

CHAPTER 7

Design a
20 Mc/s

In this chapter, the circuit adopted for generation of 20 Mc/s frequency from a 2 Mc/s is described. The design that has been described is a connection with generation of 2 Mc/s harmonic frequency of 200 Kc/s, had to be changed for

(a) driver pulses of much shorter duration than 0.05μ sec (see footnote on page 86) are

(b) the impedance of a tank circuit at 20 Mc/s is less compared to that at 2 Mc/s, so the harmonics are to become small;

(c) the task of the limiter (which removes the decay in amplitude) is more difficult because the limiter is small and because shorter grid-circuits are necessary.

The circuit presented utilises a crystal for short drive-pulses. This has made the design more economical. The performance as realised, with this simplified drive is comparable to that of a generator.

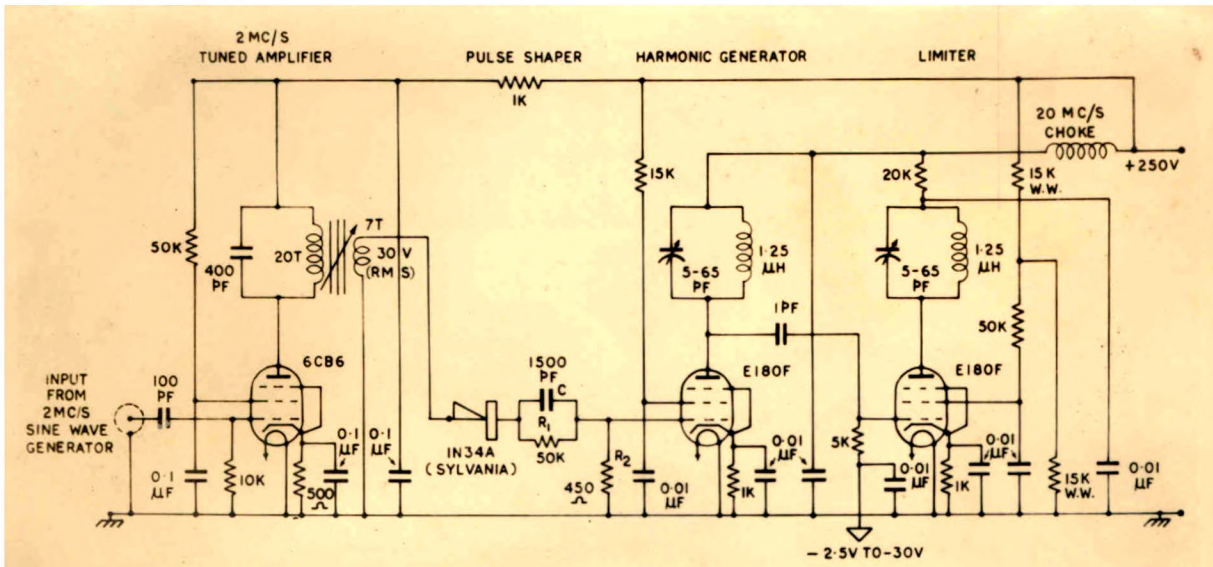


FIG. 7.1 SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF 20 MC/S HARMONIC GENERATOR

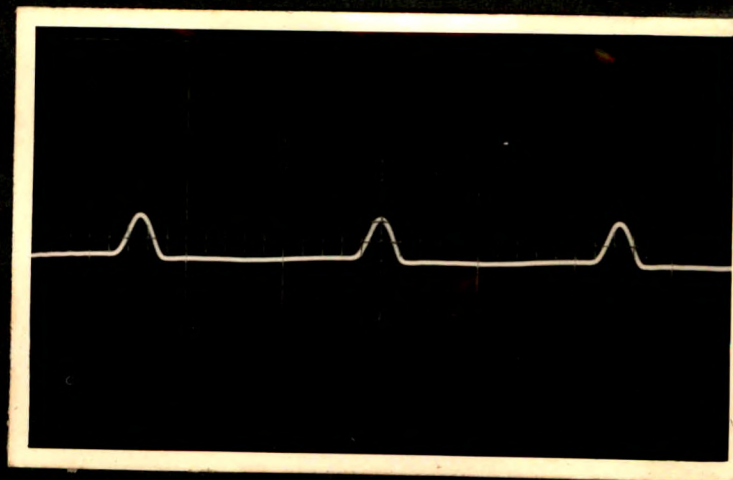


Fig.7.2 Oscillogram of the driver pulse at the control-grid of E180F multiplier. Time scale is 0.2 μ sec/cm.

7.1 Experimental Details

The complete diagram of the 20 Mc/s harmonic generator is shown in Fig. 7.1. It consists of a 2 Mc/s driver harmonic generator and a limiter.

The pulse shaper is based on the fact that the current flow in a condenser-input-type rectifier circuit is small fraction of the a.c. period. Simpler in construction, this circuit proved to be advantageous in short pulse generation compared to the Schmitt-trigger-differentiator, utilised at lower frequencies.

The performance of this circuit has been studied with various values of R_1 . Table 7.1 presents the duration of the pulse across R_2 .

Table 7.1

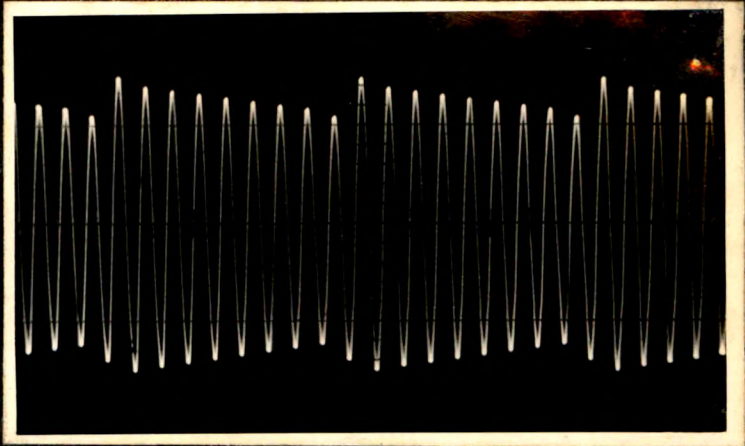
Value of R_1 in the bias network ($C = 1500 \text{ pF}$) ($R_2 = 450 \text{ } \Omega$)	Specifications of the resulting at the grid of the multiplier	
	Amplitude (Volts)	D (
10 K	10.5	
20 K	7.75	
30 K	6.25	
50 K	5.00	
75 K	4.00	

+ Each measurement was made with the amplifier output, loaded secondary winding, adjusted to 30-volts (RMS)

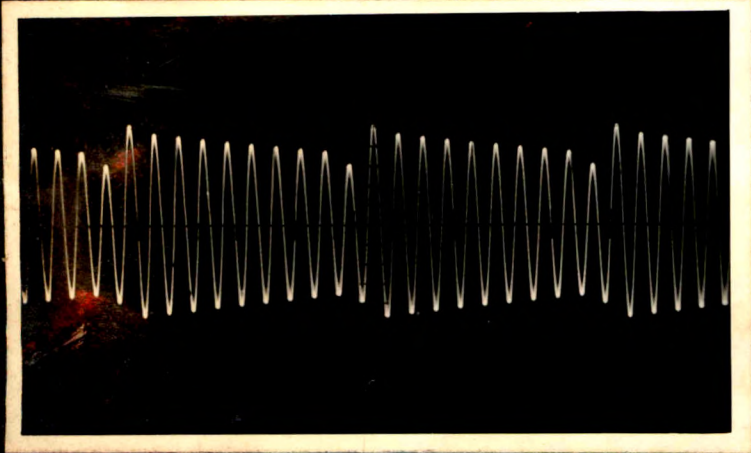


Fig.7.3 Oscillogram of the plate current pulse waveform at the anode of EL80F multiplier. Time scale is $0.2 \mu \text{ sec/cm}$.

(a)



(b)



(c)

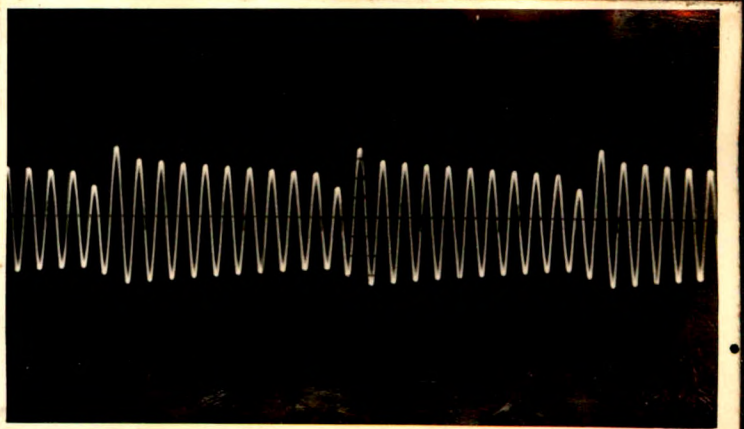


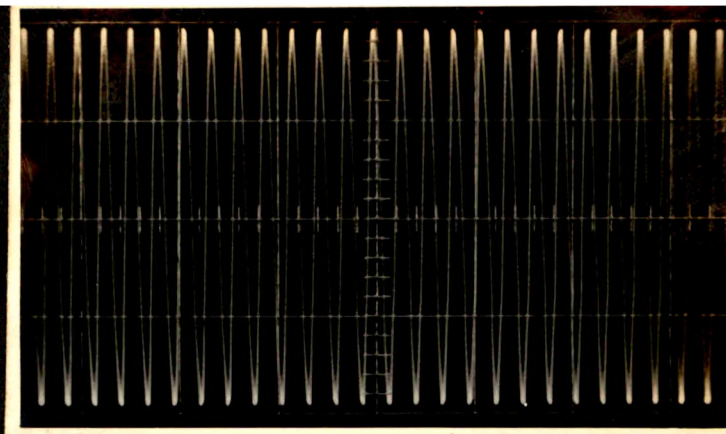
Fig.7.4 Oscillograms of the multiplier outputs at (a) 18 Mc/s, (b) 20 Mc/s and (c) 22 Mc/s harmonic frequencies. Time scales are $0.2 \mu \text{ sec/cm}$.

It will be seen that as R_1 increases both the d and amplitude diminishes, C_1 , so long as it is sufficient (> 1000 pF) affects the amplitude but little, while increasing R_2 increases amplitude. However, R_2 can not be increased indefinitely, as the pulse width obtained at the grid of the harmonic generator tube EL80F, will then increase. Optimum value for a 20 Mc/s generator was found experimentally to be 450 ohms.

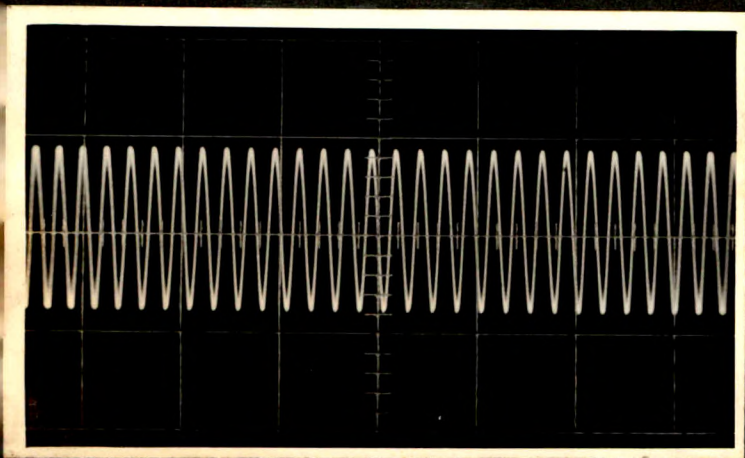
EL80F tube has a transconductance of 16 mA/V and is necessary in the multiplier position. It increases the current in the harmonic generator. The waveshape of the output current is observed to be almost Isosceles Triangular (Fig. 7.3). The performance of the tube EL80F as a multiplier is illustrated by the oscillograms of Fig. 7.4.

Removal of modulation in amplitude is also more successful with this tube at the limiter and a greater output (compared with 6AH6) is obtained. To minimise damping on the harmonic-tank circuit and to reduce the time-constant at the limiter, a very small coupling capacity, e.g., 1 pF, has been found. This reduces the limiter-grid drive, so that a lower screen grid voltage at the limiter becomes necessary for improved limiting action. The performance of the system can be judged from the output (Fig. 7.5) obtained. It is 48 volts at 18 Mc/s, 38 volts at 20 Mc/s and 26 volts at 22 Mc/s.

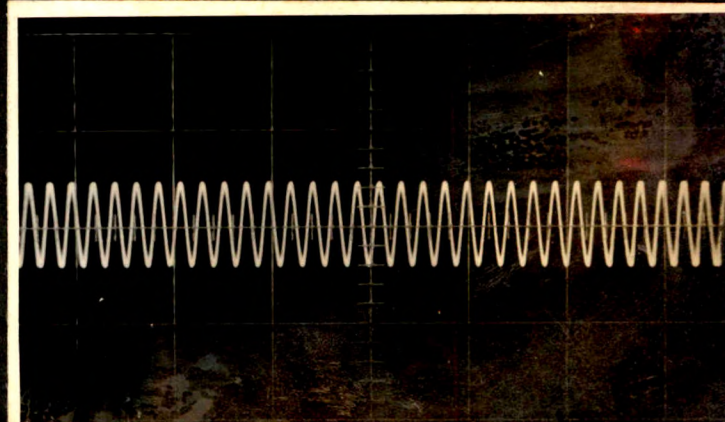
(a)



(b)



(c)



7.5 Oscillograms of the limiter outputs at (a) 18 Mc/s (b) 20 Mc/s and (c) 22 Mc/s frequencies. Time scales are $0.2 \mu \text{ sec/cm}$.