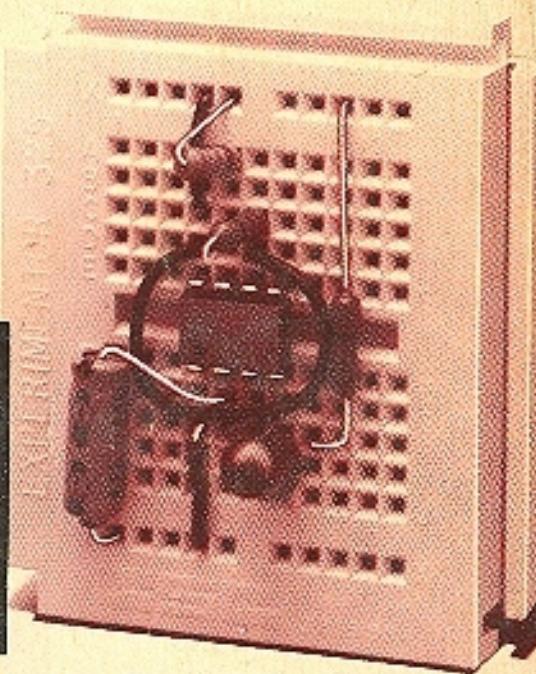
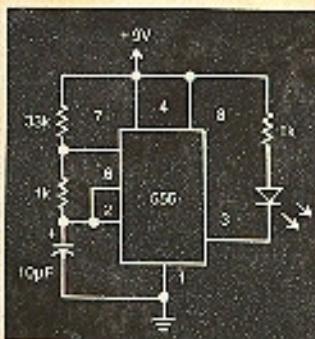


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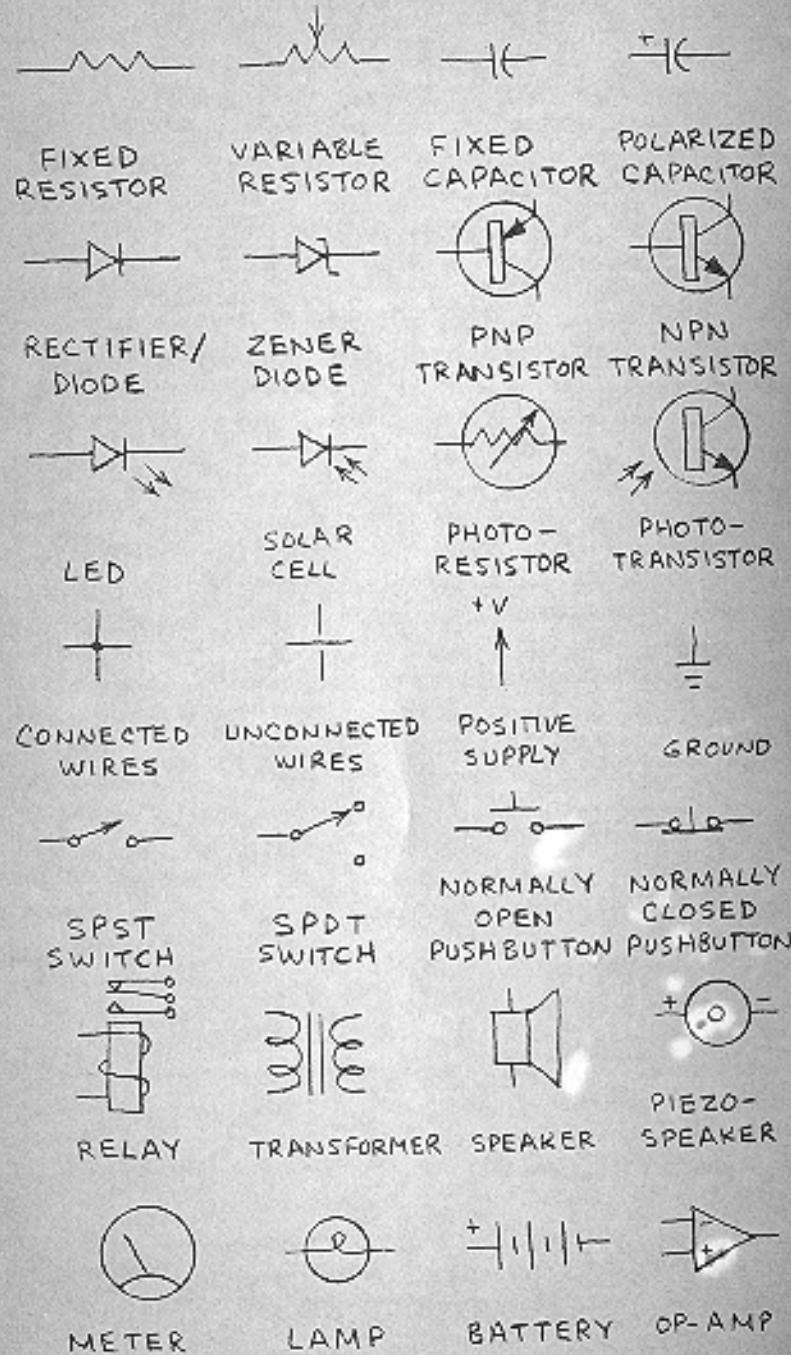
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## INTRODUCTION

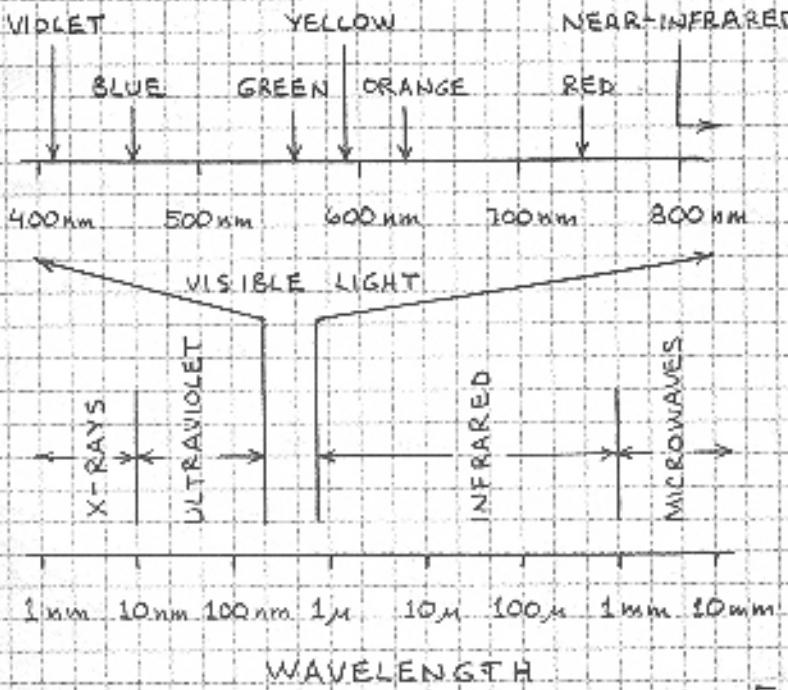
OPTOELECTRONICS IS THE TERM FOR THE COMBINED TECHNOLOGIES OF OPTICS AND ELECTRONICS. ELECTRONIC DEVICES THAT EMIT OR DETECT OPTICAL RADIATION ARE CALLED OPTOELECTRONIC COMPONENTS. OPTOELECTRONIC CIRCUITS HAVE WIDESPREAD APPLICATIONS IN COMMUNICATIONS, SENSING, CONTROL, AND READOUTS. MANY KINDS OF SOLID-STATE OPTOELECTRONIC COMPONENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT REASONABLE PRICES FROM RADIO SHACK. SO IS "GETTING STARTED IN ELECTRONICS," A BOOK THAT WILL HELP YOU ASSEMBLE THE CIRCUITS IN THIS BOOK.

## THE OPTICAL SPECTRUM

$\mu\text{m}$  = NANOMETER ( $1\text{ }\mu\text{m} = .000\ 000\ 001\text{ METER}$ )

$\mu$  = MICROMETER ( $1\mu = .000001$  METER)

mm = MILLIMETER (1 mm = .001 METER)



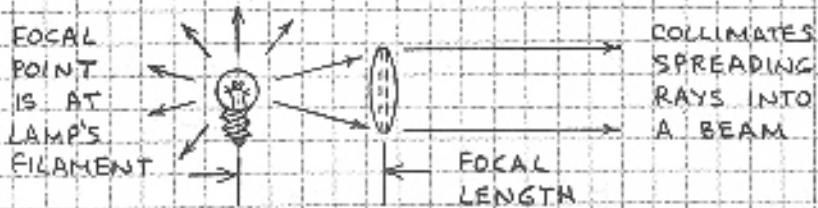
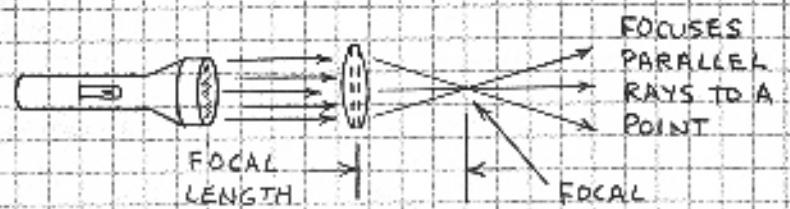
# OPTICAL COMPONENTS

OPTICAL COMPONENTS CONDUCT, BEND, OR CHANGE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF LIGHT. MANY OPTICAL COMPONENTS CAN BE FOUND AROUND THE HOME OR OFFICE. OTHERS MUST BE PURCHASED FROM SCIENCE SUPPLY COMPANIES.

## SIMPLE LENSES

LENSSES MADE OF GLASS OR PLASTIC ARE AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT OPTICAL COMPONENTS.

## POSITIVE (CONVEX) LENS



## NEGATIVE (CONCAVE) LENS



# FILTERS



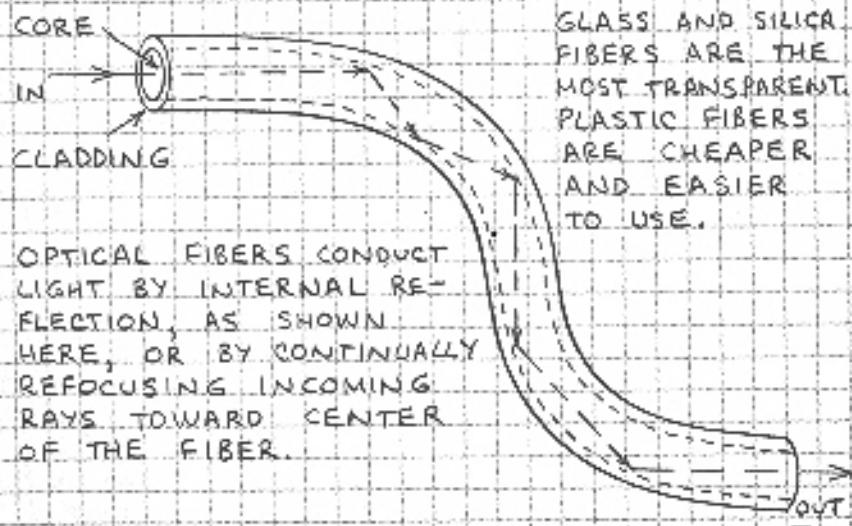
FILTERS TRANSMIT A NARROW BAND OF OPTICAL WAVELENGTHS. USE COLORED CELLOPHANE FOR VISIBLE LIGHT OR DEVELOPED COLOR FILM FOR INFRARED.

## LIGHT SHIELDS



TUBE LINER WITH BLACK PAPER OR COATED WITH FLAT BLACK PAINT KEEPS EXTERNAL LIGHT AWAY FROM DETECTOR.

## OPTICAL FIBERS



OPTICAL FIBERS CONDUCT LIGHT BY INTERNAL REFLECTION, AS SHOWN HERE, OR BY CONTINUALLY REFOCUSING INCOMING RAYS TOWARD CENTER OF THE FIBER.

## LIGHT SOURCES

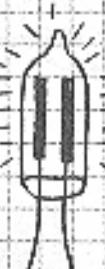
MANY LIGHT SOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR OPTOELECTRONIC PROJECTS. THE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCES INCLUDE:

### INCANDESCENT LAMPS



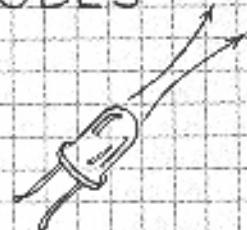
AN INCANDESCENT LAMP IS MADE BY ENCLOSING A THIN TUNGSTEN WIRE (THE FILAMENT) IN AN EVACUATED GLASS ENVELOPE. AN ELECTRICAL CURRENT PASSED THROUGH THE FILAMENT CAUSES IT TO BECOME INCANDESCENT (WHITE HOT). THE OPERATING LIFE AND BRILLIANCE OF AN INCANDESCENT LAMP CAN BE INCREASED BY FILLING THE ENVELOPE WITH A GAS SUCH AS ARGON, NITROGEN, OR KRYPTON. THE ULTRA-BRIGHT HALOGEN LAMP HAS A QUARTZ ENVELOPE FILLED WITH A HALOGEN GAS LIKE IODINE OR BROMINE. THE GAS COMBINES WITH TUNGSTEN ON THE ENVELOPE WALL AND DEPOSITS IT ON THE FILAMENT.

### GAS-DISCHARGE LAMPS



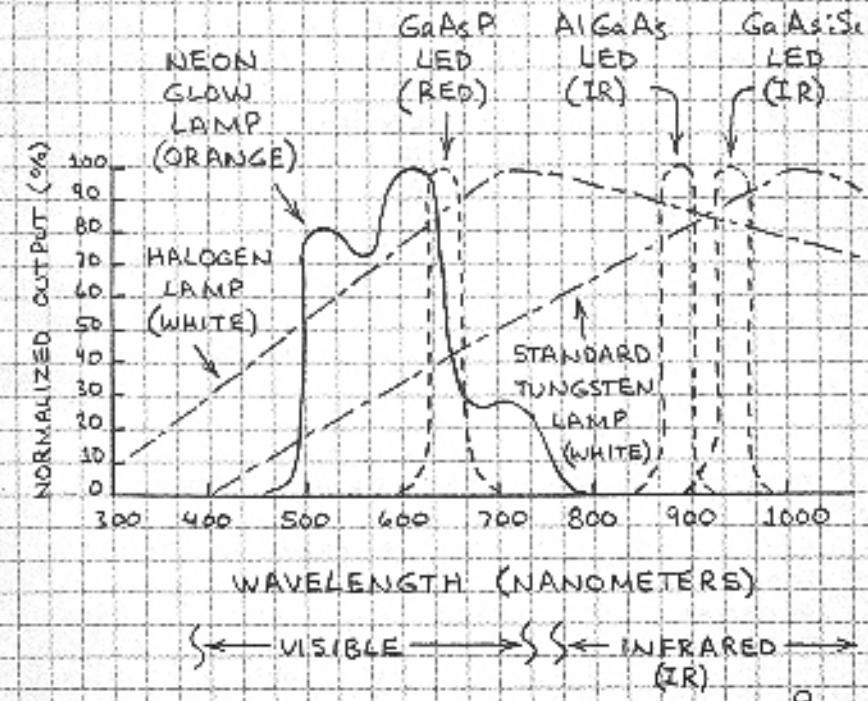
THE SIMPLEST GAS-DISCHARGE LAMP, THE NEON GLOW LAMP, IS A GLASS ENVELOPE FILLED WITH NEON GAS. WHEN THE VOLTAGE ACROSS TWO ELECTRODES IN THE ENVELOPE EXCEEDS 60-70 VOLTS, THE IONIZATION OR BREAKDOWN VOLTAGE OF NEON, AN ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE IS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE ELECTRODES, AND THE NEON EMITS AN ORANGE GLOW. OTHER GAS-DISCHARGE LAMPS ARE THE XENON FLASH LAMP AND THE MERCURY VAPOR LAMP.

## LIGHT-EMITTING DIODES



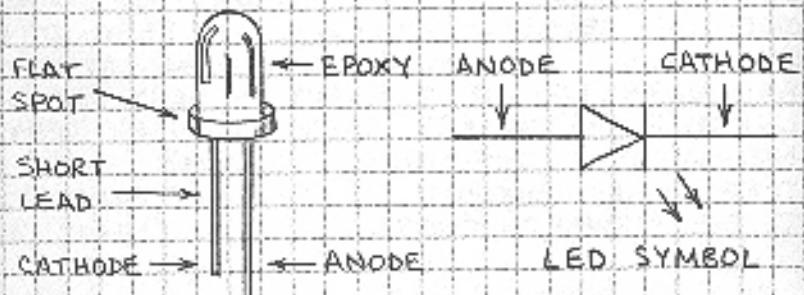
THE LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE (LED) IS A SEMICONDUCTOR PN JUNCTION DIODE THAT EMITS VISIBLE LIGHT OR NEAR-INFRARED RADIATION WHEN FORWARD BIASED. VISIBLE LEDs EMIT RELATIVELY NARROW BANDS OF GREEN, YELLOW, ORANGE, OR RED LIGHT. INFRARED DIODES EMIT IN ONE OF SEVERAL BANDS JUST BEYOND RED LIGHT. LEDs SWITCH OFF AND ON RAPIDLY, ARE VERY EFFICIENT, HAVE A VERY LONG LIFETIME, AND ARE EASY TO USE. LEDs ARE CURRENT DEPENDENT SOURCES, AND THEIR LIGHT OUTPUT IS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO THE FORWARD CURRENT.

### LIGHT SOURCE SPECTRA



## HOW TO USE LEDs

LIGHT-EMITTING DIODES ARE VERY RUGGED, LONG-LIVED OPTICAL SOURCES. THE LIGHT THEY EMIT HAS AN INTENSITY THAT IS LINEAR WITH RESPECT TO THE FORWARD CURRENT THROUGH THE LED. TO PREVENT IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE, ALWAYS OPERATE AN LED WITHIN ITS RATINGS.



USE A SERIES RESISTOR ( $R_s$ ) TO LIMIT THE CURRENT THROUGH AN LED TO A SAFE VALUE.

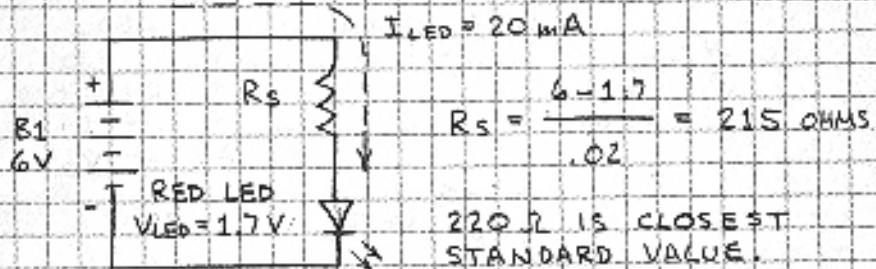
$+V_{IN}$  USE THIS FORMULA TO DETERMINE THE RESISTANCE OF  $R_s$ :

$$R_s = \frac{V_{IN} - V_{LED}}{I_{LED}}$$

$I_{LED}$  IS THE SPECIFIED FORWARD CURRENT.

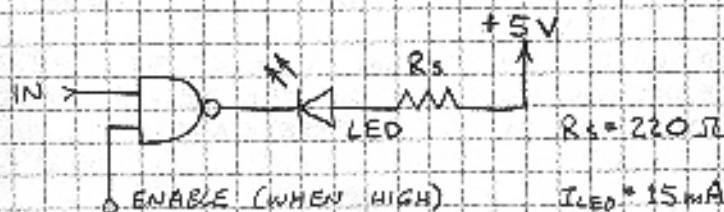
$V_{LED}$  IS THE LED VOLTAGE DROP. IT RANGES FROM ABOUT 1.3 VOLTS (940 NM INFRARED EMITTERS) TO ABOUT 2.5 VOLTS (GREEN EMITTERS).

## SAMPLE LED CIRCUIT



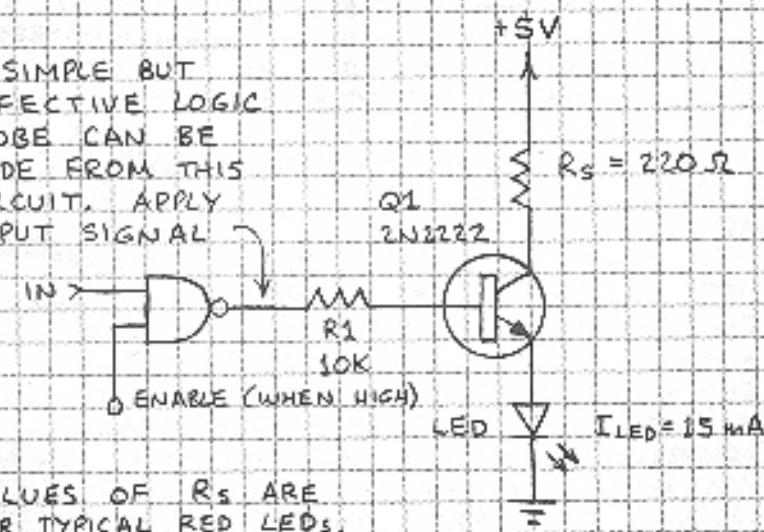
## LOGIC CIRCUIT LED DRIVERS

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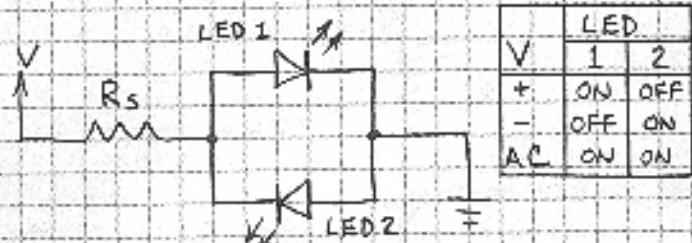


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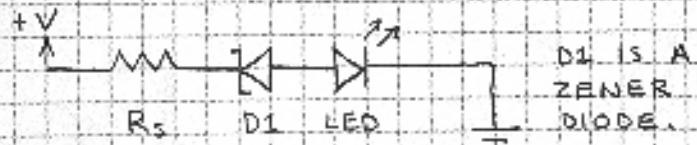
A SIMPLE BUT EFFECTIVE LOGIC PROBE CAN BE MADE FROM THIS CIRCUIT. APPLY INPUT SIGNAL



## AC/DC POLARITY INDICATOR

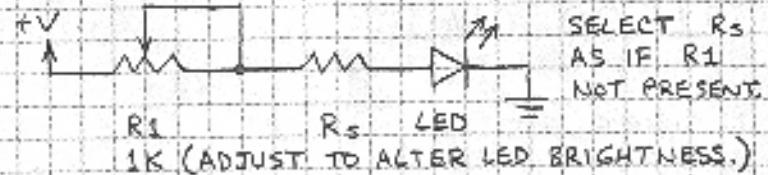


## VOLTAGE-LEVEL INDICATOR



LED WILL GLOW WHEN +V EXCEEDS THE BREAKDOWN VOLTAGE OF THE ZENER DIODE.  
NOTE THAT D<sub>1</sub> IS REVERSE BIASED.

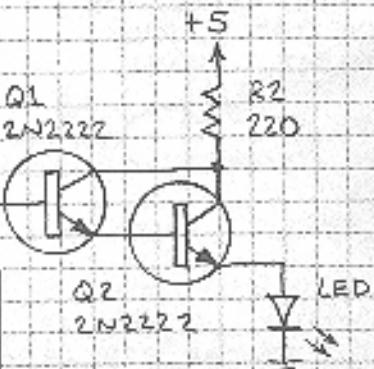
## LED BRIGHTNESS CONTROL



## LOGIC PROBE

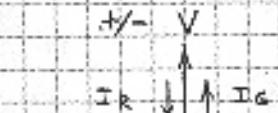
USE THIS PROBE TO MONITOR THE LOGICAL STATUS OF LOGIC GATES.

IN	LED
HIGH	ON
LOW	OFF



## HOW TO USE TRI-COLOR LEDs

TRI-COLOR LEDs ARE MADE BY INSTALLING A RED AND GREEN LED CHIP IN THE SAME PACKAGE. THE TWO CHIPS ARE USUALLY CONNECTED IN REVERSE-PARALLEL.



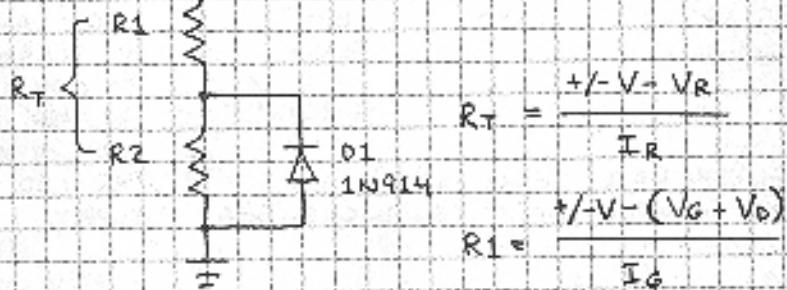
$$R_T = R_1 + R_2$$

$$I_R = \text{RED LED CURRENT}$$

$$I_G = \text{GREEN LED CURRENT}$$



V	COLOR
+	RED
-	GREEN
AC	YELLOW



V<sub>R</sub> = RED LED FORWARD VOLTAGE (ABOUT 2V)

V<sub>G</sub> = GREEN LED FORWARD VOLTAGE (ABOUT 2V)

V<sub>D</sub> = D<sub>1</sub> FORWARD VOLTAGE (0.6V).

### SAMPLE CALCULATION:

ASSUME +/- V = 5 VOLTS AND I<sub>R</sub> & I<sub>G</sub> = 20 MILLIAMPERES.

$$R_T = \frac{5 - 2}{.02} = 150 \text{ OHMS}$$

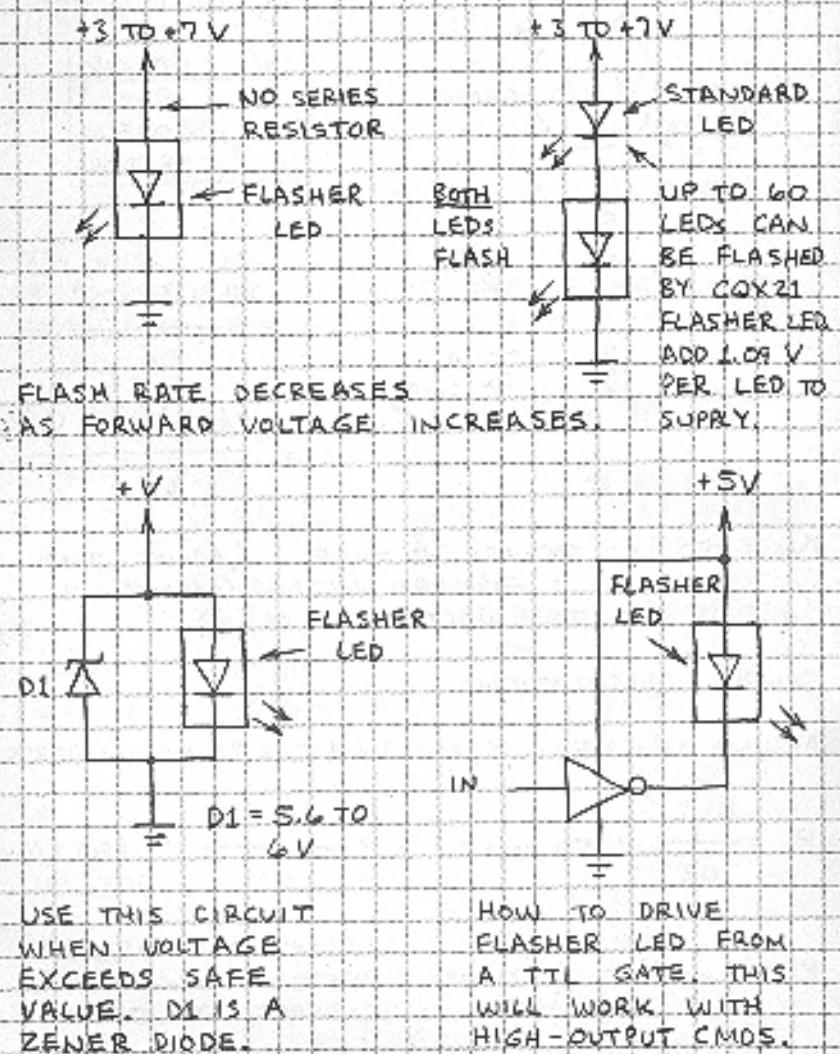
$$R_1 = \frac{5 - (2 + .6)}{.02} = 120 \text{ OHMS}$$

SELECT STANDARD RESISTANCE VALUES CLOSEST TO THESE.

## HOW TO USE FLASHER LEDs

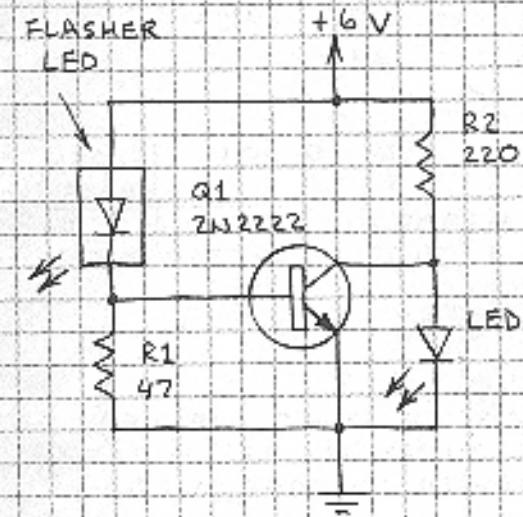
FLASHER LEDs INCLUDE IN THE LED PACKAGE A MINIATURE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT THAT CAUSES THE LED TO FLASH FROM 2 TO 6 TIMES EACH SECOND. CAN BE USED WITHOUT A SERIES RESISTOR.

## BASIC LED FLASHERS



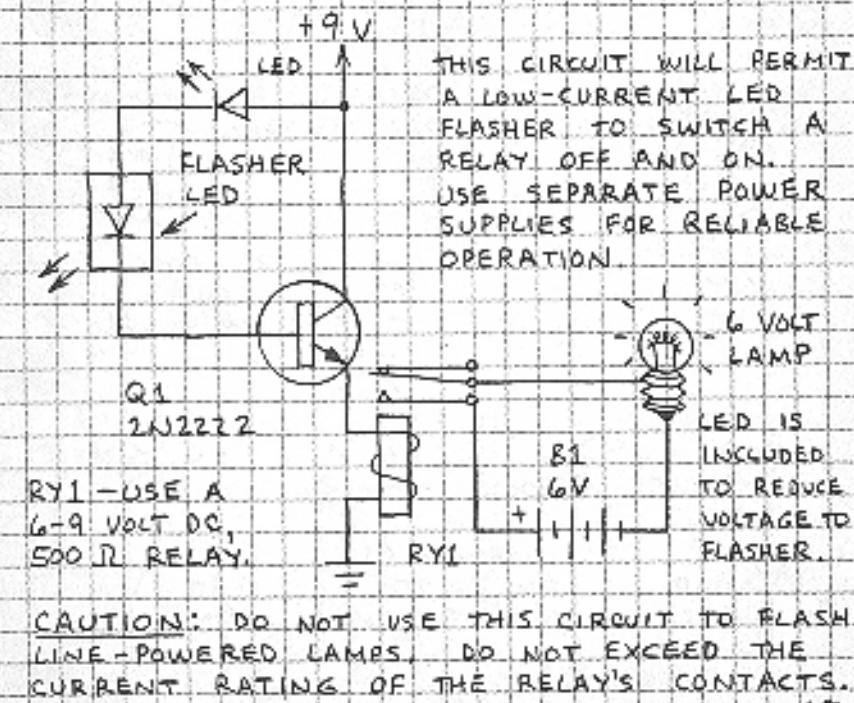
USE THIS CIRCUIT WHEN VOLTAGE EXCEEDS SAFE VALUE. D1 IS A ZENER DIODE.  
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## DUAL LED FLASHER

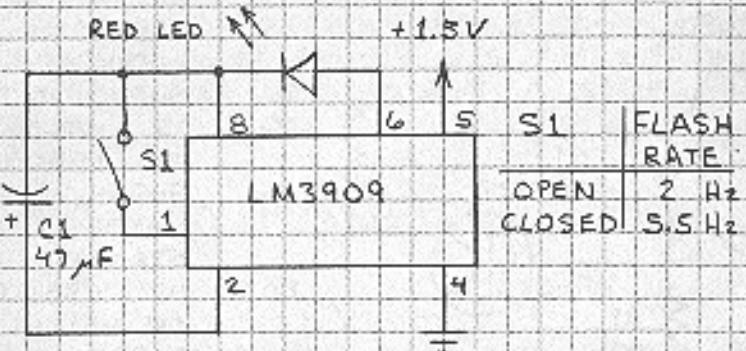


WHEN THE SUPPLY VOLTAGE IS 6 VOLTS, THE LEDS WILL FLASH ALTERNATELY. THE STANDARD LED WILL REMAIN ON WHEN THE SUPPLY VOLTAGE FALLS BELOW 6 VOLTS.

## POWER FLASHER

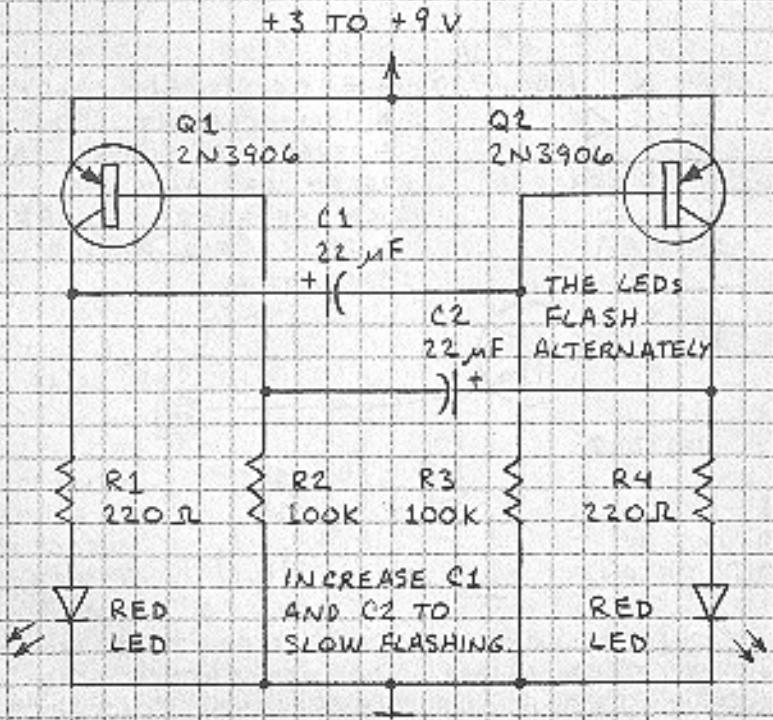


## SINGLE LED FLASHER

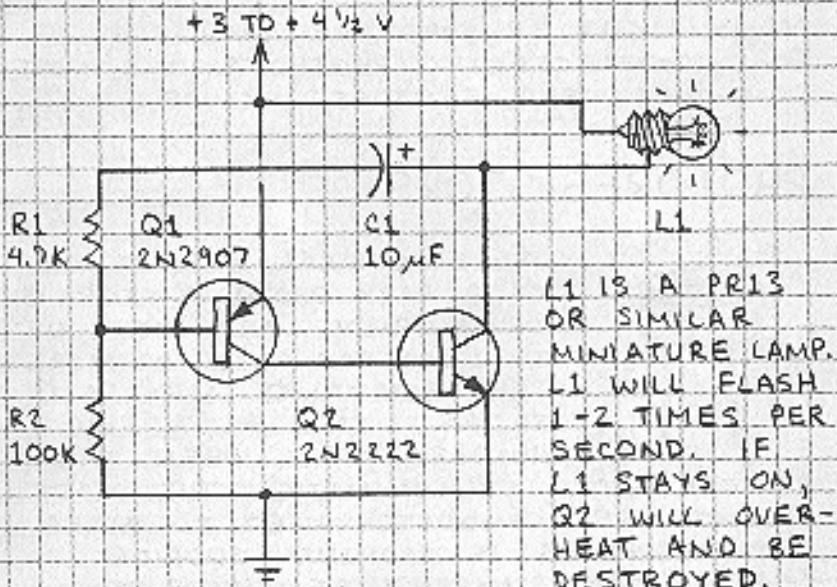


NOTE THAT THIS CIRCUIT DRIVES THE LED EVEN THOUGH THE SUPPLY VOLTAGE IS LESS THAN THE LED FORWARD VOLTAGE (~1.7 V).

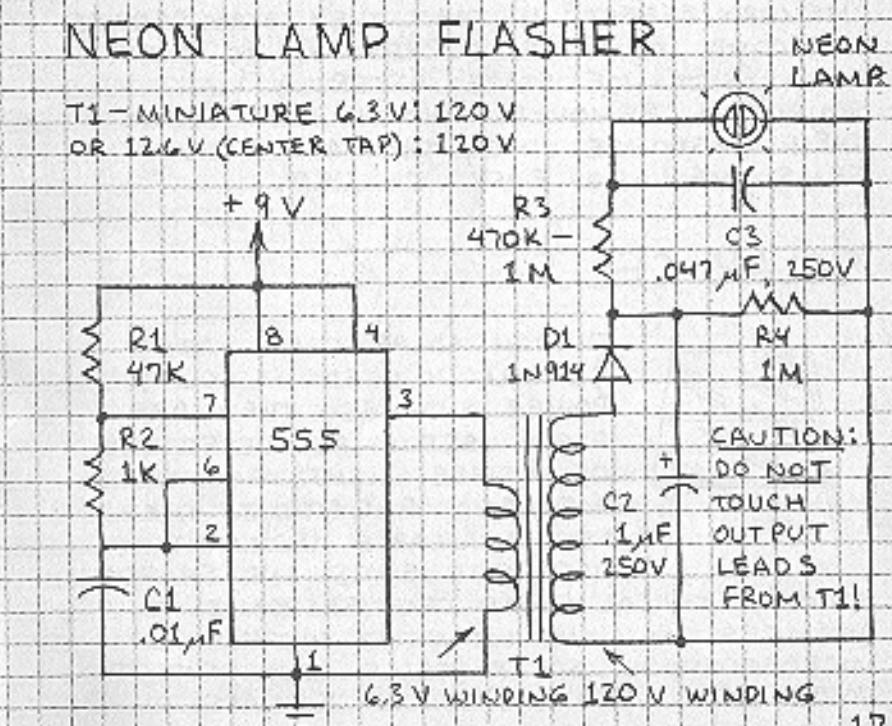
## DUAL LED FLASHER



## INCANDESCENT LAMP FLASHER



## NEON LAMP FLASHER



## LIGHT SENSORS

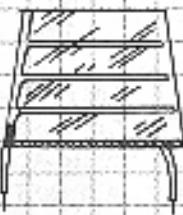
MANY LIGHT SENSORS ARE AVAILABLE FOR OPTOELECTRONIC PROJECTS. THE MOST COMMONLY USED SENSORS INCLUDE:

### PHOTORESISTORS



THE ELECTRICAL RESISTANCE OF A DARK PHOTORESISTOR IS ORDINARILY VERY HIGH, UP TO 1,000,000 OHMS OR MORE. THE RESISTANCE MAY FALL TO AS LITTLE AS A FEW HUNDRED OHMS WHEN THE PHOTORESISTOR IS ILLUMINATED. THE MOST COMMON SEMICONDUCTOR USED TO MAKE PHOTORESISTORS IS CADMIUM SULFIDE (CdS). IT IS PRIMARILY SENSITIVE TO GREEN LIGHT. PHOTORESISTORS EXHIBIT A "MEMORY EFFECT" IN THAT THEY MAY REQUIRE A SECOND OR MORE TO RETURN TO THEIR HIGH-RESISTANCE STATE AFTER A LIGHT SOURCE IS REMOVED. THOUGH THIS SLOWS THEIR RESPONSE TIME, THEY ARE VERY SENSITIVE AND EASY TO USE.

### SOLAR CELLS



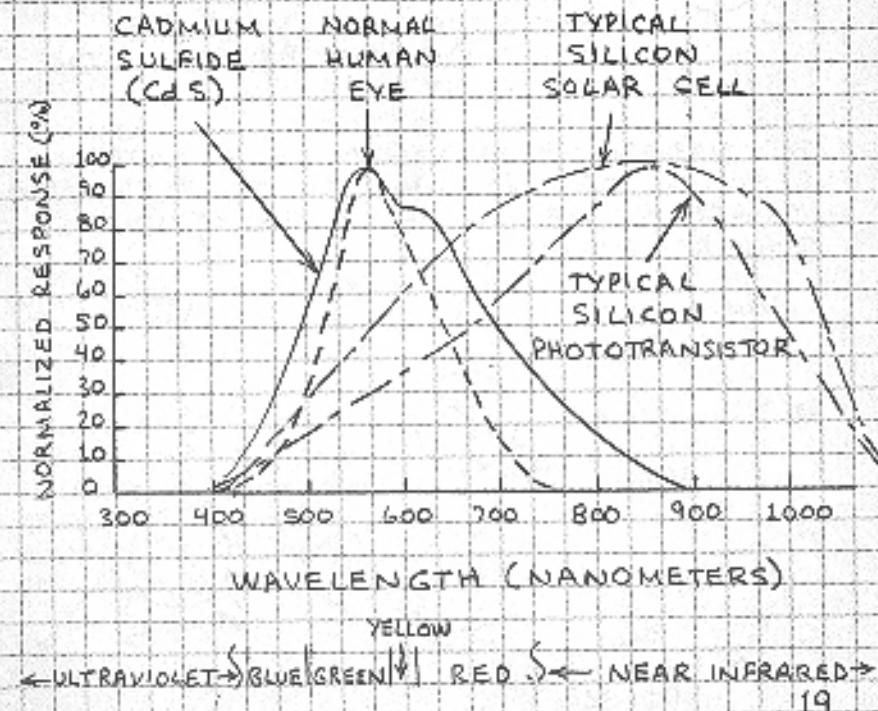
THOUGH SOLAR CELLS ARE GENERALLY USED IN SOLAR POWER SUPPLIES, THEY ARE ALSO USEFUL AS DETECTORS OF VISIBLE LIGHT AND NEAR-INFRARED RADIATION. THEY ARE AVAILABLE IN MANY DIFFERENT SIZES AND SHAPES. SINCE A TYPICAL SOLAR CELL RESPONDS TO CHANGES IN LIGHT INTENSITY WITHIN 20 MICROSECONDS, SOLAR CELLS CAN DETECT VOICE MODULATED LIGHTWAVE SIGNALS.

## PHOTOTRANSISTORS

ALL TRANSISTORS ARE LIGHT SENSITIVE. PHOTOTRANSISTORS ARE DESIGNED TO EXPLOIT THIS PHENOMENON. THOUGH A BIPOLAR TRANSISTOR HAS THREE LEADS, A PHOTOTRANSISTOR MAY NOT HAVE A BASE LEAD. MOST PHOTOTRANSISTORS ARE NPN DEVICES WITH A BASE REGION MUCH LARGER THAN THAT OF A STANDARD NPN TRANSISTOR. THEY HAVE A RESPONSE TIME OF 1 MICROSECOND IN SOME CIRCUITS. THE DARLINGTON PHOTOTRANSISTOR INCLUDES A SECOND ON-CHIP TRANSISTOR TO AMPLIFY THE SIGNAL GENERATED BY THE PHOTOTRANSISTOR. IT GIVES MORE SENSITIVITY BUT IS SLOWER.



### SENSOR SPECTRAL RESPONSE



## HOW TO USE LIGHT DETECTORS

LIGHT DETECTORS CAN BE OPERATED IN ONE OR MORE OF THESE MODES:

1. PHOTORESISTIVE — THE RESISTANCE OF THE DETECTOR VARIES WITH THE LIGHT LEVEL.

2. PHOTOVOLTAIC — THE DETECTOR GENERATES A CURRENT WHEN ILLUMINATED.

3. PHOTCONDUCTIVE — THE DETECTOR ALLOWS CURRENT FROM AN EXTERNAL POWER SUPPLY TO FLOW IN RESPONSE TO LIGHT.

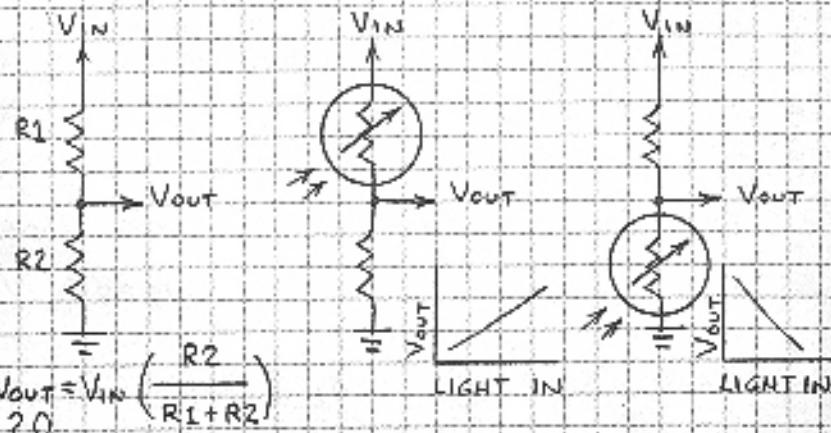
## PHOTORESISTORS



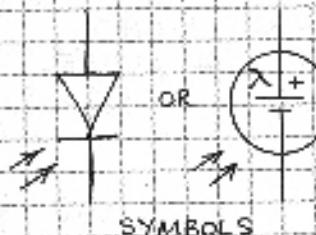
SYMBOL

PHOTORESISTORS ARE PHOTORESISTIVE DETECTORS. THEY CAN OFTEN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR FIXED OR VARIABLE RESISTORS TO MAKE AN EXISTING CIRCUIT SENSITIVE TO LIGHT.

THE VARIABLE RESISTANCE OF A PHOTORESISTOR CAN BE CHANGED TO A VARIABLE VOLTAGE BY MEANS OF A SIMPLE VOLTAGE DIVIDER CIRCUIT.



## SOLAR CELLS

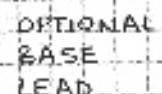


SYMBOLS

SOLAR CELLS ARE PRIMARILY PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICES, BUT THEY ARE SOMETIMES USED IN A PHOTCONDUCTIVE MODE. USE THEM TO POWER A CIRCUIT OR SENSE LIGHT.

SOLAR CELLS MAY BE SUPPLIED WITH OR WITHOUT LEADS. THOUGH SOLAR CELLS ARE FRAGILE, IT IS RELATIVELY EASY TO SOLDER WIRE LEADS TO THEM. USE A LOW-WATTAGE SOLDERING IRON AND WRAPPING WIRE FOR BEST RESULTS. FIRST WARM THE ELECTRODE ON THE CELL FOR A FEW SECONDS. THEN MELT A SMALL PUDDLE OF SOLDER ONTO THE ELECTRODE. PLACE THE EXPOSED END OF A LENGTH OF WRAPPING WIRE IN THE SOLDER AND HOLD IT IN PLACE UNTIL THE SOLDER COOLS.

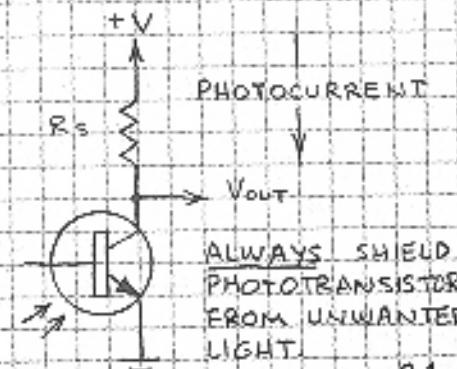
## PHOTOTRANSISTORS



SYMBOL

THE SIMPLEST WAY TO USE A PHOTOTRANZISTOR IS TO CONNECT IT TO A SERIES RESISTOR. IT THEN FUNCTIONS AS A PHOTCONDUCTIVE DETECTOR.

USE A LARGE VALUE (~100K TO 1M) FOR  $R_S$  TO GIVE HIGH SENSITIVITY. USE A SMALL VALUE (~30K) FOR FAST SIGNALS.

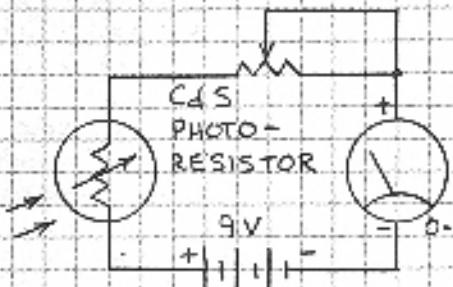


ALWAYS SHIELD PHOTOTRANSISTOR FROM UNWANTED LIGHT.

## SIMPLE LIGHT METERS

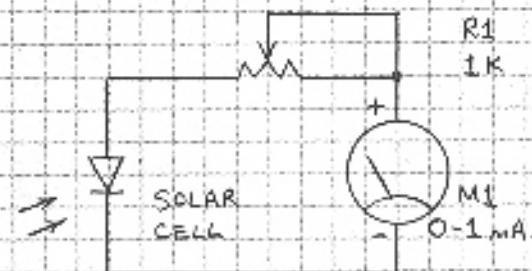
THOUGH VERY SIMPLE, THESE LIGHT METER CIRCUITS ARE VERY SENSITIVE.

### PHOTORESISTOR



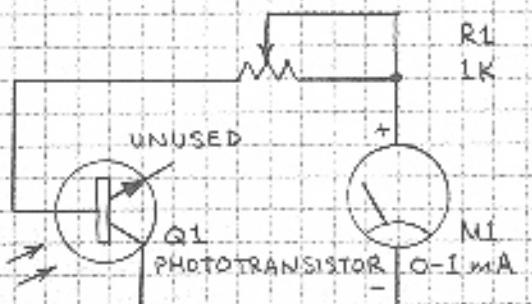
R<sub>1</sub> OK TO TRY  
100K OTHER BATTERY  
VOLTAGES.  
AVOID RAPID  
INCREASE IN  
LIGHT THAT  
MIGHT HARM  
THE METER!

### SOLAR CELL



R<sub>1</sub> TWO OR MORE  
1K SOLAR CELLS  
IN PARALLEL  
WILL GIVE  
HIGHER SEN-  
SITIVITY.

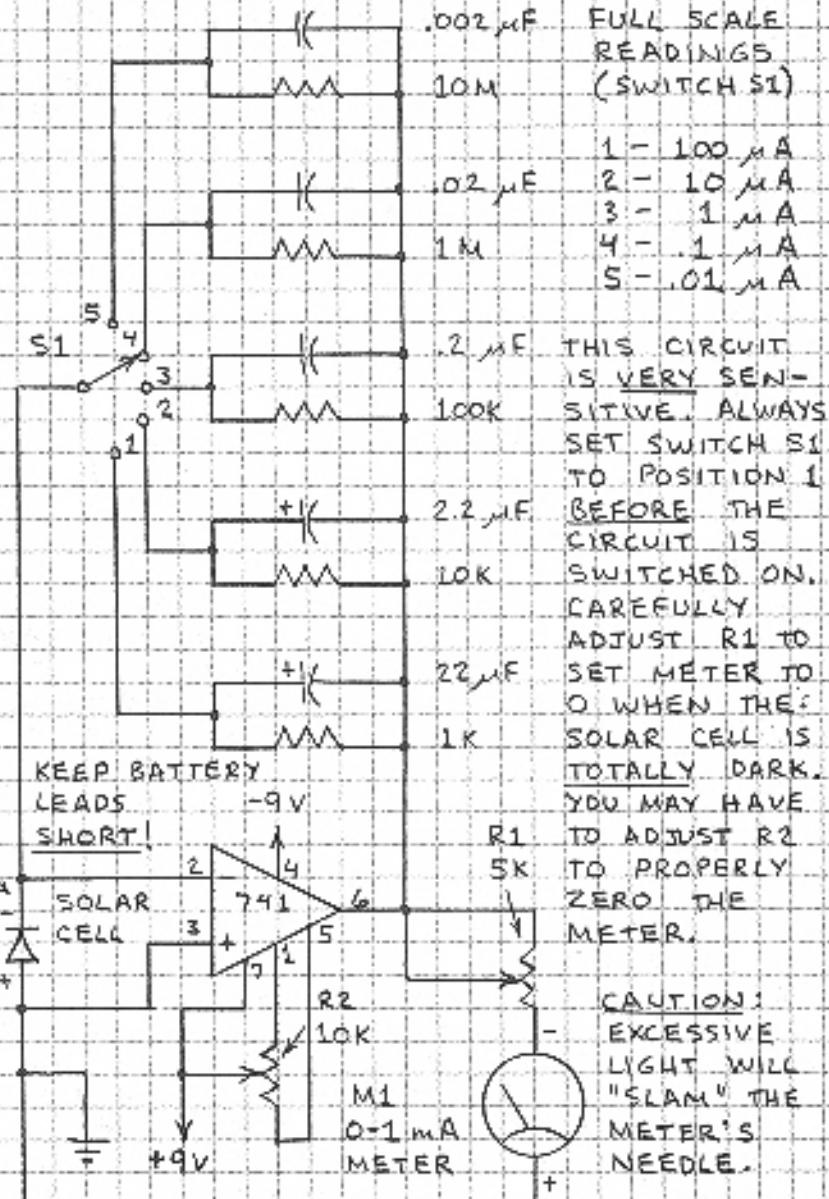
### PHOTOTRANSISTOR



R<sub>1</sub>  
1K  
UNUSED  
Q1  
PHOTOTRANSISTOR  
0-1mA

THE BASE-  
COLLECTOR  
JUNCTION  
OF Q1  
FORMS A  
PHOTODIODE  
OR MINIATURE  
SOLAR CELL.

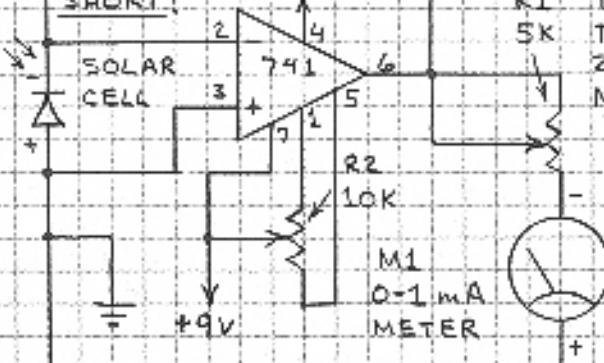
## ULTRA-SENSITIVE LIGHT METER



.002  $\mu$ F FULL SCALE  
READINGS  
(SWITCH S1)

1 - 100 mA  
2 - 10 mA  
3 - 1 mA  
4 - .1 mA  
5 - .01 mA

5  
S1  
4  
3  
2  
1  
+ / K  
100K  
2.2  $\mu$ F  
10K  
+ / K  
1K  
22  $\mu$ F  
1K  
KEEP BATTERY  
LEADS  
SHORT!

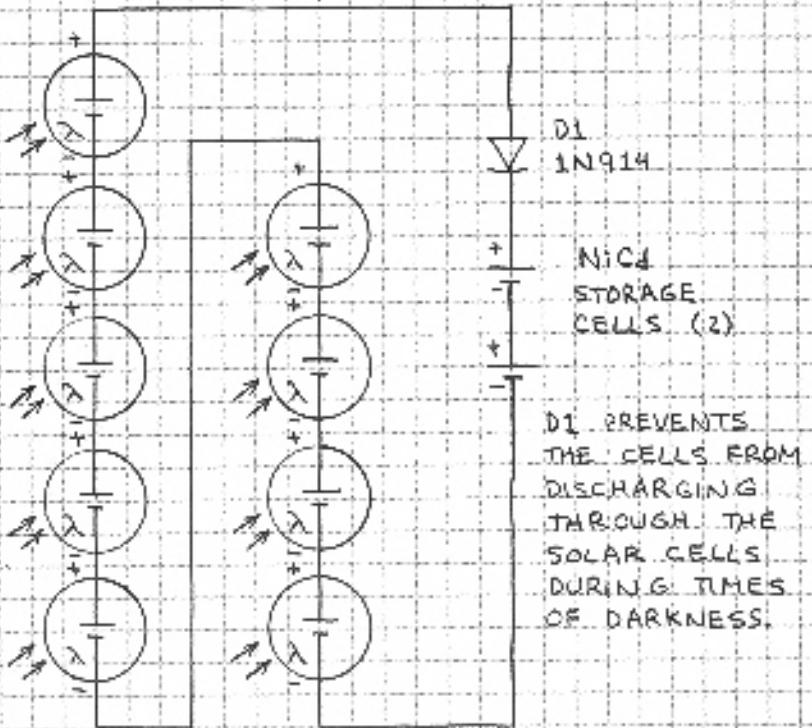


CAUTION:  
EXCESSIVE  
LIGHT WILL  
"SLAM" THE  
METER'S  
NEEDLE.

IF ULTRA-HIGH SENSITIVITY IS NOT REQUIRED,  
OMIT THE UPPER RESISTORS AND USE THE  
LOWER TWO OR THREE.

## SOLAR BATTERY CHARGER

AN ARRAY OF SOLAR CELLS WILL RECHARGE ONE OR MORE NICKEL-CADMIUM (NiCd) STORAGE CELLS. FOR EXAMPLE, NINE SOLAR CELLS CONNECTED IN SERIES WILL CHARGE TWO NiCd CELLS CONNECTED IN SERIES.

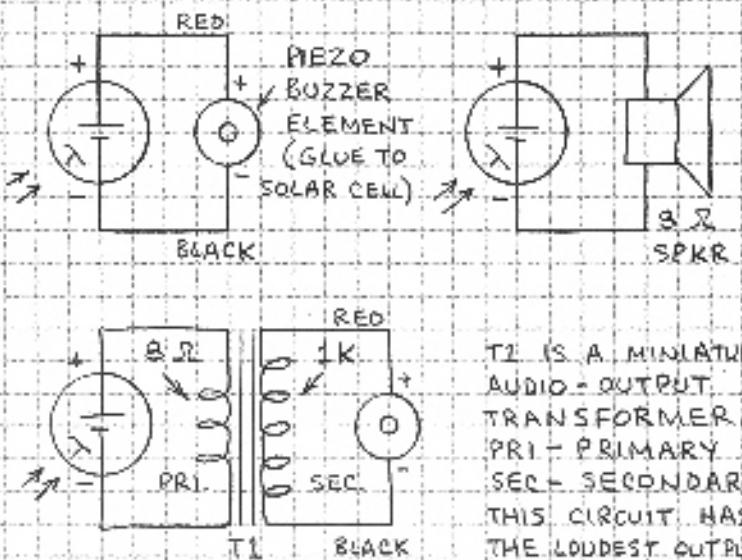


A SINGLE SILICON SOLAR CELL PRODUCES AN OPEN-CIRCUIT POTENTIAL OF FROM 0.45 TO 0.5 VOLT. A SINGLE CELL CAN PRODUCE A CURRENT OF AN AMPERE OR MORE DEPENDING ON THE AREA OF THE CELL AND THE SUNLIGHT INTENSITY. IMPORTANT: THE SOLAR CELL CURRENT MUST NOT EXCEED THE SAFE CHARGING RATE OF THE NiCd CELLS. THE OUTPUT VOLTAGE OF CELLS IN SERIES IS THE SUM OF THE CELL VOLTAGES. SOLAR CELLS ARE FRAGILE. CONNECT THEM WITH WRAPPING WIRE. MOUNT WITH SILICONE SEALANT.

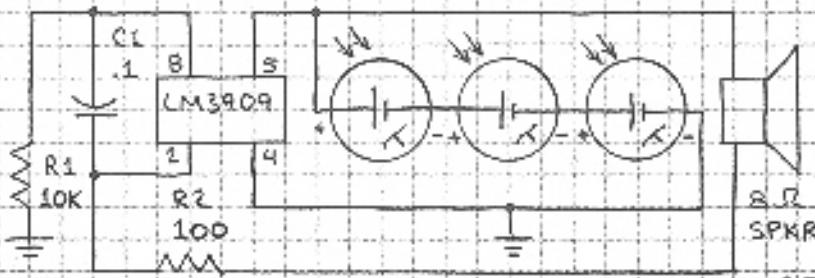
## SOLAR-POWERED CIRCUITS

### ULTRA-SIMPLE LIGHT RECEIVERS

THESE THREE RECEIVER CIRCUITS REQUIRE NO SOURCE OF POWER BEYOND THE LIGHTWAVE SIGNAL THEY RECEIVE. THEY WILL TRANSFORM AN AUDIO-FREQUENCY MODULATED LIGHT BEAM DIRECTLY INTO SOUND. THEY CAN BE USED TO CHECK INFRARED REMOTE CONTROL TRANSMITTERS AND TO RECEIVE VOICE OR TONE LIGHTWAVE SIGNALS.



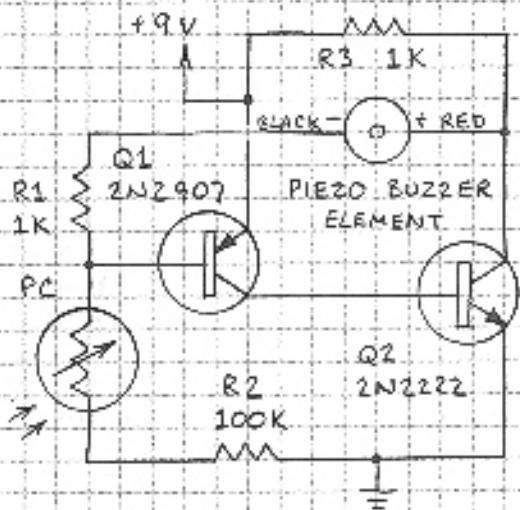
### SUN-POWERED OSCILLATOR



## LIGHT-SENSITIVE OSCILLATORS

THESE SIMPLE CIRCUITS ARE SOMETIMES CALLED AUDIBLE LIGHT PROBES. IF THE CIRCUIT IS ADJUSTED SO THE OSCILLATION JUST CEASES WHEN THE SENSOR IS DARK, THE CIRCUIT WILL EMIT CLICKS IN RESPONSE TO A CANDLE FLAME UP TO 100 FEET AWAY.

### TRANSISTOR

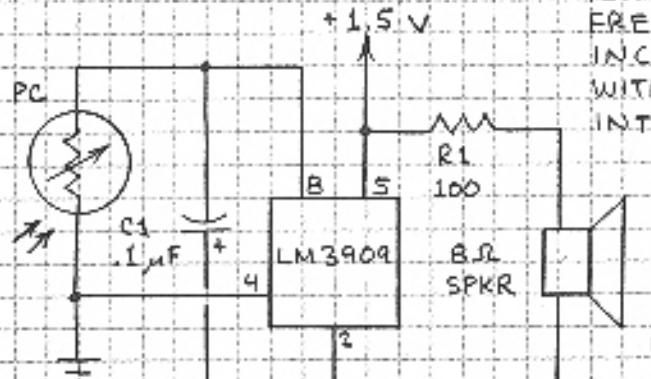


TONE FREQUENCY INCREASES WITH LIGHT INTENSITY.

THIS CIRCUIT CAN EASILY BE INSTALLED IN A VERY SMALL PLASTIC ENCLOSURE.

PC - CdS PHOTOCELL (PHOTORESISTOR).

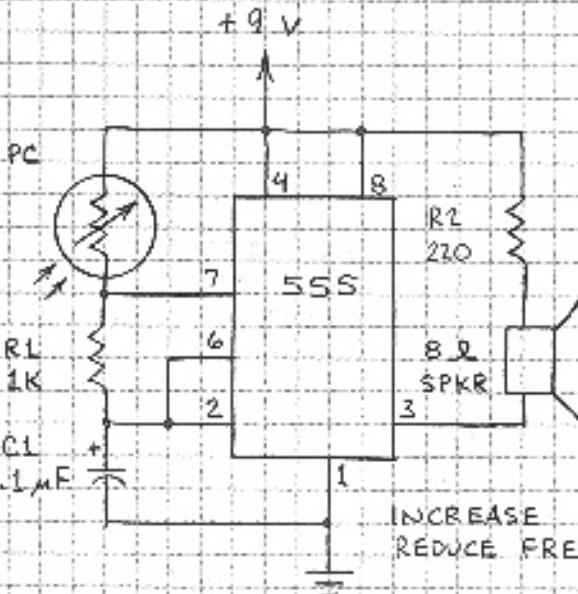
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## 555 (BASIC OSCILLATOR)

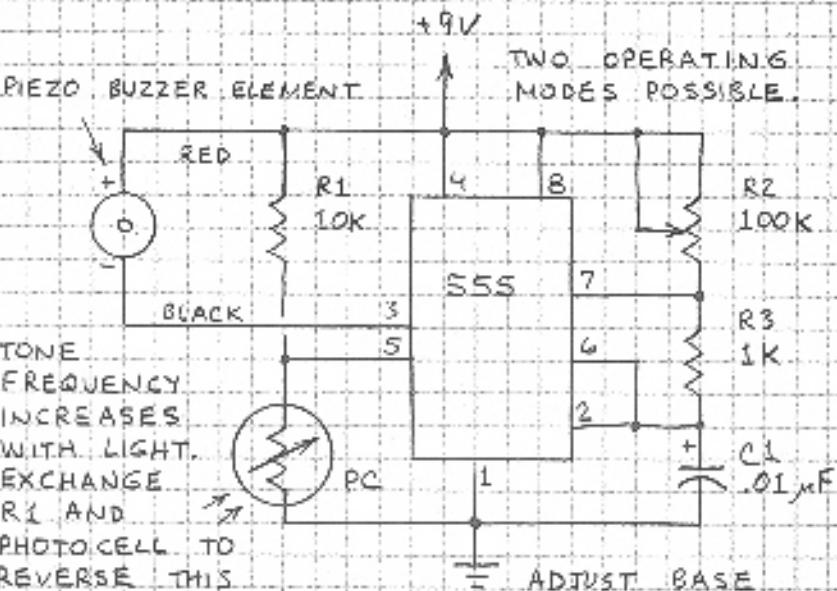


TONE FREQUENCY INCREASES WITH LIGHT INTENSITY.

CIRCUIT BELOW SHOWS HOW TO USE PIEZO-BUZZER OUTPUT.

INCREASE CL TO REDUCE FREQUENCY.

## 555 (VOLTAGE-CONTROLLED OSCILLATOR)



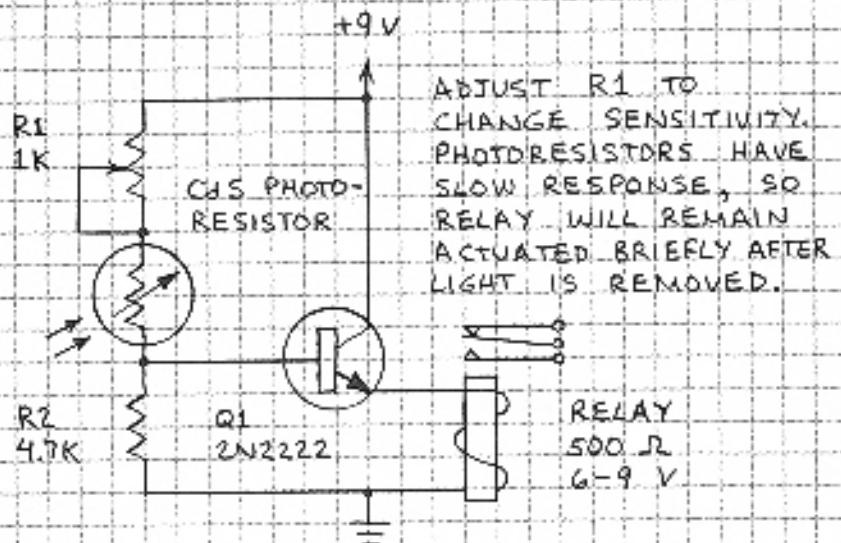
TWO OPERATING MODES POSSIBLE.

TONE FREQUENCY INCREASES WITH LIGHT. EXCHANGE R1 AND PHOTOCELL TO REVERSE THIS OPERATING MODE.

ADJUST BASE FREQUENCY VIA R2.

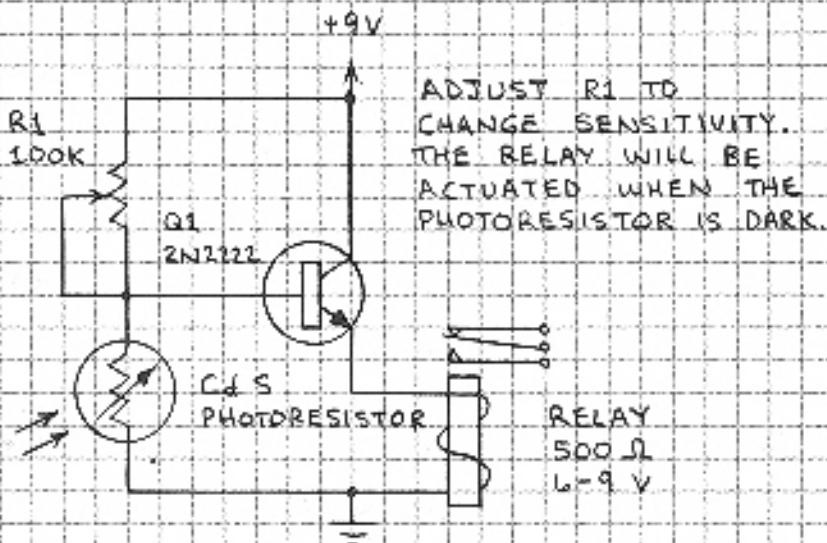
## LIGHT-ACTIVATED RELAYS

### PHOTORESISTOR

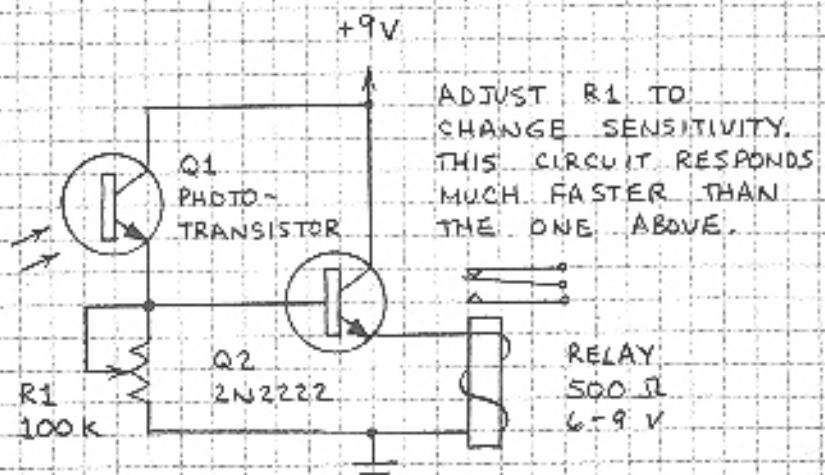


## DARK-ACTIVATED RELAYS

### PHOTORESISTOR

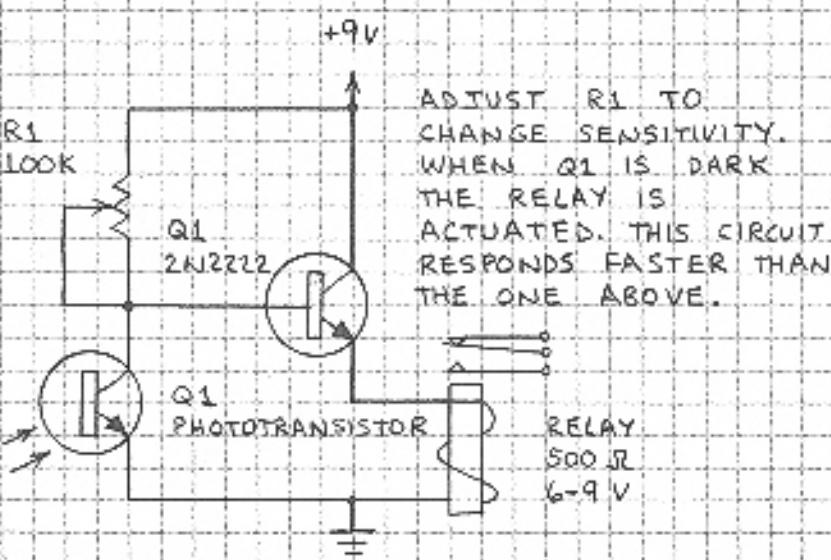


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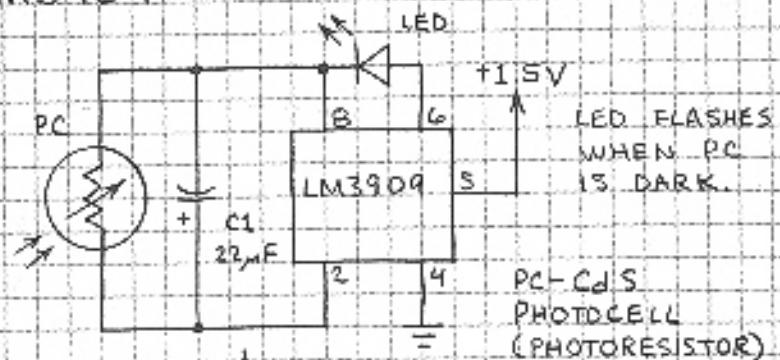
NOTE: USE LIGHT SHIELD AT DETECTOR OF BOTH CIRCUITS TO PREVENT FALSE TRIGGERING.

### PHOTOTRANSISTOR

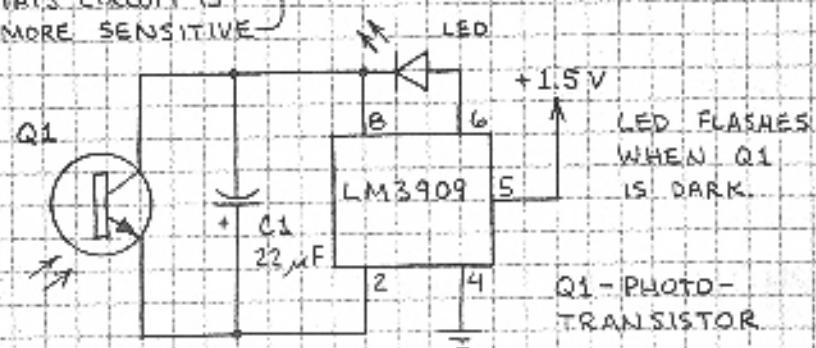


## DARK-ACTIVATED LED FLASHERS

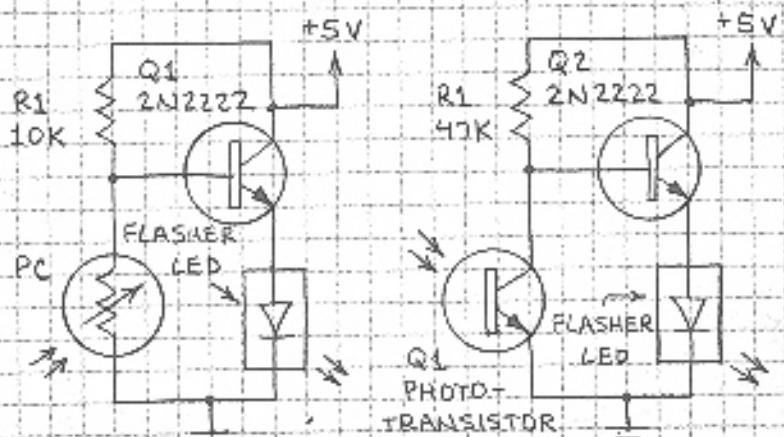
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THIS CIRCUIT IS MORE SENSITIVE



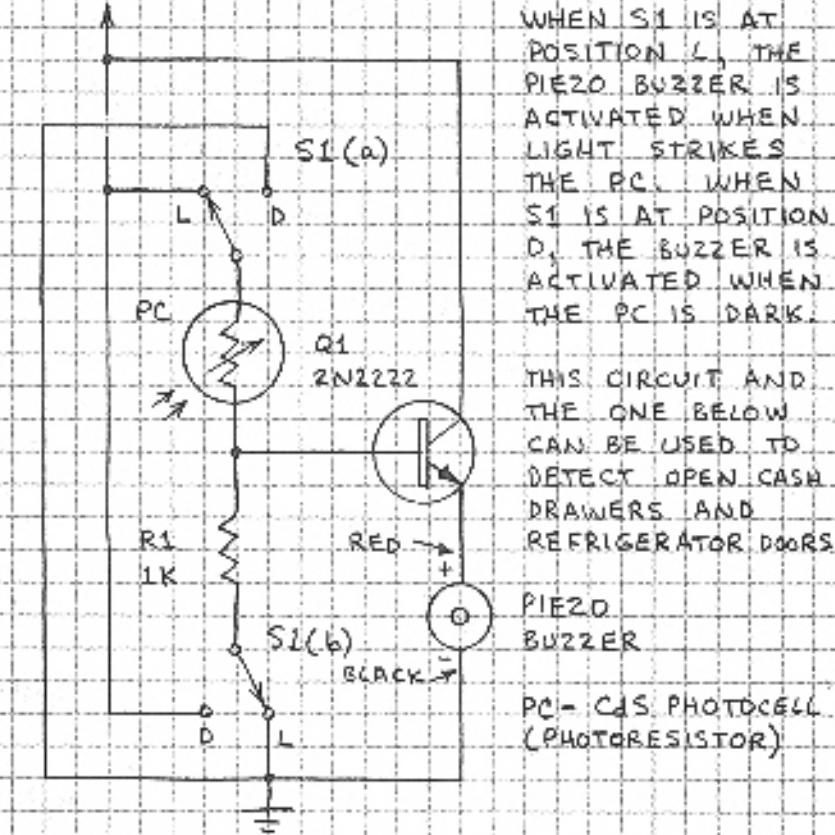
## FLASHER LED



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## LIGHT/DARK ACTIVATED ALERTER

+6 TO +9V

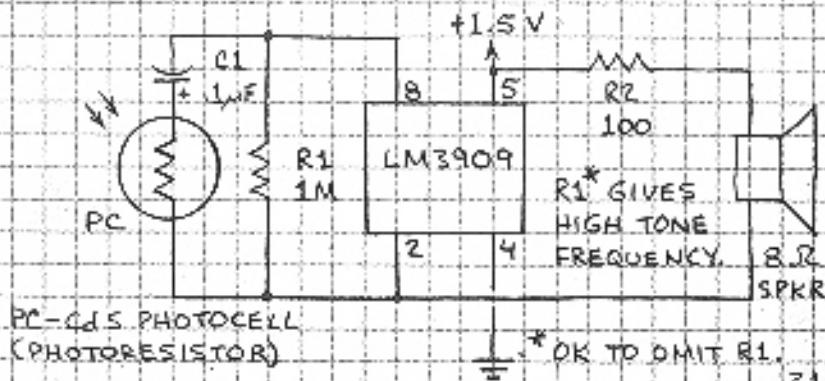


THIS CIRCUIT AND THE ONE BELOW CAN BE USED TO DETECT OPEN CASH DRAWERS AND REFRIGERATOR DOORS.

PIEZO BUZZER

PC - Cds PHOTOCELL (PHOTORESISTOR)

## LIGHT-ACTIVATED TONE



PC - Cds PHOTOCELL (PHOTORESISTOR)

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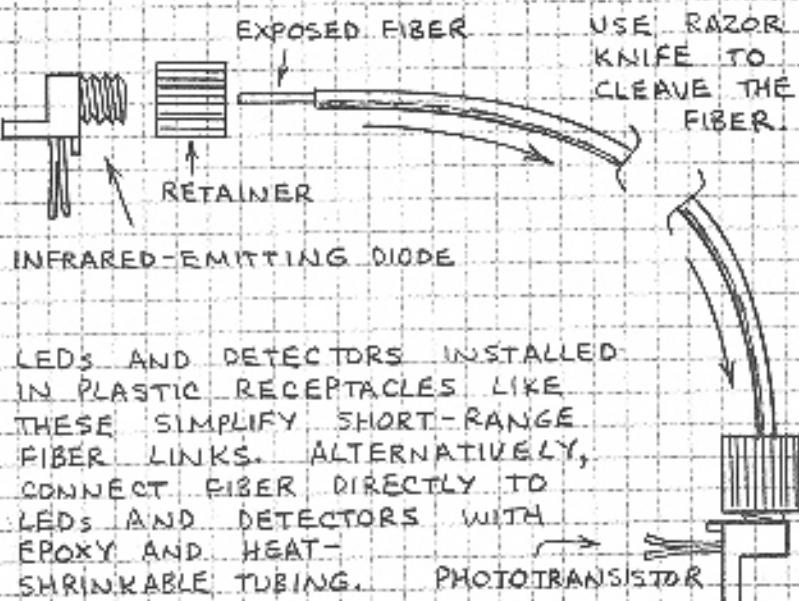
## LIGHTWAVE COMMUNICATIONS

IT IS RELATIVELY EASY TO TRANSMIT VOICE OR SIGNALS BY MEANS OF VISIBLE LIGHT OR INFRARED RADIATION. THE RADIATION CAN BE SENT DIRECTLY THROUGH THE AIR OR CHANNELLED THROUGH AN OPTICAL FIBER. THE INFORMATION ON THESE TWO PAGES WILL ASSIST YOU IN USING THE LIGHTWAVE COMMUNICATION CIRCUITS THAT FOLLOW.

## SUITABLE COMPONENTS

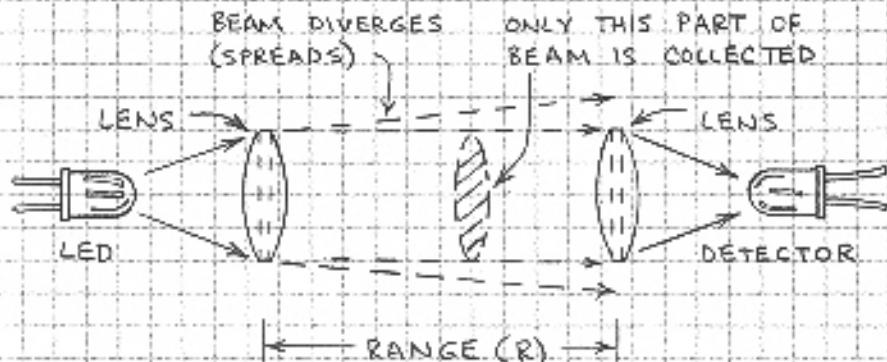
SMALL INCANDESCENT LAMPS CAN BE USED TO SEND VOICE AND AUDIO-FREQUENCY SIGNALS. FOR BEST RESULTS, USE HIGH-POWER, NEAR-INFRARED-EMITTING DIODES. SUITABLE DETECTORS INCLUDE PHOTODIODES, PHOTOTRANSISTORS, AND SOLAR CELLS.

## OPTICAL FIBER LINKS



LEDs AND DETECTORS INSTALLED IN PLASTIC RECEPTACLES LIKE THESE SIMPLIFY SHORT-RANGE FIBER LINKS. ALTERNATIVELY, CONNECT FIBER DIRECTLY TO LEDs AND DETECTORS WITH EPOXY AND HEAT-SHRINKABLE TUBING.

## FREE-SPACE LINKS

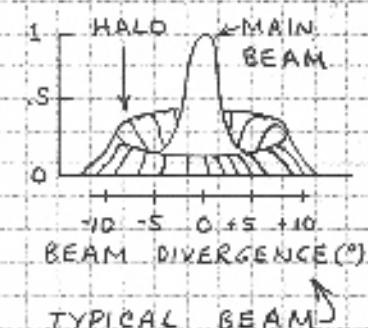


A PAIR OF LENSES WILL GREATLY INCREASE THE RANGE. USE LENSES FROM MAGNIFYING GLASS OR ORDER FROM SCIENCE SUPPLY FIRM.

FOR BEST RESULTS SHIELD DETECTOR FROM EXTERNAL LIGHT WITH HOLLOW TUBE LINED WITH BLACK PAPER OR COATED WITH FLAT BLACK PAINT. A PIECE OF DEVELOPED COLOR FILM MAKES A GOOD NEAR-INFRARED FILTER.

PRACTICE FOCUSING AN INFRARED LED BY FIRST USING A RED LED.

NOTE THAT RAW BEAM FROM CLEAR ENCAPSULATED LED SHOWS BRIGHT SQUARE (THE CHIP) INSIDE DIFFUSE RED HALO. THE HALO IS NOT ELIMINATED BY AN EXTERNAL LENS.

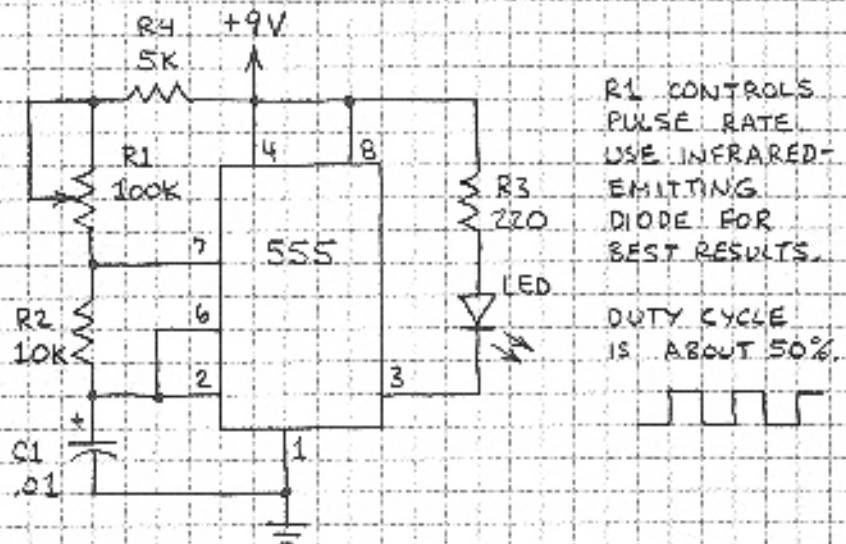


FOCUSING AND ALIGNING AN INFRARED FREE-SPACE LINK IS TRICKY. MOUNT THE TRANSMITTER ON A TRIPOD FOR BEST RESULTS. DOUBLING THE DIAMETER OF THE RECEIVER LENS WILL APPROXIMATELY DOUBLE THE MAXIMUM RANGE. FOR MORE DETAILS, SEE "A PRACTICAL INTRODUCTION TO LIGHTWAVE COMMUNICATIONS" (FORREST MIMS, SAMS, 1982).

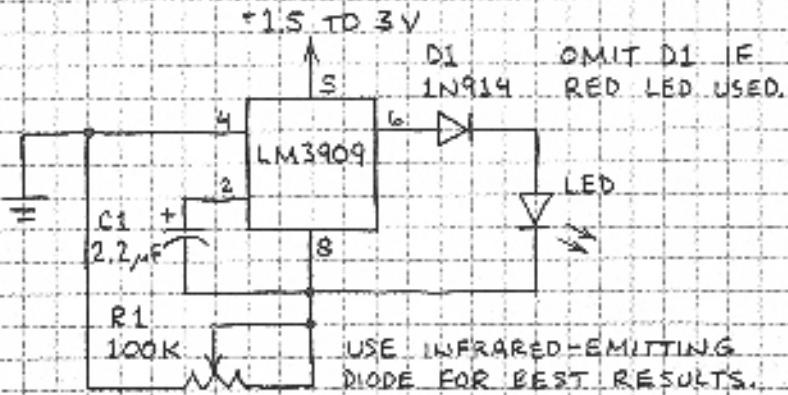
## LIGHTWAVE TONE TRANSMITTERS

SIMPLE LIGHTWAVE TONE TRANSMITTERS ARE VERY USEFUL WHEN TESTING LIGHTWAVE RECEIVERS AND AS CODE AND REMOTE CONTROL TRANSMITTERS. THESE CIRCUITS AND THE ONE ON PAGE 40 CAN BE BUILT IN SMALL PLASTIC BOXES.

### 555 TRANSMITTER



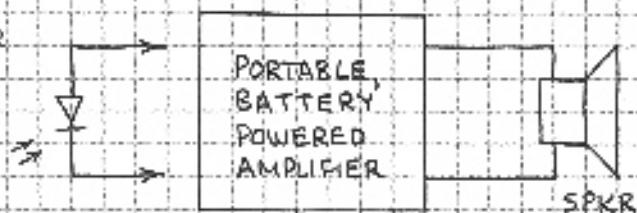
### LM3909 TRANSMITTER



## SIMPLE LIGHTWAVE RECEIVERS

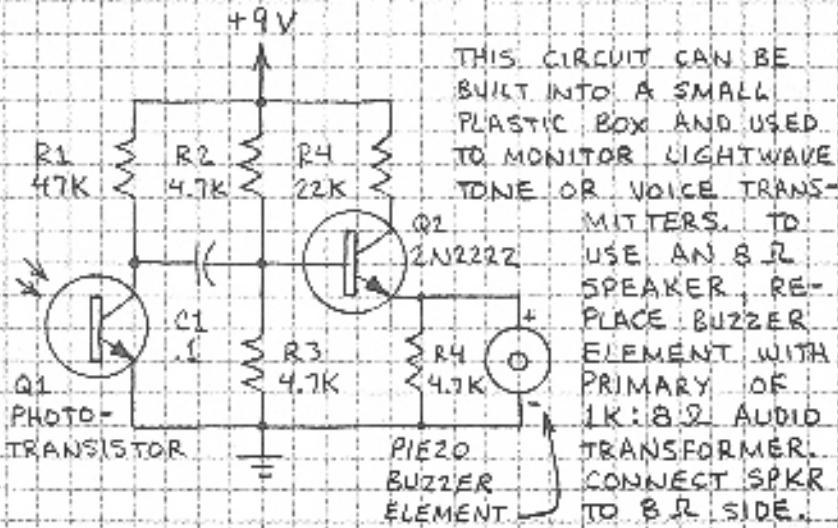
CIRCUITS CAPABLE OF RECEIVING MODULATED LIGHTWAVE SIGNALS ARE EASY TO BUILD. THREE ADVANCED RECEIVERS ARE SHOWN ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES. HERE ARE TWO VERY SIMPLE RECEIVERS (ALSO SEE PAGE 25):

### "INSTANT" LIGHTWAVE RECEIVER



CONNECT THE SOLAR CELL DIRECTLY TO THE INPUT JACK OF THE AMPLIFIER. THE SPEAKER MAY BE BUILT-IN OR EXTERNAL. THIS RECEIVER WILL DETECT TONE AND VOICE MODULATED SIGNALS.

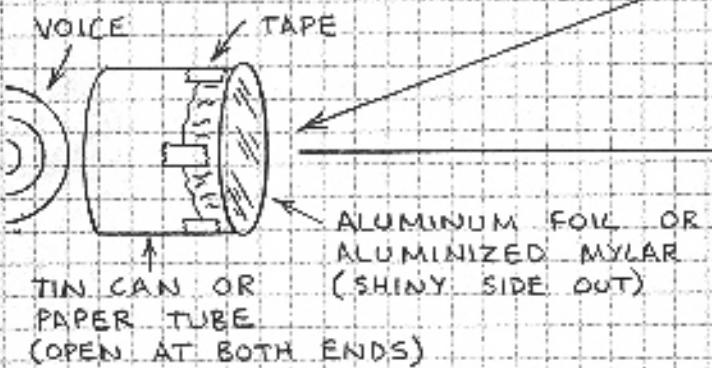
### TWO-TRANSISTOR RECEIVER



## THE PHOTOPHONE

ON FEBRUARY 19, 1880, ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL AND SUMNER Tainter, PROF. BELL'S LABORATORY ASSISTANT, BECAME THE FIRST PEOPLE TO TRANSMIT THEIR VOICES OVER A BEAM OF ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION. BELL CALLED HIS INVENTION THE PHOTOPHONE AND SAID IT WAS FUNDAMENTALLY A GREATER INVENTION THAN THE TELEPHONE. THE PHOTOPHONE IS EASILY DUPLICATED.

## PHOTOPHONE TRANSMITTER



THE ALUMINUM FOIL OR ALUMINIZED FILM SHOULD BE STRETCHED TIGHT OVER THE CAN OR TUBE AND HELD IN PLACE WITH TAPE OR A RUBBER BAND. BE SURE THE SHINY SIDE OF THE FOIL OR FILM FACES OUTWARD. TEST THE TRANSMITTER BY REFLECTING SUNLIGHT FROM IT TO A WALL SOME DISTANCE AWAY. THE REFLECTED SUNLIGHT SHOULD FORM A DISTINCT SPOT. IF NOT, THE FOIL OR FILM IS NOT TIGHT ENOUGH. FOR BEST RESULTS, MOUNT THE TRANSMITTER ON A PHOTOGRAPHER'S TRIPOD TO SIMPLY AIMING THE BEAM.

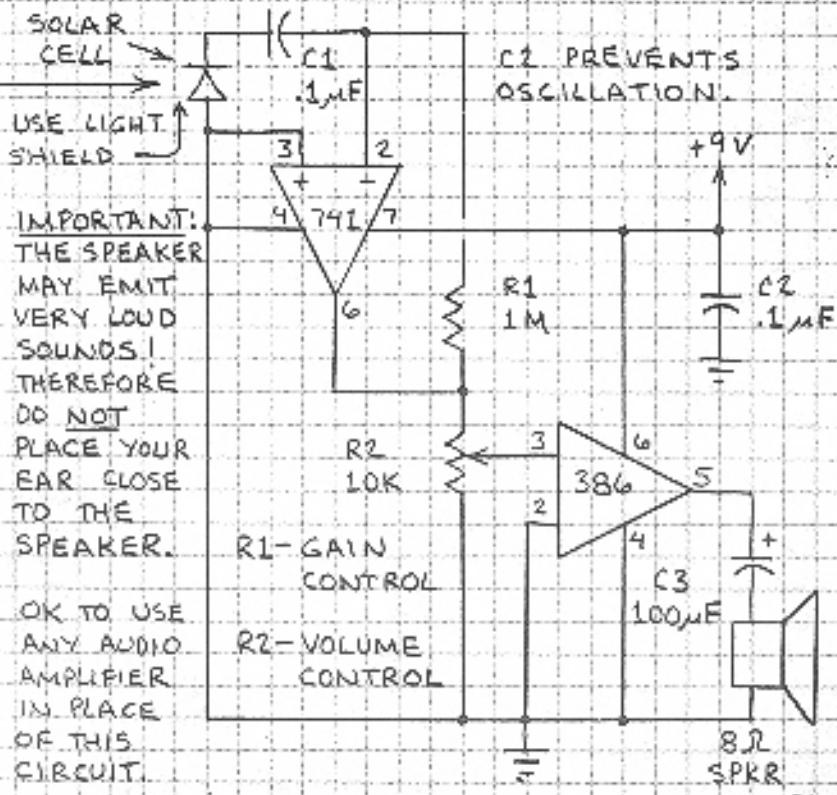
## PHOTOPHONE RECEIVER

BELL'S PHOTOPHONES USED A SELENIUM DETECTOR IN SERIES WITH A BATTERY AND TELEPHONE RECEIVER.

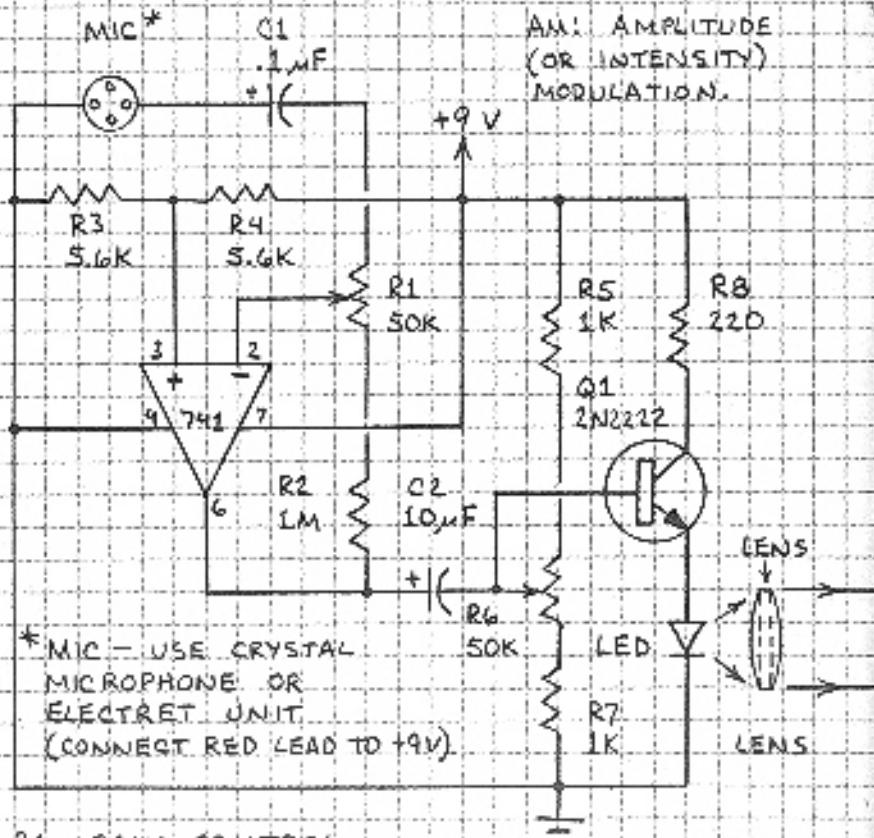


THIS PHOTOPHONE RECEIVER USES A SILICON SOLAR CELL SO NO LENS IS NECESSARY. TO USE A PHOTOTRANSISTOR, SEE PAGE 39.

CAUTION: BOTH TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER OPERATORS MUST WEAR DARK SUNGLASSES AND AVOID STARING AT REFLECTED SUNLIGHT!



## AM LIGHTWAVE TRANSMITTER



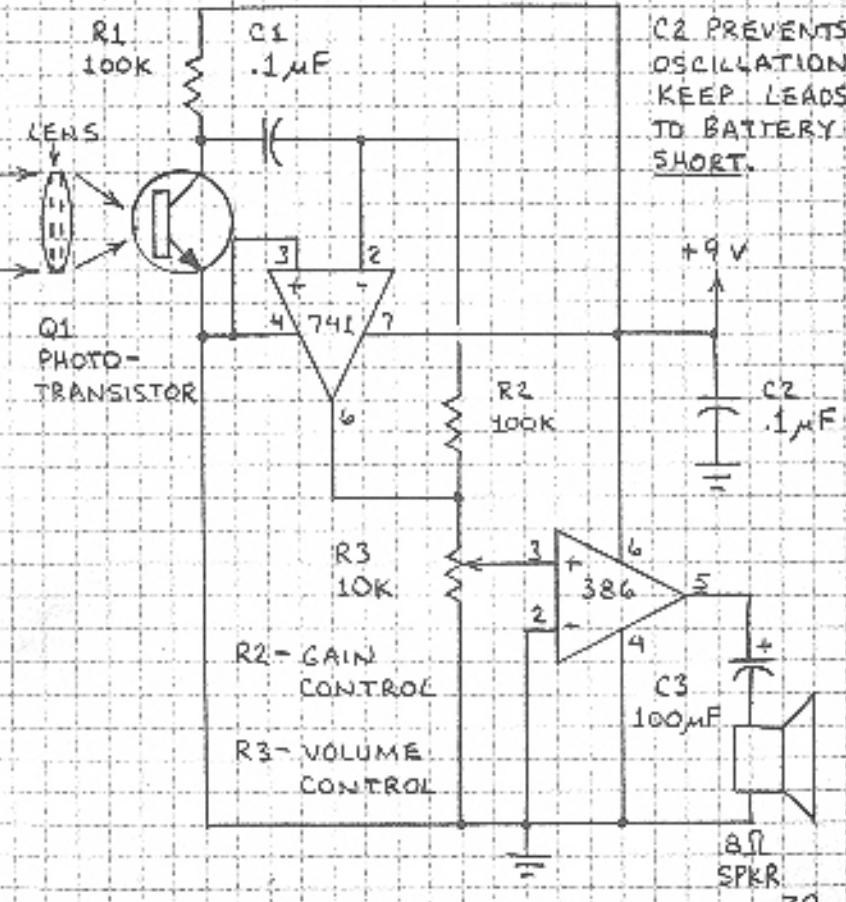
R1 - GAIN CONTROL  
R6 - LED BIAS CONTROL. ADJUST R6 FOR BEST SOUND QUALITY.  
R8 - LIMITS CURRENT APPLIED TO LED.

THE 741 AMPLIFIES VOICE SIGNALS FROM THE MICROPHONE AND COUPLES THEM THROUGH C2 TO MODULATOR TRANSISTOR Q1. USE A HIGH-BRIGHTNESS RED OR HIGH-POWER INFRARED LED FOR BEST RESULTS. FOR A FREE-SPACE RANGE OF UP TO 1,000 FEET (AT NIGHT), USE A LENS TO COLLIMATE THE LED BEAM. OR USE THIS CIRCUIT AS AN OPTICAL FIBER TRANSMITTER.

## AM LIGHTWAVE RECEIVER

THIS RECEIVER WORKS BEST IN SUBDUG LIGHT OR AT NIGHT. WHEN USED FOR FREE-SPACE COMMUNICATIONS, ALWAYS PLACE A SHIELD OVER THE DETECTOR IF SUNLIGHT OR BRIGHT ARTIFICIAL LIGHT IS PRESENT. AN INFRARED FILTER SHOULD BE USED FOR BEST RESULTS (DEVELOPED COLOR FILM WORKS WELL) UNLESS THE TRANSMITTER LED EMITS VISIBLE LIGHT.

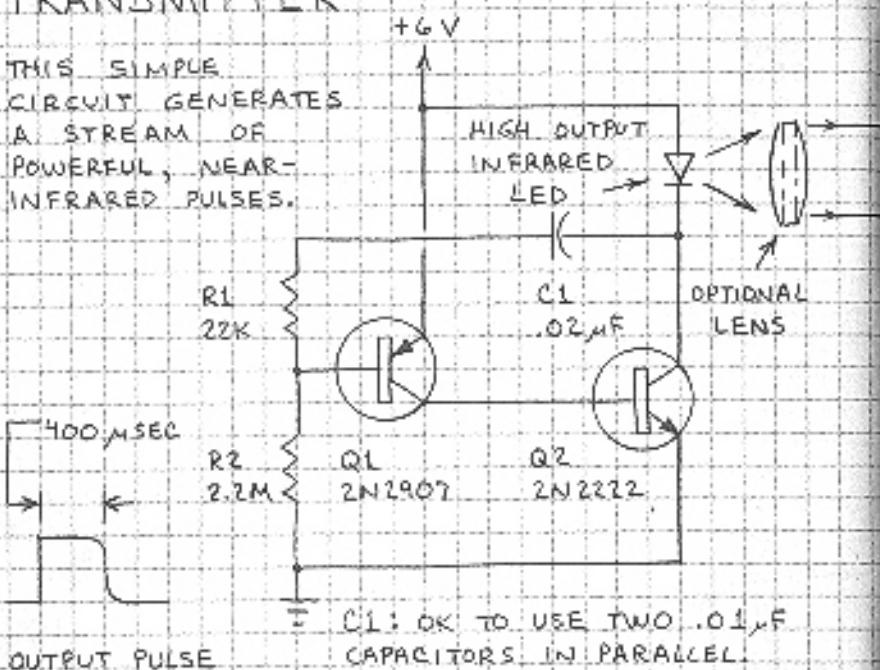
CAUTION: THIS CIRCUIT CAN PRODUCE LOUD SOUNDS. DO NOT PLACE SPEAKER CLOSE TO YOUR EAR.



# BREAK-BEAM DETECTION SYSTEM

## TRANSMITTER

THIS SIMPLE CIRCUIT GENERATES A STREAM OF POWERFUL, NEAR-INFRARED PULSES.

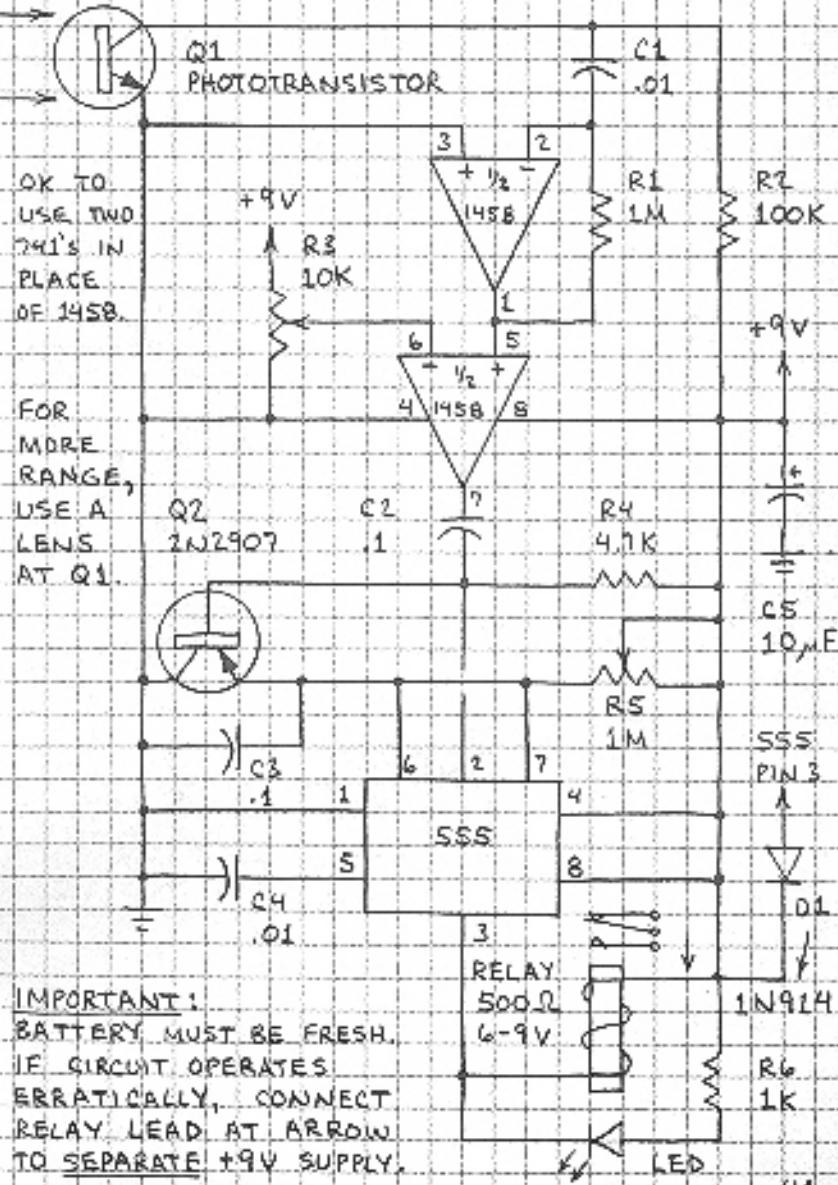


THIS SYSTEM IS A VERY SENSITIVE BREAK-BEAM DETECTOR. IT CAN BE USED TO DETECT OBJECTS OR PEOPLE THAT INTERRUPT THE TRANSMITTER BEAM. THE TRANSMITTER GENERATES  $\sim 240$  PULSES PER SECOND, EACH  $400 \mu\text{SEC}$  IN DURATION WITH AN AMPLITUDE OF  $400 \mu\text{A}$ . THE RECEIVER DETECTS THE NEAR INFRARED FROM THE TRANSMITTER BY MEANS OF PHOTOTRANSISTOR Q1. THE PHOTO-CURRENT FROM Q1 IS AMPLIFIED AND THEN SENT TO A THRESHOLD COMPARATOR. THE SSS FORMS A MISSING PULSE DETECTOR THAT ACTUATES THE RELAY AND LIGHTS THE LED WHEN THE INFRARED BEAM IS INTERRUPTED. RANGE WITHOUT LENSES IS AT LEAST SEVERAL FEET. USE LENSES FOR MUCH GREATER RANGE.

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## RECEIVER

SHIELD Q1 TO ELIMINATE AMBIENT LIGHT. ADJUST R3 TO SET THRESHOLD. ADJUST R5 TO ACHIEVE OPTIMUM RELAY OPERATION. ALWAYS TEST CIRCUIT IN SUBDUED LIGHT TO AVOID FALSE TRIGGERING.

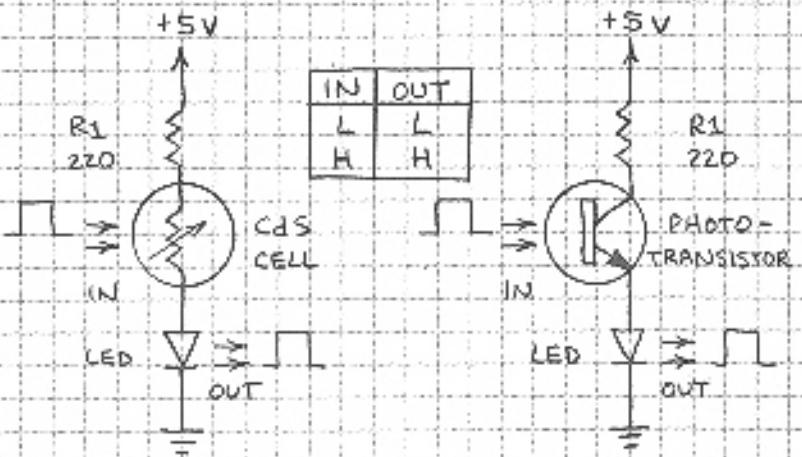


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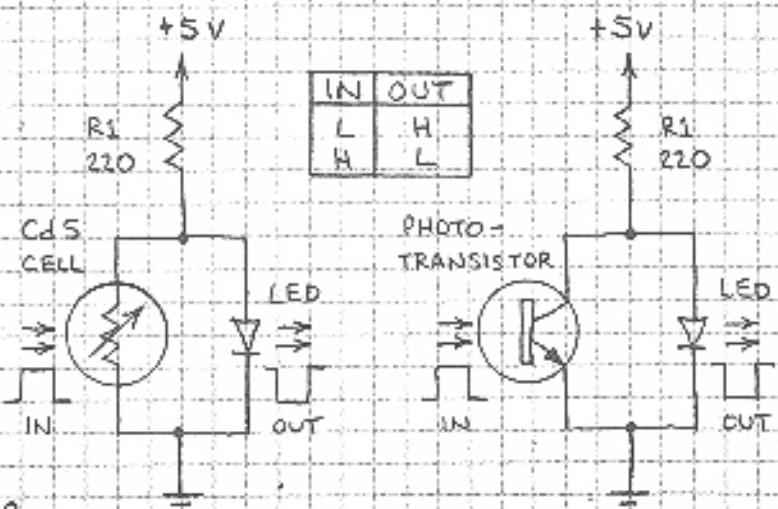
## OPTOELECTRONIC LOGIC

THESE CIRCUITS CAN BE USED INDEPENDENTLY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPTOISOLATORS, OR AS OPTOELECTRONIC COMPUTING ELEMENTS.

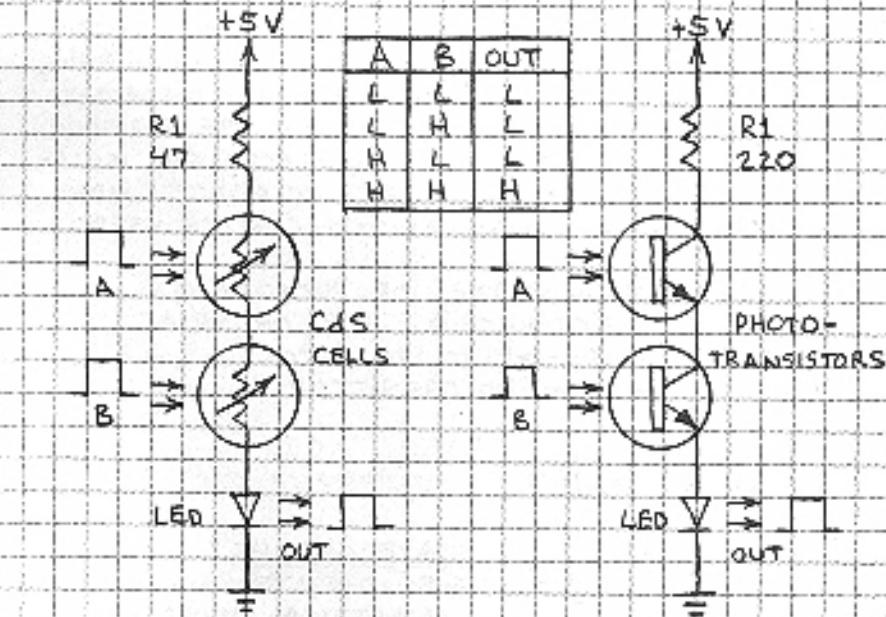
### BUFFERS ("YES" CIRCUITS)



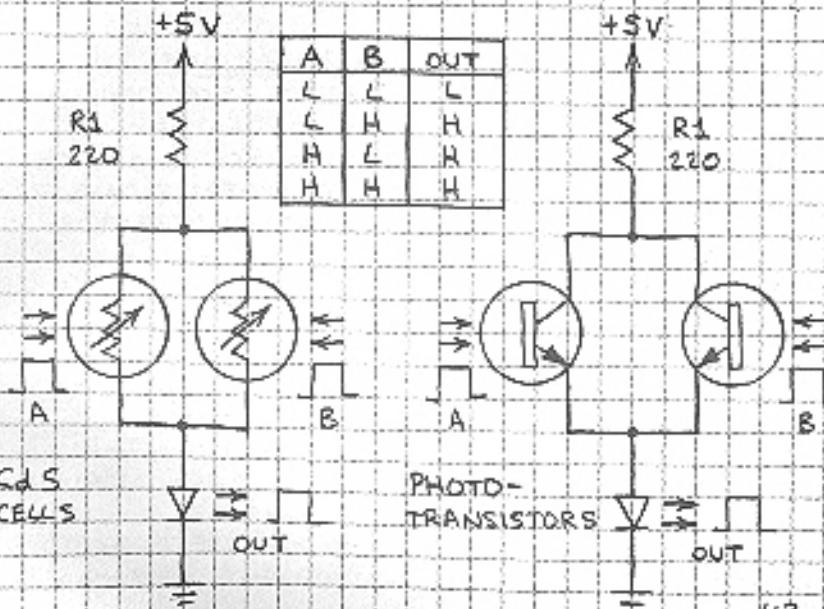
### INVERTERS ("NOT" CIRCUITS)



## AND CIRCUITS



## OR CIRCUITS

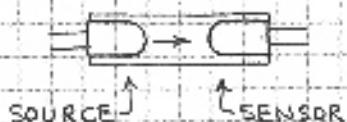


## SOURCE / SENSOR PAIRS

SOURCE / SENSOR PAIRS ARE ALSO CALLED OPTO-ISOLATORS, OPTOCOUPLES, PHOTO-ISOLATED COUPLERS, AND PHOTON ISOLATORS. THEY HAVE MANY IMPORTANT APPLICATIONS IN ELECTRONICS. THEY ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AT PROVIDING ELECTRICAL ISOLATION BETWEEN TWO SEPARATE CIRCUITS. MANY SOURCE-SENSOR COMBINATIONS CAN BE USED:

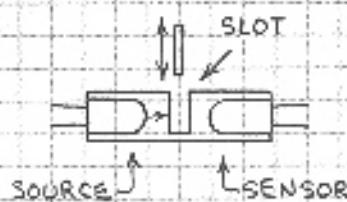
- LED → PHOTOTRANSISTOR OR PHOTODIODE
- LED → LIGHT-ACTIVATED SCR OR TRIAC
- TUNGSTEN LAMP → PHOTORESISTOR
- NEON LAMP → PHOTORESISTOR

### CLOSED PAIR



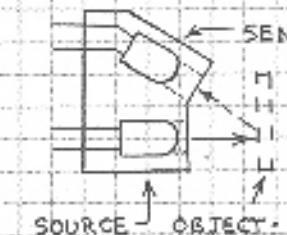
- APPLICATIONS:  
SOLID-STATE RELAY  
ELECTRICAL ISOLATION  
LEVEL CONVERSION

### TRANSMISSION / SLOT PAIR



- APPLICATIONS:  
OBJECT DETECTION  
LIMIT SWITCH  
BOUNCE-FREE SWITCH  
OPTO-POTENTIOMETER  
VIBRATION DETECTOR

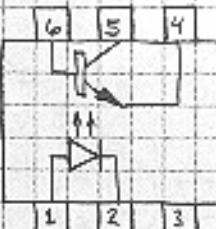
### REFLECTIVE PAIR



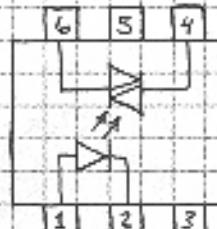
- APPLICATIONS:  
OBJECT DETECTION  
LIMIT SWITCH  
REFLECTANCE MONITOR  
TACHOMETER  
END-OF-TAPE DETECTOR  
MOVEMENT DETECTOR

## INTEGRATED SOURCE/SENSORS

MANY KINDS OF SOURCE / SENSOR PAIRS ARE AVAILABLE IN MINIATURE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT PACKAGES. HERE ARE TWO TYPICAL EXAMPLES:



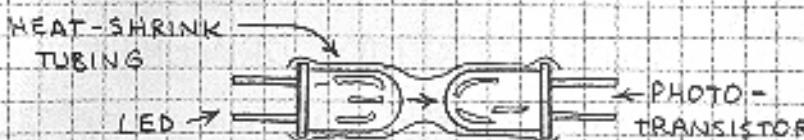
LED /  
PHOTOTRANSISTOR



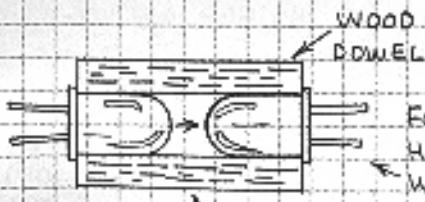
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LIGHT-ACTIVATED TRIAC

### DO-IT-YOURSELF SOURCE/SENSORS

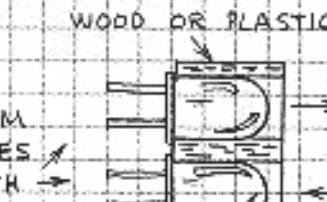
SOURCE / SENSOR PAIRS CAN BE EASILY MADE FROM INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, HERE IS A SIMPLE LED-PHOTOTRANSISTOR PAIR.



THE SOURCE AND SENSOR CAN BE INSTALLED IN WOOD OR PLASTIC STOCK. HERE ARE TWO OF MANY POSSIBILITIES:

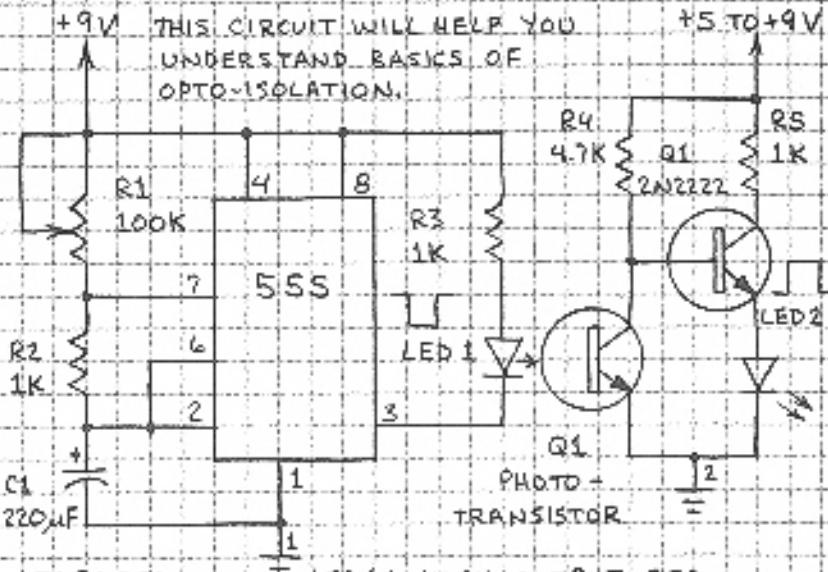


FORM SLOP HERE FOR TRANSMISSION SENSOR



REFLECTION SENSOR

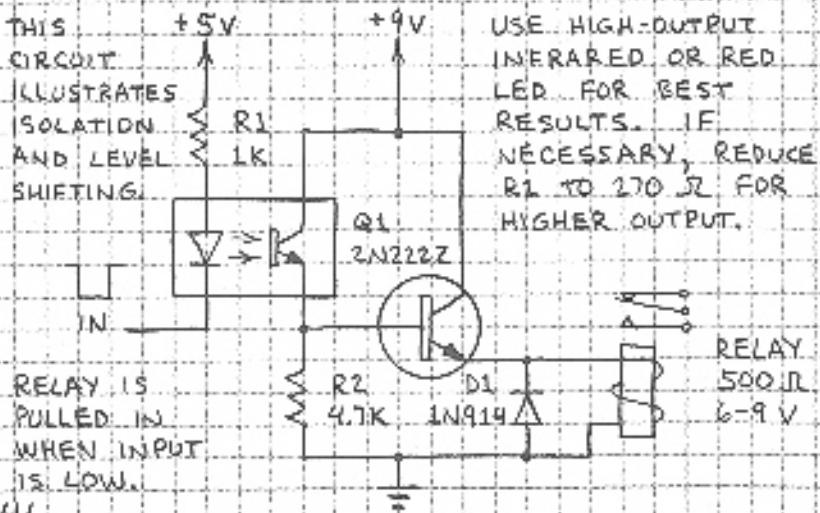
## DEMONSTRATION SOURCE/SENSOR



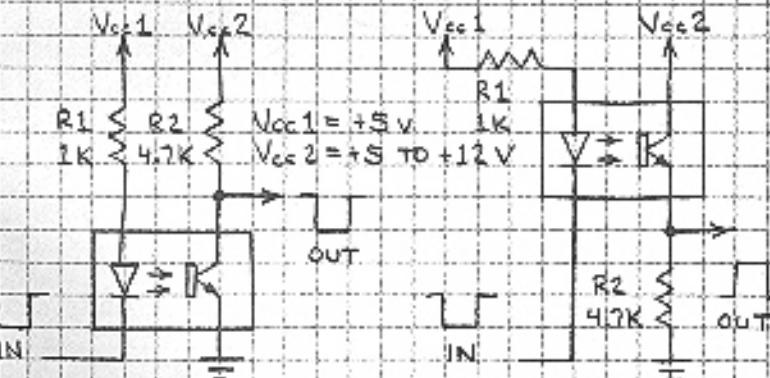
LED2: RED = LED1: HIGH OUTPUT RED

ADJUST R1 UNTIL LED1 FLASHES 1-2 TIMES PER SECOND. LED 2 WILL SWITCH OFF WHEN LED1 SWITCHES ON.

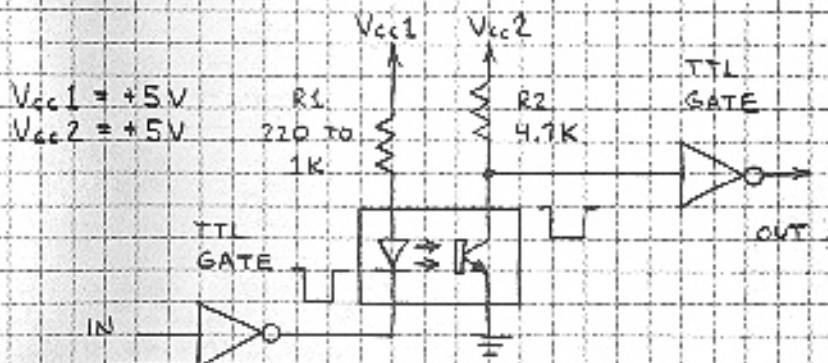
## OPTOCOUPLER RELAY DRIVER



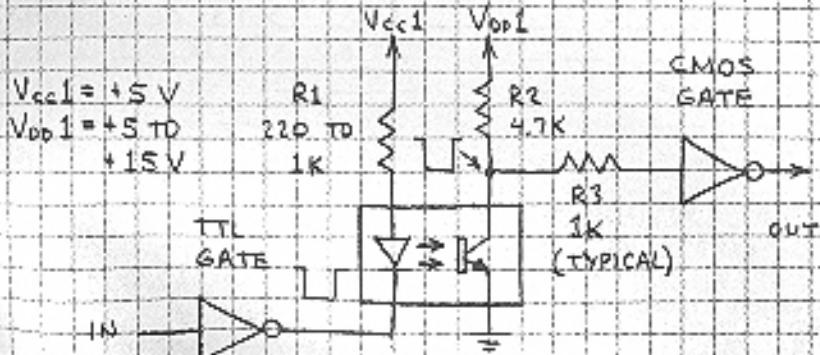
## BASIC ISOLATORS / LEVEL SHIFTERS



## TTL → TTL ISOLATOR

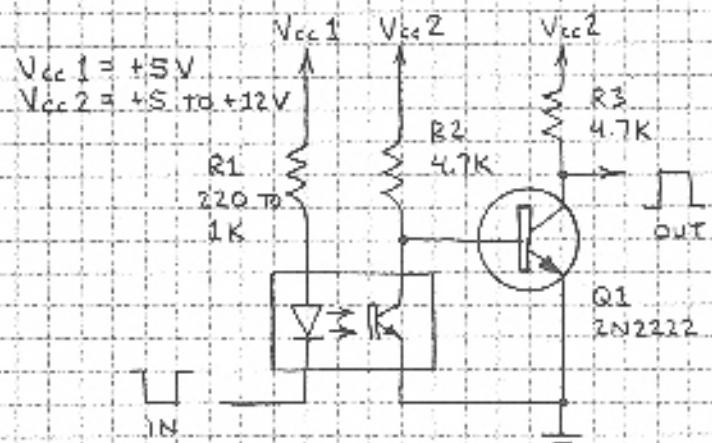


## TTL → CMOS COUPLER / ISOLATOR

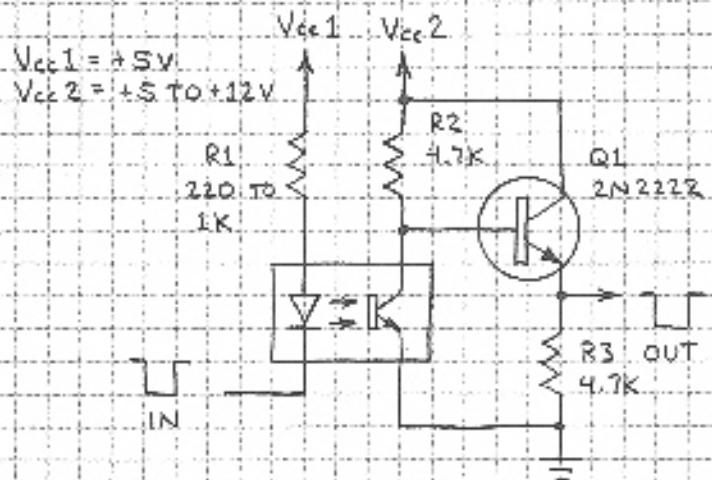


# OPTOCOUPLER PLUS BOOSTER

## INVERTED OUTPUT



## NON-INVERTED OUTPUT



THE BOOSTER TRANSISTOR (Q1) IN THESE CIRCUITS PROVIDES MORE POWER-HANDLING CAPABILITY THAN THE PHOTOTRANSISTORS IN MOST COMMERCIAL OPTOCOUPERS. R3 CAN BE REPLACED BY A LOAD SUCH AS A RELAY.

## RESISTOR COLOR CODE



BLACK	0	0	$\times$	1
BROWN	1	1	$\times$	10
RED	2	2	$\times$	100
ORANGE	3	3	$\times$	1,000
YELLOW	4	4	$\times$	10,000
GREEN	5	5	$\times$	100,000
BLUE	6	6	$\times$	1,000,000
VIOLET	7	7	$\times$	10,000,000
GRAY	8	8	$\times$	100,000,000
WHITE	9	9		—

FOURTH BAND INDICATES TOLERANCE (ACCURACY):  
 GOLD =  $\pm 5\%$  SILVER =  $\pm 10\%$  NONE =  $\pm 20\%$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OHM'S LAW: } & V = IR & R = V/I \\ & I = V/R & P = VI = I^2R \end{aligned}$$

## ABBREVIATIONS

A = AMPERE	R = RESISTANCE
F = FARAD	V = VOLT
I = CURRENT	W = WATT
P = POWER	$\Omega$ = OHM

M (MEG-)	= $\times 1,000,000$
K (KILO-)	= $\times 1,000$
m (MILLI-)	= .001
$\mu$ (MICRO-)	= .000 001
n (NANO-)	= .000 000 001
p (PICO-)	= .000 000 000 001