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INTRODUCTION

This e-book contains 100 transistor circuits. The second part of this e-book will contain a further 100 circuits. Most of them can be made with components from your "junk box" and hopefully you can put them together in less than an hour.

The idea of this book is to get you into the fun of putting things together and there's nothing more rewarding than seeing something work.

It's amazing what you can do with a few transistors and some connecting components. And this is the place to start.

Most of the circuits are "stand-alone" and produce a result with as little as 5 components.

We have even provided a simple way to produce your own speaker transformer by winding turns on a piece of ferrite rod. Many components can be obtained from transistor radios, toys and other pieces of discarded equipment you will find all over the place.

To save space we have not provided lengthy explanations of how the circuits work. This has already been covered in TALKING ELECTRONICS Basic Electronics Course, and can be obtained on a [CD for \\$10.00](#) (posted to anywhere in the world) See Talking Electronics website for more details: <http://www.talkingelectronics.com> Transistor data is at the bottom of this page and a transistor tester circuit is also provided. There are lots of categories and I am sure many of the circuits will be new to you, because some of them have been designed recently by me.

Basically there are two types of transistor: PNP and NPN.

All you have to do is identify the leads of an unknown device and you can build almost anything.

You have a choice of building a circuit "in the air," or using an experimenter board (solderless breadboard) or a matrix board or even a homemade printed circuit board. The choice is up to you but the idea is to keep the cost to a minimum - so don't buy anything expensive.

If you take parts from old equipment it will be best to solder them together "in the air" (as they will not be suitable for placing on a solderless breadboard as the leads will be bent and very short).

This way they can be re-used again and again.

No matter what you do, I know you will be keen to hear some of the "noisy" circuits in operation.

Before you start, the home-made **Speaker Transformer** project and Transistor Tester are the first things you should look at.

If you are starting in electronics, see the **World's Simplest Circuit**. It shows how a transistor works and three transistors in the **6 Million Gain** project will detect microscopic levels of static electricity! You can look through the Index but the names of the projects don't give you a full description of what they do. You need to look at everything. And I am sure you will.

KIT OF PARTS

Talking Electronics supplies a kit of parts that can be used to build the majority of the circuits in this book.

The [kit costs \\$15.00](#) plus postage.

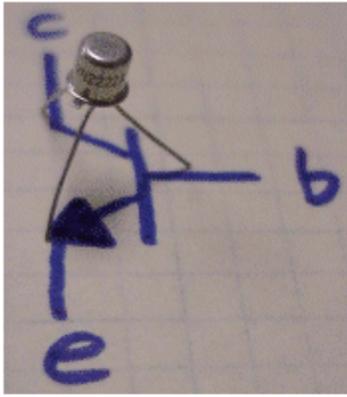
In many cases, a resistor or capacitor not in the kit, can be created by putting two resistors or capacitors in series or parallel or the next higher or lower value can be used.

Don't think transistor technology is obsolete. Many complex circuits have one or more transistors to act as buffers, amplifiers or to connect one block to another. It is absolutely essential to understand this area of electronics if you want to carry out design-work or build a simple circuit to carry out a task.

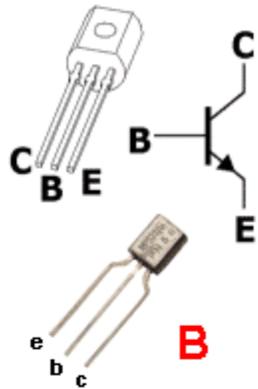
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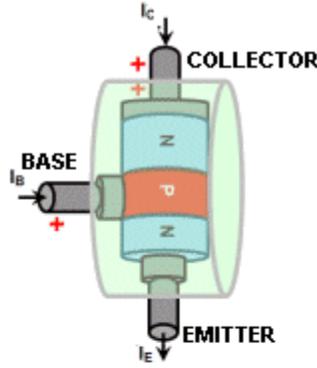
The first thing you will want to know is: **HOW DOES A TRANSISTOR WORK?**



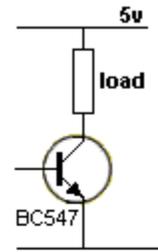
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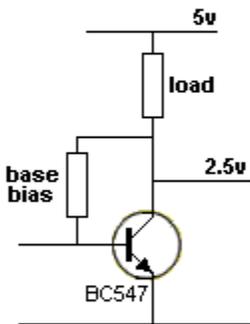
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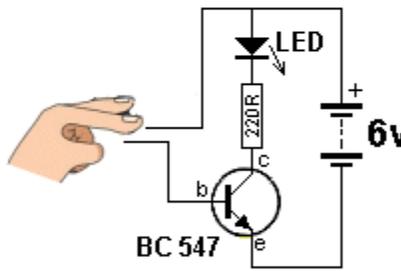
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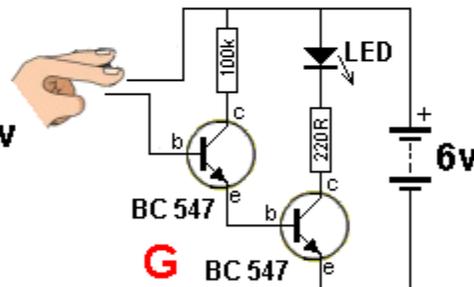
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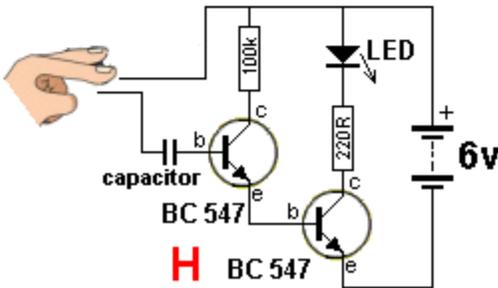
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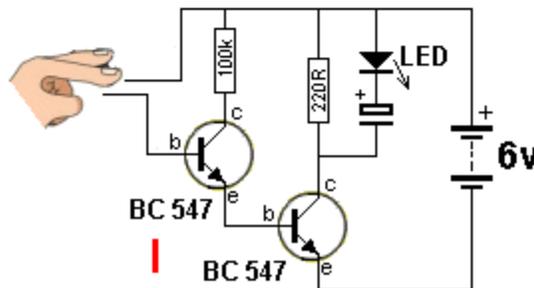
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G



H



I

Diagram "A" shows an NPN transistor with the legs covering the symbol showing the name for each lead. The transistor is a "general purpose" type and is the smallest and cheapest type you can get. The number on the transistor will change according to the country where the circuit was designed but the types we refer to are all the SAME.

Diagram "B" shows two different "general purpose" transistors and the different pinouts. You need to refer to data sheets or test the transistor to find the correct pinout.

Diagram "C" shows the equivalent of a transistor as a water valve. As more current (water) enters the base, more water flows from the collector to the emitter.

Diagram "D" shows the transistor connected to the power rails. The collector connects to a resistor called a LOAD and the emitter connects to the 0v rail or earth or "ground."

Diagram "E" shows the transistor in SELF BIAS mode. This is called a COMMON EMITTER stage and the resistance of the BASE BIAS RESISTOR is selected so the voltage on the collector is half-rail voltage. In this case it is 2.5v.

To keep the theory simple, here's how you do it. Use 22k as the load resistance.

Select the base bias resistor until the measured voltage on the collector 2.5v. The base bias will be about 2M2. This is how the transistor reacts to the base bias resistor:

The base bias resistor feeds a small current into the base and this makes the transistor turn on and create a current-flow through the collector-emitter leads.

This causes the same current to flow through the load resistor and a voltage-drop is created across this resistor. This lowers the voltage on the collector.

The lower voltage causes a lower current to flow into the base and the transistor stops turning on a slight amount. The transistor very quickly settles down to allowing a certain current to flow through the collector-emitter and produce a voltage at the collector that is just sufficient to allow the right amount of current to enter the base.

Diagram "F" shows the transistor being turned on via a finger. Press hard on the two wires and the LED will

illuminate brighter. As you press harder, the resistance of your finger decreases. This allows more current to flow into the base and the transistor turns on harder.

Diagram "G" shows a second transistor to "amplify the effect of your finger" and the LED illuminates about 100 times brighter.

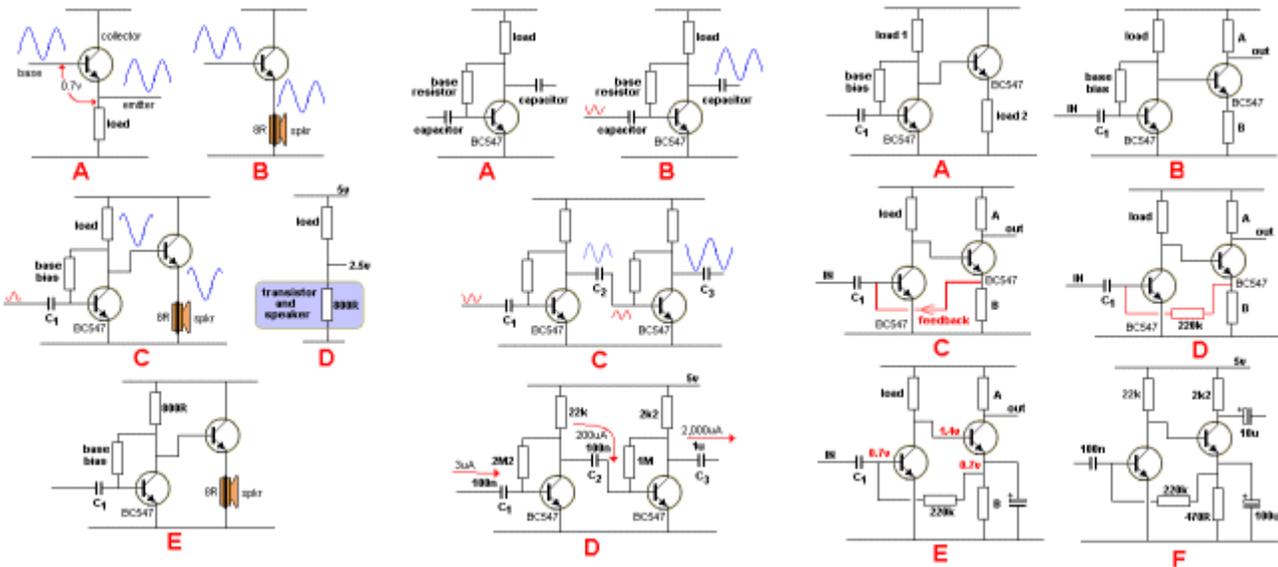
Diagram "H" shows the effect of putting a capacitor on the base lead. The capacitor must be uncharged and when you apply pressure, the LED will flash brightly then go off. This is because the capacitor gets charged when you touch the wires. As soon as it is charged NO MORE CURRENT flows through it. The first transistor stops receiving current and the circuit does not keep the LED illuminated. To get the circuit to work again, the capacitor must be discharged. This is a simple concept of how a capacitor works. A large-value capacitor will keep the LED illuminated for a longer period of time.

Diagram "I" shows the effect of putting a capacitor on the output. It must be uncharged for this effect to work. We know from Diagram G that the circuit will stay on when the wires are touched but when a capacitor is placed in the output, it gets charged when the circuit turns ON and only allows the LED to flash.

1. This is a simple explanation of how a transistor works. It amplifies the current going into the base about 100 times and the higher current flowing through the collector-emitter leads will illuminate a LED.

2. A capacitor allows current to flow through it until it gets charged. It must be discharged to see the effect again.

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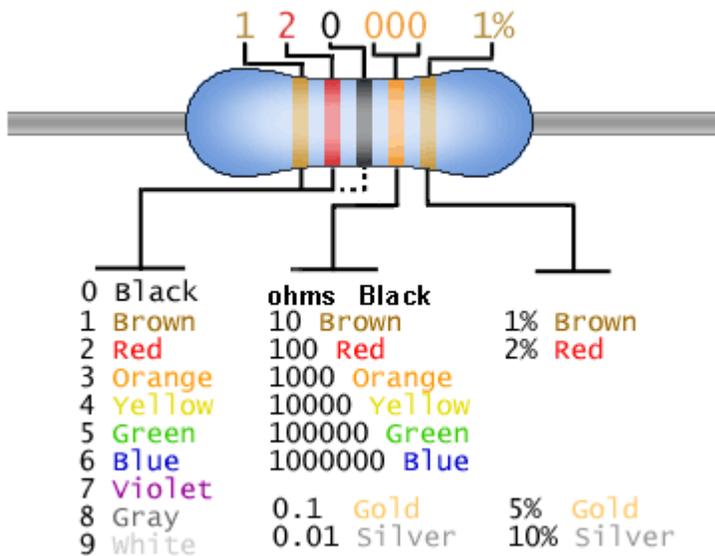
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RESISTOR COLOUR CODE



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TESTING AN **unknown** TRANSISTOR

The first thing you may want to do is test an unknown transistor for COLLECTOR, BASE AND EMITTER. You also need to know if it is NPN or PNP.

You need a cheap multimeter called an ANALOGUE METER - a multimeter with a scale and pointer (needle).

It will measure resistance values (normally used to test resistors) - (you can also test other components) and Voltage and Current. We use the resistance settings. It may have ranges such as "x10" "x100" "x1k" "x10"

Look at the resistance scale on the meter. It will be the top scale.

The scale starts at zero on the right and the high values are on the left. This is opposite to all the other scales. .

When the two probes are touched together, the needle swings FULL SCALE and reads "ZERO." Adjust the pot on the side of the meter to make the pointer read exactly zero.

How to read: "x10" "x100" "x1k" "x10"

Up-scale from the zero mark is "1"

When the needle swings to this position on the "x10" setting, the value is 10 ohms.

When the needle swings to "1" on the "x100" setting, the value is 100 ohms.

When the needle swings to "1" on the "x1k" setting, the value is 1,000 ohms = 1k.

When the needle swings to "1" on the "x10k" setting, the value is 10,000 ohms = 10k.

Use this to work out all the other values on the scale.

Resistance values get very close-together (and very inaccurate) at the high end of the scale. [This is just a point to note and does not affect testing a transistor.]

Step 1 - FINDING THE BASE and determining NPN or PNP

Get an **unknown transistor** and test it with a multimeter set to "x10"

Try the 6 combinations and when you have the black probe on a pin and the red probe touches the other pins and the meter swings nearly full scale, you have an **NPN transistor**. The black probe is **BASE**

If the red probe touches a pin and the black probe produces a swing on the other two pins, you have a **PNP transistor**. The red probe is **BASE**

If the needle swings FULL SCALE or if it swings for more than 2 readings, the transistor is FAULTY.



This is an NPN transistor
The black probe is the BASE

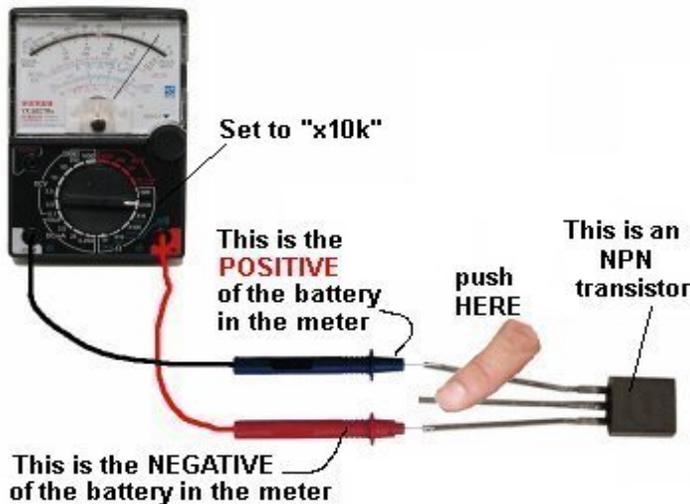


This is a PNP transistor
The red probe is the BASE

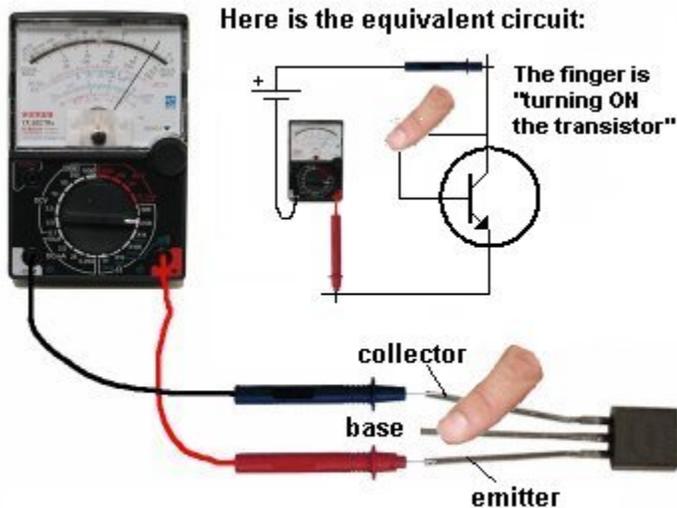
Step 2 - FINDING THE COLLECTOR and EMITTER

Set the meter to "x10k."

For an NPN transistor, place the leads on the transistor and when you press hard on the two leads shown in the diagram below, the needle will swing almost full scale.

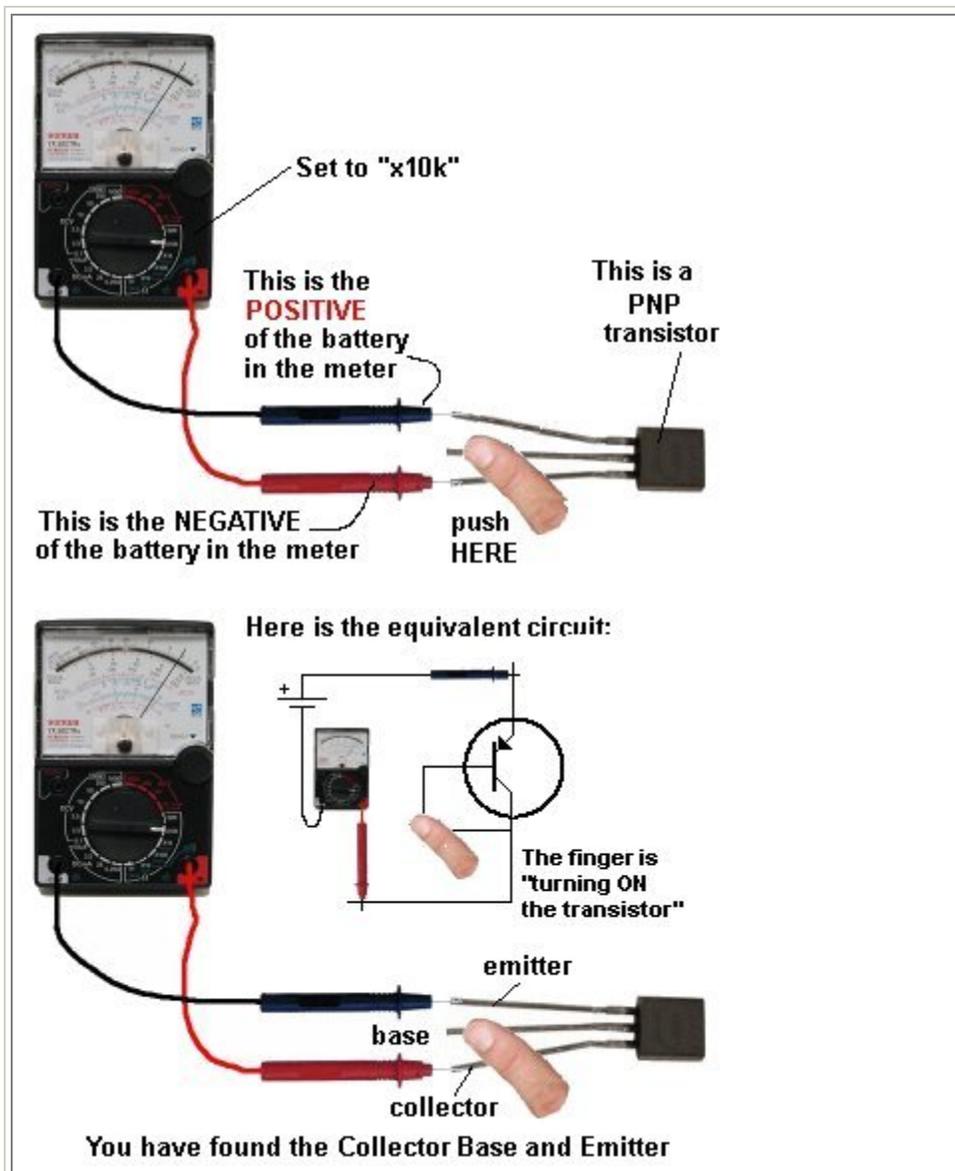


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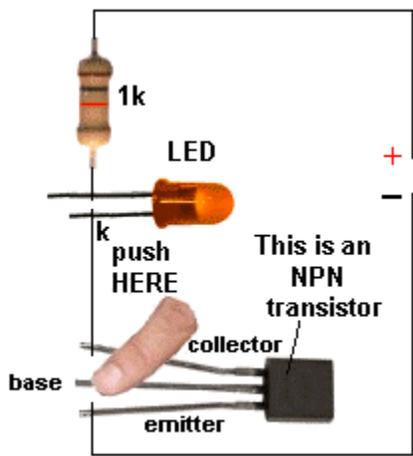
You have found the Collector Base and Emitter

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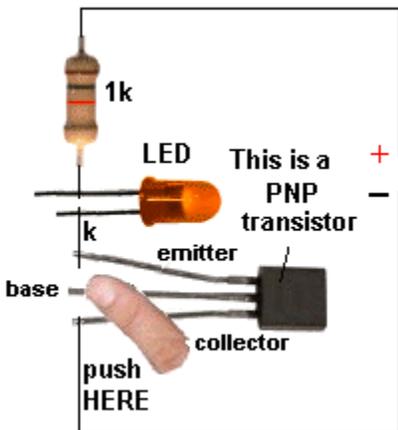
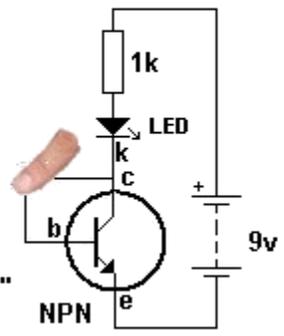


SIMPLEST TRANSISTOR TESTER

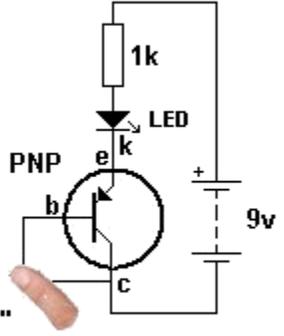
The simplest transistor tester uses a 9v battery, 1k resistor and a LED (any colour). Keep trying a transistor in all different combinations until you get one of the circuits below. When you push on the two leads, the LED will get brighter. The transistor will be NPN or PNP and the leads will be identified:



Here is the equivalent circuit:

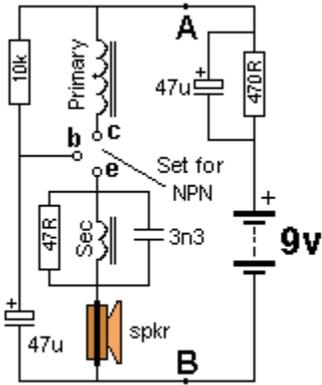


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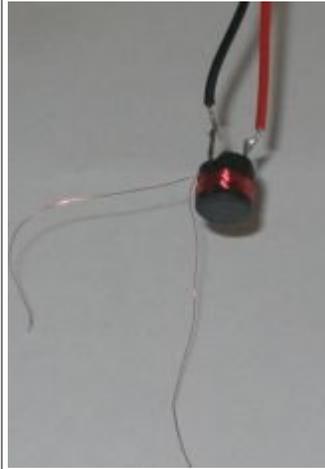


The leads of some transistors will need to be bent so the pins are in the same positions as shown in the diagrams. This helps you see how the transistor is being turned on. This works with NPN, PNP and Darlington transistors.





TRANSISTOR TESTER-1
CIRCUIT



The
10mH choke with 150 turns for the secondary

TRANSISTOR TESTER - 1

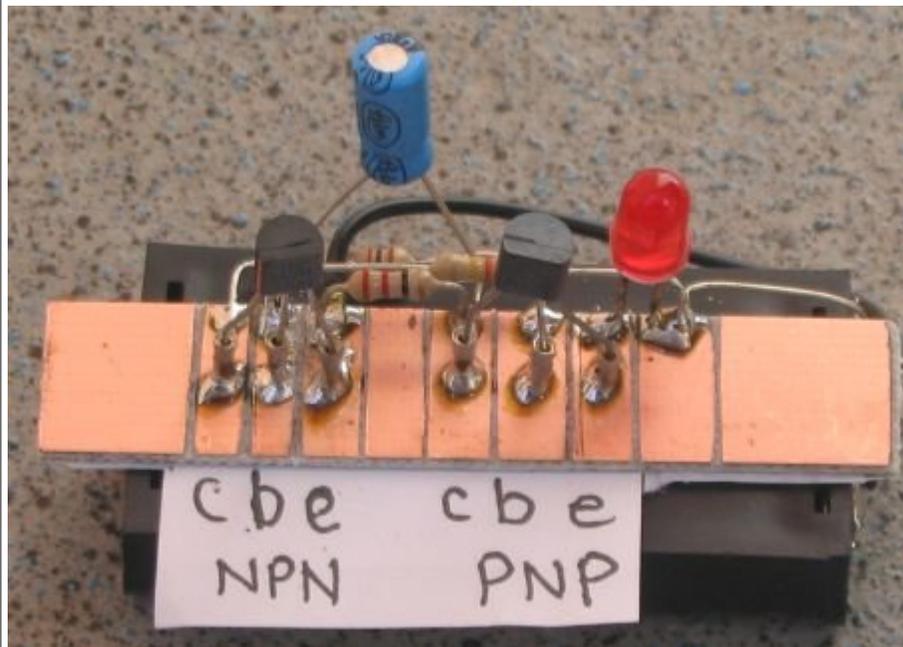
Transistor Tester - 1 project will test all types of transistors including Darlington and power. The circuit is set to test NPN types. To test PNP types, connect the 9v battery around the other way at points A and B.

The transformer in the photo is a 10mH choke with 150 turns of 0.01mm wire wound over the 10mH winding. The two original pins (with the red and black leads) go to the primary winding and the fine wires are called the Sec.

Connect the transformer either way in the circuit and if it does not work, reverse either the primary or secondary (but not both).

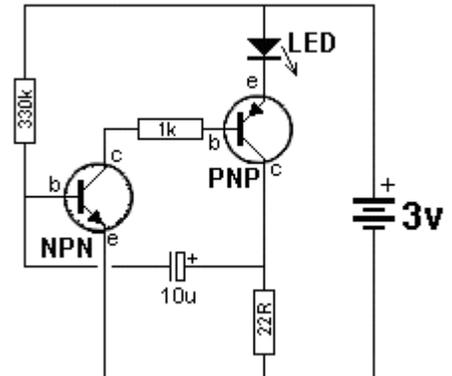
Almost any transformer will work and any speaker will be suitable.

If you use the speaker transformer described in the **Home Made Speaker Transformer** article, use one-side of the primary.

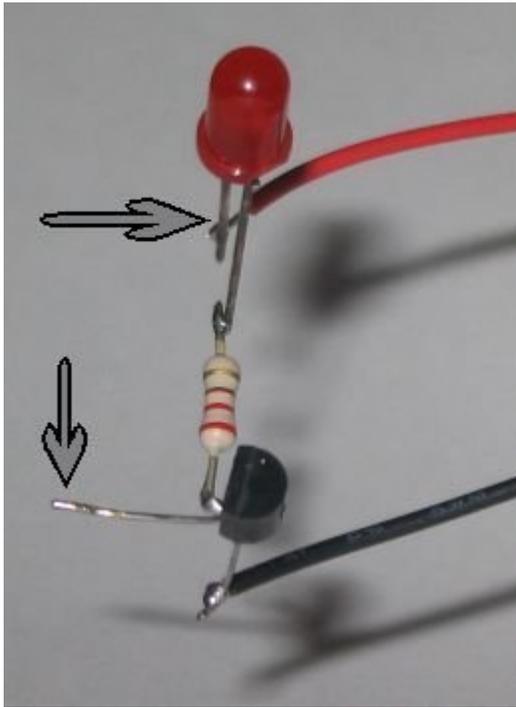


TRANSISTOR TESTER - 2

Here is another transistor tester.

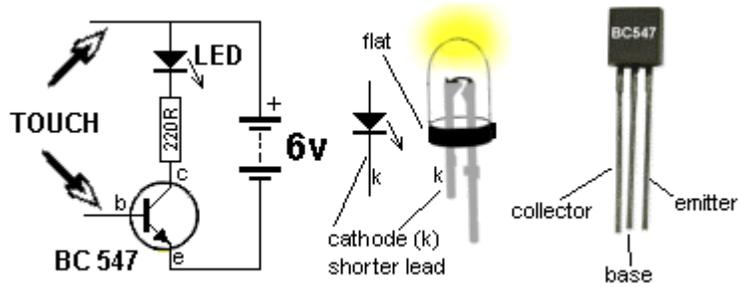


This is basically a high gain amplifier with feedback that causes the LED to flash at a rate determined by the 10u and 330k resistor. Remove one of the transistors and insert the unknown transistor. When it is NPN with the pins as shown in the photo, the LED will flash. To turn the unit off, remove one of the transistors.



WORLDS SIMPLEST CIRCUIT

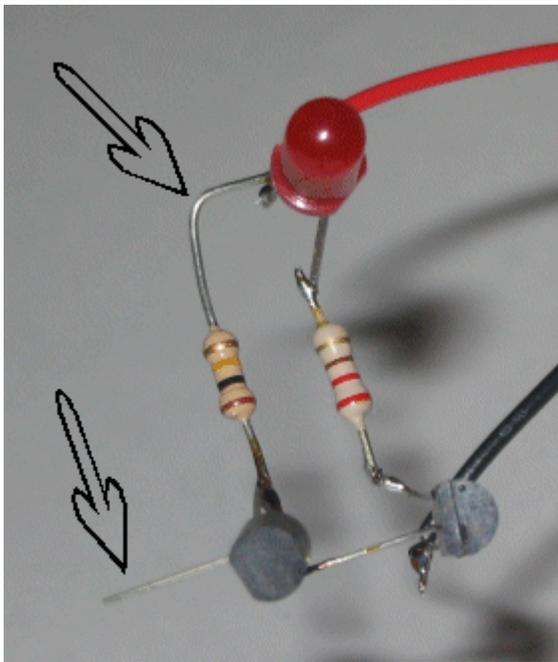
This is the simplest circuit you can get. Any NPN transistor can be used.



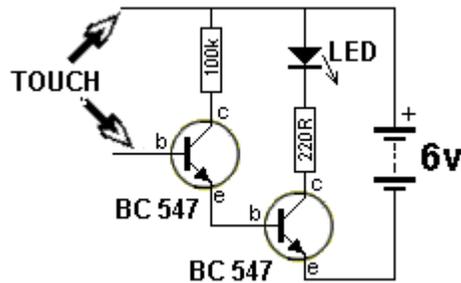
Connect the LED, 220 ohm resistor and transistor as shown in the photo.

Touch the top point with two fingers of one hand and the lower point with fingers of the other hand and squeeze. The LED will turn on brighter when you squeeze harder.

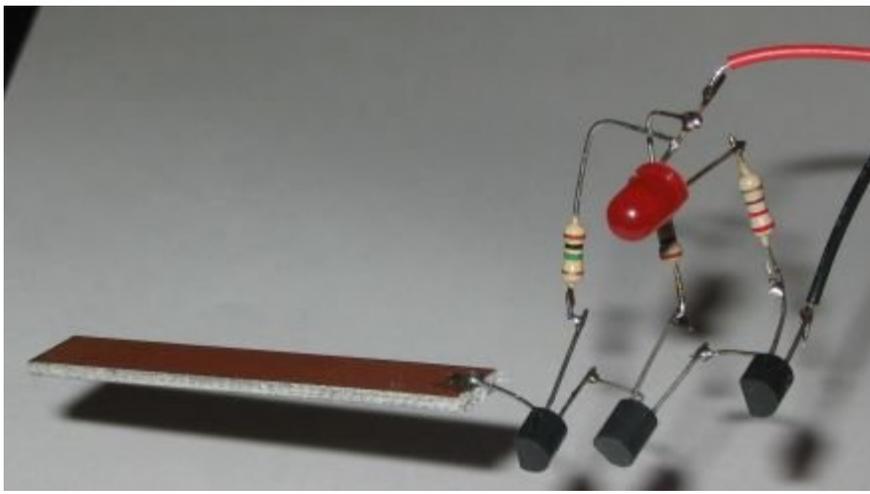
Your body has resistance and when a voltage is present, current will flow through your body (fingers). The transistor is amplifying the current through your fingers about 200 times and this is enough to illuminate the LED.



SECOND SIMPLEST CIRCUIT

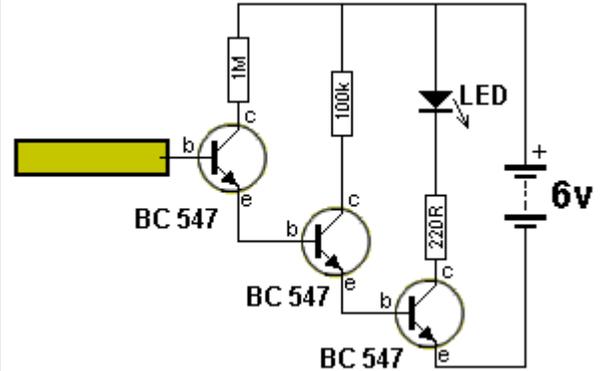
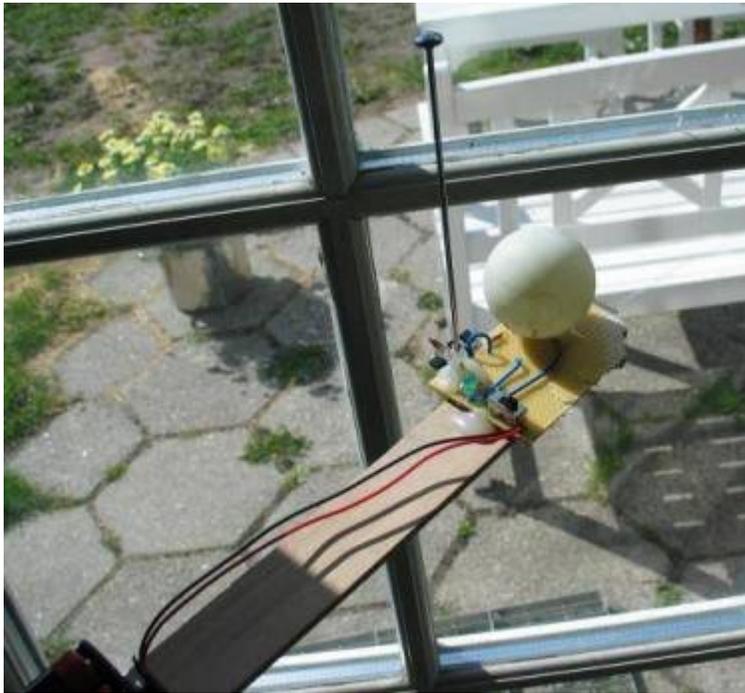


This is the second simplest circuit in the world. A second transistor has been added in place of your fingers. This transistor has a gain of about 200 and when you touch the points shown on the diagram, the LED will illuminate with the slightest touch. The transistor has amplified the current (through your fingers) about 200 times.



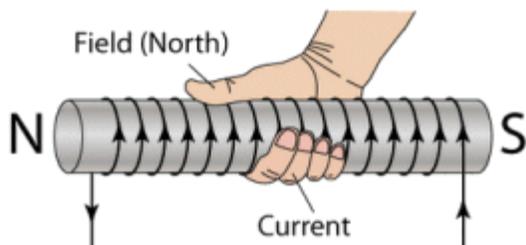
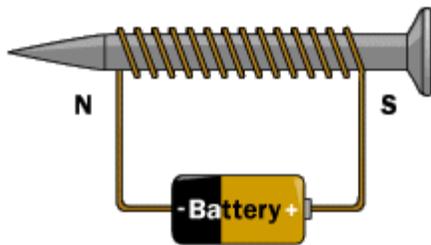
8 MILLION GAIN!

This circuit is so sensitive it will detect "mains hum." Simply move it across any wall and it will detect where the mains cable is located. It has a gain of about $200 \times 200 = 8,000,000$ and will also detect static electricity and the presence of your hand without any direct contact. You will be amazed what it detects! There is static electricity EVERYWHERE! The input of this circuit is classified as very high impedance.



Here is a photo of the circuit, produced by a constructor, where he claimed he detected "ghosts."

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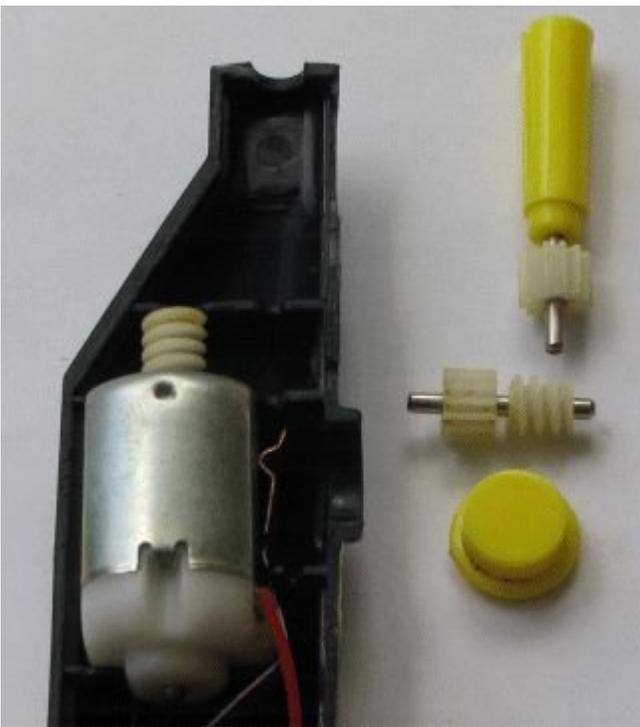
FINDING THE NORTH POLE

The diagrams show that a North Pole will be produced when the positive of a battery is connected to wire wound in the direction shown. This is Flemmings **Right Hand Rule** and applies to motors, solenoids and coils and anything wound like the turns in the diagram.

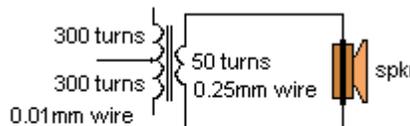
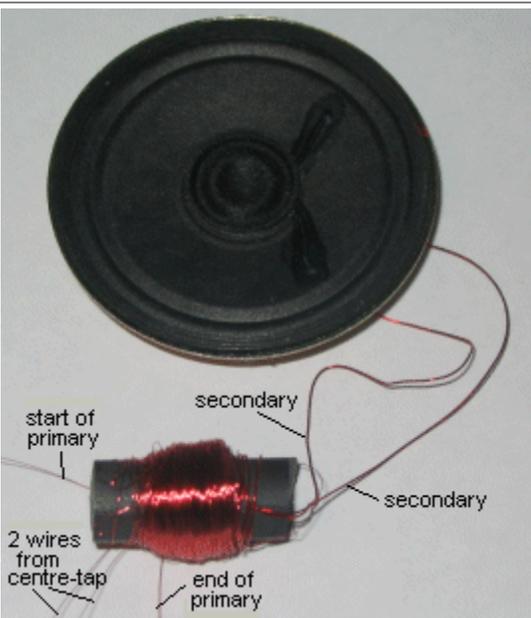
BOXES FOR PROJECTS

One of the most difficult things to find is a box for a project. Look in your local "junk" shop, \$2.00 shop, fishing shop, and toy shop. And in the medical section, for handy boxes. It's surprising where you will find an ideal box.

The photo shows a suitable box for a Logic Probe or other design. It is a toothbrush box. The egg shaped box holds "Tic Tac" mouth sweeteners and the two worm reduction twists a "Chuppa Chub." It cost less than \$4.00 and the equivalent reduction in a hobby shop costs up to \$16.00!



A two-worm reduction gearbox producing a reduction of 12:1 and 12:1 = 144:1 The gears are in the correct positions to produce the reduction.



HOME MADE SPEAKER TRANSFORMER

The **speaker transformer** is made by winding 50 turns of 0.25mm wire on a small length of 10mm dia ferrite rod.

The size and length of the rod does not matter - it is just the number of turns that makes the transformer work. This is

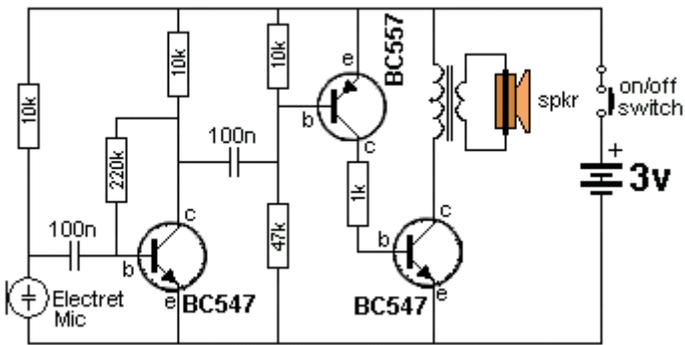
called the secondary winding.

The primary winding is made by winding 300 turns of 0.01mm wire (this is very fine wire) over the secondary and ending with a loop of wire we call the centre tap.

Wind another 300 turns and this completes the transformer.

It does not matter which end of the secondary is connected to the top of the speaker.

It does not matter which end of the primary is connected to the collector of the transistor in the circuits in this book.



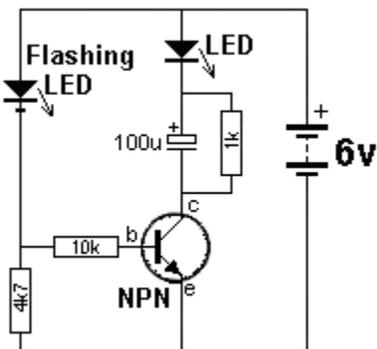
SUPER EAR

This circuit is a very sensitive 3-transistor amplifier using a speaker transformer. This can be wound on a short length of ferrite rod as show above or 150 turns on a 10mH choke. The biasing of the middle transistor is set for 3v supply. The second and third transistors are not

turned on during idle conditions and the quiescent current is just 5mA. The project is ideal for listening to conversations or TV etc in another room with long leads connecting the microphone to the amplifier.

LED FLASHER WITH ONE TRANSISTOR!

This is a novel flasher circuit using a single driver transistor that takes its flash-rate from a flashing LED. The flasher in the photo is 3mm.



The circuit uses a flashing LED to flash a super-bright 20,000mcd white LED



An ordinary LED will not work.

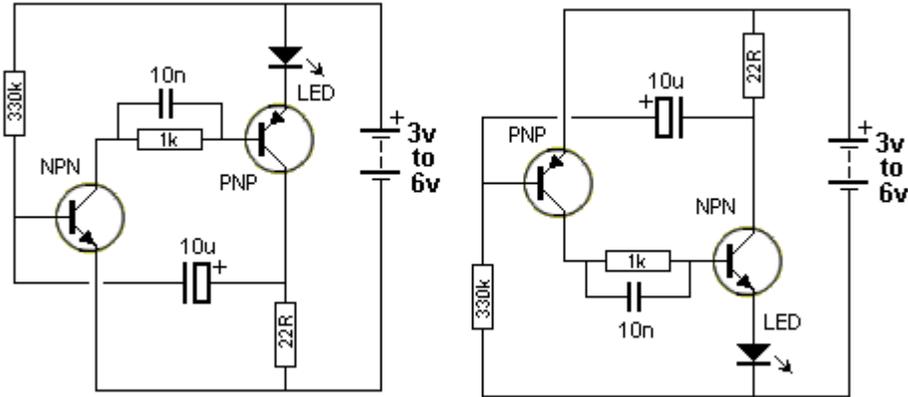
The flash rate cannot be altered by the brightness of the high-bright white LED can be adjusted by altering the 1k resistor across the 100u electrolytic to 4k7 or 10k. The 1k resistor discharges the 100u so that when the transistor turns on, the charging current into the 100u illuminates the white LED.

If a 10k discharge resistor is used, the 100u is not fully discharged and the LED does not flash as bright. All the parts in the photo are in the same places as in the circuit diagram to make it easy to see how the parts are connected.

LED FLASHER

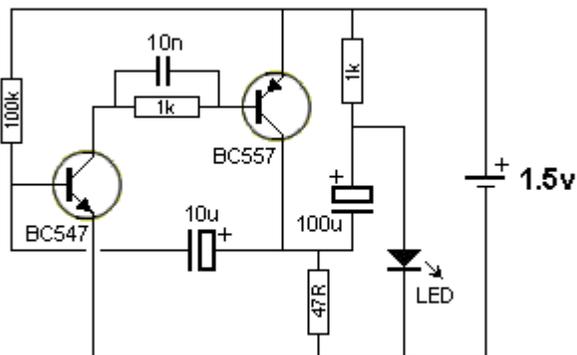
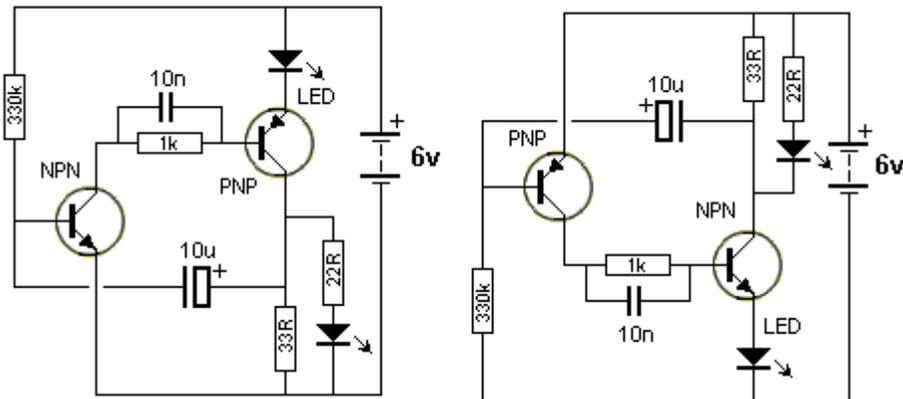
These two circuits will flash a LED very bright and consume less than 2mA average current. The second circuit allows you to use a high power NPN transistor as the driver if a number of LEDs need to be driven. The second circuit is the basis for a [simple motor speed control](#).

See note on 330k in Flashing Two LEDs below.



FLASHING TWO LEDs

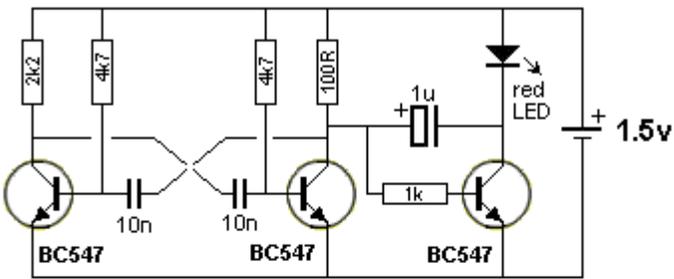
These two circuits will flash two LEDs very bright and consume less than 2mA average current. They require 6V supply. The 330k may need to be 470k to produce flashing on 6V as 330k turns on the first transistor too much and the 10u does not turn the first transistor off a small amount when it becomes fully charged and thus cycling is not produced.



1.5v LED FLASHER

1.5v LED FLASHER

This will flash a LED, using a single 1.5v cell. It may even flash a white LED even though this type of LED needs about 3.2v to 3.6v for operation. The circuit takes about 2mA but produces a very bright flash.



LED ON 1.5v SUPPLY

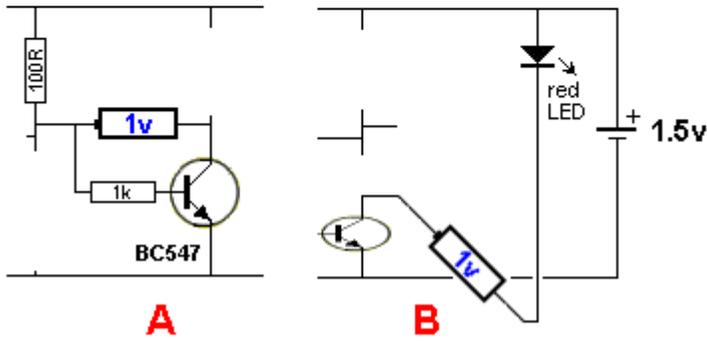
LED on 1.5v SUPPLY

A red LED requires about 1.7v before it will start to illuminate - below this voltage - NOTHING! This circuit takes about 12mA to illuminate a red LED using a single cell, but the interesting feature is the way the LED is illuminated.

The 1u electrolytic can be considered to be a 1v cell. (If you want to be technical: it charges to about 1.5v - 0.2v loss due to collector-emitter = 1.3v and a loss of about 0.2v via collector-emitter in diagram B.)

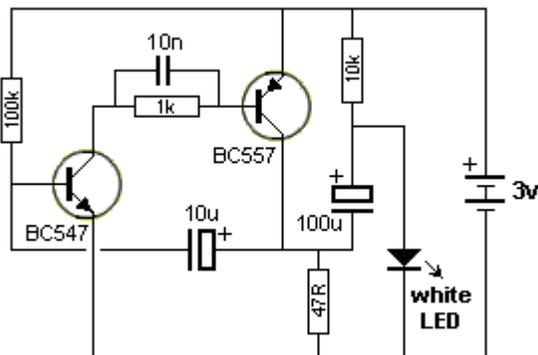
It is firstly charged by the 100R resistor and the 3rd transistor (when it is fully turned ON via the 1k base resistor). This is shown in diagram "A." During this time the second transistor is not turned on and that's why we have omitted it from the diagram. When the second transistor is turned ON, the 1v cell is pulled to the 0v rail and the negative of the cell is actually 1v below the 0v rail as shown in diagram "B."

The LED sees 1.5v from the battery and about 1v from the electrolytic and this is sufficient to illuminate it. Follow the two voltages to see how they add to 2.5v.



A

B



3v WHITE LED FLASHER

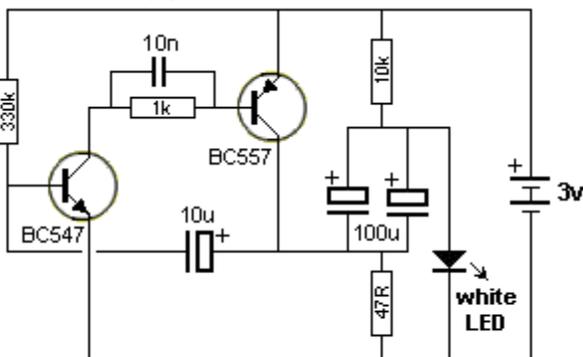
3v WHITE LED FLASHER

This will flash a white LED, on 3v supply and produce a **very bright flash**. The circuit produces a voltage higher than 5v if the LED is not in circuit but the LED limits the voltage to its characteristic voltage of 3.2v to 3.6v. The circuit takes about 2mA and is actually a voltage-doubler (voltage incremter) arrangement.

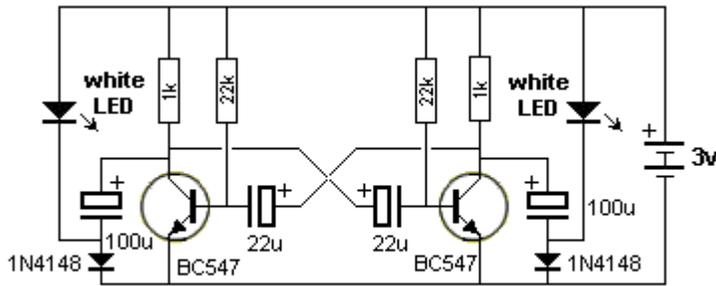
Note the 10k charges the 100u. It does not illuminate the LED because the 100u is charging and the voltage across it is always less than 3v. When the two transistors conduct, the collector of the BC557 rises to rail voltage and pulls the 100u HIGH. The negative of the 100u effectively sits just below the positive rail and the positive of the electro is about 2v higher than this. All the energy in the electro is pumped into the LED to produce a very bright flash.

BRIGHT FLASH FROM FLAT BATTERY

This circuit will flash a white LED, on a supply from 2v to 6v and produce a very bright flash. The circuit takes about 2mA and old cells can be used. The two 100u electros in parallel produce a better flash when the supply is 6v.



WHITE LED FLASHER

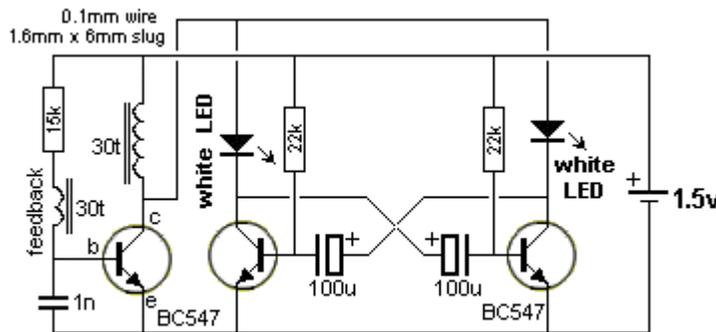


DUAL 3V WHITE LED FLASHER

DUAL 3v WHITE LED FLASHER

This circuit alternately flashes two white LEDs, on a 3v supply and produces a **very bright flash**. The circuit produces a voltage higher than 5v if the LED is not in circuit but the LED limits the voltage to its characteristic voltage of 3.2v to 3.6v. The circuit takes about 2mA and is actually a voltage-doubler (voltage incrementer) arrangement.

The 1k charges the 100u and the diode drops 0.6v to prevent the LED from starting to illuminate on 3v. When a transistor conducts, the collector pulls the 100u down towards the 0v rail and the negative of the electro is actually about 2v below the 0v rail. The LED sees 3v + 2v and illuminates very brightly when the voltage reaches about 3.4v. All the energy in the electro is pumped into the LED to produce a very bright flash.



DUAL 1.5v WHITE LED FLASHER

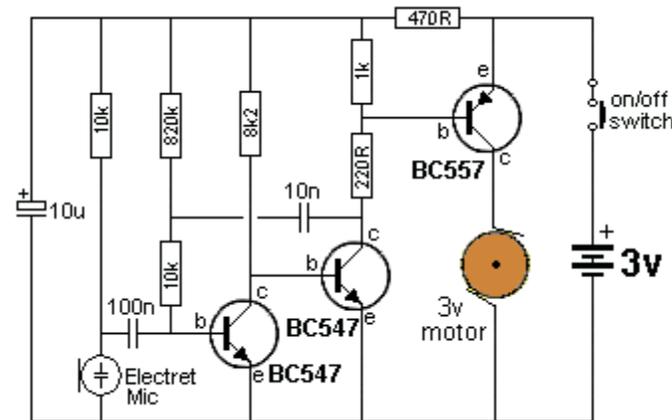
DUAL 1v5 WHITE LED FLASHER

This circuit alternately flashes two white LEDs, on a 1.5v supply and produces a **very bright flash**. The circuit produces a voltage of about 25v when the LEDs are not connected, but the LEDs reduce this as they have a characteristic voltage-drop across them when they are illuminated. Do not use a supply voltage higher than 1.5v. The circuit takes about 10mA.

The transformer consists of 30 turns of very fine wire on a 1.6mm slug 6mm long, but any ferrite bead or slug can be used. The number of turns is not critical.

The 1n is important and using any other value or connecting it to the positive line will increase the supply current.

Using LEDs other than white will alter the flash-rate considerably and both LEDs must be the same colour.



DANCING FLOWER

This circuit was taken from a dancing flower.

A motor at the base of the flower had a shaft up the stem and when the microphone detected music, the bent shaft made the flower wiggle and move.

The circuit will respond to a whistle, music or noise.

MAKE TIME FLY!

Connect this circuit to an old electronic clock mechanism and speed up the motor 100 times!

The "motor" is a simple "stepper-motor" that performs a half-rotation each time the electromagnet is energised. It normally takes 2 seconds for one revolution. But our circuit is connected directly to the winding and the frequency can be adjusted via the pot.

Take the mechanism apart, remove the 32kHz crystal and cut one track to the electromagnet. Connect the circuit below via wires and re-assemble the clock.

As you adjust the pot, the "seconds hand" will move clockwise or anticlockwise and you can watch the hours "fly by" or make "time go backwards."

The multivibrator section needs strong buffering to drive the 2,800 ohm inductive winding of the motor and that's why push-pull outputs have been used. The flip-flop circuit cannot drive the highly inductive load directly (it upsets the waveform enormously).

From a 6v supply, the motor only gets about 4v due to the voltage drops across the transistors. Consumption is about 5mA.

HOW THE MOTOR WORKS

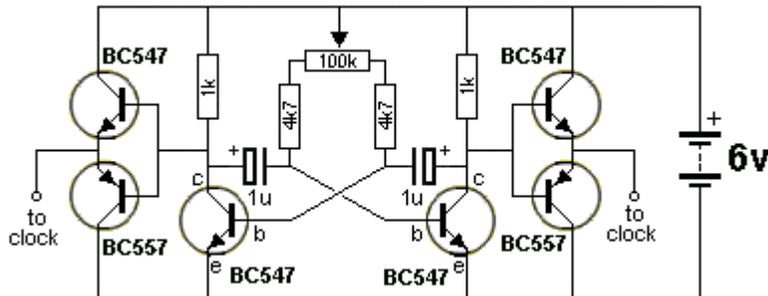
The rotor is a magnet with the north pole shown with the red mark and the south pole opposite.

The electromagnet actually produces poles. A strong North near the end of the electromagnet, and a weak North at the bottom. A strong South at the top left and weak South at bottom left. The rotor rests with its poles being attracted to the 4 pole-pieces equally.

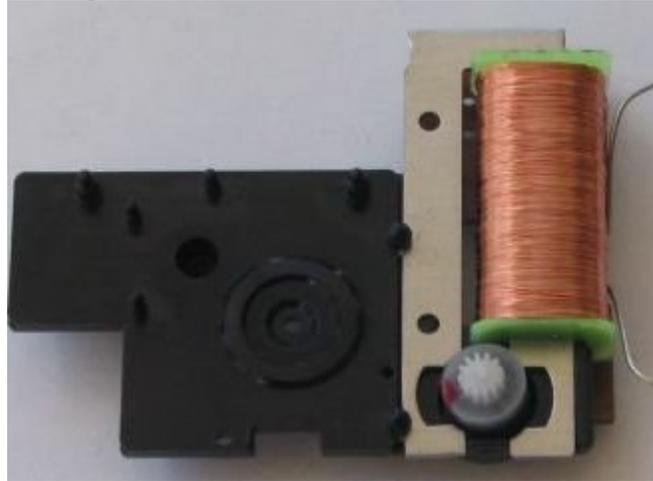


Voltage must be applied to the electromagnet around the correct way so that repulsion occurs. Since the rotor is sitting equally between the North poles, for example, it will see a strong pushing force from the pole near the electromagnet and this is how the motor direction is determined. A reversal of voltage will revolve the rotor in the same direction as before. The design of the

motor is much more complex than you think!!

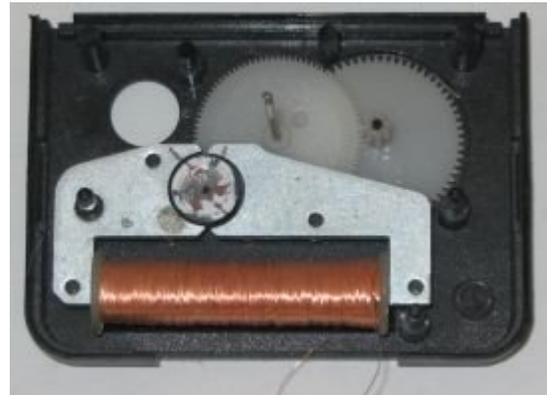


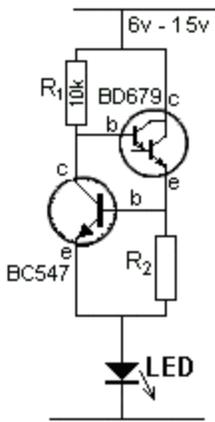
The crystal removed and a "cut track" to the coil. The 6 gears must be re-fitted for the hands to work.



A close-up of the clock motor

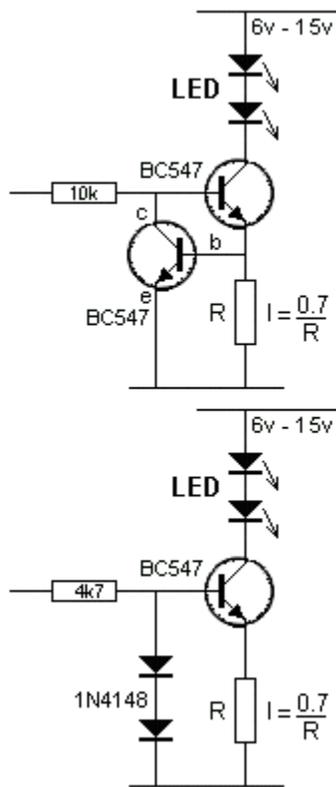
Another clock motor is shown below. Note the pole faces spiral closer to the rotor to make it revolve in one direction. What a clever design!!





CONSTANT CURRENT SOURCE

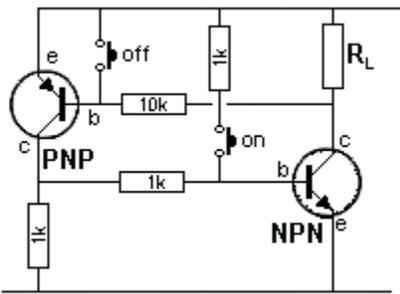
This circuit provides a constant current to the LED. The LED can be replaced by any other component and the current through it will depend on the value of R2. Suppose R2 is 560R. When 1mA flows through R2, 0.56v will develop across this resistor and begin to turn on the BC547. This will rob the base of BD 679 with turn-on voltage and the transistor turns off slightly. If the supply voltage increases, this will try to increase the current through the circuit. If the current tries to increase, the voltage across R2 increases and the BD 679 turns off more and the additional voltage appears across the BD 679. If R2 is 56R, the current through the circuit will be 10mA. If R2 is 5R6, the current through the circuit will be 100mA - although you cannot pass 100mA through a LED without damaging it.



CONSTANT CURRENT SOURCE circuits 2 & 3

By rearranging the components in the circuit above, it can be designed to turn ON or OFF via an input. The current through the LED (or LEDs) is determined by the value of R.

5mA	R = 120R or 150R
10mA	R = 68R
15mA	R = 47R
20mA	R = 33R
25mA	R = 22R or 33R
30mA	R = 22R



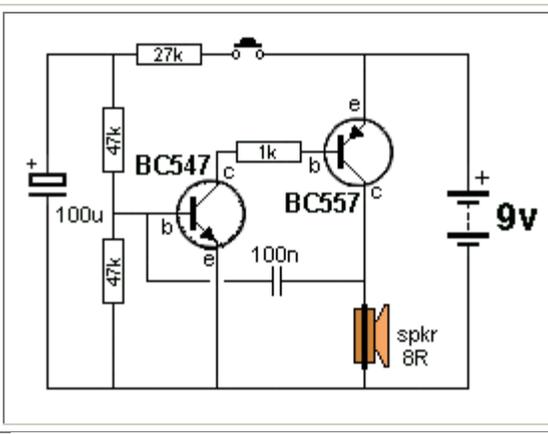
ON - OFF VIA MOMENTARY PUSH-BUTTONS

- see Also Push-ON Push-OFF (in 101-200 Circuits)

This circuit will supply current to the load R_L . The maximum current will depend on the second transistor. The circuit is turned on via the "ON" push button and this action puts a current through the load and thus a voltage develops across the load. This voltage is passed to the PNP transistor and it turns ON. The collector of the PNP keeps the power transistor ON.

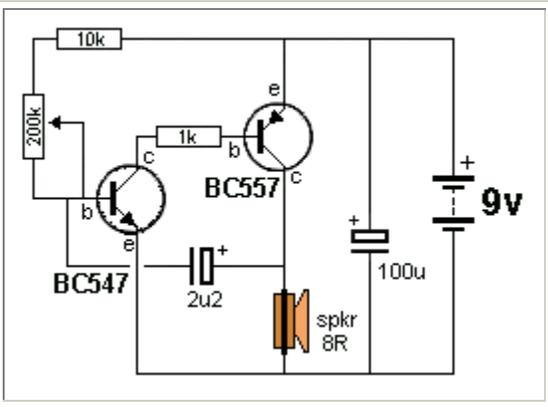
To turn the circuit OFF, the "OFF" button is pressed momentarily. The 1k between base and emitter of the power transistor prevents the base floating or receiving any slight current from the PNP transistor that would keep the circuit latched ON.

The circuit was originally designed by a Professor of Engineering at Penn State University. It had 4 mistakes. So much for testing a circuit!!!! It has been corrected in the circuit on the left.



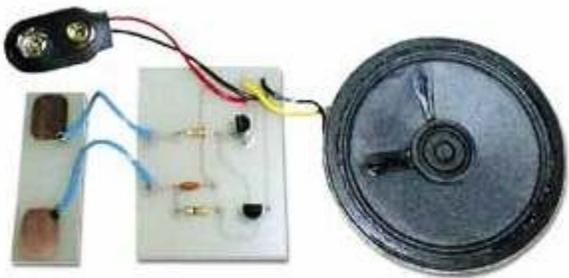
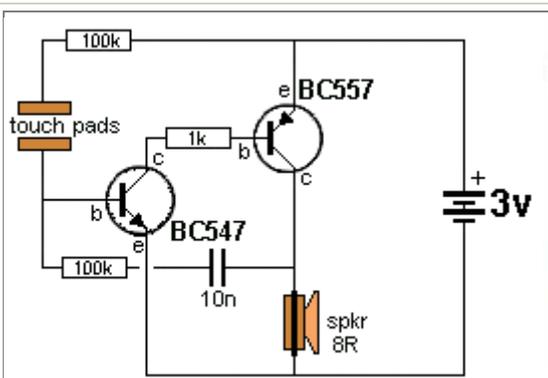
SIREN

This circuit produces a wailing or siren sound that gradually increases and decreases in frequency as the 100uF charges and discharges when the push-button is pressed and released. In other words, the circuit is not automatic. You need to press the button and release it to produce the up/down sound.



TICKING BOMB

This circuit produces a sound similar to a loud clicking clock. The frequency of the tick is adjusted by the 220k pot. The circuit starts by charging the 2uF and when 0.65v is on the base of the NPN transistor, it starts to turn on. This turns on the BC 557 and the voltage on the collector rises. This pushes the small charge on the 2uF into the base of the BC547 to turn it on more. This continues when the negative end of the 2uF is above 0.65v and now the electro starts to charge in the opposite direction until both transistors are fully turned on. The BC 547 receives less current into the base and it starts to turn off. Both transistors turn off very quickly and the cycle starts again.

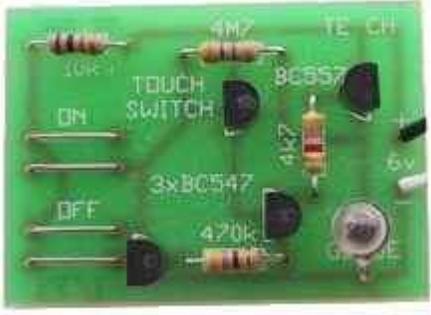
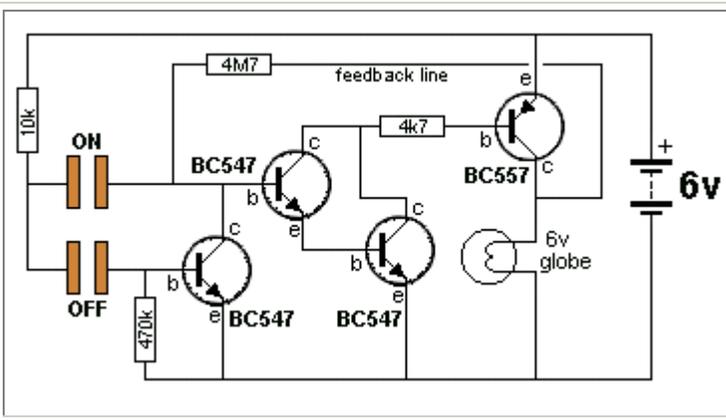


LIE DETECTOR

This circuit detects the resistance between your fingers to produce an oscillation. The detection-points will detect resistances as high as 300k and as the resistance decreases, the frequency increases.

Separate the two touch pads and attach them to the back of each hand. As the subject feels nervous, he will sweat and change the frequency of the circuit.

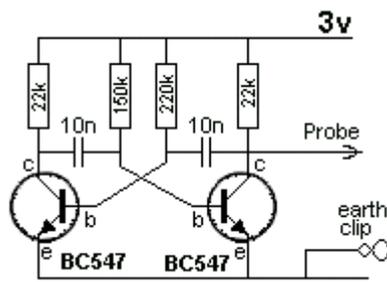
The photos show the circuit built on PC boards with separate touch pads.



TOUCH SWITCH

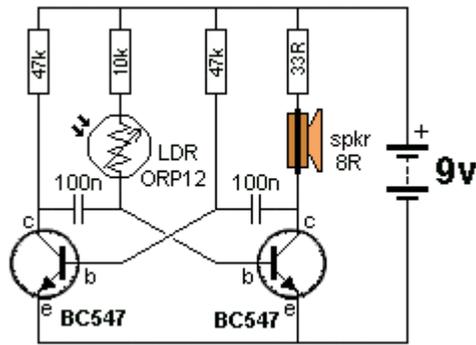
This circuit detects the skin resistance of a finger to deliver a very small current to the super-alpha pair of transistors to turn the circuit ON. The output of the "super transistor" turns on the BC 557 transistor. The voltage on the top of the globe is passed to the front of the circuit via the 4M7 to take the place of your finger and the circuit remains ON.

To turn the circuit OFF, a finger on the OFF pads will activate the first transistor and this will rob the "super transistor" of voltage and the circuit will turn OFF.



SIGNAL INJECTOR

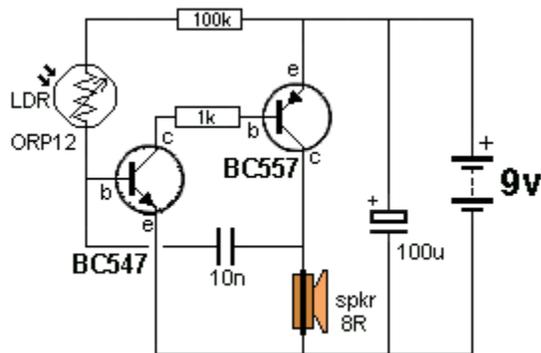
This circuit is rich in harmonics and is ideal for testing amplifier circuits. To find a fault in an amplifier, connect the earth clip to the 0v rail and move through each stage, starting at the speaker. An increase in volume should be heard at each preceding stage. This Injector will also go through the IF stages of radios and FM sound sections in TV's.



LIGHT ALARM - 1

This circuit operates when the Light Dependent Resistor receives light. When no light falls on the LDR, its resistance is high and the transistor driving the speaker is not turned on.

When light falls on the LDR its resistance decreases and the collector of the second transistor falls. This turns off the first transistor slightly via the second 100n and the first 100n puts an additional spike into the base of the second transistor. This continues until the second transistor is turned on as hard as it can go. The first 100n is now nearly charged and it cannot keep the second transistor turned on. The second transistor starts to turn off and both transistors swap conditions to produce the second half of the cycle.

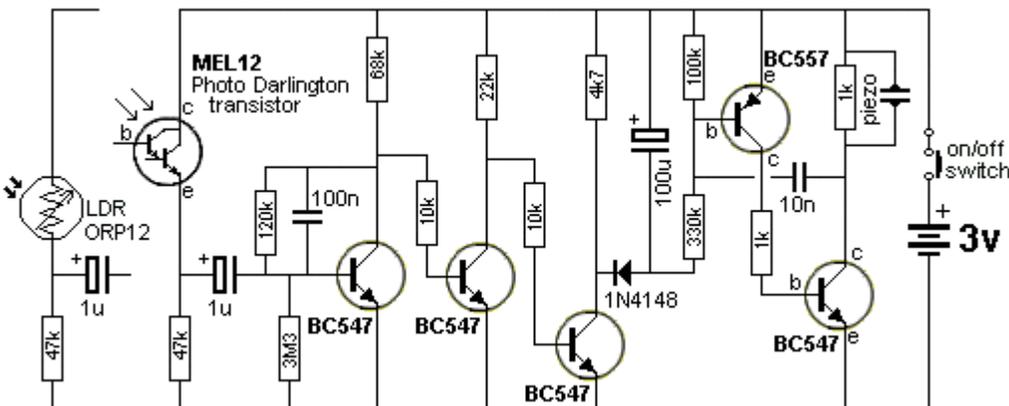


LIGHT ALARM - 2

This circuit is similar to Light Alarm -1 but produces a louder output due to the speaker being connected directly to the circuit.

The circuit is basically a high-gain amplifier that is turned on initially by the LDR and then the 10n keeps the circuit turning on until it can turn on no more.

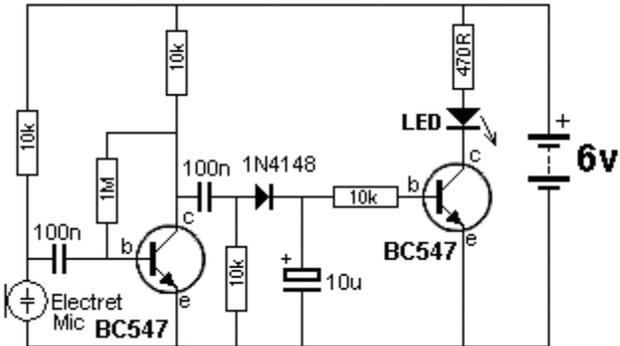
The circuit then starts to turn off and eventually turns off completely. The current through the LDR starts the cycle again.



LIGHT ALARM - 3 (MOVEMENT DETECTOR)

This circuit is very sensitive and can be placed in a room to detect the movement of a person up to 2 metres from the unit.

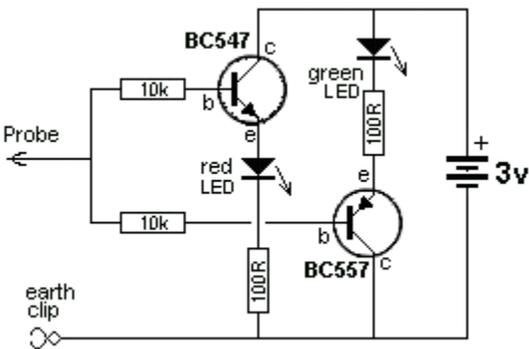
The circuit is basically a high-gain amplifier (made up of the first three transistors) that is turned on by the LDR or photo Darlington transistor. The third transistor charges the 100u via a diode and this delivers turn-on voltage for the oscillator. The LDR has equal sensitivity to the photo transistor in this circuit.



SOUND TRIGGERED LED

This circuit turns on a LED when the microphone detects a loud sound. The "charge-pump" section consists of the 100n, 10k, signal diode and 10u electrolytic. A signal on the collector of the first transistor is passed to the 10u via the diode and this turns on the second transistor, to illuminate the LED.

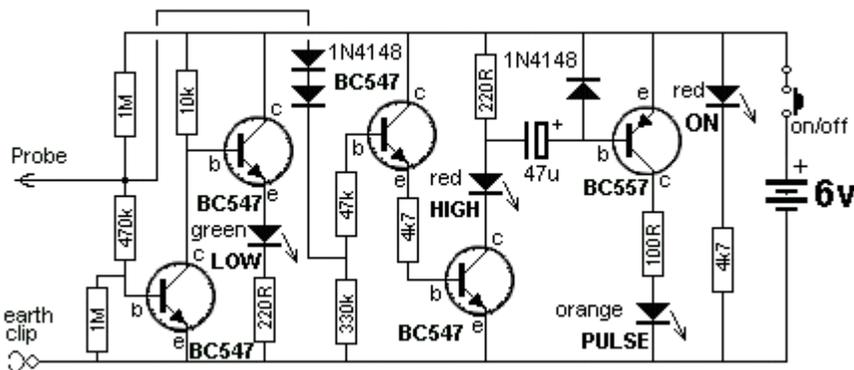
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SIMPLE LOGIC PROBE

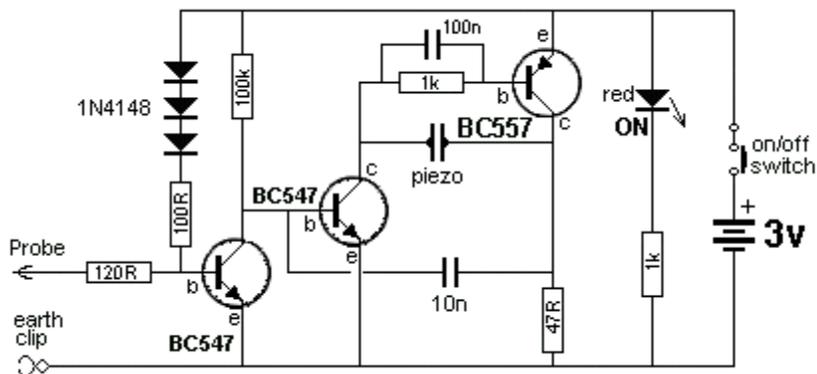
This circuit consumes no current when the probe is not touching any circuitry. The reason is the voltage across the green LED, the base-emitter junction of the BC557, plus the voltage across the red LED and base-emitter junction of the BC547 is approx: $2.1v + 0.6v + 1.7v + 0.6v = 5v$ and this is greater than the supply voltage.

When the circuit detects a LOW, the BC557 is turned on and the green LED illuminates. When a HIGH (above 2.3v) is detected, the red LED is illuminated.



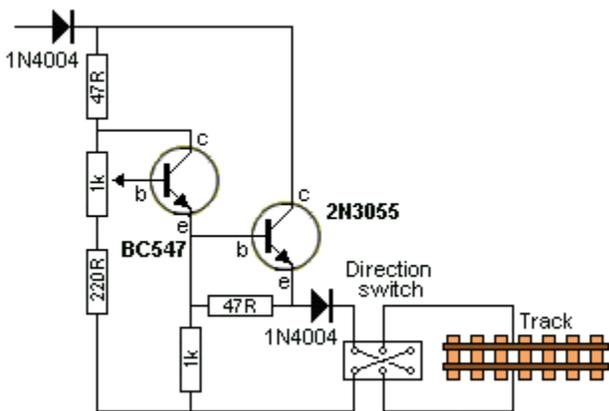
LOGIC PROBE with PULSE

This circuit has the advantage of providing a PULSE LED to show when a logic level is HIGH and pulsing at the same time. It can be built for less than \$5.00 on a piece of matrix board or on a small strip of copper clad board if you are using surface mount components. The probe will detect a HIGH at 3v and thus the project can be used for 3v, 5v and CMOS circuits.



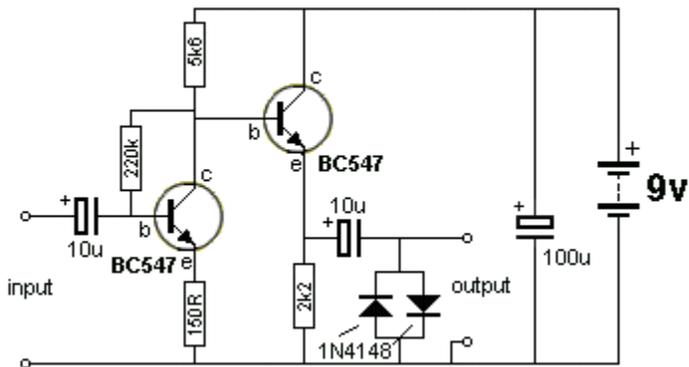
CONTINUITY TESTER

This circuit has the advantage of providing a beep when a short-circuit is detected but does not detect the small voltage drop across a diode. This is ideal when testing logic circuits as it is quick and you can listen for the beep while concentrating on the probe. Using a multimeter is much slower.



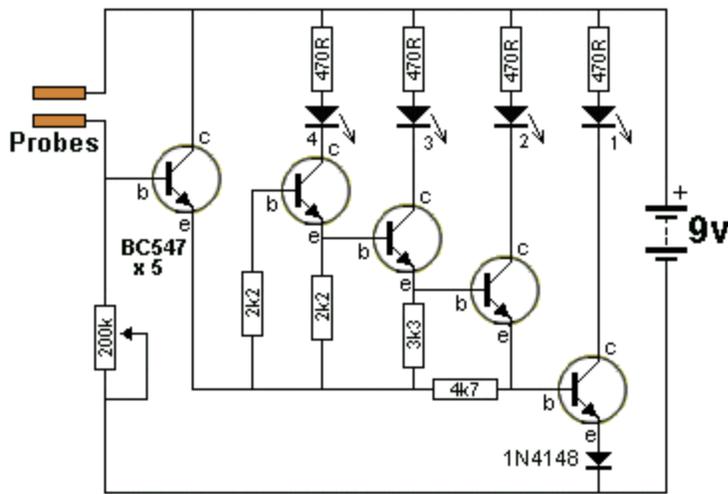
TRAIN THROTTLE

This circuit is for model train enthusiasts. By adding this circuit to your speed controller box, you will be able to simulate a train starting slowly from rest. Remove the wire-wound rheostat and replace it with a 1k pot. This controls the base of the BC547 and the 2N3055 output is controlled by the BC547. The diodes protect the transistors from reverse polarity from the input and spikes from the rails.



GUITAR FUZZ

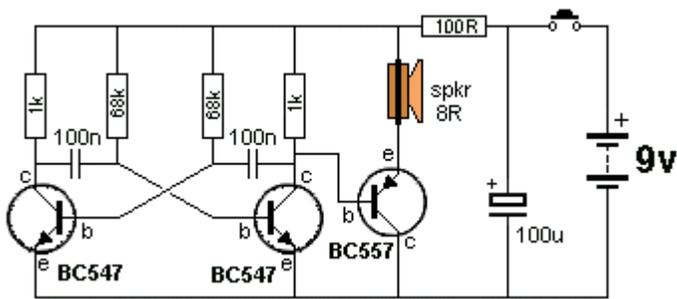
The output of a guitar is connected to the input of the Fuzz circuit. The output of this circuit is connected to the input of your amplifier. With the guitar at full volume, this circuit is overdriven and distorts. The distorted signal is then clipped by the diodes and your power amp amplifies the Fuzz effect.



STRENGTH TESTER

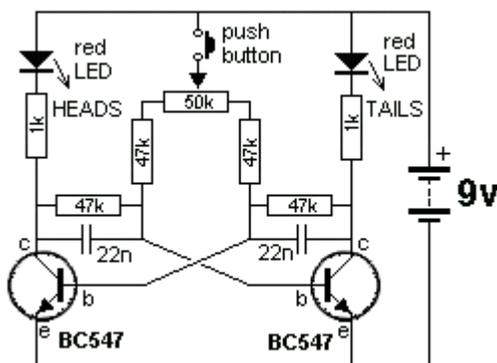
This is a simple "staircase" circuit in which the LEDs come on as the resistance between the probes decreases.

When the voltage on the base of the first transistor sees $0.6v + 0.6v + 0.6v = 1.8v$, LED1 comes on. LEDs 1&2 will come on when the voltage rises a further $0.6v$. The amount of pressure needed on the probes to produce a result, depends on the setting of the 200k pot.



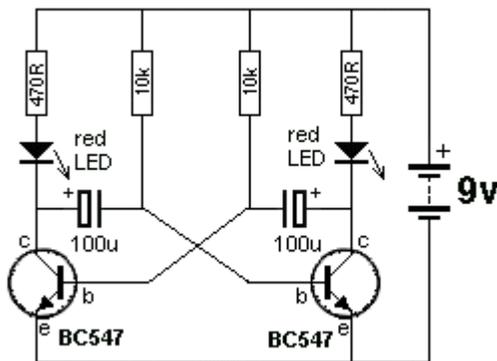
FOG HORN

When the push-button is pressed, the 100u will take time to charge and this will provide the rising pitch and volume. When the push-button is released, the level and pitch will die away. This is the characteristic sound of a ship's fog horn.



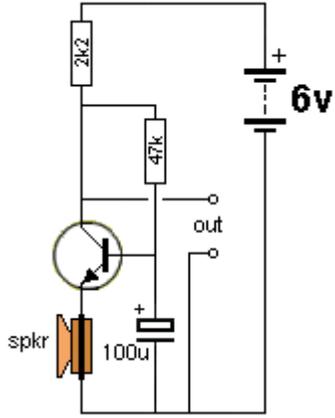
HEADS OR TAILS

When the push-button is pressed, the circuit will oscillate at a high rate and both LEDs will illuminate. When the push button is released, one of the LEDs will remain illuminated. The 50k is designed to equalise the slightly different values on each half of the circuit and prevent a "bias."



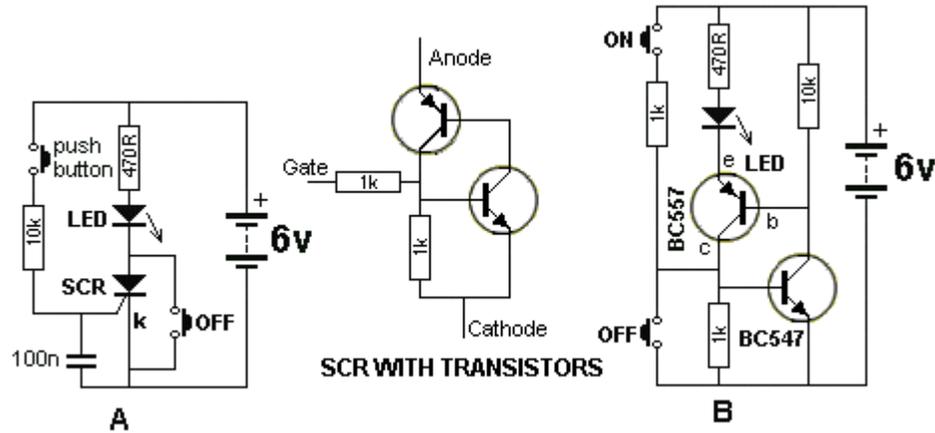
ROBOT MAN

This multivibrator circuit will flash the Robot Man's eyes as shown in the photo. The kit of components is available from Talking Electronics for \$8.50 plus postage. Send an email to find out the cost of postage: talking@tpg.com.au



DYNAMIC MICROPHONE AMPLIFIER

This circuit takes the place of an electret microphone. It turns an ordinary mini speaker into a very sensitive microphone. Any NPN transistors such as BC 547 can be used. The circuit will work from 3v to 9v. It is a common-base amplifier and accepts the low impedance of the speaker to produce a gain of more than 100.

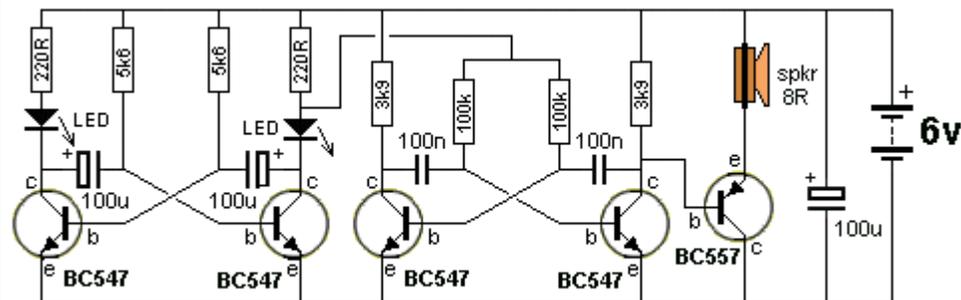


SCR WITH TRANSISTORS

The SCR in circuit A produces a 'LATCH.' When the button is pressed, the LED remains illuminated.

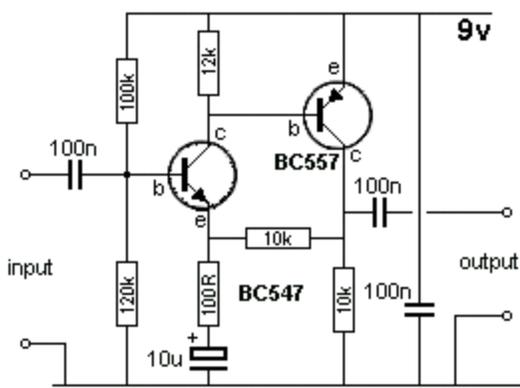
The SCR can be replaced with two transistors as shown in circuit B.

To turn off circuit A, the current through the SCR is reduced to zero by the action of the OFF button. In circuit B the OFF button removes the voltage on the base of the BC547. The OFF button could be placed across the two transistors and the circuit will turn off.



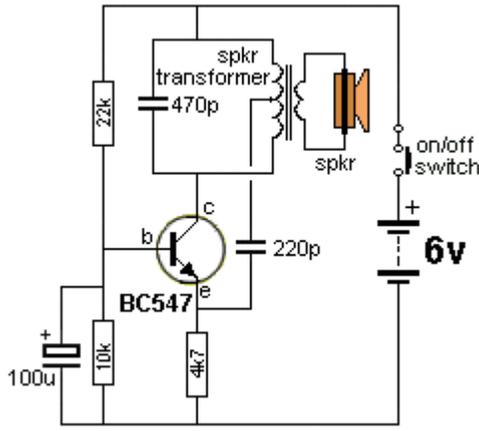
HEE HAW SIREN

The circuit consists of two multivibrators. The first multi-vibrator operates at a low frequency and this provides the speed of the change from Hee to Haw. It modifies the voltage to the tone multivibrator, by firstly allowing full voltage to appear at the bottom of the 220R and then a slightly lower voltage when the LED is illuminated.



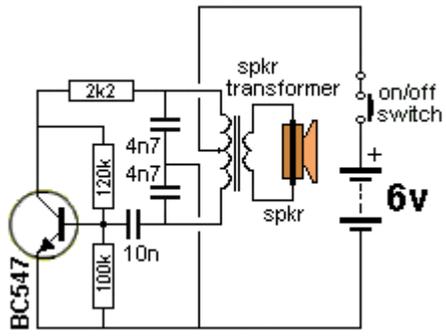
MICROPHONE PRE-AMPLIFIER

This circuit consists of two directly coupled transistors operating as common-emitter amplifiers. The ratio of the 10k resistor to the 100R sets the gain of the circuit at 100.



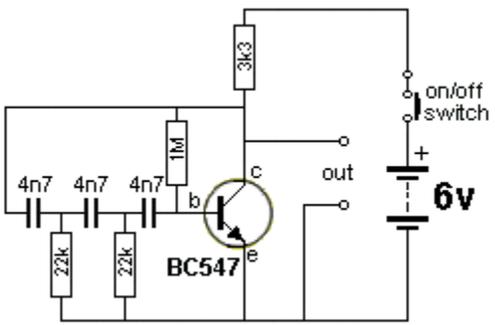
HARTLEY OSCILLATOR

The Hartley Oscillator is characterised by an LC circuit in its collector. The base of the transistor is held steady and a small amount of signal is taken from a tapping on the inductor and fed to the emitter to keep the transistor in oscillation. The transformer can be any speaker transformer with centre-tapped primary. The frequency is adjusted by changing the 470p.



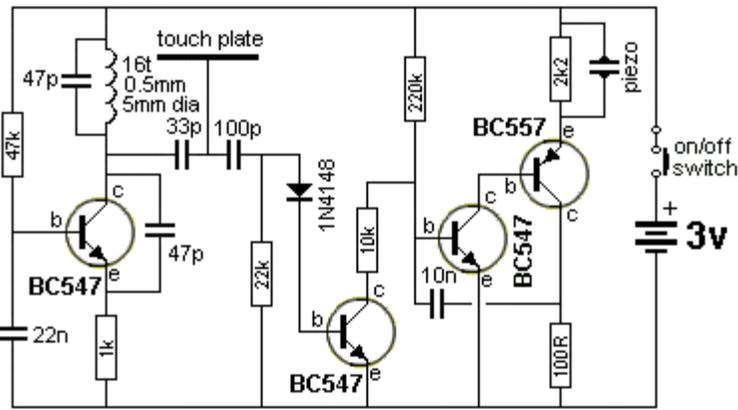
COLPITTS OSCILLATOR

The Colpitts Oscillator is characterised by tapping the mid-point of the capacitive side of the oscillator section. The inductor can be the primary side of a speaker transformer. The feedback comes via the inductor.



PHASESHIFT OSCILLATOR

The Phaseshift Oscillator is characterised by 3 high-pass filters, creating a 180° phase shift. The output is a sinewave. Take care not to load the output - this will prevent reliable start-up and may stop the circuit from oscillating. Reduced the 3k3 load resistor if the load prevents the circuit oscillating. See Phase Shift Oscillator in second section of 200 Transistor Circuits for a better design.

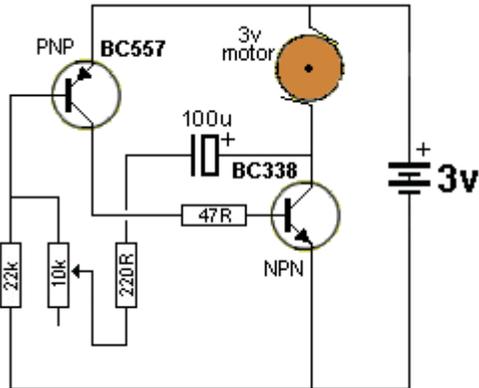


DOOR-KNOB ALARM

This circuit can be used to detect when someone touches the handle of a door. A loop of bare wire is connected to the point "touch plate" and the project is hung on the door-knob. Anyone touching the metal door-knob will kill the pulses going to the second transistor and it will turn off. This will activate the "high-gain" amplifier/oscillator. The circuit will also work as a "Touch Plate" as it does not rely on mains hum, as many other circuits do.

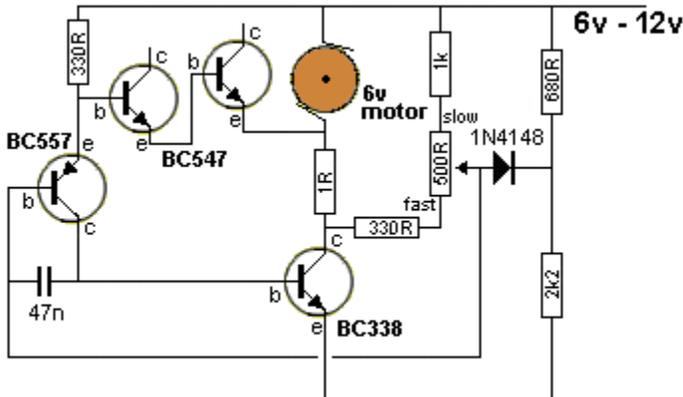
SIMPLE MOTOR SPEED CONTROL

This circuit is better than reducing the RPM of a motor via a resistor. Firstly it is more efficient. And secondly it gives the motor a set of pulses and this allows it to start at low RPM. It's a simple Pulse-Width circuit or Pulse-Circuit.



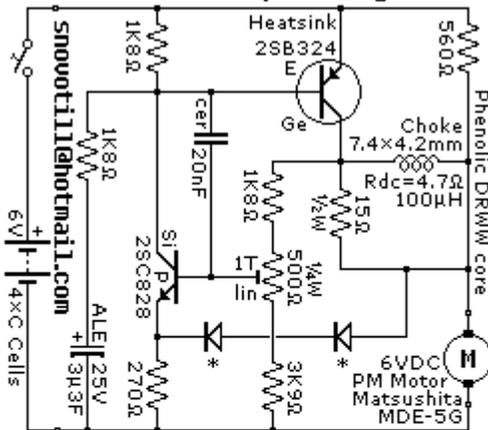
MOTOR SPEED CONTROLLER

Most simple motor speed controllers simply reduce the voltage to a motor by introducing a series resistance. This reduces the motor's torque and if the motor is stopped, it will not start again. This circuit detects the pulses of noise produced by the motor to turn the circuit off slightly. If the motor becomes loaded, the amplitude of the pulses decreases and the circuit turns on more to deliver a higher current.



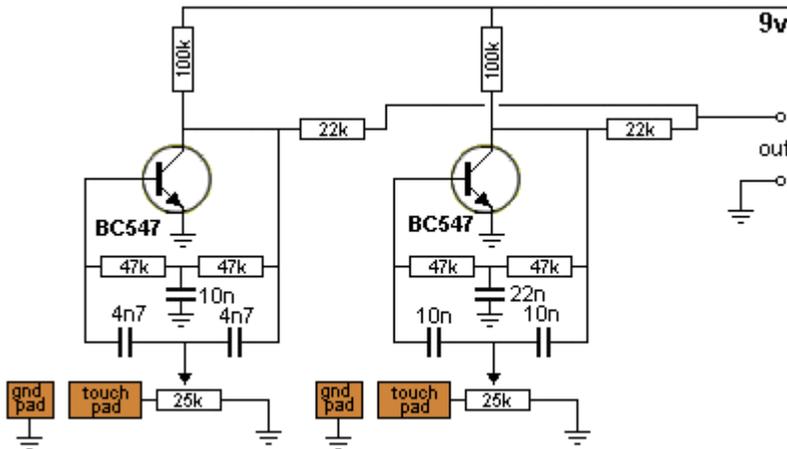
MOTOR SPEED CONTROL - Circuit 3

Small DC motor speed regulator



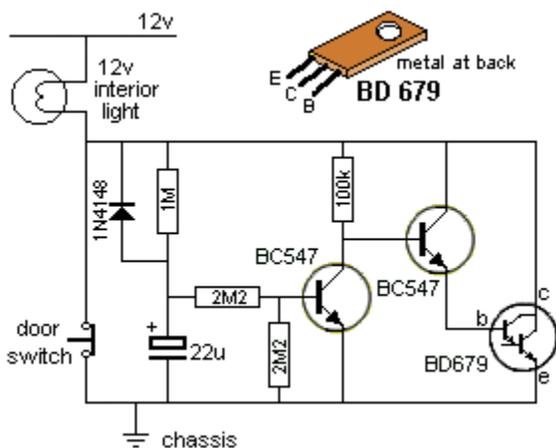
<http://members.shaw.ca/novotill>

- *Unmarked diodes are silicon so use 1N4148.
- Top transistor is germanium running at V_{be} of 200mV but silicon works perfectly fine as well.
- Resistors are 1/4W CF 5% except as noted.
- It's ok to use 4.7Ω resistor in place of choke.
- Motor power draw under different loadings is:
 - 32mA @ 2.4V under zero load freerunning.
 - 80mA @ 2.8V under normal regulated load.
 - 200mA @ 4V under normal maximum load.
 - 300mA @ 4.5V is end of speed regulation.
 - 460mA @ 3.9V shaft frozen motor stalled.



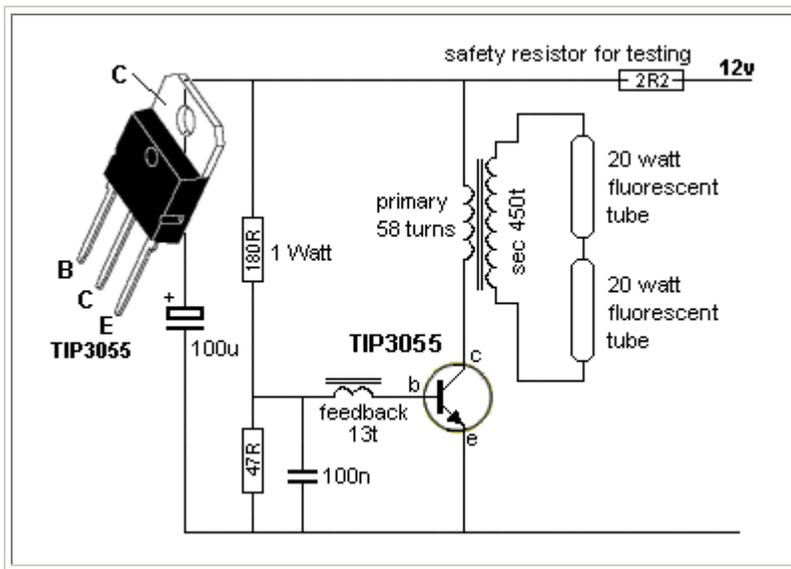
ELECTRONIC DRUMS

The circuit consists of two "twin-T" oscillators set to a point below oscillation. Touching a Touch Pad will set the circuit into oscillation. Different effects are produced by touching the pads in different ways and a whole range of effects are available. The two 25k pots are adjusted to a point just before oscillation. A "drum roll" can be produced by shifting a finger rapidly across adjacent ground and drum pads.



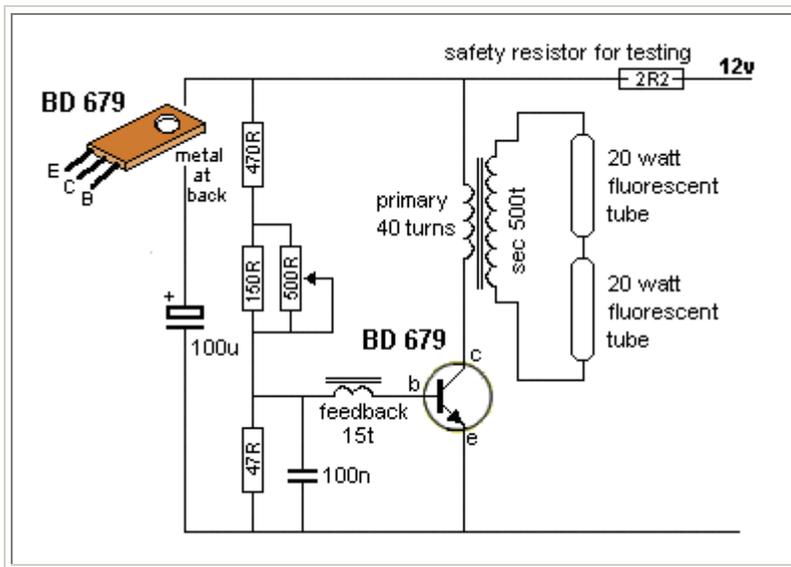
LIGHT EXTENDER

This circuit is a Courtesy Light Extender for cars. It extends the "ON" time when a door is closed in a car, so the passenger can see where he/she is sitting. When the door switch is opened, the light normally goes off immediately, but the circuit takes over and allows current to flow because the 22u is not charged and the first BC 547 transistor is not turned ON. This turns on the second BC547 via the 100k and the BD679 is also turned on to illuminate the interior light. The 22u gradually charges via the 1M and the first BC547 turns on, robbing the second BC547 of "turn-on" voltage and it starts to turn off the BD679. The 1N4148 discharges the 22u when the door is opened.



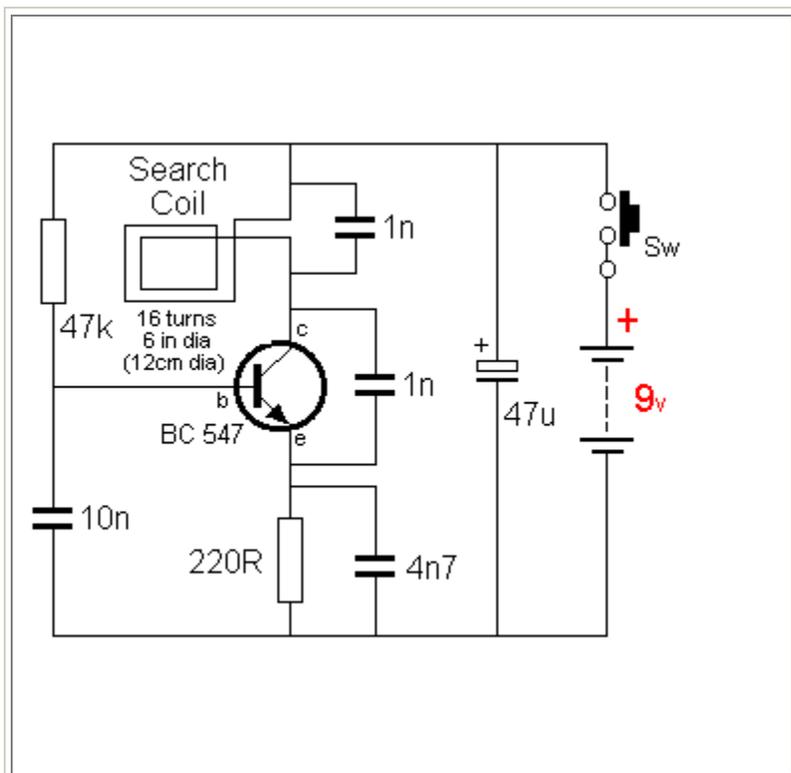
20 WATT FLUORO INVERTER

This circuit will drive a 40 watt fluoro or two 20-watt tubes in series. The transformer is wound on a ferrite rod 10mm dia and 8cm long. The wire diameters are not critical but our prototype used 0.61mm wire for the primary and 0.28mm wire for the secondary and feedback winding. Do not remove the tube when the circuit is operating as the spikes produced by the transformer will damage the transistor. The circuit will take approx 1.5amp on 12v, making it more efficient than running the tubes from the mains. A normal fluoro takes 20 watts for the tube and about 15 watts for the ballast.



6 to 12 WATT FLUORO INVERTER

This circuit will drive a 40 watt fluoro or two 20-watt tubes in series but with less brightness than the circuit above and it will take less current. 2 x 20 watt tubes = 900mA to 1.2A and 1 x 20 watt tube 450mA to 900mA depending on pot setting. The transformer is wound on a ferrite rod 10mm dia and 8cm long. The wire diameter is fairly critical and our prototype used 0.28mm wire for all the windings. Do not remove the tube when the circuit is operating as the spikes produced by the transformer will damage the transistor. The pot will adjust the brightness and vary the current consumption. Adjust the pot and select the base-bias resistor to get the same current as our prototype. Heat-sink must be greater than 40sq cm. Use heat-sink compound.



GOLD DETECTOR

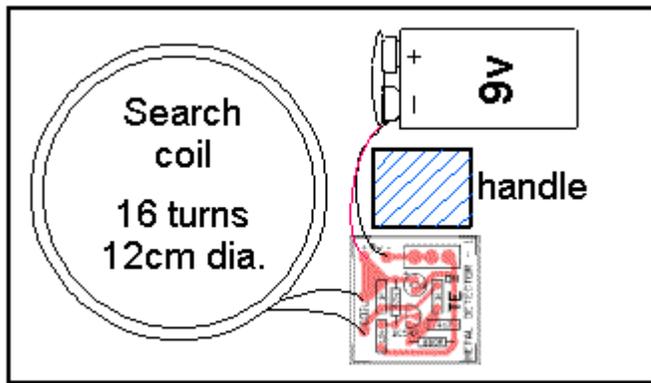
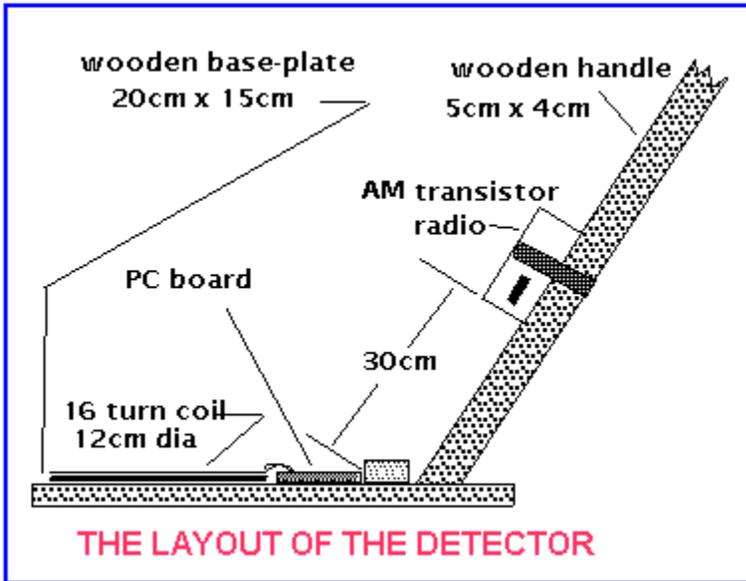
see also:

BFO METAL DETECTOR in "100 IC circuits"
SIMPLE BFO METAL LOCATOR in "100 IC circuits"

This very simple circuit will detect gold or metal or coins at a distance of approx 20cm - depending on the size of the object. The circuit oscillates at approx 140kHz and a harmonic of this frequency is detected by an AM radio. Simply tune the radio until a squeal is detected. When the search coil is placed near a metal object, the frequency of the circuit will change and this will be heard from the speaker. The layout of the circuit is shown and the placement of the radio.

The TRUTH about Metal (GOLD) Detectors.

A Gold Detectors club in the US created a challenge with 12 members with skills ranging from 12 months



The Layout of Metal Detector -1

detection to over 25 years. They used 5 different detectors to find 30 different items, hidden in sand and under pieces of cardboard.

The results were these: All detectors performed almost equally but the interpretation of the beeps, sounds and readings on the detector were quite often mis-read and the winner was a member with 1 year experience.

The moral of the story is to dig for anything that is detected as it may not be a "ring-pull."

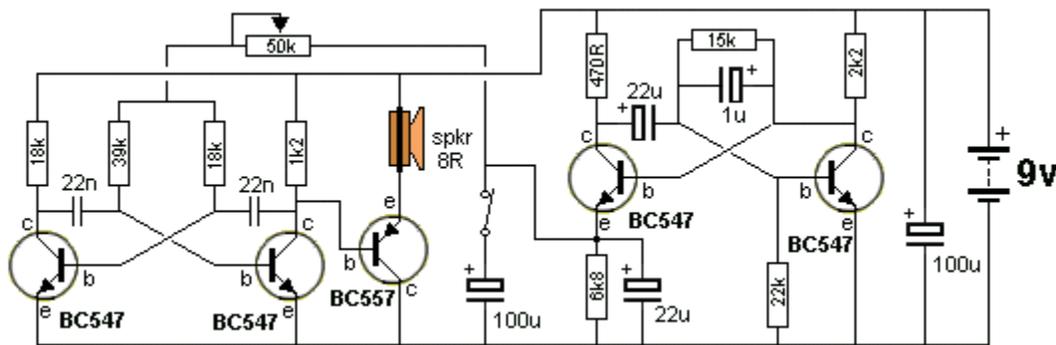
With these findings you can clearly use a very simple, cheap, detector and get results equal to the most expensive equipment.

The only thing you have to remember is this: You need the right frequency for the type of soil to cancel out the effects of minerals etc.

That's why there is a range of frequencies from 6kHz to 150Hz.

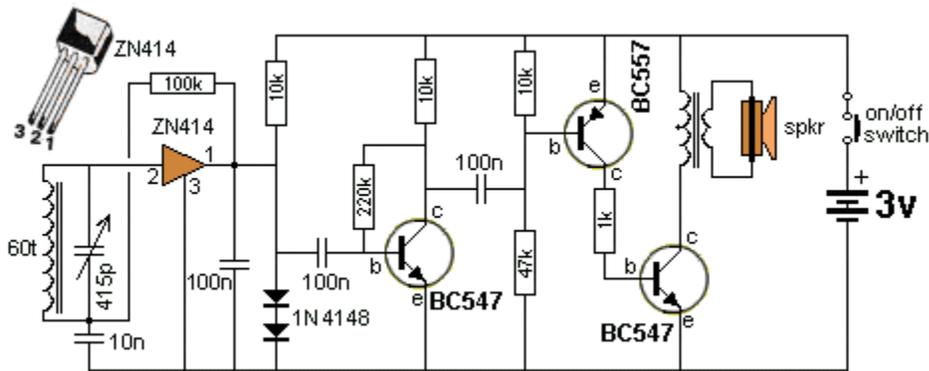
All the other modes of producing and injecting the pulse add only a very small improvement to the detection process.

The energy put into the injecting pulse also has an influence of the depth of detection.



PHASER GUN

This is a very effective circuit. The sound is amazing. You have to build it to appreciate the range of effects it produces. The 50k pot provides the frequency of the sound while the switch provides fast or slow speed.



IC RADIO

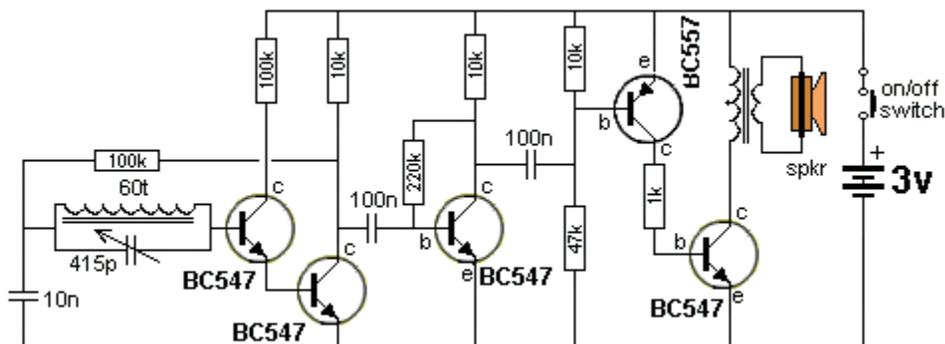
This circuit contains an IC but it looks like a 3-leaded transistor and that's why we have included it here.

The IC is called a "Radio in a Chip" and it contains 10 transistors to produce a TRF (tuned Radio Frequency) front end for our project.

The 3-transistor amplifier is taken from our SUPER EAR project with the electret microphone removed.

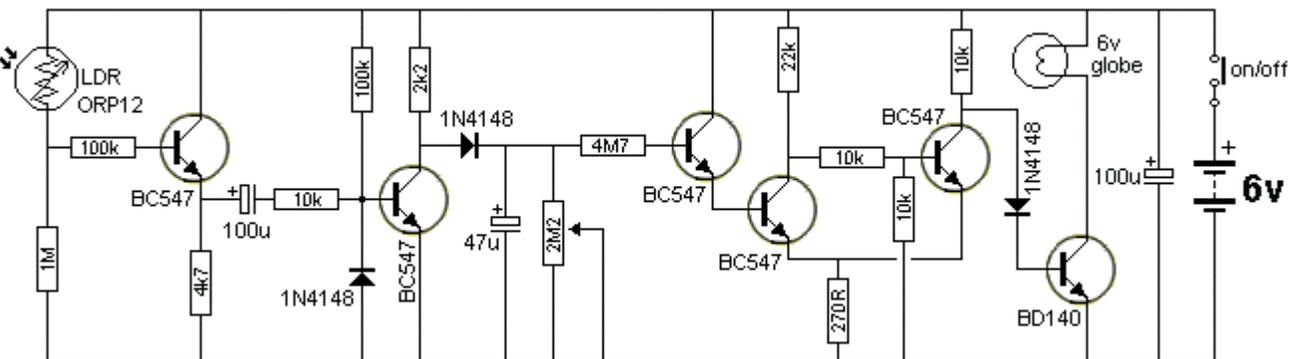
The two 1N 4148 diodes produce a constant voltage of 1.3v for the chip as it is designed for a maximum of 1.5v.

The "antenna coil" is 60t of 0.25mm wire wound on a 10mm ferrite rod. The tuning capacitor can be any value up to 450p.



5-TRANSISTOR RADIO

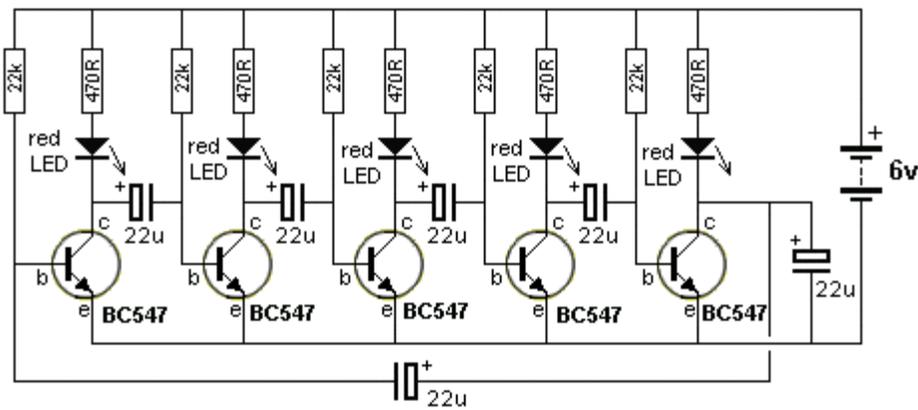
If you are not able to get the ZN414 IC, this circuit uses two transistors to take the place of the chip.



AUTOMATIC LIGHT

This circuit automatically turns on a light when illumination is removed from the LDR. It remains ON for the delay period set by the 2M2 pot.

The important feature of this circuit is the building blocks it contains - a delay circuit and Schmitt Trigger. These can be used when designing other circuits.

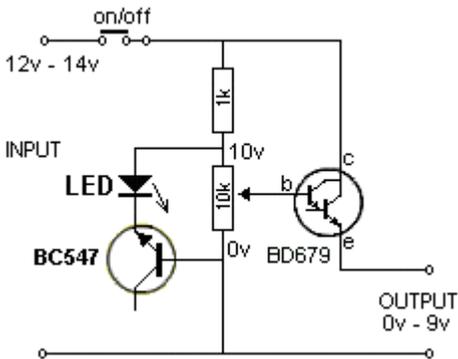


5-LED CHASER

The LEDs in this circuit produce a chasing pattern similar the running LEDs display in video shops.

In fact the effect is called: "Running Hole." All transistors will try to come on at the same time when the power is applied, but some will be faster due to their internal characteristics and some will get a different turn-on current due to the exact value of the 22u electrolytics. The last 22u will delay the voltage-rise to the base of the first transistor and make the circuit start reliably. It is very difficult to see where the hole starts and that's why you should build the circuit and investigate it yourself. The circuit can be extended to any number of odd stages.

BENCH POWER SUPPLY



This power supply can be built in less than an hour on a piece of copper-laminate. The board acts as a heat-sink and the other components can be mounted as shown in the photo, by cutting strips to suit their placement.

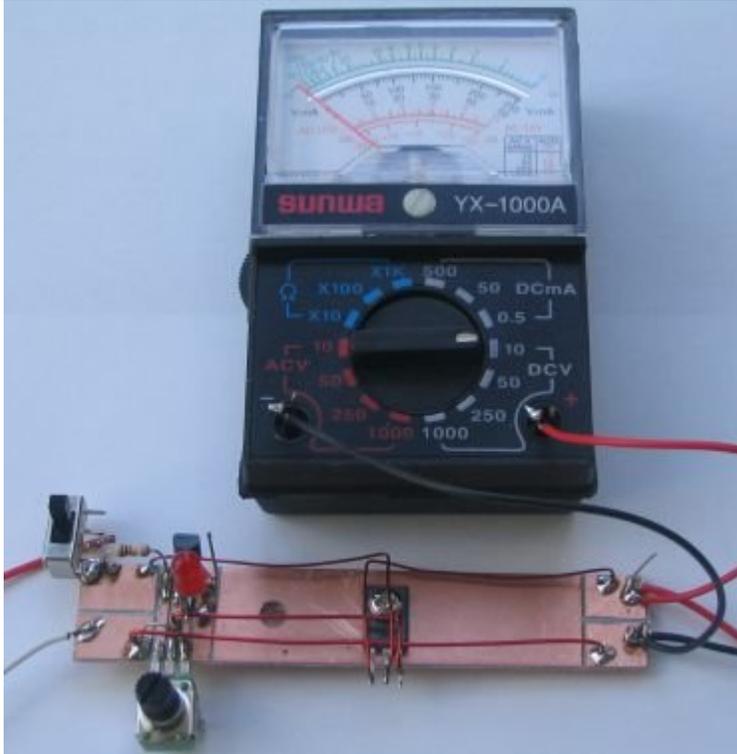
The components are connected with enamelled wire and the transistor is bolted to the board to keep it cool.

The Bench Power Supply was designed to use old "C," "D" and lantern batteries, that's why there are no diodes or electrolytics. Collect all your old batteries and cells and connect them together to get at least 12v -14v.

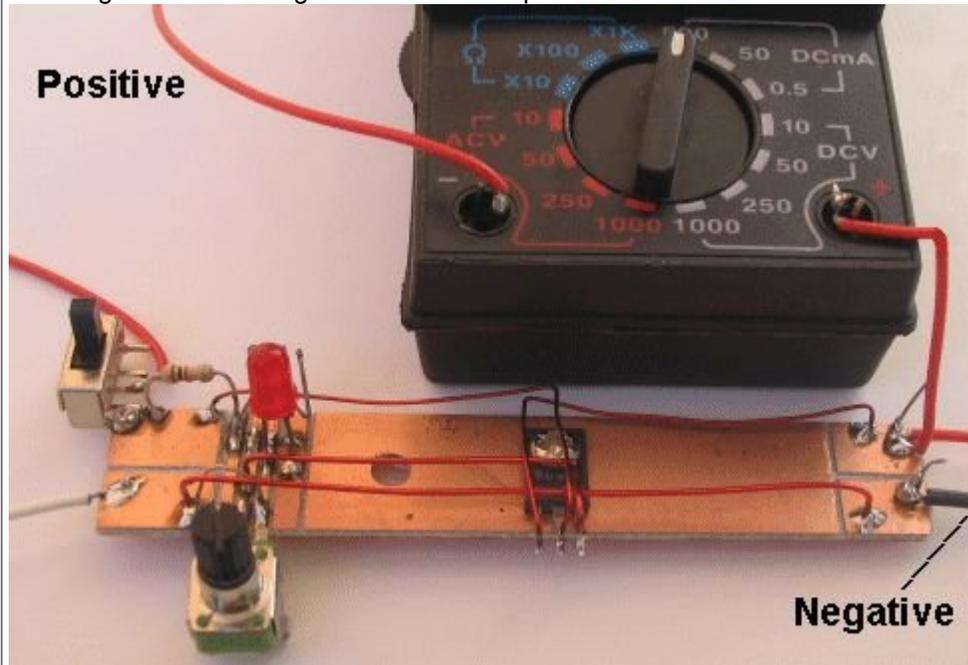
The output of this power supply is regulated by a 10v zener made up of the characteristic zener

voltage of 8.2v between the base-emitter leads of a BC547 transistor (in reverse bias) and approx 1.7v across a red LED. The circuit will deliver 0v - 9v at 500mA (depending on the life left in the cells your are using). The 10k pot adjusts the output voltage and the LED indicates the circuit is ON. It's a very good circuit to get the last of the energy from old cells.

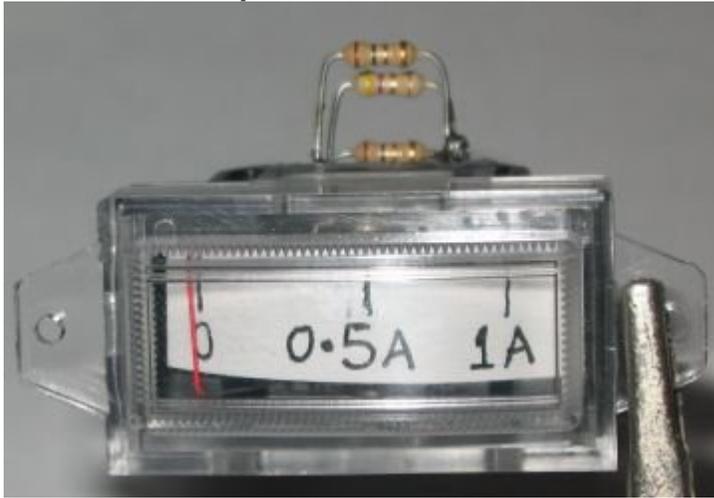
ADDING A VOLT-METER TO THE BENCH POWER SUPPLY



A voltmeter can be added to the Bench Power Supply by using a very low cost multimeter. For less than \$10.00 you can get a mini multimeter with 14 ranges, including a 10v range. The multimeter can **also** be used to monitor current by removing the negative lead and making a new RED lead, fitting it to the "—" of the multimeter and selecting the 500mA range as shown in the photo below:



MAKING 0-1Amp meter for the BENCH POWER SUPPLY



The item in the photo is called a "Movement." A movement is a moving coil with a pointer and no resistors connected to the leads.

Any Movement can be converted to an ammeter without any mathematics.

Simply solder two 1R resistors (in parallel) across the terminals of any movement and connect it in series with an ammeter on the output of the Bench Power Supply. The second ammeter provides a reference so you can calibrate the movement. Connect a globe and increase the voltage.

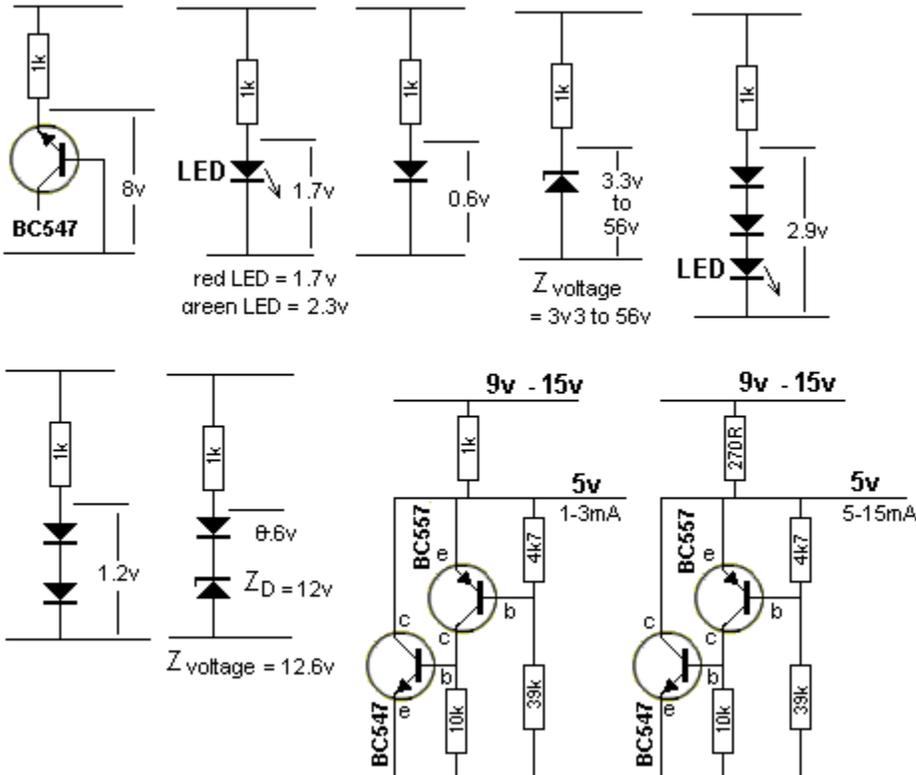
At 500mA, if the pointer is "up scale" (reading too high) add a trim-resistor. In our case it was 4R7.

The three shunt resistors can be clearly seen in the photo. Two 1R and the trim resistor is 4R7.

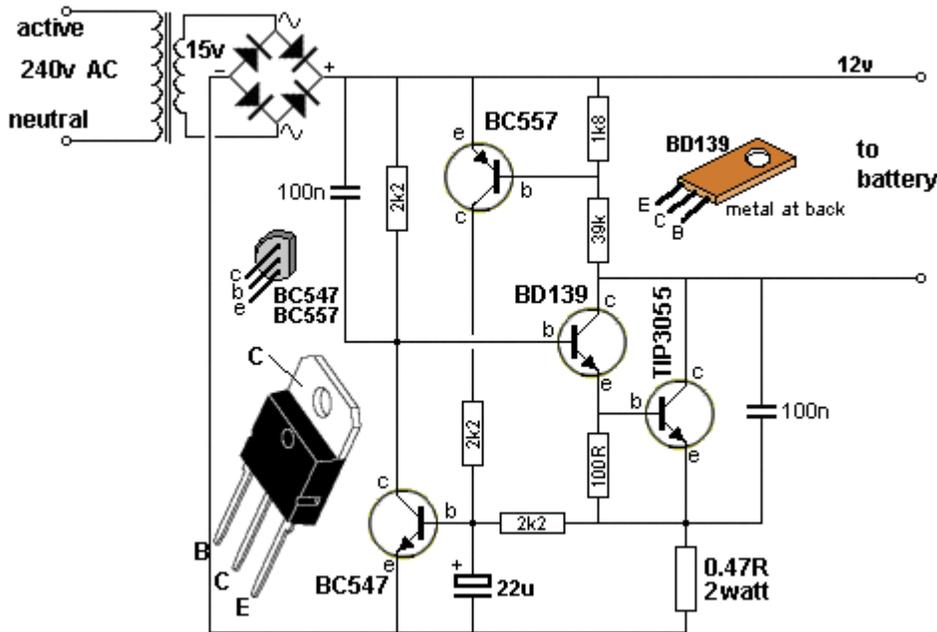
You can get a movement from an old multimeter or they are available in electronics shops as a separate item. The sensitivity does not matter. It can be 20uA or 50uA FSD or any sensitivity.

MAKING A ZENER DIODE

Sometimes a zener diode of the required voltage is not available. Here are a number of components that produce a characteristic voltage across them. Since they all have different voltages, they can be placed in series to produce the voltage you need. A reference voltage as low as 0.65v is available and you need at least 1 to 3mA through the device(s) to put them in a state of conduction (breakdown).



12v TRICKLE CHARGER



The 12v Trickle Charger circuit uses a TIP3055 power transistor to limit the current to the battery by turning off when the battery voltage reaches approx 14v or if the current rises above 2 amp. The signal to turn off this transistor comes from two other transistors - the BC557 and BC 547.

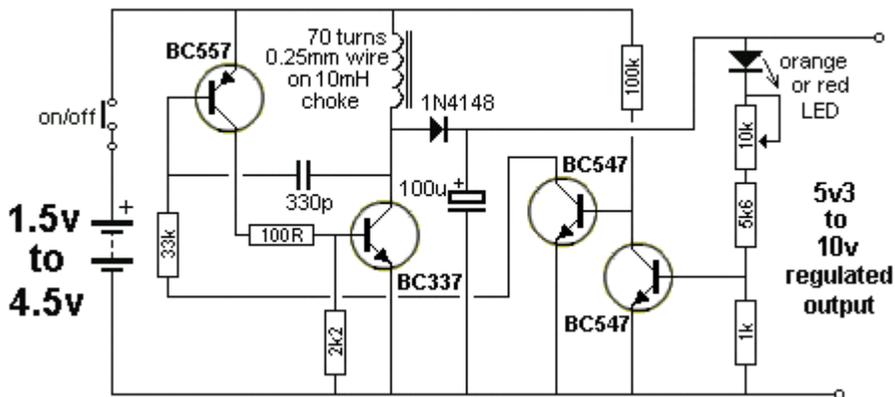
Firstly, the circuit turns on fully via the BD139 and TIP3055. The BC557 and BC 547 do not come into operation at the moment. The current through the 0.47R creates a voltage across it to charge the 22u and this puts a voltage between the base and emitter of the BC547. The transistors turn on slightly and remove some of the turn-on voltage to the BD139 and this turns off the TIP3055 slightly.

This is how the 2 amp max is created.

As the battery voltage rises, the voltage divider made up of the 1k8 and 39k creates a 0.65v between base and emitter of the BC557 and it starts to turn on at approx 14v. This turns on the BC 547 and it robs the BD136 of "turn-on" voltage and the TIP3055 is nearly fully turned off.

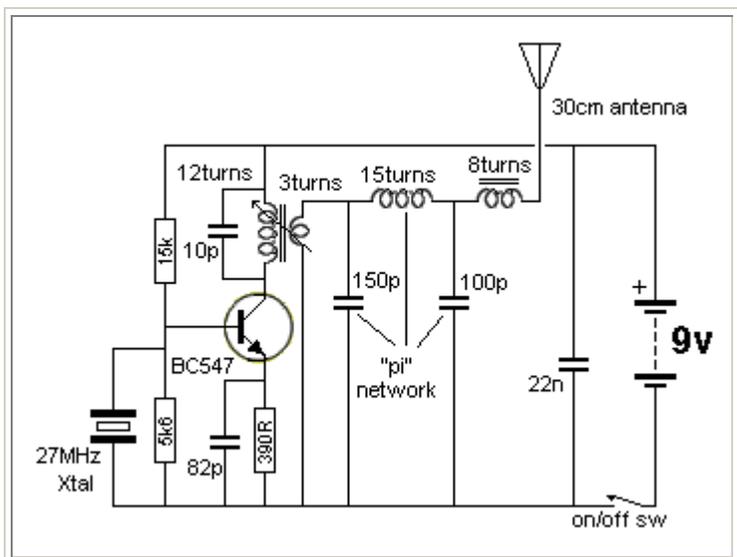
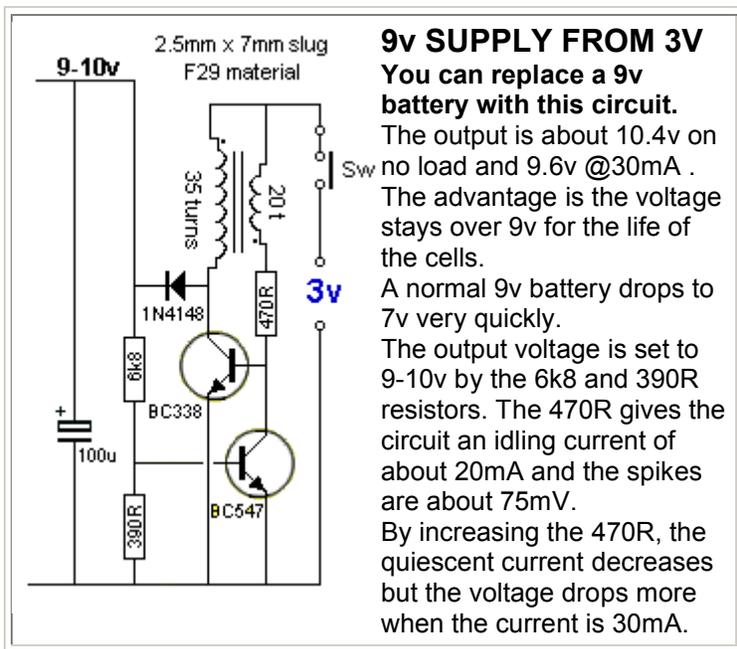
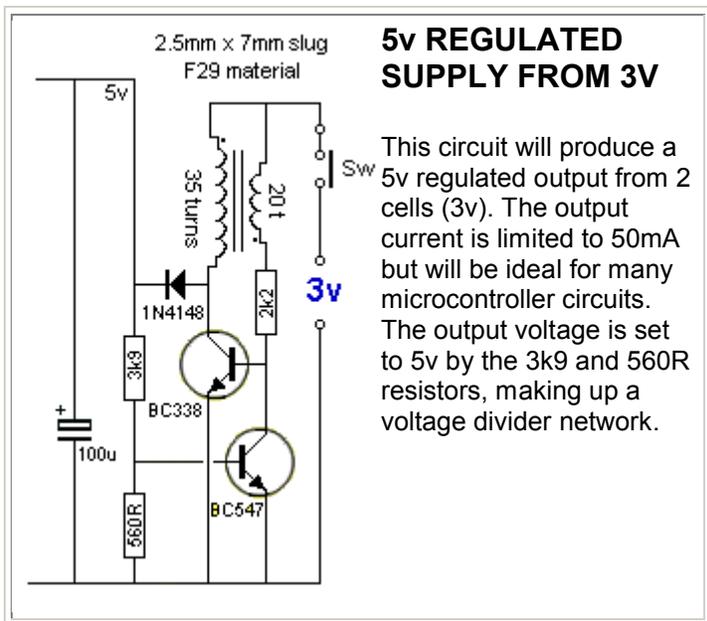
All battery chargers in Australia must be earthed. The negative of the output is taken to the earth pin.

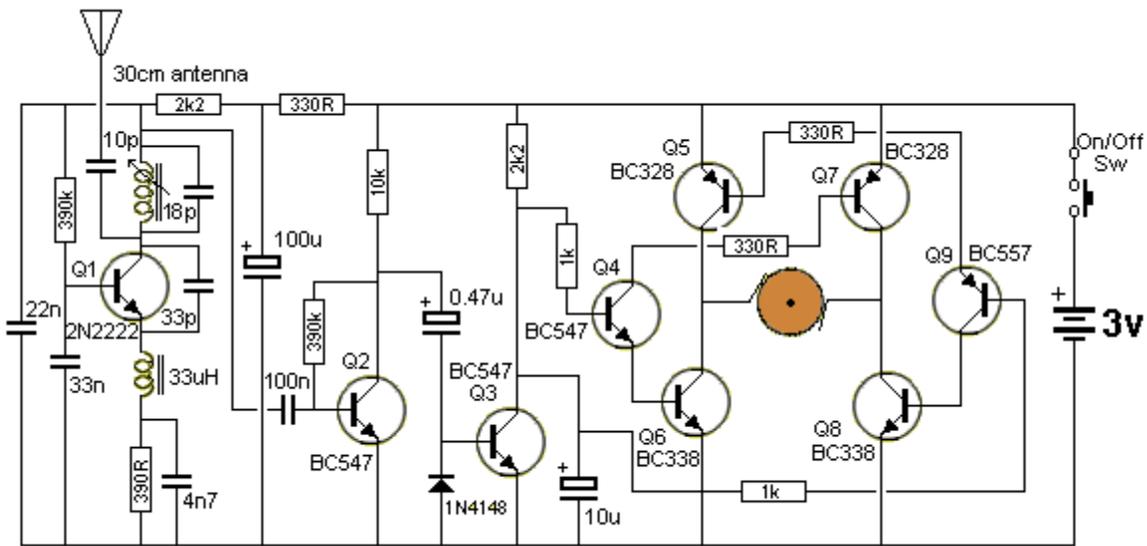
1.5v to 10v INVERTER



This very clever circuit will convert 1.5v to 10v to take the place of those expensive 9v batteries and also provide a 5v supply for a microcontroller project.

But the clever part is the voltage regulating section. It reduces the current to less than 8mA when no current is being drawn from the output. With a 470R load and 10v, the output current is 20mA and the voltage drop is less than 10mV. The pot will adjust the output voltage from 5.3v to 10v.

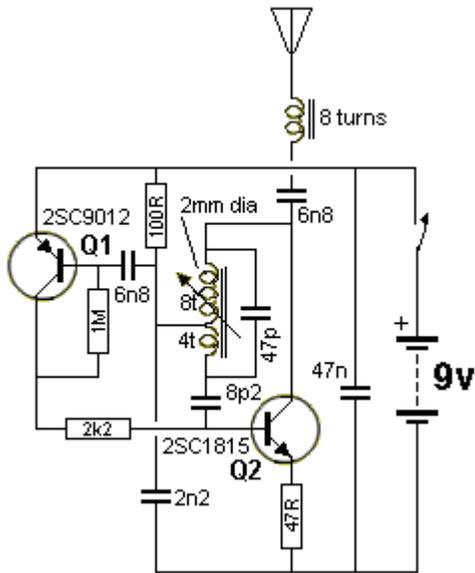




27MHz RECEIVER

The 27MHz receiver is really a transmitter. It's a very weak transmitter and delivers a low level signal to the surroundings via the antenna. When another signal (from the transmitter) comes in contact with the transmission from the receiver it creates an interference pattern that reflects down the antenna and into the first stage of the receiver.

The receiver is a super-regenerative design. It is self-oscillating (or already oscillating) and makes it very sensitive to nearby signals. See full description in [27MHz Links](#) article.

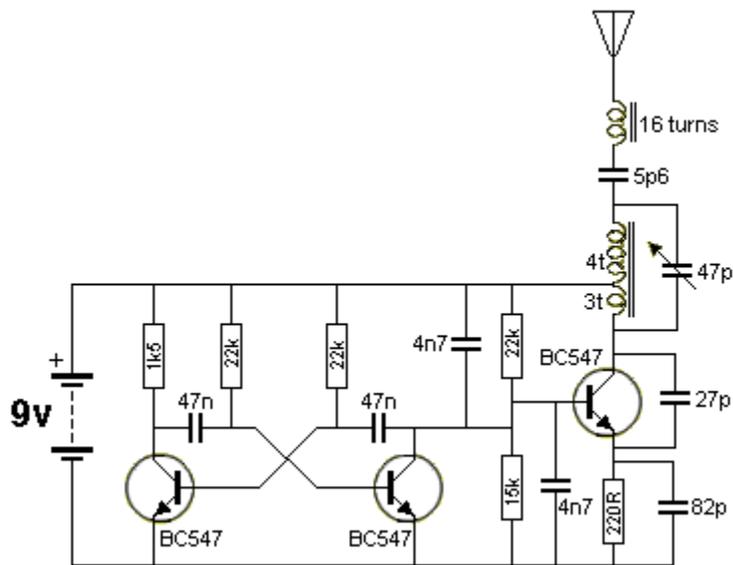


27MHz TRANSMITTER WITHOUT A CRYSTAL

A 27MHz transmitter without a crystal. When a circuit does not have a crystal, the oscillator is said to be "voltage dependent" or "voltage controlled" and when the supply voltage drops, the frequency changes.

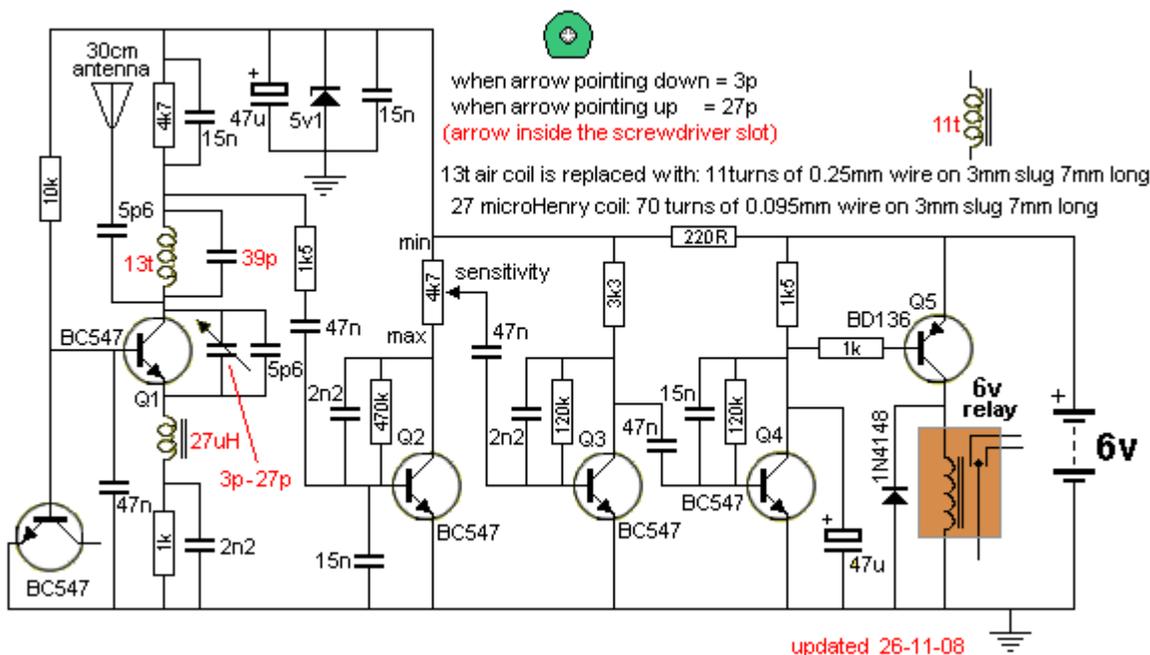
If the frequency drifts too much, the receiver will not pick up the signal. For this reason, a simple circuit as shown is not recommended. We have only included it as a concept to show how the 27MHz frequency is generated. It produces a tone and this is detected by a receiver.

See full description in [27MHz Links](#) article.



27MHz TRANSMITTER WITH SQUARE-WAVE OSCILLATOR

The circuit consists of two blocks. Block 1 is a multivibrator and this has an equal mark/space ratio to turn the RF stage on and off. Block 2 is an RF oscillator. The feedback to keep the stage operating is provided by the 27pF capacitor. The frequency-producing items are the coil (made up of the full 7 turns) and the 47pF air trimmer. These two items are called a parallel tuned circuit. They are also called a TANK CIRCUIT as they store energy just like a TANK of water and pass it to the antenna. The frequency of the circuit is adjusted by the 47pF air trimmer. See full description in [27MHz Links](#) article.



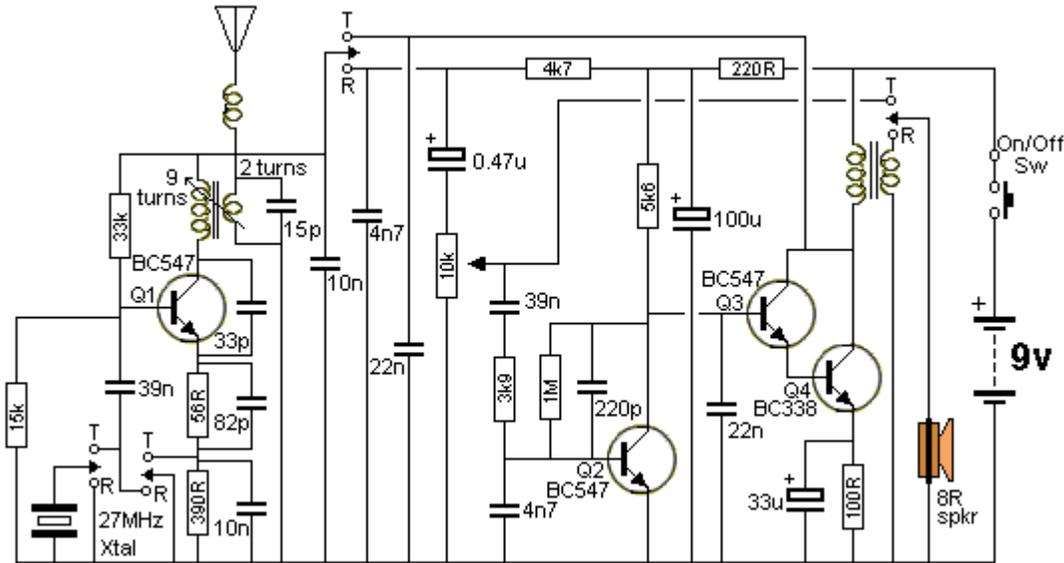
27MHz RECEIVER-2

This circuit matches with the 27MHz Transmitter with Square-wave Oscillator. See full description on Talking Electronics website: [27MHz Links](#) article.

The receiver frequency is fixed. The transmitter is adjusted to suit the receiver. The 3-27pF trimmer is adjusted for maximum gain (10pF trimmer and 5pF in our case) and this is a critical adjustment. The base-emitter junction of the first BC547 sets 0.7V (as it is heavily turned on by the 10k) on the base of the oscillator Q1, and this is fixed. Q1 is very lightly turned on (due to the emitter resistor), and this makes it very sensitive when it is oscillating. Any 27MHz signal from the surroundings will upset the oscillator and any tone in the signal will be passed to the stages for amplification. The coil is 13 turns. It can be replaced with 11 turns of 0.25mm wire on 3mm dia slug 7mm long. Although the original Russian product worked very well, our prototype did not have very good sensitivity. The circuit was very difficult to set-up.

Note: When making the 27uH inductor and checking its value on an inductance meter; if the meter does not read low values accurately, put two inductors in series. Measure the first inductor, say 100uH. The

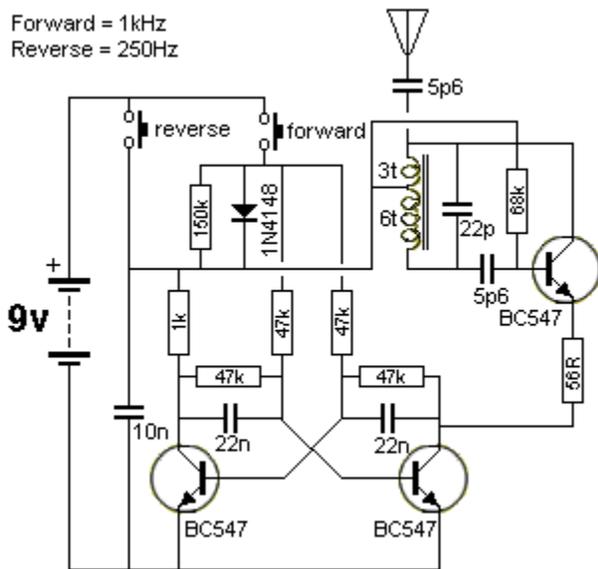
two inductors in series will be 127uH as inductors combine just like resistors in series! The result is the addition of the individual values.



WALKIE TALKIE

Nearly all the components in the 4-transistor circuit are used for both transmitting and receiving. This makes it a very economical design. The frequency-generating stage only needs the crystal to be removed and it becomes a receiver. Next is a three transistor directly coupled audio amplifier with very high gain. The first transistor is a pre-amplifier and the next two are wired as a super-alpha pair, commonly called a Darlington pair to drive the speaker transformer. See full description in [27MHz Links](#) article.

Forward = 1kHz
Reverse = 250Hz



27MHz TRANSMITTER - 2 CHANNEL

This circuit does not use a crystal but has a clever feature of using the two push buttons to turn the circuit on when it is required to transmit.

The frequency of the multivibrator is determined by the value of resistance on the base of each transistor. The multivibrator is driven directly from the supply with the forward button and via a 150k for the reverse frequency.

The receiver requires a 1kHz tone for forward and 250Hz for reverse.

See full description in [27MHz Links](#) article.

27MHz TRANSMITTER - 4 CHANNEL

This circuit uses the same number of components as the 2-Channel circuit above but has 4 channels.

The frequency of the multivibrator is determined by the value of resistance on the base of each transistor.

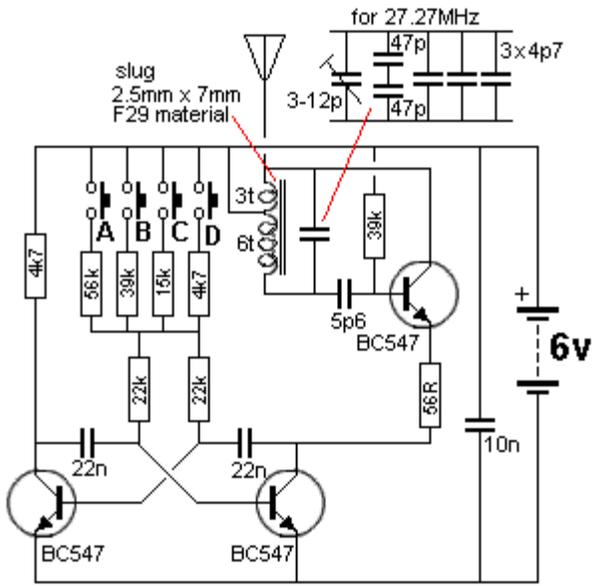
A 4 channel receiver has been designed by Talking Electronics using a PIC12F628 micro to detect the different frequencies.

See P4 of:

2 Digit Up/Down Counter (see left index on Talking Electronics website).

2 Digit Up/Down Counter has the receiver section.

A = 500Hz B = 550Hz C = 660Hz D = 1kHz

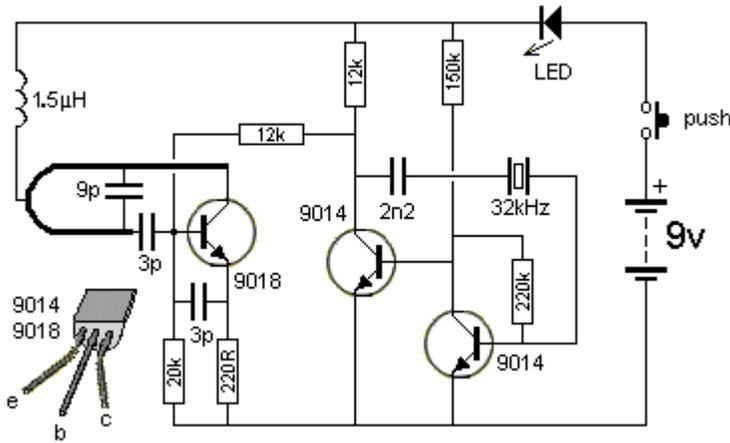


303MHz TRANSMITTER

The transmitter circuit is made up of two building blocks - the 303MHz RF oscillator and the 32kHz crystal controlled oscillator to generate a tone so the receiver does not false-trigger.

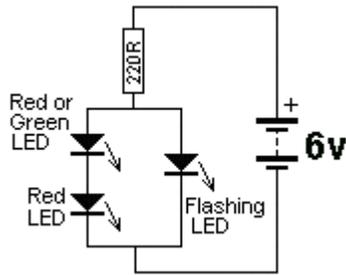
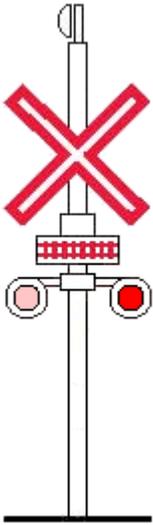
The 303MHz oscillator consists of a self-oscillating circuit made up of the coil on the PC board and a 9p (9 puff) capacitor.

See full description in [Wireless Doorbell](#) article.



Type:		Gain:	Vbe	Vce	Current	Case
2SC1815	NPN	100	1v	50v	150mA	
2SC3279	NPN	140 to 600 @0.5A	0.75v	10v	2amp	
BC337 BC338	NPN	60 @300mA	0.7v	45v 25v	800mA	
BC547 BC548 BC549	NPN	70 @100mA	0.7v	45v 30v 30v	100mA	
BC557	PNP			45v	100mA	
BD139	NPN	70-100 @150mA	0.5v	80v	1.5A	
BD140	PNP	70-100 @150mA	0.5v	80v	1.5A	
2SCxxx						
8050	NPN			10v	1.5A	
8550	PNP			10v	1.5A	
9012	PNP				500mA	

9013	NPN		1v	20v	500mA	
9014	NPN				100mA	
9015	PNP				100mA	
9018	NPN	700MHz	15v	50mA		

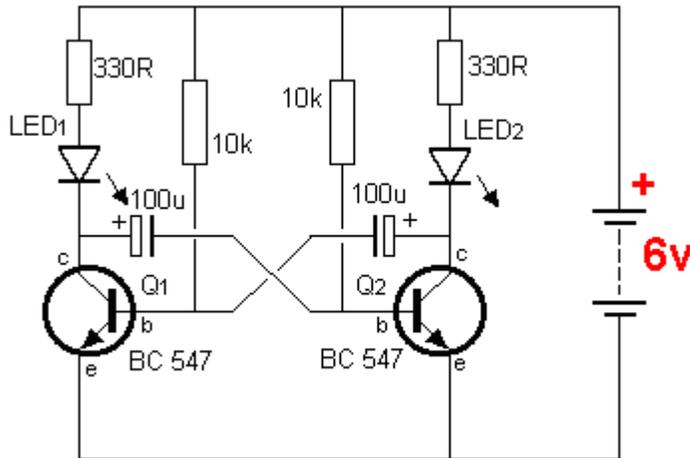


BOOM GATE LIGHTS

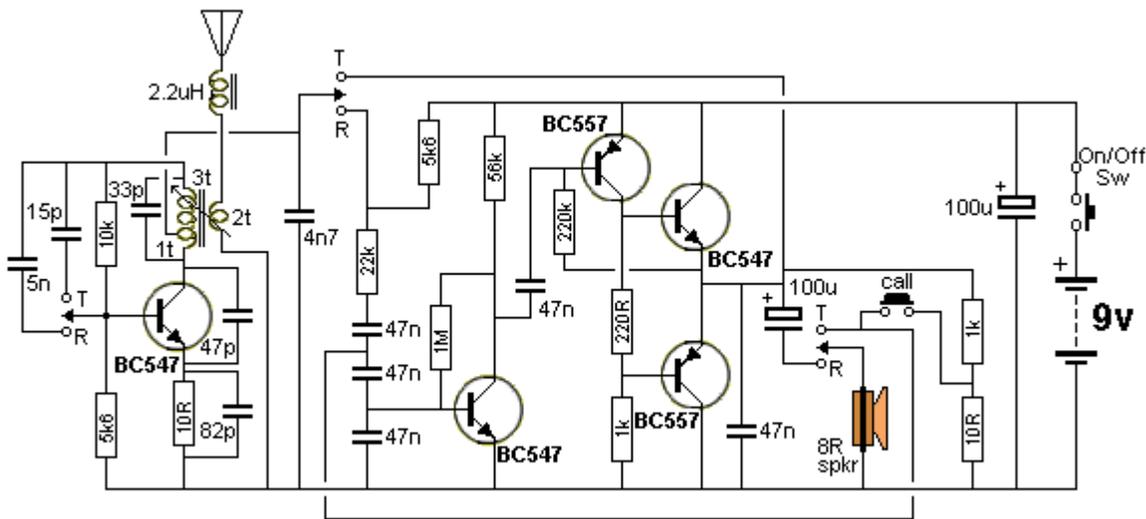
This simple circuit will produce flashing lights for your model railway crossing. It uses one flashing LED and one normal red LED, with a green LED hidden in the background. It can be used somewhere else on your layout but it is needed to produce a voltage drop so the two red LEDs will flash.

You cannot get a simpler circuit.

The second circuit produces the same effect but the flash-rate is more even.

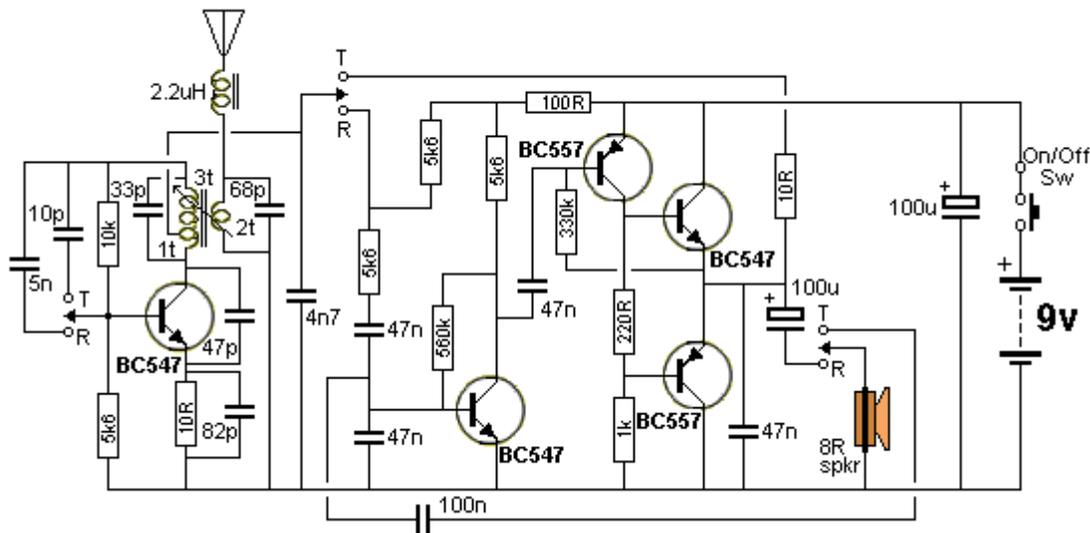


The 1/10th watt resistors used in this circuit, compared with 0.25watt resistors.



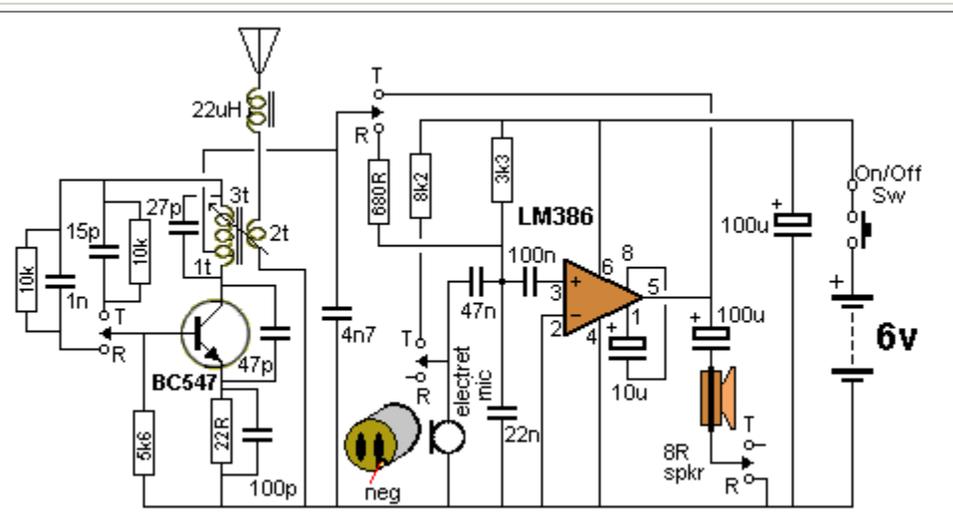
5 TRANSISTOR WALKIE TALKIE - 1

This walkie talkie circuit does not have a crystal or speaker transformer, with the board measuring just 3cm x 4cm and using 1/10th watt resistors, it is one of the smallest units on the market, for just \$9.50 to \$12.00. The wires in the photo go to the battery, speaker, call-switch and antenna. The most difficult component in the circuit to duplicate is the oscillator coil. See the photo for the size and shape. The coil dia is 5mm and uses 0.25mm wire. The actual full-turn or half turn on the coil is also important. Almost all 5 transistor walkie talkies use this circuit or slight variations. See the article: [27MHz Transmitters](#) for theory on how these transmitters work - it is fascinating.



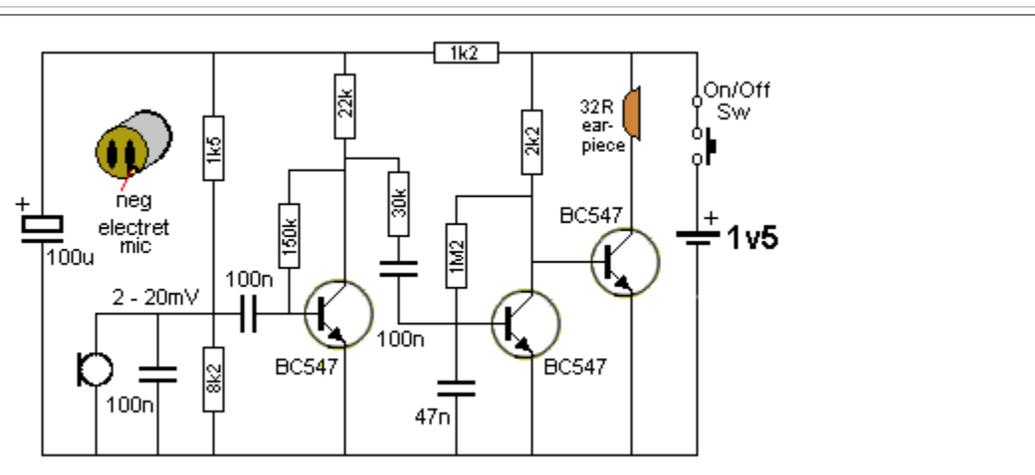
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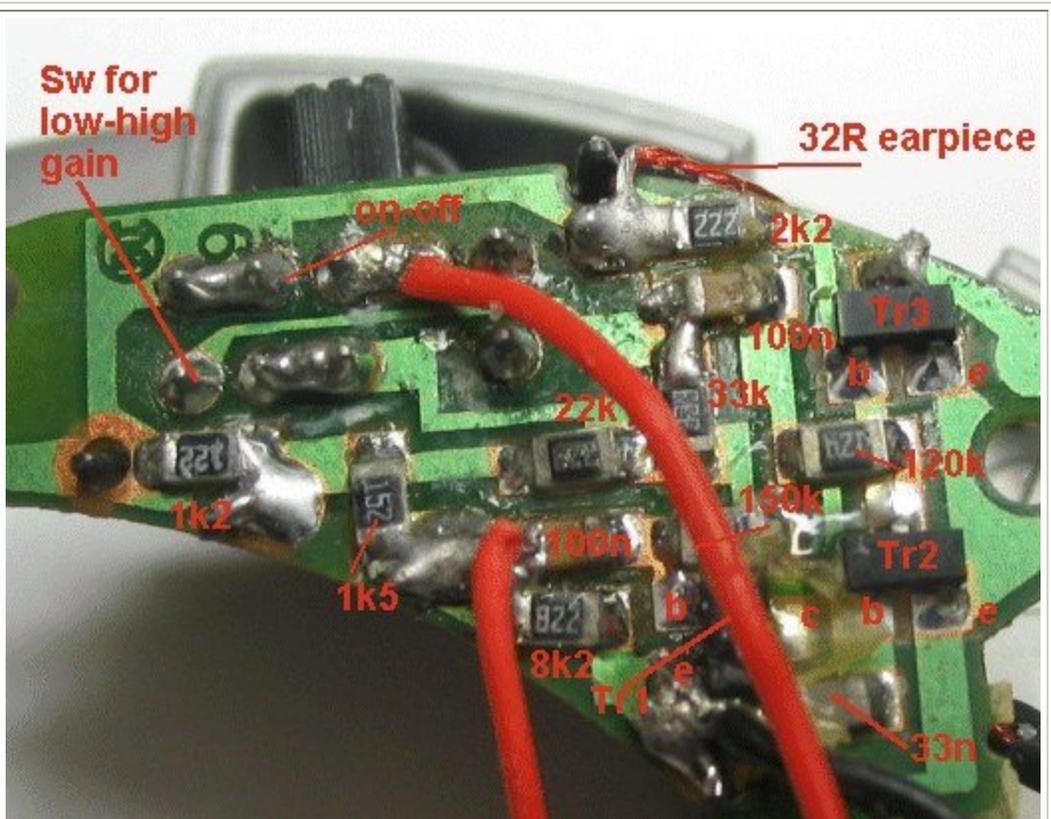
Here is another walkie talkie circuit, using slightly different values for some of the components. See the article: [27MHz Transmitters](#) for theory on how these transmitters work.



WALKIE TALKIE with LM386

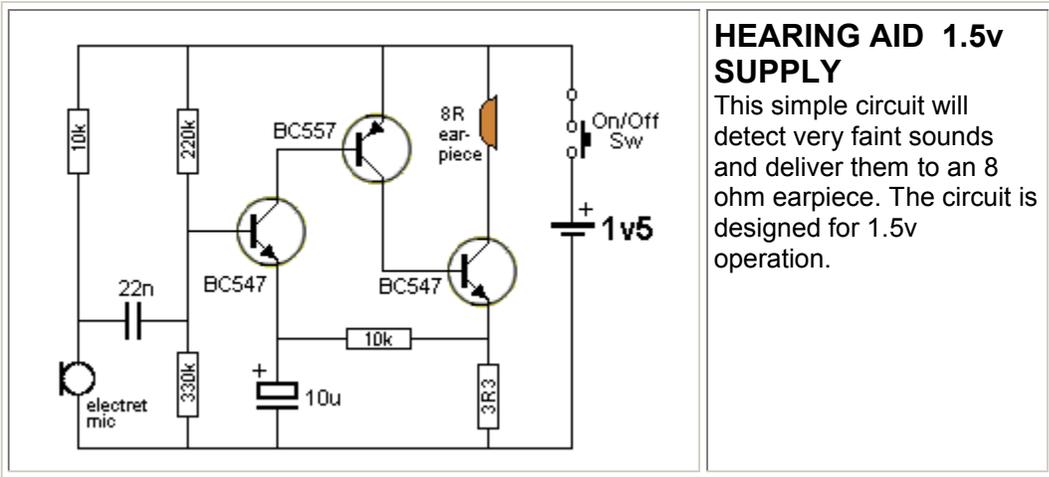
Here is a more up-to-date version of the walkie talkie, using an LM 386 amplifier IC to take the place of 4 transistors.





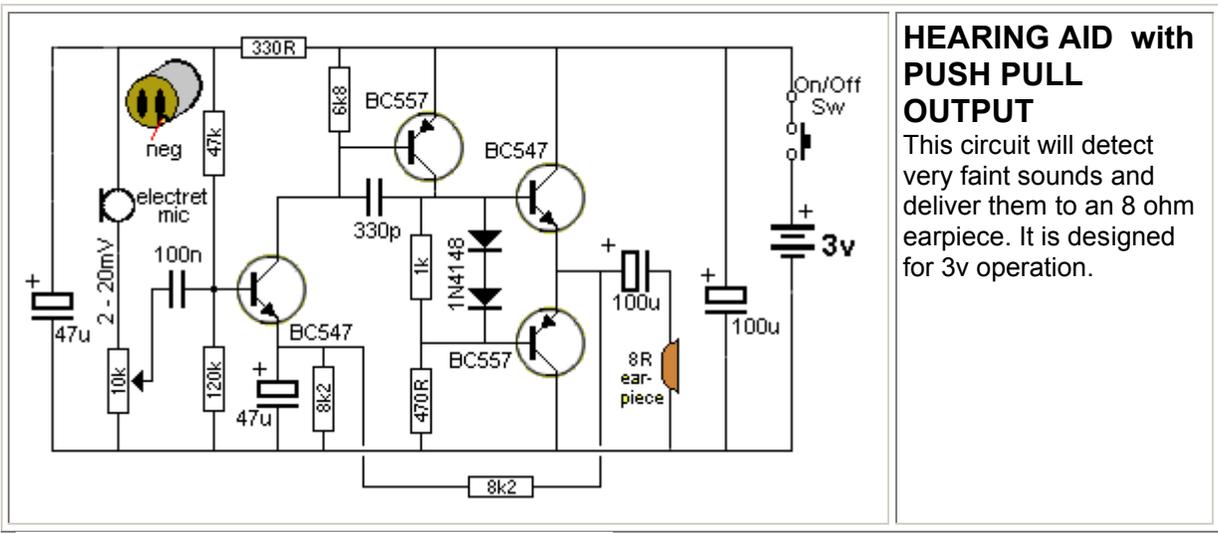
SPY AMPLIFIER

This simple circuit will detect very faint sounds and deliver them to a 32 ohm earpiece. The circuit is designed for 1.5v operation and is available from \$2.00 shops for less than \$5.00. The photo shows the surface-mount components used in its construction.



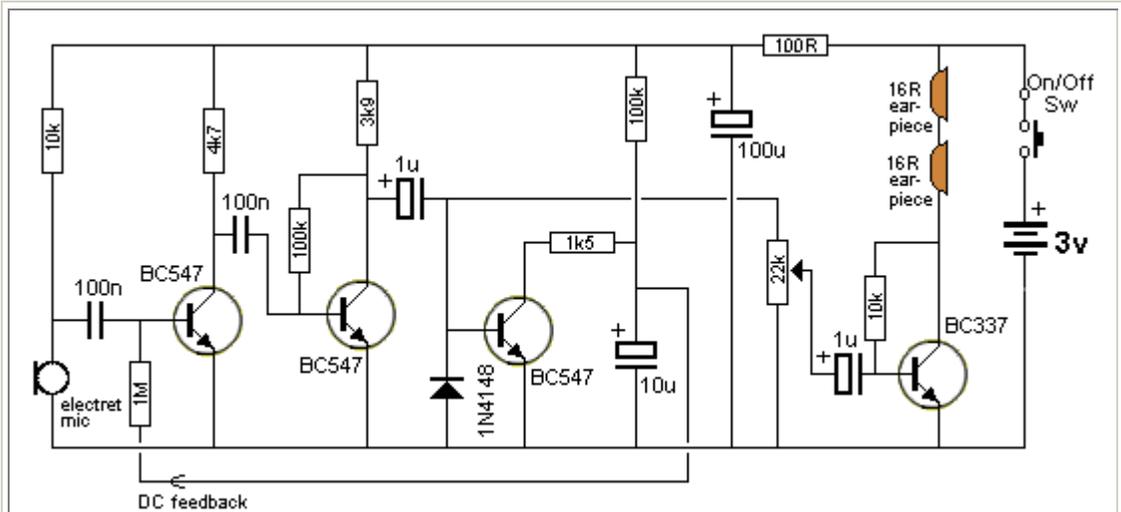
HEARING AID 1.5v SUPPLY

This simple circuit will detect very faint sounds and deliver them to an 8 ohm earpiece. The circuit is designed for 1.5v operation.



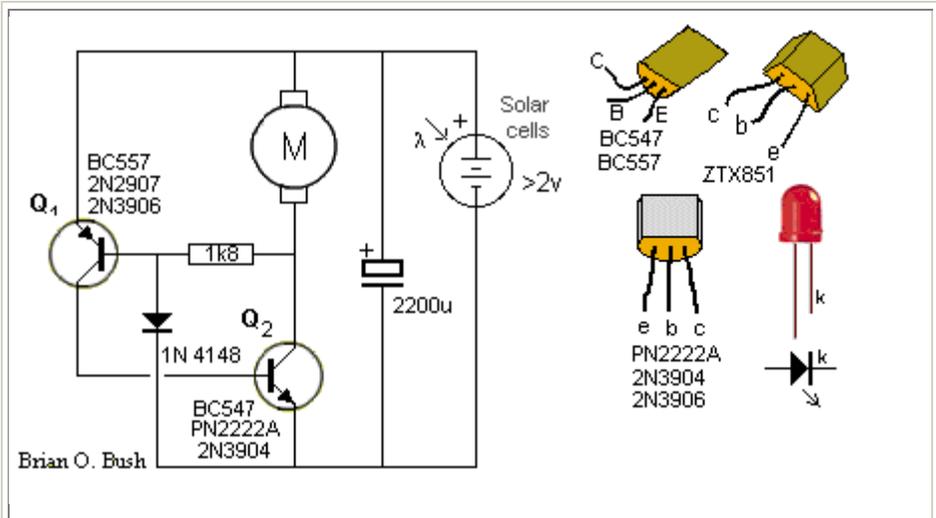
HEARING AID with PUSH PULL OUTPUT

This circuit will detect very faint sounds and deliver them to an 8 ohm earpiece. It is designed for 3v operation.



HEARING AID with CONSTANT VOLUME

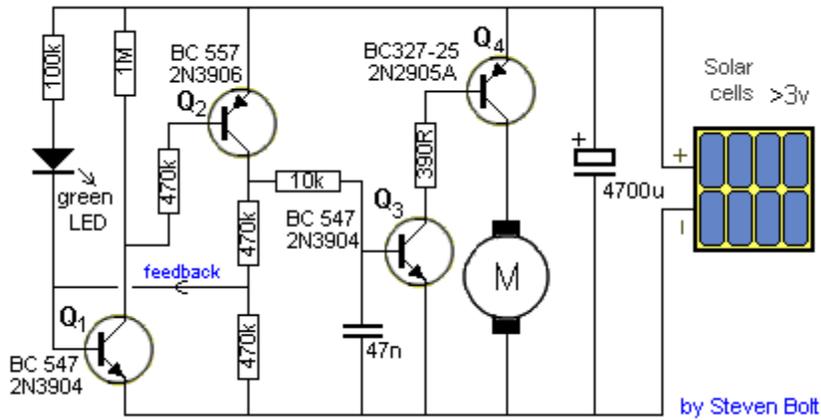
This is a very handy circuit as it provides constant volume. It is designed for 3v operation.



SOLAR ENGINE

This circuit is called Type-1 SE. Low current from a solar cell is stored in a large capacitor and when a preset voltage-level is reached, the energy from the capacitor is released to a motor.

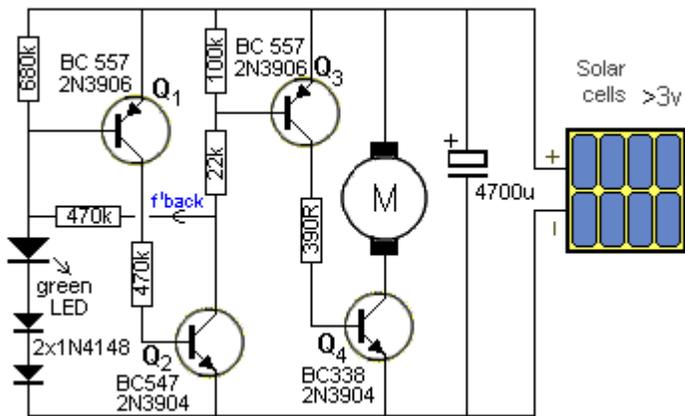
For full details on how the circuit works and how to modify it, see: <http://www.talkingelectronics.com/projects/Robots/Page2.html>



SUN EATER-I

An improved design over Solar Engine circuit above. It has a clever 2-transistor self-latching arrangement to keep the circuit **ON** until the voltage drops to 1.5v. The circuit turns on at 2.8v. This gives the motor more energy from the electrolytic at each "pulse." For full details on how the circuit works and how to modify it, see:

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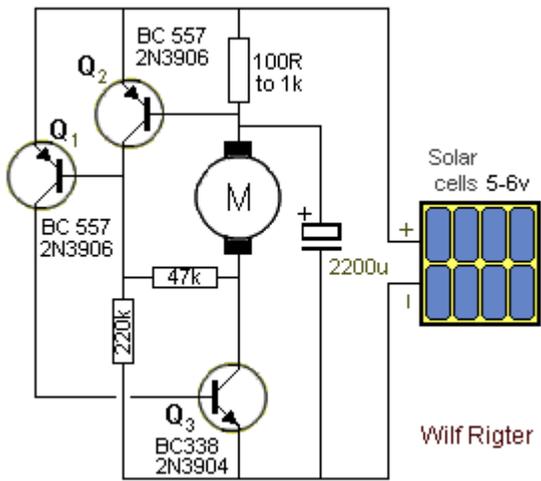


SUN EATER-1A

This circuit is an improvement on the **Sun Eater I** shown above. It works exactly the same except the slight re-arrangement of the components allows an NPN power transistor to be used. One less resistor is needed and one less capacitor but two extra diodes have been added to increase the upper turn-on voltage.

For full details on how the circuit works and how to modify it, see:

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SOLAR ENGINE Type-3

Type-3 circuits are **current controlled** or current-triggered. This is another very clever way of detecting when the electrolytic has reached its maximum charge.

At the beginning of the charge-cycle for an electrolytic, the charging current is a maximum. As the electrolytic becomes charged, the current drops. In the type-3 circuit, the charging current passes

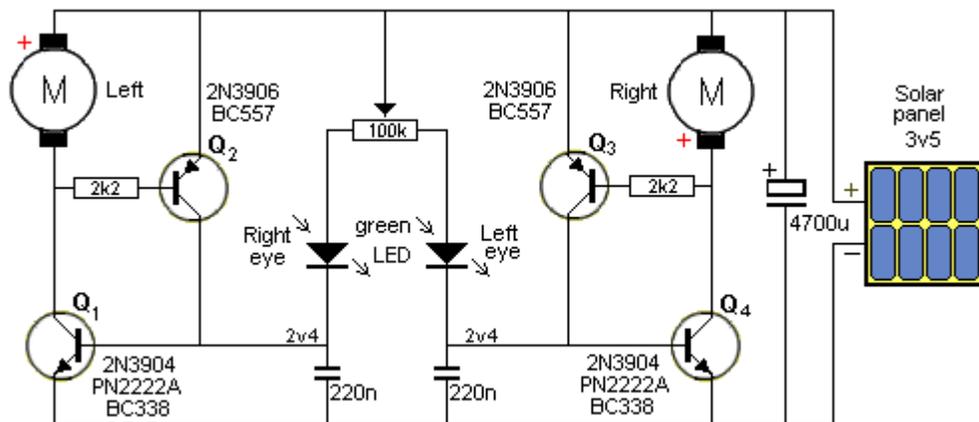
Wilf Rigter

through a 100R resistor and creates a voltage drop. This voltage is detected by a transistor (Q2) and the transistor is turned ON.

This action robs transistor (Q1) from turn-on voltage and the rest of the circuit is not activated. As the charging current drops, Q2 is gradually turned off and Q1 becomes turned on via the 220k resistor on the base.

This turns on Q3 and the motor is activated. The voltage across the storage electrolytic drops and the current through the 100R rises and turns the circuit off. The electrolytic begins to charge again and the cycle repeats. For full details on how the circuit works and how to modify it, see:

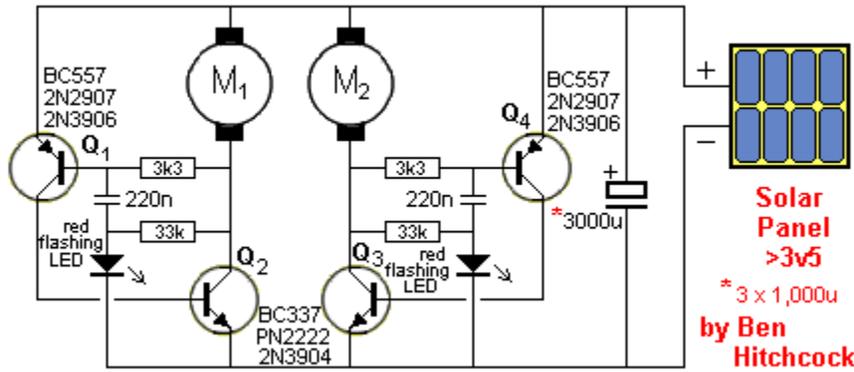
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SOLAR PHOTOVORE

The green LEDs cause the Solar Engine on the opposite side to fire and the **Solar Photovore** turns toward the light source. The motors are two pager "vibe" motors with the weights removed. The 100k pot on the "head" balances the two Solar Engines. If you cannot get the circuit to work with green LEDs, use photo-transistors. For full details on how the circuit works and how to modify it, see:

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Solar Panel >3v5
* 3 x 1,000u
by Ben Hitchcock

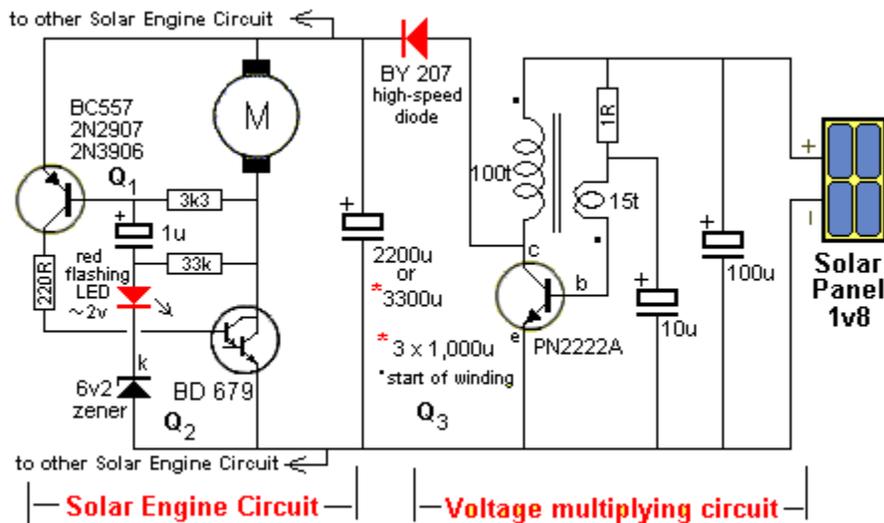


FRED Photopopper (Flashing LED)

It is a Photopopper using low-cost components. It uses two red or green flashing LEDs to turn the circuit on when the voltage across the electrolytic has reached about 2.7v. The flashing LEDs change characteristics according to the level of the surrounding light and this turns the circuit into phototropic.

For full details on how the circuit works and how to modify it, see:

<http://www.talkingelectronics.com/projects/Robots/Page6.html>



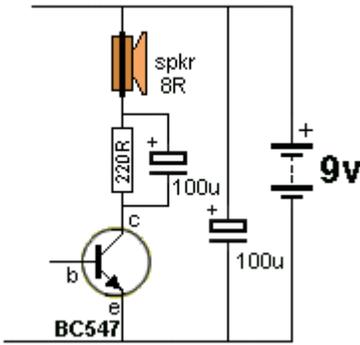
ROBO ROLLER

The circuit consists of two building blocks. The Photopopper circuit and a voltage multiplying (or voltage increasing) circuit from a **Solar Charger** project.

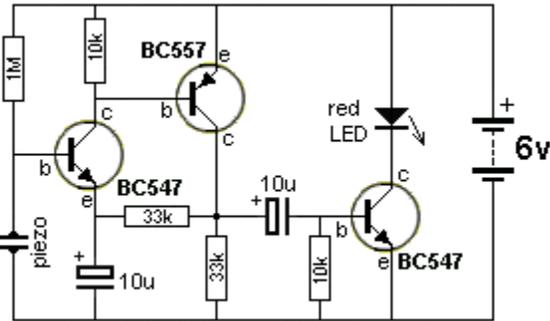
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SIGNAL BY-PASS

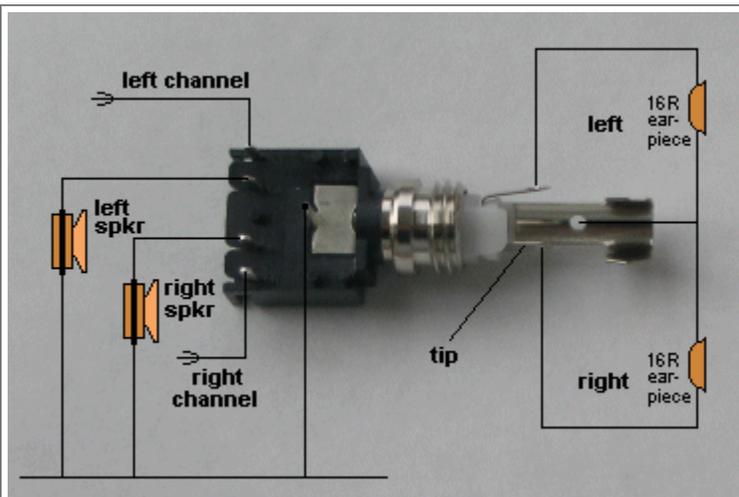


This circuit allows a class-A amplifier to drive a low impedance speaker and has a low quiescent current. The 220R in series with the speaker limits the "wasted" current to about 20mA max as the transistor is generally biased at mid-voltage. However the transistor will be almost directly driving the speaker when a signal is being processed and the only limitation is the ability of the 220R to discharge the 100u during each cycle. The circuit is called a signal by-pass as the signal by-passes the 220R and drives the speaker directly (via the 100u).

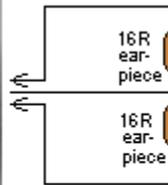
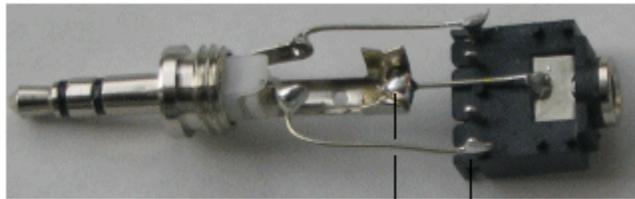


SOUND-TO-LIGHT

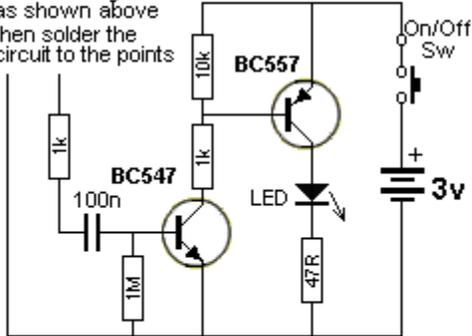
The LED illuminates when the piezo diaphragm detects sound. Some piezo diaphragms are very sensitive and produce 100mV when whistling at 50cm. Others produce 1mV. You must test them with a CRO. The sensitivity of the diaphragm will determine the sensitivity of the circuit.



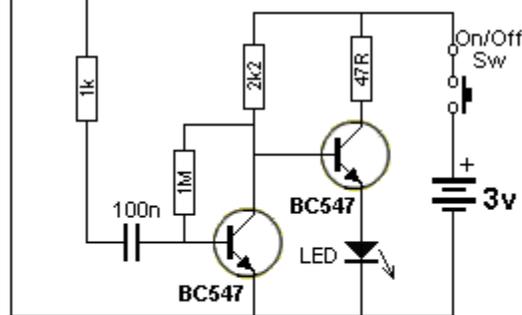
Above: A 3.5mm switched stereo plug and socket wiring.



Solder a plug and socket as shown above then solder the circuit to the points



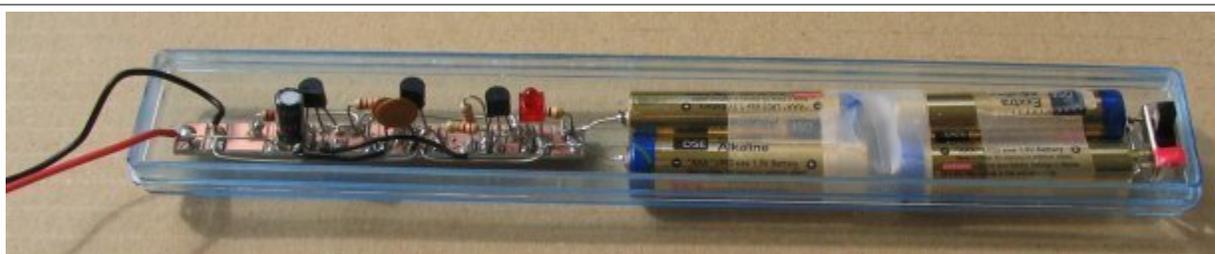
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B

MUSIC-TO-COLOUR

The LED illuminates when the circuit detects a high amplitude waveform. It can be connected to a "Walkman" or mini radio with earphones. A second channel can be connected to produce a stereo effect. Circuit A consumes less current as the LED is off when no audio is detected. Circuit B pulses the LED brighter when audio is detected.



The transmitter is built on a small length of PC board, cut into lands with a file. The photo clearly shows how all the components are mounted and how the board is fitted into a toothbrush holder. The flashing LED shows the unit is ON and serves to control the beep-beep-beep of the circuit. The flashing LED is not an ordinary LED.

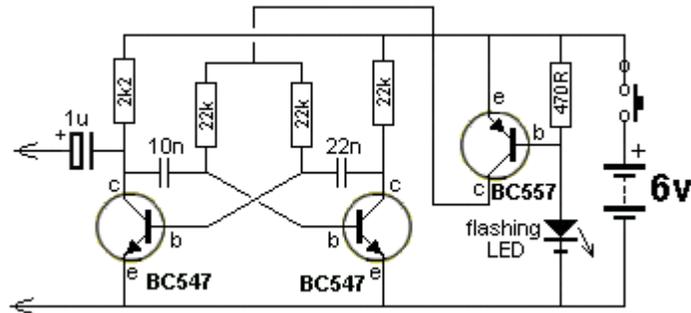
You cannot use an ordinary LED. It must be a FLASHING LED as this type of LED has a built-in resistor and a chip to make the LED flash.

The circuit does not make the LED flash, the LED makes the circuit beep-beep-beep due to the on-off from the chip inside the LED.

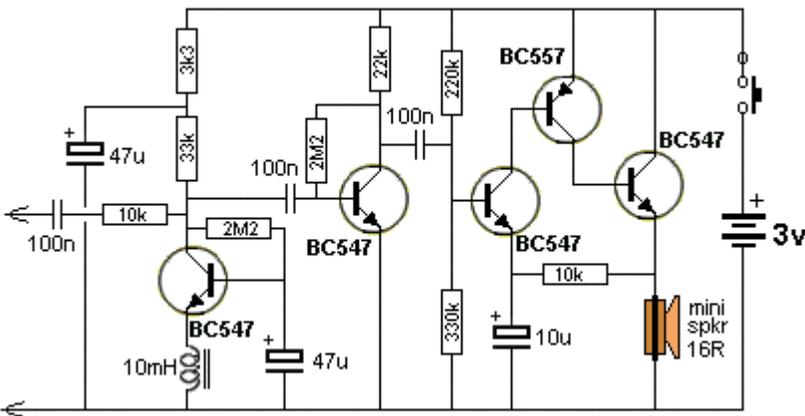
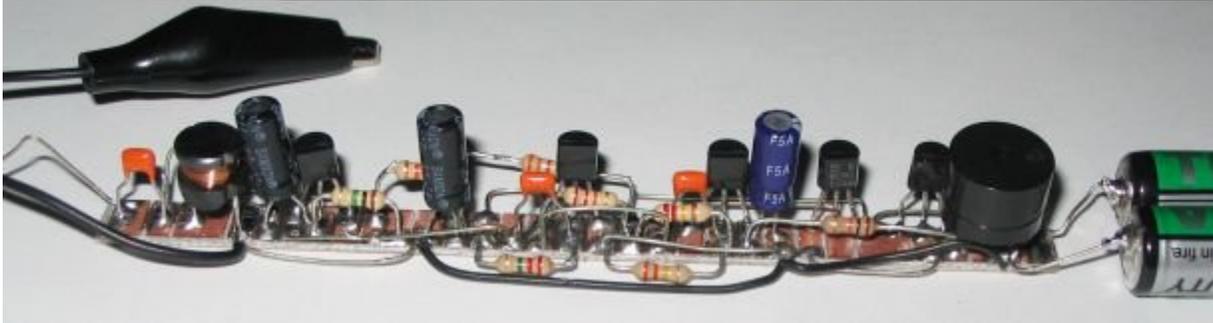
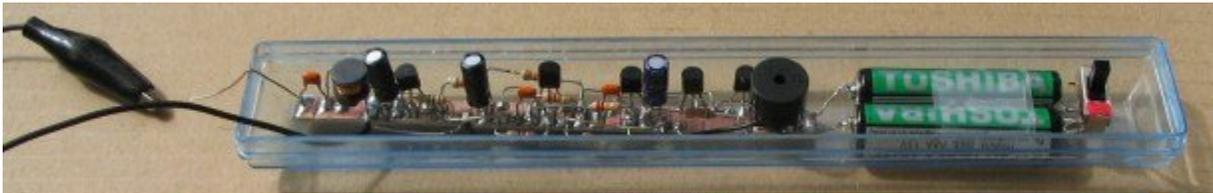
One constructor used an ordinary LED - and BANG! That's why we are the first in the world to create a symbol for a flashing LED. The extra bar represents the chip inside the LED.



This is the professional unit



TRANSMITTER CIRCUIT



RECEIVER CIRCUIT

The receiver circuit is a high-gain amplifier and produces constant background noise so the slightest magnetic field can be detected.

The 10mH choke can be any value but the largest number of turns on the core is best. The mini speaker can be a 16R earpiece but these are not as loud as a mini speaker. Quiescent current is 50mA so the on-off switch can be a push-button.

CABLE TRACER

Why pay \$100 for a cable tracer when you can build one for less than \$10.00! This type of tracer is used by telephone technicians, electricians and anyone laying, replacing or wiring anything, using long cables, such as intercoms, television or security.

Our cable tracer consists of two units. One unit has a multivibrator with an output of 4v p-p at approx 5kHz. This is called the transmitter. The other unit is a very sensitive amplifier with capacitive input for detecting the tone from the transmitter and a magnetic pickup for detecting magnetic lines of force from power cables carrying 240v. This is called the receiver. The circuit also has an inductive loop, made up of a length of wire, to pick up stray signals from power cables, so if one detector does not detect the signal, the other will. Our circuit is nothing like that in the professional unit shown above.

LED TORCH with 1.5v SUPPLY

This simple circuit will illuminate a super-bright white LED to full brightness with 28mA from a 1.5v cell. The LED is 20,000mcd (20cd @ 15° viewing angle) and has an output of approx 1lumen.

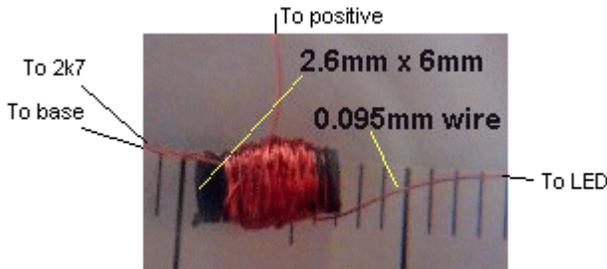
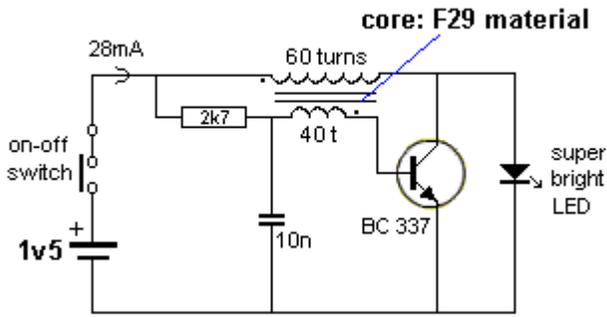
The transformer is wound on a small ferrite slug 2.6mm dia and 6mm long. It is made from F29 ferrite material as the circuit operates at a high frequency (100kHz to 500kHz).

The efficiency of the circuit revolves around the fact that a LED will produce a very high output when delivered pulses, but the overall current will be less than a steady DC current.

BC 337 has a collector-emitter voltage of 45v. (BC338 has 25v collector-emitter voltage rating.) The voltage across the transistor is no more than 4v as the LED absorbs the spikes.

Do not remove the LED as the spikes from the transformer will damage the transistor.

The circuit will drive 1 or 2 while LEDs in series.



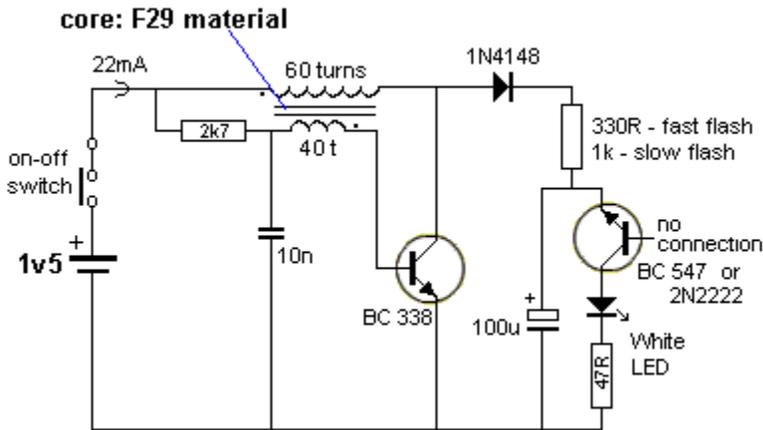
Transformer Details

WHITE LED FLASHER

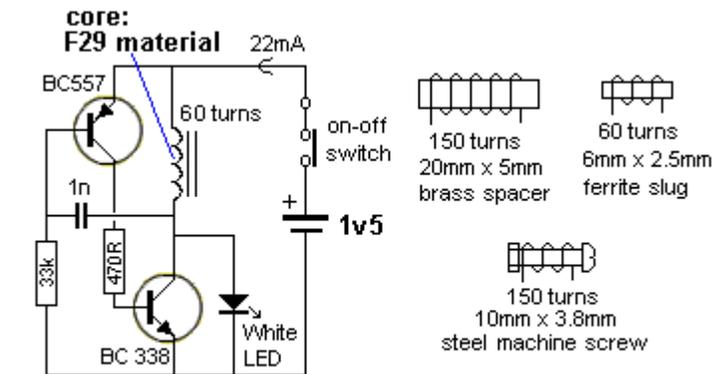
This circuit will flash a super-bright white LED from a 1.5v cell.

The transformer is wound on a small ferrite slug 2.6mm dia and 6mm long as shown in a project above.

The circuit uses the zener characteristic of the reverse-base-emitter junction of a BC 547 to pass current and flash the LED.



1v5 WHITE LED DRIVER



WHITE LED DRIVER

This circuit will drive a super-bright white LED from a 1.5v cell.
The 60 turn inductor is wound on a small ferrite slug 2.6mm dia and 6mm long with 0.25mm wire.

The main difference between this circuit and the two circuits above is the use of a single winding and the feedback to produce oscillation comes from a 1n capacitor driving a high gain amplifier made up of two transistors.

The feedback is actually positive feedback via the 1n and this turns on the two transistors more and more until finally they are fully turned on and no more feedback signal is passed through the 1n. At this point they start to turn off and the signal through the 1n turns them off more and more until they are fully turned off.

The 33k turns on the BC557 to start the cycle again.

If you do not have a ferrite slug, the inductor can be made from a machine screw 10mm long and about 3-4mm dia. Wind 150 turns of 0.25mm wire. Or you can use a brass ferrule 20mm long x 5mm. Wind 150 turns.

RESULTS for the same brightness:

Slug: 21mA

Brass Spacer: 18mA

Machine screw: 14mA

Isn't this a SURPRISE!

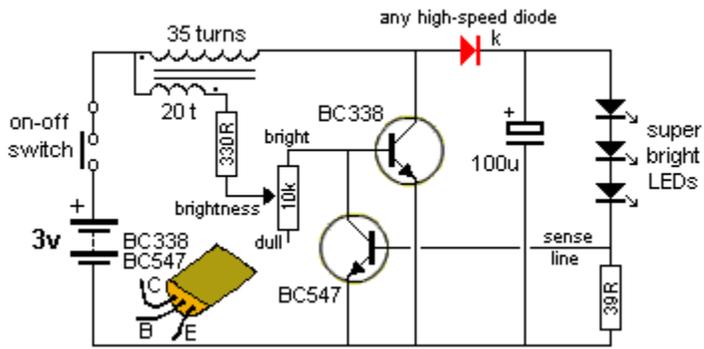


LED TORCH with ADJUSTABLE BRIGHTNESS

This circuit will drive up to 3 high-bright white LEDs from a 3v supply. The circuit has a pot to adjust the brightness to provide optimum brightness for the current you wish to draw from the battery.

The transformer is wound on a ferrite slug 2.6mm dia and 6mm long as shown in the LED Torch with 1.5v Supply project.

This circuit is a "Boost Converter" meaning the supply is less than the voltage of the LEDs. If the supply is greater than the voltage across the LEDs, they will be damaged.



BUCK CONVERTER for HIGH-POWER LED 48mA to 90mA

This circuit is a "Buck Converter" meaning the supply is greater than the voltage of the LED. It will drive 1 high-power white LED from a 12v supply and is capable of delivering 48mA when R = 5R6 or 90mA when R = 2R2.

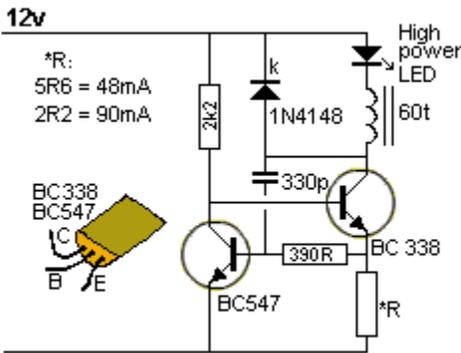
The LED is much brighter when using this circuit, compared with a series resistor delivering the same current.

But changing R from 5R6 to 2R2 does not double the brightness. It only increases it a small amount.

The inductor consists of 60 turns of 0.25mm wire, on a 15mm length of ferrite rod, 10mm diameter. Frequency of operation: approx 1MHz.

The circuit is not designed to drive one 20mA LED.

This circuit draws the maximum for a BC 338.



Inductor: 60 turns on 10mm ferrite rod, 15mm long.

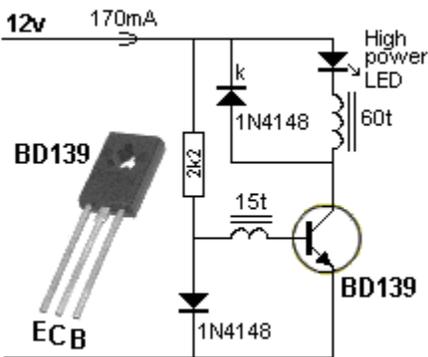
BUCK CONVERTER for HIGH-POWER LED 170mA

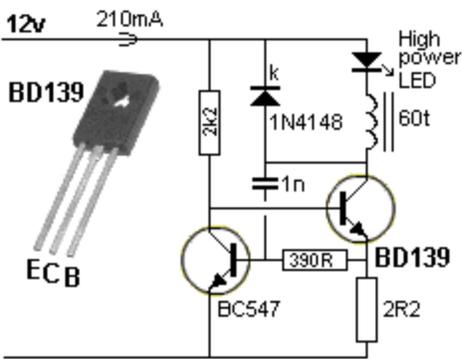
This circuit is slightly simpler than above but it does not have the feature of being able to adjust the drive-current.

The inductor is the same as the photo above but has a feedback winding of 15 turns.

Connect the circuit via a 220R resistor and if the LED does not illuminate, reverse the feedback winding.

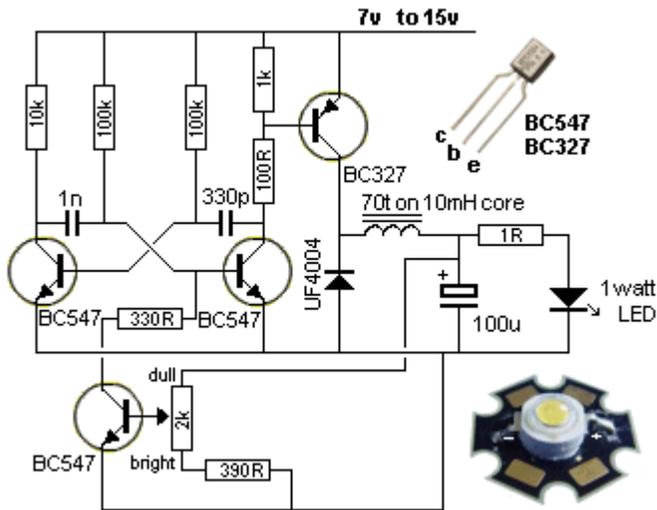
The driver transistor will need a small heatsink.





BUCK CONVERTER for HIGH-POWER LED 210mA

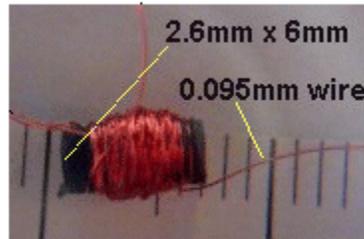
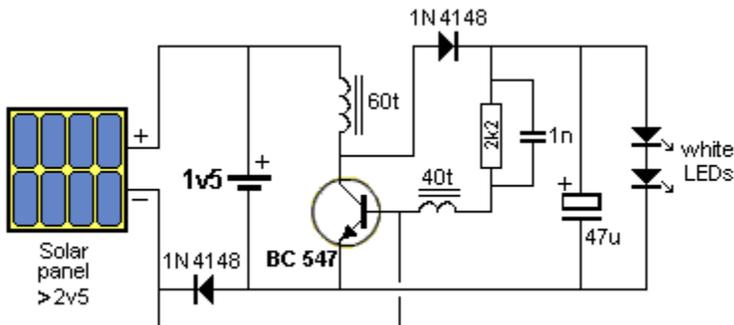
This circuit will drive 1 high-power white LED from a 12v supply and is capable of delivering 210mA. The driver transistor is BD 139 and the details of the inductor are shown above. The voltage across the LED is approx 3.3v - 3.5v. The driver transistor will need a small heatsink. The 2R2 can be increased if a lower drive-current is required.



BUCK CONVERTER for HIGH-POWER LED 250mA - 1watt LED

This circuit will drive 1 watt white LED from a 12v supply and is capable of delivering 300mA. The driver transistor is BD 327 and the inductor is 70 turns of 0.25mm wire wound on the core of a 10mH inductor. The voltage across the LED is approx 3.3v - 3.5v. The 1R is used to measure the mV across it. 300mV equals 300mA LED current. The diode MUST be high speed. Non-highspeed diode increases current 50mA! This circuit is the best design as it does not put peaks of current through the LED. Reduce 390R slightly to increase max. current.

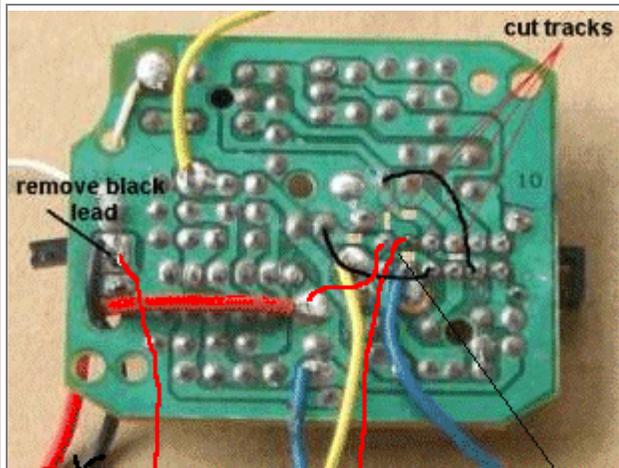
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Transformer Details
core: F29 material

AUTOMATIC GARDEN LIGHT

This circuit automatically turns on and illuminates the LEDs when the solar panel does not detect any light. It switches off when the solar panel produces more than 1v and charges the battery when the panel produces more than $1.5v + 0.6v = 2.1v$



27MHz DOOR PHONE

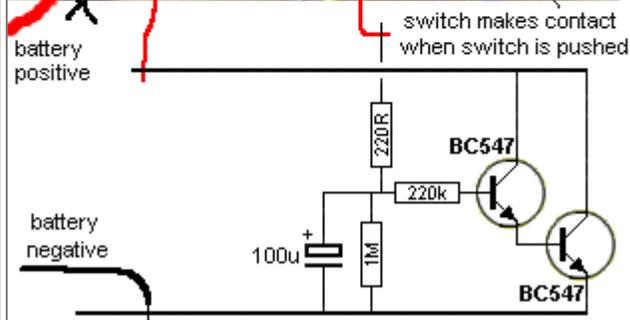
This circuit turns a walkie talkie into a handy wireless door phone. It saves wiring and the receiver can be taken with you upstairs or outside, without losing a call from a visitor. A 5-Transistor walkie talkie can be used (see [circuit](#) above) and the modifications made to the transmitter and receiver are shown below:

THE TRANSMITTER

Only three sections of the transmit/ receive switch are used in the walkie talkie circuit and our modification uses the fourth section. Cut the tracks to the lands of the unused section so it can be used for our circuit.

There are a number of different printed circuit boards on the market, all using the same circuit and some will be physically different to that shown in the photo. But one of the sections of the switch will be unused.

Build the 2-transistor delay circuit and connect it to the walkie talkie board as shown. When the "push-to-talk" switch is pressed, the PC board will be activated as the delay circuit effectively connects the negative lead of the battery to the negative rail of the board for about 30 seconds.



The 100uF gradually discharges via the 1M after the "press-to-talk" switch is released and the two transistors turn off and the current drops to less than 1 micro-amp - that's why the power switch can be left on. .

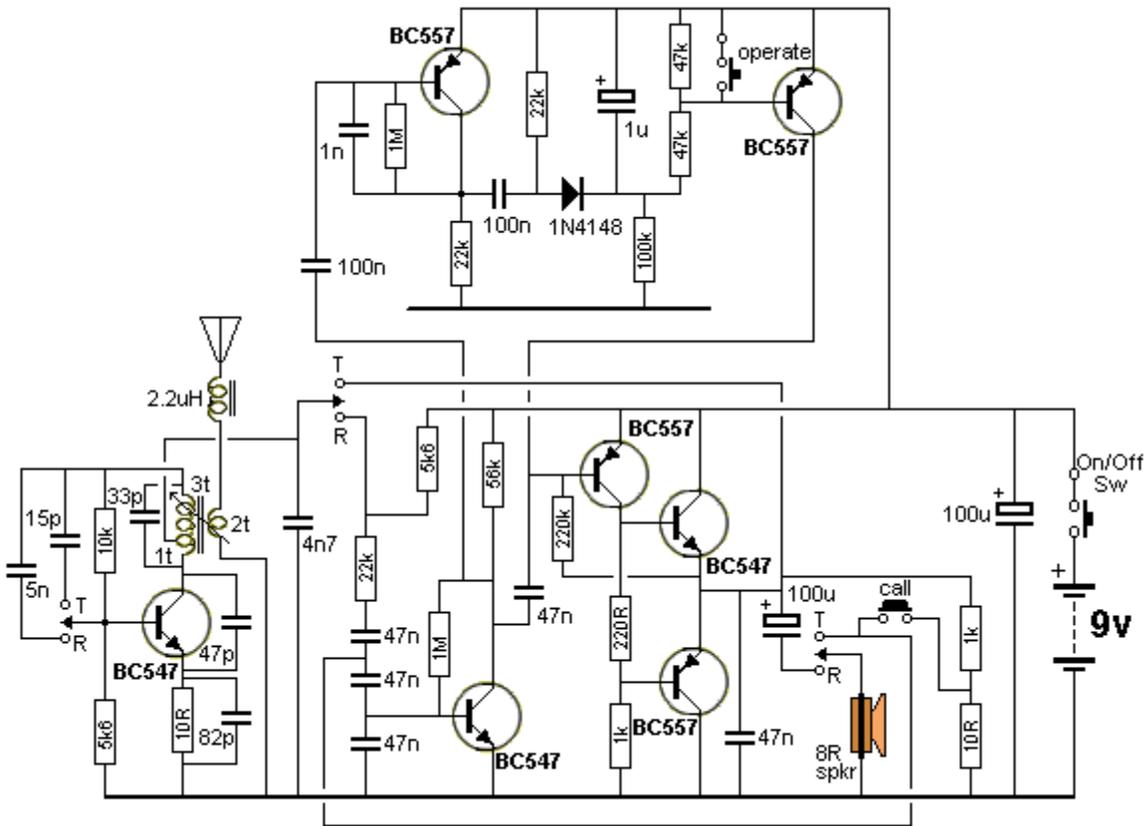
The transmitter walkie talkie is placed at the front door and the power switch is turned on. To call, push the "push-to-talk" switch and the "CALL" button at the same time for about 5 seconds. The circuit will activate and when the "push-to-talk" switch is released, the circuit will produce background noise for about 30 seconds and you will hear when call is answered.

The "push-to-talk" switch is then used to talk to the other end and this will activate the circuit for a further 30 seconds. If the walkie talkie does not have a "CALL" switch, 3 components can be added to provide feedback, as shown in the circuit below, to produce a tone.

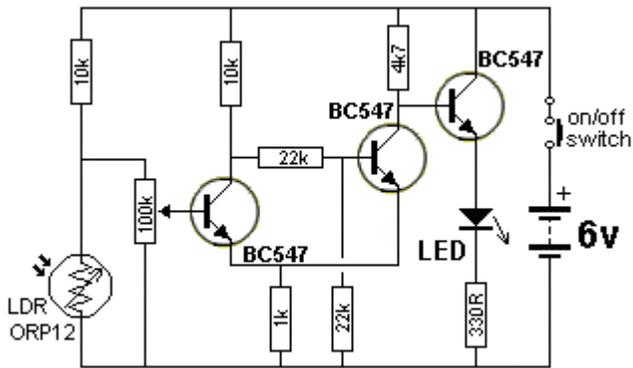
THE RECEIVER

The receiver circuit needs modification and a 2-transistor circuit is added. This circuit detects the tone and activates the 3-transistor direct-coupled amplifier so that the speaker produces a tone.

The receiver circuit is switched on and the 2-transistor circuit we connect to the PC board effectively turns on the 3-transistor amplifier so that the quiescent current drops from 10mA to about 2-3mA. It also mutes the speaker as the amplifier is not activated. The circuit remains on all the time so it will be able to detect a "CALL." When a tone is picked up by the first two transistors in the walkie talkie, it is passed to the first transistor in our "add-on" section and this transistor produces a signal with sufficient amplitude to remove the charge on the 1uF electrolytic. This switches off the second transistor and this allows the 3-transistor amplifier to pass the tone to the speaker. The operator then slides a switch called "OPERATE" to ON (down) and this turns on the 3-transistor amplifier. Pressing the "push-to-talk" switch (labelled T/R) allows a conversation with the person at the door. Slide the "OPERATE" switch up when finished.

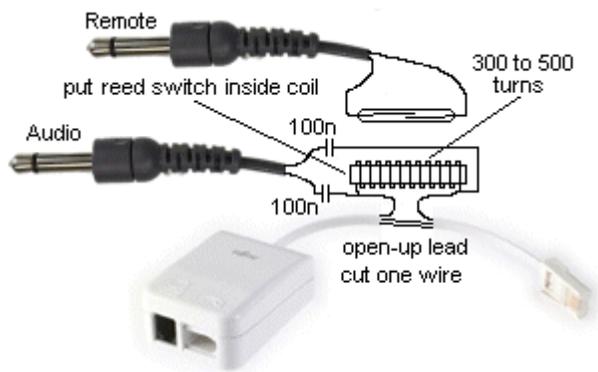


The receiver walkie talkie with the 2-transistor "add-on"



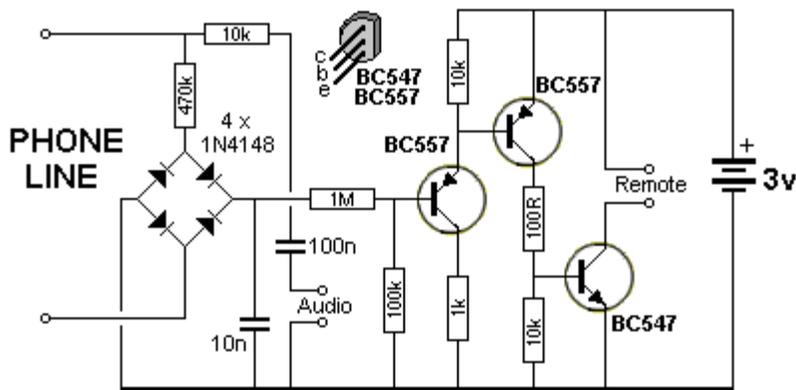
SCHMITT TRIGGER

A Schmitt Trigger is any circuit that has a fast change-over from one state to the other. In our case we have used 2 transistors to produce this effect and the third is an emitter-follower buffer. The circuit will drive a LED or relay and the purpose is to turn the LED ON quickly at a particular level of illumination and OFF at a higher level. The gap between ON and OFF is called the HYSTERESIS GAP.



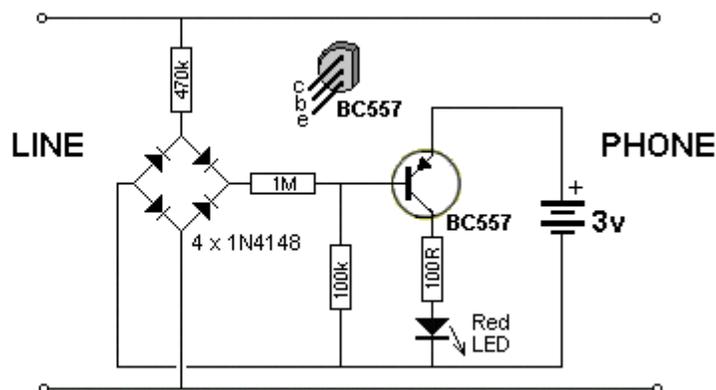
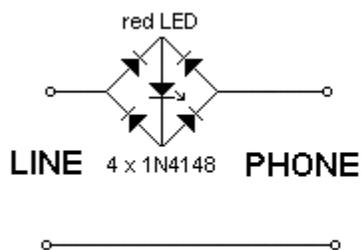
PHONE TAPE - 1

This simple circuit will allow you to tape-record a conversation from a phone line. It must be placed between the plug on the wall and the phone. The easiest way is to cut an extension lead. Wind 300-500 turns of 0.095mm wire on a plastic straw and place the reed switch inside. Start with 300 turns and see if the reed switch activates, Keep adding turns until the switch is reliable. Fit two 100n capacitors to the ends of the winding for the audio. Plug the Audio into "Mic" on tape recorder. Plug the remote into "remote" on the tape recorder and push "record." The tape recorder will turn on when the phone is lifted and record the conversation.



PHONE TAPE - 2

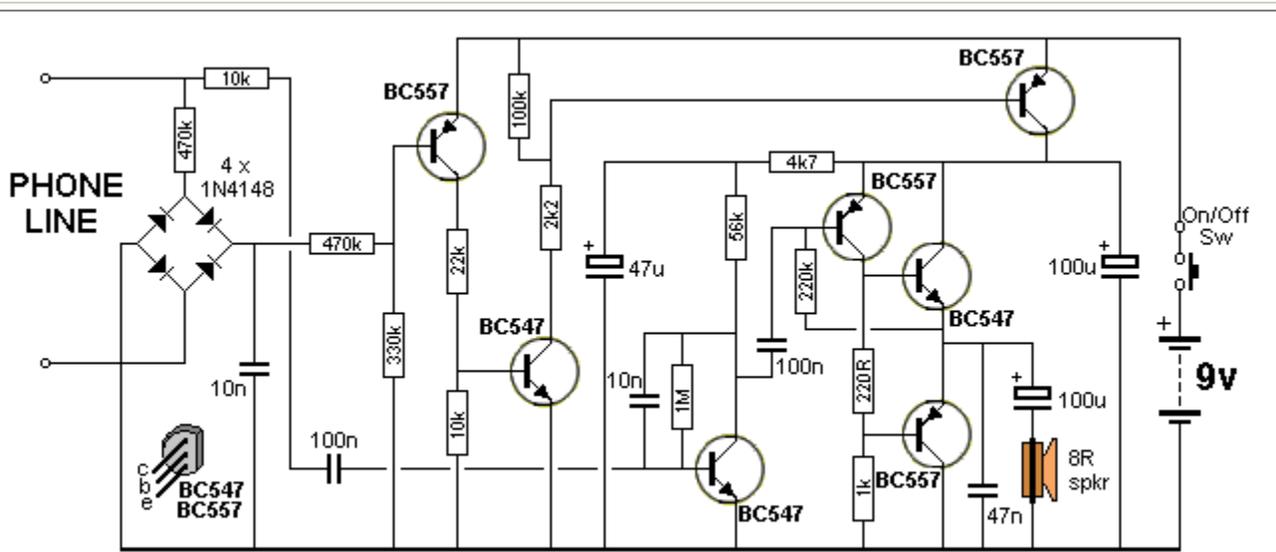
The circuit is turned off when the phone line is 45v as the voltage divider made up of the 470k, 1M and 100k puts 3.5v on the base of the first BC557 transistor. If you are not able to cut the lead to the phone, the circuit above will record a conversation from an extension lead. The remote plug must be wired around the correct way for the motor to operate.



PHONE ALERT

Two circuits are available to show when a phone is being used. The first circuit must be placed

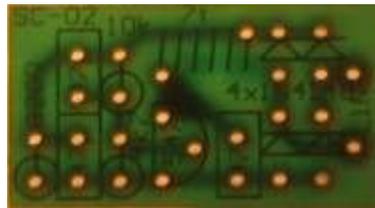
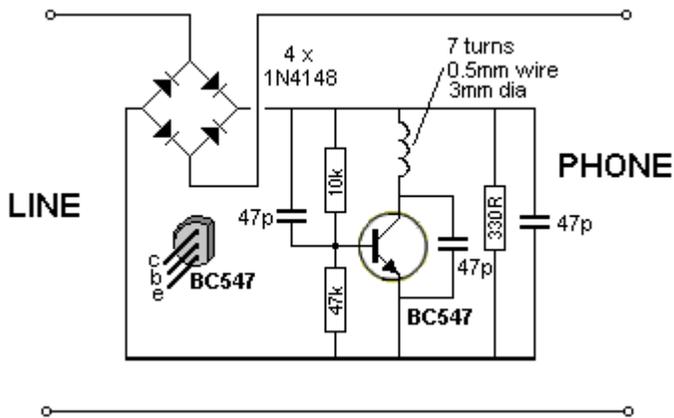
between the socket on the wall and the phone - such as cutting into the lead and insert the bridge and diode.
 But if you cannot cut the lead to the phone, you will have to add an extension cord and place the second circuit at the end of the line. You can also connect a phone at the end if needed.



THE LISTENER

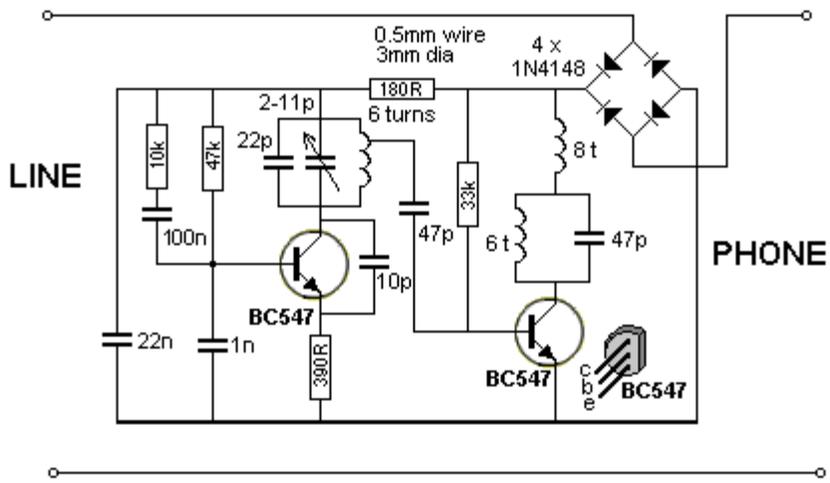
This circuit consists of a 4-transistor amplifier and a 3-transistor "switch" that detects when the phone line is in use, and turns on the amplifier. The voltage divider at the front end produces about 11v on the base of the first BC557 and this keeps the transistor off. Switch the unit off when removed from the phone line.

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PHONE TRANSMITTER - 1 see also Phone Bug (101-200 circuits)

The circuit will transmit a phone conversation to an FM radio on the 88-108MHz band. It uses energy from the phone line to transmit about 100metres. It uses the phone wire as the antenna and is activated when the phone is picked up. The components are mounted on a small PC board and the lower photo clearly shows the track-work.

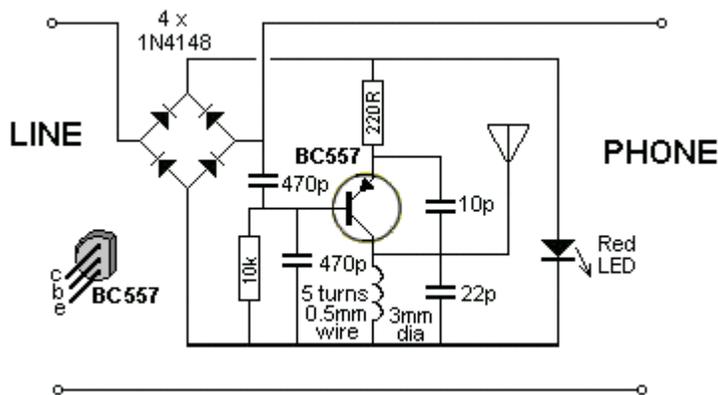


PHONE TRANSMITTER - 2 see also Phone Bug (101-200 circuits)

The circuit will transmit a phone conversation to an FM radio on the 88-108MHz band. It uses energy from the phone line to transmit about 200metres. It uses the phone wire as the antenna and is activated when the phone is picked up.

PHONE TRANSMITTER - 3 see also Phone Bug (101-200 circuits)

This circuit has poor features but you can try it and see how it performs. It uses a PNP transistor and requires a separate antenna. It also has a supply of less than 1.9v, via the red LED. It would be better to put 2 LEDs in series to get a higher voltage. It is activated when the phone is picked up.



PHONE TRANSMITTER - 4

see also Phone Bug (101-200 circuits)

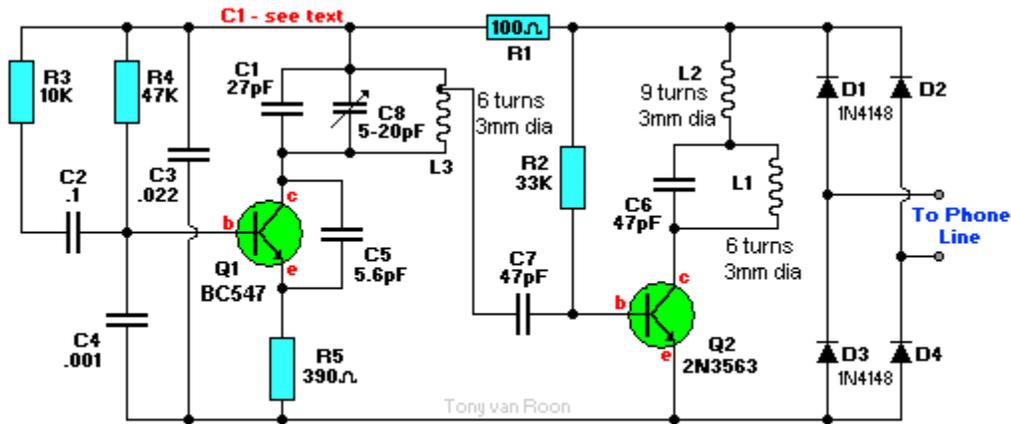
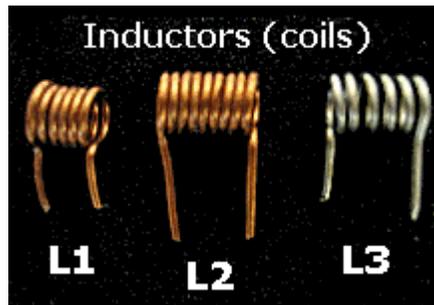
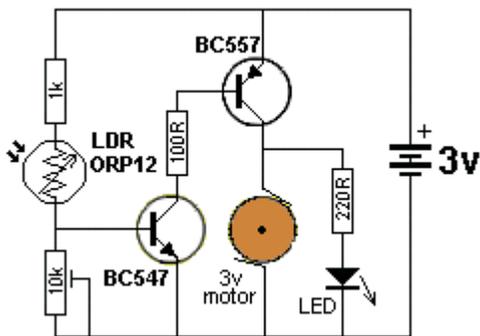


Fig. 1 - Here's the FM Telephone Transmitter schematic diagram. The circuit connects in *series* with a phone line, "steals" power from it, and transmit both sides of the conversation to an FM radio tuned between 80 - 108MHz



The circuit was originally designed by me and presented in Poptronics magazine. It will transmit a phone conversation to an FM radio on the 88-108MHz band. It uses energy from the phone line to transmit about 200metres and uses the phone wire as the antenna. It is activated when the phone is picked up. The 22p air trimmer is shown as well as the 3 coils. Q2 is a buffer transistor between the oscillator and phone line and will provide a higher output than the previous circuits.



ROBOT-1

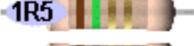
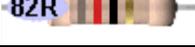
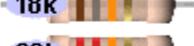
A simple robot can be made with 2 motors and two light-detecting circuits, (identical to the circuit above). The robot is attracted to light and when the light dependent resistor sees light, its resistance decreases. This turns on the BC547 and also the BC557. The shaft of the motor has a rubber foot that contacts the ground and moves the robot. The two pots adjust the sensitivity of the LDRs. This kit is available from Velleman as kit number MK127.

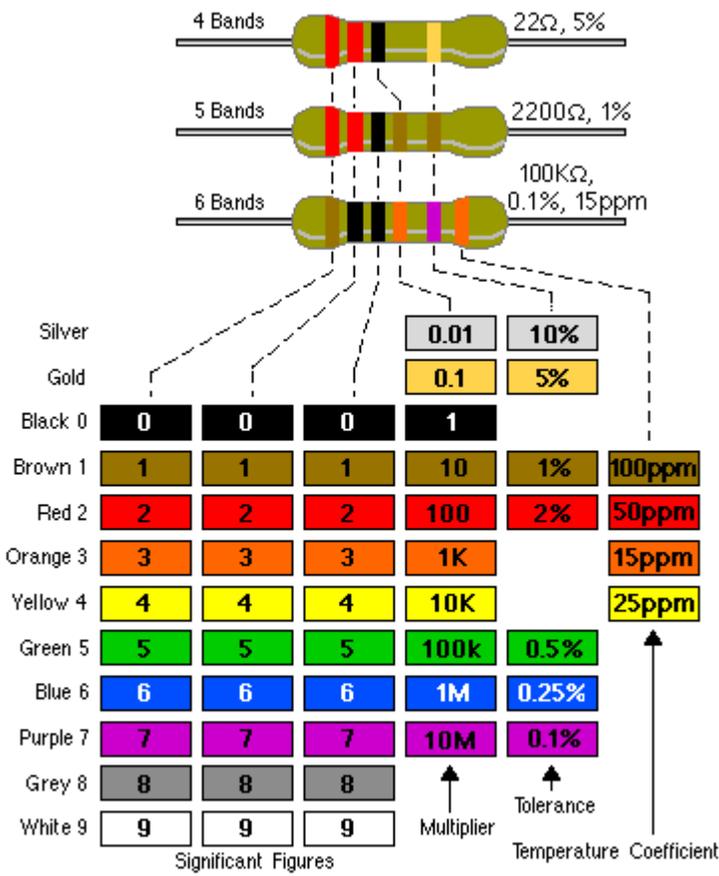
BIPOLAR TRANSISTORS

Some small signal transistors may have a TO-92 case and a "PN" prefix. The electrical specifications are the same, only the case is changed.

Type	CASE		V_{CE}			V_{CEC}	I_C		h_{FE}	β	FT	β	P_{TOT}	USE	COMPARABLE TYPES
		Polarity	V_{CE}	V_{CE}	I_C		mA	mA							
BC107	TO-18	NS	45	50	100	0.2	10	110-450	2	300	10	300	G.P. S.S. amp.	BC207, BC147, BC182	
BC108	TO-18	NS	20	30	100	0.2	10	110-800	2	300	10	300	G.P. S.S. amp.	BC208, BC148, BC13	
BC109	TO-18	NS	20	30	100	0.25	10	200-800	2	300	10	300	Low noise S.S. amp.	BC209, BC149, BC184	
BC109C	TO-18	NS	20	30	100	0.25	10	420-800	2	300	10	300	Low noise high gain	BC209C, BC149C	
BC177	TO-18	PS	45	50	100	0.3	10	75-260	2	150	10	300	G.P. S.S. amp.	BC157, BC307, BC212	
BC178	TO-18	PS	25	30	100	0.3	10	75-500	2	150	10	300	G.P. S.S. amp.	BC158, BC308, BC213	
BC179	TO-18	PS	20	25	100	0.3	10	125-500	2	150	10	300	G.P. S.S. amp.	BC159, BC309, BC214	
BC327	TO-92VAR1	PS	45	50	500	0.7	500	100-600	100	100	10	625	Output	2N3638	
BC328	TO-92VAR1	PS	25	30	500	0.7	500	100-600	100	100	10	625	Output	BC327	
BC337	TO-92VAR1	NS	45	50	500	0.7	500	100-600	100	100	10	625	Output	2N3642	
BC338	TO-92VAR1	NS	25	30	500	0.7	500	100-600	100	100	10	625	Output	BC337	
BC546	TO-92VAR1	NS	65	80	100	0.6	100	110-450	2	300	10	500	G.P. S.S. amp.		
BC547	TO-92VAR1	NS	45	50	100	0.6	100	110-800	2	300	10	500	G.P. S.S. amp.	BC107, BC207, BC147	
BC548	TO-92VAR1	NS	30	30		0.6	100	110-800	2	300	10	500	G.P. S.S. amp.	BC108, BC208, BC148	
BC549	TO-92VAR1	NS	30	30	100	0.6	100	200-800	2	300	10	500	Low noise S.S. amp.	BC109, BC209, BC149	
BC549C	TO-92VAR1	NS	30	30	100	0.6	100	420-800	2	300	10	500	Low noise high gain	BC109C, BC149C	
BC556	TO-92VAR1	PS	65	80	100	0.65	100	75-475	2	200	10	500	G.P. S.S. amp.		
BC557	TO-92VAR1	PS	45	50	100	0.65	100	75-800	2	200	10	500	G.P. S.S. amp.	BC157	
BC558	TO-92VAR1	PS	30	30	100	0.65	100	75-800	2	200	10	500	G.P. S.S. amp.	BC158	
BC559	TO-92VAR1	PS	30	30	100	0.65	100	125-800	2	200	10	500	G.P. S.S. amp.	BC159	
BC639	TO-92(74)	NS	80	100	1A	0.5	500	40-250	150	130		1W	Audio O/P	MU9610, TT801	
BC640	TO-92(74)	PS	80	100	1A	0.5	500	40-250	150	50		1W	Audio O/P	MU9660, TT800	
BD139	TO-126	NS	80	10	1.5A	0.5	500	40-250	150	250	50	8W	G.P. O/P	40409	
BD140	TO-126	PS	80	10	1.5A	0.5	500	40-250	150	75	50	8W	G.P. O/P	40410	
BD262	TO-126	PS	60	60	4A	2.5	1.5A	750	1.5A	7	1.5A	36W	High gain Darl. O/P	BD266	
BD263	TO-126	NS	60	80	4A	2.5	1.5A	750	1.5A	7	1.5A	36W	High gain Darl. O/P	BD267	
BD266A	TO-220	PS	80	80	8A	2	3A	750	3A	7		60W	High gain Darl. O/P		
BD267A	TO-220	NS	80	10	8A	2	3A	750	3A	7		60W	High gain Darl. O/P		
BD681	TO-126	NS	100	10	4A	2.5	1.5A	750	1.5A	1		40W	Darlington O/P	BD263	
BD682	TO-126	PS	100	100	4A	2.5	1.5A	750	1.5A	1		40W	Darlington O/P	BD262	
BF173	TO-72(28)	NS	25	40	25			40-100	7	550	5	230	T.V. I.F. amp.		
BF199	TO-92VAR2	NS	25	40	25			37	7	550		500	H.F. amp.	BF180	
BF463	TO-202	PS	250	25	500			40-180	30	20		2W	H.V. med. power.		
BF469	TO-126	NS	250	25	50			50	25	60	10	1.8W	G.P. high-V. amp.		
BF470	TO-126	PS	250	25	50			50	25	60	10	1.8W	G.P. high-V. amp.		
BFR90	SOT-37(2)	NS	15	20	25			25-250	14	5GHz	14	180	Wideband amp..		
BFR91	SOT-37(2)	NS	12	15	35	0.3	30	25-250	30	5GHz	30	180	Wideband amp.		
BFY90	TO-72(25)	NS	15	30	25			25-125	2	1GHz	2	200	Wideband amp.		
BUX80	TO-3	NS	400	80	10A	1.5	5A	30	12A	8		100W	Def'n, high current		
MJ802	TO-3	NS	90	10	30A	0.8	7.5A	25-100	7.5A	2	1A	200W	High power output		
MJ2955	TO-3	PS	60	70	15A	1.1	4A	20-70	4A	2.5	500	115W	G.P. power		
MJ4502	TO-3	PS	90	10	30A	0.8	7.5A	25-100	7.5A	2	1A	200W	High power output		
MJ10012	TO-3	NS	400	60	10A	2	6A	100-2K	6A			175W	Power Darlington		
MJ15003	TO-3	NS	140	14	20A	1	5A	25-150	5A	2	500	250W	High power output		
MJ15004	TO-3	PS	140	140	20A	1	5A	25-150	5A	2	500	250W	High power output		
MJE340	TO-126	NS	300		500	0.75	100	30-240	50			20W	G.P. H.V. power		

Type	CASE		V _{CE} mA	V _{CEs}	I _c	V _{CEC}	@ I _c		h _{FE}	@ I _c	FT MHz	@ I _c	P _{TOT} mW	USE	COMPARABLE TYPES
	Polarity						mA	mA							
MJE350T	TO-126	PS	300		500	0.77	100	30-240	50				20W	G.P. H.V. power	
MJE2955	TO-220	PS	60	70	10A	1.1	4A	20-100	4A	2	500	79W	79W	G.P. power	TIP 2955
MJE3055T	TO-220	NS	60	70	10A	1.1	4A	20-100	4A	2	500	79W	79W	G.P. power	TIP 3055
MPSA14	TO-92(72)	NS	30	30	500	1.5	100	20000	100	125	10	625	625	G.R. Darlington	
MPSA65	TO-92(72)	PS	30	30	500	1.5	100	20000	100	100	10	625	625	G.P. Darlington	
MRF629	TO-39A	NS	16	36	400			20-200	100				9W	UHF power	
MRF660	TO-220A	NS	16	36	2.4A			20-160	250				29W	UHF power	
PN100	TO-92(72)	NS	35	60	500	0.5	100	60-240	150	350	50	600	600	G.P. amp/switch	PN2222, 2N3643
PN2907	TO-92(72)	PS	40	60	600	0.4	150	100-300	150	200	50	625	625	High S. switch	
PN200	TO-92(72)	PS	35	60	500	0.5	150	50-400	150	200	50	600	600	G.P. amp/switch	2N3638, BC214
TIP31B	TOP-66	NS	80	80	3A	1.2	3A	25	1A	3	500	40W	40W	Power output	
TIP32B	TOP-66	PS	80	80	3A	1.2	3A	25	1A	3	500	40W	40W	Power output	
TIP142	TOP-3	NS	100	100	10A	2	5A	>1000	5A				125W	Audio output	TIP140, TIP141
TIP147	TOP-3	PS	100	100	10A	2	5A	>1000	5A				125W	Audio output	TIP145, TIP146
TIP2955	TOP-3	PS	70	100	15A	1.1	4A	20	4A	3	500	90W	90W	Power output	MJE2955
TIP3055	TOP-3	NS	70	100	15A	1.1	4A	20	4A	3	500	90W	90W	Power output	MJE3055
2N2222A	TO-18	NS	40	75	800	1.6	500	00-300	150	300	20	500	500	High S. switch	
2N3019	TO-39	NS	80	140	1A	0.5	500	50-100	500	100	50	800	800	H.F. amp	
2N3053	TO-39	NS	40	60	700	1.4	150	50-250	150	100	50	2.86W	2.86W	G.R. switch	BD137
2N3054	TO-66	NS	60	90	4A	0.1	200	25-100	500	0.8	200	29W	29W	Audio output	TIP31B
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2N3563	TO-106	NS	15	30	50			0-200	8	600	8	200	200	RF-IF amp	BF173
2N3564	TO-106	NS	15	30	100	0.3	20	20-500	15	400	15	200	200	RF-IF amp	BF167
2N3565	TO-106	NS	25	30	50	0.35	1	150-600	1	400	1	200	200	Lowlevel amp	BC108, BC208
2N3566	TO-105	NS	30	40	200	1	100	50-600	10	40	30	300	300	G.R. amp & switch	BC183
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2N3638A	TO-105	PS	25	25	500	0.25	50	100	50	150	50	300	300	G.P. amp & switch	BC328
2N3641	TO-105	NS	30	60	500	0.22	150	40-120		250	50	350	350	G.P. amp & switch	BC337
2N3642	TO-105	NS	45	60	500	0.22	150	40-120		250	50	350	350	G.R. amp & switch	BC337
2N3643	TO-105	NS	30	60	500	0.22	150	100-300	150	250	50	350	350	G.P. amp & switch	BC337
2N3644	TO-105	PS	45	45	500	1	300	100-300	150	200	20	300	300	G.P. amp & switch	BC327
2N3645	TO-105	PS	60	60	500	1	300	100-300	150	200	20	300	300	G.P. amp & switch	
2N3771	TO-3	NS	40	50	30A	2	15A	15-60	15A	0.2	1A	150W	150W	Power output	
2N3866	TO-39	NS	30	55	400			0-200	50	500	50	1W	1W	VHF amp	
2N3904	TO-92(72)	NS	40	60	200	0.2	10	00-300	10	300	10	310	310	Lowlevel amp	BC167A, BF194
2N3905	TO-92(72)	PS	40	40	200	0.4	50	50-200	10	200	20	310	310	G.P. amp & switch	
2N3948	TO-39	NS	20	36	400			15	50	700	50	1W	1W	VHF amp	
2N4030	TO-39	PS	60	60	1A	0.5	500	25	500	260	100	800	800	G.P. amp & switch	
2N4250	TO-106	PS	40	40	100	0.25	10	50-700	0.1	50		200	200	Lowlevel amp	BC559
2N4258	TO-106	PS	12	12	50	0.5	50	30-120	10	700	10	200	200	Saturated switch	
2N4427	TO-39	NS	20	40	400	0.4	100	10-200	100	500	50	1W	1W	VHF/UHF driver	2N3866
2N5401	TO-92(72)	PS	150	160	6000	0.5	50	60-250	10	100	10	625	625	H.V. switch	MP SL51
2N6557	TO-202	NS	250	250	500			> 40	50	45			2W	H.V. med power	
2SC710	TO-92/76	NS	25	30	30			90		100		200	200	G.P. RF amp	BFS18
2SC1306	TOP-66	NS	65	65	3A			0-200	500	300			12W	H.F. output	2SC2166
2SC1307	TOP-66	NS	70	70	8A			0-150	2A	150			29W	H.F. output	2SC1969
2SC1674	TO-92(74)	NS	20	30	20	0.3	10	40-180	1	600	1	250	250	VHF amp	
2SC1969	TOP-66	NS	30	60	6A			0-180	10	150			20W	H.F. output	2SC1307
2SC2166	TOP-66	NS	75	75	4A			5-180	100						
2SC2694	T-40	NS	17	35	20A			0-180	1A	800			140W	VHF output	MRF247
2SC3355	TO-92(74)	NS	12	20	100			0-300	20	6.5GHz	20	600	600	UHFSS	MRF573
2SC3358	MX	NS	12	20	100			0-300	20	7GHz	20	250	250	UHFSS	MRF573

 1R0	 10R	 100R	 1k0
 1R2	 12R	 120R	 1k2
 1R5	 15R	 150R	 1k5
 1R8	 18R	 180R	 1k8
 2R2	 22R	 220R	 2k2
 2R7	 27R	 270R	 2k7
 3R3	 33R	 330R	 3k3
 3R9	 39R	 390R	 3k9
 4R7	 47R	 470R	 4k7
 5R6	 56R	 560R	 5k6
 6R8	 68R	 680R	 6k8
 8R2	 82R	 820R	 8k2
 10k	 100k	 1M0	 10M
 12k	 120k	 1M2	 22M
 15k	 150k	 1M5	 0R1
 18k	 180k	 1M8	 R22
 22k	 220k	 2M2	 0R0
 27k	 270k	 2M7	zero ohm (link)
 33k	 330k	 3M3	
 39k	 390k	 3M9	$\frac{1}{10}$ th watt and 0.25 watt
 47k	 470k	 4M7	
 56k	 560k	 5M6	
 68k	 680k	 6M8	
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