## DESCRIPTION

The M155A is a 17 level digitizer (4-bits plus over-range), and is designed specifically for use in parallel-serial A/D converter systems. It consists of 16 comparator cells, digital encoding circuitry, and output drivers.

The comparators have a common input Vin and separate, monotonically increasing, reference voltages which may be derived from an external resistor string (155-0165-00/01, H508). A strobe command forces each comparator (simultaneously) to make a binary decision. Further changes in input are locked out so that the circuit functions as a digital sample-and-hold. This is done by steering a current source from the input differential pair to a cross-coupled latching pair.
Sixteen common base transistors encode the comparator output to a one-of-sixteen code which is translated to binary by 16 multiple-emitter common collector transistors. The digital data is then level shifted to the output drivers and is valid at the output within 5 nS of strobing.
The inclusion of the sixteenth comparator (over-range) makes it possible to directly combine two M155A integrated circuits for a 5-bit parallel A/D converter.

PROCESS . . . . . . . . . . . . . SHF II Double Layer Metal
POWER SUPPLY . . . . . . . . . . . . $+5.0 \mathrm{~V},-5.2 \mathrm{~V}$
PACKAGE. . . . . . . . . . . . . . TEKFORM 35000 (Hybrid)
SQuare Metal Can
DESIGNER . . . . . . . . . . . . . Bob Nordstrom
INSTRUMENT USAGE . . . . . . . . . . .


