

Alternators as steppers

Yes, they definitely do work, and an amazing number of hackers have already picked up on that on their own. The important uses now include animation stands and computer-controlled wood routers. One videotape I received was quite impressive.

This is an interesting example of *synchronicity*. If the time is right for something, it should emerge from dozens or hundreds of apparently independent sources. By the same token, attempting to patent your "new idea" is almost certainly futile, again because of synchronicity.

Word has it that rewinding your alternator gives you by far the best results. Try something around twenty feet of #26 wire *per pole* and straddle only one single pole (instead of the usual three) with each winding.

The driver circuits that I showed you purposely held back on the power to keep you from burning things up on your first cut. Naturally,

you'll go to higher power and properly current-limited two-level drivers as you improve your designs.