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Deborah P. Wilkins and Arthur J. Boyle

Last year's Guide listed 688 IC op amps; this year's version contains over 1000 under- $\$ 30$ devices. To help make the optimum system choice in the midst of this ever-increasing variety, this comprehensive list classifies op amps by input bias current, offset voltage drift, slew rate, and price.

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## If you do, you have other engineers, who don't, working for you.

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This magazine is for those who do. For those engineers who, brought up in the booming days of the 1960s, have learned the sobering lessons of the 1970s. The economic lesson, and the technological lesson.

The economic lesson teaches that progress doesn't automatically lie in the next job, or the next assignment. To progress, you must take a look around, at the opportunities for your talents, for your company's long suit. You must tell the forest from the trees, the real opportunity from the inconsequential one, the clear need from the technological refinement.


The technological lesson teaches that circuit design, which was the most creative occupation for electronic engineers in the 1960s, belongs now in the domain of the component manufacturer, more than in that of the equipment and systems manufacturer. The lesson teaches that you buy circuits, even minicomputers, the way you buy capacitors. It teaches, in two words, to think systems.

We, too, have learned these lessons, and we apply them to give you the information a systems engineer needs today. Look at our cover. We have been a systems magazine for the past three years. Now systems is part of our name. Make it part of yours.
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Alberto Socolousky
Editor


## Did we say easy to use?

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Thin film modulates lasers

A magnetically controlled switch for modulating laser light has been developed by Dr. P. K. Tien and R. J. Martin of the Electron Physics Research Dept. of Bell Labs, Holmdel, NJ.

The new switch consists of a yttrium gallium scandium iron garnet film, about $2.5 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ thick, grown on a gadolinium gallium garnet substrate. The film serves as a waveguide for the light waves. Two types of light waves can propagate in this film: one type has magnetic transverse (TM) fields; the other type has electric transverse (or TE) fields.

A prism is positioned at either end of the garnet crystal wafer, one prism to guide the beam from an external laser into the film, and a second "exit" prism, which guides the laser beam out of the film in one direction for the TM lightwaves and in another direction for the TE lightwaves.


A tiny serpentine electric circuit, made by conventional integrated circuit techniques, applied to the surface of the garnet wafer, overlaps the path followed by the laser beam through the garnet film. Light is fed into the film by the "input" prism in a TM mode. A current passing through the serpentine circuit induces a small magnetic field (on the order of a fraction of a gauss) which converts the light wave from the TM mode to the TE mode because of the magnetic-optic property of the film. The exit prism guides the TE and the TM light waves out of the film in two
different directions. Turning the induction current on and off switches the light back and forth.

The magnetic field required to switch the light is several times smaller than the earth's magnetic field, and because of the serpentine structure, the inductance of the circuit is less than 0.1 $\mu \mathrm{H}$. In the experiment, less than 100 mW of electrical power was used to modulate the light from a $1.15 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ HeNe laser at a modulation frequency of 80 MHz .
In an eventual optical system, the input prism may be unnecessary since the light wave may be generated in the film by a thin-film laser. The exit prism could be replaced by a thin film polarizer and a film-fiber coupler. The modulator or switch thus would be extremely simple, involving only a magnetic film and a tiny electric current.

Circle Reader Service \#210

## Deflect lasers by tipping a 'sound column'

RCA scientists have developed a la-ser-beam deflector that employs a tipping "sound column" within a crystal to provide four times the resolution of conventional acousto-optic deflectors.

Key to the RCA development is a simplified, easy to fabricate transducer that both generates and automatically tips the column of sound waves to efficiently deflect a laser beam over a broad angular range. Because the transducer can be made with economical evaporation and masking techniques commonly employed in fabricating electronic devices, the deflector has great potential for such applications as high-speed, high-capacity optical computer memories and laser scanning for TV picture projection.

In acousto-optic deflectors, a laser beam is diffracted as a result of the periodic disturbance created by sound waves propagating through certain crystals or liquids. The frequency of the acoustic waves determines the amount, or angle, of deflection.
Thus, by electronically altering the input to a transducer that converts radio
frequency (rf) waves to sound waves, a laser beam can be directed to a number of different spots very quickly.

But deflectors with a fixed column of sound waves have a limited deflection range because acoustic waves diffract or deflect light efficiently over only a narrow angular range (i.e, the Bragg angle). The angular deflection range can be enlarged by tipping the column of sound waves to change the angle at which the laser beam strikes the acoustic waves.

Scientists have known that a sound column could be tipped by changing the frequency of sound waves passing through an acoustic grating, but up to now have been unable to develop a practical inexpensive mechanism for accomplishing this. Prior techniques involved cutting steps in the acousto-optic material and bonding several transducers to it, a relatively complicated procedure requiring a great deal of handling that often resulted in damage to the acousto-optic material.

RCA's solution, on the other hand,
uses a single transducer platelet bonded to a lead molybdate crystal. The interdigitated electrodes within the transducer are deposited in layers through masks by an evaporation technique.

The electrode arrangement acts like an acoustic grating so that for any given rf-input frequency, the column of sound waves is tipped at a particular angle. Any change in the rf-input frequency produces changes in the tipping angle of the sound column as well as in the frequency of the sound waves.

This automatic tipping of the sound column in combination with the frequency change in the acoustic waves enables the deflector to move the laser beam over a much wider bandwidth than conventional deflectors can. Laboratory results show bandwidths of 210 MHz compared with conventional deflector bandwidths of 54 MHz -a fourfold improvement in performance.

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## Circle Reader Service \#226

TV display panel uses gas discharge principle ... Following the defeat of past attempts to produce panel displays with incandescent lights, electroluminescence, and liquid crystals, Zenith has come up with a matrix device producing a TV picture of sufficient quality to warrant comparison with a CRT. Using a Burroughs SELF-SCAN ${ }^{\circledR}$ panel 0.63 in. thick, the experimental unit produces a $2.4 \times 6.3$-in. red picture composed of 80 columns and 212 rows of gas cells. The panel has a peak luminance of $8 \mathrm{ft}-\mathrm{L}$ and a contrast ratio of $40: 1$. In operation, a full line of cells in the panel is addressed at the same time. Illumination time of the full line of gas discharge cells is $60 \mu \mathrm{~s}$, compared to the 100 -ns excitation time of each phosphor dot in the CRT.

Circle Reader Service \#227
A new role for the IEEE ... In an imposing vote, the IEEE received a clear-cut mandate from its members to take a more socially conscious role. Some 42,899 engineers from the 50,950 respondents sanctioned the IEEE leadership to change the present charter. According to GE's Dr. Harold Chestnut, president-elect, the society will concentrate on improving the engineer's situation by working with government agencies on manpower planning, the continued need for unemployed engineers' programs like VFST, support for legislation such as S. 32 for civilian R \& D spending, and technology assessment. Pension improvement, another likely area, will be initiated As for that $40 \%$ increase in dues, $20 \%$ will go to these new areas plus the traditional scientific goals, while most of the other $20 \%$ was necessitated by inflation.

Monsanto: moving in on bubble memories ... Firmly established as a top manufacturer of light emitting devices, Monsanto appears to be making a pitch for the memory market with their introduction of a bubble memory. Their strength in materials processing makes the bubble memory, emerging as a possible replacement for disc memories, right up their allev. Already they've marketed the first purchasable sample bubble memory kit for $\$ 2400$ (the memory is a small shift register) aimed at potential buyers who want to experiment with bubbles. If you re interested in more details, contact Dr. Ramo Pellin, Monsanto Co, 800 N. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO (314) 694-4848, or

Circle Reader Service \#228

Some say the electronics industry is slowing down ... Industry spokesmen from Bell Labs, NCR, Xerox, IBM, Fairchild, TI, IEEE, and others have compiled a study of the U.S. electrical/electronics industry and its current trends and potential impact on the overall economy. Scanning the bleak picture of the 70 s , the committee sees the demand for engineers increasing only $2 \%$ per year, and industry growth at $7-8 \%$. They predict that government spending in domestic areas during the decade will not offset decreases in military and space programs. Aggressive government action to reduce trade barriers for fair competition is critical, as is more support for $R \& D$ if we are to maintain our technical leadership. The study, with details on these and other observations, is available from IEEE, 345 E. 47th St., New York, NY 10017. (Members, \$6; nonmembers, \$12.)

And many are inVESTing talent elsewhere ... Just one year ago, VEST (Volunteer Engineers, Scientists, and Technicians) opened the facilities of state employment offices to out-of-work engineers who wanted to help themselves find jobs. Today, VEST is still hard at work and although the picture isn't as rosy as they would like it to be, they are making progress. More corporations are accepting more aerospace and highly specialized engineers into other industries: this year VEST officers placed approximately 20,000 men in new jobs. And now VEST is working jointly with the Technology Mobilization Reemployment Program, funded by the Dept. of Labor which offers up to $\$ 500$ for job interview travel and expenses, relocation grants up to $\$ 1200$, and up to $\$ 2500$ for job training tuition and expenses. If you d like to inVEST your time finding a job, contact your local state employment office.

## Conferences and shows coming up ... 1973 Winter Con-

 sumer Electronics Show, sponsored by the Electronic Industries Association at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Jan. 12-16 ... International Solid State Circuits Conference, Philadelphia Marriott Motor Hotel, Feb. 14-16 . . '73 INTERCON, sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, New York Coliseum. March 26-29.
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"Why should structure make a difference?"
"Which is best for high-speed inverters?"
"Are there SOA tradeoffs?"
"Can I get high-voltage and high-current in one?"
"What about complementary designs?"
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## YOUR POWER STRUCTURE . . .

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Emitter and base on old-reliable, double-diffused Annular types are diffused into an epitaxial substrate. Devices are characterized by high frequency response, excellent switching efficiencies and complementary capability. The Annular ring retards inversion layer leakage and shapes surface electrical fields eliminating fringing field effects. But inherently narrow base width limits optimum safe operating areas. Result - devices that switch fast at high currents with excellent beta linearity . . . as long as they're not required


More sophistication, and more SOA, can be had with triple diffused. The Annular approach is applicable but base, emitter and collector are separately diffused. Collector layer can be $1 / 3$ or more thicker than double-diffused with emitter and base profiles coming on proportionately deeper. Net effect of all
this is allowance for wider depletion regions and better defined fringing fields (i.e. higher voltage), increased SOA and moderate $f_{T}$. One pays the price with poorer switching efficiency and lower gain.


Ruggedness with a reverse twist characterizes triple-diffused, etch-cut technology. Mesa structuring is used for ultra-deep base diffusions. But this precludes use of metal overlays to retard fringing field effects. Etch-cutting from the back side at a precise angle to define the junctions solves this problem and provides high operating voltage and SOA potential.


## TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW

If you're at home with high-speed, high-current switching, double-diffused can't be beat. Generally, gain linearity with voltage is better, too, with sat voltage coming in low because of limited epi layer thickness. In a high-speed design where most device heat stems from switch losses, it's a mistake to use super-rugged, slow types. Triplediffused, however, is your best bet where speed and efficiency take a back seat to operating voltage and ruggedness. But the wider the base, the lower the current and triple-diffused is basically wide-base.

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| Process <br> Characteristic | Double <br> Diffused <br> Annular | Triple <br> Diffused <br> Annular | Triple <br> Diffused <br> Etch Cut |
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# POUJER sEmiconductops ... still the main movers 

## When the application calls for brawn as well as brains, the power semiconductor is still the workhorse of the electronics industry.

Arthur J. Boyle, Managing Editor

Power semiconductor manufacturers are wearing big smiles these days. The combination of technical innovation with the changing nature of the electronics industry has kept power devices in the ballgame, while many small signal semiconductors have struck out to ics. Instead of seeing a decrease in demand, the discrete power device, which is still the primary source of electronic muscle used to interface with the outside world, is riding the wave of the pervasiveness of electronics into new markets.

The era of the power transistor began back in the days when germanium was king. Surprisingly enough, despite the revolution brought on by silicon technology and the annual predictions of an early demise, germanium power transistors are showing an amazing tenacity. Although used in only a limited number of applications (with the automobile radio the most widely known) germanium still ranks as a very profitable line for the two major suppliers still in the business-Motorola and Delco.

If the germanium transistor still shows amazingly good health in its old age, the prognosis for silicon devices can only be described as excellent. With the advantages of the material itself, the advances in processing, and packaging improvements, silicon
power devices have evolved into a family with great flexibility. Most of the silicon power transistors on the market today are produced by one of five processes. The table shows the main characteristics of each, and as with anything else, tradeoffs are the order of the day.

## Happiness is at $\mathbf{2 0} \mathbf{~ k H z}$

The big news in power semiconductors is what Leo Lehner of Motorola calls the $20-\mathrm{kHz}$ revolution. What Lehner is advocating is that the switched mode of power supply design, long attractive for a number of reasons, has at last become a practical alternative to the more common pass-transistor design approach. The savings in size and weight in the power transformer alone make the switched mode approach desirable. This is true not only in the obvious case of portable equipment, but across the board since ICS have shrunk equipment to the point where power transformers stick out like a sore thumb. The driving force behind this move is the availability of high-speed power transistors at competitive prices. (High speed, in this case, means a fall time of significantly less than $1 \mu$ s. For example, Lehner points to the 2N6307.)

Ralph Hartz, RCA/Solid State Div., is also a proponent of the switched power supply school. And (text continues on p. 20)


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# POUJER <br> SENIICONDUCTORS 

## Comparison of Common Transistor Diffusions

| Process |  | Single-diffusion | Triple-diffusion <br> (annular) |
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The $\mathbf{2 0 - k H z}$ revolution. That's the term being used to describe the impact of switched-mode power supplies. Highspeed, high-voltage transistors and Schottky-barrier recti-
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## POUJER <br> SEMIICONDUCTORS



The endurance of the discrete power semiconductor. This estimate of U.S. semiconductor shipments by Texas Instruments shows discrete power devices retaining a constant percentage of the market over two decades. The chief reason for this longevity is that user demands for higher power handling capability are increasing at least as fast as the power capabilities of ICs.


Fueling the growth of discrete power semiconductors is their penetration into the consumer, computer, and industrial markets. The estimated $\$ 140$ million total for these market segments accounts for about $50 \%$ of the total world-wide market for silicon power devices in 1975. Supporting evidence for these figures appeared recently when Chrysler Corp. announced that it had purchased three million silicon power transistors from RCA for use in the electronic ignition systems of 1973 Chrysler, Plymouth, and Dodge automobiles. (Source: Texas Instruments)

## Indicative of what's coming down the pike in power hybrids

 is this power NAND gate from Motorola. This prototype "sol-id-state relay" is in a 9-pin TO-3 package and can switch up to 10 A at 60 V .he sees the situation continuing to improve for the systems designer. "High volume production of highvoltage, high-speed transistors for automotive ignition systems will lower prices even more and further boost the switching regulator market."

Another advocate of switched power supply design as the wave of the future is Dave Cooper of International Rectifier. In fact, Cooper enthusiastically predicts that "there will not be a logic power supply for a major line in the foreseeable future that will not be a switching supply." While Cooper agrees on the importance of the high-speed transistor, he also draws attention to the Schottky-barrier rectifier diodes as an important factor in the popularity of switched mode supplies.

## If you can't beat them, . . .

If power devices have withstood the assault of ICS, the power guys haven't been above borrowing a trick or two from the monolithic side of the house. The result is a growing number of hybrid power circuits, ranging from Darlingtons and dual Darlingtons to complex, very high-power functions. Most of the major manufacturers are very interested in this hybrid approach, and there is evidence of growing acceptance on the part of the users. RCA's Ralph Hartz points to the power handling capabilities and the ability to mix technologies as the real strong points of power hybrids. Although generally more expensive than a discrete design, hybrids do offer real savings in inventory and assembly costs. In fact, Hartz contends that today's hybrids can successfully conpete on the basis of cost alone if the user is realistic and looks at the overall system cost.

All in all, the power semiconductor picture looks rosy. Of course, a new development could come along and change things drastically, but right now power semiconductor manufacturers are too busy building devices to worry about that eventuality.


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## DIGITAL READOLTS COLRSE <br> PART 6

## Multiple line displays deliver big messages

Stephen A. Thompson, Western Editor
Sometimes a single row of characters will not suffice to carry your message. Although that precise point of changeover is hard to define, engineers recognize it when they see it. The abandonment of pure numerics in favor of alphanumerics often coincides with this expansion. Because there is more to say, it's difficult to comprehend more than a few numerics at a time, and the incremental cost of going to alphanumerics is a smaller percentage of the system cost than in one-liner applications.

Panel, multi-line, or $\mathrm{X}-\mathrm{y}$ character matrix displays can take advantage of many technologies. Such display systems and subsystems tend to be complex, very often custom. In this area, much more so than in few-digit cases, the application dictates the display choice. The "Readouts Illustrated" page in this chapter indicates the diversity. In most of the applications, it is difficult to see how a better choice could have been made.

This chapter begins with plasma panels, which span the small- to medium-size range. The best known is the Burroughs SELF-SCAN ${ }^{\circledR}$ panel, which can range from a single line to a full-fledged terminal panel. The Owens-Illinois type of plasma panel uniquely combines a plasma dot matrix with projected images. This approach can save a system designer untold dollars of software and hardware graphics generation costs.

Plasma panels have progressed rapidly. Plasma panel manufacturers have taken dead aim on the area where cRTs would constitute over-kill, and as resolution improves and size expands, these firms hope to compete across the board. But their competition is not without resources. A small, flat, 2-in. wide CRT made by GTE Sylvania has the same 512character capability as the larger plasma panels. With this terminal GTE Sylvania hopes to compete head-to-head with plasma for the same terminal sockets.

An undisputed CRT digital display application is the home tv set. Services provided by Catv operators include increasing amounts of digital data in the form of stock quotes, weather, etc. MSI Television describes a system that incorporates such services.

Finally, we look at a method of displaying very large characters, indoors or outdoors. The electromechanical disc or bar provides a rugged, allweather, all-color solution for stock exchanges or stadium scoreboards. And, although routine testing rarely includes explosion survival, such a display, made by Ferranti-Packard for the Montreal Stock Exchange, was operative after an explosion blew out one wall and moved another six inches.

The next, and final, chapter will talk more about CRTS, outdoor displays, and an experimental led matrix. It will also include an exam on digital displays. You can convert your knowledge into a certificate for successful course completion.

## Multiple line displays:

## the SELF-SCAN plasma panels

Richard Saxon<br>Burroughs Corp., Plainfield, NJ

One of the displays filling the application gap between a series of single-character readouts and 1,000-character CRTS is the Burroughs' SELF-SCAN® panel. These eight-to-512-character display subsystems operate entirely from digital logic level signals and interface with standard 5-V DTL, TTL, or MOS ICS.
Among the advantages and characteristics are the following:
$\square$ Although this display requires an ionization potential of about 250 V dc for reliable operation, it needs only 15 mA for a 16 -character panel display.

The incorporation of the x - and y -axis addressing and high voltage drive functions into the subsystem eliminated $90 \%$ of the external components formerly required by gas discharge panels. The inclusion of the necessary character generation and scan control circuits completely overcomes the engineering inconvenience of driving high-voltage displays in a typical logic system.

The user's logic level voltages propagate the glow discharge from cell to cell in a linear scan.

This narrow, front-panel-mounted, self-contained assembly has only six data inputs (USASCII) representing the display character plus a single data entry clocking pulse.
Characters are written by addressing anode wires with 250 V simultaneously with a glow priming ionization at a cathode. The intersection of the anode and cathode determines where a dot is to appear. To accomplish this timing, the system clock pulse that controls glow priming, also connected to the character generator, controls its output.

The internal character generator ic converts 6 bits of data and a clock pulse into a dot matrix character format. The character is made available column-bycolumn, 7 bits in parallel, to match the scanning requirements. The system must present input data in a serial-by-word, parallel-by-bit format. A typical data source would be six 16 -bit shift registers in parallel or the multiplexed outputs of a parallel-type circuit.
The display can be elongated by adding more cathodes, or heightened by adding front and rear anode sets and a taller cathode matrix sheet. The scanning method remains the same: as length increases, however, more phases are required to insure sufficient time for gas deionization before re-energizing the same bus. (A fixed number of buses and a
(Continued on p. 26)

the interface design only concerns standard $5-\mathrm{V}$ digital logic levels.

## CRTs

Easily the most common digital display panels are cathode ray tubes. A Tektronix 613 storage display (a) is shown combined with a hard copy printer. The CATV display from MSI Television (b) continuously displays data from randomly changing sources in a segmented, variable color format. The $2-i n$. wide Sylvania Digisplay panel (c) eliminates the CRT's major drawback, volume. The Raytheon unit (d) is shown in an air traffic control application.

## PLASMA PANELS

Thin, flat plasma panels form characters from a matrix of tiny gas discharge cells. Burroughs SELF-SCAN (a) panels cover a range from eight to 512 characters. For a credit verification application, the Owens-Illinois panel (b) combines rear-projected images with digital data formatting.

## INDOOR-OUTDOOR

Many people view displays at long distances. The Ferranti-Packard electromagnetic disc-type Special Status Board (a) installed at the Pentagon offers inherent memory, unlimited color variation and a wide size range: Three 65-ft. tall Conrac pylons (b) at the Ontario Motor Speedway use the more traditional incandescent lights to display the lap number and the top nine cars.

fixed panel scan rate implies that the time until a cathode re-energizes decreases as the number of cathodes increases.)

Multi-row panels can be scanned sequentially. If each row is scanned 80 times $/ \mathrm{s}$, each cathode has to be scanned at higher speeds. For example, two rows would require a 160 scans $/ \mathrm{s}$ rate, with the reduced duty cycle lowering the light output. It is better to scan all rows simultaneously using one anode driver per line. For economy, the character generator can

Three functional sections correspond to the three glow discharge phenomena that combine to produce a display. The parts are glow scan-scan anodes and the rear side of the cathodes; glow priming-the tiny cathode strip apertures, and glow display-display anodes, center insulating sheet with display cavities, and the front side of cathode strips. The structure is hermetically sealed and the envelope is filled with a primarily neon gas mixture, similar to NIXIE $^{\text {mic }}$ tubes.

During glow scan, a glow that is invisible to the viewer is established behind the reset cathode and transferred sequentially down the length of the panel, from cathode to cathode. This is analogous to scanning the entire face of a CRT in one sweep. Glowing priming allows the glow to be drawn from the scan side of the panel to the viewing surface. As the glow scans past the rear of each cathode, metastables diffuse through the apertures and prime, or pre-ionize, gas in the display cavity. (Metastables are gas ions, which when raised to a certain energy level, are unable to return to the ground state without interacting with other particles. In the SELF-SCAN panel, neon metastables ionize atoms of an additive gas upon collision.) The glow display phenomenon occurs when front anodes are addressed synchronously with glow scan and glow priming to establish a visible glow in the display cavities. At 80 Hz , glows illuminate and extinguish above the flicker perception rate. A matte black finish on the insulating sheet enhances contrast and reduces reflected light.

Current between the keep-alive anodes and cathodes establishes a permanent discharge in the keep-alive grooves Metastables from those discharges diffuse into the scan grooves behind the reset cathode. To initate a left to right scan, a counter is reset, which grounds the reset cathode and causes ionization in the seven scan grooves behind it. The seven scan anodes are bused to +250 V through seven current limiting resistors. The next clock pulse advances a three-phase counter, which grounds every third cathode on bus \#1 and returns the reset cathode and all other cathodes to +100 V dc. Ionization rapidly forms a discharge behind cathode 1 and is no longer supported at the reset cathode. Metastable concentration decays such that the glow only transfers to the nearest grounded cathode. Once ionization occurs, current flow in the cell drops the anode voltage to a level that will support, but not initiate, ionization at any other cathode anyhow. Sequentially grounding the three buses linearly propagates the glow discharge along this gas discharge shift register.

The typical display anode circuit couples the display anode to the $250-\mathrm{V}$ supply through a current limiting resistor to display a dot. When the character generator indicates that no dot should be displayed, the circuit clamps the display anode at 120 V , which is below either the ionization or the sustaining voltage.
be multiplexed among the rows of characters. While data for one column is displayed, data for the next column can be processed through the character generator and put into the storage register.

Panels with over 14,000 cells ( 77 rows of 192 columns) are available for graphic applications. Only 5V logic level signals are required to drive the panel subsystem. Gray scale is wide with variable intensity for individual dots ranging from several foot-lamberts to over $300 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{L}$.


# Multiple line displays: ac plasma panels 

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The ac plasma display panel forms graphic and alphanumeric images with an array of coincident addressable gas discharge elements. This technique can greatly reduce the digitizing or generation of complex graphics, which can make a system prohibitively expensive. Because the elements are bistable, they can also store images and eliminate display-associated bulk memory in a system. The panel's thin physical structure allows images to be superimposed from behind the panel. Slides, films, and photographs can be projected onto the display face.

A sufficiently high voltage applied across an electrode intersection gap will exceed the gas breakdown threshold and establish a light-emitting gas discharge. It is apparent from the figures that a continuous de discharge cannot be maintained, because the resulting charge flow to the insulating end walls of a cell continuously reduces the gap voltage until the discharge extinguishes.

If the polarity of the applied voltage reverses at the proper time, the residual wall charges enhance the reversed gap voltage and produce another discharge. A sufficiently high alternating voltage produces a sequence of pulsed discharges, once every half cycle. A typical pulsed light emission rate is 100,000 pulses/s.

Once a discharge develops, the applied voltage that will sustain the discharge sequence is less than the initiating voltage, because the wall charges from the first discharge provide a substantial part of the voltage required to create the next discharge. The plasma cell is bistable, i.e., a voltage range exists that will maintain, but not initiate, a discharge. To sustain an image on the panel, all electrodes are effectively connected in parallel and an ac voltage in the bistable range is applied across the entire panel. Off cells cannot initiate a discharge, and on cells maintain their discharge sequence. Discharges are confined by local electric fields at electrode intersections.

Addressing is a process of changing the wall volt-
age at a cell. To write into a cell, a write signal augments the sustaining voltage at that cell.

Ideally, reducing wall voltage to zero erases a cell. A non-zero wall voltage below some critical level will be further reduced in subsequent discharges until the combined wall voltage and sustaining voltage cannot support a discharge.

The display's inherent memory eliminates the need to refresh, thereby avoiding flicker. High contrast images exhibit uniform quality over the entire panel. Present display systems accept serial information at the rate of $50,000 \mathrm{~b} / \mathrm{s}$, and selectively write or erase any cell. Systems have been built that accept $800,000 \mathrm{~b} / \mathrm{s}$ by addressing 16 cells in parallel. Development programs point to million-element displays, densities up to 10,000 per square inch, and multi-color capability.


Plasma display panel structure. Sets of parallel, orthogonal electrodes are deposited on two glass substrates. Thin layers of dielectric material cover each electrode set. The small gap left between layers is filled with gas. Each intersection of two electrodes defines a single gas discharge site, or cell. The portions of the dielectric layers at the intersection are the cell walls.


Cell voltage waveforms. A sustaining voltage pattern is continuously applied to all cells. This sustains the discharge in on cells, but will not initiate any new discharges. To write into a new cell, additional voltage combines with the sustain volt-
age and initiates a discharge. To erase a cell, voltage is superimposed at a different time during an erase cycle. The bulk erase signal blanks the entire display.


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## Multiple line displays: flat CRT panels

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Among the various advantages of the flat panel, multiple-beam CRT are the following:
$\square$ The digital nature of the display permits it to handle input signals from digital equipment with minimum interfacing.
$\square$ Physical alignment of the switching plates provides a distortion-free, stable display. Since multiplexing increases individual beam dwell time, brightness is enhanced.

This type of display has random scan capability, i.e., the time required to change the beam position is

Controlling electron beam planar grids. The area cathode (a) emits thermionic electrons. A positive voltage on the beam-forming plate attracts them up to and through the plate. Its holes initially form and position 17,920 separate electron beams. If voltage permits, these beams pass through axially aligned aperture holes in the four subsequent switching plates and the beam forming plate, before illuminating a spot on the phosphor screen.

Each aperture (b) acts upon a beam independently. The first switching plate is the row selector plate. The upper half divides into eight independently controlled horizontal row electrodes, each containing a hole pattern seven holes high and 160 holes long ( 32 characters). Applying positive or negative voltage passes or repels all beams in a given row. The bottom half of the plate divides similarly, and corresponding rows in both halves, such as rows one and nine, are connected. Since messages start at the top row, a positive voltage appears on rows one and nine, passing all beams in those rows. All other row electrodes carry a negative potential and repel all other beams.

The column selector plate splits into a series of 32 vertical electrode bars arranged in four groups of eight each. Each bar has a pattern five holes wide and 112 holes high. Every eighth bar is connected, i.e., rows 1, 9, 17, 25, etc. The voltage sequence starts with a positive voltage on the common first column of each group. All other columns are negative. The first two plates define eight beam bundles (character positions), each seven beams high and five beams wide.

The row bit selector plate subdivides each of the row electrodes of the first (row selector) plate into seven separate bit bars. Corresponding bit rows in every character row are connected, resulting in seven leads to this plate. The row bit selector begins scanning only the very top row of beams. Only the top row bit electrode in each row is positive, reducing the beam bundles to eight discrete ribbons of beams, each one beam high and five beams wide.

The column bit selector plate subdivides each of the vertical character columns into five bit bars. Each group of eight character columns has five leads. Each lead connects corresponding column bit positions in each of the eight character columns. The four groups should result in 20 leads, however, this plate is split similarly in half to the first plate, so there are 20 top leads and 20 bottom leads.

The column bit selector plate individually controls each of the 40 beams to produce the top dot(s) necessary for the desired characters. Selected beams pass through this plate and the beam focusing plate to strike the phosphor and produce the partial display shown at the bottom of the figure.
independent of the distance between two beam positions. Random scan permits a reduced frame rate without flicker.
$\square$ Simultaneous data inputs can be assigned to different portions of the display.

Originally, the Northrop Corp. developed such a display, calling it DIGISPLAY®. Now GTE Sylvania Inc. is working on a commercial product version designated the FTA-512, for Flat Tube Alphanumeric, 512-character.

The basic display element of the FTA-512 is a stationary electron beam. An area cathode supplies electrons, which form multiple small beams and are accelerated through a series of axially aligned aperture plates toward a phosphor screen. A sufficiently negative potential on any aperture repels the beam, in which case the phosphor emits no light. Since none of the deflection components of conventional CRTS are used, the result is a 2 -in. thick display.


Sequencing proceeds through top bit rows of each column, then the top bit rows of each remaining character row, then the second bit row of the top character row, etc. The 68 leads go to the following plates: cathode, 2; beam forming plate, 1 ; switch plate \#1, 8; \#2, 8; \#3, 7; \#4, 40; beam focusing plate, 1; and high voltage anode, 1.

The multiple switching plates inside the tube reduce the number of leads necessary to address the required apertures of each character's dot matrix. Proper electroding of four plates permits 63 external leads to generate $512,5 \times 7$ dot matrix characters in 16 rows of 32 characters each. The appropriate electrode patterns on the switch plates also permit simul-


Only 2-in. wide, this CRT panel makes an unobtrusive desktop terminal.

## Multiple line displays: electromagnetics

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Offering systems with over 20,000 characters and in unlimited display board size, electromagnetic displays are an attractive option for implementing large designs. This type of display reflects ambient light, comes in any color, ranges in character height from 1-18 in., and has inherent memory.

Color flexibility can clearly separate data and provide alternating backgrounds to ease reading a particular row. Different character colors clearly segregate columns of data. Customers can add or change fixed titles. Legibility in high ambient light is good.

Dot matrix characters and continuous matrix panels with character sizes of 2.7 to 4.1 in . are coincident current addressed. Two control coils, each on an iron core, drive the two poles controlling the position of each disc. Coils interconnect in horizontal rows and vertical columns. A $200-\mu$ s pulse on a row and a column causes the disc at the intersection to change. Current magnitude is not critical because the magnetic circuit uses a gating principle rather than algebraic addition of ampere turns. The operating cur-
taneous addressing of several beams, thereby increasing brightness.

For a given display application, the number of switching plates, number of external leads, electroding patterns, capacitance, and writing rate are all system design parameters.


Basic switching principle for flat CRTs. An electron beam that encounters an electrode with a positive potential can continue on its path if it is properly aligned with a hole in the electrode. If it encounters a negative potential, it will be repelled and, therefore, cannot reach the phosphor screen.
rent must exceed a minimum value, yet can be up to three times this value. A 40 -module display panel has only 156 connections to the control windings for 1400 dises.
The display's inherent memory greatly reduces the electronics. Data is written sequentially, so only one set of logic and drive circuits accommodates any system size. A system can expand greatly without adding any electronics. A complete controller that accepts asciI input code weighs only 68 lb . and occupies about $5 \mathrm{ft}^{3}{ }^{3}$

## Financial applications

The Montreal Stock Exchange System was installed in 1965. This typical application was 18,720 characters formed from 483,840 dots. Important data is shown with $2.7-\mathrm{in}$. high characters formed from 5 x 7 dot matrices. Other data is shown with 1.9-in. high, $3 \times 5$ dot matrix characters.

Power dissipation and reliability were major selection criteria. Information retention in case of a power failure or interruption was also very important. One disc failure per character does not cause ambiguity. A display board with 8400 disc assemblies has an anticipated mtBF of about one year.

Average power dissipation is less than 1 kW . Data changes at about 140 characters/s through a single controller, and there is a standby control. Elec-
tromechanical systems would have needed many parallel controllers to attain this speed and would have introduced a weight and space problem. Electromagnetic displays weigh about $8 \mathrm{lb}-\mathrm{ft}^{2}$, including framing and cabling. Light-generating displays present significant air conditioning and maintenance problems and dramatically increase operating and backup power.

Operating experience shows that only about 150 disc assemblies per year $(0.03 \%)$ are changed, notwithstanding an explosion in 1969 that perforated one board and distorted the framework on others by up to 6 in. Fortunately, there were no fatalities, but damage to the building was considerable. The wall adjacent to the blast virtually disappeared, while a wall 160 ft . away moved several inches. The next morning, this rugged display system was ready for
operation, except for the perforated board.
The American Stock Exchange's special requirements called for a new 1 -in. high, 7 -bar character visible at 50 ft . A 40,000 -character system was needed, visible from at least 25 ft ., but with a minimum of obstruction between traders and their associates on the ends of the floor, so hand signals could be seen.
Two 160 -character/s controls, with a drive capability of over 100,000 characters (including backup and changeover units), fit into a $7-\mathrm{ft}$., $19-\mathrm{in}$. rack. Two 0.7 -in. diameter signal cables service each post. Average power consumption is about 100 W .

The excellent visibility in full sunlight, light weight, and low power requirements make this an ideal outdoor display for traffic control, sports, etc. At night they re illuminated like advertising billboards.


A 1-in. high, 7-bar character application. A short electrical current pulse in the switching coils sets the polarity of the stator magnets. The remnant magnetic field of these stator magnets interacts with the permanent barmagnet field to expose or retract selected bars. Even if the bars are physically moved, the remnant magnetism returns them to their set state. The indicator bars rotate about 30 degrees.


One of the eleven six-sided display posts at the American Stock Exchange.

## Multiple line displays: CRTs in cable TV

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The cable tv industry (Catv) provides viewers with systems designed for completely automatic color Tv program production. It uses existing news, stock quotes, and weather forecast services originally intended only for hard copy teleprinter terminals. Systems also incorporate locally generated services such as weather, company identification, time, calendar,


The basic alphanumeric character generator required for all services. The sync generator board begins with a master clock frequency of 14 MHz and provides both basic timing for all electronics and the composite EIA color video signal at the output of the video board. It outputs two sets of drive signals consisting of $3.58-\mathrm{MHz}$ subcarrier, composite sync, composite blanking, horizontal drive, vertical drive, and burst flag. One set of drives, source terminated outputs, are available at the rear panel of the chassis for driving external peripherals such as a flying spot scanner or a TV camera. That equipment, in turn, provides a synchronous external video input to the character generator for advertising purposes The second set of drives is used in the character generator

The character generator board sends digital data representing the characters viewed on the TV screen to the video board. At the video output stage, the incoming data is added to one of three color backgrounds generated by individua hue generators. External video input provides isolation and clamping.

The resulting signal is processed with EIA blanking and composite sync. Synchronous external video can be mixed with the digital data in the video output circuit. A preview video output aids in composing and previewing locally generated keyboard messages prior to display on the program output of the system.

The character control logic board is the heart of the system, since it provides all clock and memory signals, display
region pulses, and $X$ and $Y$ address information. The $X f$ information provides the address for each of the 32 characters on a row. Likewise, the Yf information is the address of each row of characters. The Xf and Yf circuit logic can offset addresses to produce a roll or crawl mode. The roll and crawl offset information is generated on each plug-in interface/memory board and will only affect the region where that information is displayed on the TV screen. Thus, different segments of the screen can provide roll, crawl, or static displays simultaneously in single height or double height characters. The character control logic board also provides all memory clock signals, character generator clock signals, and special YC information for the ROMs on the character generator board. YC information determines which bit groups are read on specific 2:1 interlaced (A/B fields) TV raster scan lines.

The character generator board produces the $10 \times 14$ dot matrix characters. The input is six level ASCII. At the appropriate time, a given interface/memory board is commanded to load one character row of information into the character generator one-line memory. As the data circulates in the buffer, the ROMs are addressed and the appropriate dot pattern is read into the parallel to serial shift registers. Each ROM stores 64 characters or symbols. One stores all numerics; the other, all punctuation. The serially shifted data is processed to provide cursor location and flash capability for a given letter, word, or row of information, then forwarded to the video board for processing.
and keyboard entries, which might include a community events schedule, tv program guide, or classified advertising.
Flexibility of TV raster display formats and the necessity to combine several different program services on one tv channel, or on several tv channels, present
unique system design considerations. The MSI DATACASTING ${ }^{\circledR}$ System illustrates such a system, which readily adapts to any Tv rf distribution system serving apartments, schools, commercial, industrial, or military facilities. Broadcast tv stations are also potential users.


Local weather interface subsystem option. These five boards provide as many or as few weather functions as each customer wants. The fixed title board provides permanent readouts for identifying the service or sponsor and for titles such as temperature, humidity, etc. The remaining boards interface to the weather sensors, sampling logic, and data storage registers. Three incoming signals, temperature probe, barometer probe, and humidity probe, are analog and share a common A/D converter. Each sensor is sampled every 34 s and its input enters a temporary storage register. Each new
sample is compared with the previous one, which is stored in a separate register. If the new sample differs, the memory register is updated. If it is identical, it is discarded. At predetermined times, each register presents its information for readout onto the common ASCII data bus, which is the input to the character generator. Indications such as arrows for rising or falling readings and daily highs and lows are also possible. Abbreviated day and month alphas are stored in a PROM.

## Generating characters for phototypesetting

## David W. Pinkney

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In phototypesetting and TTS (teletypesetting) tape perforating machines, SELF-SCAN ${ }^{\text {® }}$ displays represent a reasonably priced alternative between blind keyboarding, where the operator verifies his key-
board input by "reading" the holes in the tapes, and a typewriter, with its attendant cost and mechanical problems.

In the CompuWriter, our most popular typesetting machine, the SELF-SCAN is used as illustrated. It is loaded at the same time keyboard char-

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acters are shifted into the 256 -character line memory. As characters enter the 32 -character display on the right, all previously entered characters shift left one position. Though the display shows only the last 32 characters, the last 256 are stored in the line memory. This aids other functions, such as line canceling.

There are three canceling functions. Cancel character blanks the display and reloads it up to, but not including, the cancelled character, effectively shifting the display one position to the right. Cancel word shifts all characters off the display to the right, including the last word space. Cancel line shifts all characters off the display to the right, except the last
return code. This causes the last 32 characters of the previous line to be displayed. The line display feature causes all characters in the present line to shift through the display at a readable rate. It is used to proofread lines of more than 32 characters before photographing the line.

Machines sold in the U.S. can generate 64 different characters. Machines sold abroad contain a 128character generator with all foreign alpha characters, including accented characters, monetary symbols, etc. The user gets a $96 \times 7$-bit prom programmed to select 96 of the 128 characters of his choice. This enables all displays to be programmed for each country's keyboards.


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## International standards may be the key to a much wider market in the future.

Christopher P. Kocher, Assistant Editor.


People often have difficulty relating abstract ideas to concrete decisions. And to many, including systems engineers and management types, standardization, particularly international standardization, is no more than an abstract idea. But we are entering a time when many people claim that the most successful manufacturer or designer will be the one who designs his product with an eye to a broad international market
Is this because the American market for electronic goods is drying up? Hardly. "Electronics-1985" a "report on the future," ${ }^{\prime \alpha}$ sponsored by the Electronic Industries Association, projected consumption of electronic equipment in the U.S. jumping from $\$ 28.3$ billion in 1970 to $\$ 80.9$ billion in 1985 -a healthy jump indeed. But the same study predicted that the non-U.S. market would jump from $\$ 28.5$ billion in 1970 to $\$ 123.9$ billion in 1985. Thus, although the U.S. market for electronics will continue to increase, foreign markets will increase even faster. Standards can either inhibit or promote foreign trade.
Moreover, Richard O. Simpson, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Product Standards, claims that "The 70 s will be a critical decade for international standards. The number of international standards written will increase dramatically in the '70s, and these standards will be used:'

These two observations suggest that now is the time for manufacturers who have not already done so to start learning the implications of international standardization.

## But what is standardization?

Unfortunately, the related concepts of standardization, certification, and metrication are hopelessly tangled together in the minds of many.

[^1]Simpson: The critical standards decade will

Hoppe: Many countries will take an IEC publication, put a front page on it, and call it a national standard.

Paul Hoppe of the Amphenol Industrial Div. of Bunker-Ramo Corp., who speaks about international standards with both knowledge and authority, defines standardization as simply "getting the maximum usage from the minimum number of parts." This is a good definition because it recognizes that standardization is more than just an abstract Christian virtue; it can be an engineering concept as well.

This definition also brings out the most apparent dol-lars-and-cents implication of standardization. The key idea is economics of scale: manufacturers can produce a limited variety of goods more efficiently than they can produce a wide variety of goods in moderate quantities.

## Who sets standards?

Standards are set in three ways: by edict, by de facto acceptance in the marketplace, or by negotiation and arbitration. They vary in scope from corporate through national and international; they may be voluntary or compulsory; specific or performance oriented; realistic or naive.

A standard "set by edict" is practically synonymous with a national standard set by the government. Government standards, which often regulate quality or performance in an effort to protect the user, are usually compulsory. Ideally, government standards should reflect mature consideration of technical factors; in practice they are sometimes politically motivated or even arbitrary.

De facto standards determined by user preference are seldom compulsory, although in many instances they might as well be. As Harry Kleinburg, RCA's director of Corporate Standards Engineering, points out, "If you want to become an entrepreneur and design and sell lightbulbs with a left-handed thread you're perfectly free to do so. There's no law that says you can't. But anybody with any sense won't buck the wellentrenched standard of the right-handed thread."

If a single manufacturer (or manufacturers from a single country) introduces a device that is innovative, important, and produced quickly in sufficiently large

quantities, its specifications may become de facto standards. In the past, the U.S. has been so technologically precocious that many of her standards have been accepted worldwide. Thus, $12-\mathrm{in}$. phonograph records and $1 / 4$ - in. magnetic tapes are accepted as standards even in countries that are predominantly metric.

If two manufacturers simultaneously develop and market devices that do the same job in different ways, it is possible that both will be accepted; thus, you can buy both 45 and 33 rpm phonograph records. But for some goods the community of users protects its interests by accepting one scheme as a standard and rejecting all incompatible schemes. Although RCA, Columbia, and several others have developed different schemes for encoding quadraphonic stereo on discs, only one of these schemes will ultimately survive.

It is an unfortunate and basic fact of life that not all governments, manufacturers, or communities of users accept the same or even compatible standards. The third method of setting standards, negotiation, sometimes (and only sometimes) offers a means of reconciling diverse standards. A number of national, multinational and international bodies ${ }^{\circ}$ exist for the expressed purpose of harmonizing the standards of various nations; the two most noteworthy international bodies are the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

Paul Hoppe, Secretary to IEC Technical Committee 48 (TC 48) for Electromechanical Components, describes how IEC operates "One country will cite the

[^2]need for a certain type of component. The chairman requests countries submit proposals for components that will satisfy that need, and as secretary I distribute these proposals world-wide and receive comments. Following comments and discussion at the next meeting, I can be instructed to issue a secretariat document, also for comment. If comments are positive, the next step is the preparation and distribution of a six-month rule document; this is the most critical review of the proposed product for IEC recommendation. Should there remain any segment of the proposal that must be clarified, we issue a two-month rule document. When comments are received on the two-month rule document, the committee accepts the final version or amends it accordingly. The Editing Committee for English and French Translations prepares it for publication, and the amended proposal then becomes an IEC recommendation. The average time from proposal to publication is about two years." Hoppe emphasized that IEC publishes recommendations, not standards.

Clearly, negotiation is the only standard-setting mechanism that can result in a homogeneous set of world-wide standards.

## Why bother?

If we accept the argument that international trade is desirable, we must accept the need for some sort of international standardization. Divergent standards inhibit trade by partitioning the world market for certain items into so many equivalence classes: thus, because the three countries use different encoding schemes, color tv sets that are popular in France cannot be sold in Germany; those popular in the U.S. cannot be sold in France; manufacturers in any of these "equivalence classes" could reduce their production costs substantially if they could sell one product to all three countries.

But are standards differences an important barrier to American participation in international trade? In the past, they haven't been. The U.S. metric study has indicated that adherence to U.S. standards is far from the most important barrier inhibiting the acceptance of U.S. exports. In fact, the study indicates that some customers buy U.S. goods because they are manufactured to U.S. standards. Nonetheless, President Nixon's advisors in international trade relations have estimated that approximately $10 \%$ of all non-tariff trade barriers are standards related.

## Important Acronyms

ANSI American National Standards Institute, Inc.
IEC International Electrotechnical Commission
ISO International Organization for Standardization
CEN European Committee for Standardization
CENEL European Electrical Standards Coordinating Committee THE Technical Help to Exporters (U.K.)


An American pot with a $1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. shaft will not fit a standard 6 mm hole. Will American component manufacturers lose their place in the growing international market if they fail to pay more attention to international standards?

In the past, U.S. manufacturers have been rather unexcited about international standardization efforts for several reasons. First, American technical precocity has meant that for many products, American standards became the de facto international standards. Where standards differed, the American standards were generally more demanding than similar foreign standards; compliance to American standards was often a "Mark of Excellence" and did not lock American goods out of foreign markets.
Second, the U.S. has been the largest homogeneous market in the world. For this reason many European manufacturers produced goods for export to the U.S. even when U.S. standards differed from their own.

## An Engineer's Garden of Standards

You're designing an electronic sys-tem-say an electronic sforlitz sifter. Although you know that there will be a good domestic market for your final product, you and your company have decided that you can sell almost as many sforlitz sifters abroad, since the foreign market is growing. You would like, therefore, to design a sforlitz sifter that will meet various foreign standards as well as the domestic standards that you know well. Where do you find specific information on foreign standards for electronic goods, and what kind of information can you hope to find?

Although there is a bewildering alphabet soup of national and international bodies that write and coordinate technical standards, your first contact should probably be ANSI (the American National Standards Institute, Inc., 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018. (212) 868-1220). Although ANSI does not write standards, it coordinates American national standards and represents the interests of the U.S. voluntary standards system in programs carried out by non-treaty organizations such as the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).

Through ANSI you can also contact Technical Help to Exporters (THE), a joint venture of the British Standards Institution and the British Department of Trades and Industry, which oper-
ates on a membership and a consulting basis.

ANSI has a catalog that will tell you which ANSI or international standards cover the sforlitz sifter you're designing, and they can tell you where to get copies of those standards. THE can tell you if a country has national standards that go beyond the international standards.

If no standards for your product exist in the country you plan to sell to, what you do next depends on the country. In the Soviet Union you deal with the government. If there is an existing standard, they'll probably accept that standard; if there is none, they'll write their requirements into the standard as in a procurement specification. In a country like West Germany, on the other hand, you would have to check with the authority having jurisdiction over similar equipment for which standards do exist. You may have to submit the device to their testing organization and let them dream up a set of performance and safety tests. In either case THE can help; they know who has jurisdiction and can advise you of the proper procedure.
Suppose you obtain a copy of the standards governing your sforlitz sifter and you happily note that your product complies $100 \%$. Unfortunately, that's not the end of the game. Before you can actually sell your product in a
foreign country, its compliance with the standard must be certified. You might be able to get your sforlitz sifter certified in this country, but many countries accept only the imprimatur of their own certification facilities. Moreover, there may be other regu-lations-shipping or packaging regulations for instance-that pertain to your product.

How do you thread your way through an unfamiliar and sometimes obscure maze of foreign regulations to be sure that your product won't be turned back at the port of entry? THE engineers travel all over the world, consulting with foreign authorities, and THE compiles digests country by country, for major categories of equipment, spelling out foreign import regulations and translating foreign codes and standards into English. They publish and sell the digests to inquirers.

If you have a question the digest can't answer, THE also maintains an inquiry service. For members, the service is free if it doesn't take over an hour-and-a-half of an engineer's time to find the answer; for non-members and for over an hour-and-a-half's work, they charge about $6 \mathbb{E}$ an hour. If THE finds that a number of organizations are interested in similar information they will put together the same sort of report a consulting firm would give, spreading the cost over all the interested parties.

American manufacturers, on the other hand, were not motivated to produce goods to different foreign standards because there was no single homogeneous market large enough to be worth wooing.

But both of these philosophies are rapidly losing their validity. Since the world consumption of electronic equipment is now growing faster than American consumption, it is unrealistic to assume that all innovations, and hence all standards, will come from the U.S. As RCA's Kleinberg points out, "Once you can no longer set standards by being first and best you had better start negotiating."

And diverse foreign markets are starting to coagulate into homogeneous markets that rival the size of the

American market. As William McAdams, president of the U.S. National Committee to IEC relates, "Western Europe has committed itself to unifying its market. The most powerful force in the development and use of international standards is the harmonization program for standardization being carried out in Western Europe. When the Common Market and European Free Trade Association were formed in 1960, they recognized the need to eliminate differences in standards. They immediately formed two European Standard-Coordinating committees: CENEL for electrical standards and CEN for standards in other fields. ... It is going to be sometime before this huge market area has the uniformity in standards that we have in the U.S., but the com-

mitment there to make maximum use of international standards is beginning to work." In 1967, American manufacturers got their first unpleasant taste of what it's like to be on the outside. England, France, and Germany formed a tripartite agreement for the mutual certification of electronic components. Their standards threatened to exclude certain components made to American specifications.

But the implications of the growing homogeneity of the European market could affect more than the U.S. export market. Foreign manufacturers who have been manufacturing for smaller domestic markets will undoubtedly expand to meet the demands of the larger common market; the larger markets will enable them to achieve product cost reductions that could make their products competitive for export to the United States. Thus, international standards agreements, even those to which the U.S. is not a party, could have an indirect effect on domestic sales.

The U.S. would benefit from a unified world market even if the standards of that market were different from her own standards. But truly international standardization would offer certain other advantages; oEms could look to foreign as well as domestic suppliers for multiple sourcing; engineers would not have to waste time reinventing systems already designed by foreign engineers, and manufacturers would not have to stockpile a separate set of components and replacement parts for foreign equipment.

## Do standardization agreements really standardize?

But even if we agree that international standardization is the greatest thing since sliced bread, we must ask "how effective are current standardization efforts?" How many of the standards recommended by the IEC and agreed to by its members are, in fact, implemented by the member nations?

McAdams: In order to sell in the world of the future, you're going to have to comply with international standards.

In 1971, the German Committee for Standardization DNA (Deutscher Normenausschuss), studied ISO standards produced up to a certain date and found that fewer than $25 \%$ of the standards that had been produced were, in fact, used.

But things are improving. According to Paul Hoppe, "Many countries will take an IEC publication, put a front page on it, and call it a national standard." Developing nations are generally quick to adopt IEC or ISO standards; it saves them the expense of developing their own.

But developed nations are also starting to accept IEC and ISO standards. William McAdams notes that "The European standards coordinating committees, CEN and CENEL, use ISO and IEC standards as a base where practical. . . . Since all CEN/CENEL members are members of ISO and IEC, they constitute a strong, well-prepared voting bloc. As a result, more and more of the standards coming out of ISO and IEC are being accepted by Western European countries as their national standards."

But according to McAdams, "For years we've had an unwritten position in the U.S. committee that we'll support a document if we can meet it. This is a lot different from saying we're going to accept the document. If our product is better than what IEC requires, then we'll accept the IEC document and then try to persuade the customer that our product is much better than anything required by the international standard. But we're reevaluating that whole approach now, to determine if it's still a position we can stand by."

Other countries protest that the U.S. is imposing an unfair nontariff barrier by requiring standards tougher than the international agreement. They feel that if a country does not intend to use a document, it should cast a negative vote, and once a document is passed, all countries should do what they can to help the document, whether they voted for or against it. Negative votes and the reasons for them may be recorded in the prefaces of IEC documents.

But there are some standards conflicts that can't be resolved, no matter how sincere the negotiations. As an example, American line current is $110 \mathrm{~V}, 60 \mathrm{~Hz}$, while European line current is $220 \mathrm{~V}, 50 \mathrm{~Hz}$. The IEC can issue recommendations until Hell freezes over and it won't change that fact because both continents have a lot of money invested in power distribution equipment and the cost of changing from one system to the other would obliterate any possible benefits. Some people

## Factors DETERRING U.S. Exports of Machinery, Instruments,

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Factors PROMOTING U.S. Exports of Machinery, Instruments, and Other Measurement Sensitive Products
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Kleinberg: Once you can no longer set standards by being first and best you had better start negotiating.
would interpret such unresolvable conflicts as flaws in the argument for standardization, but they aren't. In fact, they make a strong argument for negotiating international standards, and for negotiating them as soon as possible, before divergent technologies can become well-entrenched.

## Is the U.S. serious about standardization?

According to McAdams, American participation in international standards work has grown substantially in the past several years; he estimates that participation quadrupled from 1962 to 1972. Although depth of participation is sometimes lacking, he notes that U.S. delegates to standardization conferences are highly respected, especially in electronics.

Simpson agrees that standardization activities have been supported by technical people, but feels that people who make funding decisions are just beginning to get the message; standards just isn't a "sexy subject."

Kleinberg agrees that while management may see the necessity for standardization, they can't get excited about it. "People often shrug off standardization as being like motherhood," he says, "which gets me upset every time. For one thing, motherhood isn't that popular any more; it's been given a bad name by Mrs. Portnoy, the mother who so dominated the life of her son that she stunted his development as a man. But effective standards should promote, not inhibit, the development of a technology."

Yet in the U.S. it is particularly important that people who make funding decisions understand and support standardization activities. The U.S. government is the only government in the world that does not financially support its National Standards Institute. Although a Bill (S 1798) introduced into the Senate could provide money for non-profit organizations engaged in international standardization activities, ANSI and the U.S. National Committee to IEC are currently supported by member corporations. Moreover, membership in ANSI is com-
pletely voluntary. Simpson estimates that of the 400 odd organizations around the U.S. that write standards in the private sector, only about 165 are members of ANSI.

As Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Product Standards, Simpson has been trying to encourage more recognition of the role of ANSI and more support of ANSI as a coordinating organization. In a recent series of industrial conferences sponsored by ANSI, Simpson pointed out to his audience of company presidents that ANSI was representing their companies, doing work for their companies in international standards. The response has been positive; ANSI picked up new members and is starting to operate in the black.

The major reason why executives have been slow to realize the value of standardization activities is that nobody has yet succeeded in putting a dollar value on the potential value of international standardization. Some of the benefits can be easily quantified; you can tally up the savings derived when you use a standard drawing or design for both domestic and international use instead of making two separate designs. But other numbers are more elusive: how much do you save when you avoid double stocking of similar parts? What does the availability of a wider array of second sources mean to you in dollars?
It.would be nice to have such a number, to be able to say, "Since full cooperation with IEC and ISO recommendations will save American manufacturers $x$ billions of dollars a year, you should cooperate." But when the U.S. Metric Study tried to answer a question of a similar scope, namely, how much would the U.S. benefit by changing to the metric system, the study took over two years, cost over a half-million dollars, and came up with only a general figure for benefits. Any estimate of the monetary benefits of standardization would be at least as expensive to determine and possibly more difficult to defend. It would be simpler and cheaper to merely accept the fact that greater international standardization is a desirable end, and to work toward that end with all deliberate speed.

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| MC1430G | M 5000.00000 | 1.00 |  | 3.50 | motorola | 318 | M 150.00000 | 60.00 | 10.0 | 4.95 | adanced micro devices |
| HA911-5 | M 750.00000 | 2.00 | 10.0 | 3.50 H | harris | 2014 | M 30.00000 | 0.50 | 5.0 | 4.95 | advanced micro devices |
| ULN-21780 | M 0.80000 | 0.20 | 15.0 | 3.57 | sprague | 207 | M 30.00000 | 0.50 | 5.0 | 4.95 A | advanced micro devices |
| ULN-2178M | M $\quad 0.80000$ | 0.20 | 15.0 | 3.57 | SPRAGUE | 715 C | M 400.00000 | 20.00 | 6.0 | 4.95 A | advanced micro devices |
| ULN-21760 | M 4.00000 | 1.50 | 15.0 | 3.57 | Sprague | LH0042CH | H 0.01000 | 3.00 | 10.0 | 4.95 | national semiconductor |
| ULN-2176M | M 4.00000 | 1.50 | 15.0 | 3.57 | Sprague | 3503 A | H 0.00500 | 5.00 | 30.0 |  | Burr-brown |
| ULN-2151H | M 10.00000 | 0.60 | 15.0 | 3.59 | sprague | 709 AE | M 200.00000 | 0.30 | 10.0 | 5.00 | teleoyne semiconductor |
| ULN-21516 | M 70.00000 | 0.60 | 15.0 | 3.59 S | Sprague | MC1558G | M 200.00000 | 0.80 | ***** | 5.00 | motorola |
| RM4558t | M 200.00000 | 0.50 | 3.5 | 3.60 | Raytheon | MC1558L | M 200.00000 | 0.80 | **** | 5.00 | motorola |
| LM1558H | $M \quad 200.00000$ | 0.50 | ***** | 3.65 | NATIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR | RM747t | M 500.00000 | 0.50 | 6.0 | 5.00 | raytheon |
| LM7410 | M 1500.00000 | 0.50 |  | 3.65 | NATIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR | RM4741 | M 500.00000 | 0.50 | 6.0 | 5.00 | raytheon |
| MONOPOICJ | M 40.00000 | 15.00 | 4.5 | 3.65 | PRECISION MONOLIthics | RM4131T | M 30.00000 | 2.50 | 3.5 | 5.00 | raytheon |
| ULN-2139H | M 250.00000 | 4.20 | 15.0 | 3.68 | Sprague | MIC709A | M 100.00000 | 0.40 | 2.0 | 5.00 |  |
| ULN-2139G | M 250.00000 | 4.20 | 15.0 | 3.68 | sprague | 101 | M 120.00000 | 0.50 | 3.0 | 5.00 | intersil |
| CA3008A | M 2500.00000 | 3.00 | 1.2 | 3.72 | RCA | 101A | M 30.00000 | 0.50 | 3.0 | 5.00 | intersil |
| 55709 | M 200.00000 | **** | 6.0 | 3.75 | Signerics | 8007 C | 0.00050 | 6.00 | 20.0 |  | intersil |
| LM741C0 | M 200.00000 | 0.50 |  | 3.75 | National semiconouctor | 55741 | M 80.00000 | 0.50 | 20.0 | 5.00 | Signetics |
| MCC1558-2 | $M \quad 200.00000$ | 0.80 | ***** | 3.75 | matorala | Sss201AJ | M 50.00000 | 0.40 | 5.0 | 5.05 P | Precision monolithics |
| RM709A | M 200.00000 | 0.40 | 3.0 | 3.75 | RAYTHEON | 555207 J | 50.00000 | 0.40 | 5.0 | 5.05 P | precision mondithics |
| SG748T | M 500.00000 $M$ | 0.50 | 7.0 10.0 | 3.80 3.90 | SILICON GENERAL TELEDYNE SEMICONOUCTOR | 1319-01 | M 30.00000 | 0,60 | 3.0 | 5.10 T | TELEONE PHILERICK |
| LMP47CH | M ${ }_{\text {M }}$ 2000.00000 | 0.50 0.50 | **** | 3.90 3.90 | NATIONAL SEMICONOUCTOR | 202 |  |  | 15.0 10 | 5.10 5.10 | INTERSIL INTERSIL |
| MC1741G | M 200.00000 | 0.80 | 3.0 | 3.90 | matorola | 5S57418J | M 30.00000 | 1.50 | 4.5 | 5.10 ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | Precision monolithics |
| AM1660 | M 1.50000 | 0.20 | 10.0 | 3.90 | advanced micro devices | ULS-21576 | M 35.00000 | 0.60 | 15.0 | 5.11 s | sprague |
| ULN-21576 | M 70.00000 | 0.60 | 15.0 | 3.93 | sprague | ULS-2157H | 35.00000 | 0.60 | 15.0 | 5.11 S | sprague |
| ULN-2157H | M 70.00000 | 0.60 | 15.0 | 3.93 | sprague | toattil | M 10.00000 | 1.00 | ***** | 5.20 T | transitron |
| CA3747T | M 80.00000 | 0.50 | 2.0 | 3.95 | RCa | T0A7748 | M 10.00000 | 10.00 | ***** | 5.20 T | transitron |
| SG1217CT | M 500.00000 | 0.50 | 10.0 | 3.95 | Silicon general | 1300 | M 300.00000 | 3.00 | 5.0 | 5.20 T | teledyne philbrick |
| SG747CT | M 500.00000 | 0.50 | 10.0 | 3.95 3.95 | SIIICON GENERAL | MC1712G | M 2500.00000 L | 1.50 | 2.5 | 5.25 M | motorola |
| SG741T | M 500.00000 | 0.50 | 7.0 | 3.95 | SIIICON GENERAL | MC1712L | H 2500.00000 | 1.50 | 2.5 | 5.25 M | motorola |
| LM3160 | M $\quad 0.15000$ | 0.20 | 40.0 | 3.95 | NATIONAL SEMICONDHCTOR |  | M 10.00000 | 0.13 | 5.0 | 5.25 R | Raytheon |
| LM3100 | M 7.00000 | 30.00 | 10.0 | 3.95 | national semiconouctor | ULN-21716 | M 30.00000 | 1.50 | 15.0 | 5.29 S | sprague |
| 741 | M 200.00000 | 0.50 | 6.0 | 3.95 | INTERSIL | ULN-2171H | M 30.00000 | 1.50 | 15.0 | 5.29 S | sprague |
| 748 4422014 | M 120.00000 | 0.50 | 3.0 | 3.95 | INTERSIL | ULN-2173H | M 7.00000 | 0.30 | 15.0 | 5.29 S | sprague |
| Haz201A-4 | M 75.00000 | 0.50 | 3.0 | 3.95 | marris | ULN-21736 | 7.00000 | 0.30 | 15.0 | 5.29 S | sprague |
| haz107-3 | M 500.00000 | 0.50 | 3.0 | 3.95 | marris | HA2207-4 | 75.00000 | 0.50 | 3.0 | 5.40 H | harris |
| MUA741A | M 500000000 $M 00.00000$ | 0.50 0.50 | 7:0 | 3.95 3.95 | FAIRCHILD | ULN-2178G ULN-2176G | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { M } \\ \mathrm{M} & 0.80000 \\ 4.00000\end{array}$ | 1.20 1.50 | 15.0 15.0 | 5.42 S 5.42 S | Sprague |
| Lmiol | M 500.00000 | 0.50 | 3.0 | 3.95 | fairchild | ULN-2178H | ${ }_{0} .80000$ | 0.20 | 15.0 | 5.42 5 | Sprague |
| SSS741GJ | M 45.00000 | 1.50 | 4.5 | 3.95 | Precision monolithics | LM747H | M 1500.00000 | 0.50 | **** | 5.45 N | NATIONAL SEmiconductor |
| \% 741 | M 80.00000 | 0.50 | 5.0 | 3.95 | advanced micro devices | SS57476K | M 45.00000 | 0.70 | 4.5 | 5.45 P | PRECISION MONOLITHICS |
| ULN-2177M | M $\quad 0.80000$ | 0.20 | 15.0 | 3.96 | Sprague | SS51558 | H 40.00000 | 1.50 | 5.0 | 5.45 P | PRFCTSION MONOLITHICS |
| CAG741T U $N$-21770 | M $\quad 80.00000$ $M \quad 0.80000$ | 0.50 0.20 | 2.0 15.0 | 3.96 3.96 | RPAAGUE | Sce2250 | 10.00000 | 0.20 | 4.0 | 5.50 S | silicon general |
| ULN-21770 ULN-2175M | M $\quad 0.80000$ <br> 4.00000 | 0.20 1.50 | 15.0 15.0 | 3.96 3.96 | Sprague | MC1435 114 | M $M$ $\begin{array}{r}1200.00000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 0.67 | 3.0 2.0 | 5.50 M 5.50 | MOTOROLA INTERSII |
| ULN-21750 | 4.00000 | 1.50 | 15.0 | 3.96 | Sprague | 114 A 8022 C | 20.00000 30.00000 | 0.20 | 2.0 15.0 | 5.50 I 5.50 | INTERSIL |
| Lm301af | M 30.00000 | 0.50 | 30.0 | 4.00 | national semiconductor | MC1712F | M 2500.00000 | 1.50 | 2.5 | 5.50 M 5.70 | motornla |
| $\begin{array}{r} M C 1741 \mathrm{~L} \\ 201 \mathrm{~A} \end{array}$ | $M$ $M$ $\begin{aligned} & 200.00000 \\ & 30.00000\end{aligned}$ | 0.80 0.50 | 3.0 3.0 | 4.00 4.00 | MOTOROLA INTERSIL | $1339-02$ 8008 C | M <br> M $\begin{aligned} & 150.00000 \\ & 5.00000\end{aligned}$ | 34.00 0.50 | 5.00 15.0 | 5.75 T 5.80 | TELEDYNE Philbrick INTERSIL |


| MODEL H/ | $\text { H/M } \begin{gathered} \text { BIAS } \\ \text { nA } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | SLEW V/ $\mu \mathrm{s}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DRIFT } \\ & \mu \mathbf{V} /{ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { COST } \\ & \$ / 100 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | T manufacturer |  | MODEL | H/M | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { BIAS } \\ & \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SLEW } \\ & \mathbf{V / \mu \mathbf { s }} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | IFT COST MANUFACTURER |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ULN-2177 | H M 0.80000 | 0.20 | 15.0 | 5.81 | sprague |  | MC1520F | M | 800.00000 | 5.00 | 2.0 | 8.00 | motorola |
| ULN-2175G | G M 4.00000 | 1.50 | 15.0 | 5.81 | sprague |  | 208 | M | 0.80000 | 0.30 | 3.0 | 8.00 | intersil |
| ULN-2175H | H M 4.00000 | 1.50 | 15.0 | 5.81 | Sprague |  | 308 A | M | 1.50000 | 0.30 | 1.0 | 8.00 | intersil |
| ULN-21776 | $6 \mathrm{M} \quad 0.80000$ | 0.20 | 15.0 | 5.81 | sprague |  | 3056101 | M | 200.00000 | 1.20 | 5. | 8.00 | GURR-brown |
| S6777 | T M 75.00000 | 0.50 | 3.0 | 5.85 | Silicon general |  | 35018 | M | 5.00000 | 0.20 | 5.0 | 8.00 | burr-brawn |
| RM101 $T$ | I M 1500.00000 | 0.50 | 6.0 | 5.85 | raytheon |  | 35008 | M | 10.00000 | 1.00 | 3.0 | 8.00 | burr-brown |
| CA 3033 A | A M 100.00000 | 3.00 | 0.6 | 5.88 | RCA |  | 1413 | H | 2.00000 | 0.60 | 20.0 | 8.00 | TELEDYNE PHILBRICK |
| toaz 2725 | 5 M 42.00000 |  | 2.0 | 5.90 | transitran |  | 1421-01 | H | 0.01000 |  | 20.0 | 8.00 | teledrne philbrick |
| MC1433F | F M 500.00000 | 0.80 | 10.0 | 5.90 | motorola |  | RC116T | M | 0.01500 | **** | ***** | 8.20 | raytheon |
| CA3078AT | IM 7.00000 | 0.02 | 6.0 | 5.94 | RCA |  | RC118t | M | 600.00000 | 50.00 |  | 8.20 | raytheon |
| SG101T | T M 500.00000 | 0.50 | 3.0 | 5.95 | silicon general |  | L144CL | M | 125.00000 | 0.40 | 3.0 | 8.20 | sliticonix |
| M725CH | H M 125.00000 |  | 1.0 | 5.95 | national semiconductor |  | L144CP | M | 125.00000 | 0.40 | 3.0 | 8.20 | siliconix |
| LM101H | H M 1500.00000 | 0.50 | 5.0 | 5.95 | natinal semiconductior |  | AD504J | M | 50.00000 | 0.20 | 0.5 | 8.40 | analog devices |
| LM3180 | O ${ }^{\text {M }} 600.00000$ | 50.00 | 40.0 | 5.95 | national semiconductor |  | MC1530G | M 3 | 3000.00000 | 1.00 |  | 8.50 | motorola |
| Lmzolaf | F M 20.00000 | 0.50 | 5.0 | 5.95 | national semiconductor |  | MC15316 | M | 25.00000 | 1.00 | **** | 8.50 | motorola |
| Lmpuiau | M 20.00000 | 0.50 | 5.0 | 5.95 | natinal semiconductior |  | MC15356 | $M 1$ | 1200.00000 | 0.67 | 3.0 | 8.50 | motorola |
| LM2070 | D M ********* | 0.50 | 15.0 | 5.95 | national semicondictor |  | 102 | m | 3.00000 | **** | 6.0 | 8.50 | intersil |
| HA2605-5 | 5 M 25.00000 | 4.00 | 5.0 | 5.95 | HARRIS |  | 110 | M | 1.00000 |  | 0.0 | 8.50 | INTERSIL |
| Ha2625-2 | 2 M 25.00000 | 20.00 | . 0 | 5.95 | harris |  | SG1250 | M | 10.00000 | 0.20 | 4.0 | 8.50 | siticon general |
| mUATT7A | A M 75.00000 | 0.50 | 3.0 | 5.95 | fairchild |  | 1422-01 | H | 0.01500 | 8.00 | 50.0 | 8.50 | teledyne philbric |
| CA30600 | O M 2500.00000 | 8.00 | 1.1 | 5.95 | RCA |  | LH0041CHG | H | 50.00000 | 6.00 | 3.0 | 8.50 | national semiconductor |
| 101 toal458 | 1 M <br> M <br> 120.00000 <br> 80.00000 | 0.50 0.50 | 5.0 | 5.95 6.00 | ADVANCEO MICRO DEvices |  | ULS-2173M | M | 1.50000 | 0.30 | 15.0 | 8.60 | Sprague |
| TOA1458 | $8 \mathrm{M} \quad 80.00000$ | 0.50 |  | 6.00 | transitron |  | ULN-21730 | M | 1.50000 | 0.30 | 15.0 | 8.60 | sprague |
| TOA1747 | 7 M <br> M <br> 80.00000 <br> 3.00000 | 0.50 30.00 | 6.0 | 6.00 | transitron |  | ULS-2171M | M | 8.00000 | 1.50 | 15.0 | 8.60 | Sprague |
| LM210H | H M 3.00000 | 30.00 | 6.0 | 6.00 | national semiconductor |  | ULS-21710 | M | 8.00000 | 1.50 | 15.0 | 8.60 | sprague |
| RMA1310 | M 30.00000 | 2.50 | 3.5 | 6.00 | raytheon |  | LM4250H | M | 10.00000 | 1.00 | 10.0 | 8.75 | National semiconductor |
| MLM210G | $6 \mathrm{M} \quad 1.00000$ | 30.00 | 6.0 | 6.00 | motorola |  | SS5841GL | M | 45.00000 | 0.50 | 5.0 | 8.75 | PrFCiSIon monotithics |
| MCC1536-2 | $\begin{array}{llr}2 \mathrm{M} & 8.00000 \\ 4 \mathrm{M} & 500.00000\end{array}$ | 2.00 | **** | 6.00 | Motiorola |  | SG4250T | M | 10.00000 | 0.20 | 4.0 | 8.75 | SIIICON GENERAL |
| $\begin{array}{r} 9314 \\ 101 \mathrm{~A}=\mathrm{LN} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rr} 4 \mathrm{M} & 500.00000 \\ \mathrm{~N} & \mathrm{M} \\ 80.00000 \end{array}$ | 30.00 0.40 | 10.0 25.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 6.00 \\ & 6.00 \end{aligned}$ | OPTICAL ELECTRONICS INTERSIL |  | L140CA MUA 776 A | M | 100.00000 50.00000 | 0.20 0.70 | 900.0 3.0 | 8.80 8.83 | SILICONIX FAIRCHILD |
| ADS02k | K M 3.00000 | 0.40 | 40.0 | 6.00 | intersil |  | ULS-21780 | M | 0.30000 | 0.30 | 15.0 | 8.90 | FAARCHILD |
| 741 K | K M 50.00000 | 4.00 | 5.0 | 6.00 | INTERSIL |  | ULS-2178M | M | 0.30000 | 0.30 | 15.0 | 8.90 | sprague |
| A 0502 KH | H M 2.00000 | 1.00 | 7.0 | 6.00 | analog devices |  | ULS-21760 | M | 1.30000 | 1.50 | 15.0 | 8.90 | sprague |
| AD741L | L M 30.00000 | 0.50 | 1.0 | 6.00 | analng devices |  | ULS-2176M | M | 1.30000 | 1.50 | 15.0 | 8.90 | sprague |
| 210 | $0 \mathrm{M} \quad 1.00000$ | 30.00 | 10.0 | 6.00 | advanced micro devices |  | LM2160 | M | 0.15000 | 0.20 | 40.0 | 8.95 | national semiconductor |
| LH0002C | $2 \mathrm{M} \quad 3.00000$ | 20.00 | 10.0 | 6.00 | advanced micro devices |  | LM212H | M | 2.00000 | 0.30 | 3.0 | 8.95 | national semiconductor |
| LH0002C ADS | C H 500.00000 | 160.00 | 33.0 | 6.00 | NATIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR |  | LM101AD | M | 100.00000 | 0.50 | 15.0 | 8.95 | National semiconductor |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD512S } \\ & \text { ULN }=2156 \mathrm{H} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { S H } \\ \mathrm{H} & 40.00000 \\ \mathrm{M} & 15.00000\end{array}$ | 0.50 | 25.0 | 6.00 | analog devices |  | SG21189 | M | 2.00000 | 0.25 | 15.0 | 8.95 | Silicon general |
| ULN-2156G | G M 15.00000 | 2.50 | 15.0 | 6.32 | Sprague |  | SG208T | M | 2.00000 | 0.25 | 15.0 | 8.95 | SILICON GENERAL |
| NE533V | $\checkmark \mathrm{M} \quad 5.000000$ | ? 0.503 | 15.0 6.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 6.32 \\ & 6.35 \end{aligned}$ | SPRAGUE <br> SIGNETICS |  | MONOPUIHP SSS208J | M | $18.00000$ | 15.00 0.20 | ? 1.0 | 8.95 8.95 | PRECISION MONDLITHICS |
| MC15206 | M M 800.00000 | 5.00 | 2.0 | 6.50 N | motorola |  | $\mathrm{HA} 2602=2$ |  | 25.00000 | 4.00 | 5.0 |  | Precision monolithics |
| NE536T | T M 0.01000 | 6.00 | 20.0 | 6.50 | Signetics |  | Hat262-2 | M | 25.00000 | 30.00 | 5.0 | 8.95 | Harris |
| 1421 | $1 \mathrm{H} \quad 0.01500$ | 5.00 | 20.0 | 6.50 | teledyne Philbrick |  | Ha2107-2 | M | 75.00000 | 0.50 | 3.0 | 8.95 | harris |
| NE531V | V M 400.00000 | 35.00 | 6.0 | 6.50 | Signetics |  | 555212J | M | 0.80000 | 0.10 | 1.5 | 8.95 | prfcision monolithics |
| NES31T | T M 4 400.00000 | 35.00 | 6.0 | 6.50 | SIGNETICS |  | 212 | M | 0.00000 | 0.20 | 1.0 | 8.95 | ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES |
| MONOPO1HJ | J 18.00000 | 15.00 | 2.0 | 6.60 | pricision monolithics |  | 208 | M | 0.80000 | 0.20 | 1.0 | 8.95 | advanced micro devices |
| RC7 SSS S 250 | M 75.00000 |  | 3.5 | 6.75 | RAYThesn |  | 208 A | M | 0.80000 | 0.20 | 1.0 | 8.95 | advanced micro devices |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { SSS725CJ } \\ \text { MONOPOBCJ } \end{array}$ | J M $M$ $\begin{aligned} & 40.00000 \\ & 0.17000\end{aligned}$ | 0.01 | 1.4 | 6.75 | PRFCISION MONOLITHICS |  | T0A7747 | M | 10.00000 | 1.00 |  | 9.00 | transitron |
| MONOPOIGJ | M 40.00000 | 5.01 | 3.0 | 6.75 | precision monolithics |  | SSs725CP |  | 40.00000 | 0.01 | 1.4 | 9.00 | PRECISION MONOLITHICS |
| SS57416L | M 45.00000 | 1.50 | 4.5 | 6.80 | PRECISION MONOLITHICS |  | SSS201AL |  | 5.1700 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 9.00 | PRECISION MONOLITHICS |
| SSS8416P | M 45.00000 | 0.50 | 5.0 | 6.85 | PRECISION MONOLITHICS |  | SSS201AL SSS207L | M | 50.00000 50.00000 | 0.40 0.40 | 5.0 5.0 | 9.00 | PRECISION MONOLITHICS |
| NE533T | 1 M 5.00000 | 0.03 | 6.0 | 6.85 | signetics |  | SSS7418L | M | 30.00000 | 1.40 | 4.5 | 9.00 | PRECISIIN MONOLITHICS |
| SSS201AP | M 50.00000 | 0.40 | 5.0 | 6.85 | Prfcision mon lithics |  | LH740AC | H | 0.10000 | 6.00 | 5.0 | 9.00 | national semiconductor |
| SSS7418P | M 30.00000 | 1.50 | 4.5 | 6.85 | Precision monolithics |  | A0513k | H | 0.00600 | 40.00 | 10.0 | 9.00 | analng devices |
| Sss207P | M 50.00000 | 0.40 | 5.0 | 6.85 | PRECISİN MONOLIthics |  | tOA3748 |  | 30.00000 | 10.00 | 6.0 | 9.20 | transitron |
| LM216H | H M 0.15000 |  |  | . 95 | national semiconductor |  | to43741 | M | 4.00000 | 1.00 | **** | 9.20 | transitron |
| LM1010 | M 1500.00000 | 0.50 | 5.0 | 6.95 | national semiconductor |  | 1323 | M | 5.00000 | 20.00 | 30.0 | 9.25 | TELEDYNE Philbrick |
| Ha2705.5 | M 40.00000 | 10.00 | 5.0 | 6.95 | harris |  | MUNOPO1GP | M | 40.00000 | 15.00 | 4.5 | 9.25 | precision monolithics |
| 3053/01 | 1 M 200.00000 | 1.20 | 15.0 | 6.95 | burr-brown |  | HA2704-4 | M | 20.00000 | 10.00 | 5.0 | 9.35 | HARRIS |
| MONOPOSCJ 216 | M 0.15000 | 0.20 | 30.0 | 6.95 | AdVanced micro oevices |  | MUNOPO5CY | M | 1.80000 | 0.25 | 0.4 | 9.45 | Precision monolithics |
| MONOPO5CJ ADSOTJ | M 1.80000 | 0.25 | 0.4 | 6.95 | PRECISION MONOLITHICS |  | 3227103 | H | 80.00000 | 1.50 | 20.0 | 9.50 | BURR-BROWN |
| ADS01J | H 15.00000 | 35.00 | 15.0 | 6.95 | analog devices |  | AD500J | H | 0.00500 | 0.00 | 30.0 | 9.50 | analog devices |
| 8017 C 4250 C | C M 50.00000 | 130.00 | 10.0 | 7.00 | intersil |  | AD516 J | H | 0.01000 | 40.00 | 30.0 | 9.50 | analog devices |
| $4250 C$ $M U A>02 A$ | C M 7.00000 | 0.16 | 5.0 | 7.00 | intersil |  | ULS $=2174 \mathrm{H}$ | M | 1.50000 | 0.30 | 15.0 | 9.60 | sprague |
| MUA 702 A AD 208 | A M 5000.00000 | 3.50 | 10.0 | 7.00 | fairchilo |  | ULS-2172H |  | 8.00000 | 1.50 | 15.0 | 9.60 | sprague |
| A0208 AD308j | \% M 0.80000 | 0.30 | 3.0 | 7.00 | analog devices |  | ULS-2172G | M | 8.00000 | 1.50 | 15.0 | 9.80 | sprague |
| AD308\% 1422 | , M 2.00000 | 0.30 | 3.0 | 7.00 | analog devices |  | ULS-2174G | M | 1.50000 | 0.30 | 15.0 | 9.60 | sprague |
| LHOOOS $\begin{aligned} & 1422 \\ & \end{aligned}$ | $2 \mathrm{H} \quad 0.05000$ | 8.00 |  |  |  |  | 1426 | H | 0.02500 | 3.00 | 50.0 | 9.75 | teledyne philbrick |
| LH0005C RM116T | $\begin{array}{lr}\text { C } \\ \text { H } \\ M & 20.00000 \\ 0.15000\end{array}$ | 0.30 | 20.0 | 7.00 7.10 | NATIINAL SEMICONDUCTOR RaYtheon |  | 117 | M | 60.00000 0.30000 | **** | **** | 9.80 | INTERSIL |
| CA3006080 | M 250.15000 | 8.00 | 1.1 | 7.10 | Raytheon |  | ULS-21770 ULS-21750 |  | 0.30000 1.30000 | 0.30 1.50 | 15.0 15.0 | 9.90 | Sprague |
| SN52107L | M 75.00000 | 0.50 | 3.0 | 7.20 | texas instruments |  | ULS-2177M | M | 0.30000 | 0.30 | 15.0 | 9.90 | sprague |
| 2515 | 5 M 125.00000 | 40.00 | 30.0 | 7.35 | INTERSIL |  | ULS-2175M | M | 1.30000 | 1.50 | 15.0 | 9.90 | sprague |
| 2525 | (125.00000 | 80.00 | 30.0 | 7.35 | INTERSIL |  | 10503 | M | 0.01000 | 6.00 | 30.0 | 9.90 | intersil |
| ULS $=21740$ | 5 M 125.00000 | 20.00 | 20.0 | 7.35 | INTERSIL |  | 3500 R | M | 10.00000 | 1.00 | 5.0 | 9.90 | burr-brown |
| ULS-21740 ULS-2174M | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { M } & 1.50000 \\ M & 1.50000\end{array}$ | 0.30 | 15.0 | 7.44 | Sprague |  | 3501 R | M | 5.00000 | 0.20 | 5.0 | 9.90 | burr-brown |
| ULS -2174 M 1324 | M M 1.50000 | 0.30 | 15.0 | 7.44 | sprague |  | T0A7709 | M | 10.00000 | 0.50 | 6.0 | 9.95 | transitron |
| 1324 | 4 M 300.00000 | 25.00 | 30.0 | 7.50 | TELEDYNE PHILBRICK |  | LM101AF | M | 100.00000 | 0.50 | 15.0 | 9.95 | national semiconductor |
| LH201H | H 500.00000 | 0.50 | 6.0 | 7.50 | national semiconductor |  | LM2120 | M | 2.00000 | 0.30 | 15.0 | 9.95 | national semiconductor |
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Of course, both methods (soldering

and plug-in) have advantages and disadvantages that must be considered. Weighing the pros and cons, Augat's Marketing VP Richard M. Grubb contends that the alive method offers greater flexibility, better field service, and eliminates heat damaging effects due to soldering. He adds, however, that "the dead method is ideal for extreme environments where soldering and conformal coating is required. The carrier in this position acts as a heat shield.

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Typical data communication system


Other features include: data not available/underrun flag; data delimit/EOC flag; holding register empty; and programmable fill character with start and stop bit. The receiver has a match character holding register and also includes: tristate data outputs; data received, parity, framing, and overrun error flags; and match detect. The fifo is asynchronous and requires no special clocking. Its maximum data input/output rate is 1 MHz , with separate input and output enable. Register length can be expanded without external hardware. The 100 quantity prices are: PT1482 (P/SAT) 40 -pin DIP, $\$ 21.70$; PR1472 (P/SAR) $40-$ pin dip, $\$ 26.05$; Fifo 28 -pin dip, $\$ 23.00$. Western Digital, 19242 Red Hill, Newport Beach, CA 92663. (714) 557-3550.

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This new computer output device prints 8,000 lines $/ \mathrm{min}$. on ordinary paper. The EPI-100 printer uses an electrostatic method of depositing ink in a dot matrix directly onto paper. It prints in a number of upper and lower case fonts, as well as graphics and foreign languages. Speed is independent of line length, size of character set or code set. ElectroPrint, Inc., 10061 Bubb Rd., Cupertino, CA 95014.

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## ONE-CHIP CALCULATOR

The C-500 is for the low-cost 8-digit personal calculator market. It features four function operation, constant in all four modes, chain operations, and power calculations. Entries are made in algebraic form with floating point entry and results. The circuit is in a 24 -lead DIP and is easily interfaced with LeDs, gas discharge displays and fluorescent tubes. The unit contains its own keyboard bounce protection circuit. General Instrument Corp., Microelectronics Div., Box 800,800 W. John St., Hicksville, NY 11802.

## Circle Reader Service \#305

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## DC TO DC CONVERTERS



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Circle Reader Service \#308


BEAM-LEAD SCHOTTKY DIODE


Model 5082-2837 is the beam-lead equivalent of HP's 50822800 Schottky diode. It features fast switching, high breakdown voltage and low turn-on voltage. Prices are 99 c for small quantities, with lower prices for large volumes. The device has epitaxial, planar passivated construction making it mechanically rugged. Its leads are coplanar, gold-plated, and are 4 mils wide by $1 / 2$ mil thick for easy mounting. Breakdown voltage is 70 V ; reverse leakage current is 200 nA ; capacitance is 2 pF ; and its effective minority carrier is 100 ps maximum. Inquiries Manager, Hewlett-Packard Co., 1501 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94304.

Circle Reader Service \#309

## BACKPLANE TEST SYSTEM



The N151 is a self-programming system which will record all shorts and opens, in your nomenclature, on either a CRT display or a printer. Pin electronics are on "fixture cards" designed to mate with the backplane being tested. With multiple sets of fixture cards, you can test one backplane while setting up or servicing others. In normal use, a prototype or backplane known to be good is connected to the system, which automatically "learns" the network. A "run list" may then be printed for comparison against engineering drawings. When production backplanes are tested, the system records all wiring errors instantly on the CRT display and you can also get hard copy. The N151, including computer, CRT display and keyboard, Printec line printer, magnetic tape unit, and software, is $\$ 35,000$, plus $\$ 5$ per point for fixture cards. An economy version, with a Teletype substituted for the CRT display and line printer, is $\$ 25,000$ plus $\$ 5$ per point. Delivery is 12 weeks. Teradyne, Inc., 183 Essex St., Boston, MA 02111.

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## SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY FOR PDP-12

Users of the DEC PDP-12 laboratory computer system can now purchase solid-state, plug-compatible add-on memory. Buy 4 k of expansion memory at $\$ 2,850 ; 8 \mathrm{k}$ is priced at $\$ 4,050$. The add-on memory is expandable in 4 k increments to a total of 28 k . Signal Galaxies, Inc., 6955 Hayvenhurst Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406. (213) 988-1570.

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The 7D15 Universal Counter/Timer is a scope plug-in, which provides convenient counting and timing measurements with greater accuracy and confidence at a lower cost per measurement. Signals from the scope arm and control the counter/timer. The measured signal can be seen on the CRT along with the measurement interval and the counter Schmidt trigger signal. There are eight modes for this de-to225 MHz unit: time interval, time interval averaging, period, multi-period, frequency, frequency ratio, totalize, and manual stop watch. Resolution is 10 ns in single-shot time measurements, and is 100 ps in time interval averaging. Price is $\$ 1475$. Tektronix, Inc., Box 500, Beaverton, OR 97005

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## FAST CHARACTER GENERATOR

This 5,184-bit static character generator comes in a $64 \times 9 \times 9$ organization for use in vertical or raster scan displays that use a $7 \times 9$ matrix, printer character generators, panel displays and billboards, micro-programming applications, and code conversion. Called Model 2526, this device has ttl compatible inputs and outputs, and requires $+5-\mathrm{V}$ and $-12-\mathrm{V}$ power supplies. Features include a 450 -ns typical access time. Signetics Corp., 811 E. Arques Ave., Sunnyvale, Calif. 94086.

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SENSE AMP/LINE RECEIVER


This dual mos sense amplifier and line receiver replaces the SN75107 and SN75108 and is particularly suited for 1103 mos ram applications. The sense amplifier is the SN75207 and the receiver the SN75208. Tight $\pm 10 \mathrm{mV}$ input sensitivity makes these circuits well suited for mos memory sense amplifiers. Texas Instruments Inc., Inquiry Answering Service, Box 5012, M/S 308, Dallas, TX 75222.

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The TH9903 storage tube can store 16 million bits of digital information or the equivalent in Tv gray scale form for better than 20 minutes of continuous readout. The $2-\mathrm{in}$. dia. silicon target permits a resolution of 2700 Tv lines at $50 \%$ modulation level and a limiting resolution of 4300 TV lines per diameter. A special gun design permits fast erasing. Because the display function is separated from the storage system, the user can selectively edit the stored image or zoom in on any portion of the image. Tube operates with standard Vidicon hardware for such applications as buffer memory, high density data storage, or bandwidth compression. Contact Mme. J. Durand, Thomson. CSF, Groupment Tubes Electroniques, 8 rue Chasse-loup-Laubat, 75015 Paris, France.

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SEAL MOISTURE OUT


A new sealing technique provides environmental performance better than the most stringent military specs. Designed for equipment requiring ultra-reliable moisture seals, the C-21 connector uses individual pressure-sensitive seals attached to each contact-one at the rear where the wire is attached, and the other at the pin-socket interface. Pressure differentials improve the seal. Clamping pressure is not required to maintain seal integrity. The 158 rectangular connector is available for immediate delivery. Four other sizes, 52, 80,104 , and 212 to be introduced in next four months. Hughes Connecting Devices, 500 Superior, Newport Beach, Ca. 92663.

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CASSETTE DATA RECORDER


For portable or remote applications, the Series 201 high-density, low-power cassette recording system provides compact data logging and storage. Using a stepping motor drive, it provides incremental recording at a density of 615 $\mathrm{b} / \mathrm{in}$., yielding 2.214 million bits of storage on a single Phillips $300-\mathrm{ft}$. cassette tape. During recording the unit draws only 54 mA from the $12-\mathrm{V}$ supply. Maximum write speed is 180 steps/s. Price: \$425.00. Availability: 2-4 weeks aro. Contact Paul Nathan, Memodyne Corp., 369 Elliot St., Newton Upper Falls, MA 02164. (617) 527-6600.

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## SOLID-STATE KEYBOARD



The five standard roll-over features of the Super Switch Kevboard are: N-kes roll-over: N-key roll-over/two-key lockout; N-key lockout/two-key roll-over: two-key roll-over; and mechanical simulator. The Super Switch Kevboard has magnetic core switching. Contactless solid-state switches can be connected to a pe board, yet contain no electronics in the switches themselves. Easily replaceable switches can be pulled straight out after desoldering. Kesboard measures onls 0.666 in . from mounting surface to bottom of Pe board. Low power consumption: 300 mA max. 150 mA tipical drain. Contact John Pfeiffer. Licon. Div. Illinois Tool Works, Inc., 6615 W. Irsing Pk. Rd. Chicago. IL 60634. (312) 282 4040

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8-BIT SYNCHRO CONVERSION


This 8-bit ( $1.4^{\circ}$ ) synchro-to-binary conversion module offers an update rate of 5 ms and data transfer time of less than 100 ns from the output register included in the module. All inputs, including the reference, are transformer isolated. Mounted on a single PC card, the converter module occupies $5.7 \mathrm{in}^{3}{ }^{3}$. Can be used in position monitoring systems, servo readouts, and data acquisition systems. Price: from $\$ 295$ ( 100 pieces). From stock. Contact Norman Wheatcroft, Astrosystems Inc., 6 Nevada Dr, Lake Success. NY 11040. (516) 328-1600.

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## LIQUID CRYSTAL READOUT



These three-digit liquid crystal readouts draw only $10 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ at $30-40 \mathrm{~V}, 20 \mathrm{~Hz}$ to 10 kHz . Standard cmos driving ics are available from several semiconductor manufacturers. Standard units include 3 -, $31 / 2$-, and 8 -digit models. Each digit is separated by a decimal point. Specials are easily fabricated for particular applications. Price for a single three-digit evaluation unit: $\$ 50.00$, available immediately. Oem discounts for over 10,000 units. Radionics Laboratory Inc., Box 211 , Kingston, NJ 08528.

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## MINICOMPUTER ROMS



Model 401-30 "Q CORE" вом comes in three configurations: $512 \times 16,1024 \times 16$, and $2048 \times 16$. It is plug-toplug compatible with the Microdata 800 and features a 95 -ns access time and a $220-\mathrm{ns}$ cycle time. The $401-30$ is packaged on one PC board, $12.5 \times 8.575 \times 1.5 \mathrm{in}$, and cost for the $2 \mathrm{k} \times 16$ model ranges from $2.5 \mathrm{c} /$ bit to less than $2 \mathrm{c} /$ bit. The Model 401-31 is designed for applications requiring large storage capacities and fast access and cycle speeds. It features a storage capacity of $8196 \times 16$ and is plug-to-plug compatible with the Interdata Model 70. Access time is to 200 ns and cycle time is 600 ns. Cost per bit ranges from $2.2 \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{bit}$, to $0.8 \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{bit}$. Quadri Corp., 2950 W. Fairmont, Phoenix, AZ 85017. (602) 263-9555.

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## SS ABSOLUTE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER



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the hybrid ic process. Still another section provides circuit diagrams for such iCS as quad power drivers, analog switches, gated high-power drivers, hybrid linear pulse-power amplifiers, and more. Airpax Electronics, 6801 W. Sunrise Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33313.

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## Short form connector catalog

A condensed version of their full product catalog outlines Elco's total connector capability in just 20 pages, yet covers everything from a simple solder receptacle to a completely terminated package. Covered, for example, are Elco's back panel packaging, PressFit system, Varipost ${ }^{\text {t" }}$ connectors, cardedge connectors, sockets, rack-and-panel connectors, and more. Product writeups include features such as standard materials, platings, and center spacings. Elco Corp., Willow Grove Div., Willow Grove, PA 19090.

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## RCA's Databooks

It's time to order your 1973 edition of RCA's Solid State Databooks. For $\$ 10$ (\$12 after Dec. 31) you get complete technical data sheets and application notes for all RCA commercial solid-state devices as of Dec. 1972. This includes linear ics and mos devices, cos'mos digital ICS, power transistors and power hybrid circuits, rf power devices, and thyristors, rectifiers, and triacs. Not only that, but you'll receive RCA's "What's new in solid state" newsletter throughout the year, keeping you posted on the latest developments. Order your set now from RCA Solid State Div., Box 3200 , Somerville, NJ 08876.

## Troubleshooting digital ICs

HP's logic probes, logic pulsers, logic clips, logic comparators, and accessories are all described in this 20 -page brochure which discusses troubleshooting digital ICS while they're operating incircuit. The function of each product in the technique is discussed, and there are details on a typical operation, available options, and accessories. Hewlett-Packard Co., 1501 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94304

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## Disc testing guide

With the total systems man in mind, this 24 -page disc testing guide deals with the reasons for testing substrates, discs and packs, magnetic recording theory, dise characteristics, and magnetic recording techniques as well as


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Missing Bit Signal equipment selection and costing. It's all simplified with diagrams, illustrations and a glossary of test terms and abbreviations. There's also a cost estimate form so you can predict the cost of your own system requirements. Computest Corp., 3 Computer Dr., Cherry Hill, NJ Cicle Reader Service \#372

## Edmund's 1973 catalog

Everybody always looks forward to a new catalog from Edmund introducing hundreds of unusual and hard-to-find items for the engineer. This year's 164page edition, in addition to thousands of surplus bargains, contains such items as a noise pollution meter, a portable 8 digit electronic calculator selling for $\$ 149.50$, a desk-top 14 -digit display calculator for $\$ 259$, an underwater microphone, and an electronic thermometer! And, of course, optical items are always a specialty. Edmund Scientific Co., 380 Edscorp Bldg., Barrington, NJ 08007.

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## Display buyer's guide

In the form of an eye chart, this display equipment buyer's guide compares the appearance of Sperry displays with leds and Nixie ${ }^{\circledR}$ tubes. The chart outlines the factors you should consider when selecting display equipment, then goes on to discuss applications, brightness, appearance, viewing angle and distance, size, and life expectancy. Copies of the chart are available from Sperry Information Displays, Box 3578, Scottsdale, AZ 85257.

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## Toggle switch

Detailed in this data sheet is a new fast-action, 10 -position, bi-directional toggle switch from Digitran. Photos and drawings illustrate the switch, and features and operation are explained. There are complete performance specs, dimensional drawings, and truth tables illustrating several of the 18 available standard output codes. The Digitran Co., 855 S. Arroyo Pkwy., Pasadena, CA

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## Fairchild's MOS handbook

A must for all semiconductor libraries is this 300 -page mos handbook from Fairchild. With the cost and design goals of the system planner in mind, Fairchild takes a look at mos product evaluation, design alternatives, and development costs and timing. Their handbook examines all these planning

factors as they relate to moslsi in general and, in particular, to optimos, a Fairchild acronym for optimum mos in terms of capability and application, and their method of exercising all major mos cost and design options. Write on company letterhead for your handbook to Fairchild Camera \& Instrument Corp., 464 Ellis St., Mountain View, CA 94040.

## Systems power supplies

Six series of power supplies for systems applications are reviewed in a 24 page catalog. In addition to product information you'll find data on accessories, variations, case sizes, options, and a complete line of voltage references with long term stabilities better than 10 ppm and temp. coefficients of 1 $\mathrm{ppm} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Dynage Inc., 1331 Blue Hills Ave., Bloomfield, Conn. 06002.

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## 1973 A/D-D/A catalog

Datel's comprehensive 36-page cata$\log$ contains detailed electrical and mechanical information on a line of data conversion products that form the basic building blocks for many forms of data acquisition, data analysis, data reproducing and graphic display equipment.


Diagrams and text fully cover ultraminiature $\sqrt{ } \mathrm{D}$ and D a converters, accessory op amps, sample-and-hold amplifiers, analog multiplexers, miniature dc power supplies, and a line of modular and rack mount data acquisition systems. Datel Systems Inc., 1020 Turnpike St., Canton, MA 02021.

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Electronic packaging
Three different packaging techniques are described in this 8 -page capabilities brochure. You'll read about SAE's plugin packaging method using PC cards and cages, their planar system based on IC logic panels, and their Dipstik method, a self-contained plug-in modular package for ICS. You'll learn when to use which service, and how these services save you money. Get full details from Stanford Applied Engineering Inc., 340 Martin Ave., Santa Clara, CA 9.5050.

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and practical design methods for increasing gain and power, de to rf conversion efficiency, bandwidth, transistor lifetime, circuit mtbF, and low-noise performance. Get your copy of the Rf Capacitor Handbook from American Technical Ceramics, 1 Norden La., Huntington Sta., NY 11746.

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## Socket cards

Socket cards holding up to 70 ics and featuring test points, locking tabs, decoupling capacitors, and universal mounting strips are described in this bulletin. The cards listed include combinations for $14,16,24$, and 36 -pin ICS and both 2 and 3 -level automatic wiring. Electronic Engineering Co. of Calif., 1441 E. Chestnut Ave., Santa Ana, Calif. 92701.

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## Modem data

Capable of synchronous operation at $2400 \mathrm{~b} / \mathrm{s}$, this Bell 201 B compatible modem offers automatic fast sync, clear to send delay, carrier detect, external/ internal transmitter timing, and more. Included in this brochure are complete technical specs, theory of operation, an outline drawing of the PC card, a block diagram, a data mode timing diagram, and an illustration showing the transmitted signal frequency spectrum. Intertel, 6 Vine Brook Park, Burlington, Mass. 01803.

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## Printed circuit connectors

There are complete specs, application data, and dimensional drawings for nearly 1000 components in this 64 -page catalog. Covered are two-piece connectors, card-edge connectors, singlelead connectors, flexible flat cable connectors, and others for PC applications. You'll also find explanations of complete packaging concepts such as modular interconnection systems and programmed wiring systems. AMP Inc., Harrisburg, PA 17105.

Circle Reader Service \#382

## Miniature lamps

Here are descriptions and specs for more than 470 miniature and subminiature incandescent and solid-state lamps. This 40 -page catalog covers several incandescent types, line filament lamps, tungsten halogen types, in-

dicating/illuminating, solid-state lamps, and led numeric displays. Your design selection is aided by complete operating parameters on each lamp, outline drawings, and all dimensions. Lamps Inc., 19220 S. Normandie Ave., Torrance, CA

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## Image intensifier wall charts

Hang them on your wall or put them in a notebook, either way you'll want these image intensifier wall charts for reference. One contains data on first, second, and third generation electrostatically focused image intensifiers for low light level direct and remote viewing night vision applications. The other covers special purpose and magnetically focused image intensifiers. Details are provided in chart form with brief discussions of potting, modifications and unlisted variants, photocathode response, and gated image tubes. RCA, Electronic Components, 415 S . Fifth St., Harrision, NJ 07029.

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## Digital readout systems handbook

Although written specifically for the DMS 500 2-axis, direct reading, digital readout system, this handbook may give you an insight into digital readout system considerations. You'll find helpful information in the section of application notes covering such topics as using digital position readout systems, choosing a location for a transducer, scale mounting techniques, and accuracy, resolution, and repeatability. Dynamics Research Corp., 50 Concord St., Wilmington, MA 01887.

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## Flexible wiring standard

Established in this 14-page document are the qualification and acceptance requirements for multilayered flexible wiring that consists of three or more conductive layers on flexible insulating bases bonded to form a monolithic or solid mass. Tables and illustrations accompany data on applicable documents, four-layer drawings, quality assurance, quality conformance inspection requirements, test methods, and preparation for delivery. Copies are available for $\$ 1$ from the Institute of Printed Circuits, 1717 Howard St., Evanston, IL 60202.

## Dual processor

This 4-page technical data sheet describes Microdata's Micro 1600D digital computer system consisting of two microprogrammable cPUS that can simultaneously execute independent programs while sharing a common main

memory. Details are provided here, as are application data, a complete list of specs, and photos and diagrams illustrating functional characteristics, data flow, and the physical packaging of the system. Microdata Corp., 644 E. Young St., Santa Ana, CA 92705.

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Teleprocessing system
Data on a stored program communications control system is provided in a 6 -page brochure. The system is suggested for such digital communications applications as data transmission controller, front end communications preprocessor, remote or local data concentration, data base access, and more. Details of the system components are provided as are block diagrams of several major configurations. Telefile Computer Products Inc., 17785 Sky Park Cir., Irvine, CA 92664

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## D/A converter applications

Digital-to-analog conversion using cos/mos-bipolar dacs is the subject of this application note. The note explains the use of a coswos dual complementary pair plus inverter as the D a switch and op amp output stage for a low-power Dac. The resulting 9 -bit Dac

system combines in a simple single-supply system the concepts of multipleswitch cosmos ics, a ladder network of discrete metal-oxide film resistors, a cos mos bipolar op amp voltage follower, and a monolithic regulator. RCA Solid State Div., Box 3200, Somerville, NJ Circle Reader Service \#388

## Function modules

A 24-page catalog covers standard analog function modules for the design of control, monitoring, and computational systems. The modules, each of which performs a specific function, fall into five basic groups - input signal conversion, algebraic functions, dynamic response, logic functions, and output signal conversion. Several typical applications are illustrated in a supplement to the catalog. Bell \& Howell, Control Products Div., 706 Bostwick Ave., Bridgeport, Conn. 06605.

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Electro-sensitive recording
The advantages of selecting the Dry Electrosensitive Process around which to design a recorder. display, or printer are outlined in this 16 -page booklet. It discusses operational aspects of the process, including data recording, stylus


Reflection density as a function of driver voltage and paper grade
construction, the proper recording medium, required marking power, tonal response, and recording speed. There's also data on applications, and graphs illustrating various reflection density functions. Fitchburg CPI, Box 1106 , Scranton, PA 18501.

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## Radio Shack's 1973 catalog

Here's a 180 -page catalog of home entertainment, audio, and communications equipment, parts and kits. There's everything from miniature electronic calculators, to stereo systems, to tape decks, and even electronic parts such as transistors, cables, tools, connectors, wires, and plugs. It's packed with all kinds of new and unusual items. Get your copy from Radio Shack, 2617 W. 7 th St., Fort Worth, Tex. 76107.

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## Switch catalog

There are 24 pages of detailed information in this catalog on subminiature toggle, rocker, and paddle handle switches, momentary pushbutton switches, and C\&K's $360^{\circ}$ rotary printswitch. You'll find photos, schematics, charts, and descriptions for all, as well as detailed data on available options. Prices are included in this comprehensive catalog from C\&K Components Inc., 103 Morse St., Watertown, Mass. 02172.

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Interconnecting devices for commercial or industrial applications are the subject of this 52 -page catalog. Selection charts provide easy access to electrical, mechanical, and environmental specs, and there are line drawings and photos for each connector. There's also a section devoted to termination equipment, including crimping, insertion, and withdrawal tools for all connectors. Amphenol Industrial Div., 1830 S. 54th Ave., Chicago, IL 60650.

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This 24 -page booklet guides you in selecting and applying this series of drytype transformers, including general purpose, buck-boost, and distribution transformers. Complete specs, dimensions, and wiring and connection diagrams are provided in each series" selection guide. An accompanying supplement provides prices. General Electric Co., Rm. 207, Building 6, Schenectady N. Y. 12345

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A recent edition of Arcolectric's switch catalog illustrates a wide variety of toggle, pushbutton, snap-action, and rocker style switches. The 20-page catalog provides technical data for each switch, and additional sections cover neon indicator lights, lenses, and indicator lamp holders. Arcolectric Switch Corp., 10523 Burbank Blvd., No. Hollywood, Calif. 91601.

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## Variable resistor catalog

Here are 20 pages of specs and details on single, tandem, multisection and vernier adjust types of commercial composition variable resistors. Graphs illustrate tapers while charts and diagrams illustrate electrical and mechanical characteristics and constructions. There's also a section on rotary, pullpush, and push-push power switches used with these resistors. CTS of Elkhart Inc., 1142 W. Beardsley Ave., Elkhart, Ind. 46514.

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The Big Look ${ }^{\circledR}$ and Horizon Line ${ }^{\circledR}$ families of panel meters are the subject of this 28 -page catalog. Features and specs are provided for voltmeters, ammeters, frequency meters, motor load indicators, current transformers, meter relays, shunts and leads, resistors, parts, accessories, and more. General Electric Co., 1 River Rd., Schenectady, N.Y.

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[^1]:    ${ }^{\circ}$ See The Electronic Engineer, July 1972, p. 6. "Electronic 1985; the best thing that happened was that it happened.

[^2]:    "A pamphlet entitled "The ABC's of International Standardization" lists the more important international standards organizations and is available from ANSI. Tor receise a cops. circle reader service \#350.

[^3]:    Plug into Augat ${ }^{\text {º }}$
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[^4]:    Circle Reader Service \#407

