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1.0 Abstract

A graphic equalizer is a device that is connected to an amplifier in order to improve quality of the sound produce. Graphic equalizer come in several type, the type is determined by how many band it consist. Graphic equalizers that are available in market these days, range from 4 -band to 16-band. Each band is assigned with different range of frequency that is control by a variable resistor, each band gives different effect to the sound produce. This project is a 6-band graphic equalizer built at the lower cost possible. This graphic equalizer is really cheap since it only cost about half the cost of readymade graphic equalizer. Graphic equalizer used to be build using LC tuned coil/inductor circuits, which take space and more prone to noise pick-up, so this graphic equalizer is built around two ICs in order to solve these problem and make it a lot cheaper.

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3.0 Introduction

This 6-band Low-Coast Graphic Equalizer is supposed to make any user to improve the quality of a sound from amplifier according to his own satisfaction by adjusting the six variable resistor available. Earlier graphic equalizer used LC tuned coil/inductor. Such circuits which were prone to pick-up. These circuits were originally based on transistors. Gradually transistors were replaced by ICs, which worked with inductors. Then came op-amp simulated inductors, which eliminated the need of any coil. It helped in constructing a more compact circuit (as in most commercial designs) around just two ICs!

Using gyrators for LC simulation highly reduces cost and size of the device. A gyrator consists of an op-amp with a rather unconventional feed back network. At resonance its impedance droop. With the control in mid position the gain is unity. When the gyrator control wiper is shifted towards the input, the output potential decrease and the output signal is attenuated. The block diagram given in figure.1 should give better understanding.