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Notes and Errata (at time of print):
It is recommended to check the designers/publishers website for further notes and errata since this document was issued, before starting construction.

SC 08/1997
There is a mistake in the text on page 30, third paragraph down. The text states "Make sure that they (the diodes) are connected in the right direction across the motor; ie, anodes to the positive supply line." The diode(s) should be connected with cathode to the positive supply line, as shown in the circuit and wiring diagrams.

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The text on page 30 states that you should be able to measure about +12 V at pin $16 \ldots$ of IC1. Pin 16 is grounded it should refer to pin12.


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## Please note that the PCB has been modified to accommodate 5 \& 10mm pitch Vr1 and physical larger size 100uF capacitors.



## D2 and C3 mounted across the motor and not on the Pcb.

| Possible Substitutions |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Original Part | Original Part Desc | Subst Part | Subst. Part Desc. |
| EC7839 | PCB SC11106971 SPEED CONTR | EC7978 | PCB (KC5225) SC11106971 REV2 <br> SC06/97 |
| RE6066 | 10uF 16V Electrolytic | RE6070 | 10uF 25V Electrolytic |
| RT4310 | 5k horizontal trimpot | RT4358 | 5 k horizontal trimpot (piher) and adjust the <br> pins. |
| Silicon Chip | $100 \mathrm{uF} / 50 \mathrm{~V}$ on the input side of the <br> 12 V regulator | RE6150 | $100 \mathrm{uF} / 63 \mathrm{~V}$ on the input side of the 12V <br> regulator |
| Silicon Chip | $100 \mathrm{~V} / 50 \mathrm{~V}$ on the output side of the <br> 12V regulator | RE6130 | $100 / 25 \mathrm{~V}$ used on the output side of the <br> 12V regulator |

## PARTS LIST

Please note that quantities listed refer to the actual number of items required. When purchasing individual items separately, take pack quantities into account.
${ }^{1}$ See section about Substitution $\quad{ }^{2}$ See section about Notes \& Errata

## RESISTOR(S)

| Cat.\# | Qty $^{*}$ | Description | Component Identification And/Or Location |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| HP1250 | 4 | P.C PIN 0.9MM PKT 50 |  |
| RR0580 | 2 | 2K2 .5W METFILM 1\% PKT 8 | Red Red Black Brown Brown |
| RR0588 | 1 | 4K7 .5W METFILM 1\% PKT 8 | Yellow Purple Black Brown Brown |
| RR0596 | 1 | 10 K .5 W METFILM 1\% PKT 8 | Brown Black Black Red Brown |
| RR0602 | 1 | 18 K .5 W METFILM 1\% PKT 8 | Brown Gray Black Red Brown |

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| RR0603 | 1 | 20K .5W METFILM 1\% PKT 8 | Red Black Black Red Brown |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| RR0612 | 2 | 47K .5W METFILM 1\% PKT 8 | Yellow Purple Black Red Brown |
| RR0620 | 1 | 100K .5W METFILM 1\% PKT 8 | Brown Black Black Orange Brown |
| RR0644 | 1 | 1 M .5 W METFILM 1\% PKT 8 | Brown Black Black Yellow Brown |
| RR1518 | 2 | 4R7 5\% 1/4W CARB RES PKT 8 | Yellow Purple Gold Gold |
| RR3274 | 1 | 100 OHM 5W W/W RESISTOR |  |
| RT4310 | 1 | $5 \mathrm{~K} \mathrm{OHM} \mathrm{HORZ} \mathrm{MIN} \mathrm{T-POT}$ | 502 |

CAPACITOR(S)

| Cat.\# | Qty |  | Description |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- |$|$| Component Identification And/Or Location |
| :--- |
| RE6066 |

## SEMICONDUCTOR(S)

| Cat.\# | Qty* | Description | Component Identification And/Or Location |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PI6502 | 1 | 16 PIN IC SOCKET PCB TIN/G |  |
| ZK8850 | 1 | UA494/ TL494 SWITCHMODE IC | UA494/TL494 |
| ZR1014 | 1 | 1N5404 3A 400V DIODE | 1N5404 |
| ZR1030 ${ }^{2}$ | 1 | MUR1560/STTA1206D FAST RECOVERY DIODE | D2 <br> MURI 560 |
| ZT2179 | 1 | BC639 NPN 80V 1A SIG TO92 | BC639 |
| ZT2180 | 1 | BC640 PNP 80V 1A SIG TO92 | BC640 |
| ZT2450 | 1 | STP60NE06 / BUK456-60 N-CH FET *** | STP60NE06 / BUK45660 |
| ZV1512 | 1 | 7812 +12V 1AMP TO-220 | 7812 / LM340T12 |

HARDWARE / WIRE(S) / MISCELLANEOUS

| Cat.\# | Qty $^{*}$ | Description | Component Identification And/Or Location |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- |
| EC7978 $^{2}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | PCB (KC5225) SC11106971 REV2 SC06/97 | SEE NOTES AND ERRATA |
| NS3015 | 50 m | SOLDER 60/40 1MM 1KG RL |  |

# A high-current motor speed control for 12 V \& 24V systems 

> This pulse width-modulated 20A speed control can be used for controlling 12V DC motors in cars. Examples are pumps for fuel injection, water/air intercoolers \& water injection on modified performance cars. It could also be used for headlight dimming in the daytime \& for running 12 V motors \& pumps in 24 V vehicles.

Design by RICK WALTERS

These days, car manufacturers are coming to realise that running pumps full bore all the time is wasteful of the battery/electrical system and also causes premature wear of the fuel pump. A prime example of this is the pump use to pressurise the fuel rail in fuel injection cars. The pump runs
continuously, regardless of the fuel demand, and the excess fuel is bled off to the fuel tank to keep the pressure constant.

In the future, most cars will have fuel pumps which are variable speed controlled according to fuel demand. In the meantime, you can do it now


This small PC board will provide speed control of 12 V or 24 V motors drawing up to 20 A . Not shown on this prototype board is the input protection diode D1
with this design, using the car's map sensor output as a measure of fuel demand. However, the exact method for doing this is beyond the scope of this article.

The circuit can control 12 V loads up to 20 amps and it uses just two Mosfets to do it.

Other possible applications for this PWM circuit are for control of 12 V and 24 V motors in model locomotives and cars and in control applications in manufacturing. The circuit has excellent line and speed regulation and uses just one low-cost IC as well as the two Mosfets.

Note: this circuit is not suitable for operating 12 V audio equipment in 24 V vehicles since its output is pulsed at around 2 kHz .

As presented, the circuit incorporates a "soft start" feature which is desirable to reduce inrush currents, particularly if the device is used to control 12 V incandescent lamps. However, for some pump applications the soft start may not be wanted and so we'll tell you how to disable it.

We are presenting this project as a standalone PC board. If you want to put it in a case it is a simple matter to install it in a suitable plastic box but that will be up to you. The PC board has all components on it except for a diode (D2) and a capacitor which must be wired across the motor being driven. If the circuit is used to control incandescent lamps, the diode and capacitor are not required.

## Circuit description

The heart of the circuit shown in Fig. 1 is a TL494 pulse width modulation (PWM) controller. It varies the output voltage fed to the motor by rapidly turning Mosfets Q3 \& Q4 on and off. Because the Mosfets are being


Fig.1: the heart of the circuit is a TL494 pulse width modulation (PWM) controller. It varies the output voltage fed to the motor by rapidly turning Mosfets Q3 \& Q4 on and off. Note that diode D2 is essential to the circuit operation.
switched fully on or fully off, they dissipate very little power, even when handling currents as high as 20 amps total. This means that they do not get very hot and no heatsink or very small heatsinks (depending on the output current) are required.

Note that the TL494 is normally used in switchmode power supply applications but it is suitable for virtually any PWM application. Its block diagram is shown in Fig.2. The chip contains the following functions:

- An oscillator, the frequency of which is determined by a capacitor at pin 5 and a resistor at pin 6.
- A stable +5 V reference at pin 14.
- A "dead time" comparator with one input driven from the oscillator.
- Two comparators (pins 1, 2, 15 \& 16) with their outputs ORed together via diodes (pin 3).
- A PWM comparator with one input from the oscillator and the other from the ORed output of the two comparators.
- A flipflop driven by the dead time and PWM comparators.
- Two 200 mA transistors with uncommitted emitters (pins 9 \& 10) and collectors (pins 8 \& 11), with their bases driven by the outputs of the flipflop.

In simple terms, the TL494 operates as follows. Its oscillator is set to run at 2 kHz and it produces a pulse train at its outputs at this frequency. The width of the pulses is varied (ie, pulse width modulated) and the ratio of the "on" time to the "off" time controls the amount of power fed to the load which in this case is the motor.

A fraction of the output voltage is fed to one input of one of the comparators, while the other input is connected to a reference voltage. If the output voltage rises slightly, the comparator input will sense this change and will alter the output on-off ratio and consequently the output voltage. This keeps the voltage at the comparator input equal to the reference voltage.

This is done by reducing the driving pulse on time, reducing the time the switching device is turned on, thereby bringing the output voltage back to the required level. The converse applies for falling output voltages.

Now if we refer to the circuit of Fig. 1 again, we see that the TL494 is fed via a 781212 V regulator. This is not strictly essential for the TL494 since it can operate with a supply
ranging from +7 V to +40 V . However, it is important that the gate drive to Mosfets Q3 \& Q4 does not exceed their specifications and so this condition is met with REG1.

In this circuit, the output duty cycle must be able to be controlled over a wide range, from virtually zero up to the maximum of around $90 \%$ and so the two internal transistors (C1 pin 8 and C2 pin 11) have their collectors connected to the +12 V supply and are used as emitter followers to pull the bases of Q1 \& Q2 to +12 V . The $2.2 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor at pins $9 \& 10$ is the common emitter load and it pulls the bases to ground. Thus, the emitters of Q1 \& Q2, together with the gates of Q3 \& Q4, swing from 0 V to +12 V and so the gate drive signal is limited to this voltage.

Q1 \& Q2 are included for another reason and that is to rapidly charge and discharge the gate capacitances of the Mosfets each time they turn on and off. This improves the switching action of the Mosfets; ie, it speeds up the turn-on and turn-off times and thereby reduces the power dissipation in the Mosfets.

## Soft start

A soft start circuit is incorporated


Fig.2: functional block diagram of the TL494. This chip is intended mainly for switchmode power supplies but we have adapted it to control motors and resistive loads.
to reduce surge current into the motor at turn on. When power is first applied, the REF output, pin 14, rapidly charges its associated $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor, C1. This pulls the INH(hibit), pin 4, high as the $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor (C2) between pins 14 and 4 is initially discharged. While pin 4 pin is high there is no output from pins $9 \& 10$. As capacitor C2 charges through the $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor the voltage on pin 4 will gradually fall and the output pulse width will increase, giving a smooth rise in the output voltage.
In order to control the output voltage precisely, the TL494 monitors both sides of the motor; ie, the input voltage before the 12 V regulator (MOTOR + ) and the voltage at the Mosfet Drains (MOTOR -).
The MOTOR+ voltage is fed via the $20 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ and $2.2 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ voltage divider resistors to comparator 1, pin 1. The MO-TOR- voltage is attenuated by the $18 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ and $4.7 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistors and fed through a $47 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor to pin 2 . The voltage tapped off the +5 V reference by the speed control, VR1, is also fed through a $47 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor to pin 2 .

When the speed control wiper is at minimum setting (ie, 0 V ), the voltage at the junction of the $18 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ and $47 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistors will be forced to be twice
that on pin 1 of IC1 (nominally 1.4 V for +14 V input), as the voltage drop across each $47 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor will be 1.4 V . The voltage at the MOTOR- terminal will be about +14 V and so the motor will not run.

As VR1 is advanced, the voltage at the MOTOR- terminal will decrease, thereby applying a larger voltage to the motor so it can run.

Normally, the reference voltage on pin 1 of IC1 is fixed and referred to the 5 V reference at pin 14. In our case this would not be desirable as the output voltage sensed and regulated by IC1 is between the MOTOR- output and ground (across the $4.7 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor).

This means that as we vary the supply voltage, the voltage between MO-TOR- and ground will be held constant but the voltage across the motor will vary in a direct relation to the voltage change. By connecting the $20 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor between the input rail and pin 1 of the TL494 we compensate for this.

## Protection

Reverse polarity protection is provided by diode D1. It is rated at 3 A average but has a one-off surge rating of 200 A and will blow the fuse if the leads to the battery are reversed.

Two essential components to the circuit are not mounted on the PC board but are wired directly across the motor itself: D2 and C3. Diode D2 is the most important as it prevents the generation of excessive voltage spikes, each time the Mosfets turn off. D2 must be a fast recovery diode because of the very fast switching of the Mosfets.

The importance of diode D2 and the associated $0.22 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor C3 is demonstrated in the oscilloscope waveforms of Figs.3, 4, $5 \& 6$. The waveform in Fig. 3 shows the circuit driving a resistive load which could be a heater element or an incandescent lamp. Notice that the waveform is a clean pulse with a duty cycle of about $74 \%$. This gives a voltage of about 8.8 V across the load.
Now have a look at Fig.4. This shows the circuit set for the same output when driving a motor instead of a resistive load. The scope's vertical sensitivity has been changed to $20 \mathrm{~V} /$ div instead of $5 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{div}$. Notice the enormous spike voltage amounting to almost 80 V peak-to-peak, each time the Mosfets turn off.

This spike voltage is enough to blow the Mosfets because their Drain-Source voltage rating ( $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{DS}}$ ) is only 60 V .


Fig.3: this scope capture shows the waveform across a resistive load which could be a heater element or an incandescent lamp. Notice that the waveform is a clean pulse with a duty cycle of about $74 \%$. This gives a voltage of about 8.8 V across the load.


Fig.5: this waveform was produced with the same circuit conditions as for Fig. 4 but with D2 connected across the motor to clip the voltage spikes. We now see the motor's back-EMF during the Mosfet off period, showing a value about half of that applied by the control circuit.


Fig.4: this waveform shows the circuit set for the same output as for Fig. 3 but driving a motor instead of a resistive load. The scope's vertical sensitivity has been changed to $20 \mathrm{~V} /$ div instead of $5 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{div}$. Notice the enormous spike voltage (amounting to almost 80 V p-p) each time the Mosfets turn off. This spike voltage is enough to blow the Mosfets because their Drain-Source voltage rating ( $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{DS}}$ ) is only 60 V .


Fig.6: this scope waveform shows the effect when both diode D2 and the $0.22 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor are fitted to the circuit. Note that the capacitor has a filtering effect which acts to remove most of the hash generated by the motor's commutator.

Fig. 5 shows the same circuit conditions but with diode D2 connected across the motor to clip the voltage spikes. We now see the motor's backEMF during the Mosfet "off" period, showing a value about half of that applied by the control circuit.

Finally, Fig. 6 shows the effect when both the diode and $0.22 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor are fitted to the circuit. The capacitor has a filtering effect, removing most of the hash generated by the motor's commutator.
The reason that diode D2 and the
$0.22 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor C 3 are fitted directly across the motor instead of being mounted on the PC board is that this method stops the motor leads from radiating commutator hash which could otherwise interfere with sensitive circuitry elsewhere in the car.

The current rating of diode D2 must suit the rating of the motor. It's not much use connecting a 5 A diode across a motor that pulls 20A; it will just blow the diode and then blow the Mosfets.

Finally, also not mounted on the PC
board is the in-line input fuse F1. This must also match the rating of the motor.

## PC board assembly

The PC board for this design is coded 11106971 and measures $68 \times 50 \mathrm{~mm}$. It is fairly easy to assemble as it only has a few components on it. Begin by checking the copper pattern against the PC artwork (Fig.8) and repair any defects such as undrilled holes, shorts or open tracks. The component overlay is shown in Fig.7.

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Fig.7: the component overlay for the PC board.


Fig.8: actual size artwork for the PC board.

Fit and solder the resistors, using a cut pigtail from one of them for the one link. This done, fit the IC, REG1 and trimpot VR1, followed by the transistors, capacitors and the Mosfets.
If you intend to operate the controller from a 12 V battery and don't intend to draw more than 6A you can use one Mosfet. Provided a small heatsink is fitted you can probably draw up to 10A with one Mosfet. For higher currents, two Mosfets must be used, as shown on the circuit of Fig.1. If you want the full 20A load current, both Mosfets should be fitted with small heatsinks.

## Testing

If you are careful with the assembly, it should work first up. Turn VR1 fully clockwise (minimum speed) and solder a resistor of around $100 \Omega 5 \mathrm{~W}$ across the motor terminals. If you have a variable power supply, feed 14 V to the DC input and ground. If you don't have a power supply you will have to connect the controller directly to a +12 V battery.
With the negative meter lead connected to the 0V line, you should be able to measure about +12 V on pin 16 and +5 V on pin 14 of IC1. The voltage on pin 1 of IC1 should be around +1.4 V with 14 V input and +1.2 V with 12 V input. If these values are OK proceed with the following tests.
If you now connect the meter leads across the $100 \Omega$ resistor it should read zero volts. Rotate trimpot VR1 slowly anticlockwise and the voltage should increase up to about 12 V when fully rotated.
Because IC1 has an internal "dead time" of $10 \%$, the output devices can
only be turned on for $90 \%$ of the time and the output voltage will never be the same as the input. For 14 V input, the maximum output will be about 12.5 V .

Be careful not to burn yourself as the $100 \Omega$ resistor will become hot at the maximum setting of VR1.

## Using the speed controller

As noted above, the rating of the inline fuse will depend on the load you plan to drive. Obviously a 20A fuse

## PARTS LIST

1 PC board, code 11106971, 68 x 50mm
$15 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ PC trimpot (VR1)
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Semiconductors
1 TL494CN switching regulator (IC1)
17812 regulator (REG1)1
1 BC639 NPN transistor (Q1)
1 BC640 PNP transistor (Q2)
1 or 2 BUK456-60A/B/H N-channel Mosfets (Q3,Q4)

## Capacitors

2 100 $\mu$ F 50VW PC electrolytic
$210 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ 16VW PC electrolytic (C1,C2)
$10.22 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ 100VW MKT polycarbonate (C3)
$20.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ MKT polycarbonate
$1.068 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ MKT polycarbonate
Resistors ( $0.25 \mathrm{~W}, 1 \%$ )

| $11 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ | $110 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $14.7 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | Please check <br> Notese $Q$ Erata <br> at the beginning of this <br> document |
| $247 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $22.2 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |  |
| $120 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $24.7 \Omega$ |  |
| $118 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $1100 \Omega 5 \mathrm{~W}$ (testing) |  |

will not protect a 1A motor.
If you don't want the soft-start facility, it can be disabled by omitting capacitor C 2 . We recommend that the soft-start facility be included for incandescent loads. However, for motor loads, a better approach would be to connect a $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega 1 \mathrm{~W}$ resistor across the output terminals and then place a switch in series with the motor or whatever load you wish to drive. You then set up the drive voltage you require with trimpot VR1 and use the in-line switch to connect and disconnect the motor.

If resistive or incandescent loads are to be driven, D2 and C3 are not necessary but they must be included when driving any motor, regardless of its current rating.

D2 must be rated to handle a current at least equal to that drawn by the motor. A suitable cheap diode is the MUR1515 which is rated at 150 V 15A and should cover most applications. If you want to run a 20 A motor, then use two MUR1515s in parallel. Make sure that they are connected in the right direction across the motor; ie, anodes to the positive supply line. If connected the other way around, you will blow the fuse and perhaps the Mosfets too.
C2 should be an MKT polycarbonate capacitor with a rating of at least 100VW. The type of FET used depends on the current drawn by the controlled device. The BUK456-60s specified are readily available and have an "on" resistance of $.028 \Omega$.
If you want high currents and 24 V operation, the MTP60N06 is a more suitable device. It has an "on" resistance of $01 \Omega$.

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[^0]:    Jaycar Electronics:
    The component spacing for the 2 * $100 \mathrm{uF} / 63 \mathrm{~V}(50 \mathrm{~V})$ capacitors on the Pcb is insufficient. Jaycar has substituted one of the capacitors with a $100 \mathrm{uF} / 25 \mathrm{~V}$ to address this issue. Nevertheless the 2 capacitors will not fit flush onto the pcb.

    Jaycar Electronics has revised the Pcb to address the capacitor fitting issue (see left) and to accommodate both 5 \& 10mm VR1 trimpots..

