

Audio Power Amplifier Design Handbook

Power amplifiers and their performance lie at the heart of audio engineering and provide some challenging problems for the engineer. Ben Duncan's experience, as an audio consultant, analog electronics designer and author, give him an unique insight into this difficult but rewarding field. Linking analog electronics, acoustics, heat and music technology; high-end hi-fi and professional PA and recording studio use; theory, modelling and real-world practice; design and repair; the old and the new, the mainstream and the specialised, this comprehensive guide to power amps is a core reference for anyone in the industry, and any interested onlookers. Ben Duncan is well known to many users of audio power amplifiers around the world, both professional and domestic, through his articles, reviews and research papers on music technology in the UK and US press, and through his part in creating several notable professional power amplifiers. Since 1977, he has been involved in the design of over 70 innovative, high-end audio products used by recording and broadcast studios, on stages, in clubs and by the most critical domestic listeners - as well as creating bespoke equipment for top musicians. Born in London, he has travelled widely but has lived mainly in Lincolnshire, home of his family for over 150 years. He is twice co-author of the book *Rock Hardware* in which he has chronicled the history of rock'n'roll PA. Reprinted with corrections September 1997

Comprehensive and colourful real-life guide Based on wide experience of audio and music technology Well-known and prolific author in the hi-fi and pro-audio press

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All the design and development inspiration and direction an audio engineer needs in one blockbuster book! Douglas Self has selected the very best sound engineering design material from the Focal and Newnes portfolio and compiled it into this volume. The result is a book covering the gamut of sound engineering. The material has been selected for its timelessness as well as for its relevance to contemporary sound engineering issues.

Diode, Transistor and FET Circuits Manual is a handbook of circuits based on discrete semiconductor components such as diodes, transistors, and FETS. The book also includes diagrams and practical circuits. The book describes basic and

special diode characteristics, heat wave-rectifier circuits, transformers, filter capacitors, and rectifier ratings. The text also presents practical applications of associated devices, for example, zeners, varicaps, photodiodes, or LEDs, as well as it describes bipolar transistor characteristics. The transistor can be used in three basic amplifier configurations, such as common-collector, common-emitter, or common-base. Oscillators and multivibrators use transistors as linear amplifying elements or as digital switching elements, respectively. In other practical applications, bipolar transistors are used in audio pre-amp, tone control, and power amplifier applications. For example, the book illustrates the ideal form and location of the volume control where it is fully d.c.-isolated from the pre-amplifier's output. The book cites other applications of transistor circuits in a noise limiter, in astable multivibrators, in L-C oscillators, and in lie detectors. This book is suitable for radio, television, and electronics technicians, design and application engineers, and students in electronics or radio communications.

Morgan Jones' Valve Amplifiers has been widely recognised as the most complete guide to valve amplifier design, modification, analysis, construction and maintenance written for over 30 years. As such it is unique in presenting the essentials of 'hollow-state' electronics and valve amp design for engineers and enthusiasts in the familiar context of current best practice in electronic design, using only currently available components. The author's straightforward approach, using as little maths as possible, and lots of design knowhow, makes this book ideal for those with a limited knowledge of the field as well as being the standard reference text for experts in valve audio and a wider audience of audio engineers facing design challenges involving valves. Design principles and construction techniques are provided so readers can devise and build from scratch designs that actually work. Morgan Jones takes the reader through each step in the process of design, starting with a brief review of electronic fundamentals relevant to valve amplifiers, simple stages, compound stages, linking stages together, and finally, complete designs. Practical aspects, including safety, are addressed throughout. The third edition includes a new chapter on distortion and many further new and expanded sections throughout the book, including: comparison of bias methods, constant current sinks, upper valve choice, buffering and distortion, shunt regulated push-pull (SRPP) amplifier, use of oscilloscopes and spectrum analysers, valve cooling and heatsinks, US envelope nomenclature and suffixes, heater voltage versus applied current, moving coil transformer source and load terminations. * The practical guide to analysis, modification, design, construction and maintenance of valve amplifiers * The fully up-to-date approach to valve electronics * Essential reading for audio designers and music and electronics enthusiasts alike

Designing Power Supplies for Valve Amplifiers is a unique guide to the operation and practical design of linear power supplies, especially for valve equipment. Audiophiles, guitarists and general hobbyists alike will find this book an invaluable source of detailed information on transformers, rectifiers, smoothing,

high-voltage series and shunt regulators, and much more. Although this book is not intended for the beginner, learning is encouraged through practical design, and concepts are introduced at a basic level before the reader is accelerated to the stage of high-performance design, with over 200 circuit diagrams and figures. Numerous practical circuits are included, for high-voltage stabilisers, heater regulators, optimised bias circuits, high-voltage supplies using 'junk box' parts, and even audio power control for guitar amplifiers. An essential handbook for any valve amplifier enthusiast!

A complete and up-to-date op amp reference for electronics engineers from the most famous op amp guru.

(Book). There's a huge amount of hype and mythology surrounding tube amplifiers in the guitar world. For years, experts have argued over the tiny details of exactly how they do what they do, and how their various components interact. What's undeniable is that, far more than being just a "loudness booster," the unique combination of tubes, capacitors, resistors, and transformers in these amps can contribute enormously to the quality of sound derived from any electric guitar. In this thorough and authoritative book, Dave Hunter cuts through the marketing hyperbole, and the blind faith, and supplies all the information you need to choose the right amp, and get the best from it. The book also features exclusively conducted, in-depth interviews with leading figures in the tube amp-building world including Ken Fischer, Mark Sampson, and Michael Zaitz and even provides full instructions on how to construct your own high-quality tube guitar amp from scratch.

Publisher's Note: Products purchased from Third Party sellers are not guaranteed by the publisher for quality, authenticity, or access to any online entitlements included with the product. **Serious About Sound? Build showcase amplifiers that outperform store-bought models-at a fraction of the cost** Ideal for audiophiles, electronics hobbyists, and audio engineers, here is the ultimate audio amplifier dream-to-reality book, giving you leading-edge electronic stools for designing every detail of a superior high-power amplifier. Using Randy Slone's ready-to-construct recipes, you can in less time than you think put together an amplifier that's a major step up from commercial offerings. And you'll save hundreds, even thousands, of dollars doing it. **The Best In Do-It-Yourself Audio Amplification.** 12 complete designs, ready to build; Theory and principles for designing your own world-class amplifier; Optimal audio power supply building methods; New configurations and analyses of voltage amplifiers; New methods for increasing stability; New distortion-reduction techniques; Latest info on computer analysis and diagnostics; Popular audio myths debunked.

Electronics for Vinyl is the most comprehensive book ever produced on the electronic circuitry needed to extract the best possible signal from grooves in vinyl. What is called the "vinyl revival" is in full swing, and a clear and comprehensive account of the electronics you need is very timely. Vinyl reproduction presents some unique technical challenges; the signal levels from moving-magnet cartridges are low, and those from moving-coil cartridges lower still, so a good deal of high-quality low-noise amplification is required. Some of the features of **Electronics for Vinyl** include: ? integrating phono amplifiers into a complete preamplifier; ? differing phono amplifier technologies; covering active, passive, and semi-passive RIAA equalisation and transconductance RIAA stages; ? the tricky business of getting really accurate RIAA equalisation without spending a fortune on expensive components, such as switched-gain MM/MC RIAA amplifiers that retain great accuracy at all gains, the effects of finite open-loop gain, cartridge-preamplifier interaction, and so on; ? noise and distortion in phono amplifiers, covering BJTs, FETs, and opamps as input devices, hybrid phono amplifiers, noise in balanced MM inputs, noise weighting, and cartridge load synthesis for ultimately low noise; ?

archival and non-standard equalisation for 78s etc.; ? building phono amplifiers with discrete transistors; ? subsonic filtering, covering all-pole filters, elliptical filters, and suppression of subsonics by low-frequency crossfeed, including the unique Devinyliser concept; ? ultrasonic and scratch filtering, including a variety of variable-slope scratch filters; ? line output technology, including zero-impedance outputs, on level indication for optimal setup, and on specialised power supplies; and ? description of six practical projects which range from the simple to the highly sophisticated, but all give exceptional performance. Electronics for Vinyl brings the welcome news that there is simply no need to spend huge sums of money to get performance that is within a hair's breadth of the best theoretically obtainable. But you do need some specialised knowledge, and here it is.

Small Signal Audio Design is a highly practical handbook providing an extensive repertoire of circuits that can be assembled to make almost any type of audio system. The publication of Electronics for Vinyl has freed up space for new material, (though this book still contains a lot on moving-magnet and moving-coil electronics) and this fully revised third edition offers wholly new chapters on tape machines, guitar electronics, and variable-gain amplifiers, plus much more. A major theme is the use of inexpensive and readily available parts to obtain state-of-the-art performance for noise, distortion, crosstalk, frequency response accuracy and other parameters. Virtually every page reveals nuggets of specialized knowledge not found anywhere else. For example, you can improve the offness of a fader simply by adding a resistor in the right place- if you know the right place. Essential points of theory that bear on practical audio performance are lucidly and thoroughly explained, with the mathematics kept to an absolute minimum. Self's background in design for manufacture ensures he keeps a wary eye on the cost of things. This book features the engaging prose style familiar to readers of his other books. You will learn why mercury-filled cables are not a good idea, the pitfalls of plating gold on copper, and what quotes from Star Trek have to do with PCB design. Learn how to: make amplifiers with apparently impossibly low noise design discrete circuitry that can handle enormous signals with vanishingly low distortion use humble low-gain transistors to make an amplifier with an input impedance of more than 50 megohms transform the performance of low-cost-opamps build active filters with very low noise and distortion make incredibly accurate volume controls make a huge variety of audio equalisers make magnetic cartridge preamplifiers that have noise so low it is limited by basic physics, by using load synthesis sum, switch, clip, compress, and route audio signals be confident that phase perception is not an issue This expanded and updated third edition contains extensive new material on optimising RIAA equalisation, electronics for ribbon microphones, summation of noise sources, defining system frequency response, loudness controls, and much more. Including all the crucial theory, but with minimal mathematics, Small Signal Audio Design is the must-have companion for anyone studying, researching, or working in audio engineering and audio electronics.

Solid state power amplifiers (SSPA) are a critical part of many microwave systems. Designing SSPAs with monolithic microwave integrated circuits (MMIC) has boosted device performance to much higher levels focused on PA modules. This cutting-edge book offers engineers practical guidance in selecting the best power amplifier module for a particular application and interfacing the selected module with other power amplifier modules in the system. It also explains how to identify and mitigate peripheral issues concerning the PA modules, SSPAs, and microwave systems. This authoritative volume presents the critical techniques and underpinnings of SSPA design, enabling professionals to optimize device and system performance. Engineers gain the knowledge they need to evaluate the optimum topologies for the design of a chain of microwave devices, including power amplifiers. Additionally, the book addresses the interface between the microwave subsystems and the primary DC power, the control and monitoring circuits, and the thermal and EMI paths. Packed with 240 illustrations and over 430 equations, this detailed book provides the practical tools engineers need for their

challenging projects in the field.

Design and build awesome audio amps. Amateur and professional audiophiles alike can now design and construct superior quality amplifiers at a fraction of comparable retail prices with step-by-step instruction from the High-Power audio Amplifier Construction Manual. Randy Slone, professional audio writer and electronics supply marketer, delivers the nuts-and-bolts know-how you need to optimize performance for any audio system--from home entertainment to musical instrument to sound stage. Build a few simple projects or delve into the physics of audio amplifier operation and design. This easy to understand guide walks you through: Building the optimum audio power supply; Audio amplifier power supplies and construction; Amplifier and loudspeaker protection methods; Stability, distortion, and performance; Audio amplifier cookbook designs; Construction techniques; Diagnostic equipment and testing procedures; Output stage configurations, classes, and device types; Crossover distortion physics; Mirror-image input stage topologies.

The audio amplifier is at the heart of audio design. Its performance determines largely the performance of any audio system. John Linsley Hood is widely regarded as the finest audio designer around, and pioneered design in the post-valve era. His mastery of audio technology extends from valves to the latest techniques. This is John Linsley Hood's greatest work yet, describing the milestones that have marked the development of audio amplifiers since the earliest days to the latest systems. Including classic amps with valves at their heart and exciting new designs using the latest components, this book is the complete world guide to audio amp design. John Linsley Hood is responsible for numerous amplifier designs that have led the way to better sound, and has also kept up a commentary on developments in audio in magazines such as The Gramophone, Electronics in Action and Electronics and Wireless World. He is also the author of The Art of Linear Electronics and Audio Electronics published by Newnes. Complete world guide to audio amp design written by world famous author Covers classic amps to new designs using latest components Includes the best of valves as well as best of transistors

Practical Applications Circuits Handbook focuses on the various circuit designs and applications collected from manufacturer data. This book describes the overall design of each circuit and provides background information on its concepts and components. Organized into 23 chapters, this book starts with an overview of the various types and general designs of several audio amplifiers, including high power audio amplifier, gain-controlled stereo amplifier, and ceramic pickup amplifier. This text then explores several automotive circuits and explains their practical applications, including the speed warning device, auto burglar alarm, tachometer, automobile voltage regulator, and car radio. Other chapters describe the wind-powered battery charger, which can be used as a remote source of power where wind energy is abundant. This book discusses as well the general design of automatic light control wherein the control turns on a lamp when the input to the photodiode falls below a particular value. This book is a valuable resource for engineers, students, and hobbyists.

Newnes Circuits Manuals and Users' Handbooks by Ray Marston cover a wide range of electronics subjects in an easy-to-read and non-mathematical manner, presenting the reader with many practical applications and circuits. They are specifically written for the practising design engineer, technician, and the experimenter, as well as the electronics student and amateur. The ICs and other devices used in the practical circuits are modestly priced and readily available

types, with universally recognized type numbers.

Self on Audio: The collected audio design articles of Douglas Self, Third Edition is the most comprehensive collection of significant articles in the technical audio press. This third edition features 45 articles that first appeared in *Elektor*, *Linear Audio*, and *Electronics World*. Including expanded prefaces for each article, the author provides background information and circuit commentary. The articles cover both discrete and opamp preamplifier design, mixing console design, and power amplifier design. The preamplifier designs are illuminated by the very latest research on low noise and RIAA equalization. The famous series of 1993 articles on power amplifier distortion is included, with an extensive commentary reflecting the latest research on compensation and ultra-low distortion techniques. This book addresses the widened scope of technology that has become available to the audio designer over the last 35 years. New materials include: Prefaces that explain the historical background of the articles, why they were written, and the best use of the technology of the day Extensive details, including schematics, of designs that preceded or followed the design in each article, giving an enormous amount of extra information and a comprehensive overview of how author's design approaches have evolved New directions for the technology, describing new lines of thought such as curvilinear Class-A

The operational amplifier ("op amp") is the most versatile and widely used type of analog IC, used in audio and voltage amplifiers, signal conditioners, signal converters, oscillators, and analog computing systems. Almost every electronic device uses at least one op amp. This book is Texas Instruments' complete professional-level tutorial and reference to operational amplifier theory and applications. Among the topics covered are basic op amp physics (including reviews of current and voltage division, Thevenin's theorem, and transistor models), idealized op amp operation and configuration, feedback theory and methods, single and dual supply operation, understanding op amp parameters, minimizing noise in op amp circuits, and practical applications such as instrumentation amplifiers, signal conditioning, oscillators, active filters, load and level conversions, and analog computing. There is also extensive coverage of circuit construction techniques, including circuit board design, grounding, input and output isolation, using decoupling capacitors, and frequency characteristics of passive components. The material in this book is applicable to all op amp ICs from all manufacturers, not just TI. Unlike textbook treatments of op amp theory that tend to focus on idealized op amp models and configuration, this title uses idealized models only when necessary to explain op amp theory. The bulk of this book is on real-world op amps and their applications; considerations such as thermal effects, circuit noise, circuit buffering, selection of appropriate op amps for a given application, and unexpected effects in passive components are all discussed in detail. *Published in conjunction with Texas Instruments *A single volume, professional-level guide to op amp theory and applications *Covers circuit board layout techniques for manufacturing op amp circuits.

The Art of Linear Electronics presents the principal aspects of linear electronics and techniques in linear electronic circuit design. The book provides a wide range of information on the elucidation of the methods and techniques in the design of linear electronic circuits. The text discusses such topics as electronic component symbols and circuit drawing; passive and active semiconductor components; DC and low frequency amplifiers; and the basic effects of feedback. Subjects on frequency response modifying circuits and filters; audio amplifiers; low frequency oscillators and waveform generators; and power supply systems are covered as well. Electronics engineers, and readers with an interest in linear electronics design but with minimal experience in the field will find the book very useful. Learn to use inexpensive and readily available parts to obtain state-of-the-art performance in all the vital parameters of noise, distortion, crosstalk and so on. With ample coverage of preamplifiers and mixers and a new chapter on headphone amplifiers, this practical handbook provides an extensive repertoire of circuits that can be put together to make almost any type of audio system. A resource packed full of valuable information, with virtually every page revealing nuggets of specialized knowledge not found elsewhere. Essential points of theory that bear on practical performance are lucidly and thoroughly explained, with the mathematics kept to a relative minimum. Douglas' background in design for manufacture ensures he keeps a wary eye on the cost of things. Includes a chapter on power-supplies, full of practical ways to keep both the ripple and the cost down, showing how to power everything. Douglas wears his learning lightly, and this book features the engaging prose style familiar to readers of his other books. You will learn why mercury cables are not a good idea, the pitfalls of plating gold on copper, and what quotes from Star Trek have to do with PCB design. Learn how to: make amplifiers with apparently impossibly low noise design discrete circuitry that can handle enormous signals with vanishingly low distortion use humble low-gain transistors to make an amplifier with an input impedance of more than 50 Megohms transform the performance of low-cost-opamps, how to make filters with very low noise and distortion make incredibly accurate volume controls make a huge variety of audio equalisers make magnetic cartridge preamplifiers that have noise so low it is limited by basic physics sum, switch, clip, compress, and route audio signals The second edition is expanded throughout (with added information on new ADCs and DACs, microcontrollers, more coverage of discrete op amp design, and many other topics), and includes a completely new chapter on headphone amplifiers. Cutting-edge techniques for designing analog filters and circuits With an emphasis on using operational amplifiers as key building blocks, Analog Filter and Circuit Design Handbook shows how to create working circuits that perform a variety of analog functions. Numerous circuit examples provide mathematical functions on analog signals in both a linear and nonlinear manner. The highly efficient elliptic-function filter response is featured throughout the book. Audio applications, such as audio power amplifiers and cross-over networks, are

discussed, and both voltage and current feedback amplifiers are covered. This practical guide also analyzes the impact of nonideal amplifiers and addresses waveform shaping and generation. ANALOG FILTER AND CIRCUIT DESIGN HANDBOOK COVERS: Introduction to modern network theory Selecting the response characteristic Low-pass filter design High-pass filter design Bandpass filters Band reject filters Networks for the time domain Refinements in LC filter design and the use of resistive networks Component selection for LC and active filters Normalized filter design tables Switched capacitor filters Adjustable, fixed delay, and amplitude equalizers Voltage feedback operational amplifiers Linear amplifier applications Nonlinear circuits Waveform shaping Waveform generation Current feedback amplifiers Large signal amplifiers INCLUDES FREE DOWNLOADS: Filter Solutions from Nuhertz Technologies ELI 1.0 Elliptic function filter design program Fltrform--an Excel spreadsheet with essential formulas

This volume of Analog Circuit Design concentrates on three topics: Operational Amplifiers. A-to-D converters and Analog CAD. The book comprises six papers on each topic written by internationally recognised experts. These papers have a tutorial nature aimed at improving the design of analog circuits. The book is divided into three parts. Part I, Operational Amplifiers, presents new technologies for the design of Op-Amps in both bipolar and CMOS technologies. Two papers demonstrate techniques for improving frequency and gain behavior at high voltage. Low voltage bipolar Op-Amp design is treated in another paper. The realization high-speed and high gain VLSI building blocks in CMOS is demonstrated in two papers. The final paper shows how to provide output power with CMOS buffer amplifiers. Part II, Analog-to-Digital Conversion, presents papers which address very high conversion speeds and very high resolution implementations using sigma-delta modulation architectures. Analog to Digital converters provide the link between the analog world of transducers and the digital world of signal processing and computing. High-performance bipolar and MOS technologies result in high-resolution or high-speed convertors which can be applied in digital audio or video systems. Furthermore, the advanced high-speed bipolar technologies show an increase in conversion speed into the gigahertz range. Part III, Analog Computer Aided Design, presents the latest research towards providing analog circuit designers with the tools needed to automate much of the design process. The techniques and methodologies described demonstrate the advances being made in developing analog design tools comparable with those already available for digital design. The papers in this volume are based on those presented at the Workshop on Advances in Analog Circuit Design held in Delft, The Netherlands in 1992. The main intention of the workshop was to brainstorm with a group of about 100 analog design experts on the new possibilities and future developments on the above topics. The result of this brainstorming is contained in Analog Circuit Design, which is thus an important reference for researchers and design engineers working in the

forefront of analog circuit design and research.

Whether you are a dedicated audiophile who wants to gain a more complete understanding of the design issues behind a truly great amp, or a professional electronic designer seeking to learn more about the art of amplifier design, there can be no better place to start than with the 35 classic magazine articles collected together in this book. Douglas Self offers a tried and tested method for designing audio amplifiers in a way that improves performance at every point in the circuit where distortion can creep in – without significantly increasing cost. Through the articles in this book, he takes readers through the causes of distortion, measurement techniques, and design solutions to minimise distortion and efficiency. Most of the articles are based round the design of a specific amplifier, making this book especially valuable for anyone considering building a Self amplifier from scratch. Self is senior designer with a high-end audio manufacturer, as well as a prolific and highly respected writer. His career in audio design is reflected in the articles in this book, originally published in the pages of Electronics World and Wireless World over a 25 year period. An audio amp design cookbook, comprising 35 of Douglas Self's definitive audio design articles Complete designs for readers to build and adapt An anthology of classic designs for electronics enthusiasts, Hi-Fi devotees and professional designers alike This second edition of the highly acclaimed RF Power Amplifiers has been thoroughly revised and expanded to reflect the latest challenges associated with power transmitters used in communications systems. With more rigorous treatment of many concepts, the new edition includes a unique combination of class-tested analysis and industry-proven design techniques. Radio frequency (RF) power amplifiers are the fundamental building blocks used in a vast variety of wireless communication circuits, radio and TV broadcasting transmitters, radars, wireless energy transfer, and industrial processes. Through a combination of theory and practice, RF Power Amplifiers, Second Edition provides a solid understanding of the key concepts, the principle of operation, synthesis, analysis, and design of RF power amplifiers. This extensive update boasts: up to date end of chapter summaries; review questions and problems; an expansion on key concepts; new examples related to real-world applications illustrating key concepts and brand new chapters covering 'hot topics' such as RF LC oscillators and dynamic power supplies. Carefully edited for superior readability, this work remains an essential reference for research & development staff and design engineers. Senior level undergraduate and graduate electrical engineering students will also find it an invaluable resource with its practical examples & summaries, review questions and end of chapter problems. Key features:

- A fully revised solutions manual is now hosted on a companion website alongside new simulations.
- Extended treatment of a broad range of topologies of RF power amplifiers.
- In-depth treatment of state-of-the art of modern transmitters and a new chapter on oscillators.
- Includes problem-solving methodology, step-by-step derivations and closed-form design equations with

illustrations.

Practical Audio Amplifier Circuit Projects builds on the introduction to electronic circuits provided in Singmin's innovative and successful first book, *Beginning Electronics Through Projects*. Both books draw on the author's many years of experience as electronics professional and as hobbyist. As a result, his project descriptions are lively, practical, and very clear. With this new volume, the reader can build relatively simple systems and achieve useable results quickly. The projects included here allow a hobbyist to build amplifier circuits, test them, and then put them into a system. Progress through a graduated series of learning activities culminates in unique devices that are nevertheless easy to build. Learn the basic building blocks of audio amplifier circuit design and then apply your knowledge to your own audio inventions. Targets the intermediate to advanced reader with challenging projects that teach important circuit theories and principles Provides a ready source of audio circuits to professional audio engineers Includes an electric guitar pacer project that lets you "jam" with your favorite band!

The Newnes Know It All Series takes the best of what our authors have written to create hard-working desk references that will be an engineer's first port of call for key information, design techniques and rules of thumb. Guaranteed not to gather dust on a shelf! Audio engineers need to master a wide area of topics in order to excel. The *Audio Engineering Know It All* covers every angle, including digital signal processing, power supply design, microphone and loudspeaker technology as well as audio compression. A 360-degree view from our best-selling authors Includes such topics as fundamentals, compression, and test and measurement The ultimate hard-working desk reference; all the essential information, techniques and tricks of the trade in one volume

This much-anticipated volume builds on the author's best selling and classic work, *RF Power Amplifiers for Wireless Communications* (Artech House, 1999), offering experienced engineers a more in-depth understanding of the theory and design of RF power amplifiers. An invaluable reference tool for RF, digital and system level designers, the book includes discussions on the most critical topics for professionals in the field, including envelope power management schemes and linearization.

The use of active crossovers is increasing. They are used by almost every sound reinforcement system, and by almost every recording studio monitoring set-up. There is also a big usage of active crossovers in car audio, with the emphasis on routing the bass to enormous low-frequency loudspeakers. Active crossovers are used to a small but rapidly growing extent in domestic hifi, and I argue that their widespread introduction may be the next big step in this field. *The Design of Active Crossovers* has now been updated and extended for the Second Edition, taking in developments in loudspeaker technology and crossover design. Many more pre-designed filters are included so that crossover development can be faster and more certain, and the result will have a high performance. The Second

Edition continues the tradition of the first in avoiding complicated algebra and complex numbers, with the mathematics reduced to the bare minimum; there is nothing more complicated to grapple with than a square root. New features of the Second Edition include: ? More on loudspeaker configurations and their crossover requirements: MTM Mid-Tweeter-Mid configurations (The d'Appolito arrangement) Line arrays (J arrays) for sound reinforcement Frequency tapering Band zoning Power tapering Constant-Beamwidth Transducer (CBT) loudspeaker arrays ? More on specific sound-reinforcement issues like the loss of high frequencies due to the absorption of sound in air and how it varies. ? Lowpass filters now have their own separate chapter. Much more on third, fourth, fifth, and sixth-order lowpass filters. Many more examples are given with component values ready-calculated ? Highpass filters now have their own separate chapter, complementary to the chapter on lowpass filters. Much more on third, fourth, fifth, and sixth-order highpass filters. Many more examples are given with component values ready-calculated ? A new chapter dealing with filters other than the famous Sallen & Key type. New filter types are introduced such as the third-order multiple feedback filter. There is new information on controlling the Q and gain of state-variable filters. ? More on the performance of crossover filters, covering noise, distortion, and the internal overload problems of filters. ? The chapter on bandpass and notch filters is much extended, with in-depth coverage of the Bainter filter, which can produce beautifully deep notches without precision components or adjustment. ? Much more information on the best ways to combine standard components to get very accurate non-standard values. Not only can you get a very accurate nominal value, but also the effective tolerance of the combination can be significantly better than that of the individual components used. There is no need to keep huge numbers of resistor and capacitor values in stock. ? More on low-noise high-performance balanced line inputs for active crossovers, including versions that give extraordinarily high common-mode rejection. (noise rejection) ? Two new appendices giving extensive lists of crossover patents, and crossover-based articles in journals. This book is packed full of valuable information, with virtually every page revealing nuggets of specialized knowledge never before published. Essential points of theory bearing on practical performance are lucidly and thoroughly explained, with the mathematics kept to an essential minimum. Douglas' background in design for manufacture ensures he keeps a very close eye on the cost of things.

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This book enables design engineers to be more effective in designing discrete

and integrated circuits by helping them understand the role of analog devices in their circuit design. Analog elements are at the heart of many important functions in both discrete and integrated circuits, but from a design perspective the analog components are often the most difficult to understand. Examples include operational amplifiers, D/A and A/D converters and active filters. Effective circuit design requires a strong understanding of the operation of these analog devices and how they affect circuit design. Comprehensive coverage of analog circuit components for the practicing engineer Market-validated design information for all major types of linear circuits Includes practical advice on how to read op amp data sheets and how to choose off-the-shelf op amps Full chapter covering printed circuit board design issues

This book is the essential reference for audio power amplifier designers and engineers. Author Douglas Self covers all the issues of distortion and linearity, power supplies, protection, reliability and layout. He also tackles unusual forms of compensation and unexpected sources of distortion such as capacitors and fuses. This much expanded and updated Fifth Edition includes four NEW chapters, one of them dedicated to the XD crossover-displacement principle, invented by the author, and used by Cambridge Audio. The book has a wealth of new material on four-stage amplifier architectures, current-mirrors, power transistors with internal sensing diodes, amplifier bridging, subtle distortion mechanisms, input stage common-mode distortion, double input stages, amplifier stability, output stages with gain, transformers and hum fields, inrush current suppression, DC servo design, thermal protection, the subtleties of cooling fan control, advanced line input stages, ultra-low-noise design, high and low-pass filtering, testing and safety, infra-red control, signal activation, 12V trigger, level indication and much more. There is significantly expanded material on professional power amplifiers as used in sound reinforcement and PA applications. This book is a must-have for audio power amplifier professionals and audiophiles, amateur constructors and anyone with intellectual curiosity about the struggle towards technical excellence. *Provides everything you want to know in one volume, offering an essential guide to design principals and practice *Includes numerous graphs and an easy to read layout to illustrate points and aid complete understanding. *Includes the author's own amplifier designs for readers to build upon and adapt

This is a one-stop guide for circuit designers and system/device engineers, covering everything from CAD to reliability.

With Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE), smart devices are about to become even smarter. This practical guide demonstrates how this exciting wireless technology helps developers build mobile apps that share data with external hardware, and how hardware engineers can gain easy and reliable access to mobile operating systems. This book provides a solid, high-level overview of how devices use BLE to communicate with each other. You'll learn useful low-cost tools for developing and testing BLE-enabled mobile apps and embedded firmware and get examples

using various development platforms—including iOS and Android for app developers and embedded platforms for product designers and hardware engineers. Understand how data is organized and transferred by BLE devices Explore BLE's concepts, key limitations, and network topology Dig into the protocol stack to grasp how and why BLE operates Learn how BLE devices discover each other and establish secure connections Set up the tools and infrastructure for BLE application development Get examples for connecting BLE to iPhones, iPads, Android devices, and sensors Develop code for a simple device that transmits heart rate data to a mobile device

This comprehensive book on audio power amplifier design will appeal to members of the professional audio engineering community as well as the student and enthusiast. Designing Audio Power Amplifiers begins with power amplifier design basics that a novice can understand and moves all the way through to in-depth design techniques for very sophisticated audiophiles and professional audio power amplifiers. This book is the single best source of knowledge for anyone who wishes to design audio power amplifiers. It also provides a detailed introduction to nearly all aspects of analog circuit design, making it an effective educational text. Develop and hone your audio amplifier design skills with in-depth coverage of these and other topics: Basic and advanced audio power amplifier design Low-noise amplifier design Static and dynamic crossover distortion demystified Understanding negative feedback and the controversy surrounding it Advanced NFB compensation techniques, including TPC and TMC Sophisticated DC servo design MOSFET power amplifiers and error correction Audio measurements and instrumentation Overlooked sources of distortion SPICE simulation for audio amplifiers, including a tutorial on LTspice SPICE transistor modeling, including the VDMOS model for power MOSFETs Thermal design and the use of ThermalTrak(tm) transistors Four chapters on class D amplifiers, including measurement techniques Professional power amplifiers Switch-mode power supplies (SMPS). design Static and dynamic crossover distortion demystified Understanding negative feedback and the controversy surrounding it Advanced NFB compensation techniques, including TPC and TMC Sophisticated DC servo design MOSFET power amplifiers and error correction Audio measurements and instrumentation Overlooked sources of distortion SPICE simulation for audio amplifiers, including a tutorial on LTspice SPICE transistor modeling, including the VDMOS model for power MOSFETs Thermal design and the use of ThermalTrak(tm) transistors Four chapters on class D amplifiers, including measurement techniques Professional power amplifiers Switch-mode power supplies (SMPS). the use of ThermalTrak(tm) transistors Four chapters on class D amplifiers, including measurement techniques Professional power amplifiers Switch-mode power supplies (SMPS).

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