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Preface

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Abbreviations Used

A	ampere	CRO	cathode-ray oscilloscope	F	farad
AC	alternating current			°F	degree Fahrenheit
AC/DC	AC or DC	CROM	control and read-only memory	FET	field-effect transistor
A/D	analog-to-digital			FIFO	first-in first-out
ADC	analog-to-digital converter	CRT	cathode-ray tube	FM	frequency modulation
A/D, D/A	analog-to-digital, or digital-to-analog	CT	center tap	4PDT	four-pole double-throw
ADP	automatic data processing	CW	continuous wave	4PST	four-pole single-throw
AF	audio frequency	D/A	digital-to-analog		
AFC	automatic frequency control	DAC	digital-to-analog converter	FS	full scale
AFSK	audio frequency-shift keying	dB	decibel	FSK	frequency-shift keying
AFT	automatic fine tuning	dBm	decibels above 1 mW	ft	foot
AGC	automatic gain control	dBV	decibels above 1 V	ft/min	foot per minute
Ah	ampere-hour	DC	direct current	ft/s	foot per second
ALU	arithmetic-logic unit	DC/DC	DC to DC	ft²	square foot
AM	amplitude modulation	DCTL	direct-coupled transistor logic	F/V	frequency-to-voltage
AM/FM	AM or FM	diac	diode AC switch	F/V, V/F	frequency-to-voltage, or voltage-to-frequency
AND	type of logic circuit	DIP	dual in-line package		
AVC	automatic volume control	DMA	direct memory access	G	giga- (10 ⁹)
b	bit	DMM	digital multimeter	GHz	gigahertz
BCD	binary-coded decimal	DPDT	double-pole double-throw	G-M tube	Geiger-Mueller tube
BFO	beat-frequency oscillator			h	hour
b/s	bit per second	DPM	digital panel meter	H	henry
C	capacitance; capacitor	DPST	double-pole single-throw	HF	high frequency
°C	degree Celsius; degree Centigrade	DSB	double sideband	HFO	high-frequency oscillator
CATV	cable television	DTL	diode-transistor logic	hp	horsepower
CB	citizens band	DTL/TTL	DTL or TTL	Hz	hertz
CCD	charge-coupled device	DUT	device under test	IC	integrated circuit
CCTV	closed-circuit television	DVM	digital voltmeter	IF	intermediate frequency
cm	centimeter	DX	distance reception; distant	IGFET	insulated-gate FET
CML	current-mode logic	EAROM	electrically alterable ROM	IMD	intermodulation distortion
CMOS	complementary MOS	EBCDIC	extended binary-coded decimal interchange code	IMPATT	impact avalanche transit time
CMR	common-mode rejection			in	inch
CMRR	common-mode rejection ratio	ECG	electrocardiograph	in/s	inch per second
cm²	square centimeter	ECL	emitter-coupled logic	in²	square inch
coax	coaxial cable	EDP	electronic data processing	I/O	input/output
COHO	coherent oscillator	EKG	electrocardiograph	IR	infrared
COR	carrier-operated relay	EMF	electromotive force	JFET	junction FET
COS/MOS	complementary-symmetry MOS (same as CMOS)	EMI	electromagnetic interference	k	kilo- (10 ³)
CPU	central processing unit	EPROM	erasable PROM	K	kilohm (.000 ohms); kelvin
CR	cathode ray	ERP	effective radiated power	kA	kiloampere
		ETV	educational television	kb	kilobit
		eV	electronvolt	keV	kiloelectronvolt
		EVR	electronic video recording	kH	kiloHenry
		EXCLUSIVE-OR	type of logic circuit	kHz	kilohertz
		EXCLUSIVE-NOR	type of logic circuit	km	kilometer
				kV	kilovolt
				kVA	kilovoltampere
				kW	kilowatt
				kWh	kilowatthour
				L	inductance; inductor
				LASCR	light-activated SCR

ABBREVIATIONS

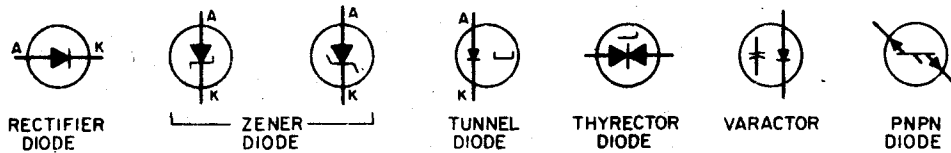
LASCS	light-activated SCS	NMOS	N-channel MOS	QRP	low-power amateur radio
LC	inductance-capacitance	NOR	type of logic circuit	R	resistance; resistor
LCD	liquid crystal display	NPN	negative-positive-negative	RAM	random-access memory
LDR	light-dependent resistor	PNPN	negative-positive-negative-positive	RC	resistance-capacitance
LED	light-emitting diode	NRZ	nonreturn-to-zero	RF	radio frequency
LF	low frequency	NRZI	nonreturn-to-zero-inverted	RFI	radio-frequency interference
LIFO	last-in first-out	ns	nanosecond	RGB	red/green/blue
lm	lumen	NTSC	National Television System Committee	RIAA	Recording Industry Association of America
LO	local oscillator	nV	nanovolt	RLC	resistance-inductance-capacitance
logamp	logarithmic amplifier	nW	nanowatt	RMS	root-mean-square
LP	long play	OEM	original equipment manufacturer	ROM	read-only memory
LSB	least significant bit	opamp	operational amplifier	rpm	revolution per minute
LSI	large-scale integration	OR	type of logic circuit	RTL	resistor-transistor logic
m	meter; milli- (10^{-3})	p	pico- (10^{-12})	RTTY	radioteletype
M	mega- (10^6); meter (instrument); motor	P	peak; positive	RZ	return-to-zero
mA	milliampere	pA	picoampere	s	second
Mb	megabit	PA	public address	SAR	successive-approximation register
MF	medium frequency	PAL	phase-alternation line	SAW	surface acoustic wave
mH	millihenry	PAM	pulse-amplitude modulation	SCA	Subsidiary Communications Authorization
MHD	magnetohydrodynamics	PC	printed circuit	scope	oscilloscope
MHz	megahertz	PCM	pulse-code modulation	SCR	silicon controlled rectifier
mi	mile	PDM	pulse-duration modulation	SCS	silicon controlled switch
mile	microphone	PEP	peak envelope power	S-meter	signal-strength meter
min	minute	pF	picofarad	S/N	signal-to-noise
mm	millimeter	PF	power factor	SNR	signal-to-noise ratio
modem	modulator-demodulator	phonu	phonograph	SPDT	single-pole double-throw
mono	monostable	PIN	positive-intrinsic-negative	SPST	single-pole single-throw
MOS	metal-oxide semiconductor	PIV	peak inverse voltage	SSB	single sideband
MOSFET	metal-oxide semiconductor FET	PLL	phase-locked loop	SSI	small-scale integration
MOST	metal-oxide semiconductor transistor	PM	permanent magnet; phase modulation	SSTV	slow-scan television
MPU	microprocessing unit	PMOS	P-channel MOS	SW	shortwave
ms	millisecond	PN	positive-negative	SWL	shortwave listener
MSB	most significant bit	PNP	positive-negative-positive	SWR	standing-wave ratio
MSI	medium-scale integration	PNPN	positive-negative-positive-negative	sync	synchronizing
m ²	square meter	pot	potentiometer	T	tera- (10^{12})
μ	micro- (10^{-6})	P-P	peak-to-peak	TC	temperature coefficient
μ A	microampere	PPI	plan-position indicator	THD	total harmonic distortion
μ F	microfarad	PPM	parts per million; pulse-position modulation	TR	transmit-receive
μ H	microhenry	preamp	preamplifier	TRF	tuned radio frequency
μ m	micrometer	PRF	pulse repetition frequency	triac	triode AC semiconductor switch
μ P	microprocessor	PROM	programmable ROM	TTL	transistor-transistor logic
μ s	microsecond	PRR	pulse repetition rate		
μ V	microvolt	ps	picosecond		
μ W	microwatt	PSK	phase-shift keying		
mV	millivolt	PTT	push to talk		
MVBR	multivibrator	PUT	programmable UJT		
mW	milliwatt	pW	picowatt		
n	nano- (10^{-9})	PWM	pulse-width modulation		
N	negative	Q	quality factor		
nA	nanoampere				
NAB	National Association of Broadcasters				
NAND	type of logic circuit				
nF	nanofarad				
nH	nanohenry				

TTY	teletypewriter	V	volt	VSWR	voltage standing-wave ratio
TV	television	VA	voltampere	VTR	videotape recording
TVI	television interference	VAC	volts AC	VTVM	vacuum-tube voltmeter
TVT	television typewriter	VCO	voltage-controlled oscillator	VU	volume unit
TWX	teletypewriter exchange service	VDC	volts DC	VVC	voltage-variable capacitor
UART	universal asynchronous receiver-transmitter	V/F	voltage-to-frequency	VXO	variable-frequency crystal oscillator
UHF	ultrahigh frequency	VFO	variable-frequency oscillator	W	watt
UJT	unijunction transistor	VHF	very high frequency	Wh	watthour
UPC	universal product code	VLF	very low frequency	WPM	words per minute
UPS	uninterruptible power system	VMOS	vertical metal-oxide semiconductor	WRMS	watts RMS
		VOM	volt-ohm-milliammeter	Ws	wattsecond
		VOX	voice-operated transmission	Z	impedance
		VPMS	volts RMS		

Abbreviations on Diagrams. Some foreign publications, including *Wireless World*, shorten the abbreviations for units of measure on diagrams. Thus, μ after a capacitor value represents μF , n is nF, and p is pF. With resistor values, k is thousand ohms, M is megohms, and absence of a unit of measure is ohms. For a decimal value, the letter for the unit of measure is sometimes placed at the location of the decimal point. Thus, 3k3 is 3.3 kilohms or 3,300 ohms, 2M2 is 2.2 megohms, $4\mu 7$ is $4.7 \mu\text{F}$, $0\mu 1$ is $0.1 \mu\text{F}$, and $4n7$ is 4.7nF .

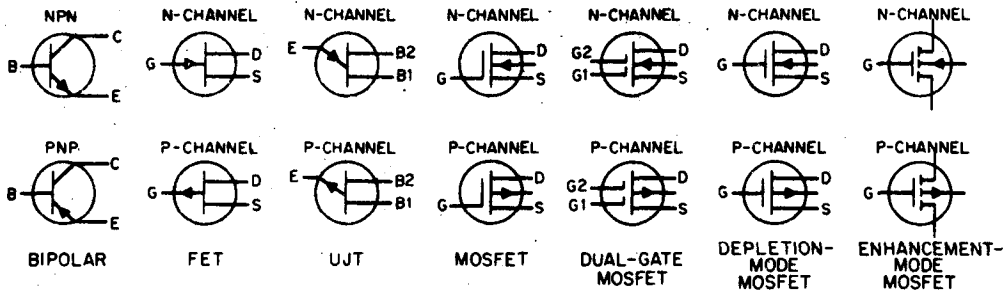
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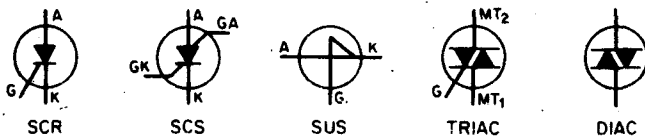


E = EMITTER
B = BASE
C = COLLECTOR
G = GATE
A = ANODE
K = CATHODE
D = DRAIN
S = SOURCE
MT = MAIN TERMINAL

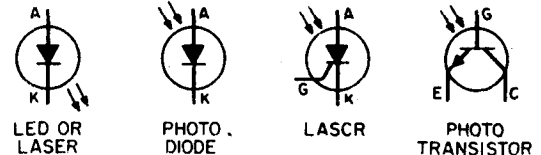
TRANSISTORS:



POWER CONTROL DEVICES:



OPTOELECTRONIC DEVICES:



The commonest forms of the basic semiconductor symbols are shown here. Leads are identified where appropriate, for convenient reference. Minor variations in symbols, particularly those from foreign sources, can be recognized by comparing with these symbols while noting positions and directions of solid arrows with respect to other symbol elements.

Omission of the circle around a symbol has no significance. Arrows are sometimes drawn open instead of solid. Thicker lines and open rectangles in some symbols on diagrams have no significance. Orientation of symbols is unimportant; artists choose the position that is most convenient for making connections to other parts of the circuit. Arrow lines outside optoelectronic symbols indicate the direction of light rays.

On some European diagrams, the position of the letter k gives the location of the decimal point for a resistor value in kilohms. Thus, 2k2 is 2.2K or 2,200 ohms. Similarly, a resistance of 1R5 is 1.5 ohms, 1M2 is 1.2 megohms, and 3n3 is 3.3 nanofarads.

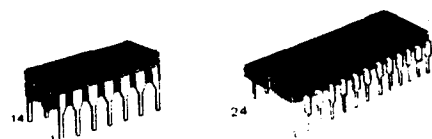
Substitutions can often be made for semiconductor and IC types specified on diagrams. Newer components, not available when the original source article was published, may actually improve the performance of a particular circuit. Electrical char-

acteristics, terminal connections, and such critical ratings as voltage, current, frequency, and duty cycle, must of course be taken into account if experimenting without referring to substitution guides.

Semiconductor, integrated-circuit, and tube substitution guides can usually be purchased at electronic parts supply stores.

Not all circuits give power connections and pin locations for ICs, but this information can be obtained from manufacturer data sheets. Alternatively, browsing through other circuits may turn up another circuit on which the desired connections are shown for the same IC.

When looking down at the top of an actual IC, numbering normally starts with 1 for the first pin *counterclockwise* from the notched or otherwise marked end and continues sequentially. The highest number is therefore next to the notch on the other side of the IC, as illustrated in the sketches below. (*Actual positions* of pins are rarely shown on schematic diagrams.)



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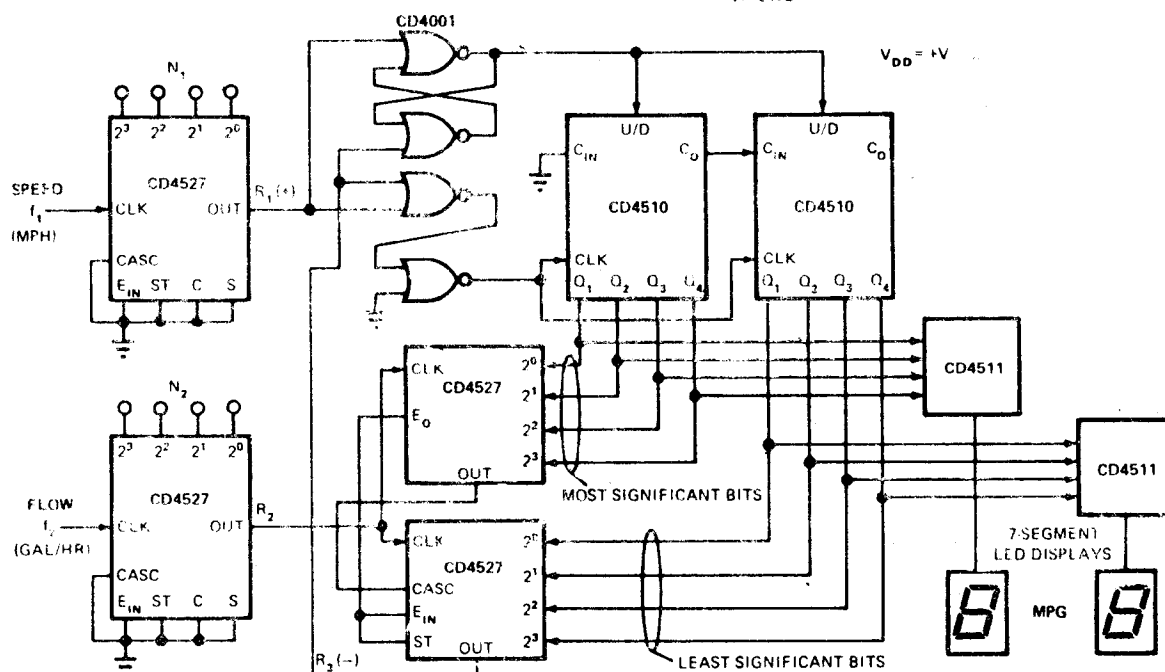
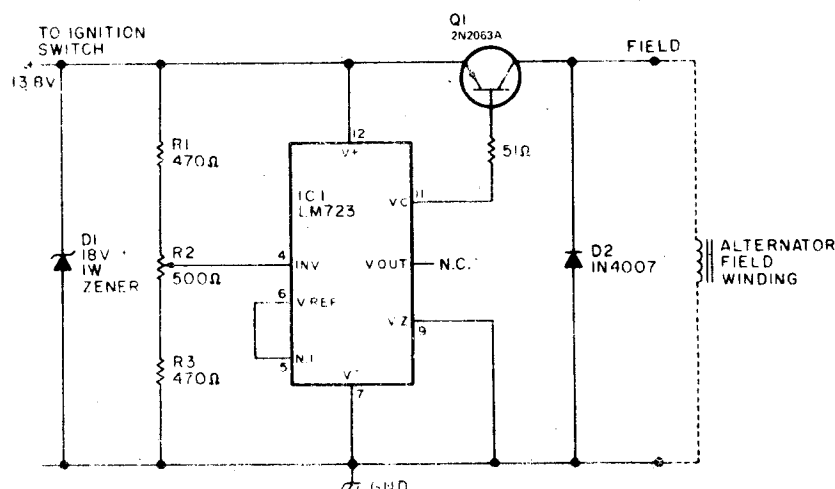
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CHAPTER 1

Automotive Circuits

Includes capacitor-discharge, optoelectronic, and other types of electronic ignition, tachometers, dwell meters, idiot-light buzzer, audible turn signals, headlight reminders, mileage computer, cold-weather starting aids, wiper controls, oil-pressure and oil-level gages, solid-state regulators for alternators, overspeed warnings, battery-voltage monitor, and trailer-light interface. For auto theft devices, see Burglar Alarm chapter.

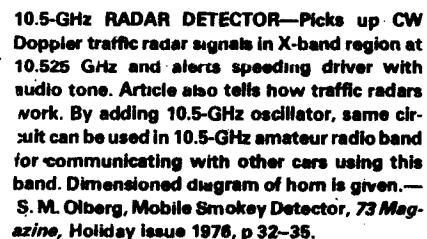
SOLID-STATE AUTO REGULATOR—Replaces and outperforms electromechanical charging-voltage regulator in autos using alternator systems. Prolongs battery life by preventing undercharging or overcharging of 12-V lead-acid battery. Uses LM723 connected as switching regulator for controlling alternator field current. R2 is adjusted to maintain 13.8-V fully charged voltage for standard auto battery. Article gives construction details and tells how to use external relay to maintain alternator charge-indicator function in cars having idiot light rather than charge discharge ammeter. Q1 is 2N2063A (SK3009) 10-A PNP transistor. —W. J. Prudden, *Build Your Own Car Regulator*, 73 *Magazine*, March 1977, p 160–162.



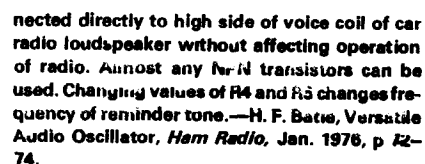
MILEAGE COMPUTER—Fuel consumption in miles per gallon is continuously updated on 2-digit LED display. Entire system using CMOS ICs can be built for less than \$25 including gas-flow sensor and speed sensor, sources for which are given in article along with operational details.

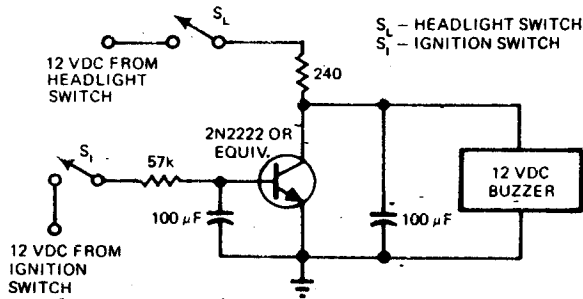
Circuit uses rate multiplier to produce output pulse train whose frequency is proportional to product of the two inputs. Output rate is time-averaged. Speed sensor, mounted in series with speedometer cable, feeds speed data to CD4527 rate multiplier as clock input. Gas-flow sensor,

mounted in series with fuel line, feeds clock input of other rate multiplier. —G. J. Sumners, *Miles/Gallon Measurement Made Easy with CMOS Rate Multipliers*, *EDN Magazine*, Jan. 20, 1976, p 61–63.



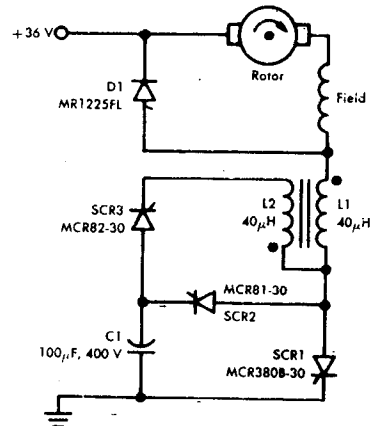
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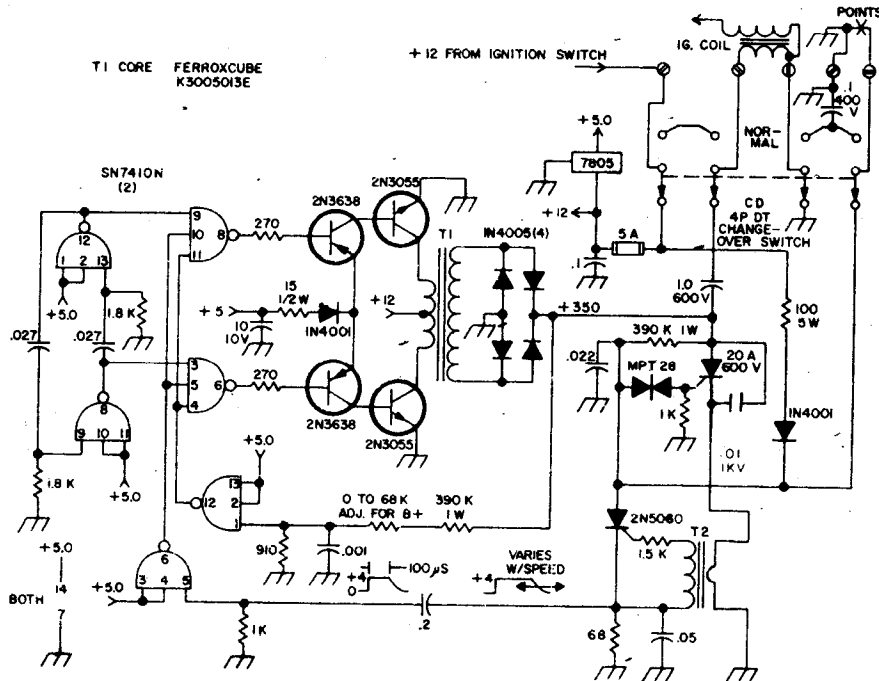


HEADLIGHTS-ON ALARM—Designed for cars in which headlight switch is nongrounding type, providing 12 V when closed. When both light and ignition switches are closed, transistor is saturated and there is no voltage drop across it to drive buzzer. If ignition switch is open while

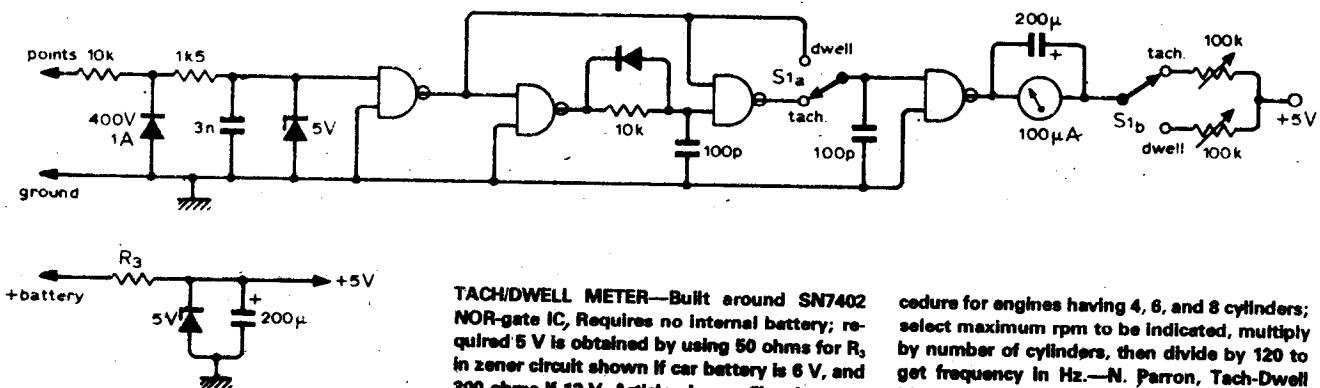
lights are on, transistor bias is removed so transistor is effectively open and full 12 V is applied to buzzer through 240-ohm resistor until lights are turned off.—R. E. Hartzell, Jr., *Detector Warns You When Headlights Are Left On*, *EDN Magazine*, Nov. 20, 1975, p 160.



ELECTRIC-VEHICLE CONTROL—SCR1 is used in combination with Jones chopper to provide smooth acceleration of golf cart or other electric vehicle operating from 36-V on-board storage battery. Normal running current of 2-hp 36-V series-wound DC motor is 60 A, with up to 300 A required for starting vehicle up hill. Chopper and its control maintain high average motor current while limiting peak current by increasing chopping frequency from normal 125 Hz to as high as 500 Hz when high torque is required.—T. Malarkey, *You Need Precision SCR Chopper Control*, *New Motorola Semiconductors for Industry*, Motorola, Phoenix, AZ, Vol. 2, No. 1, 1975.

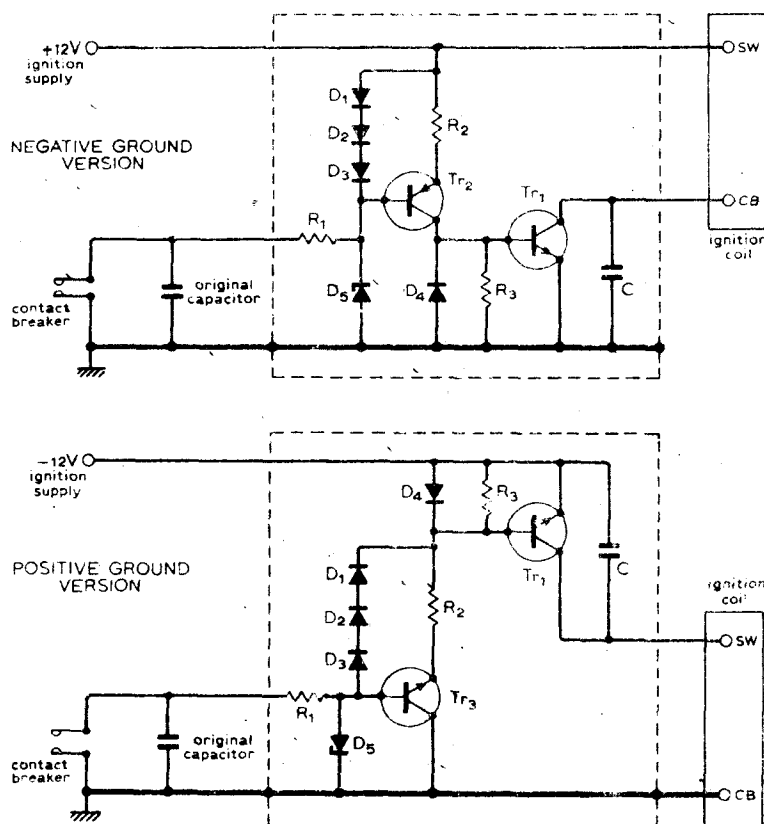


CD IGNITION—Uses master oscillator—power amplifier type of DC/DC converter in which two sections of triple 3-input NAND gates serve as 10-kHz square-wave MVBR feeding class B PNP/NPN power amplifier through two-gate driver. Remaining two gates are used as logic inverters. Secondary of T1 has 15.24 meters of No. 28 in six bank windings, with 20 turns No. 14 added and center-tapped for primary. T2 is unshielded iron-core RF choke, 30–100 μ H, with several turns wound over it for secondary. When main 20-A SCR fires, T2 develops oscillation burst for firing sensitive gate-latching SCR. Storage capacitor energy is then dumped into ignition coil primary through power SCR.—K. W. Robbins, *CD Ignition System*, *73 Magazine*, May 1974, p 17 and 19.



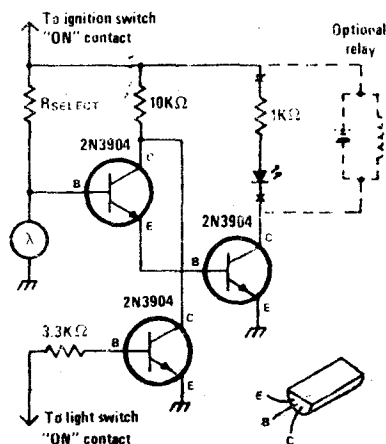
TACH/DWELL METER—Built around SN7402 NOR-gate IC. Requires no internal battery; required 5 V is obtained by using 50 ohms for R_3 in zener circuit shown if car battery is 6 V, and 300 ohms if 12 V. Article gives calibration procedure for engines having 4, 6, and 8 cylinders; select maximum rpm to be indicated, multiply by number of cylinders, then divide by 120 to get frequency in Hz.—N. Parron, *Tach-Dwell Meter*, *Wireless World*, Sept. 1975, p 413.

cedure for engines having 4, 6, and 8 cylinders; select maximum rpm to be indicated, multiply by number of cylinders, then divide by 120 to get frequency in Hz.—N. Parron, *Tach-Dwell Meter*, *Wireless World*, Sept. 1975, p 413.

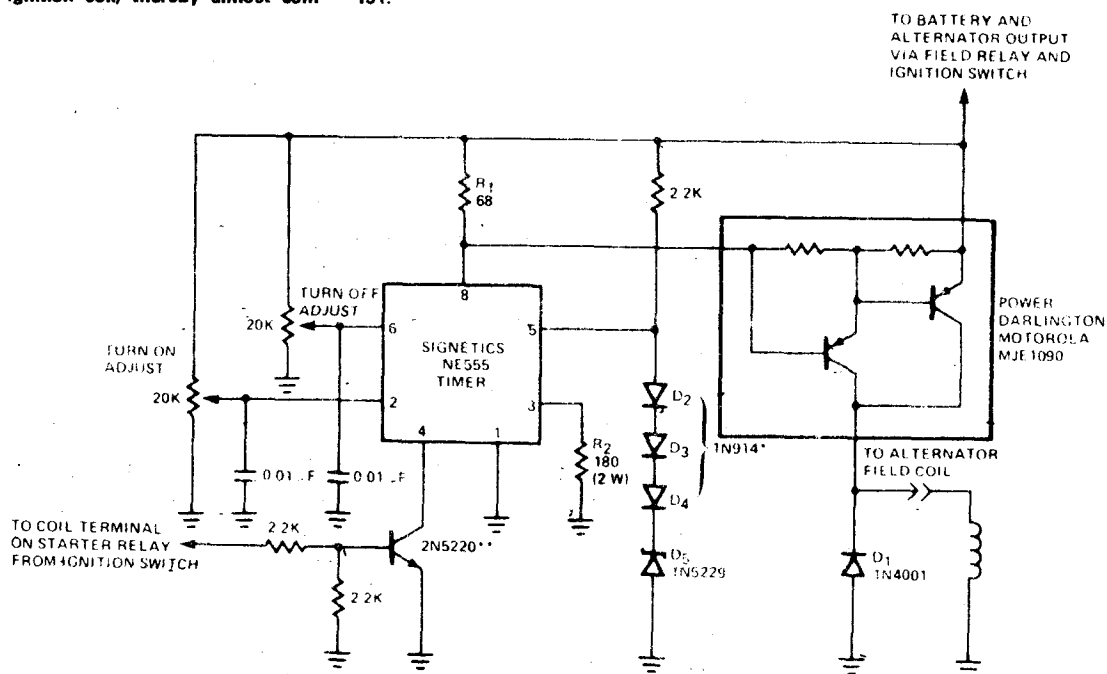


TRANSISTORIZED BREAKER POINTS—Uses Texas Instruments BUY23/23A high-voltage transistors that can easily withstand voltages up to about 300 V existing across breaker points of distributor in modern car. Circuit serves as electronic switch that isolates points from heavy interrupt current and high-voltage back-swing of ignition coil, thereby almost com-

pletely eliminating wear on points. Values are: Tr_2 2N3789; Tr_3 (for positive ground version) 2N3055; D_1 - D_4 1N4001; D_5 18-V 400-mW zener; R_1 56 ohms; R_2 1.2 ohms; R_3 10 ohms; C 600 VDC same size as points capacitor. Article covers installation procedure.—G. F. Nudd, Transistor-Aided Ignition, *Wireless World*, April 1975, p 191.



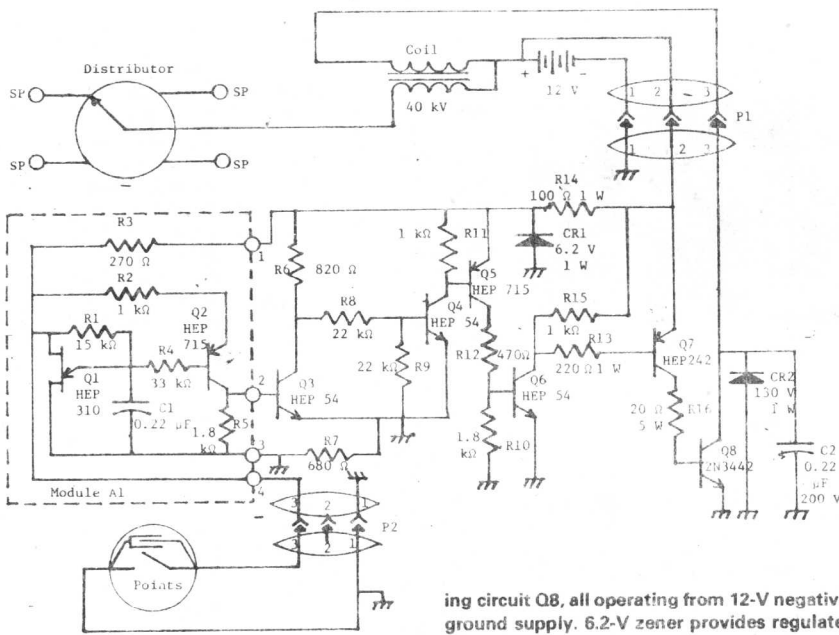
HEADLIGHT REMINDER—Photocell energizes circuit at twilight to remind motorist that lights should be turned on. Indicator can be LED connected as shown or relay turning on buzzer for more positive signal. Circuit can be made automatic by connecting relay contacts in parallel with light switch, provided delay circuit is added to prevent oncoming headlights from killing circuit. Mount photocell in location where it is unaffected by other lights inside or outside car.—J. Sandler, 9 Projects under \$9, *Modern Electronics*, Sept. 1978, p 35-39.



VOLTAGE REGULATOR—Timer and power Darlington form simple automobile voltage regulator. When battery voltage drops below 14.4

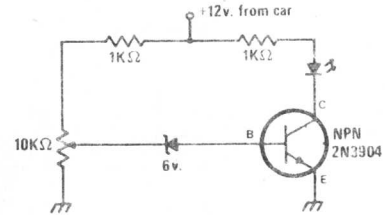
V, timer is turned on and Darlington pair conducts. Separate adjustments are provided for preset turn-on and turnoff voltages.—"Signet-

ics Analog Data Manual," Signetics, Sunnyvale, CA, 1977, p 731.

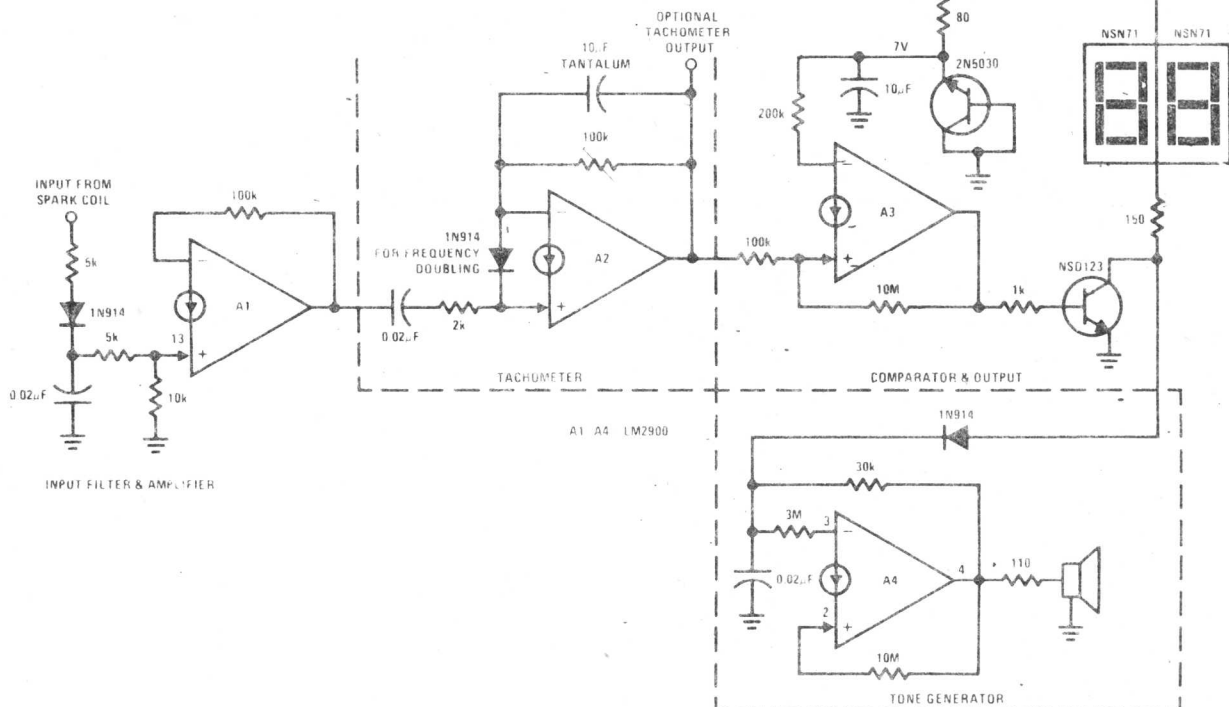


COLD-WEATHER IGNITION—Multispark electronic ignition improves cold-weather starting ability of engines in arctic environment by providing more than one spark per combustion cycle. Circuit uses UJT triangle-wave generator Q1, emitter-follower isolator Q2, wave-shaping Schmitt trigger Q3-Q4, three stages of square-wave amplification Q5-Q7, and output switch-

ing circuit Q8, all operating from 12-V negative-ground supply. 6.2-V zener provides regulated voltage for UJT and Schmitt trigger. Initial 20,000- to 40,000-V ignition spark produced by opening of breaker points is followed by continuous series of sparks at rate of about 200 per second as long as points stay open.—D. E. Stinchcomb, Multi-Spark Electronic Ignition for Engine Starting in Arctic Environment, *Proceedings of the IEEE 1975 Region Six Conference*, May 1975, p 224-225.



BATTERY MONITOR—Basic circuit energizes LED when battery voltage drops to level set by 10K ppt. Any number of additional circuits can be added, for reading battery voltage in 1-V steps or even steps as small as 0.1 V. Circuit supplements idiot light that replaces ammeter in most modern cars. LED type is not critical.—J. Sandler, 9 Projects under \$9, *Modern Electronics*, Sept. 1978, p 35-39.



HIGH-SPEED WARNING—Audible alarm tone generator drives warning loudspeaker to supplement 2-digit speed display that can be set to trip when vehicle speed exceeds 55-mph legal limit. Engine speed signal is taken from primary of spark coil. Switch in transmission activates circuit only when car is in high gear. All func-

tions are performed by sections of LM2900 quad Norton opamp. A1 amplifies and regulates spark-coil signal. A2 converts signal frequency to voltage proportional to engine speed. A3 compares speed voltage with reference voltage and turns on output transistor at set speed. A4 generates audible tone. Circuit components

must be adjusted for number of cylinders, gear and axle ratios, tire size, etc. 10-μF capacitor connected to A3 can be increased to prevent triggering of alarm when increasing speed momentarily while passing another car.—"Linear Applications, Vol. 2," National Semiconductor, Santa Clara, CA, 1976, LB-33.

