kentucky House of Representatives.

KETA then formulated and adopted a resolution which made clear its members' opposition to the shop licensing bill and its support of the Electronic Technicians Licensing Act. The resolution was sent to Kentucky Governor Wendall Ford, state legislators and all consumer groups, including the Consumer's Association.

After receipt of the KETA resolution, the Board of the Consumer's Association, in a subsequent meeting, voted to support the Electronic Technician's Licensing Act. In a letter to KETA's Dillingham, the president of the Consumer's Association said, "I know how long and hard your association has worked on this needed legislation and express hope (that) the support of the Consumer's Association will be instrumental in its enactment during the upcoming Session of the General Assembly." ■



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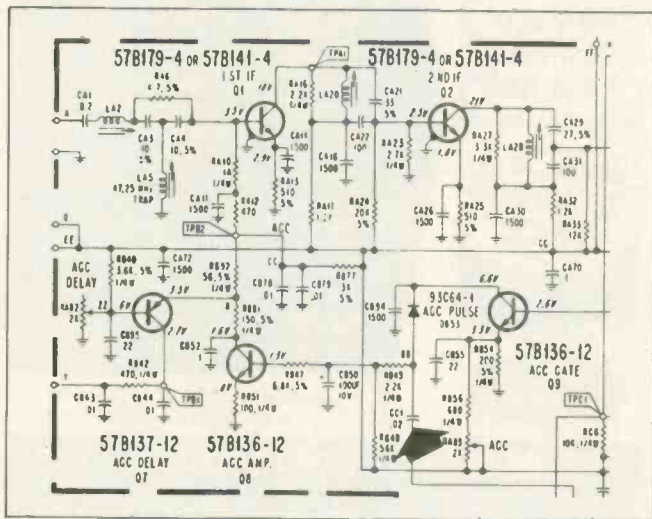
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ADMIRAL

Color TV Chassis T15K10/T41K10 Series—Intermittent or No Video and No Sound with White Raster

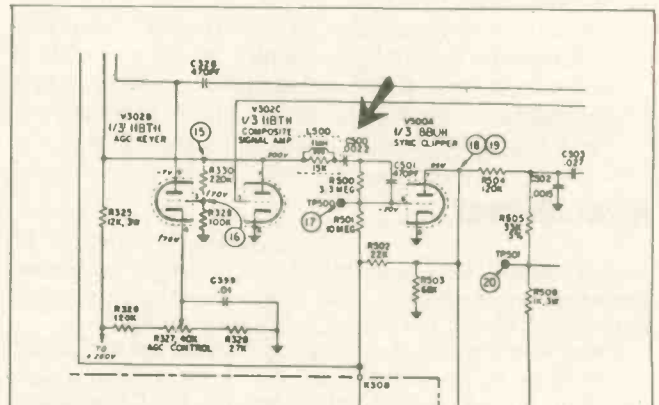
One possible cause for this problem is a leaky or shorted CCI capacitor (.02 μ f); replace with Admiral Part No. 65A422-203-3.



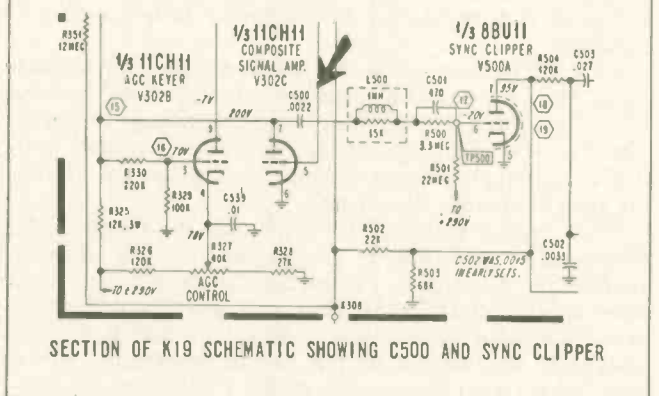
Intermittent failure of this capacitor has been reported in cases in which the set operated for a few minutes or a few hours before the loss of picture and sound occurred. When the AGC section malfunctions, the AGC voltage to the base of the 1st IF transistor increases, shutting off the transistor.

Color TV Chassis K18, K19 Series—Horizontal Bending or Pulling in Picture

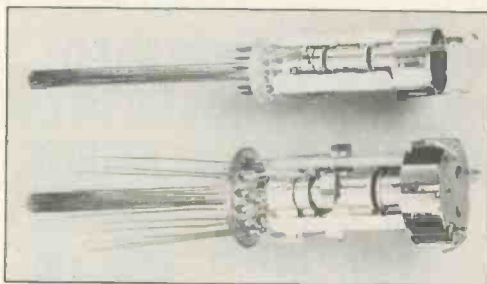
This condition may be caused by a leaky capacitor, C500, .0022mfd. When this capacitor is defective, the effect on the picture may be similar to another problem which caused bending in the picture and which was corrected by redressing the orange lead away from the delay line. This



SECTION OF K18 SCHEMATIC SHOWING C500 AND SYNC CLIPPER



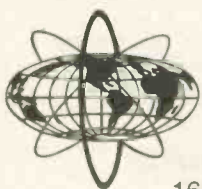
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problem is similar—video in the sync circuits—but with capacitor C500 defective, the condition can be more severe.

Observe the waveform at the plate (pin 7) of the sync clipper tube. If any video information appears with the sync information, capacitor C500 is probably defective; replace it with 65A417-222-1.

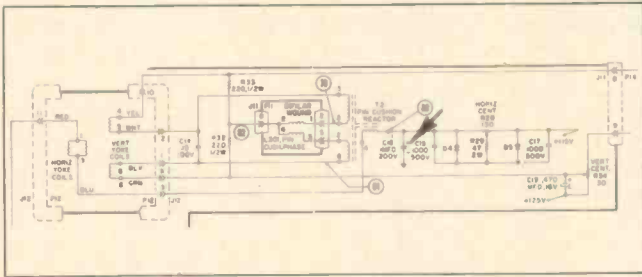
MAGNAVOX

"D" Panel 703505-1 Vertical Problem and Yoke Capacitor C16

Two pigtail connectors are attached to this panel to bridge terminals 5 and 7. They are attached to the foil side of the panel and should be mated with chassis pins 5 and 7 on the chassis mounted connector.

Capacitor C16 at the upper left hand corner of the "D" panel is charged and discharged by the horizontal yoke current. It is a special capacitor and may not be substituted by a general purpose capacitor. It was discovered that a run of these capacitors fell below minimum specifications.

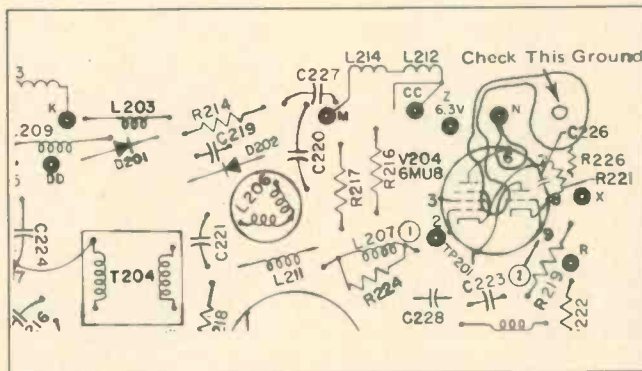
You are requested to help the manufacturer locate and remove these capacitors from service by visually inspecting the unit any time you have occasion to service a T979 chassis. The faulty components are identified by the letters MF on the capacitor body. For example: Pactron, 1.0 μ f +10%, MF200v.



If you discover one of these capacitors in service, replace the "D" panel. Credit will be issued to you when the panel is returned to the Magnavox Parts Center. Approved capacitors are identified by an MPC, HA or MF (with an accompanying white dot).

Color-TV Chassis T958—Hum Bar

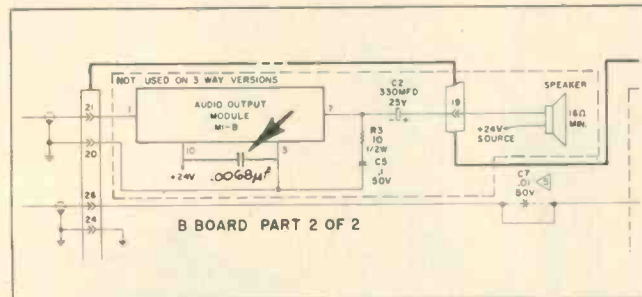
A strong hum bar that would occur intermittently on a T958 chassis was traced to a poor solder ground at the filament of V204, 6MU8 on the Video IF board. The SER-



VICE SWITCH in this instance proved to be a valuable service aid when it was noted that the bar was still visible in the PURITY position of the switch. The ground point is shown in the illustration.

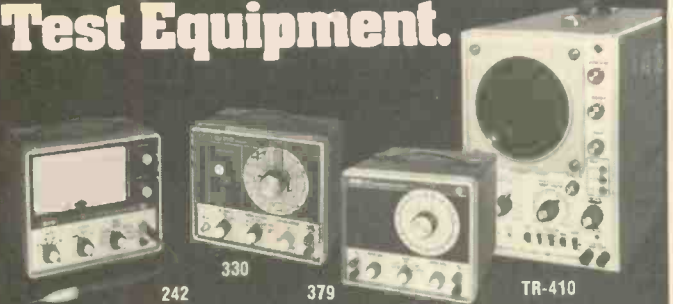
Audio Output Module 612046-202

A .0068 μ f capacitor has been bridged from B+ (pin 10) and ground (pin 3) on the module to preclude the possi-



bility of oscillations occurring in the module. In addition, a pigtail is attached on the ground land surface at terminal 3. This lead is to be brought around the board and attached to pin 20 on the chassis. □

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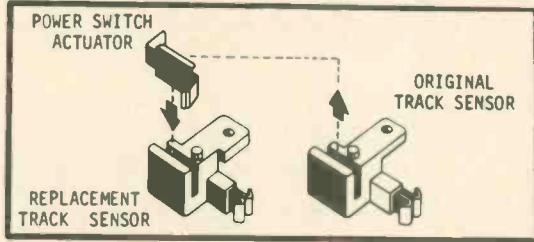
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Eight-Track Tape Player Model VE15-01, 02, 05, 06—Slow or Erratic Tape Speed

A condition of slow or erratic tape speed may be caused by the track sensor switch assembly. This condition can be corrected by replacing this part with a new assembly, Part No. 16N001-32.

BOTTOM VIEW OF TRACK SENSOR AND POWER SWITCH ACTUATOR



The new assembly has been designed to correct this condition by repositioning the mounting pin and screw hole to relocate the track sensor 1/16-inch further away from the tape.

After installation, be sure to check the adjustment of the cartridge pressure spring.

SYLVANIA

Simplified Operation of Flip-Flop

Herb Grossman, GTE Sylvania, Field Service District Manager, New York City

FLIP-FLOPS (BI-STABLE MULTIVIBRATOR)

A flip-flop is an electronic circuit analogous to a relay. The relay has two positions; the flip-flop has two stable states, and is able to switch from one state to the other at a very high rate of speed. Like the relay, the flip-flop is suitable for control and storing functions.

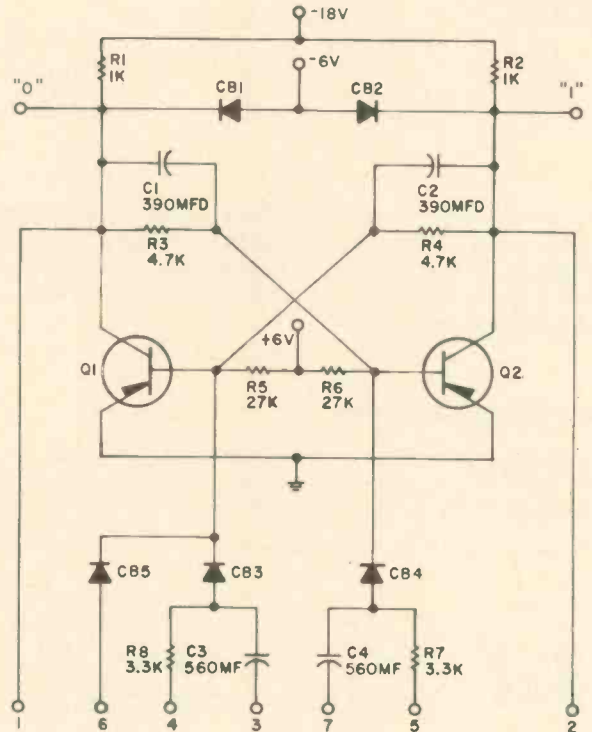
The flip-flop has two stable positions: set and reset. It must be in one of these positions, never balanced in between. It requires a definite pulse to switch it from the reset to the set position and a pulse in the opposite direction to put it back into the reset position. However, once the flip-flop is placed in the desired position, it remains there indefinitely.

The flip-flop has two pulse inputs and two output levels. A positive-going pulse on the set (S) input provides a static high level on the "1" output. A positive-going pulse on the reset (R) input provides a static high level on the "0" output. Notice that the two outputs are always at opposite voltage levels (logic 1 and 0).

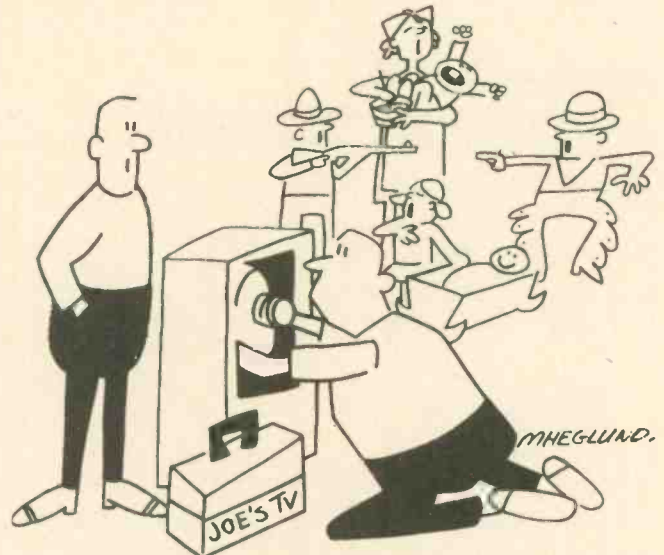
In the DC state, one transistor is cut off and the other is conducting. When Q1 is cut off, Q2 is conducting and the voltage at the collector of Q1 is clamped at -6 volts. The voltage distribution across R1 and R2 causes the base of Q2 to be slightly negative in respect to ground, and Q2 is conducting. The potential at the collector of Q2 is approximately 0 volts and the voltage distribution across R3 and R4 causes the base of Q1 to be positive in respect to ground, keeping Q1 cut off.

When pin 5 is at 0 volt level and pin 7 changes from -6 to 0 volts, capacitor C4 discharges through R7. The

discharge current through R7 produces a differentiated voltage which is positive at the anode of CR4 with respect to ground. Diode CR4 is forward biased and the positive voltage appears at the base of Q2, turning it off. The collector voltage of Q2 changes to -6 volts, which is coupled back through R4 to the base of Q1, turning it on. The collector of Q1 rises to 0 volts which is applied to the base of Q2 through R3, keeping it turned off. Conversely, when



input 5 is -6 volts and a positive voltage change of less than 6 volts is applied to input 7, CR4 remains reverse biased and does not conduct. The positive level at the base of Q2 does not change, and it remains cut off. When the same levels are applied to inputs 3 and 4, the results are the same and Q1 is cut off. When a differentiated positive-going voltage is applied to input 6, Q1 is turned off, if it was conducting previously. ■



"I didn't notice that the sound wasn't working."

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UHF reception.

- 1) Leave the UHF antenna lead-in connected to the UHF antenna terminals or jack on the receiver.
- 2) Disconnect from the receiver VHF tuner the IF cable and plug it into the I.F. jack on the back of the Tuner-Mate.
- 3) Disconnect from the receiver VHF tuner the cable from the UHF tuner and plug it into the U.H.F. jack on the back of the Tuner-Mate.
- 4) Rotate the Tuner-Mate and receiver VHF tuner CHANNEL SELECTORS to the U position.
- 5) Turn on the receiver and the Tuner-Mate.
- 6) Rotate the receiver UHF tuner CHANNEL SELECTOR to an active channel and fine tune it to produce a normal picture. (If the UHF tuner of the receiver is equipped with a "hot carrier" diode mixer, the "normal" picture quality produced using this test setup might be slightly less than that normally produced by the receiver operating alone.)

If a relatively normal picture is obtained using this procedure, the UHF tuner probably is *not* defective. In such a case, the "UHF amplifier" section of the receiver VHF tuner or antenna system are prime suspects.

If a relatively normal picture is *not* obtained, the UHF tuner is defective, assuming that an adequate signal level is applied to the input of the receiver UHF tuner.

CONCLUSION

From the foregoing descriptions of the features and typical applications of the TeleMatic Model KT 730 Tuner-Mate Substi-Tuner, it should be obvious that it is a very versatile and effective test instrument for localizing troubles to the VHF and UHF tuners, video IF stages and AGC circuitry of both black-and-white and color TV receivers. The time it will save a technician during two or three service calls or bench jobs should be worth more than its \$45 price. Thereafter, the time and frustration saved by the Model KT 730 is all profit. ■

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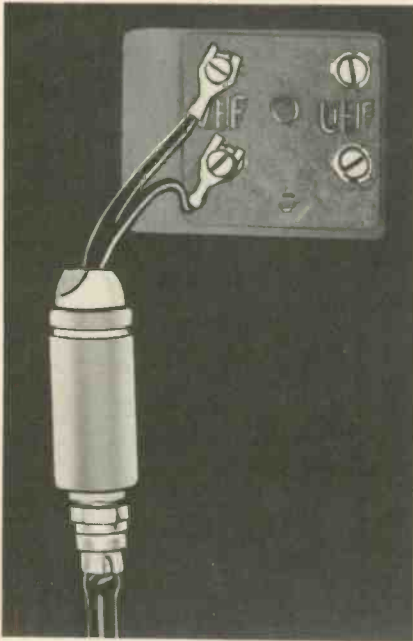
NEW PRODUCTS

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MATCHING TRANSFORMER 701

For all-channel indoor or outdoor use

A 300-ohm to 75-ohm, all-channel, indoor-outdoor matching transformer is designed by Jerrold. Completely weather sealed for outdoor use, the Model T-3789 easily attaches to any 300-ohm output antenna, matching it



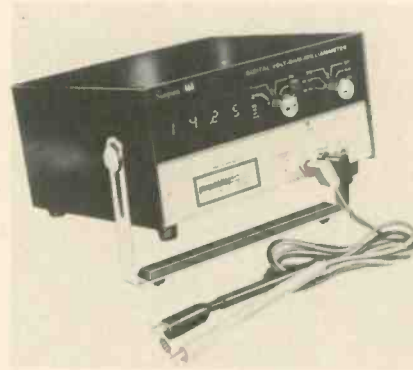
to 75-ohm coaxial cable. It also can be used on the back of a TV set, to match coaxial cable to the receiver input. Insertion loss of the unit is 0.5dB at VHF and 1.0dB at UHF frequencies, and it provides both AC and DC isolation. Price is \$2.05.

DIGITAL VOM 702

Combines the advantages of both digital and analog displays

A new 460-2 VOM, from Simpson Electric Co., combines the advantages of both digital and analog displays in a portable instrument. Designed as an all-purpose instrument, it operates either from AC line voltage or automatically recharging internal batteries. The primary readout is a 0.33-inch-high, nonblinking, 3½ digit LED display with automatic blanking of nonsignificant zeros. The display is large and bright, visible even in direct sunlight. The analog readout is a dual-scale ro-

tating drum meter that complements the digital display by making it easy



to scan peaks or nulls on its linear lower scale. The upper analog scale provides dB readings. Twenty-six ranges are provided: five each for AC and DC voltage and current, and six for resistance measurements. Accuracy on DC ranges is ± 0.1 percent of reading ± 1 digit for voltage, and ± 0.2 percent ± 1 digit for current. Price is \$375.00 for the 115v AC-powered version.

SELF-ADJUSTING WIRE STRIPPER 703

Automatically adjusts for different wire sizes

A new stripper and cutter that automatically adjusts for different wire sizes is introduced by ITT Holub Industries. It is an "end type" stripper, designed for use with No. 18-10 free stripping wire, solid or stranded and two-conductor lamp cord of the separable type. The wire to be stripped is held in the end of the tool, between the cutting blades. Squeezing the handles causes grippers to hold the wire, cutting blades to cut through the insulation and move approximately 5/8 inch, which pulls the insulation loose. Maximum stripping length is 1½ inch. The tool has plastic handle grips and a latch to hold the handles together when not in use. Overall length is 6¾ inch.



SUBSTITUTE TUNER 704

Operates on all VHF channels with variable RF output

The TeleMatic Tuner-Mate Portable Substi-Tuner KT 730 is the latest addition to the Kaddy-Mate line. This fully shielded, compact substitute tuner

operates on all VHF channels (2-13), with the capability of checking the output of the existing UHF tuner by the process of elimination. This unit can be used on the bench or in the field, with variable RF output to pin-

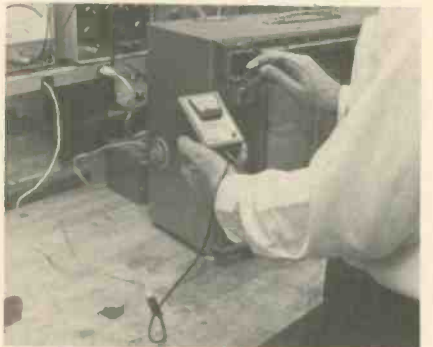


point trouble in the antenna, tuner or any stage of the Video IF. The tuner is powered by two 9v batteries. Price is \$45.

AC LEAKAGE TESTER 705

Detects potential shock hazards in electrically operated equipment

A new easy-to-use test instrument which is designed to check for potential shock hazards in electrically operated home appliances, television receivers and equipment is introduced by RCA Electronic Components. The Model WT-540A AC Leakage Tester can be used by TV and appliance service technicians to assure that a serious shock hazard is not present in the



customer's electrically operated appliance or other home electronic equipment. This easy-to-use instrument has no switches, dials or other controls and is used by simply connecting the black test lead to a suitable ground point and the red test probe to the metal parts of the product under test. There is only one range and one meter scale, color coded red and green to indicate safe and unsafe leakage levels. The rec-

ommended leakage limits of 0.5ma and 0.75ma are clearly indicated. The unit requires no batteries and is completely portable, measuring 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 4 inches by 2 inches and weighing only 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces.

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DIGITAL MULTIMETER 707

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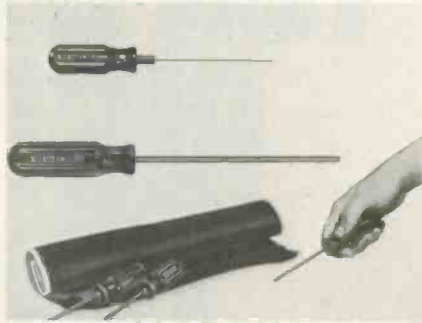
METRIC HEX SOCKET SCREWDRIVERS

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for the smaller drivers and $1\frac{1}{16}$ inch by $3\frac{1}{8}$ inch for the larger. Overall screwdriver lengths are $6\frac{3}{8}$ inch and



$7\frac{1}{8}$ inch, respectively. The drivers may be purchased either singly or in sets.

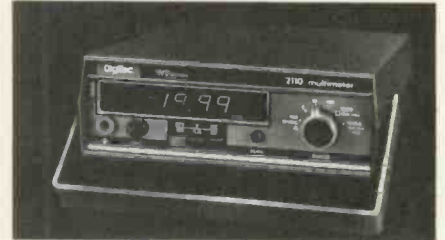
DIGITAL MULTIMETER

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$3\frac{1}{2}$ digit, portable unit with built-in battery charger

Digitec's Model 2110 Multimeter is a $3\frac{1}{2}$ digit, bi-polar, portable unit. All printed-circuit boards, integrated circuits and readouts are plug-in, for easy replacement. Provision is also made for the convenient field insertion of internal rechargeable batteries, to facilitate portability. DC ranges extend from 199.9mv F.S. to 1kv F.S. with a

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indicated by blanking of all numerals except the decimal point, preventing erroneous reading. Price is \$219.

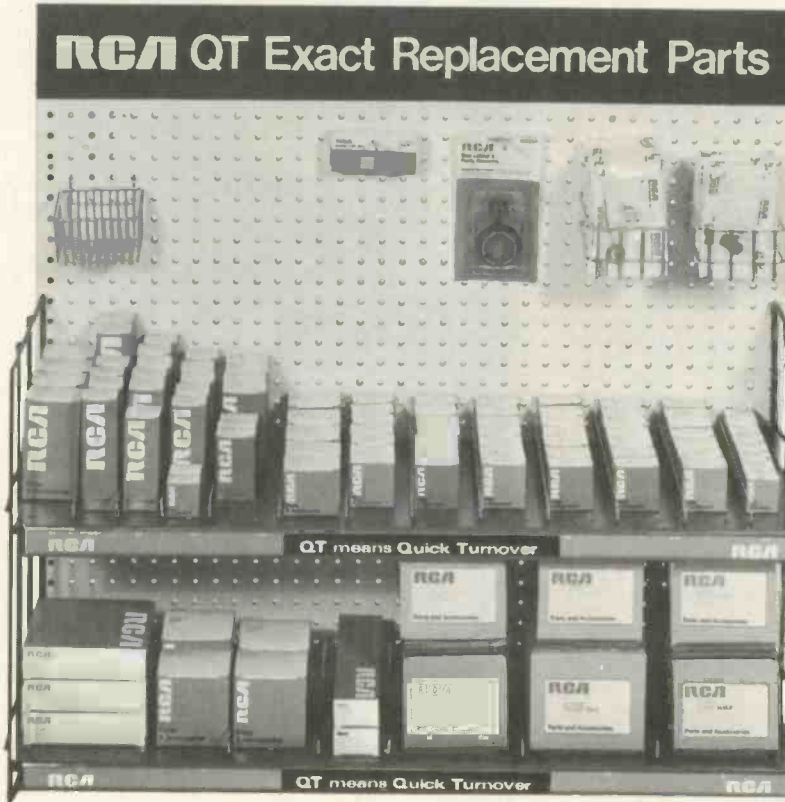
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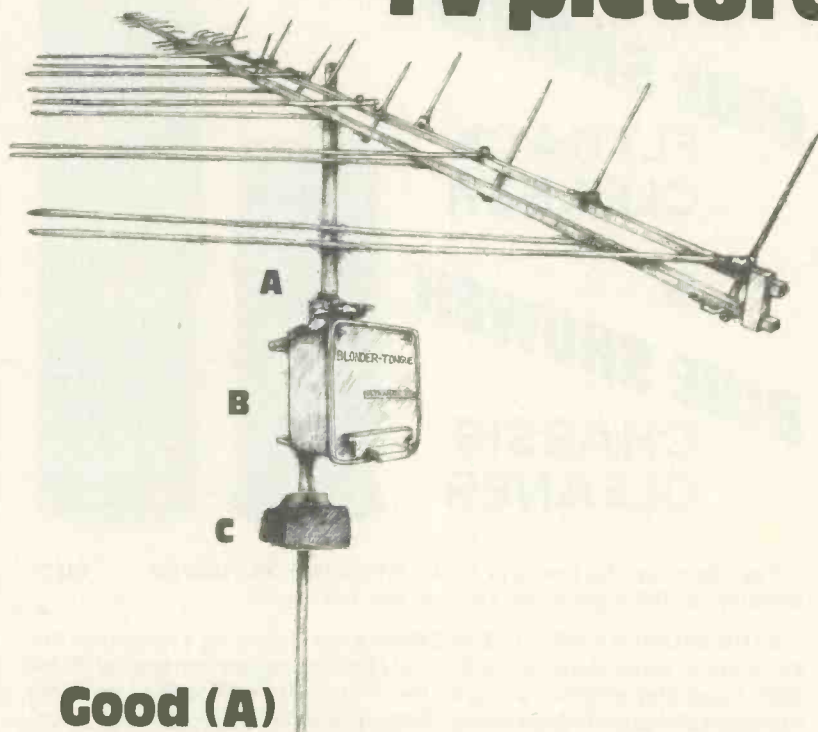
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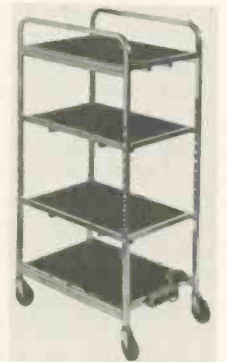
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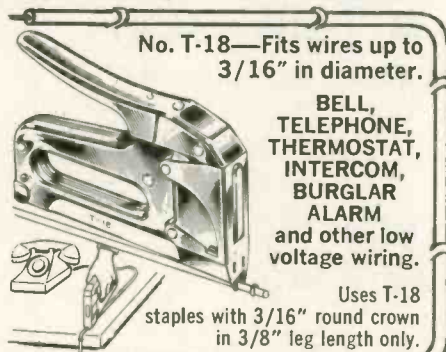
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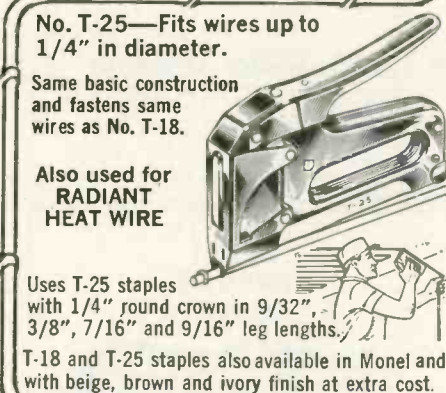
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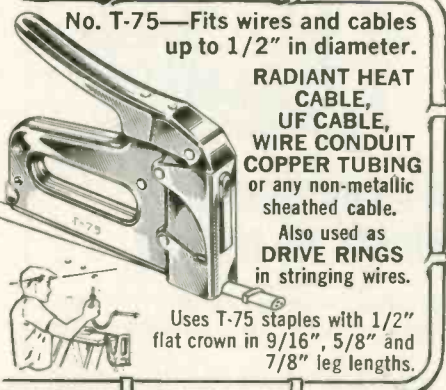
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The General Electric Model M8710 miniature pushbutton cassette recorder measures only 1-3/4 in. x 5-3/4 in. x 4-3/8 in. and weighs 2 lb. The unit is equipped with a sensitive built-in condenser microphone and uses standard size tapes. There is a combination



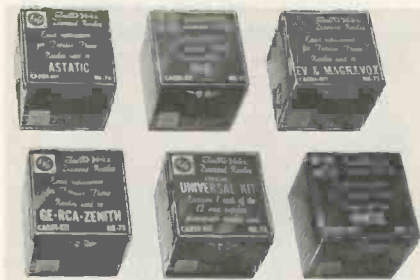
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RF Tuning Diodes

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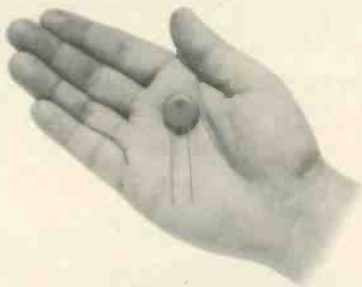


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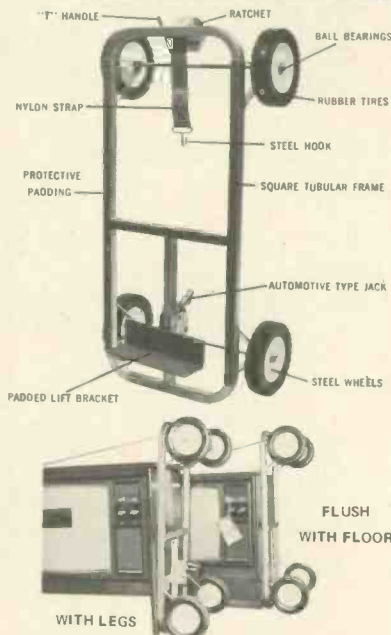
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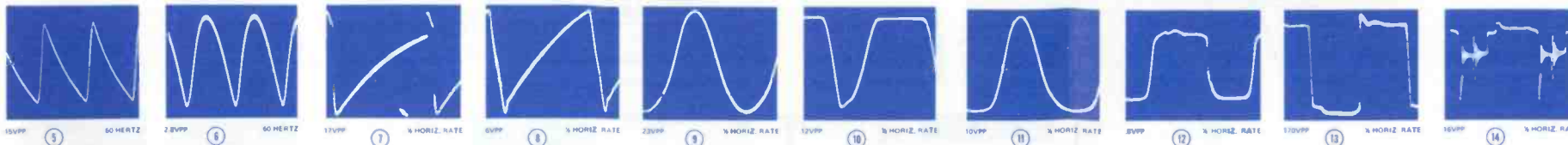
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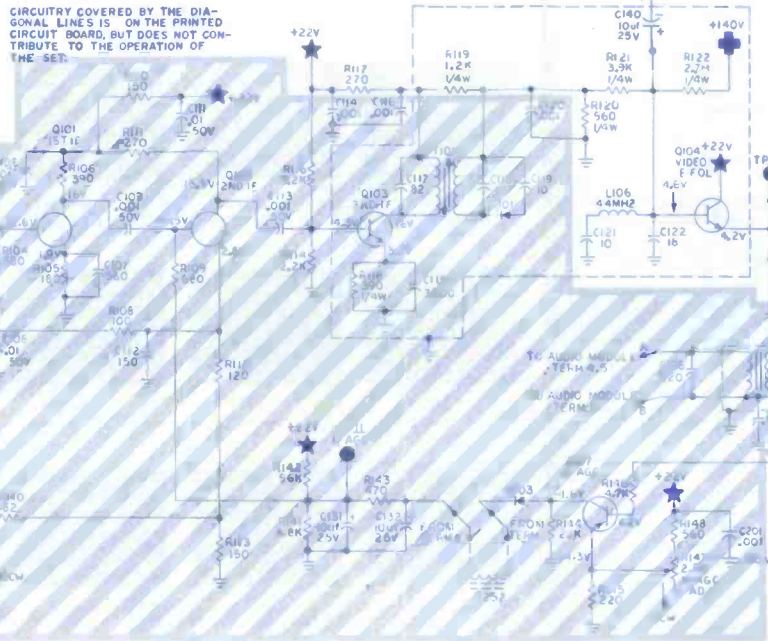
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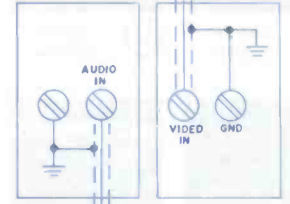
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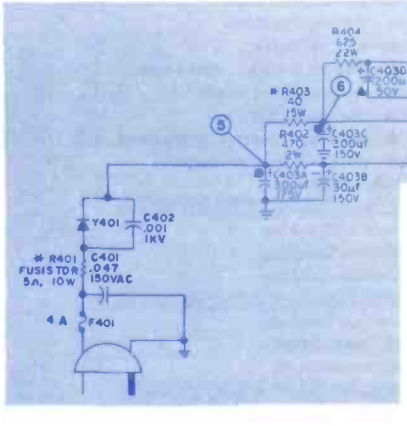
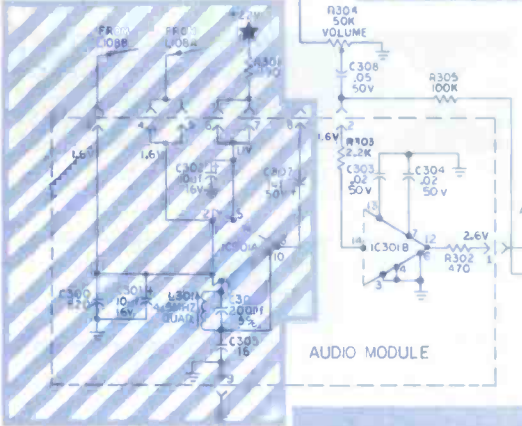


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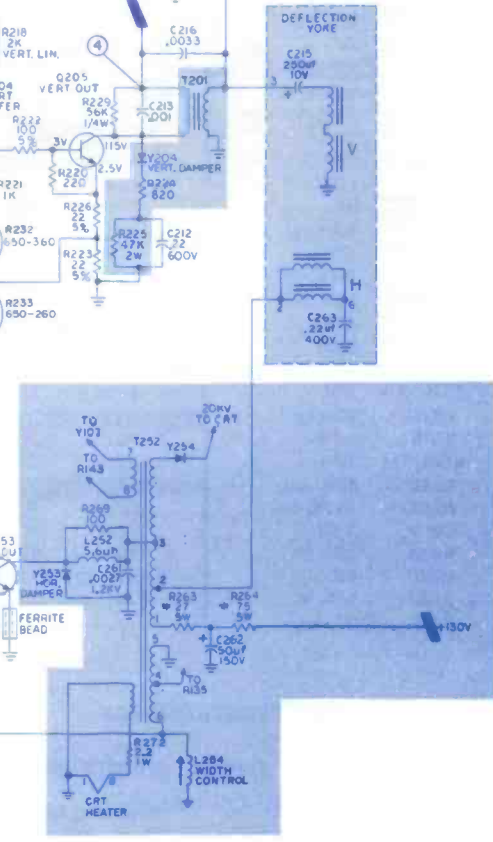
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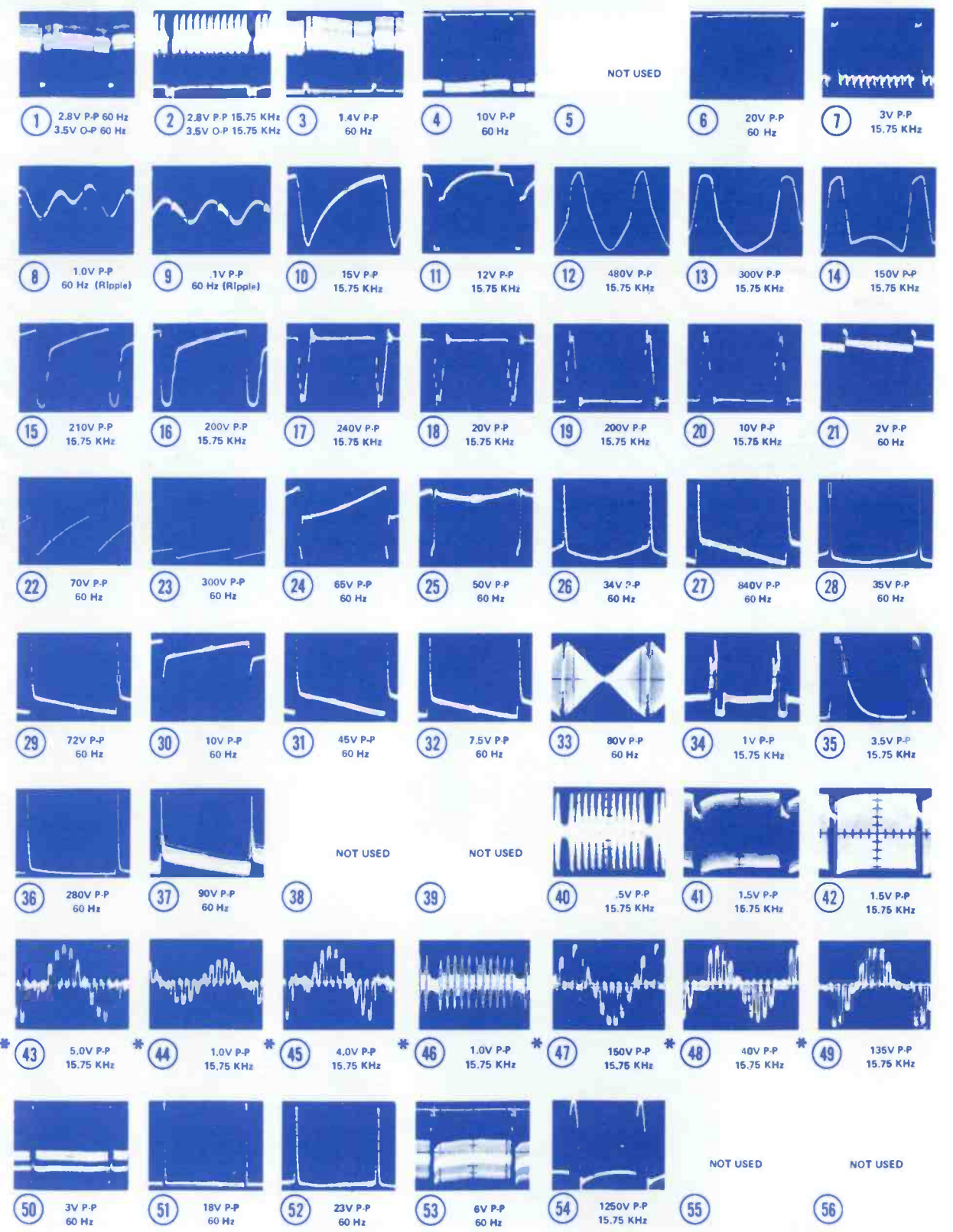
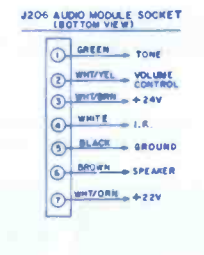
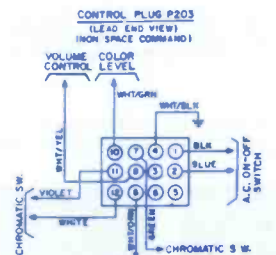
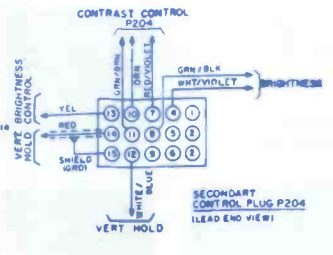
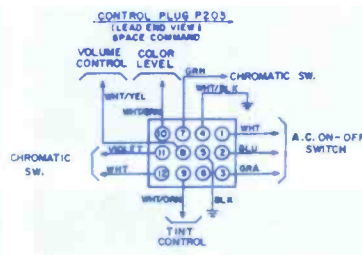
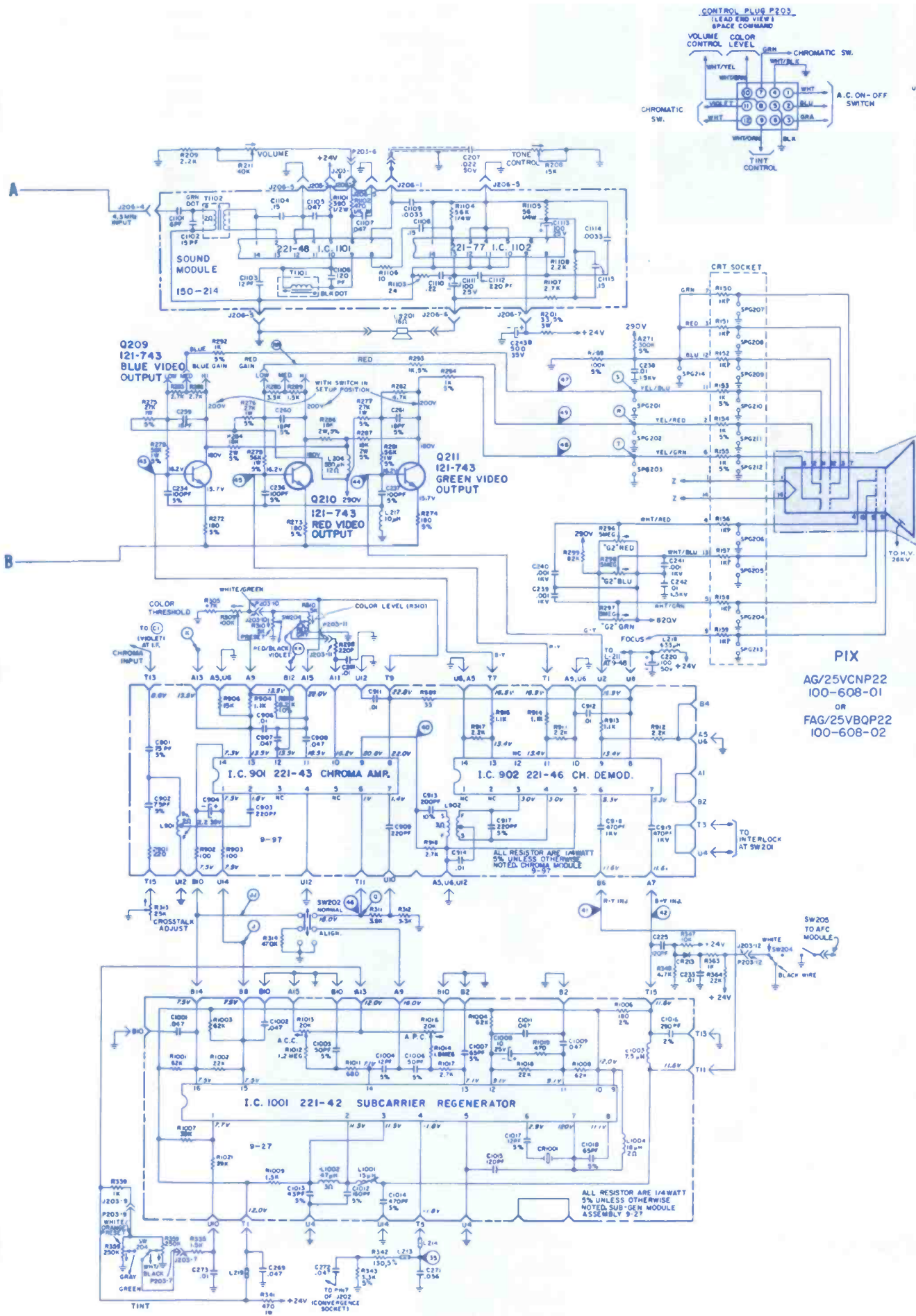
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
K = 1000 M = 1,000,000
CAPACITOR MORE THAN 1 μf = μf
CAPACITOR LESS THAN 1 μf
RESISTORS ARE 1/2 WATT

VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS MADE WITH A VOM WITH RESPECT TO CHASSIS GROUND.
MEASUREMENTS MAY VARY ±10% AT 120V A.C. LINE VOLTAGE.
#NEW CRITICAL VALUES.

OPERATING THIS DEVICE AT REDUCED HORIZONTAL SCAN RATES CAN CAUSE EXCESSIVE HIGH VOLTAGE. FOR CONTINUED PROTECTION AGAINST X-RADIATION, DO NOT OPERATE AT HORIZONTAL SCAN RATES LOWER THAN 14,750HZ.



ZENITH
Color-TV Chassis
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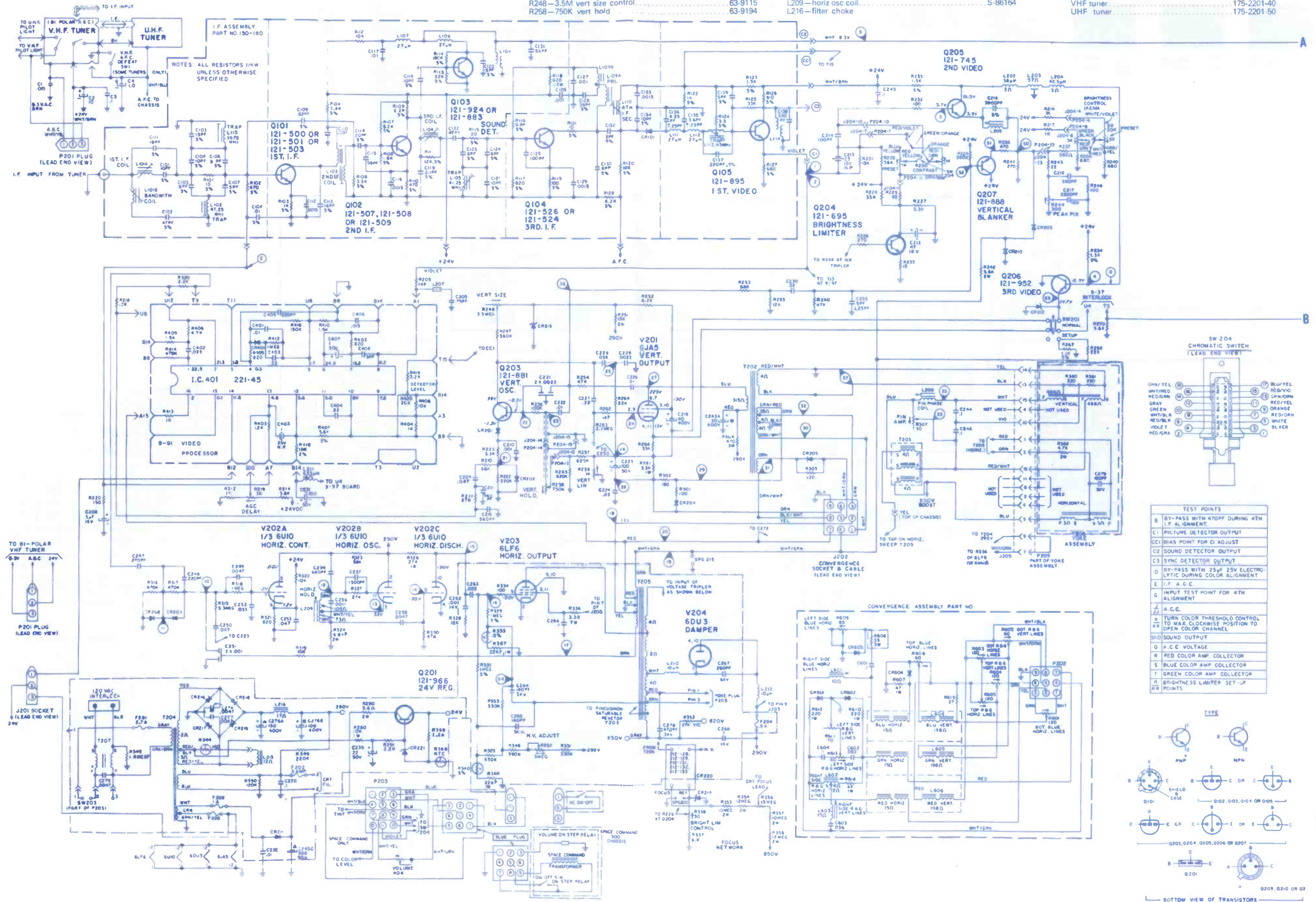


* FOR WAVEFORMS 43 THROUGH 49, BYPASS TEST POINT "D" WITH 1.0 MF CAPACITOR.

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	ZENITH PART NO.
C243A	—30µf electrolytic cap 400v	
C243B	—500µf electro cap 35v	22-7066
C243C	—500µf electrolytic cap 50v	
C276A	—150µf electrolytic cap 400v	22-7237
R219	—3K AGC delay control 1/2w	63-9116
R230	—contrast control	63-9193
R238	—5K brite control	63-9927
R244	—300n peak picture control	63-9119
R248	—3.5M vert size control	63-9115
R258	—750K vert hold	63-9194

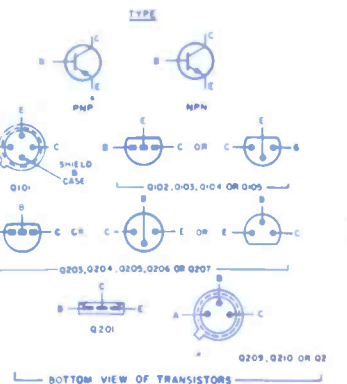
R259	—1K vert lin control	63-9066
R309	—100K killer threshold control	63-8501
R333	—voltage dependent resist 5%	63-8688
R338	—50n brite limiter control	63-8989
R344	—thermistor	63-8687
R353	—focus divider	63-9897
R354	—thermistor	63-10180
R365	—voltage dependent resist 5%	63-8688
R1013	—20K ACC control	63-8576
L105	—41.25MHz trap	20-3287
L113	—4.5MHz trap	20-3287
L209	—horiz osc coil	S-86164
L216	—filter choke	

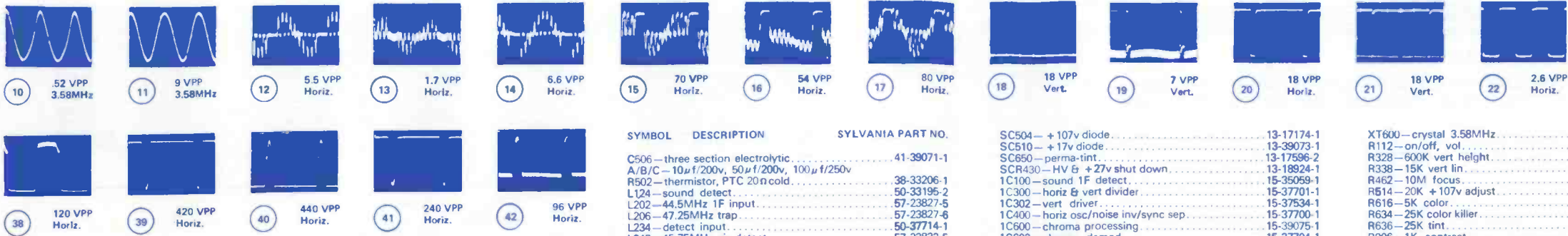
T202	—vert output xformer	95-3083
T203	—saturable reactor	95-3004
T204	—power xformer	95-3116
T205	—horiz sweep xformer	S-90754
T206	—deflect yoke	S-89750
T207	—AC line choke	S-2964
T1102	—4.5MHz input coil	95-2620
F201	—2.25a bel fuse	136-92
F202	—3a pitagail fuse	136-47
F204	—.5a bel fuse/with leads	S-90985
F205	—heater fuse link	91-2061
	VHF tuner	175-2201-40
	UHF tuner	175-2201-50



TEST POINTS

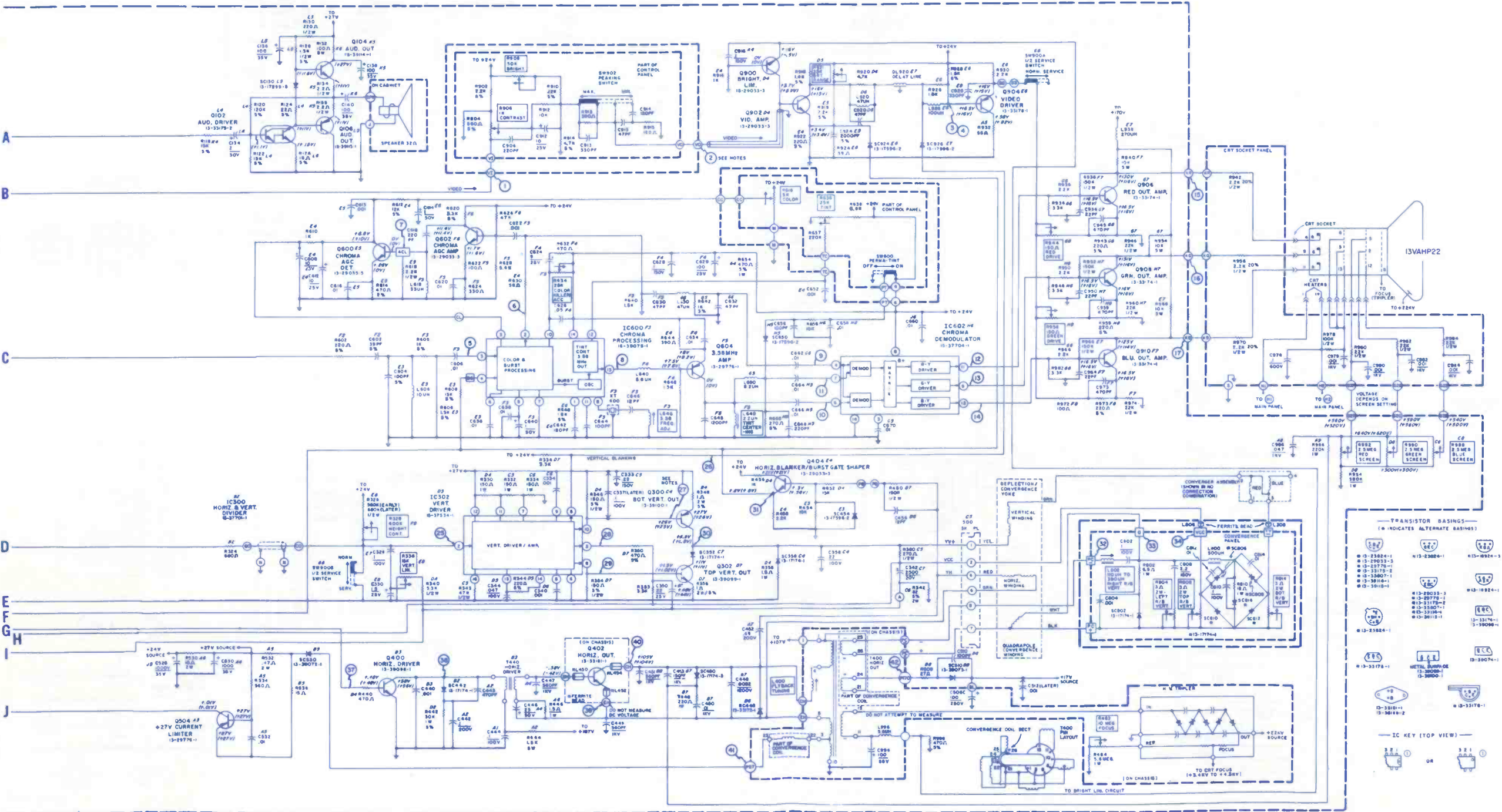
- B BY-PASS WITH 470PF DURING 4TH I.F. ALIGNMENT
- C1 PICTURE DETECTOR OUTPUT
- DC1 BIAS POINT FOR CI ADJUST
- C2 SOUND DETECTOR OUTPUT
- C3 SYNC DETECTOR OUTPUT
- D BY-PASS WITH 25V 25V ELECTROLYTIC DURING COLOR ALIGNMENT
- E I.F. A.C.C.
- G INPUT TEST POINT FOR 4TH ALIGNMENT
- J A.C.C.
- K TURN COLOR THRESHOLD CONTROL TO MAX. CLOCKWISE POSITION TO OPEN COLOR CHANNEL
- SRD SOUND OUTPUT
- O A.C.C. VOLTAGE
- R RED COLOR AMP. COLLECTOR
- S BLUE COLOR AMP. COLLECTOR
- T GREEN COLOR AMP. COLLECTOR
- U BRIGHTNESS LIMITER SET-UP POINTS





SYLVANIA
Color-TV Chassis
E06-2

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	SYLVANIA PART NO.
C506	three section electrolytic	41-39071-1
A/B/C	10µf/200v, 50µf/250v, 100µf/250v	
R502	thermistor, PTC 20 cold	38-33206-1
L124	sound detect.	50-33195-2
L202	44.5MHz 1F input	57-23827-5
L206	47.25MHz trap	57-23827-6
L234	detect input	50-37714-1
L242	45.75MHz pix detect	57-23832-5
L244	4.5MHz trap	50-35305-1
L400	flyback tuning	50-39163-1
L418	horiz driver xfomer	50-39121-1
L502	line choke	50-29833-3
L648	3.58 freq adj	50-39052-1
L648	tint centering	50-39053-1
SC448	dampner	13-33172-1
SC504	+107v diode	13-17174-1
SC510	+17v diode	13-39073-1
SC650	perma-tint	13-17596-2
SCR430	HV B + 27v shut down	13-18924-1
1C100	sound 1F detect	15-35059-1
1C300	horiz & vert divider	15-37701-1
1C302	vert driver	15-37534-1
1C400	horiz osc/noise inv/sync sep	15-37700-1
1C600	chroma processing	15-39075-1
1C602	chroma demod	15-37704-1
T100	4.5MHz sound input	50-39084-1
T400	high voltage xfomer	50-39010-1
T400	horiz driver xfomer	56-39101-1
T500	filament xfomer	50-39078-1
CB500	circuit breaker	29-33346-13
DL920	delay line	32-37710-1
SW600	switch perma tint	33-16011-15
XT600	crystal 3.58MHz	26-39051-1
R112	on/off, vol	37-39081-1
R328	600K vert height	37-33036-17
R338	15K vert lin	part of R328
R462	10M focus	37-17320-8
R514	20K + 107v adjust	37-35059-18
R616	5K color	37-15904-2
R634	25K color killer	37-14576-19
R636	25K tint	37-33036-11
R906	1K contrast	37-15902-5
R908	50K brite	part of R906
R921	25K brite range	37-14576-19
R988	2.5M blue screen	37-33036-11
R990	2.5M green screen	part of R988
R992	2.5M red screen	part of R988
	tripler HV	32-39091-1
	VHF	54-37901-1



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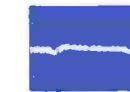
2 1.8 VPP Horiz.



3 12.5 VPP Horiz.



4 100 VPP Vert.



5 .22 VPP Horiz.



6 .42 VPP Horiz.



7 10.4 VPP Horiz.



8 .22 VPP 3.58MHz



9 4 VPP Horiz.



23 1.8 VPP Vert.



24 5.8 VPP Vert.



25 4.8 VPP Vert.



26 25 VPP Vert.



27 2 VPP Vert.



28 4 VPP Vert.



29 1.8 VPP Vert.



30 26 VPP Vert.



31 4.8 VPP Horiz.



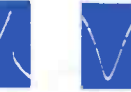
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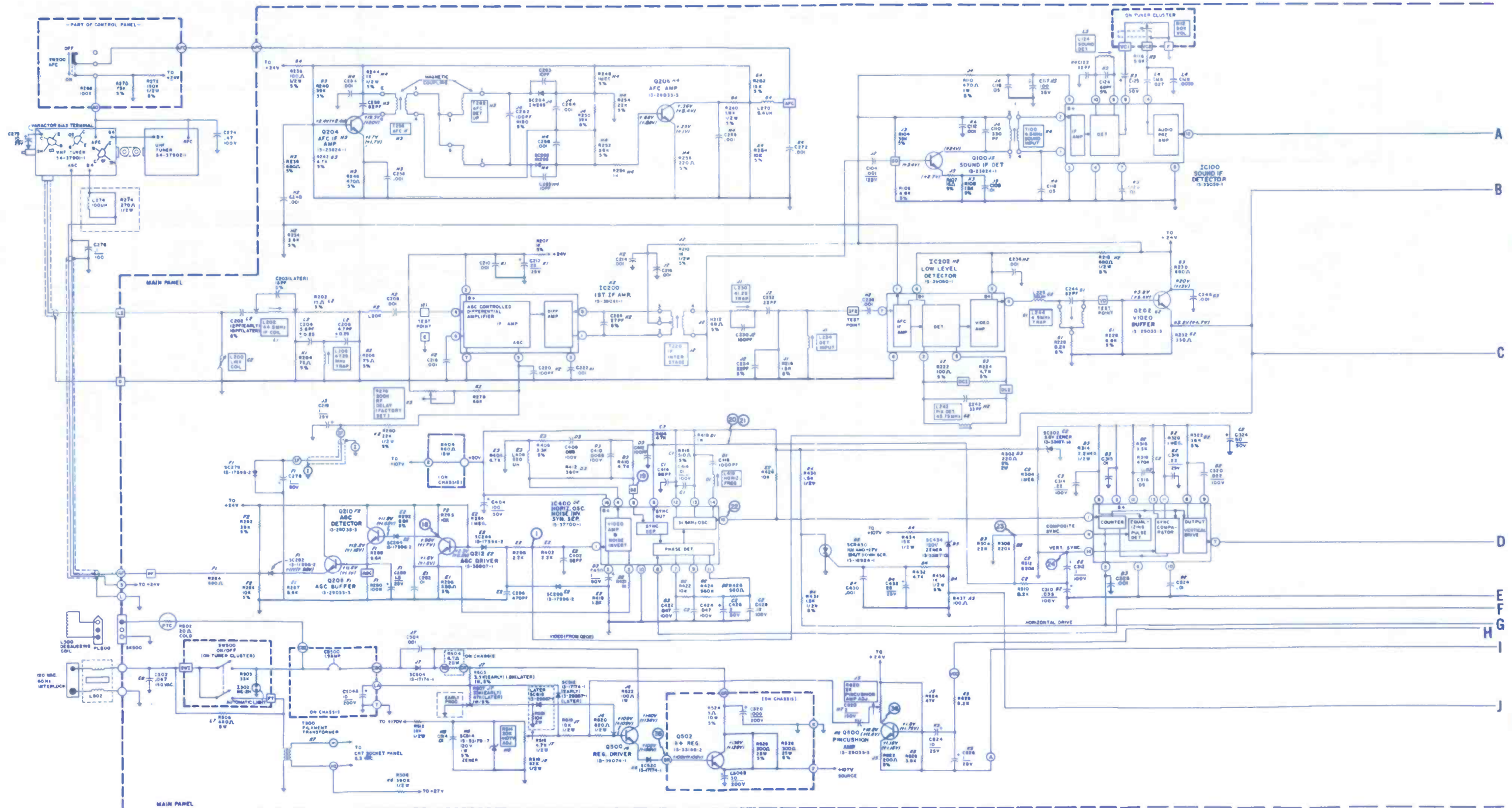
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36 10 VPP Vert.



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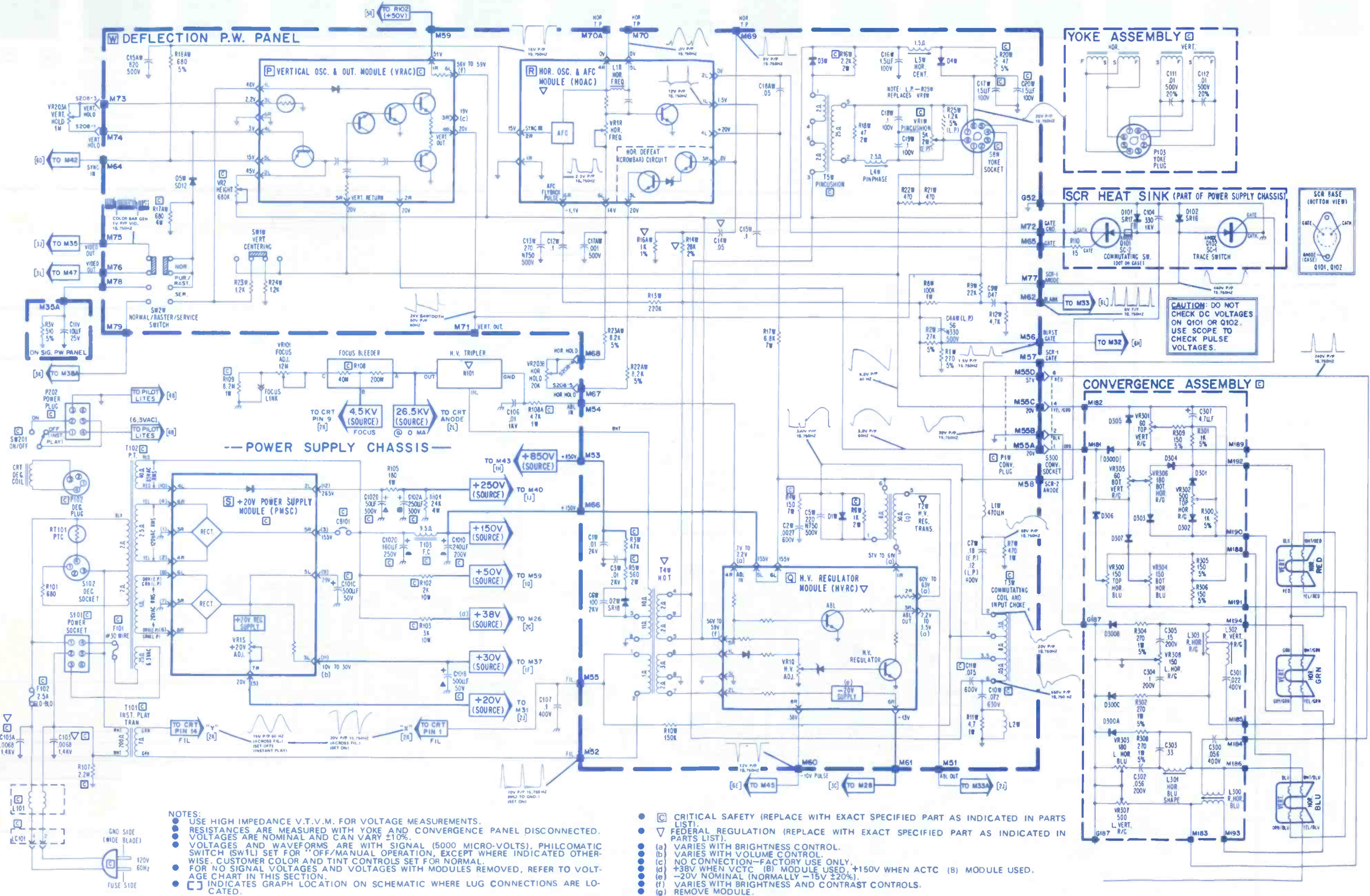


yoke assembly	76-14328-2
SW1L—Philcomatic, push-push, switch	42-2181-1
T102—power xformer	32-10198-1
VR101—12M, focus adjust	33-5655-19
VR201—15K, volume slide	33-5656-2
VR202—color, A-15K/service pre-set, B-5K/customer	33-5644-22
	33-5644-11
VR203—vert hold, A-1M horiz hold, B-20K	33-5644-8

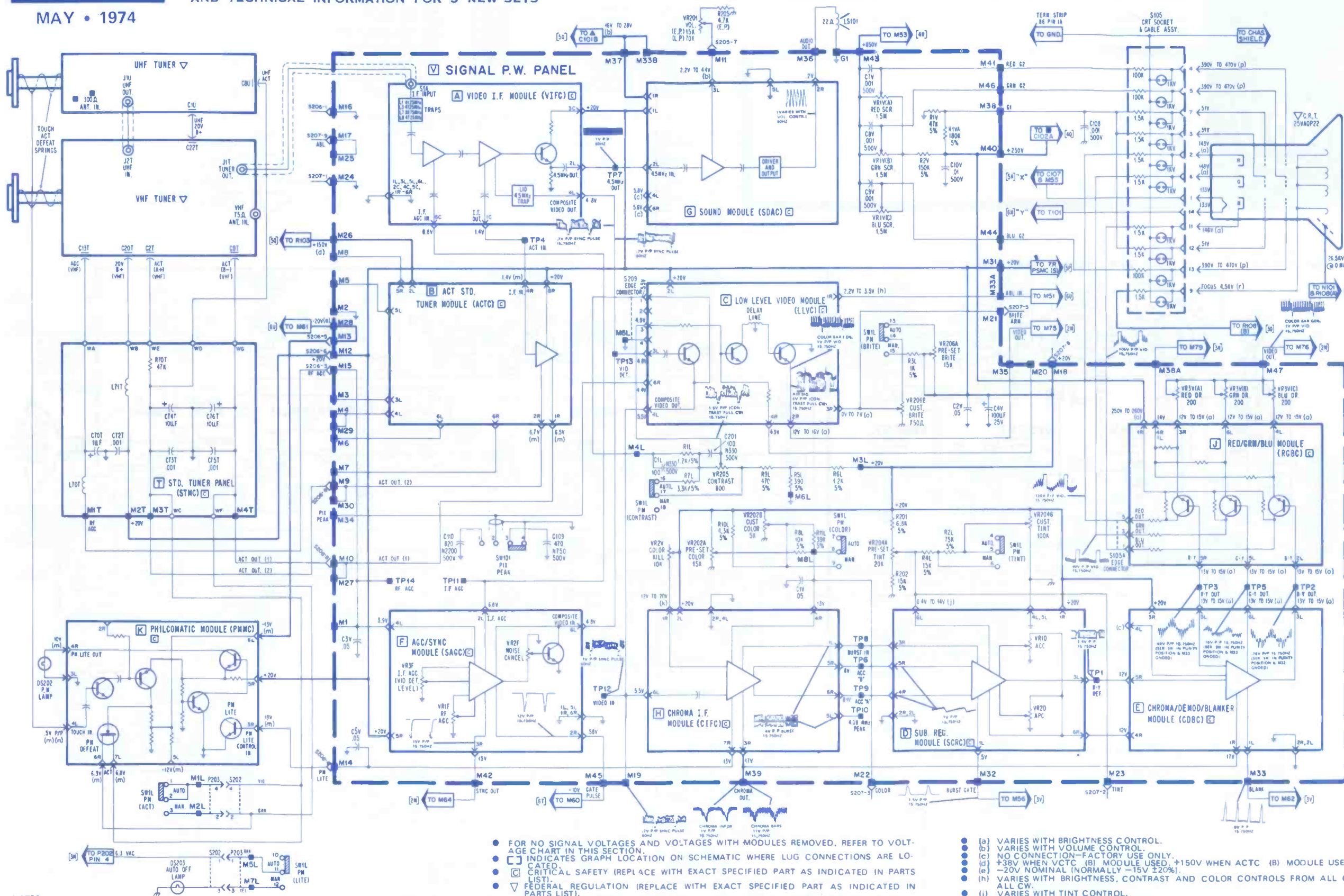
VR204—tint, A20K/service preset, B-100K/A/B—customer	33-5644-23
	33-5644-10
VR205—contrast, 800 n	33-5655-7
C101—500 μf/150v, 500 μf/50v, 240 μf/200v	
B/C/D—B+ filter	30-2616-33
C102—250 μf/300v, 50 μf/300v, 160 μf/250v	
A/B/D—B+ filter	30-2626-14
L3W—horiz centering coil	32-4979-4

SW1W—vert centering switch	42-2178-1
T2W—high volt regulator	32-10183-1
T4W—HV xformer	32-10181-2
VR2W—680K, height	33-5654-5
VR1V—1.5M, 3 sect red, green, blue	
A/B/C—screens	33-5645-6
VR2V—10K, color killer	33-5628-25
VR3V—200 n, 3 sect, red, green & blue	
A/B/C—drives	33-5654-1

PHILCO-FORD
Color-TV Chassis
4CY90



SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM—DEFLECTION PW PANEL, POWER SUPPLY, & CONVERGENCE PANEL—4CY90 (25") CHASSIS



NOTES:
 ● USE HIGH IMPEDANCE V.T.V.M. FOR VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS.
 ● RESISTANCES ARE MEASURED WITH YOKE AND CONVERGENCE PANEL DISCONNECTED.
 ● VOLTAGES ARE NOMINAL AND CAN VARY ±10%.
 ● VOLTAGES AND WAVEFORMS ARE WITH SIGNAL (5000 MICRO-VOLTS). PHILCOMATIC SWITCH (SW1) SET FOR "OFF/MANUAL" OPERATION, EXCEPT WHERE INDICATED OTHERWISE. CUSTOMER COLOR AND TINT CONTROLS SET FOR NORMAL.

● FOR NO SIGNAL VOLTAGES AND VOLTAGES WITH MODULES REMOVED, REFER TO VOLTAGE CHART IN THIS SECTION.
 ● [] INDICATES GRAPH LOCATION ON SCHEMATIC WHERE LUG CONNECTIONS ARE LOCATED.
 ● [C] CRITICAL SAFETY (REPLACE WITH EXACT SPECIFIED PART AS INDICATED IN PARTS LIST).
 ● [F] FEDERAL REGULATION (REPLACE WITH EXACT SPECIFIED PART AS INDICATED IN PARTS LIST).
 ● COMPONENTS AND LUGS ON SCHEMATIC WHICH END IN "L", SUCH AS R1L, M1L, ETC., ARE LOCATED ON THE PHILCOMATIC SWITCH PANEL.
 ● PHILCOMATIC SWITCH (SW1) SHOWN IN "ON/AUTOMATIC" POSITION.

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM—SIGNAL PW PANEL & STANDARD TUNERS—4CY90 (25") CHASSIS

● (a) VARIES WITH BRIGHTNESS CONTROL.
 ● (b) VARIES WITH VOLUME CONTROL.
 ● (c) NO CONNECTION—FACTORY USE ONLY.
 ● (d) +38V WHEN VCTC (B) MODULE USED, +150V WHEN ACTC (B) MODULE USED.
 ● (e) -20V NOMINAL (NORMALLY -15V ±20%).
 ● (f) VARIES WITH BRIGHTNESS, CONTRAST AND COLOR CONTROLS FROM ALL CCW TO ALL CW.
 ● (j) VARIES WITH TINT CONTROL.
 ● (k) VARIES WITH COLOR KILLER CONTROL.
 ● (m) PHILCOMATIC SWITCH SET FOR "ON/AUTOMATIC" OPERATION.
 ● (n) HAND ON FINE TUNE KNOB.
 ● (p) VARIES WITH SCREEN CONTROL.
 ● (r) VARIES WITH FOCUS CONTROL.

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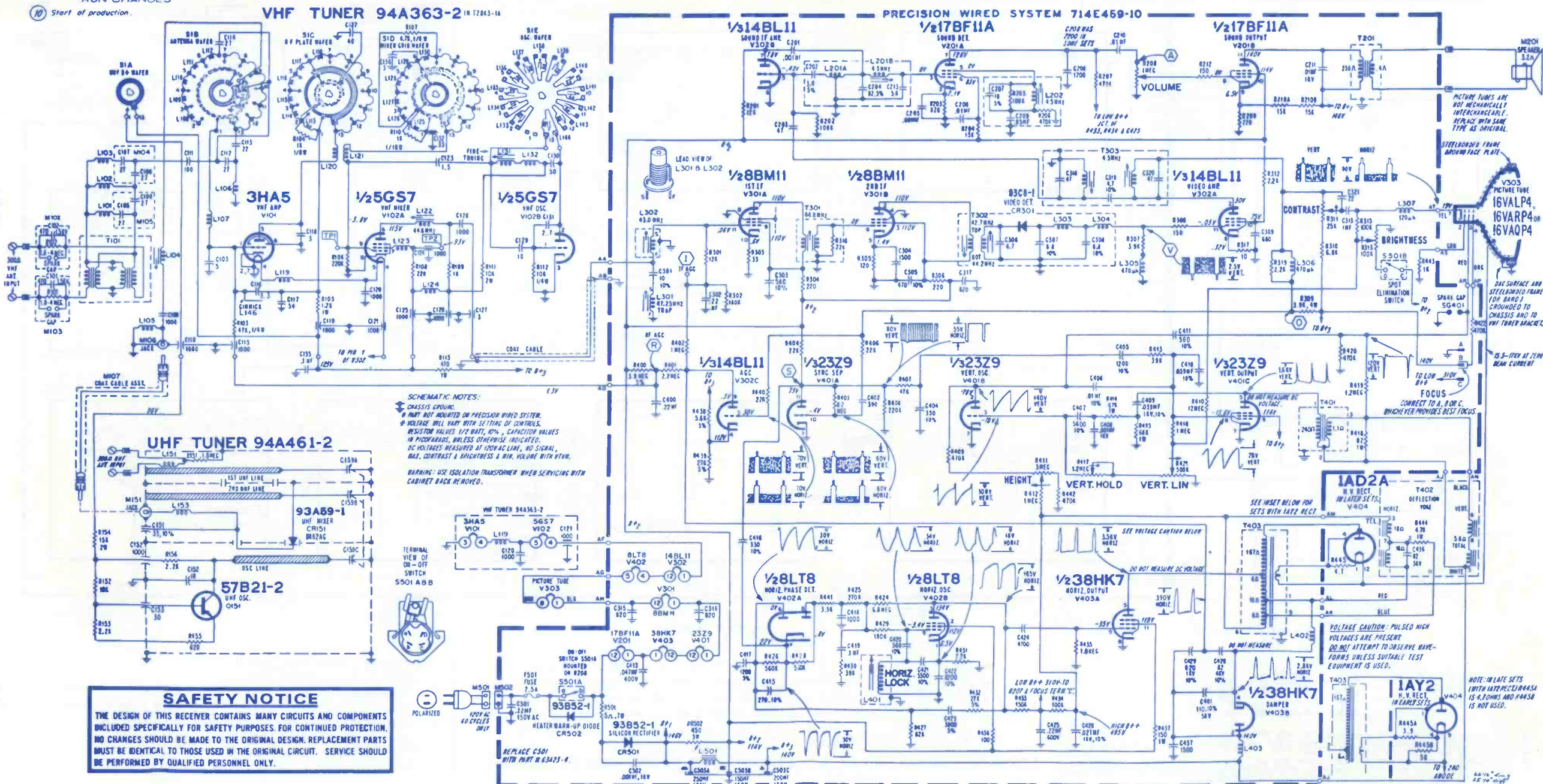
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	SCHEMATIC NO.	SCHEMATIC NO.
ADMIRAL TV Chassis T28K3	1524	SYLVANIA Color-TV Chassis E06-2 1526
GENERAL ELECTRIC Display Device Chassis MUA	1528	ZENITH Color-TV Chassis 23EC15 1527
PHILCO-FORD Color-TV Chassis 4CY90	1525	

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	ADMIRAL PART NO.
R208	1M vol control T28K3	75A149-10
R311	25K, contrast control T28K3	75A149-9
R313	100K, brite control T28K3	75A149-8
R411	5M height, triple control	75A129-3
R417	1.2M vert hold, triple control	75A129-3
R421	500K, vert lin, triple control	75A129-3
C503A	250 μ f, 165v, electrolytic	67A30-11
C503B	150 μ f, 150v, electrolytic	67A30-11
C503C	200 μ f, 150v, electrolytic	67A30-11
L201A,B	sound 1F & phase shift coil	72C301-4
L202	ratio detect	72C132-82
L301	47.25MHz trap	72C308-8
L401	horiz lock coil	94D17-19
L501	filter choke	74A18-63
T201	audio output xformer	79C124-3
T303	sound take off coil	72C185-7
T401	vert output xformer	79C139-5
T402	deflect yoke assembly	700C1089-12
T403	horiz output	79A138-20
F501	2.5a fuse	84A7-14
S501A,B	on/off switch	77A221-1
	UHF tuner	94A465-2
	VHF tuner	94A363-2

MODEL CHART					
MODEL	FINISH	CRT	VHF	UHF	CHASSIS
16P617	Walnut	16VARP4	94A363-2	94A465-2	T28K3-1A
19P807	Walnut	19VBP4	94A363-2	94A465-2	T29K3-1B
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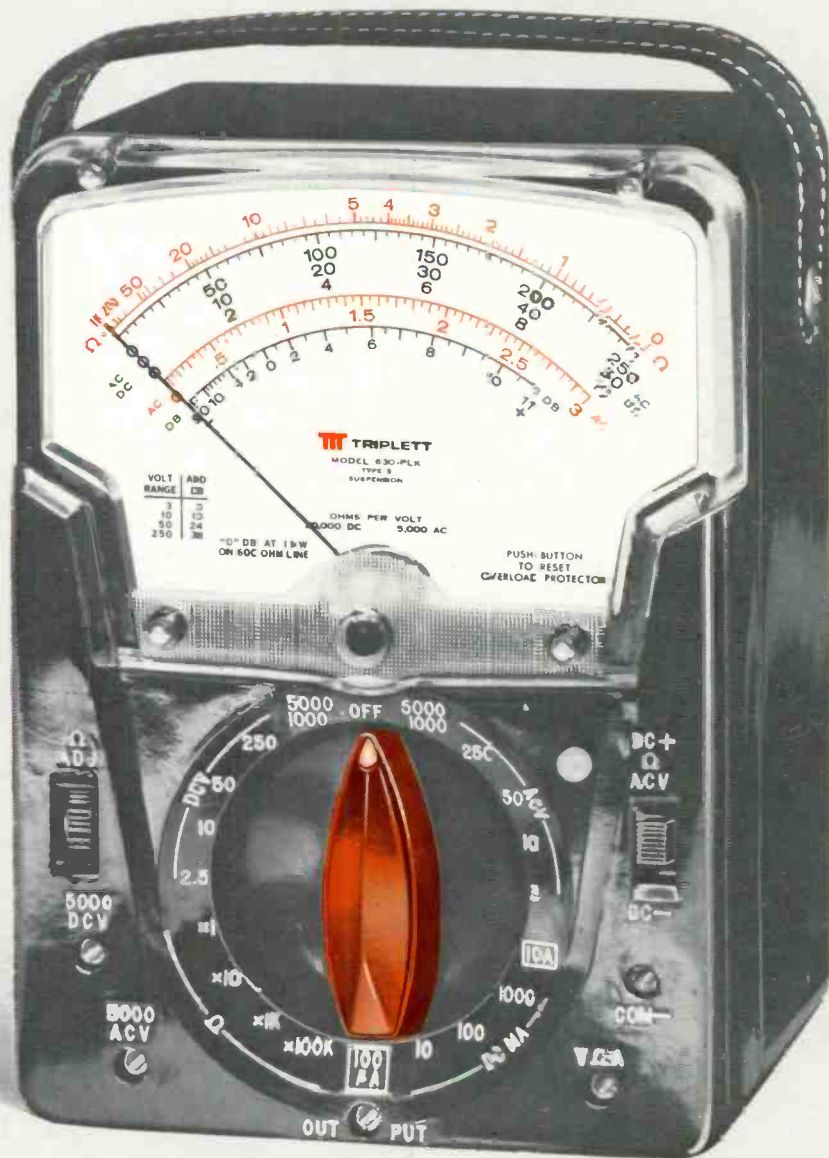
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