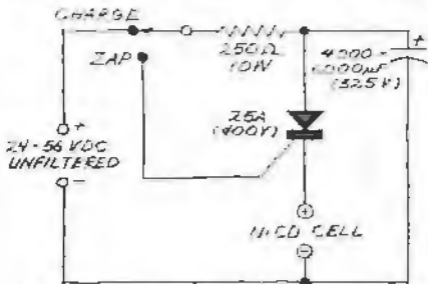


NiCd ZAPPER WORKS

When I first read the article on the NiCd "Zapper" in your July 1977 issue, I didn't think it would work so I didn't build it. Then I saw a reader's recent comments on the device in your "Letters" column so I decided to give it a try after all. Surprise! It works great! So far, I've run into only two cells that haven't responded to the treatment. The secret seems to be to catch the cells before they've been shorted too long. However, the heavy current through the cell burns the switch contacts. Therefore, I've modified the circuit slightly



with good results. Perhaps your readers might like to try the modification as shown here.—Zack T. Hinckley, Melbourne, FL.