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ABSTRACT

The most obvious use for test gear is of course in trouble shooting. It help us to diagnose faults swiftly and surely, which is half the battle in curving them. But it can also play a useful role in almost every other field of electronics. Test and measurements are valuable in designing, constructing adjusting and operating electronic devices. They also help us to understand how these things work.

In a nutshell, test equipment is indispensable to the radio, television, and electronic enthusiast. To get along without it is well might impossible. Even the simplest check and adjustments cannot be made really efficiently without some part of test gear.

Building our own test gear can effect every considerable saving, but of course the job must be done carefully and as accurate as possible and with good quality component if it is to be worth while doing at all. Test gear that gives us grossly in accurate reading or measurements is not only of little use but can be so misleading that it can cause you to make mistakes which could damage costly components in the apparatus tested.

INTRODUCTION

In school science experiments the flow of charge (the number of coulombs) often has^{to} be measured, if the current is constant, it can be measured with an analogue ammeter, and if the rate of charge is slow enough the current can be plotted against time again using the ammeter and a stop watch.

However, in some chemical experiments involving analysis the current can change a great deal during the process, making continuous monitoring impractical. Physics experiments concerned with the charging of capacitors have exponentially varying currents. Often too rapid for an analogue meter to follow.

A meter which indicates the total charge that has flowed during an experiment would solve these problems.