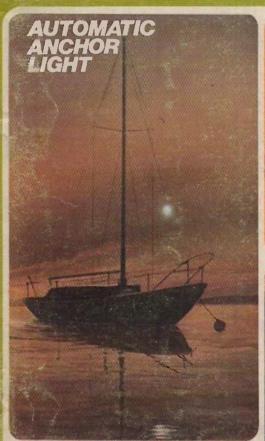
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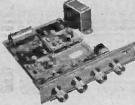
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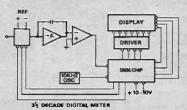
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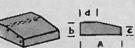
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What is it all about? Learning by experience, that's what life is all about, as they say. True enough, yet we don't individually have to learn everything the hard way, repeating the same old mistakes as others before us. Life is made much easier by taking due note of other people's experiences whenever these are likely to assist.

Anyone contemplating having a go at electronics for the first time will certainly find a great accumulation of experience to draw upon. Such valuable know-how, based upon the experience of older hands who have been wielding the soldering iron for some considerable time, appears regularly in these pages.

GETTING STARTED

One of the questions in the prospective constructor's mind is bound to be concerned with stocking-up; in other words, what kind of components and tools should be acquired initially? Well a selection of essential tools is reasonably easy to make. Components are a little more difficult: for one reason, due to their very variety; and for another, because the personal interests and preferences of each individual will direct his constructional activities towards particular types of projects. Nevertheless, it is possible to suggest a general basic collection of circuit components that experience has shown will satisfy a great many needs.

This very helpful information is passed on to readers in this month's feature Workshop Com-

ponents and Tools. The raw beginner can get off to a good start and benefit from a "veteran's" experience. And that, after all, is mainly what it's all about—whether life in general or electronics in particular.

SEMICONDUCTOR CHART

The large variety of discrete semiconductor devices currently available can be perplexing to the constructor. Yet although such devices are listed by the hundreds in retailers advertisements, the requirements of most constructors are generally met by the use of perhaps just a few dozen different devices.

In order that the constructor may see the wood despite the trees, a special semiconductor wall chart is presented free with every copy of this month's Everyday Electronics. This chart will, we are certain, be welcomed by all constructors and become a valuable and useful adornment to many a private workshop or den. Compiled by the Everyday Electronics editorial team, the selection of devices has been made in the light of practical experience coupled with recognition of the more usual demands of the average constructor.

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A two way easily connected intercom for the home.

C ommercially produced intercoms, even the most simple ones, can be rather expensive. By building one's own unit, however, the cost can be reduced. The intercom described in this article can be built fairly cheaply and has a performance equal to that of many commercially produced units.

Three transistors are used, one germanium type, and two silicon types. Home made cabinets constructed from plywood are used to house the two units; these are very simple to construct. The circuit has been used with connecting wires up to 50 feet in length with perfectly adequate results, and wires of much greater length could probably be used.

The method by which the remote station calls the main station is very simple, and only a standard three core "mains" cable is needed to connect the two units.

THE CIRCUIT

A complete circuit diagram of the intercom is given in Fig. 1. As is usual with this type of equipment, for communication in one direction the loudspeaker is used as such, and for communication in the opposite direction it is used as a moving coil microphone. This does create the problem that the amplifier has to have an input, and output impedance equal to that of the loudspeaker, which is usually rather low. This can be eased by using a high impedance

loudspeaker; speakers of 75 ohm impedance are used in this circuit.

The signals produced by the microphone are coupled to the base of TR1, by capacitor, C2. This capacitor will block direct currents, thus preventing TR1 base from being earthed through the "microphone," but will pass the a.c. signals produced by the "microphone."

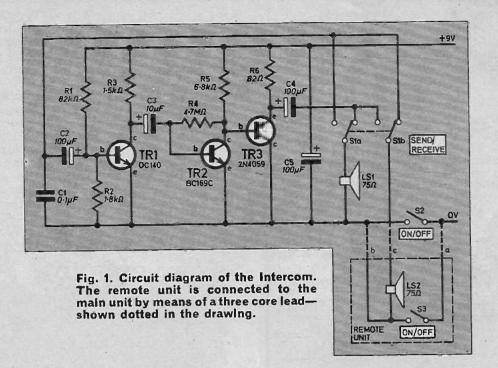
Any radio signals which are picked up in the connecting cables, are filtered from the circuit by C1. The unit should first be tried without C1, and this capacitor should only be added if interference from radio stations is evident in the output.

Transistor TR1 and its associated components form the input stage. Resistors R1 and R2 form a potential divider, which provides a small biasing voltage for TR1, enabling it to amplify the signal from the loudspeaker. Resistor R3 is the collector load resistor, across which the output



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signal is developed. The output from TR1 is coupled by C3 to the base of TR2. Transistor TR2 is operated as a voltage amplifier, R5 being the load resistor. The stage is biased by a single resistor, R4.

Transistor TR3 is a pnp transistor which is wired as an emitter follower. This stage has no voltage gain, but is used as an impedance transformer, matching the high impedance output of TR2, with the low impedance of the loudspeaker. Or, in other words, the output of TR2 is at a sufficient voltage, but with insufficient current to operate the loudspeaker, TR3 is therefore used as a current amplifier and R6 is the emitter load resistor for TR3.

As the voltage required at TR3 base to bias the transistor, is the same as that present at TR2 collector, the two may be direct coupled, no coupling capacitor being required. Capacitor C4 couples the output from TR3 emitter, to the loudspeaker.

Capacitor C5 is the supply decoupling capacitor. This is used to smooth the supply against changes in voltage, caused by loading of the battery on current peaks. This causes the supply voltage to drop, which causes the voltage at TR1 base to drop also. This voltage drop will be in opposition to the input signal, and so will tend to have a cancelling effect on it. Therefore, without this capacitor, the gain of the amplifier is reduced.

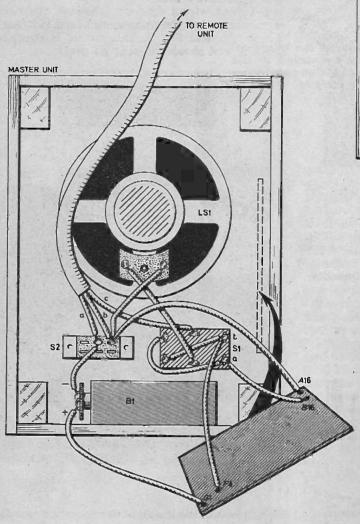
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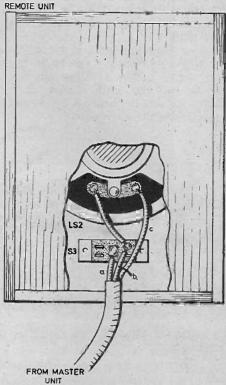
The switching of the circuit is fairly simple, S1 is the send/receive switch, and is situated in the

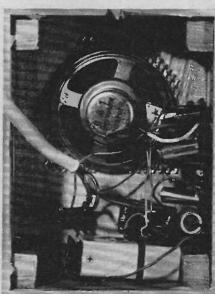


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Fig. 3. Layout and wiring of the master unit (below) and the remote unit (right) showing basic case construction and interconnecting lead.







The completed prototype master Intercom unit

main station. This is shown in the receive position in the circuit diagram, with LS1 connected to the output of the amplifier and LS2 connected to the input (acting as the microphone).

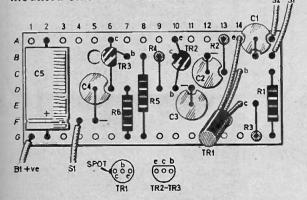
Switches S2, and S3 are both on-off switches, S2 being situated in the main station, and S3 in the remote station. For the main station to call the remote station, S2 is turned on, and S1 is set to send.

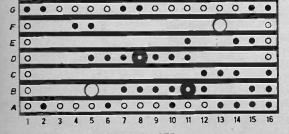
The send receive switch is spring loaded, so that it will automatically return to the receive position when released. Thus for the remote station to call the main station, it is merely necessary to turn the unit on by closing S3, and then speak into the microphone.



The Veroboard housing the amplifier used in the Intercom.

Fig. 2. Layout and wiring of the components mounted on the Veroboard.



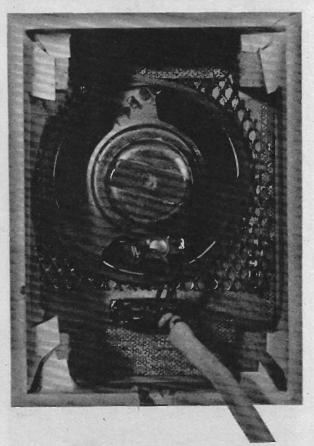


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All the components, except the speakers, and the switches, are mounted on a piece of Veroboard, measuring 1·1 inches by 2·5 inches by 0·15 inch matrix. A wiring diagram of this board is shown in Fig. 2. The copper strip is broken in two places, as indicated on the diagram.

A germanium transistor is used for TR1, and so special care must be taken when soldering this component into position. Its lead out wires should be left full length, and it should be soldered into place using a heat shunt on each lead as it is soldered. Care should be taken not to overheat the other two transistors when soldering them in, but these are silicon types which are far less easily damaged by heat than are germanium types.

A second wiring diagram, showing the connections between the component board, switches, etc., is given in Fig. 3. This wiring is straight forward, and should present no problems.



Photograph of the inside of the complete remote unit.

CASES

Two cases are required, one for the main station, and one for the remote station. Commercially produced cases could be used, but this would greatly increase the cost of the intercom, as home made cases can be made from offcuts for virtually nothing. For the prototype the two cases were constructed from some ¹8 inch 3 ply, and a short length of ¹2 inch square timber, at

a very low cost.

The method of construction is illustrated in Fig. 3. As will be seen from the diagram, the cases consist of four corner pieces, to which the top, bottom, and sides are glued, and pinned. The corner pieces are two thicknesses of ply shorter than the width of the panels. This is so the front, and rear panels can be recessed into the case, and will fit flush.

These panels must be made so that they fit tightly into place, as it is only the tightness of this fit that holds them in place. It is not an easy task to cut these panels to precisely the correct size, and it is probably best to cut them slightly too large, and then file them down until

they fit correctly.

To enable the backs of the cases to be removed, a small notch must be cut into the centre of the lower edge of each rear panel. A screwdriver or knife blade may then be pushed into the notch, and the back levered off.

The speaker cut outs can be made with a fret or coping saw and a half round file. Cut out the diameter circle required, and then smooth the edges using the file. A piece of expanded metal or speaker fret is glued behind each cut out.

Photograph of the completed remote unit—a neat appearance can be achieved with careful case construction and finishing.



The cases may be finished by painting, or covered with plastic material such as Fablon.

Once the units are complete they can be connected together with a length of 3 core lead (about 6 feet) and tested by using one unit on either side of a closed door; this is necessary to prevent acoustic feedback. Two people will be required for testing, each calling the other in turn. Current consumption of the unit should be approximately 15 mA.

Components....

Resistors

R1 82kΩ R2 1·8kΩ R3 1·5kΩ R4 4·7MΩ

R5 6.8kΩ

R6 82 Ω All $\pm 10\% \pm W$ carbon

Capacitors

C1 0.1 µF (if required—see text)

C2 100µF elect. 12V

C3 10µF elect. 12V C4 100µF elect. 12V

Transistors

TR1 OC 140 germanium npn

TR2 BC 169C silicon npn TR3 2N4059 silicon pnp

Miscellaneous

LS1, LS2 Small 75Ω moving coil loudspeakers (2 off)

S1 D.P.D.T. biased toggle switch

S2 S.P.S.T. slide switch

S3 S.P.S.T. slide switch

Battery, 9V PP3 type and connector, 2.5 x 1.1 x 0.15 inch matrix Veroboard, 3 core "mains" type flex of length required, materials for cases (see text), connecting wire, fixing screws.

INSTALLATION

When the two units have been satisfactorily tested, they may be installed in the positions required—either by fixing to a wall or simply by placing them on a shelf or work top—and wired together with a length of 3 core "mains" type lead.

If radio interference is picked up in use, Cl should be added to the circuit board as shown in Fig. 2, this should cure the interference. Interference is most likely to occur at night in strong signal areas where the lead between the two units is fairly long.



AM often asked by people who are just taking an interest in "home electronics" what sorts of components and tools they ought to consider buying to set themselves up. This is an impossible question to answer unless one knows the precise interests of the person, from where he intends to get his designs or even his income!

Years ago, I remember asking the self same question myself, unfortunately of a semi-profesional amateur, and his answer left me in a daze of confusion. I am sure, to this day, that he used the opportunity to try and impress me with his own affluence and his highly sophisticated expertise.

The result was that I retired into my 12-yearold shell convinced that, unless one was to invest—what appeared to me—a considerable portion of the national economy into the hobby I had set my sights on, I did not stand a chance in hell of mending a fuse let alone get involved in the intricacies of building a radio set or whathave-you.

INITIAL PROBLEMS

I must make allowances for the fact, that in those days, amateur electronics did not have the popularity it enjoys today and there was comparatively little commercial competition, hence prices tended to be extremely high. Notwithstanding the prices involved, I was still left with the quandary of how to invest my pocket money.

Occasionally my mentor (at that time Practical Wireless), would publish a supposedly useful article suggesting the "ideal" layout of the electronic experimenter's workshop with impressive lists of test equipment, dimensions of workbenches and even the recommended height of bookshelves—for speedy reference purposes.

This was of great help to me with my "two bob" a week income, and even with my extremely tolerant parents, I found the proposition of turning the sitting room into a fully equipped and furnished laboratory was to fall on deaf ears!

Even the comforting proposals that much of the test equipment could be made from the "junk box" was not of much practical help to me. First, my junk box contained no more than a few dog-eared resistors of doubtful ohmic value, most of which had been salvaged from pre-war radio sets with an average lead-out wire length of about a quarter inch—if any at all! Secondly, I did not, at that time, know the difference between a voltmeter and an ohmmeter.

In all fairness to my semi-professional friend, he did help swell the dimensions of the junk box during the periodic clear-outs of his luxurious "pad", but then I was left with another problem—how to identify those brown bakelite cases with tangles of waxed protruding wires.

To this day I still have a few of these anonymous components that have defied identification during the years.

DECIDING FACTORS

All this, of course, is history and the development of the home electronics industry has put a new complexion on things, and the introduction of new standards in magazine design philosophy has removed many of the supply problems that I, and many others, experienced just after the war.

The modern beginner is still left with a slight problem, and that is to know what sort of stock of everyday components he ought to have to be able to involve himself in building a prototype at a moment's notice—without having to wait on the postman bringing supplies from the various mail order houses.

Cost is still, and always will be, a limiting factor, but nowadays one can effect quite a saving if one buys reasonable quantities of components at a time, particularly by keeping an eye open for bargains and buying before you need parts.

TRENDS

The trend now is away from the junk box. Most writers who publish designs try to ensure that every component specified is a currently available modern device that can be obtained from several sources. Occasionally "clangers" are dropped, but by and large this policy prevents the eternal disappointments that I encountered.

The cynic might say that this policy is simply to satiate the requirements of advertisers, this is not true; if anything, the opposite is the case.

By adopting a "current component only" policy, more suppliers are able to comply with design requirements, hence there is a better availability of components, and because of the semi-standardisation of types, there is now a very healthy competition in the business for our custom.

STOCKING UP

I will now attempt to do the impossible and make a few suggestions as to what one might

consider a float stock of standard components that will frequently crop up in published designs. At the same time I shall make a few personal comments on what I think would be a useful complement of equipment and tools that could be acquired over a period of time.

To get a rough idea of typical component stocks I carried out a survey of my own situation and was surprised that, on the whole, the requirements were not as vast as I originally

thought.

The important thing about any stock is that once you have established it, you must maintain it; this way you do not notice the expense so much! If you adopt a policy of always replacing what you have used, you will find that the following basic list will keep you "in business" quite satisfactorily—unless you intend to get involved in some very specialised large project.

When I replace components into stock, I always try (funds permitting) to put in slightly more than I take out; also if I have to obtain one specialised component that is not currently "in stock", I usually try to buy two or three—unless it is expensive. This way you will be surprised how quickly you can set yourself up

in a fairly painless way.

I'm not suggesting that you go out and buy every component on the list in one go, but I think it a reasonable suggestion that over the years, you try to build up this sort of inventory.

As listed, the components would cost in the region of £15.

Components

Resistors

10 off each of the following: 560Ω , $1k\Omega$, $2 \cdot 2k\Omega$, $4 \cdot 7k\Omega$, $6 \cdot 8k\Omega$, $10k\Omega$, $22k\Omega$, $47k\Omega$, $68k\Omega$, $100k\Omega$, $470k\Omega$, $1M\Omega$ (All $\frac{1}{4}$ watt carbon $\pm 10\%$) 2 off each (3W rating): $2 \cdot 2\Omega$, 10Ω , 56Ω , 100Ω , 220Ω

Potentiometers 2 off 10kΩ linear carbon

1 off 100k Ω log. carbon 2 off each: 1k Ω , 10k Ω , 100k Ω skeletőn presets, miniature type

Capacitors:

1 off 2500 μ F 25V electrolytic 2 off 500 μ F 25V electrolytic 4 off 100 μ F 25V electrolytic 4 off 16 μ F 25V electrolytic 2 off 1 μ F polyester 4 off each of the following polyester types: 0·47 μ F, 0·1 μ F, 0·047 μ F, 0·01 μ F, 4,700 μ F, 1,000 μ F

1 off 200 pF, 1 off 500 pF trimmers

Transistors

12 off general purpose silicon npn BC108, BC109 or 2N2926 6 off general purpose silicon pnp 2N3702 6 off general purpose germanium pnp OC44 2 off high power germanium pnp OC26 1 off high power silicon npn 2N3055

Diodes

12 off silicon signal diodes 1N4148 12 off germanium signal diodes OA91 6 off general purpose 1A rectifiers 1N4004

Photo-cells

1 off photo conductive cell ORP12 1 off phototransistor OCP71

Transformers

1 off mains/multi-tapped low voltage 1A secondary

1 off mains/6.3V 1A heater type

Lamp holders

2 off panel mounting MES holders with lenses

Bulbs

2 off 6V 0.06A MES bulbs

Neons

1 off mains indicator (panel mounting with lens and resistor) 1 off bare neon (60/70V) without resistor

Components

Switches

2 off mains rated 1A double-pole toggle switch

1 off 3-pole 4-way rotary 1 off 4-pole 3-way rotary

Ferrites

1 off 6in. length in. dia. aerial rod 1 off pot core with bobbin type LA1

Plug/socket pairs

1 off polarised two pin panel mounting 1 off standard lin. jacks

Meters

1 off miniature 50 μ A movement 1 off edge wise "level meter"

Loudspeaker

1 off 35 ohm 2 to 6 inch diameter

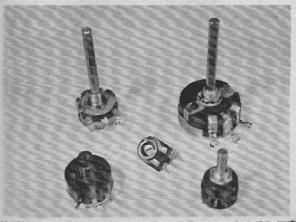
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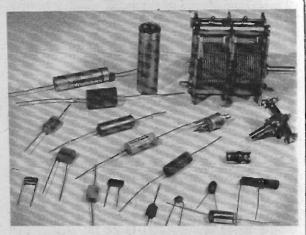
An assortment of the following:

Tag strips, group boards, Veroboard, BA nuts bolts and washers (mainly 4 BA and 6BA), 4BA and 6BA solder tags, \$in. and \$in. grommets, 22s.w.g. tinned copper wire, 32s.w.g. enamelled copper wire, multistrand flexible connecting wire, solid conductor connecting wire, twin mains rated flex, three core mains rated cable.

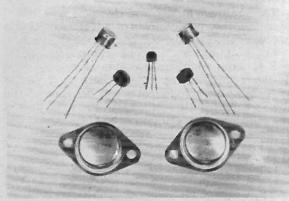


A selection of fixed and variable resistors.

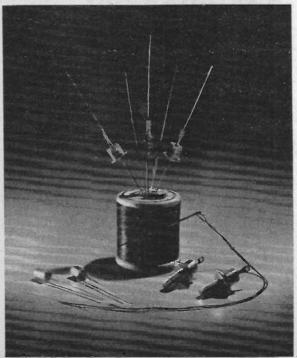




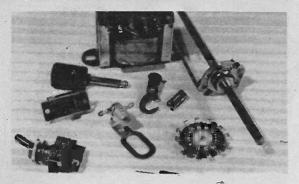
Selection of fixed and variable capacitors.



A group of common semiconductors, above and below.



Photograph of reed relays, connectors, switches, lampholder and transformer.



Tools

Soldering iron

1 off 15/25W with $\frac{1}{8}$ in. diameter bit mains iron for normal light duty work.

1 off Weller "Expert" instant heat iron—for the occasional repair job that has to be done quickly and for heavy duty work (not suitable for normal construction work).

Solder

1 off 1 lb reel of resin cored 18 or 22 s.w.g. solder.

Screwdrivers

1 off in. blade pocket screwdriver (with neon tester)

1 off ‡in. blade, long shafted screwdriver with insulated handle.

Side cutters

1 pair

Pliers

1 pair heavy duty combination pilers 1 pair light duty taper-nosed pliers

Drill and bits

1 off either hand drill or electric drill with stand Assortment from 1/16in. dia to #in. dia. drill bits

Chassis punches

One or two selected sizes or tank cutter

Wire strippers

1 pair

Hammer

1 off medium/light weight

Hacksaw

1 off small "Eclipse" type
I off heavy duty for cutting sheet metal

Files

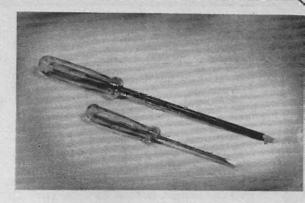
1 off half-round 6in. medium cut. 1 off round 6in. medium cut.

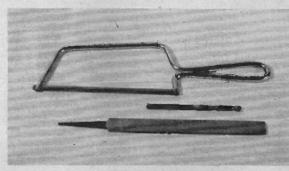
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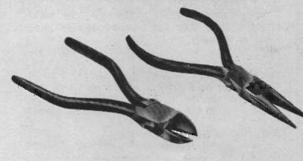
1 pair of tinmans snips for cutting sheet metal

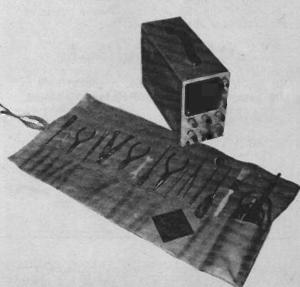
Vice

1 off small vice with shaped jaws for holding circular section materials









Photograph of an oscilloscope and a constructors tool kit. (Heathkit).

Test Gear

This is where the biggest expense lies and one would not suggest that you consider buying all the items suggested in one go, but over a period of a number of years.

Multimeter

One of these is essential from the word go. It is not worth buying a cheap low sensitivity one. Much better wait until you can afford a 20,000 ohm per volt version having (typicaîly) d.c. volts from 3V to 1,000V, a.c. volts 6V to 1,000V, d.c. current from 50µA to 5A and two or three resistance ranges.

Variable power supply

I think that this can justifiably be called a test instrument because you can frequently find faults by checking the voltage ranges over which a piece of equipment will work. A useful range is from 0 to 20V d.c. at about 1A.

Oscilloscope

The beginner would probably think this an unnecessary luxury, but I do not think so. Simple service oscilloscopes are now much cheaper than they used to be and certainly there is virtually no limit to what you can do with even a simple instrument. Ideally you should get as expensive an instrument as you can afford, and I personally think there is better value in buying a £25 service oscilloscope than the rest of the instruments mentioned here put together (with the exception of the multimeter).

A.F. Signal Generator

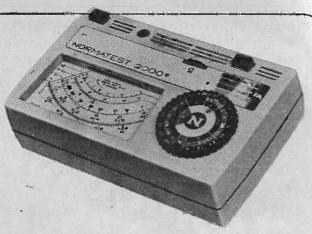
Very useful for general work, provided it covers the range of frequencies from 30Hz to 100kHz with sine and square wave output at amplitudes of about 1V.

R.F. Signal Generator

This is rather a luxury for the general purpose amateur, but is a necessity for anyone wanting to specialise in radio work. It should have a frequency range of from 100kHz to about 50MHz and have facility for internal or external modulation.

RC Bridge

For the man with "everything". This is very much a luxury tool and is not frequently required. When, however, you want to measure capacitance or inductance, there is no real substitute. This ought to be the last on your list of "buys".



A photograph of one of the many multimeters available on the market.



The Nombrex R.C. Bridge (above) and R.F. Signal Generator (below)



No doubt I shall be accused of the same crime that I have accused others of by daring to suggest this formidable list, but I stress that there is never an excuse for saying you need all the tools and instruments at the same time. It is more important that you regard the latter two sections as being the "most" you are likely to require.



THERE are two good reasons for using a flashing light circuit rather than a circuit that generates an audible tone, firstly, an audible signal gets lost amongst amplified music, and secondly, a flashing light is less annoying than a continuous clicking sound.

CIRCUIT

The complete circuit diagram of the Flashing

Light Metronome is shown in Fig. 1.

At first sight it appears to be a Wheatstone bridge followed by a two transistor amplifier. In fact the circuit is an oscillator which has an advantage over the more conventional multivibrator circuit in that it requires only one timing capacitor. The circuit operates as follows.

At the start of the cycle, the current drawn by the circuit is small, so the voltage drop

across the load, LP1, is negligible.

The voltage at point A is determined by the values of VR1, R1 and R2 and is a reference voltage.

At the beginning of the cycle, the voltage at point B will be equal to the supply voltage, but will drop as the capacitor C1 becomes charged. When the voltage at point B has become 0.6V negative with respect to point A, transistor TR1 becomes forward biased and turns on, i.e. conducts.

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Capacitor C1 now commences to discharge through TR1, R4 and the base/emitter junction of TR2, turning on the latter. A large current thus flows through LP1, and the latter lights

including V.A.J.

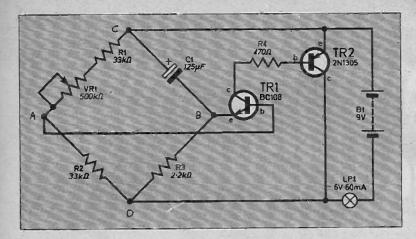


Fig. 1. The complete circuit diagram of the Flashing Light Metronome.

The voltage drop across LPI is practically equal to the supply voltage, and so point D is

effectively clamped to this voltage.

Point C is directly connected to the supply and point B is a negative with respect to C because of the capacitor charge. Thus sufficient base current can for the moment be applied to TR1 to hold it on.

The value of R4, however, is so low that the capacitor is discharged very quickly hence decreasing the negative potential at point B.

Eventually, this potential will drop to less than 0.6V with respect to point A, with the effect that TR1 turns off (i.e. stops conducting). This cuts off the base supply path to transistor TR2 so that it too turns off. The current through LP1 drops to its normal value (non illuminating) and the whole process is repeated.

The cycle is repeated continuously at a rate dependent on the values of C1, the resistors

R1 to R4 and the setting of VR1.

CONSTRUCTION

The unit is constructed on a piece of 0.15in. matrix Veroboard size 11 x 7 holes. The component layout on the Veroboard and the wiring of the board to the other components-located in an old tin previously used for tobacco-is shown in Fig. 2.

Begin assembly by making the necessary cutouts on the Veroboard copper strips as detailed and solder the components in position as in-

dicated in Fig. 2.

The transistors should be soldered in position last of all and a heatshunt should be used on the transistor legs to prevent thermal damage.

Now attach the flying leads.

Obtain a suitable tin or other case for the unit and fix S1, VR1 and LP1 holder in positions as shown. In the prototype these components were fitted to the base of the tin so that access to the battery was obtained by merely removing the lid. Layout is not critical and may be varied to suit individual requirements.

Wire up the component board to S1, VR1 and

LPI as shown.

To prevent shorting of any components or the component board with the case, it is recommended that a layer of Sellotape or insulating tape be used to line the inside of the case.

CALIBRATING

Make up a scale as shown in Fig. 3 and stick this to the front panel of the unit such that the knob is at the centre of the semicircle.

With the knob screwed securely in position, position it so that its pointer or marking is coincident with the first radius of the semicircle. Turn on the unit and count the number of flashes of LP1 that occur in one minute. Mark this number alongside this radius outside the semicircle. Repeat for all other positions.

Positions between those marked can be

interpolated.

It must be remembered that if the knob is removed at any time calibration must be carried out again.



Fig. 3. A full-sized drawing of the scale used on the prototype unit. Use this (or a copy of this) to make your own calibrated scale as detailed in the text.

SOME USES

The Flashing Light Metronome will probably be employed mostly in the musical field where it will be used as a timing reference for the purpose of keeping "in beat" by both the soloist and group musicians.

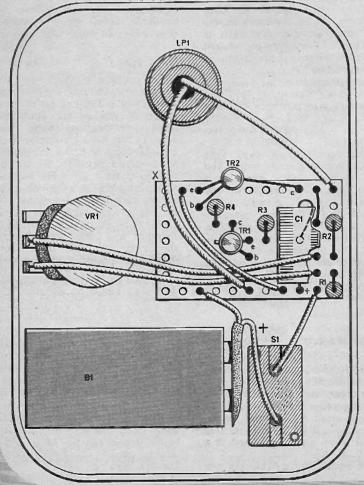
When used by musicians, the Flashing Light Metronome can also be used as a "tempo recorder". When the desired tempo of a particular tune has been decided, a person outside

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FLASHING LIGHT METRONOME

Photograph (right) shows the completed Flashing Light Metronome housed in a used 2oz. tobacco tin with the lid removed.







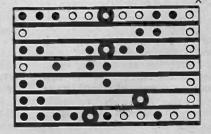


Fig. 2. The layout of the components on the Veroboard with regions of copper strip on the reverse side to be removed. The board is shown wired up to the other components housed in a two-ounce tobacco tin.

No doubt you have all heard enough about V.A.T. by now, just to make it worse we are going to try (notice the wording) and tell you just how it is likely to affect electronic components, kits

and equipment.

The position according to the government is fairly clear but when one comes to investigate individual cases it is not quite so simple. Starting with the few "electronic" items, apart from components, that will, by the time you read this, have gone up in price; these are stereo amplifiers. larger chassis and cabinet speakers (over 12 inches in diameter or the sum of the diameters of the speakers in an enclosure) and headphones, these will all go up about 10 per cent.



All components will go up about 10 per cent and, in most cases so will the cost of kits for electronic equipment. There are a few instances where kits will come down and these are generally radio or tuner kits which have been subject to purchase tax e.g. Sinclair Micromatic and the range of Radionic kits.

Unfortunately the fact that many radio kits have in the past escaped purchase tax by one means or another now means that they will go up in price. Suppliers such as Radio Exchange Co. have not in the past paid purchase tax so now their products will go up by 10 per cent-a similar thing will happen to most kits.

Heath (Gloucester) Ltd., say that many of their kits which con-

tain tuners or radios have been subject to tax but this is often only on part of the unit (e.g. the tuner unit in a tuner-amplifier) so in these cases the price may rise slightly.

From all this it looks very much as if most hi fi and audio gearexcept amplifiers will be coming down in price while most kits will be going up. If in doubt contact the firm concerned, all but one firm we spoke to were very helpful and most took the trouble to explain their position fully.

One point which may have mixed blessings-all books have been zero rated, this means that they will all remain the same price as pre V.A.T .- including EE! However, this also means that component suppliers may find it easier not to sell technical books, we hope this is not going to be the

Home Intercom

Few buying problems concerning components for the Home Intercom. The small 75 ohm speakers will be the most expensive items-around 50p each is reasonable. The larger component suppliers usually have them if the local firms have not.

The interconnecting wire is simply three core mains lead and Woolworths is probably the best place to get this cheaply—they can also supply Fablon for cover-

ing the cases.

Make sure S1 is a biased type d.p.d.t. toggle switch when you buy it-this means that it is spring loaded to return to one position when released. The 2N4059 transistor used is available from A. Marshall and Son, 28 Cricklewood Broadway, London, NW2, this firm sell a vast range of semiconductors and integrated circuits and produce a catalogue. BI-PAK, P.O. Box 6, Ware, Herts can also supply the 2N4059.

Flashing Light Metronome

All components for the Flashing Light Metronome should be easily obtainable. We suggest that you use a bigger case than that shown and fit a rather larger 9V battery as the small types tend to be exhausted fairly quickly in this circuit when the unit is used at a high flash rate.

The small case and battery are

excellent if you want to carry the unit around and if it is not likely to be used for long periods.

Automatic Anchor Light

Provided you can get the case parts-a chemist and pet food shop should supply-the Automatic Anchor Light should present few component problems.

Substitutes for the ORP12 photocell are quite suitable and the bulb can be purchased from any garage or car equipment shop. The small switch used is fairly expensive (about 45p) and is available from most of the larger

component suppliers.

If you cannot get the Paxolin or Bakelite tube, try Home Radio who sell 6 inch lengths in various diameters from 14 inch to 218 inch. The p.v.c. tube generally available is not suitable for this application as it expands with the heat from the bulb and cannot then be removed from the cap-we know. we tried.

Wire to connect the lamp to the supply should be plastic covered. Waterproof plugs and sockets are available from most chandlers should they be required.

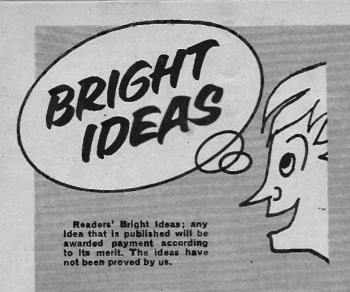
Beta Bass

The magnets used in the pickups for the Beta Bass are probably going to be difficult to get in some areas. If you cannot get them from your local hardware shop write to Mr. Brookes, James Neill and Co. (Napier St.) Ltd., Napier St., Sheffield S11 8HB. He will be able to quote a price for four or eight magnets as required (one or two pick-ups); we suggest you enclose a s.a.c. with your letter.

The machine heads (for bass strings) and the bass bridge should be available from most shops selling musical instruments.

The steel plate used for the tailplate on the bass version should be available from a local hardware shop or garage-some schools and colleges also use metal in their workshops. The tailplate could be chrome plated if required and again a garage should be able to help with this.

The transformer specified in the original articles is necessary for use with the home made pick-ups detailed in the text, this is available from Zeta Windings for £1.85 including postage. Their address is 26 All Saints Road, London, W11.



I have found that, especially when undertaking such projects as the building of a hi-fl system, it is possible to make an error in the positioning of the electronic component. This is also true for smaller projects as an error could cause the whole project to fail.

In the light of such a situation I have come up with a satisfactory solution. This is to affix a small strip of paper on either four or two side of the Veroboard, and to letter or number the paper to correspond with the rows of holes in the board. This method has so far proved to be very successful on several projects and ensures a more accurate positioning of components.

S. Smith, Blackpool

I have often found that, when soldering on Veroboard or printed circuit board, solder blocks up several holes. A simple remedy to this is to take a paper clip or a pin and push it as far as it will go into the blocked hole. Then with a soldering iron, one heats the pin. The solder melts and the pin passes through the hole thus clearing it.

One word of warning, do make sure that solder will not adhere to the clip or pin.

> S. Whitt. London, N.W.4

in an earlier issue of Everyday Electronics a reader stressed the fact that knotting a mains cable could damage the wire. I have found a simple and safe way of preventing mains cables from being pulled out of equipment.

A clamp is made from two flex clamps from a pair of old mains plugs. One clamp has its screws tightened up until the thread in the clamp breaks and the screws can turn freely. Then it is placed over the cable and the second clamp is tightened up.

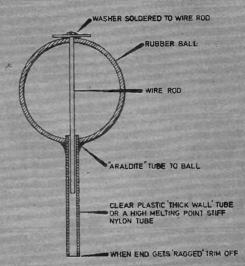
S. Yare. Middlesbrough

This idea of a cheap solder remover has been tried and tested by me and found to suit my requirements. Materials; 1 rubber ball (approx. 21inches to 3inches dia.) 1 washer (steel, outside dia. Linch, with a Linch hole in the centre) 1 piece of coat hanger wire (3 inch x 3 inch long) 1 piece of nylon or plastic clear tube (with inside dia, that will take the coathanger wire with an easy fif).

The wire is cut so that when the ball is compressed fully it will just protrude out of the end of the plastic tube. With the right type of ball and tube a suitable solder remover will result; drawing attached. Sizes and material are only general, my requirements were found in my scrap boxes.

The fixing of tube is important. I found Araldite to be satisfactory. To use the remover, compress ball until rod is near end of the tube, grip the tube, trapping ball in the compressed position, hold the tube firmly on molten solder and release grip, to allow ball to retract.

E. Wall. Charlton



I have found a way of picking up screws and small ferrous objects dropped inside equipment or other awkward places. Screw or glue a small button magnet onto the end of a telescopic aerial, a nice size is about 4 inches, extending to 24 inches. The aerial can be extended to the length required and the magnet will pick up the lost

The pick-up can be carried in the breast pocket and save much time and frustration.

> P. J. Gardner, Welwyn Garden City

I enclose a very cheap home made tunable coil made out of an old lipstick case.

The Ilpstick is taken out of the case and discarded. In its place fits a piece of ferrite rod, the slug, which is secured in the case by Plasticine or Araldite. The coll is wound around the case to individual specifications. By turning the bottom of the case the slug moves up and down.

I have successfully made a crystal radio out of a coil like this and it is cheaper than commercial types.

Alan Hunt, Nuneaton

Please Note: this column is intended for constructional ideas

and ideas relating to electronic construction. It is not our intention to publish circuits of any description.

All items submitted should be original and not previously published. If similar ideas are submitted by two or more readers the first received will be published.



MODIFICATIONS TO THE BETA GUITAR

Due to the demand from readers for details of constructing a four string solid electric bass guitar, it has been decided to modify the Beta Electronic Guitar featured in the November 1972 issue of EVERYDAY ELECTRONICS for this purpose.

It can be fitted with or without the electronics effects—this is left entirely to the constructor.

To convert to a bass guitar, modifications are necessary to the fretboard, tailplate, nut, head and pick-ups in conjunction with the blueprint and details given in the November and December 1972 issues of EVERYDAY ELECTRONICS.

The existing structure of the Beta is robust enough to handle the additional heavier type bass strings.

BASS PICK-UPS

Although the pick-ups described in the December 1972 issue of *E.E.* can be used on the bass version of the *Beta*, they will not give a completely satisfactory output signal because the signal strength derived from each string depends on the position of the magnetic pole pieces below each string.

The previously used Eclipse 821 button magnets are unsuitable due to the spacing between the poles of the buttons. It is recommended that four Eclipse M4520L magnets be used for each pick-up.

These should be glued to a piece of Veroboard measuring 16 x 8 holes x 0.15in matrix cut as shown in Fig. 1a. Araldite is a suitable adhesive. Pay attention to the polarities of the magnetic poles.

With the enamel cleaned off one end of a length of 30 s.w.g. enamelled copper wire,

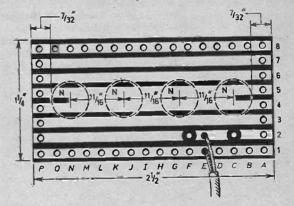


Fig. 1a. The positions of the four magnets to be glued to the plain side of the Veroboard pick-up hase.

solder this in location E2 on the Veroboard and wind on 100 turns in a clockwise direction and solder the other end in location E1.

Brush or spray the coil assembly with paint or laquer to hold firm.

Repeat the above procedure for the second pick-up (if required).

Construction of the pick-up covers are detailed in the December 1972 issue of E.E.; fit the coil assembly to the cover as previously detailed, Fig. 1b

Solder lengths of screened cable to the pickups as shown, so that the lengths will reach the pick-up selector switch in the control section.

These pick-ups will still need the matching transformer type M218, available from Zeta Windings.

BETA



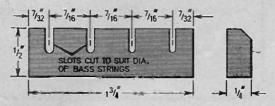


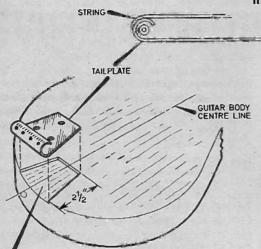
Fig. 2 (above). Cutting details for the nut.

Fig. 5 (right). Shows approximate positions of machine head holes.

EXTRA FRET

NUT POSITION ON BLUEPRINT

15t FRET ON BLUEPRINT



1/16 RECESS TO SUIT TAILPLATE

Fig. 3 (above). The position of the bass tailplate on the guitar body.

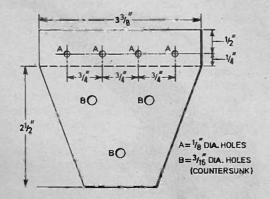


Fig. 4. Details of the bass tailplate.

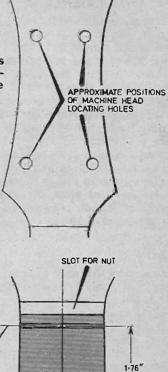


Fig. 6. The bass end of the fretboard giving details of extra fret positions.

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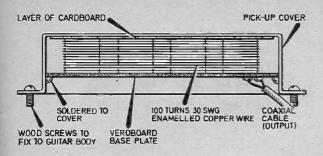


Fig. 1b. Method of fixing the pick-up coil assembly into its cover (see E.E. Dec. 72).

NUT AND TAILPLATE

The nut must be made to suit only four strings. Perspex, ¹4in thick is suggested as a suitable material and should be cut and shaped as shown in Fig. 2 and glued in position as before.

A new tailplate has been designed to cope with the extra stress present when using bass strings, see Fig. 3 for position and cut-out to be made on guitar body. The plate must be made to come flush with the guitar body, for this is where the bridge will stand. Do not make the previous elliptical cut-out as shown on blueprint.

Dimensions and drilling details for the tailplate are given in Fig. 4. A suitable material for this is $^{1}_{16}$ in steel plate or similar tough metal; aluminium is not recommended. Affix to the body by means of lin. to 1^{1}_{2} in. No. 10 screws.

HEAD

Since there are only four strings on standard bass guitars, only four machine head holes need to be made in the head.

Approximate drilling details of these holes are shown in Fig. 5, but the exact spacing from the edge of the head, and the hole diameters will vary with types of machine heads used.

Special bass guitar machine heads (designed to withstand more stress than those on sixstringed guitars) should be used; these are recognised by having larger turning heads and thicker spindles.

FRETBOARD

The fretboard needs to be re-designed at the bottom end, Fig. 6 gives details.

Using the blueprint (E.E. November 1972), Fig. 2a showing the plan view of the fretboard, project the centre line and tapering side lines onto a piece of paper glued to the blueprint. Projection should be about 4in.

Using the dimensions of Fig. 6 mark the new fret positions and draw in across the centre line.

Now measure 18^{1} ₂in along the centre line down the fretboard, from where the nut slot meets the fretboard, and mark perpendicular to the centre line. The new fretboard will end here.

Materials

Steel plate $3\frac{1}{4}$ in. \times $3\frac{3}{8}$ in. \times $\frac{1}{16}$ in. Magnets Eclipse M4520L (80lb.).

SHOP

SEE

Perspex $\frac{1}{4}$ in. $\times \frac{1}{2}$ in. $\times 1\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Veroboard 16 × 8 holes × 0·15in. matrix (2 off).

Wire 30 s.w.g. enamelled copper.

Miscellaneous Adjustable bass bridge. Set of bass strings.

As a check that you have done this correctly, count the total number of fret positions from the nut to the end of the fretboard, you should have a total of 17.

Modifying this way eliminates any need to extend the neck. When the fretboard is secured to the neck, the latter will need to be slightly shaved down along its length to suit the slightly narrower width of the fretboard.

The finger position holes should be made as previously described. Ignore those on the blue-print diagram of the fretboard, and mark new ones at fret positions, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 16. Remember that the fret nearest the nut should be counted as fret number zero.

BRIDGE

Once again, no details have been given for making a bridge as these are best purchased. An adjustable type is recommended. Position the bridge such that its distance from the twelfth fret is the same as the distance from the twelfth fret to the zero fret.



AUTOMATIC ARCROR LIGIOS

A simple, all solid state, design to switch the light on at duck and off at dawn.

By Mike Kenward

As automate anchoring the particularly useful on a small boat which may have to be moored, unattended for long periods in an area where anchor lights are required or for an overnight stay in a bay or estuary, when the crew can go ashore for the day safe in the knowledge that the riding light will turn itself on as dusk falls.

CIRCUIT DESIGN

Three main criteria governed the design of the circuit. They were, the unit should not be affected by the atmosphere—thus no relay should be used. Operation should be fast to avoid a "half on" bulb and unnecessary power wastage, and the unit should be cheap and easy to build.

The final circuit consists of a modified Schmitt trigger that changes from one state to another depending on the resistance of the photocell PCC1 (Fig. 1). The resistance of PCC1 varies between about 200 ohm in bright sunlight to 10 megohm in total darkness.

CIRCUIT OPERATION

Preset potentiometer VRI is used to set the light level at which the trigger will alter state.

As the reast net of PCC1 rises with the falling of night, TRI will start to turn on and TR2 will start to turn off. As soon as this happens the potential on TR2 emitter will trie to turn TR1 on even more and a feedback loop is set up, making the operation from TR2 on to fully off occur very quickly.

In the initial condition (TR1 off, TR2 on) the Darlington pair TR3 and TR4 will be turned off. When the Schmitt changes state the base of TR3 will be taken positive and it will conduct, causing TR4 to saturate and thus turn on LP1.

The overall gain of TR3 and TR4 is in the region of 100,000 hence, for one amp to flow in TR4 (6V, 6W bulb), only 10 μ A needs to flow in

Approximate cost of components including V.A.I. £2.40 plus case and wire

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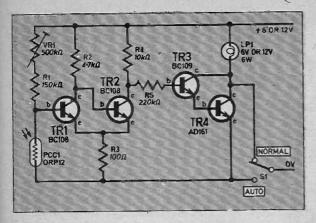


Fig. 1. The circuit diagram of the Automatic Anchor Light.

TR3 base. If, because of this high gain, which is used to ensure TR4 saturates, lamp LP1 is on low power when it should be off, the value of R4 can be increased until the Darlington pair is full off.

As daylight breaks and the resistance of PCC1 begins to fall the circuit will revert to the original state with TR4 and hence LP1 turned off. In this condition the current taken from the battery is about 4 milliamps, hence the unit can be left to operate for long periods without flattening the battery due to current taken during daylight hours.

The Schmitt trigger presents some hysteresis and hence once LP1 is lit, the ambient light level must rise by a reasonable amount for it to turn off again. This means that the lamp will not flash on and off with small changes in light level (unless light from LP1 is reflected onto the photocell).

Switch S1 is included to enable the unit to be switched from manual to automatic operation. This switch may be left out if not required.

LAMP

The current taken by LPI must not exceed the rating of TR4 (1 amp). Due to the slight voltage drop (about 300mV) across TR1 the bulb will not, in fact, be across the full supply and this factor will aid bulb reliability.

The bulb used for both 6V and 12V operation should be a 6W type (of the appropriate voltage). Although up to a 12W bulb could be used

Components....

Resistors		SEE
R1 150kΩ		SHOP
R2 4·7kΩ		
R3 100Ω		TALK
R4 10kΩ		
R5 220kΩ		
All &W + 10%	carbon	

Transistors

TR1	BC 108 silicon npn
TR2	BC 108 silicon npn
TR3	BC 109 silicon npn
TR4	AD 161 permanium non

Miscellaneous

PCC1	ORP12 light dependent resistor
VR1	500kΩ skeleton preset potentiometer
LP1	6V or 12V 6W bulb (depending on
	supply)
	S.P.D.T miniature toggle switch
Verobo	pard 23 x 15 x 0.15 inch matrix, alu-
minium	for heatsink 2½in. x 1in. x 18 s.w.g.
Materia	als for lamp holder; grommet about
∄inch (diameter, rubber foot, paxolin or bake-
lite tub	e 3/4 inch outside diameter. Materials for
case;	plastic, screw top "Tetramin" con-
tainer,	clear plastic "Dop" shampoo con-
tainer.	Connecting wire, two core plastic

covered lead for supply, 4BA fixings, Araldite.

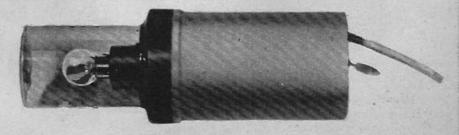
on a 12V supply (governed by the rating of TR4) no more than 6W should be used in a similar lamp to the prototype due to the design of the bulb housing—bulbs under 6W should not be used as this is below the required power for an anchor light.

FORMS OF CONSTRUCTION

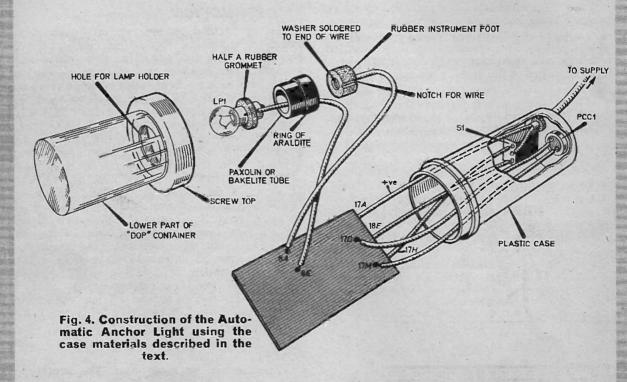
small grommet for supply lead.

Construction can take a number of forms depending on the requirements. For instance the electronics can be housed in a small case mounted away from the actual lamp and connected to a battery or the ships supply and the lamp by twin leads. Alternatively the electronics can be fitted within one of the fixed anchor lights available from chandlers and connected to the ships supply or other battery by a twin lead.

Photograph of the completed Automatic Anchor Light.



AUTOMATIC ARCROR LIGITO



The prototype unit ready for final assembly.



The complete unit could be self contained within a commercial plastic dome lamp together with a battery and control switch. Finally the unit may be constructed complete, as in the prototype, housed in the case design shown in the photographs and diagrams.

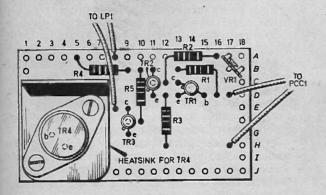
Since the unit will work from below 6V to the above 12V the supply is not critical—provided it remains reasonably steady—only the lamp will need to be altered to suit the supply (normal 6V, or 12V batteries can be used).

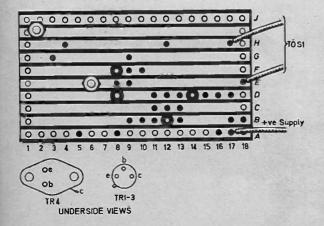
The complete unit can be made very compact (about 3 inches by 134 inches diameter) and virtually watertight by enclosing it in a small plastic screw top container such as that used to hold tropical fish food (Tetramin); this type of container was used for the prototype and the unit can thus be mounted on the mast or rigged as and when required.

If the electronics are to be installed inside an existing lamp housing the shape of the board may have to be altered to enable all components to be fitted in. The switch S1 could be mounted remotely and connected, with the supply, by a

three core lead to the unit if required.

Fig. 2. Veroboard layout and wiring diagram. TR4 is not isolated from the heat sink.





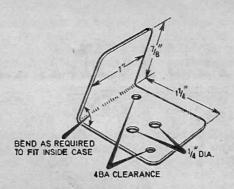


Fig. 3. The heat sink used for TR4. The emitter and base pins must not touch the heat sink, which is bent to hold the board firmly inside the case.

CONSTRUCTION

Having decided on the type of construction required commence by cutting the board and small heat sink for TR4 (Fig. 3) to shape and mounting the components as shown in Fig. 2. Make sure to use a heat shunt between the iron and TR1, TR2 and TR3 when soldering them in.

Next connect up the switch S1 and PCC1 with enough flexible lead to allow for their mounting positions and, after checking the wiring, connect the unit to the lamp and supply as shown.

With S1 in the normal position, lamp LP1 should be on, in the automatic position the lamp is on or off depending on the light falling on PCC1. Switch to automatic, adjust VR1 to mid track and cover PCC1 with one hand, LP1 should immediately come on. With light falling on PCC1, LP1 should extinguish. Potentiometer VR1 can now be adjusted so that LP1 lights when the ambient light falling on PCC1 is at the required level (i.e. getting dark).

If the lamp flashes on and off this is probably due to light from LP1 reaching PCC1 and caus-

ing feedback.

CASE

The case can be made next. The prototype unit used a fish food container, as mentioned previously, for the base and the lower part of a "Dop" shampoo bottle for the lamp cover. These items can have their lettering removed using metal polish, this produces a professional looking unit without the need for painting.

The mounting holes for PCC1, S1 and the grommet for the supply lead are shown in Fig. 4; these should be cut using the actual components for size. Next cut the hole in the case lid to take a 34 inch diameter Bakelite or Paxolin tube—this material is used because of its heat resistance (LP1 and the dome get quite warm).

The lamp is mounted in a 34 inch length of the tube using a grommet and rubber instrument foot as shown in Fig. 4. The tube is then pushed

into a hole cut in the lid of the container, a ring of Araldite around the tube will stop it going right through.

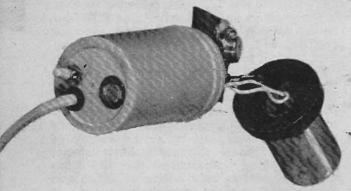
The case can now be completed by Aralditeing a 2 inch section of the Dop bottle to the lid as

shown in the photographs.

FINISH

The final board and all the components on it can now be painted if required to protect them from the elements. Next PCC1 can be mounted in the end of the tube using Araldite, and §1, the board and LP1 inserted in the case. Finally \$1 and the grommet around the connecting lead can be sealed with silicon grease or Vaseline.

The unit can be permanently mounted in a convenient position or put up when required. A two pin sealed plug in the supply lead will facilitate easy connection, whilst a conveniently placed large Terry clip will make fitting a simple matter. Alternatively a terylene cord tied around the unit, under the lid of the case, with a loop over the lamp housing will enable the unit to be hung up or connected to a halliard for hoisting aloft.



The light ready for completion. Note the positions of the switch and the photocell.



The Indicator Audible Warning (April issue) was shown in Figs. I and 2 with incorrect battery polarity. The positive and negative leads should be transposed.

Flashing Light Metronome; continued from page 249.

Components....

Resistors

R4

R1 33kΩ R2 33kΩ R3 2·2kΩ

33kΩ 2·2kΩ 470Ω

SEE

All 4 watt ± 10% carbon

Potentiometers

VR1 500kΩ log. carbon

Capacitors

C1 125µF elect. 16V

Transistors

TR1 BC108 silicon npn TR2 2N1305 silicon pnp

Miscellaneous

LP1 6V 60mA bulb and suitable holder

S1 On/off switch

B1 9V PP3 or larger type if possible Veroboard, 0.15in. matrix 11 x 7 holes; suitable case; battery connector.

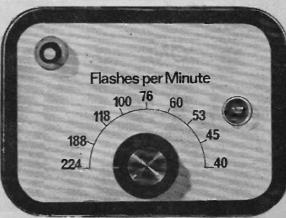
the group or band can set the unit to coincide with the tempo of the tune. The reading is then taken from the scale and this is noted for this particular tune.

This procedure could be repeated for the whole repertoire, so the correct tempo could be called upon by a setting on the Flashing Light Metronome.

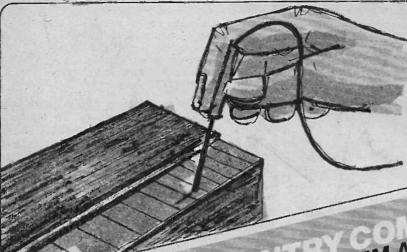
In the laboratory, the unit can be used in various oscillatory experiments such as determining the value of "g" (acceleration due to gravity) by the pendulum bob experiment for example, and various magnetic experiments involving oscillating suspended magnets.

In these cases, the Flashing Light Metronome would be adjusted so that its flashing rate coincided with one complete revolution (i.e. the periodic time, T) and the value of the frequency $(^{1}/_{T})$ read off directly from the scale.

Photograph of the completed Flashing Light Metronome.



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The Bistable

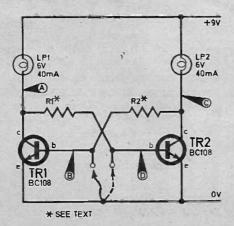
During the next few months we shall be looking at a family of circuits known as multivibrators. Those of you who follow Teach In will remember one of them—the astable multivibrator—but there are two others; the monostable and the bistable. This month we shall talk about the latter.

THE BISTABLE

In electronic terms the bistable is one of the more elementary circuits to understand but nevertheless is extremely useful and with it one can carry out some rather interesting experiments. It is not used quite so frequently in E.E. projects as its cousin the astable but it is certain that you will come across it from time to time—particularly if you ever get involved in the field of digital electronics.

Its main application is where an electronic circuit is required to "remember" something that happens, so that an indication can be given or alternatively an action can be carried out as a result of the occurrence. The latter may sound rather philosophical and does require an understanding of digital logic so we shall not dwell on that aspect. Instead we shall concern ourselves only with the application of the circuit as a "remembering indicator."

Fig. 6.1. The basic bistable circuit using LP1 and LP2 as indicators.



BASIC CIRCUIT

The basic circuit shown in Fig. 6.1 uses lamps LP1 and LP2 as the indicators. To make one of these lamps switch on the transistor beneath must be capable of passing enough collector current to make the filament glow. Although the bulbs are 40mA 6V it is better to assume that about 100mA could flow through the filament to get maximum illumination—then the possibility of a bulb being less sensitive than normal is of no concern.

To pass collector current in the transistor, base current must flow. The base current required can be calculated by dividing the collector current by the d.c. current gain of the transistor (h_{FE}). A BC108 has a typical h_{FE} of 200 but sometimes a particular device can have a gain as low as 100; therefore it is better to assume the worst case in the calculations.

Assuming therefore that the lamp needs 100mA and that h_{FE} for the transistor is 100 the base current needed to switch the lamp on is:

$$\frac{I_{\rm c}}{h_{\rm FE}} = \frac{100}{100} = 1 \text{mA}$$

Under normal circumstances this base current would be supplied through a resistor that connects the base of the transistor to some positive voltage (usually the positive power rail). In the case of the bistable there is a slightly different arrangement. Resistor R2—the base current control resistor for TR1—is connected to the collector of TR2.

Assuming that TR2 is not conducting; R2 is effectively still connected to the positive rail through LP2. The base current control resistor is therefore R2 in series with LP2 and we can calculate the total resistance value that will give 1mA of base current in TR1 (assume there is absolutely zero current flowing in TR2 hence its presence in the circuit does not affect our calculations).

The total resistance must be not greater than the supply rail voltage less the base emitter forward voltage drop of the transistor divided by the base current required

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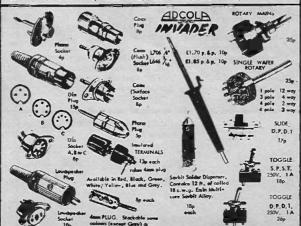
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About 100 ohms of this will be contributed by the internal resistance of LP2 so R2 must have a value of less than 8.3 kilohm for LP1 to light up when TR2 is not conducting. In practice this resistor usually has a very much smaller value just to be on the safe side (you can experiment with this value later).

Exactly the same argument is used to calculate the value of R1 which is the base current control resistor for TR2.

CIRCUIT OPERATION

Having assumed one of the transistors is not conducting, to make the lamp on the opposite side of the circuit switch on, follow this argument through carefully and it can be seen that if LP1 is lit it automatically ensures that TR2 is not conducting and similarly for LP2 and TR1. If LP1 is lit it means that TR1 is fully conducting and that the voltage at point A is virtually zero. Because of this no base current can be generated in TR2 and the latter is switched off. Transistor TR2 does not, therefore, draw current through LP2 and TR1 is free to draw base current through R2 and LP2 from the positive rail.

If TR1 is deliberately switched off (this can be done by diverting its base current to ground by shorting point B to the negative rail) the voltage at A will now rise up towards the positive supply voltage and at a certain level sufficient base current will be supplied to TR2 to make it switch on and LP2 will light up; the voltage at C falls to almost zero.

Removing the short circuit from the base of TR1 will not affect the circuit because TR2 has now diverted what was the base current.

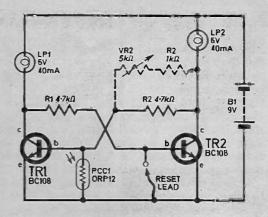


Fig. 6.2. Practical, light operated bistable circuit.

The circuit thus "remembers" the action of shorting point B to ground and indicates it by lighting LP2.

Short point D to ground and LP2 goes off as LP1 lights up; remove the short circuit and LP1 remains lit. The lamps indicate that the base of the opposite side has been shorted to ground and the circuit remembers this indefinitely—until the supply is switched off.

PRACTICAL CIRCUIT

Make up the circuit on the Demo Deck and check the operation. Make R1 and R2 4.7 kilohms. Short points B and D only to the negative rail—if they are accidentally connected to the positive rail unlimited base current will flow through the transistors and probably burn out the base emitter junction!

Alternatively make up the circuit of Fig. 6.2 which uses a light dependent resistor between

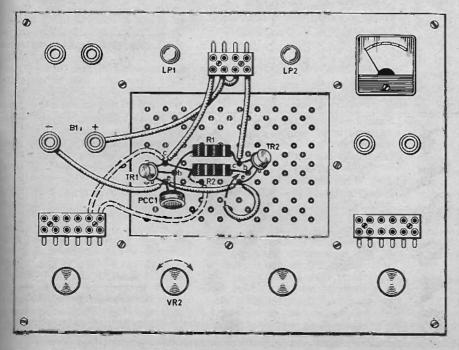


Fig. 6.3. The circuit of Fig. 6.2, wired up on the Demo Deck. The photocell PCC1 switches the bistable as the light level rises.

the base of TR1 and ground. When sufficient light falls on PCC1 it shunts most of the base current to ground and TR1 stops conducting. Put the circuit in a dimly lit room and "reset" it by shorting the base of TR2 to ground (LP1 will be illuminated); switch on the main light in the room or hold a light close to PCC1 and the bistable will change state and stay in its new state irrespective of how many times the main light is switched on and off. This simple application could be used to indicate an intruder in the house who had switched on the lights.

If the circuit is not very sensitive to the room lighting, try increasing the values of R1 and R2. If too sensitive reduce them to not less than 1 kilohm. Alternatively use VR2 of Demo Deck (5 kilohm) in series with a 1 kilohm resistor as a substitute for R2 and then set the sensitivity to

suit the light level using VR2.

The circuit of Fig. 6.2 and the modification incorporating VR2 is shown wired up on the

Demo Deck in Fig. 6.3.

If the circuit of Fig. 6.1 is required, simply omit PCC1 and construct the remaining circuit, not using VR2. The reset lead (from TR2 emitter) can then be used to switch the circuit from one state to the other by connecting it to TR1 or TR2 base.

Next Month: The differential amplifier



Under a single editorship, these two magazines are planned to complement each other.

The May issue of P.E. is now on sale. It features a Push Button Stereo Tuner. This design uses ready-made modules, and can therefore be built by the average constructor in only a few hours.

This issue also contains a Free Wall Chart giving details of electronic display devices.

Ruminations By Sensor

Who.done it?

One of the favourite programmes on television, with my family, is Dr. Who. The writers and designers involved in this serial must have a lot of fun designing the electronic equipment and cleverly giving us just sufficient information about it to make it seem plausible. The police telephone box "Tardis," which is so much bigger inside than it is outside, is driven by some power that has never been defined but the control console has been seen to contain printed circuit modules and some things that look rather like valves.

Large screen television, completely flat and without any evidence of a cathode ray tube, seems to be capable of reception from all over the universe—no difficulty with different line frequency systems or aerial polarisation planes! Dr. Who is a peaceful man and is always able to extricate himself from dangerous and violent situations without recourse to violence himself, a refreshing change from the "shoot your way out of it" type adventure serial.

Take over Mr. Spock

Another television programme, in similar vein, is "Star Trek". The Starship "Enterprise", we have been told, is powered by some form of atomic energy. Its crew is not only international and interracial but also interplanetary.

Under their commander Captain Kirk these masters of high technology navigate themselves to the ends of the universe with the aid of their talking computers and their detecting and sensing equipment. They are able, by means of the transporter beam, to dematerialise and be transferred to the planet they are orbiting. This is a mode of transport which has interested me since boyhood, none of the frustrations of missing a bus, a crowded compartment, no trouble from draughty windows or

overheated carriages!

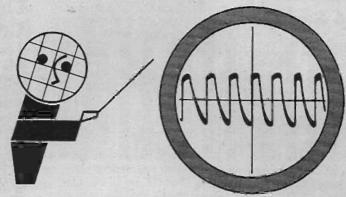
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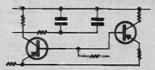
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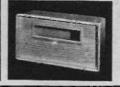
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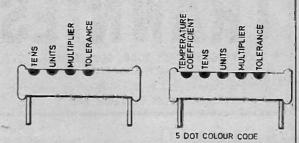
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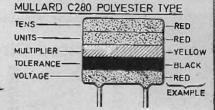
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The 4 and 5 dot colour code have the same significance (see Table 1) except that the first dot on the 5 dot system is the temperature coefficient.



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TABLE 1

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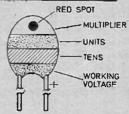
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Brown	1	x 10pF	±1%	_
Red	2	x 100pF	±2%	250V
Orange	3	x 1,000pF	±2.5%	
Yellow	4	x 10,000pF		400V
Green	5	x 100,000pF	±5%	
Blue	6		-	_
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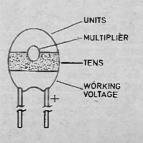
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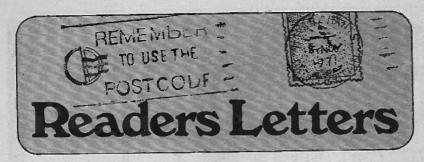
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Red		2	x 100μF
Orange	35V	2 3	
Yellow	6·3V	4	
Green-	16V	5	
Blue	20V	6	
Violet		7	
Grey	25V	8	x 0·01μF
White	3V	9	x 0-1μF
Black	10V	0	x 1µF
Pink	35V		

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Bakelite Receiver

Sensor was right about the old Bakelite sets (January issue). Most of my projects are made from discarded radios purloined from the local tip and, if I find a set worth servicing I take it home and do so. I had a collection of more than 12 sets at one time. My friends after seeing some of them bought one or two.

L. Whitney Cheshire

Word of warning

Having read the Bright Ideas article in the April edition, I feel that I should write to you about Mr. Screeney's idea for a drilling jig for power transistors, especially v.h.f. types containing Beryllia, the dust of which is toxic and breathing this dust, or letting it enter a cut could cause permanent injury.

Beryllia is also contained in power diodes, thyristors, some ceramic materials and some heat

sink washers.

M. R. Charlton Southampton

Traditional

I have been taking your magazine, Everyday Electronics, since December 1972, and have just realised that a long tradition has just come to an end. Having had a great interest in the subject since I was about 12 (I am now 22) I have bought all kinds of magazines relating to this subject and borrowed many books from the library, and after ten years of trying to understand the simple basics of electronics (theory) I can now honestly say I have found someone who understands the beginner's problems.

This magazine must rank amongst the greatest teachers of the world. Also another tradition that seems to have come to an end is the OC45, OC71 and OC72 tradition. At one time I didn't think you could build a piece of

equipment without one or two of these mysterious devices. I would really like to thank you for a wonderful magazine.

S. G. Brooks Lancashire

Brilliance

After reading the article describing how to make the night light switch, it made me think how cumbersome it would be if a reader wished to connect this to ceiling light in a room. After thinking, I realised how easy it would be to make this an ordinary double wall switch. This I feel would be much more convenient. One switch is used as an on-off switch in the normal way, and this is connected in series with the second switch which has the diode wired across the contacts. Thus when the second switch is in the off position the current flows through the diode giving a dimmed lamp and in the on position the switch shorts out the diode giving full brilliance.

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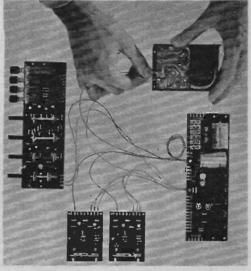
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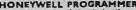
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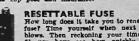
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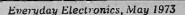
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