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Oscilloscopes

- #2: Tektronix delayed timebase operation
- #6: Infrequent Glitch capture on an Oscilloscope
- #9: Basic 1X and 10X Oscilloscope Probe tutorial
- #10: AC / DC Coupling on an Oscilloscope
- #11: Tektronix Oscilloscope Triggering controls and their usage
- #16: How to use the Oscilloscope to accurately capture 2 signals of different frequencies
- #17: Using Analog scope to view two signals of wildly different frequencies
- #18: Use Oscilloscope with delayed time base to measure a RF Power detector
- #19: How to get a stable scope display with two signals very close in frequency
- #20: Quick 5 minute Tektronix Mixed Domain Oscilloscope MDO4000 Demo
- #25: Analog Oscilloscope bandwidth considerations
- #26: Answering viewer questions, and Digital Oscilloscope Considerations
- #31: Analog oscilloscope ALT, CHOP, ADD, INVERT vertical controls
- #33: Oscilloscope AUTO Triggering explained
- #35: Using the ADD/INVERT mode on an analog scope to view differential voltages
- #36: Function Generator issues appearing as a triggering problem
- #40: Analog Oscilloscope's rear panel auxiliary inputs and outputs
- #41: Use Oscilloscope Z-axis input to create "marker" on waveform
- #43: Analog Oscilloscope Basics: Making a Frequency Measurement
- #44: Frequency measurement using Delaying Timebase on Analog Oscilloscope
- #48: Basics of Lissajous Patterns on an Oscilloscope
- #65: Basics of using FFT on an oscilloscope
- #66: How to make a rise-time measurement on an oscilloscope
- #68: Oscilloscope Probe Ground lead length affects on signal quality
- #69: Basics of Analog Oscilloscope Bandwidth
- #70: Digital Oscilloscope Bandwidth Measurement - direct and using rise time
- #72: Simple Station Monitor for Ham Radio using an Oscilloscope
- #74: Basics of Differential Probes for Oscilloscopes and their applications: a tutorial
- #76: Debug Transient EMI signal with a Mixed Domain Oscilloscope MDO4000
Tektronix
- #90: Measure Capacitors and Inductors with an Oscilloscope and some basic parts
- #96: Tutorial on Digital Oscilloscope sample rate, record length and data processing
- #111: How to make a high performance oscilloscope probe socket
- #160: Oscilloscope Basics, and how they can be used in the ham shack | tutorial
- #179: How to make a peak-to-peak voltage measurement on a scope
- #184: How to calibrate an analog oscilloscope
- #202: Basics of using FFT on a Tektronix TDS2000 Oscilloscope

Composite Video on Analog Oscilloscopes

- #42: Composite Video on an Analog Oscilloscope using XYZ - Lab tour...
- #86: Improved NTSC video to Oscilloscope converter circuit / scope video monitor hack

MD3000/MD4000

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#125: Tektronix MDO4000B Enhancements - RF specs, Signal Analysis and WLAN WiFi Example

#145: Unboxing the Tektronix MDO3000 Oscilloscope

#146: 10X Probe Compensation on a Tektronix MDO3000 Oscilloscope

#169: Embedded WLAN module testing with the MDO4000B and SignalVu-PC

Spectrum Analyzers

#12: Use Real-Time Spectrum Analysis to Characterize a transmitter key-up

#14: Tektronix MDO4000 Spectrum Analyzer quick comparison to entry-level analyzer

#15: Ham radio Band-scope pan-adapter using Tek MDO4000 as a spectrum analyzer

#21: Using MDO4000 to capture 802.11 traffic and export for analysis using RSAVu

#22: Spectrum Analyzer Basics / Tutorial, and the Tektronix 1401A

#23: Tektronix 1401A Spectrum Analyzer quick demo

#27: Board level EMI Debug with a Real Time Spectrum Analyzer

#38: Analyze Hot Wheel Radar gun with a Real Time Spectrum Analyzer

#47: Basics of Zero-Span operation of a Spectrum Analyzer

#51: Basic Spectrum Analyzer Do's and Dont's...

#62: Basics of Tracking Generators and 1/4 wavelength coaxial stub filters

#119: Basics of Resolution Bandwidth and Video Bandwidth in a Spectrum Analyzer (RBW/VBW)

#181: Basics of an RF Comb Generator - a tutorial

Other Test Equipment

#5: My ESR Meter project from 2006

#45: Sweep Generator Basics and Receiver Alignment

#49: Simple Component Tester using Oscilloscope - Octopus Curve Tracer

#52: Tutorial / Basics of a Dip Meter

#61: Basics of RF Samplers, Sampling-Tees, RF-taps, etc.

#73: 70's Vintage Function / Sweep Generator review / teardown

#88: Cheap and simple TDR using an oscilloscope and 74AC14 Schmitt Trigger Inverter

#105: More Circuit Fun: Simple 3 transistor saw tooth generator / oscillator

#109: How to: Fluke 87 Multimeter fuse replacement, DMM True RMS

#115: How to replace the meter movement in a Simpson 260 multimeter VOM

#142: Basics of High Voltage Probes and how to use them

#161: Circuit Fun: a simple RF detector / demodulator probe for DMM or scope

#197: Simple V-I curve tracer using an oscilloscope and function generator

#203: Schmitt Trigger Oscillator revisited | TDR | Measure Capacitors and Inductors

Test Procedures

#7: Monitor your Ham Radio transmitter with an oscilloscope

#8: Two-tone test of SSB transmitter output

#24: Transient EMI Debug using Tektronix MDO4000 Mixed Domain Oscilloscope

#37: Use a scope to measure the length and impedance of coax

#46: Basics of amplitude and distortion measurements on a scope and spectrum analyzer

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- #53: Real Time Spectrum Analysis of low frequency/audio signals
- #57: Setting up variable double-pulse using Tek AFG
- #58: How to zero-beat WWV to check or adjust a Frequency Counter's accuracy
- #64: How to measure speed with a counter/timer
- #94: RMS Voltage for Sine and square waves, and why your DMM might not work right!
- #101: How to measure FM Frequency Deviation without special equipment using Carrier / Bessel Null
- #112: Use an Oscilloscope and Signal Generator help tune an HF Antenna, measure complex impedance
- #131: How to test transistors - NPN and PNP bipolar junction transistors, BJTs
- #132: How to test MOSFETs with a DMM - a few methods...
- #135: Measure Capacitor ESR with an Oscilloscope and Function Generator
- #137: Why your Function Generator's output voltage reading can be wrong
- #138: How to Measure Output Impedance
- #139: How to make a WLAN Channel Power Measurement on a Tektronix MDO4000
- #141: What is an Eye Pattern on an Oscilloscope - A Tutorial
- #150: How to measure an HF Bandpass filter response with the MDO3000
- #159: How to measure FM frequency deviation with a spectrum analyzer
- #162: How to measure coax velocity factor VF and impedance Z
- #182: VHF Transmitter key-up analysis with a Tektronix RSA306
- #194: What is ammeter burden voltage, and why you should care
- #199: Measuring coil inductance and IF transformer resonant frequency

Circuit Construction

- #98: Surface mount IC soldering demonstration with SO-8 packaged device
- #99: Drag Soldering of an SSOP IC Package demonstration
- #102: How to de-solder or unsolder components using solder wick and vacuum tools
- #120: How to Install Anderson Powerpole connectors
- #122: Electronic Circuit Construction Techniques: review of some prototype circuit building methods
- #123: Build a crystal oscillator from schematic thru prototype construction and testing – DIY
- #124: How to install an RJ45 connector on a CAT5 Ethernet network Patch Cable - DIY Repair
- #129: How to cut circuit board PCB material - a couple of favorite methods I use...
- #149: How to solder a leadless ceramic surface mount package | LCC | CLCC
- #151: How to wind a toroid inductor | A quick tutorial
- #165: Why RF circuits need shielding - or how NOT to build a Theremin! (tnx 4 the title Ben!)

Theory

Basics

- #54: Back to Basics Tutorial: Voltage / Current in capacitors and inductors
- #55: Back to Basics: Tutorial on LC Resonant Circuits

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- #56: Basics of Capacitor & Inductor self-resonance, parasitics, etc. – Tutorial
- #59: Basics of a Square Wave signal's harmonic content
- #60: Basics of Phase Locked Loop Circuits and Frequency Synthesis
- #83: Basics of RF Mixers in Radio Receivers / Mixer Tutorial / Frequency Conversion
- #84: Basics of Ferrite Beads: Filters, EMI Suppression, Parasitic oscillation suppression / Tutorial
- #85: Basics of R2R Resistor Networks Digital Analog Conversion, Tutorial DAC Thevenin Superposition
- #87: Schmitt Trigger Oscillator / Tutorial / 74AC14 Inverter / square wave generator
- #91: Basic RF Attenuators - Design, Construction, Testing - PI and T style - A Tutorial
- #100: Capacitor self-resonance measured with an oscilloscope and signal generator - how to tutorial
- #104: Circuit tutorial: sawtooth generator w/ current sources, diode switches,
- #110: Circuit Fun: Flexible Ramp Generator to create frequency sweeps using 555 timer and op amps
- #121: Basics of SCRs and some circuit fun - device and circuit tutorial
- #136: What is a dB, dBm, dBu, dBC, etc. on a Spectrum Analyzer?
- #143: Transmission Line Terminations for Digital and RF signals - Intro/Tutorial
- #183: Why diodes are used around relay coils: Back to Basics on flyback or snubber diodes
- #195: RF Diplexer Basics: Tutorial, construction and tuning

Differential Amplifiers

- #192: Preview of next Back to Basics video on the diff-amp, long-tailed pair
- #193: Back to Basics: the differential amplifier, aka long-tailed pair, diff-pair

Diodes

- #82: How to use a Diode as a Switch / Diodes as Switches / Basics of Diode Switches
- #147: Basics of Varactor Diodes | Voltage Controlled Oscillator VCO Example
- #166: How to wind a trifilar toroid transformer for a diode ring mixer
- #167: How a Diode Ring Mixer works | Mixer operation theory and measurement
- #201: Basics of Reverse Recovery Time in a Diode

PIN Diode RF Switching

- #118: Basics of PIN diodes and their use in RF switch applications
- #130: PIN Diode 3rd order Intermodulation Distortion (IMD) vs. bias current - how to measure
- #200: T/R Switch w/ PIN Diodes and Lumped Element Quarter-wavelength transmission line

Directional Couplers

- #158: Directional Coupler Basics & how to sweep SWR of an antenna | Return Loss | VSWR
- #196: How a Directional Coupler in an SWR meter works

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Op-Amps

- #75: Basics of Op Amp circuits - a tutorial on how to understand most Op Amp circuits
- #77: Op Amp Peak Detector Tutorial, with peak detector basics
- #79: Op Amp Power Supply Considerations: split, single, virtual ground, etc. - a tutorial
- #140: Basics of an Op Amp Summing Amplifier
- #172: Basics of Op Amp Gain Bandwidth Product and Slew Rate Limit

Transistors

- #67: Basics of Common Emitter Amplifier Gain and Frequency Response with Measurements
- #113: Basics of Transistor bias point and the class of amplifier operation
- #114: Tutorial: Common Emitter, Common Collector, and Common Base Transistor amplifiers
- #185: Back to Basics: Bipolar Transistor bias circuits and Beta dependence
- #190: Back to Basics: Transistor Current Sources and Mirrors
- #191: Beware of test equipment loading effects!! Learn from my error!
- #198: Basics of a Vbe Multiplier: what it is, how it works & where it is used

Circuit Analysis

- #155: Circuit Fun: Auto-ranging Analog Voltmeter for a variable power supply
- #157: Circuit fun: Automatic audio leveling circuit | audio compressor | for scanning receiver
- #163: Automatic Volume Level Control circuit demonstration | scanner
- #186: Circuit Fun: Control an RC Servo with an adjustable DC voltage
- #187: Circuit Walkthrough: A single cell LED light supporting Ears to Our World

Equipment Repair

- #39: Function Generator debug and repair - Leader LG-1311
- #134: Teardown of failed power supply - bad capacitor

Arduino

- #78: Use an Arduino to draw pictures on an oscilloscope using XY mode
- #92: Cool Product: The Moteino - an Arduino clone + RFM12B wireless interface - low cost
- #93: RS232 and SPI bus waveforms, bus decodes and RF activity on the Moteino using Tek MDO4000
- #144: Use Arduino Uno to create spinning XY graphic on an Oscilloscope
- #164: More XY Oscilloscope graphics, Vintage Tek and how projects evolve

SDR

I&Q Signals

- #170: Basics of IQ Signals and IQ modulation & demodulation - A tutorial
- #171: IQ Signals Part II: AM and FM phasor diagrams, SSB phasing method

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RTL-SDR

- #173: Introduction to RTL-SDR low cost software defined radio receivers
- #174: Using a mixer to listen to HF, shortwave, ham, etc. on RTL-SDR dongle
- #175: Filter functions in an HF Up-converter used with RTL-SDR Dongle Receiver
- #178: Build, test, use the RF Noise Source on the Ham-It-Up RTL-SDR Up-converter

Softrock SDR

- #148: Software Defined Radio kit | Tutorial | Build | Test | Softrock Lite II
- #152: Completed Softrock Ensemble II SDR Receiver kit | On-air checkout
- #154: Softrock Ensemble II SDR Rx circuit review | description | test

Radios

CountyComm GP-5/SSB

- #188: Mini review / demo: GP-5/SSB Shortwave, AM/FM and SSB portable receiver
- #189: Programming & using memories in the GP-5/SSB shortwave receiver

Elecraft PX-3

- #180: How to assemble of the Elecraft PX3 Panadapter kit

Heathkit HW-9

- #81: Heathkit HW-9 QRP CW Transceiver Circuit Walk-Through - Ham Amateur Radio Schematic

HF Packer V4 Amplifier

- #106: Measuring low-pass filters in a Ham Radio HF Packer Amp for Amateur HF Bands
- #107: Adjusting the MOSFET drain current in the HF Packer V4 Amplifier (ham radio)
- #108: Adding a CW-SSB Mode switch to the HF Packer V4 Amplifier (ham radio)

Icom IC-706MkIIG

- #126: Repair Log, Part 1: Icom IC-706MkIIG Damage assessment and connector repair – DIY
- #127: Repair Log, Part 2: Icom IC-706MkIIG flex circuit replacement - DIY repair
- #128: How to install optional filters in an Icom IC706MkIIG and measure them with an FFT

Kenwood TM-D710

- #177: Kenwood Dual-Band TM-D710 repair, bad filter, design issue

MFJ9340

- #80: MFJ Cub 40m QRP CW Transceiver circuit walk-thru and review, plus bandsweep, ham radio MFJ-9340

TenTec 1254

- #3: TenTec 1254 Receiver Signal Path walkthrough

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- #4: Oscilloscope view of TenTec 1254 IF and detected output on shortwave signal
- #29: Adding a S-meter to TenTec 1254 Shortwave Receiver
- #30: Part II: Finishing the S-Meter on the Ten Tec 1254 Shortwave Receiver
- #34: Installation of upgraded microcontroller in the TenTec 1254 Receiver

Uniden

- #176: Uniden / President HR2510 10m transceiver repair - won't transmit

Yaesu FT-7800

- #116: Repair Log, Part 1: Yaesu FT-7800 Dual Band FM Transceiver, no VHF output
- #117: Repair Log, Part 2: Yaesu FT-7800 Dual Band FM Transceiver fixed 2m TX problem

Miscellaneous

- #1: QRP Check-in to NorCars net from RVRC Hamfest June 19,2010
- #13: D-104 Microphone amplifier / Equalizer for Ham Radio
- #28: My QRP "go kit" backpack with IC-703+ ham radio
- #32: Quick test of completed DDS-60 from AMQRP/NJQRP
- #50: QRP SSB contact on 40m from Hamfest of RVRC, June 2012
- #63: JOTA: Jamboree on the Air at OMARC/InfoAge October 2012
- #71: Proper PSK31 Audio Level setup with a scope, RF power meter, and ALC indicator
- #89: Video Tour of my Lab and Workbench - Oscilloscopes and meters and power supplies, oh my!
- #95: W2AEW Channel Trailer video
- #97: Low Power (QRP) Ham Radio contact at the 2013 RVRC Hamfest in NJ
- #103: Ham Radio on vacation - Long Beach Island with Icom IC-703+ NJ (NA-111), 10mo after Sandy
- #133: Ham Radio call sign history, and my QSL card quest - W2AEW and 2AEW
- #153: How to tune up a Kenwood TS-830S hybrid rig / transceiver | TS-520 TS-530 TS-820
- #156: Hamfest! Highlights of the 2014 RVRC Hamfest in Piscataway NJ
- #168: How to coil coax, wire, rope, etc. to be free of kinks, twists and knots