Equipment

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• VISCOMETER for measuring the consistency of starch pastes consists of a stainless steel beaker immersed in a temperature-controlled bath and a propeller stirrer. Changes in the torque required to drive the propeller in the paste are transmitted to a dynamometer and are registered by a strip-chart recorder. The repeatability is ± 1 percent. (Gaertner Scientific Corp., Dept. 224)

■ ULTRAVIOLET SPECTROMETER permits analysis of steel for carbon, phosphorus, sulphur, and all metallic elements. The instrument is direct-reading for as many as 23 elements simultaneously. To provide access to the far ultraviolet region, the spectrometer is evacuated throughout the internal light path and the sample chamber is flushed with inert gas to avoid light absorption by oxygen at wavelengths shorter than 1900 A. Total wavelength range is from 1600 to 3300 A. The results of analysis are displayed on a chart recorder. (Applied Research Laboratories Inc., Dept. 222)

• DRY BOX provides a dust-free, draft-free, isolated work space. Four entry ports permit cooperation of two workers. The sleeves and access door are gas tight. Vinyl sleeves are available in a variety of lengths. The box is made of 1/4 in. acrylic plastic. (Air Shields Inc., Dept. 223)

^{II} RHEUMATOID-ARTHRITIS TEST is available as a kit containing latex-globulin reagent, positive and negative control serums, glycine-saline buffer diluent, and a divided glass slide. Each kit contains material for at least 100 tests. The materials are also available separately. (Hyland Laboratories, Dept. 232)

• OPTICAL MEASURING INSTRUMENT is designed for precise coordinate measurements on plates or film. The instrument reads to 0.002 mm with a standard magnification of 15 and a measuring range of 50 by 100 mm. Magnification can be changed by interchange of objectives. With accessory plate holders, larger plates can be accommodated. Stage rotation of 5 deg permits plate alignment. In operation, an image of the plate is displayed on a projection screen for setting. Viewing is possible under ordinary room lighting. Instruments are available for polar or rectangular coordinate measurements and in either inch or metric system calibration. (Gaertner Scientific Corp., Dept. 217)

■ ELECTRICAL MEASURING INSTRUMENT is automatically programmed to select any two of 250 circuit points for measurement of resistance, polarized d-c or a-c voltage, or insulation resistance. Range of voltage measurement can be 0.5 to 500. Resistance range is 1 ohm to 9.99 megohm with selectable tolerance. Insulation resistance is measured at 500 v d-c with a theoretical upper limit of 10,000 megohm. Operation rate is 60 to 100 tests per minute. (Lavoie Laboratories, Inc., Dept. 229)

• POWER SUPPLY is designed to replace storage batteries in the laboratory. The transistorized device takes an input of 100 to 130 v a-c and delivers 10 to 14.5 v d-c at currents up to 15 amp. Regulation is ± 0.2 percent over the input and output ranges stated. Ripple is 2 mv r.m.s. at full load. Recovery time is less than 1 msec. Internal impedance is less than 3 mohm. (Southwestern Industrial Electronics Co., Dept. 231)

• GLOW-LAMP SWITCH has three electrodes, one of which is used to trigger the tube discharge. With a voltage of 140 to 180 maintained across a pair of electrodes, application of 140 v d-c to a center electrode will start the lamp. With no voltage on the trigger electrode, more than 200 v is necessary to initiate conduction. The current required for triggering is 80 μ a or less. (General Electric Co., Dept. 227)

TIME INDICATING TUBE is available in full-scale ranges of 250 to 5000 hr. Elapsed time measured by the tube is read with a commercially available colorimeter. The tube operates over an ambient temperature range of 0° to 100°C. Current drain is 1 to 100 μ a d-c, and voltage drop is approximately 2. The tube can be mounted in any position. (Raytheon, Dept. 228)

^{II} URANIUM FLUORIMETER is a transmission-type instrument. Its range is 10^{-9} to 10^{-5} g of uranium. With special care, levels below 10^{-9} g may be measured. Readings are obtained from a digital dial. An attachment for liquid samples may be used with the instrument for the determination of beryllium, aluminum, and other substances. (Ball Brothers Research Corp., Dept. 234)

■ SPECTRUM ANALYZERS are offered in two models, one employing magnetostriction filters, the other crystal filters. In the first, the signal to be analyzed is applied to 100 filters simultaneously. Output of the filters is scanned by a high-speed capacitance commutator. Bandwidth is 32 cy/sec. The range from 50 to 10,500 cy/sec is covered in three parts. The second analyzer is a heterodyne type which separates 4-kcy/sec



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GREASE-WORKER is a motor-driven device for preparation of samples of grease for measurement of consistency by the penetration test. The motor is automatically stopped upon completion of a preset number of strokes, from 1 to 100,000, on two grease-working cups. (Fisher Scientific Co., Dept. 248)

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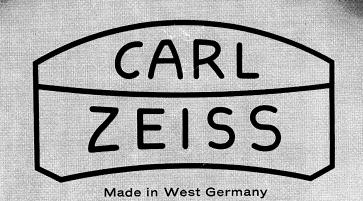
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