

## HANDY WEATHERPROOF ENCLOSURES

It is sometimes necessary to have a small weatherproof enclosure for a circuit that must be mounted outdoors. Plastic "air-tight" containers, such as those used for storing leftover food, adapt themselves to this application. They come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes and are inexpensive. If it is necessary to bring leads into the enclosure, cut out or drill a small hole, and put in a tight-fitting rubber grommet. Feed the lead(s) through the grommet and fill any gaps with a good sealant.—*W. T. Hottel*

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Due to their small size, TO-92 plastic case resistors can be difficult to store. Common plastic drinking straws, however, make excellent storage tubes for them. Resistors can't rotate and jam, and all parts may be quickly counted through the translucent plastic without opening. An eight-inch straw will hold about 15 devices. Push and seal one end of the straw with tape, or use a small tapered plug. The tubes should then be "flagged" with masking tape marking the appropriate 2N numbers. For extra convenience, mount in a grooved or drilled wood block.—*John A. Haase*

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