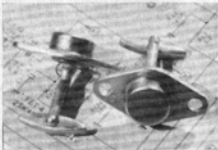


Here is a suggestion for fanatical electronics-amateurs who wish to be immediately distinguishable from any uninitiated persons with whom they might be consorting. It is certainly guaranteed to attract the attention of any other initiate who might be in the vicinity – with the object of starting a suitable conversation.

Power-semiconductor victims of accidental death – a particularly suitable type is called '2N3055' – can be



easily turned into very exclusive cuff-links that any initiate will recognise at great distance. The necessary clips are readily available in many shops that cater for hobbyists – and they can be

easily soldered to the transistor housing. Those who have the facilities can then silver-plate the completed accessory (for example in a 'spent' fixing bath!). The least expensive approach is to use a transistor with a chromium-plated housing; those with more surplus cash can have the jeweller do a gold-plating job. The photograph illustrates a possible

cuff-links

final result. This might even be an idea for somebody dreaming up a present particularly suitable for the intended recipient!