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STEREO REVIEW
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AUDIO ". . (The SX-727) is a rugged reliable instrument that certainly represents state-ol-the-art receiver lechnology in its design and performance . . . FM performance equalled or exceeded specs in just about Ēvery area ...selectivity was excellent."

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## Conceptual diagram



## More meaningful power.

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| Model | IHF Music Power <br> 4ohms <br> 270 watts |
| :---: | :---: |
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| SX-727 | 1,9 |
| SX-626 | 110 watts |
| SX-525 | 72 watts |

RMS @ 8 ohms
Both channels
driven@ 1 KHz
$60+60$ watts
$40+40$ watts
$27+27$ watts
$17+17$ watts

## Direct-coupled amplifier

circuitry and twin power supplies improve responses.
Of course, having power to spare is important; but directing it for maximum performance is even more vital. In the SX-828 and SX-727, you will find direct-coupled circuitry in the power amplifier combined with two separate power supplies to maintain consistent high power output with positive stability. This means transient, damping and frequency responses are enhanced, while distortion is minimized. In fact, it's less than $0.5 \%$ across the $20-20,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$. bandwidth.

You can't expect great music without great specifications. Pioneer's reputation for high performance capability is thoroughly reinforced in these four receivers. Listening to them substantiates it; the specifications tell the reasons why. Since Field Effect Transistors increase sensitivity, they're incorporated into the FM tuner section of each unit. For example, the SX-828 uses 4 FET's. You get greater selectivity and capture ratio with Integrated Circuits and Ceramic Filters in the IF stage. Here's a mini spec list.

|  | sX-828 | sx-727 | sX-626 | sX-525 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FM Sensitivity (IHF) <br> (the lower the better) | 1.7 uV | 1.8uV | 2.0uV | 2.2uV |
| Selectivity (the higher the better) | $+75 \mathrm{~dB}$ | +70dB | +70dB | +45dB |
| Capture Ratio (the lower the better) | 1.5 dB | 2.0 dB | 2.5 dB | 3.0 dB |
| Power Bandwidth | All exc usable | d by a und freq | wide m quency | rgin the pectrum |

## Exclusive protector circuit

 for speakers.Another example of Pioneer's advanced engineering is the automatic electronic trigger relay system designed into the SX-828 and SX-727. Since the signal is transmitted directly to the speakers because of the direct-coupled amplifier, this fail-safe circuit protects your speakers against damage and DC leakage, which can cause distortion. It also guards against short circuits in the power transistors. It's absolutely foolproof.

## Inputs and outputs for every

 purpose including 4 -channel sound.Depending on your listening interests and desire to experiment in sound, each receiver provides terminals for a-wide range of program sources.
Inputs:

| Inputs: | $s x-$ | $s x-$ | $s x-$ | $s x-$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tape | $\mathbf{8 2 8}$ | $\mathbf{7 2 7}$ | $\mathbf{6 2 6}$ | 525 |
| $\quad$ monitor | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Phono | 2 | 2 | 2 | Phono/Mic. |
| Auxiliary | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Microphone 2 | 1 | 1 | Phono/Mic. |  |
| (as above) |  |  |  |  |



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|  | sx- | sx- | sX- | sX- <br> Outputs: |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{8 2 8}$ | $\mathbf{7 2 7}$ | $\mathbf{6 2 6}$ | 2 |  |
| Speakers | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Headsets | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Tape Rec. | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

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## FM Receiver Overload

Q. I think that I have a problem with my receiver. I receive a number of $F M$ stations at more than one dial location. The extra locations usually appear at some frequency where a weak station is located. I receive them both mixed together.
I wrote to the manufacturer. They sent me a new front-end assembly which did not solve the problem. I wrote again; they suggested that my problem was overloading caused by a strong, local station.
$I$ am located about 30 miles north of Boston. I am using a good outdoor FM antenna. I do not have any strong, local stations nearby. All the stations which appear at more than one dial location originate from Boston. I wonder if what $I$ am experiencing is normal or do $I$ have a problem in my receiver?-Lance Boe, Methuen, Mass.
A. Because you are 30 miles from the stations which are causing your overload problem, I have to think that something is wrong with the receiver.

However, before I get into that area too much, it might be worthwhile for you to check to see if perhaps the Boston stations have their transmitters outside the city limits-NORTH of the city. You can see that this would mean that the stations would then be considerably closer to you than you had suspected.
Assuming that the signals are, indeed, 30 miles from you, I would not think you should have overload problems, even with a relatively good rotable antenna. Of course, if you have gone to multiple stacking and have an extremely high mast or tower, then overload is possible.
I suggest that you return your receiver to the manufacturer for a checkup, especially if it is still within the warranty period.

If your antenna is rotable, try swinging it away from the Boston area and note what happens. If the condition clears up, you can at least use the receiver. As an alternative, you can insert specially designed attenuators at the antenna terminals of your receiver. This will enable you to adjust your antenna for best reception while keeping signal strength below possible overload levels.

When stations come in together even though their frequencies are widely separated from one another, that is a
sign of what is called "cross modulation." This generally does suggest some kind of overload condition. Under normal circumstances, I don't think overloading should occur.
I wonder, therefore, if AGC is supposed to be applied to the front-end of your tuner. Lack of AGC could cause this problem because without it, the front-end could be overloaded even when receiving even moderately weak stations. Check to see that proper AGC voltage appears where it's supposed to appear. If your receiver was originally a kit, check for any wiring errors which could lead to this lack of AGC. Check for splashes of solder on the foils. Check for shorted AGC bypass capacitors or resistors of improper value.

## Wow and Flutter

Q. What are "wow and flutter"?Sgt. Paul Bonney, APO S. F., Cal.
A. "Wow" and "flutter" refer to speed variations which occur in tape recorders and turntables. These pieces of equipment are intended to drive the tape or disc at a constant speed, but they do not, and to the degree that they do not, there will be variations in musical pitch which are in proportion to the speed variation. If the variation is slow, it is called a "wow"; if it is fast, it is called a "flutter." These speed variations are measured in percentage which they deviate from correct speed. We would like to see variations kept to within 1 or 2 tenths of a percent and better if possible. Of course, tape machines designed for speech recording do not need the speed steadiness that is required of machines which are designed to reproduce music.

When the speed variations are extreme, there is an audible wavering of pitch, especially noticeable on sustained tones such as those produced by the piano or the clarinet. However, even when wow and flutter is below really audible levels, it can still add a quality to the sound which decreases transparency.

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## Multiple Recorder Hookup

Q. I am wondering whether connecting up to three tape recorders to the tape output of an amplifier would affect signal strength or quality when all three of these machines are recording? If so, can you suggest any method that would not produce a lower quality recording? Robert L. Martindale, Arlington, Va.
A. The manner and extent in which signal quality might be affected depends on the output impedance of your amplifier and the input impedances of your tape recorders. Given a fairly low output impedance and reasonably high input impedances, there is a decent chance you might be able to drive three tape machines at once without appreciable signal deterioration. If there is signal deterioration, you can try isolating the tape machines from each other by placing suitable resistance between each machine's input and the output of the amplifier. You might try resistance values between 100,000 and 500,000 ohms. The higher the value, the more likelihood is there of significant treble loss.

## Recording In Church

Q. I am going to make a tape recording of my friend's church wedding. In all of the recordings which I have listened to that were made at church ceremonies, the quality of the recording has been poor. This seems to be due to a "booming" response caused by the long distance between the microphone and the voices being recorded. I cannot move the microphones closer to the parties. Is there some way, given this limitation, in which I can get a more natural response?-Norman M. Moltar, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.
A. A highly directional microphonea supercardiod-may be of help. 'This will concentrate on sound directly from the front and will de-emphasize sounds from the side and rear, thereby helping to reduce echo. You might also use some bass attenuation and/or treble boost.

## Low Voltage

Q. I have a Revox 636 tape recorder, which has plagued me for some time. The take-up reel refuses to function during recording and playback, although it functions well during rapid wind. I have taken the recorder to a local audio dealer, who adjusted the brakes twice, and have taken it to the Revox Corp.
in New York several times. They say that they have tested it there for several days, that they reversed the take-up and rewind motors, and have made a few other changes. Revox claims that it always works well there, but as soon as I bring the recorder home and put on a reel of tape, the take-up motor soon becomes sluggish and then stops. Revox also says that it would not be due to inadequate voltage since other voltages would also be affected. If I turn the takeup reel by hand, the recorder records and reproduces well.-Joseph S. Ellison, Springfield, Mass.
A. Nothing occurs to me beyond what is already suggested in your letter, namely the possibility of a low voltage condition in your home. Have you checked your line voltage? If low voltage is indeed the cause of your problem, a suitable transformer (one that maintains output at a desired level) can be installed between the house outlet and your tape machine.

## Extra Bass During Copying

Q. I own a Roberts 400 X tape recorder and a Uher 20 tape recorder. When I use the 400 X to copy tapes that already have over-emphasized bass, this machine further emphasizes the bass. This has happened not only when I play the tapes on my Uher, but also with a number of other tape machines used for playback. I wrote to Rheem Manufacturing about the problem and received an answer which one could interpret as a polite suggestion that I have rocks in my head. I am not crazy and I can hear. The problem is a very real one. A trip the 400 X took to a local repair shop never solved anything.M. Glen Bair, Idaho Falls, Idaho.
A. Perhaps the reason you get bass emphasis is that the 400 X supplies a little too much bass-not enough to be noticeable or objectionable when copying a flat tape, but becoming so when copying a tape which itself contains too much bass. I suggest that you employ the tone controls of your audio system, if possible to adjust the bass to your liking.

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The midwest Acoustic Conference in Chicago, the Consumer Electronics Show also in Chicago and the Brigham Young Univ. Audio Seminar in Provo, Utah, have been duly attended and your peripatetic reporter is home from the quadraphonic wars, weary, but hopefully wiser. I am looking forward to a few weeks of $\mathbf{R}$ and $R$ before my batman packs my kit and I return to the front lines at the Electron Show at the Royal York in Toronto late in August, followed by the AES convention and IHF show in September in New York.

When one attends these various affairs, one naturally pays attention to the business for which these meetings were convened. However, it must be noted that there are many peripheral activities at these affairs . . . mmimeetings ... demonstrations in private hotel suites ... perhaps just a casual chat in a corridor, or a drink and some "off-the-cuff" revelations from a panelist or exhibitor. Quite often the information garnered is as significant as the main business of the convention. It all adds up to a tremendous program input to that computer between one's ears, and one hopes that the "memory cores" will ultimately permit a reasonable assessment and evaluation of all that welter of information! Needless to say, at these meetings there were many matters of interest to a very broad spectrum of the audio community, and it is unfortunate that space will not allow detailed coverage. The term "highlights" has a certain stigma attached to it in these days of predigested, packaged information, so you will have to forgive the use of this expedient. Herewith is my report on a few of the significant developments stemming from the aforementioned meetings.

It is fairly common knowledge among regular readers of this column that I am a hard-core, uncompromising devotee of open-reel recording. For several years I have been advocating the production of Dolby B open-reel recorded tapes, with Ampex Stereo Tapes the target of my unrelenting diatribes. Ampex was chosen for this assault on the purely logical grounds that they were the largest producers of recorded tapes in all formats, the record companies who were their licensers could furnish Dolby A copy masters, and since Ampex was producing Dolby B cassettes, they had all the necessary equipment for the production of openreel recorded tapes with Dolby B noise
reduction. All it really took to start the ball rolling was an executive decision. You will recall that some months ago I gave you the name and address of the general manager of Ampex Stereo Tapes and urged you to write him, expressing your desire for Dolby openreel tapes. During this same period my friend Larry Zide, editor of dB Magazine, was making himself equally pestiferous to Ampex anent Dolby openreel tapes. I know from copies of letters I have seen and by reports from Ampex that quite a few readers did indeed write and give Ampex the "needle"! Well, friends, between my prodding and Larry Zide's pushing and your letters ... would you believe that just before I left New York for the CES in Chicago I received a phone call from Mike Ayers, Ampex Stereo Tapes' personable and efficient $P R$ man in New York? Mike said, "Okay, you and Larry win . . .drop around to the AST booth at the CES, and we'll have a present for you." Yup, you guessed it ...lo and behold, Larry and I were given a special Dolby B open-reel demonstration tape! By gad, for once, being a pain in the you-know-what, paid off!
1 was delighted to receive the tape of course, but was unprepared and surprised by the music on the tape. The unexpected bonus was that the program material was from the Deutsche Grammophon catalog. Those of us on the "inside" knew that all the Boston Symphony recordings made since DGG took over the orchestra from RCA were produced with Dolby A and in four-channel stereo to boot (in fact, I have heard part of the DGG quadraphonic " 1812 Overture"). However, we also knew that back at home base in Hamburg, DGG just sat on the Dolby quadraphonic tapes. To my knowledge, not even the regular disc production was cut from the Dolby A master, but most likely from an expanded normal copy. By nature a very conservative record company, DGG was undoubtedly waiting for these new concepts to become more firmly established before they released any material. In any case, kudos to the persuasive, golden-tongued Ampex man who talked DGG into furnishing them with Dolby A copymasters. The music on the tape that was given to me consists of the opening "Mars" movement of Gustav Holst's Planets, conducted by William Steinberg, and the third movement of Walter Piston's Symphony \# 2 , conducted by young Michael Tilson


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Thomas. What did it sound like? Just plain sensational! It is astonishing how much cleaner the overall sound is with the Dolby processing. Complex orchestral textures become much more transparent, every note is clearly delineated. It must be said that the music could have been more carefully chosen to demonstrate the efficiency of the Dolby B system. There are many high level passages in the "Mars" piece and quite a few in the Piston 2nd, in which, of course, the Dolby is inoperative, the circuit at that level acting as a unity gain amplifier. However there are sufficient low level passages as well as rests in the scores, which
are heard blessedly free of tape hiss I have played this tape for quite a few friends who not only lavished praise on it for its high quality, but who were excited by the implications of this tape. Ampex can draw on the Dolby master resources of such companies as London/ Decca, Vanguard, and now DGG, and I am very pleased that Ampex has asked me to furnish them with a list of works from their catalogs that would be suitable for production as Dolby B open-reel tapes. If all goes according to plan, you should be able to buy open-reel Dolby B tapes by early fall of this year. I should point out that the tape played back equally well on

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Interesting aspects of the Midwest Acoustic Conference and the Brigham Young Univ. Audio Seminar were the demonstrations and lectures given by Bill Putnam of United Recording. Bill not only outlined the uses of time delay in pop studio recording via his Cooper Time Cube unit, but expounded on a refreshing new pop recording philosophy. Bill certainly qualifies as among the top half-dozen mixing engineers in the country, and in his lectures he commented on the strictures and limitations of present day pop recording practises. He pointed out that no matter how clever and even innovative most engineers are in their pop mixing, the end result is the inevitable two-channel or four-channel mono-
phonic recording rather than stereo recording in its classical definition. The desires of the pop record producer (and what the producer thinks the public ought to have in terms of sound quality) is a factor of course and unquestionably is largely responsible for a large degree of the inflexible, circumscribed approach to pop recording in the studios. Bill showed that with the Haas Effect working for an engineer who uses time delay in conjunction with typical reverb devices (such as the EMT plates), you get a sort of "something for nothing" enhancement of perspective. The resultant sound has an open, spacious quality more akin to that obtained in a large hall, yet loses little of the "close-up" sense of "presence" considered so vital in pop recording. I don't think Bill is expecting to create an overnight change in recording techniques. The important thing is that there are some new tools


## Bernstein in SQ

The new Bernstein Mass has certainly inspired some mixed feelings among the critics. I myself find this work to be a curious mixture of grandeur and utter banalities which is completely fascinating. It has a touch of Mahler and Poulenc with more than a hint of West Side Story padded out with moronic pseudo-Rock trivia. But the sound itself and the dramatic use of quadraphonics in the CBS SQ record is simply superb. The listener is really engulfed in sound with the variously placed choral groups, vocalists, and instrumentalists making a stunning impact, It shows what can be achieved with this new medium besides having instruments playing in all four corners.

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available to engineers; there are some alternatives to current studio practices that seem to have considerable potential for the creation of exciting new sounds.

As I certainly don't have to remind you, nothing has been resolved in the battle of the matrixes or matrix versus CD-4 discrete disc. One thing was notable at these recent shows I attended as regards quadraphonic sound. Even among some staunch matrix disc supporters there was a definite "ground swell" for the idea of the combined discrete/matrix disc mentioned some months ago by Ed Canby and Len Feldman. Engineers with impressive credentials have said that this combo disc should not present any particular technical problems, and that the whole thing was really more of a matter of the contending forces sitting down at the peace talk and working out the details. Well, could be, fellas, but I have just been told by the CD-4 camp that while there is merit in the idea, there are some very formidable technical problems in cutting and encoding such a disc, which would take at least a year to resolve. They also contend that with so much information crammed onto the walls of the record groove, some compromises in quality would be necessary, and they would be most unhappy to undertake such a degradation of their system. Now, don't go raising your eyebrow at me! I'm just telling you what the man said.
One last item this month. At the Brigham Young seminar there was a gentleman, who had traveled all the way from Canada at obviously considerable expense, who stated he was attending the seminar because thus far he thought quadraphonic was a big nothing . . . he was singularly unimpressed by its supposed virtues . . . and he wanted to be shown he was wrong. I don't know whether the seminar made him a true believer or not, but it points up the fact that here was a man who, prior to his attending the seminar, had obviously never had a proper demonstration of four-channel stereo. One can almost guarantee that the demonstrations he heard were not conducted in his home. This is central to the whole proposition of quadraphonic sound ... demonstrations in the average audio salon and certainly in the oversized rooms used for meetings and demonstrations by various technical societies cannot be compared to the quadraphonic experience in the home. It is a serious obstacle to the propagation of quadraphonic sound and some sort of "loaner" equipment scheme worked out by the retailers would seem to have a high priority.

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Second prize of $\$ 25.00$ goes to $S$. Woythaler of Newport, R.I., for a magnificent recording of the Univ. of Rhode Island Wind Ensemble. Works included Rhapsodality Band conducted by Arthur Custer, the composer, and Vincent Perichetti's Celebrationsalso conducted by the composer and sung by the R.I. Univ. Chorus. Quality was excellent with good dynamic range and plenty of "bite" in the brass. Recorder was a Revox A-77 and mikes were two Syncron AU-7a condenser types which were placed on a boom $8-\mathrm{ft}$. high and $15-\mathrm{ft}$. in front of the orchestra. A TEAC A-1200 was used for dubbing.

Consolation prizes of Maxell or BASF low-noise tapes will be sent to the following (among others too numerous to list):

Robert Florian of Brookfield, Ill., for an interesting mèlange of Joan Baez, the Fifth Dimension, and various political speeches. Unfortunately no details of the equipment used are given.

If there were a prize for originality, it would certainly go to Mortimer Goldberg of Tappan, New York, for his two tapes-Symphony of the Birds and Hear the Animals Sing. The first was made by recording real birds and then reducing the recording speed to as slow as one-eighth normal, thus lowering the pitch. Portions of the calls were then excerpted and mixed to compose the symphony. Hear the Animals Sing was made in a similar manner and a commentary dubbed
in. The piece de resistance of this "Animal Farm" is a young boy leading the animals in a version of Old MacDonald Had a Farm. Incredible! The least we can do is to send Mortimer two tapes. Maybe he will come up with a Zoological Concerto one day. . . .

Richard Price of Westland, Mich., sent in a recording of the Westland Symphony Orchestra and Rackham Choir made in Detroit's Orchestra Hall. This particular hall had not been used for 20 years (Mercury made some of their early recordings of the Detroit Symphony there). Some months ago, it was sold to Gino's but the local community managed to buy it back and eventually they hope to raise funds to refurnish it. Richard says that some of the background noises were due to water dripping on the stage and to pigeons flying above! (A pity Mr. Goldberg wasn't there.) Equipment used was a Revox A-77 ( 15 ips ), another for dubbing at $71 / 2 \mathrm{ips}$, a Gately ProKit SM-6, an Advent 100 Dolby unit, two Sony ECM-22P mics. Sound is clean with good presence and the works performed included Negro spirituals, Stravinsky's Pater Noster, and choruses from Handel's Messiah. Also in the program were Rod's Little Acre trio with selections from Brubeck. Unfortunately, these items were not recorded as the temporary electric wiring would not carry the power for their amplifiers as well as Richard's equipment and so Richard had to defer to popular opinion in the hall and switch off!

Composition for Synthesizer \#8 was the title of a tape sent by Stephen Blair of Newburyport, Mass. It was composed on a Moog and the recorder was a Revox 1102 HS and the tape was transferred to a Sony TC 355 via an Advent 101 Dolby unit. Some interesting effects, well recorded.

James K. Jobson of Atlanta, Ga., was a winner in June, so it probably would not be fair to award him another prize-although this second tape is certainly as good as the first. It is a recording of L'Infant Prodige by Debussy and this work involves three singers and a piano. The recorder was
a Crown CX-822 and two Turner 500 mics were used for the piano while two AKG D-119 ES mics were used on booms for the three singers. A baffle was placed between the piano and the singers to produce the required balance. Piano tone was excellent and the stereo image most convincing.
Frank Ruhl of Fairfield, Ohio, used a TEAC TCA-42 recorder, a Sony MX- 12 mixer plus a Shure RM-70 unit to record five songs-all originals. Stereo image was exceptionally good with lead guitar on the left, vocalist at the left of center, drums and bass next, and then a steel guitar at extreme right. The most successful number was Diggin' More Coal with a sewer drain and a knife used to give the effect of picking at the coal face!
The next tape came from CanadaBon View, Ontario and it was sent in by John Woodward who recorded a singing group called "Sing-Out WestEnd." These are all high school or college students who, John says, "travel around singing for their supper." Recorder was a Revox A-77, mics were Sony ECM-22's with E-V dynamics. Shure and Switchoraft mixers were employed together with an Advent 100 Dolby unit.
Tom Porett of Philadelphia sent in a most interesting tape recording of the famous local Mummer's Parade, complete with interviews and crowd effects-all skillfully put together. Tom used a Nagra IV and a Norelco Carrycorder, a Revox HS-77, and an Advent FBC unit.

The next tape was made in Mexicoat the Hotel El Ejecutivo in Mexico City to be precise. It was made by Lee Price of Coral City, Fla., and Lee recorded a stage performance by The Cabelleros-who were in pretty good form, no doubt fortified by generous helping of tequilla. The recorder was a Nagra III and Lee says that one Louis Castenada held the E-V 635 microphone-which was mounted on a pole!

The competition was closed at the end of June but there are still 60 tapes left (including some at 15 ips ). These will be divided into two groups of 30 and winners announced in our October and November issues.

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This issue is our Annual Directory number and more than 40 pages list the specifications of amplifiers, receivers, loudspeakers, and other components. Even so, the list is far from complete-some manufacturers do not like to give us details of new products until they are on the market, others, such as McIntosh, do not want to be listed for reasons of their own, and then there is always the problem of space. I would like to emphasize once again that the figures given are supplied by the manufacturers themselves and are not the results of our tests.

Please note that we had originally intended to include a five-page section on microphones in this issue, but it was cancelled at the last moment because of the space considerations mentioned above. This directory will appear in the December issue, together with articles on microphone use.

Small speaker systems are reviewed in this issue, and comments on this comparison method of evaluation will be welcomed. Our equipment reviews are generally recognised throughout the world as being absoultely impartial and strictly factual. They are carried out with great care by highly qualified engineers with many years experience. We make many criticisms and occasionally our reports disclose discrepancies between manufacturer's claims and the hard facts, but even so, we are sometimes asked why we do not print really bad reviews-real stinkers. Well, we do get bad products and we tell the makers so. Usually the design is modified or the product withdrawn from the market. Loudspeakers cause most of the trouble, as it seems that anyone who knows a dynamic speaker has a magnet and a voice coil feels competent enough to put two or three in a cabinet and thereby hope to make a fortune. Time and time again, I have attended demonstrations where such speakers have been confidently compared with KLH, AR or other well-known systems with spectacular results. Sometimes the level controls have been turned down on the competitor's speakers but more often than not the New System using Special Phase Compensated Crossovers or New Acoustic Principles turns out to have a nasty
bass resonance or a whopping great peak in the upper mid-range-or both . . . So really, there is no sense in wasting the time and space on them-even if we do lose some advertising.

Among the products now being tested are the following: Phase Linear 400 amplifier, Sherwood 7100 receiver, Harman-Kardon Citation 14 Dolby tuner, Revox A77 Dolby recorder, Sony 2000F preamp, TEAC TCA-42 and 3340 recorders, and Scott 433 tuner and 477 receiver. Loudspeakers include the Infinity 1001, Scott Design 51, Eastman/Martin Crescendo, ESS VII, Design Acoustics, Jensen 4, AR LST, Fairfax FTA-2, Empire 7500, Rogersound RSL 28, EPI 201A, small Advent, and SAE Mk 12.

## New York Hi-Fi Show

The next IHF Hi-Fi Show will take place in the New York Statler-Hilton from September 28th to October Ist. Times of admission are 4:00 to $10: 00$ p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 2:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday and 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.

## A.E.S. Convention

This year, the A.E.S. Convention will be held at the New York Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and it looks as if Vanguard's John Woram will be a very busy man. On Tuesday, he will be chairing the quadraphonic sessions when papers dealing with several aspects will be presented, and later in the day, at $7: 30$ p.m. to be exact, he will be the chairman of a general meeting. Panelists have not yet been announced, but John tells me that a number of subjects will be discussed.

## Suspension Acoustique

Eurythmics is the term generally used to describe "harmonic bodily exercise with music," but a French company, Audax, uses the term to describe their speaker systems. Come to think of it , the term is not that inappropriate as these musical exercises are usually suffered by pregnant ladies and the French word for pregnant and speaker enclosures is the same, enceinte. A disturbing thought.
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# CONSTRUCTING A ROOM EQUALIZER 

## Dick Crawford

AROOM EQUALIZER is to a loudspeaker what makeup is to a woman: it can change the character, the mood, the color. I'm going to discuss some of the characteristics of good room equalizers, and then show a circuit that can be used as a room equalizer, or, if you prefer, as an electronic crossover network, or both.
What exactly is a room equalizer? To my mind it is a sophisticated tone control. I say sophisticated because a room equalizer has many separate frequency bands rather than just bass and treble. This gives it the ability to correct for loudspeaker or room characteristics more exactly. For example, if a room is unusually resonant at a certain frequency, then the resonance can be corrected by the equalizer without seriously affecting other frequencies.

A room equalizer has filters that separate the audio signal into frequency bands, and then attenuators which set the gain in each of these bands. Next the output of each band is combined with all the other bands to reionstitute the audio signal, now equalized. One obvious way to make an electronic crossover would be to combine only the lower frequency bands to create the woofer channel; another group of bands would form the midrange, and the final set of bands would go to the tweeter. Such an arrangement would give the advantages of a room equalizer and an electronic crossover network. More of this later, let's now turn to the criteria of a good room equalizer.

1. Flat frequency response. If the equalizer is set "flat," that is, no equalization, then its frequency response should be just that. This is difficult to achieve in most room equalizer designs because it requires excellent matching of the reactive components in the filter for each band. The normal $10 \%$ tolerance on electronic parts is too much for such matching.
2. Sharp cutoff at band edges. The filter should cutoff at 12 decibels per octave or more so that adjusting one band won't significantly affect adjacent bands.


Fig. 1-Supplementary filter.
3. Sufficient bands. Obviously the more bands, the greater the flexibility, but too many bands and adjustment becomes difficult. Keep in mind that we are correcting for characteristics that we hope are relatively broadband. I chose octave bandwidths as being a reasonable compromise between complexity and versatility.
4. Calibration. It seems desirable to me that the gain adjustment for each band should be calibrated so that the user knows what equalization he is using.
5. Distortion. The room equalizer should not add appreciable distortion to the signal at any setting of the controls. This applies to hum and noise also.

How do we design a room equalizer to meet these goals? I used a clever technique suggested to me by Bernard M. Oliver and shown in Fig. 1. Start with a suitable low-pass filter. Then
you subtract the output of the low-pass filter from the original input signal. The subtracted signal behaves as if it had gone through a high-pass filter. Simple. But you have to be careful in the design of the low-pass filter in order to get a symmetrical response, that is, one in which both the low-pass and the high-pass attenuations are of similar slope in decibels per octave. Dr. Oliver also figured this out, and Fig. 2 shows some of the theoretically possible characteristics for different transfer functions.

One characteristic of this class of filter (at least as so far developed) is the peaking in the vicinity of crossover. Indeed, these peaks are necessary when dealing with filters of greater than nine decibels per octave slope. This is because of the phase shift in each filter, leading to signals that partially oppose at crossover. Without the peaks there would be a dip in the response at crossover. This is one reason why careful crossover design is necessary with conventional crossover networks to avoid interference dips in the response

As the reader can see from Fig. 2, the difficulty with the higher order filters is that the peak response near


Fig. 2-Responses of supplementary filters.


Fig. 3-Circuit diagram of supplementary filter.
crossover grows inordinately. I chose the 12 decibel per octave case. It is possible to synthesize the transfer functions shown in Fig. 2 exactly, and the results are very close to those predicted. A cheaper and simpler method is to approximate the desired low pass with the circuit of Fig. 3.

Incidentally, there may be some confusion as to where the crossover frequency is located. If we adopt the conventional - -3 decibel point, then we have different crossover frequencies for the low and high pass sections of the same filter! I hope the reader won't object if I define the crossover frequency as that point where the response of the high pass section crosses over the response of the low pass section even though the response of both of these is greater there than it is in the midband of either section.

Figure 4 shows how the basic circuit of Fig. 3 is repeated and connected to form a nine-band equalizer. The circuit is shown only for a single channel, but for stereo can be simply repeated. Notice that the bandpass sections
are created by taking the difference between two low-pass sections. Likewise the high frequency cutoff of band $8(4-8 \mathrm{kHz})$ also creates the low frequency of band $9(8 \mathrm{kHz})$. There is no high frequency cutoff for band 9 , other than what is the natural limit of the amplifiers used, so band 9 is assymmetrical. If the reader wants a rapid cutoff at 20 kHz and 20 kHz , then he can substitute the circuit of Fig. 5 for the portion of Fig. 4 within the dotted lines. The 20 kHz cutoff allows boosting the bass without suffering from infrasonic interference such as turn-
table rumble. The 741C operational amplifiers can be Texas Instruments SN72741P, Fairchild U9T7741393, RCA CA374ICT or any other 741C you may happen to like. There are 30 of these operational amplifiers used in this design and at this quantity the price varies from $\$ 1.04$ to $\$ 1.50$ depending on the source. I did not show all the power supply wiring in order to simplify Fig. 4, but, as you might imagine, the plus 15 volts is connected to pin 7 and the minus 15 volts to pin 4 of all the 741 C 's.

The output of each band is brought to a front panel connector in the unit I built, as this might be useful for some forms of experimentation or analysis.

Notice that each band of the room equalizer has its own attenuator. The schematic of the attenuator is shown in Fig. 6 along with the power supply. The values shown for the attenuator resistors result in 3 decibel steps, for a possible boost of 15 decibels or a cut of 18 decibels in each band. If you use $1 \%$ resistors the attenuator will be within about 0.25 decibels accuracy. $5 \%$ resistors will give at worst about 1 decibel accuracy, and 10\% resistors about 2 decibels.

The power supply, shown in Fig. 6, is a simple design which can easily supply the 60 milliamperes required for a single channel. Note that for stereo, heat sinks (fan top radiators or the like) should be placed on the two transistors in the power supply.

Returning to Fig. 4, we see that the values for the components used in the low-pass filter sections are shown in a table. One advantage of this design is the convenient and non-critical values of these components. There are many resistors in Fig. 4 that are unmarked, and these, as noted, are all 10 kilohms, $1 \%$. $2 \%$ resistors may be used here, but then the selectivity of the filter sections may be degraded in the -30 to -40 decibel region. The outputs of the three lower bands are combined in the summing amplifiers to give an electronic crossover for a woofer. The three middle octaves likewise yield a mid-



Fig. 4-Circuit diagram of room equalizer.
range channel, and the three upper bands when combined provide the signal for the tweeter amplifier. The crossover frequencies may be changed simply by summing different combinations of bands. Or you may prefer to just build an electronic crossover using Fig. 3. Let me point out that the resulting crossover has steep skirts near crossover, where they are needed, and milder skirts some distance from crossover
The results of the room equalizer are shown in Fig. 7. Notice that the bands don't all have the same percentage bandwidth, nor are the skirt characteristics all identical. This is because of the inevitable variation in component values. The curves are all very good for -20 decibels or so, and that is what matters. When used as a crossover network, Fig. 8 gives the characteristics. Figure 8 also shows the output frequency response curve when all nine bands are set "flat." The result, flat within 0.25 decibel, is gratifying and proof that it all works.

The distortion curves for a 1 kHz sine wave input and flat output are shown in Fig. 9. This also shows the effect upon distortion of boosting the upper three bands by 12 decibels with a 1 volt 1 kHz input. This boosts the distortion as the bands in which the harmonics of the 1 kHz input fall are being emphasized. The distortion is still acceptably low.

With the input open curcuited the noise is 200 microvolts rms. Short circuited it is 150 microvolts rms. The noise is mostly in the form of spikes up to 1.5 millivolts peak. This is referred to as "popcorn noise" and is a characteristic of many operational amplifiers such as the 741 C . At any rate, this amount of noise is 74 decibels below a 1 volt signal, so it's rather academic.

If used as a crossover network this design is correct for all loudspeakers mounted on the same plane and as close to each other as possible. This is because the filter has already corrected for the phase shift between loudspeakers. Especially get the midrange close to the woofer.

Figure 10 is a picture of the unit. The input and output are at the lower and upper right. The three outputs next to them are, from top to bottom, for the tweeter, mid-range, and woofer when used as an electronic crossover. The knobs or at least the skirts, are homemade. Such knobs are, of course, commercially available. Bond paper is glued to washers, marked with the proper numbers, and then glued to the rear of regular knobs. Below each knob is the output from each channel.


Fig. 6-Attenuator and power supply


Fig. 7-Band frequency response characteristics


Fig. 8-Frequency response when set flat (top) and when used as an electronic crossover

Are the results worth the effort? I think so. One thing about such a room equalizer is that it can make almost any speaker system sound like any other. This doesn't mean that it can make a poor loudspeaker into a good
one, because it doesn't do anything to improve the transient response of a speaker system. (Or reduce distortion, coloration, etc.-Ed.) But if you like a bit of presence, dial in some more 2-4 and/or $4-8 \mathrm{kHz}$ signal. If you're a
bass buff, put in some bass below 60 kHz . Once you determine the equalization you want, you can design the proper circuit and build it into the system. Or, if you like knobs you can leave the equalizer in the system.


Fig. 9-Distortion components versus level: A, 2nd harmonic with boost; B, 3rd harmonic with boost; C, 2nd harmonic, flat response, and D, 3rd harmonic, flat response.


Fig. 10-View of the completed unit.

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The price of the AR FM tuner is $\$ 210$; oiled walnut cover $\$ 15$. Prices 5 percent higher in West and Deep South.

1 High Fidelity, June 1971
2 The American Record Guide, March 1971
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# THE LANGUAGE OF HIGH FIDELITY <br> Part IV--Basic Electronic Components--Cond. 

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Since electronics is the warp and woof of our technological fabric, it is pleasant to think of electronics as new, something for which we, not our antecedents, can claim full credit. Not so! Electronics, or rather its progenitor, electricity, has an ancient and honorable history. The Greeks had a word for it-elektron-thousands of years ago, but it wasn't until 1897 that Sir J. J. Thomson first isolated the electron. An important step, but not a first one, for 20 years prior Heinrich Hertz had transmitted radio waves and some 40 years earlier Clark Maxwell had predicted their existence. Pushing time back a bit more, the word electricity was first used by Sir Thomas Browne in a book published in 1642. And around the time Caesar was invading Gaul, the Romans supplied the Latin base for electricity and electronics with their word "electrum." So much for newness.

One of the problems early investigators had is that electricity is one of relatively few forms of energy, existing as a rampaging force unless controlled. It was only divine providence and human ineptness that kept some of those early investigators of electricity from beıng electrocuted. Ultimately, prompted by relentless Nature, their research was channeled into two paths: how to generate voltages and how to control currents. With the advantage of 20:20 hindsight, we can see how electronic opportunity came knocking on many laboratory doors, only to be ignored. One such was Thomas A. Edison whose mantle of inventive genius would have been even more lustrous had he but paused and listened. Busily occupied in 1883 with inventing the incandescent lamp, he placed a metal plate inside one of his bulbs and noted that when the metal was made positive with respect to the hot filament, a current flowed from filament to plate. Something should have triggered a warning bell in Edison's mind, for he was witnessing the flow of electrons through the vacuum of space, not through a solid. Further, when he reversed the connections (Fig. 1) all current flow between the filament and the charged metal plate ceased. Current
control with a vengeance, but only to be entered as an interesting experiment in a laboratory notebook, synonymous with being consigned to limbo. Edison had discovered the two-element tube, the diode, the keystone supporting today's science of electronics.


Fig. 1.-Basic diode symbol using a directly heated filament ( $A$ ). When the diode plate is made positive with re spect to the heated filament (B), current flows from filament to plate. If the battery connected to the plate is transposed, current stops flowing in the plate circuit (C)

## The Diode

The diode is a classic example of inventive simplicity at its best. A few pieces of metal placed inside a vacuum bulb and you have the first step toward radio, television, radar, and computers. How many can look at an acorn and see a tree?

Operation of the diode is as simple as its construction. When a wire, or other conductor, is heated, electrons on or near the surface are supplied with the energy needed for escape. In an ordinary electric light bulb they form a cloud (or electron space charge) around the filament with nowhere to go, possibly returning to the filament at some time. But with the insertion of a charged plate, subsequently known as the anode, the electrons now had a chance to move through space.

## The Plate Current Path

Electrons in the cloud surrounding the filament, now urged on toward the plate, reach that haven, but promptly move on through the connecting wire to the plus terminal of the voltage source, a battery in this instance. This is not a terminus, for their trip isn't
completed. They move through the interior of the battery, from the positive to the negative electrode, using the electrolyte between these two as a conductor. Emerging from the negative electrode they continue on through the connecting wire to the filament where they promptly receive another energy boost. And so the whole process is repeated as long as the filament is heated and the battery connected between anode and filament is in working order

This current, called the plate or anode current, is unidirectional and nonvarying. That's not so important. What is breathtaking is that this current can be controlled. (Fig. 2). If the voltage between filament and anode is increased, the anode current increases. Not indefinitely, of course, but within reassuring limits.


Fig. 2.-Current flow can be increased by raising the voltage on the anode (A). The anode voltage can be changed by shunting a variable resistor across the dc supply for the anode. The filament or heater current exists independently of the anode current (C). The arrows represent the direction of current.

## The Filament Current Path

Meanwhile, back at the filament, a battery, or other voltage source is busily driving a current through the filament. This current has a path completely independent of the plate current and so the diode is a two-current device. The only purpose of the filament current is to heat the filament, encouraging electrons to leave it. A filament current isn't really needed, for if the filament could be heated in some other way, the same objective would be reached. By a blowtorch, perhaps. Interesting, but not practical.

## The Anode Return

The electrons constituting the anode

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## More Current Control

Another method of current control is to increase the temperature of the filament, by raising the voltage atross the filament, sending more current through it. Moderation, as in all things, is required, for the filament can be made to glow to the point of complete burnout.

## Indirect Heating

The filament can be heated by an alternating current supplied by a transformer. The problem here is that the

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Fig. 3.-The thimble-like cathode is slipped over the heated filament, but has no connection to it. (A); the cathode Ips isolate the anode and filament circuits (B). Diode symbol using a cathode (C). In this symbol the filament is omitted since its only function is that of a heater.

The solution is the difference between broiling over an open flame and using a frying pan. The modified diode now contains (Fig. 3) an element called a cathode. Heated by the filament, the cathode becomes the electron emitting source. The only function of the filament is that of a heater, and that is what such a filament is often called. We now have two separate, distinct circuits, not connected . . . the annode circuit consisting of the cathode, anode and the anode voltage source, and the filament and its voltage source. The
cathode is simply a sleeve of electronrich oxides placed over, but not touching, the filament.

## From A.C. to D.C.

The advantage of a.c. is that it lends itself so well to transmission over long distances. The voltage delivered to your home by your local power company is a.c., and so is the signal picked up by your receiver antenna. Not the same a.c., of course, but related. When delivered, it is often essential to be able to change that a.c. into some form of d.c., and it is in this circumstance that the diode shows its particular merit.


Fig. 4. - The diode can be used to change a.c. to varying d.c.

Fig. 4 shows a modified diode circuit. Two changes have been made. The anode voltage source is now a.c. and a part known as a load resistor is wired in series with it.

The a.c. voltage reverses its polarity regularly and so the anode is alternately made positive and negative. During the time it is positive, current. flows from the cathode to the anode, through the load resistor and a.c. voltage source, back to the cathode. No current flows when the a.c. source makes the anode negative.

All of the anode current flows through the load resistor, but only in one direction. In doing so we have fulfilled the conditions for the production of a voltage. Every time a current flows through a resistor, a voltage develops across it. But the voltage, in this instance, is d.c. which varies in strength, but d.c. nonetheless. The diode curcuit, then, can be used as a rectifier, a circuit that can change an a.c. input voltage into a d.c. output voltage.

## The Basic Receiver

The process of changing a.c. to d.c. is called rectification. The same technique can be used in a rather crude type of radio receiver, but still a radio receiver, as shown in Fig. 5. Instead of using power line a.c., the a.c. is supplied by a radio signal. Other than that, the circuit functioning is the same. The diode used in this connection is referred
to as a demodulator. Demodulation and rectification are synonymous; it is the diode applications that are different.


Fig. 5.-Complete radio receiver using diode, headphones, antenna and ground No sensitivity, no selectivity, no amplification, but it works. The filament circuit is not shown, but is required for heating the cathode.

The radio receiver of Fig. 5 has no sensitivity or selectivity for there is no way of separating the various signals fighting for supremacy at the antenna input. And so what is heard in the headset, now used in lieu of the load resistor of the rectifier circuit, is a melange, a cacaphony of sound that would discourage anyone but a hi-fi enthusiast. A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step, and the road to sophisticated music reproduction begins with a most elementary circuit.

## Enter The Triode

Current control in the diode is effective, not sensitive. Ideally, it would be best if we could somehow poke a finger into the tube, directly in the path of electron movement between cathode and anode. An impractical thought having practical consequences, for where our fingers may not go, substitutes can be used. Such a replacement is a tiny bit of wire mesh or wire spiral, first inserted between cathode and anode by Dr. Lee de Forest in 1906. Originally called the Audion, but now known as a triode because the modified diode


Fig. 6. - The triode is a three element tube containing a cathode (or possibly a directly heated filament), a control grid, and a plate or anode.
contains three electrodes: the cathode and anode, plus the new electrode, the control grid. (Fig. 6).

The control grid, an ideal name for this element, is mounted close to the cathode and has the same general behavior as the anode. When the control grid is made positive, it exerts an attracting force on the electron cloud around the cathode. Although the distance between the cathode and the control grid is small, the electrons have considerable velocity by the time they reach the grid region. Unlike the anode, the control grid is mostly open space, and the majority of electrons hurl through to the anode, their inertia not permitting them to stop. Some electrons do impinge on the control grid structure, and, just as in the case of anode current, are returned directly to the cathode.


Fig. 7. - The triode tube includes three circuits: the heater-cathode circuit (A); the anode or plate circuit ( $B$ ) and the control-grid circuit (C). Drawing D shows these three circuits combined.

## The Grid Circuit

The tube has now become the hub of activity for three different circuits. (Fig. 7). Two of these are the heater cathode circuit and the anode circuit. The new member is the grid circuit consisting of the cathode, the control grid, and the voltage source between the cathode and grid. Current moving in this circuit is appropriately called grid current. Not only does the triode encompass three different cirduits, but each of these has its own voltage supply. The cathode has its filament voltage; the anode its anode voltage, while the voltage in the grid circuit is called bias.

If permitted to do so, water from a kitchen faucet, because of the tremendous pressure behind it, could easily flood any kitchen. Restraint is imposed by a valve and so water flow can be governed from no water at all, to a trickle, to full force. In a comparable manner, the number of electrons moving from cathode to anode is measurable in the multi-millions, and so some electron
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Audio's annual Product Preview Directory follows, as is the usual custom in the September issue. The specifications presented are in the tabular form first used in 1965 to facilitate comparisons. Readers should bear in mind that the specifications are those supplied by the manufacturersthey are not the result of our tests of measurements. Methods of testing and measurement may differ from manufacturer to manufacturer, but in general the performance may be considered to be as specified.

Note that letter codes are employed in some instances for the purpose of clarity. For instance, the symbol (B) together with the model number of an amplifier indicates that it is a basic power amp; ( K ) indicates kit, and D with a recorder indicates Dolby B circuitry. Similarly, tape recorder speeds are indicated by letter codes which are shown on their respective charts.

Amplifier power ratings are given in rms or continuous power figures at 8 ohms both channels driven as this rating is more realistic than fictitious music power or peak power ratings. With certain quadraphonic amplifiers and receivers, power per channel is higher in the two-channel mode than in four; with these we have tried to list power per channel in quadraphonic mode at the regular spot and power in twochannel in the Special Features column.

For more information on any product, or on any products which are not listed, the reader may write the manufacturer directly at the company addresses which are listed below

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| AKAI | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AA. } 6100 \\ & \text { 4.chan. } \end{aligned}$ | 121/2 | 1.2 |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 20.22 \mathrm{k} \\ -3 \end{gathered}$ | 70 | 3.0 |  | 150 | 0.15 | 8 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 16^{3} \times 9^{11_{2}} \\ & \times 4 \end{aligned}$ | 19 | 189.95 | Discrete. |
| AUDIO RESEARCH | M60C (T/B) <br> 051 ( $1 / \mathrm{B}$ ) <br> 075 (T/B) | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \\ & 50 \\ & 75 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.5 \\ & 0.1 \\ & 0.1 \end{aligned}$ | 0.1 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.0 \\ & 0.5 \\ & 0.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.25 \\ & 0.05 \\ & 0.05 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15-30 \mathrm{k} \\ & 15-30 \mathrm{k} \\ & 15-30 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \cdot 20 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 1 \\ & 5 \cdot 20 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 1 \\ & 5 \cdot 20 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 1 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  | 4,8, 16 4,8, 16 4,8, 16 16 | 10 <br> 15 <br> 15 | $\begin{aligned} & 9 \times 9 \\ & \times 6 \\ & 19 \times 12 \\ & \times 7 \\ & 19 \times 12 \\ & \times 7 \end{aligned}$ | 54 <br> 59 | $\begin{aligned} & 295.00 \\ & 695.00 \\ & 975.00 \end{aligned}$ | Mono. |
| BGW SYSTEMS |  | $\left.\begin{array}{\|c\|} 225 \\ 250 \\ 125 \\ 125 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.1 \\ & 0.1 \\ & 0.1 \\ & 0.1 \end{aligned}$ | 0.1 <br> 0.1 <br> 0.1 <br> 0.1 | 0.1 <br> 0.1 <br> 0.1 <br> 0.1 | 0.1 <br> 0.1 <br> 0.1 <br> 0.1 | $\begin{aligned} & 5.20 \mathrm{k} \\ & 5.20 \mathrm{k} \\ & 5.20 \mathrm{k} \\ & 5.20 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5-30 \mathrm{k} \\ & +0.0 .5 \\ & 5 \cdot 30 \mathrm{k} \\ & +0.0 .5 \\ & 5 \cdot 30 \mathrm{k} \\ & +0.0 .5 \\ & 5 \cdot 30 \mathrm{k} \\ & +0.0 .5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 110 \\ & 110 \\ & 110 \\ & 110 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1.25 \\ & 1.25 \\ & 1.25 \\ & 1.25 \end{aligned}$ | 4,8, 16 4,8, 16 4,8, 16 4,8, 16 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 500 \\ 500 \\ 400 \\ 500 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19 \times 17 \\ & \times 7 \\ & 19 \times 17 \\ & \times 7 \\ & 19 \times 15 \\ & \times 7 \\ & 19 \times 15 \\ & \times 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 70 \\ & 70 \\ & 50 \\ & 35 \end{aligned}$ | 1200.00 <br> 1450.00 <br> 950.00 <br> 500.00 | SCR crow bar; no fuses; adj. power limiting; FET op-amp; forced air cooling As above, but 4 -chan. <br> 4-chan.; SCR crow bar; no fuses; IC op amp. <br> SCR crow bar; no fuses; adj. power limiting; IC op amp. |
| CROWN | $\begin{aligned} & D-300(B) \\ & D .150(B) \\ & D .60(B) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 150 \\ & 75 \\ & 30 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.05 \\ & 0.05 \\ & 0.05 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.05 \\ & 0.05 \\ & 0.05 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.05 \\ & 0.05 \\ & 0.05 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.05 \\ & 0.05 \\ & 0.05 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { D.C. } \\ & 20 \mathrm{k}^{*} \\ & 10.20 \mathrm{k}^{*} \\ & 5.30 \mathrm{k}^{*} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { D.C. } \\ & \text { 100k } \\ & 4 \cdot 100 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 1 \\ & 20.20 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 0.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 110 \\ 110 \\ 106 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1.75 \\ & 1.19 \\ & 0.775 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 4,8 \\ 16 \\ 4,8 \\ 16 \\ 4,8 \\ 16 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 200 \\ & 200 \\ & 200 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19 \times 93 / 4 \\ & \times 7 \\ & 161 / 2 \times 8 \\ & \times 5 \\ & 17 \times 83 / 4 \\ & 1^{3 / 4} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \\ & 22 \\ & 10 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 685.00 \\ & 399.95 \\ & 229.95 \end{aligned}$ | $* \pm 1 \mathrm{~dB}$; opt oil. wal. cab., $\$ 39.00$; PA adapter, 70 V bal. line out, $\$ 70.00$ <br> Opt. front panel, $\$ 30.00$; oil. wal. <br> $\mathrm{cab} . \mathrm{S}^{\$ 33.00 .}{ }^{*} \pm 1 \mathrm{~dB}$. <br> Front panel phone jack. <br> ${ }^{*} \pm 1 \mathrm{~dB}$. |
| DYNACO | Stereo <br> 400(B) <br> SCA. 800 <br> 4.chan. <br> Stereo <br> 120(B) <br> Stere0 <br> 80(B) | $\begin{aligned} & 200 \\ & 40 \\ & 60 \\ & 40 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.25 \\ & 0.5 \\ & 0.5 \\ & 0.5 \end{aligned}$ | 0.1 <br> 0.1 <br> 0.1 <br> 0.1 | $\begin{gathered} 0.25 \\ 0.5 \\ 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.1 \\ & 0.1 \\ & 0.1 \\ & 0.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5-100 \mathrm{k} \\ & 8.50 \mathrm{k} \\ & 5.50 \mathrm{k} \\ & 8.50 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5.70 \mathrm{k} \\ & +0.1 \\ & 15-50 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 1 / 2 \\ & 5.100 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 1 / 2 \\ & 10-50 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 1 / 2 \end{aligned}$ | 106 60 100 90 | 3 | 100 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1.6 \\ & 0.13 \\ & 1.5 \\ & 1.3 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \\ & 40 \\ & 40 \\ & 40 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \times 12 \\ & \times 7 \\ & 131 / 2 \times 10 \\ & \times 4 \\ & 13 \times 101 / 2 \\ & \times 4 \\ & 14 \times 8 \\ & \times 4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45 \\ & 16 \\ & 20 \\ & 13 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 399.95 \mathrm{~K} \\ & 499.95 \mathrm{~W} \\ & 169.95 \mathrm{~K} \\ & 249.95 \mathrm{~W} \\ & 159.95 \mathrm{~K} \\ & 199.95 \mathrm{~W} \\ & 119.95 \mathrm{~K} \\ & 159.95 \mathrm{~W} \end{aligned}$ | Prot. circuit. <br> Built in matrix cirt. for 4.0 sound w. 4 spkrs. <br> Regulated power supply |
| ESS | 500 (B) | 250 | 0.1 | 0.01 | 0.1 | 0.01 | 5-50k | $\begin{gathered} 5.50 \mathrm{k} \\ 0.5 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 500 | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \% \times 12 \\ & \times 5 \% \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 45 | 500.00 |  |
| ELECTRO-VOICE | $\begin{aligned} & 1244 x \\ & \text { 4.chan } \end{aligned}$ | 18 | 1.0 |  |  |  | 20.20 k | $\begin{gathered} 20.30 \mathrm{k} \\ =1^{1 / 2} \end{gathered}$ | 60 | 3.0 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 150 \\ & \mathrm{my} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,8 \\ & 16 \end{aligned}$ | 35 | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \% \times 10^{1 / 4} \\ & \times 3 \% / 4 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 9 | 149.95 | Add-on amp with E.V Stereo-4 decoder; for rear channets. |
| FISHER | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TX. } 2000 \\ & \text { TX420 } \\ & \text { 4-chan. } \end{aligned}$ | 50 15 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.5 \\ & 0.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.2 \\ & 0.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.8 \\ & 0.8 \end{aligned}$ | 0.2 0.3 | $22.24 k$ $30.20 \%$ | $\begin{gathered} 20.40 \mathrm{k} \\ =1 / 2 \\ 20.25 \mathrm{k} \\ -2 \end{gathered}$ | 90 65 | $\begin{aligned} & 2.0 \\ & 7.0 \end{aligned}$ | 40 | 1.8 | 0.2 0.2 | 4 | 10 <br> 10 | $\begin{aligned} & 15^{1 / 6 \times 12^{3 / 4}} \\ & \times 4^{3 / 4} \\ & 16^{1 / 4} \times 11^{3 / 6} \\ & \times 4^{3 / 4} \end{aligned}$ | 24 $171 / 2$ | 349.95 299.95 | Mic. input; hi filter $1 \& 2$; low fister. <br> W. 4.chan. 8-tk. player, matrix decoder. |

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| S/N | -60 dB | -60 dB | torque reel motor

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the most faithful reproduction of sound through the magnetic recording medium to date" Audio magazine, 4/68
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with A/B switch;
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and sourcettape;
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"construction rugged enough to withstand parachute drops" -Audio magazine, 4/68
RECORDERS \&
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## Tuners



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But Citation 14 does more than just tell you how noisy a signal is. It's the first tuner with a multiplex circuit that senses any phase error in the pilot signal, and then readjusts the circuit for maximum separation and minimum distortion.

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| FM Sensitivity | $1.6 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ | 1.7 MV | $1.8 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ | Continuous Power |  |  |  |
| S/N Ratio | 68 dB | 66 dB | 65 dB | Both Channels |  |  |  |
| Capture Ratio | 1.5 dB | 1.5 dB | 2.0 dB | Driven @ 8 ohms from 20-20k Hz |  |  |  |
| Selectivity 1 Hz | 75 dB | 65 dB | 60 dB | from $20-20 \mathrm{k} \mathrm{Hz}$ | $55 \mathrm{~W} / \mathrm{Ch}$ | $45 \mathrm{~W} / \mathrm{Ch}$ | $30 \mathrm{~W} / \mathrm{Ch}$ |
| Stereo Sep. @ 1k Hz | 40 dB - ${ }^{\text {3 }}$ | 40 dB 4 Gang | 40 dB 2 FET 4 Gang | THD \& IM (@rated output) |  |  | 0.5\% |
| Front End |  |  |  | output) <br> Freq. Resp. ( $\pm 2 \mathrm{~dB}$ ) | $\begin{aligned} & 0.5 \% \\ & 20.40 \mathrm{kz} \end{aligned}$ | $20-40 \mathrm{k} \mathrm{~Hz}$ | $20-40 \mathrm{k} \mathrm{~Hz}$ |
| If Stage | IC/3 Mech. Fitr. | IC/3 Mech. Fitr. | IC/3 Mech. Fitr. | Freq. Resp. ( $\pm 2$ dB) Power Bandwidth | 10-30k Hz | $13-30 \mathrm{kHz}$ | $17.30 \mathrm{k} \mathrm{~Hz}$ |
| AM Sensitivity | $15 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ | $15 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ | $15 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ | controls | Triple Tone | Triple Tone | Phono, 2 Aux |

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## Automatic Turntables




# The best time to upgrade your component system is before you buy it. 

If you're a typical reader of this magazine, you most likely have a sizeable investment in a component system. So our advice about upgrading might come a little late.

What you might have overlooked, however, is the fact that your records are the costliest and most fragile component of all. As well as the only one you will contimue to invest in.

And since your turntable is the only component that handles these valuable records, advice about upgrading your turntable is better late than never.

Any compromise here will be costly. And permanent. Because there is just no way to improve a damaged record.

If the stylus can't respond accurately and sensitively to the rapidly changing contours of the groove walls, especially the hazardous peaks and valleys of the high frequencies, there's trouble. Any curve the stylus can't negotiate, it may lop off. And with those little bits of vinyl go the high notes and part of your investment.

If the record doesn't rotate at precisely the correct speed, musical pitch will be distorted. No amplifier tone controls can correct this distortion.

If the motor isn't quiet and free of vibration, an annoying rumble will accompany the music. You can get rid of rumble by using the bass control, but only at the expense of the bass you want to hear.

Experienced component owners know all this. Which is why so many of them, especially record reviewers and other music experts, won't play their records on anything but a Dual. From the first play on.

Now, if you'd like to know what several independent test labs say about Dual, we'll send you complete reprints of their reports. Plus a reprint of an article from a leading music magazine telling you what to look for in record playing equipment. Whether you're upgrading or not.

Better yet, just visit your franchised United Audio dealer and ask for a demonstration.

You'll find Dual automatic turntables priced from $\$ 109.50$ to $\$ 199.50$. That may be more than you spent on your present turntable, or more than you were intending to spend on your next one.

But think of it this way. It will be a long, long time before you'll need to upgrade your Dual.

Dual

## Phono Cartridges



ADC XLM


Empire 1000 ZE/x


Grado F2

| MANUFACTURER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | s. |  |  |  |  |  | Stylus Type <br> C. Conical <br> E. Elliptical |
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| AUDIO DYNAMICS | XLM <br> VLM <br> 10E1V <br> 20XE | $\begin{aligned} & 10-25 \mathrm{k} \\ & 10-22 \mathrm{k} \\ & 10-20 \mathrm{k} \\ & 10.18 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30 \\ & 30 \\ & 30 \\ & 20 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30 \\ & 30 \\ & 28 \\ & 20 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 4 \\ & 4 \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.6 \\ & 1 \cdot 11^{1 / 4} \\ & 3 / 1 \\ & 1-12^{1 / 2} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47 k \\ & 47 k \\ & 47 k \\ & 47 k \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & E \\ & E \\ & E \\ & E \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.3 \times 0.7 \\ & 0.3 \times 0.7 \\ & 0.3 \times 0.7 \\ & 0.3 \times 0.7 \end{aligned}$ | User <br> User <br> User <br> User | $\begin{aligned} & 3.8 \\ & 3.8 \end{aligned}$ |  | 50.00 40.00 50.00 22.00 |  |
| 880 | SP. 12 <br> SP. 10 <br> SP. 14 | $\begin{gathered} 15 \cdot-25 \mathrm{k} \\ 3 \\ 15-25 \mathrm{k} \\ 3 \\ 20-16 \mathrm{k} \\ 21 / 2 \end{gathered}$ | 25 <br> 25 <br> 20 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} 20 \\ 20 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.0 \\ & 1.0 \\ & 1.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.1^{1 / 2} \\ & 1 \cdot 1^{1 / 2} \\ & 1^{1 / 2} \cdot 2^{1 / 2} \end{aligned}$ | 47k <br> 47k <br> 47k | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & E \\ & C \end{aligned}\right.$ c | $\begin{aligned} & 0.2 \times 0.7 \\ & 0.6 \\ & 0.6 \end{aligned}$ | User <br> User <br> User | $8.5$ <br> 8.5 $8.5$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 75.00 \\ 65.00 \\ 40.00 \end{array}$ |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { DECCA } \\ & \text { (PAOLI) } \end{aligned}$ | Mk V 4RC C4E 78C | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \cdot 16 \mathrm{k} \\ & 40 \cdot 16 \mathrm{k} \\ & 40 \cdot 16 \mathrm{k} \\ & 40.16 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & 25 \\ & 25 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 22 \\ & 22 \\ & 22 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.5 \\ & 1.5 \\ & 1.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.0 \\ & 3.5 \\ & 1.3 / 4 \\ & 3.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47 \mathrm{k} \\ & 47 \mathrm{k} \\ & 47 \mathrm{k} \\ & 47 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline C \\ C \\ E \\ C \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0.6 \\ & 0.6 \\ & 0.3 \times 0.65 \\ & 2.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fty } \\ & \text { Fty } \\ & \text { Fty } \\ & \text { Fty. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4.5 \\ & 14 \\ & 14 \\ & 14 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 99.50 \\ & 79.95 \\ & 99.50 \\ & 35.00 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Positive scan no cantilever; 1 mG tip mass, hand polished. As above. <br> As above. <br> As above but for 78 rpm discs |
| EMPIRE | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1000 \\ & \text { ZE/X } \\ & \text { 999VE/X } \\ & 999 S E / X \\ & 999 E / X \\ & 909 E / X \\ & 90 E E / X \end{aligned}$ | 4.40 k 6.36 k 8.32 k 10.30 k 12.25 k 15.25 k | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 35 \\ \hline 35 \\ 35 \\ 35 \\ 35 \\ 35 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 25 \\ & 25 \\ & 25 \\ & 25 \\ & 25 \\ & 25 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.5 \\ & 1.5 \\ & 1.7 \\ & 1.7 \\ & 2.0 \\ & 2.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 4 \cdot 1 / 4 \\ & 1 / 4 \cdot 11 / 4 \\ & 1 / 2 \cdot 1 / 2 \\ & 3 / 4 \cdot 2 \\ & 1.4 \\ & 1.4 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47 \mathrm{k} \\ & 47 \mathrm{k} \\ & 47 \mathrm{k} \\ & 47 \mathrm{k} \\ & 47 \mathrm{k} \\ & 47 \mathrm{k} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline E \\ E \\ E \\ E \\ E \\ E \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.2 \times 0.7 \\ & 0.2 \times 0.7 \\ & 0.2 \times 0.7 \\ & 0.3 \times 0.7 \\ & 0.4 \times 0.7 \\ & 0.4 \times 0.7 \end{aligned}$ | User User User User User User | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 7 \\ & 7 \\ & 7 \\ & 7 \\ & 7 \end{aligned}$ |  | 99.95 79.95 59.95 39.95 29.95 24.95 |  |
| GOLDRING (IMF) | 800 Super $E$ $800 E$ MK II 850 | $\begin{aligned} & 10-23 \mathrm{k} \\ & 10-20 \mathrm{k} \\ & 40-12 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | $25$ <br> 25 <br> 20 | 20 <br> 20 <br> 10 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.8 \\ & 1.0 \\ & 1 / 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \cdot 1 / 4 \\ & 3 / 4 \cdot 1 / 2 \\ & 2.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47 k \\ & 47 k \\ & 47 k \end{aligned}$ | E <br> C | $\begin{aligned} & 0.3 \times 0.8 \\ & 0.3 \times 0.8 \\ & 0.7 \end{aligned}$ | User <br> User <br> User | $\begin{aligned} & 7^{1 / 2} \\ & 7^{1 / 2} \\ & 7 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 69.50 \\ 39.95 \\ 9.95 \end{array}$ | Fiequency curve and calibration certificate supplied. |
| GRADO | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { F1 } \\ & \text { F3E } \\ & \text { FCE } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10.70 \mathrm{k} \\ & 10.50 \mathrm{k} \\ & 10.40 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 30 \\ 28 \\ 25 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & 25 \end{aligned}$ | $2.5$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \frac{3}{4} \cdot 2 \\ & 1.5 \cdot 3 \\ & 1 / 2 \cdot 4 \end{aligned}$ | $5 \mathrm{k}$ <br> 5k $5 k$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \mathrm{E} \\ \mathrm{E} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.3 \\ & 0.3 \times 0.6 \\ & 0.3 \times 0.7 \end{aligned}$ | User <br> User <br> User | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \\ & 5 \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 75.00 \\ & 49.50 \\ & 35.00 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | *Twin tip sty\&us. F2 similar but with $0.3 \times 0.6$ elliptical stylus, $\$ 60.00$. <br> FCR similar but with 0.6 conical stylus, $\$ 25.00$. |
| IVC | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 4MD-20X } \\ & \text { 4MD-30X } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20.60 \mathrm{k} \\ & 20.50 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30 \\ & 25 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & 22 \end{aligned}$ | 2.0 2.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.5-2 \\ & 2.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47 k \\ & 100 \mathrm{k} \\ & 47 \mathrm{k} \\ & 100 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ |  |  | User <br> User | 8 <br> 7 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 69.95 \\ & 39.95 \end{aligned}$ | *Shibata stylus: intended for use with 4 -chan disc. <br> *Stibata stylus; intended for use with 4-chan. discs |
| OLSON | PC. 195 | 15.25k | 30 |  | 2.5 | $1^{1 / 2}-4$ | 47k | E | $0.4 \times 0.7$ | User | 14 |  | 24.95 |  |
| PHILIPS | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GP412 } \\ & \text { GP401 } \\ & \text { GP400 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20.20 \mathrm{k} \\ & 20.20 \mathrm{k} \\ & 20.20 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 30 \\ 25 \\ 25 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 6 \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2-2 \\ & 1-2 \\ & 11 / 2-3 \end{aligned}$ |  | E | $\begin{aligned} & 0.3 \times 0.7 \\ & 0.3 \times 0.7 \\ & 0.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { User } \\ & \text { User } \\ & \text { User } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 7 \\ & 7 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 69.50 \\ & 54.50 \\ & 39.50 \end{aligned}$ | With freq. resp. chart. As above. As above. |

## The ADC-XLM "...ina class by itself"’



That's the way Stereo Review described our XLM. High Fidelity headlined their review, "Superb new pickup from ADC" and went on to say, "...must be counted among the state of the art contenders." And Audio echoed them with, "The ADC-XLM appears to be state of the art."

With the critics so lavish in their praise of the XLM, there's hardly any necessity to add anything. Far better to let the experts continue to speak for us.

> Frequency response The CBS STR- 100 test record showed less than $\pm 1.5 \mathrm{~dB}$ variation up to $20,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$. Stereo Review
> response is within $\pm 2 \mathrm{~dB}$ over the entire range. Audio Frequency response is exceptionally flat. High Fidelity
> Tracking This is the only cartridge we have seen
> that is really capable of tracking almost all stereo discs at 0.4 grams. Stereo Review
> The XLM went through the usual torture test at
> 0.4 grams (some top models require more than a gram). High Fidelity
> The XLM is capable of reproducing anything found on a phonograph record. Audio

Distortion Distortion readings...are without exception better than those for any other model we've tested. High Fidelity

The XLM has remarkably low distortion in comparison with others. Audio
At 0.6 grams the distortion was low (under 1.5 per cent). Stereo Review

Hum and noise The XLM could be instrumental in lowering the input noise from the first stage of a modern transistor amplifier. Audio
The cartridge had very good shielding against induced hum. Stereo Review

Price This would be a very hard cartridge to surpass at any price. Stereo Review
We found it impossible to attribute superior sound to costlier competing models. High Fidelity
Priced as it is, it is a real bargain in cartridges. Audio
The Pritchard High Definition ADC-XLM $\$ 50$.

## Phono Cartridges



Pickering XV-15
Stanton 681EE


# All cartridges are different. Empire cartridges are more different than others! Take a technical look for yourself. 



## How it works.

If you know how moving magnetic cartridges are made, you can see right away how different an Empire variable reluctance cartridge is. With others, a magnet is attached directly to the stylus, so that all the extra weight rests on your record. With Empire's construction (unique of its type), the stylus floats free of its three magnets. So naturally, it imposes much less weight on the record surface.

## Less record wear.

Empire's light-weight tracking ability means less wear on the stylus, and less wear on your records. Laboratory measurements
show that an Empire cartridge can give as much as 50 times the number of plays you'd get from an ordinary cartridge without any measurable record wear! HI-FI SOUND MAGAZINE summed it up very well by calling the Empire cartridge "a real hi-fi masterpiece A remarkable cartridge unlikely to wear out discs any more rapidly than a feather held lightly against the spinning groove.'

## Superb performance.

The light-weight Empire cartridge picks up the sound from the record groove with amazing accuracy. Distortion is minimal. (None at all could be measured at normal sound levels with Empire's

1000ZE/X and 999VE/X.) AUDIO MAGAZINE said of the Empire cartridge "outstanding square waves... tops in separation." HIGH FIDELITY noted ". . . the sound is superb. The performance data is among the very best." While STEREO REVIEW, who tested 13 different cartridges, rated the Empire tops of all in light-weight tracking

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But W35 is not content to be known as only "the rear speaker of a 4 -channel set up." It's a great speaker in its own right. It more than hoids its own in stereo systems, and it can be easily shifted to the


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## Speakers

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## Speakers




# For ${ }^{\$ 279}$ we give you engineering. For an extra $\$ 20$ we throw in some furniture. 

To call the Rectilinear III a piece of engineering is a rather vigorous understatement.

The equipment reviewers of leading hi-fi and other technical publications have gone on record that there's nothing better than this $\$ 279$ floor-standing speaker system, regardless of type, size or price. (Reprints on request.)

But engineering is all you should expect when you buy this

original version of the Rectilinear III. Its cabinet is $35^{\prime \prime}$ by $18^{\prime \prime}$ by $12^{\prime \prime}$ deep, handsome but utterly simple. For $\$ 279$, you get quality and taste but no frills.

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## Research

The 901 DIRECT/REFLECTING ${ }^{\circledR}$ speaker system is the result of the most intensive research program that has been conducted into the physical acoustics and psychoacoustics of loudspeaker design. The research that gave birth to the 901 in 1968 began in 1956 and continues today to explore the frontiers of sound reproduction. Copies of the Audio Engineering Society paper, 'ON THE DESIGN, MEASUREMENT AND EVALUATION OF LOUDSPEAKERS', by Dr. A. G. Bose, are available from the Bose Corp. for fifty cents.

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|  | C×822 | E | Opt. | $10 \% / 3$ |  | 2 | 3 | Hys. | Belt | $\begin{gathered} 30-30 \mathrm{k} \\ -2 \end{gathered}$ | 0.06 | 60 | 45 | $\begin{aligned} & 250 \\ & \text { bal. } \end{aligned}$ | 2 Mtrs. | $\begin{array}{r} 19 \times 9 \\ \times 17 / 2 \end{array}$ | 53 | 1790.00 | As above. Also in $1 / 4$ track or 4 -chan. |
|  | SX744 | B | Opt. | 10\%3 3 |  | 4 | 3 | Hys. | Belt | $\begin{gathered} 20-25 \mathrm{k} \\ -2 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 0.09 | 60 | 45 | 350 k | 4 Mtrs . | $\begin{aligned} & 19 \times 9 \\ & \times 2! \end{aligned}$ | 60 | 1895.00 | 8 mic inputs. |
| DOKOROER |  | B |  |  |  |  | 3 | Hys. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 40-21 \mathrm{k} \\ & =3 \end{aligned}$ | 0.06 | 55 | 65 | 10k | 2 Mtrs . | $\begin{aligned} & 177 / 3 \times 20 \\ & \times 15^{1 / 4} \end{aligned}$ | 55 | 699.95 | Bi-directional rec./PB; auto repeat. |
|  | 7200 | B | No | 74 | 4 | 4 | 3 | Hys. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 Mtrs . |  |  | 469.95 | Auto PB repeat; auto off: adj. reel height; SOS: SWS; echo: lock. pause contl. |
|  | 6020 | B | No | 74 |  | 4 | 3 | Hys. |  | 20k.20k | 0.12 | 55 | 45 | 10k | 2 Mtrs . | $\begin{aligned} & 14^{1 / 2 / 2} \times 71 / 2 \\ & \times 15^{3 / 4} \end{aligned}$ | 361/4 | 279.95 | Bi-directional rec./PB; auto repeat; auto off. |
|  | 7500 | B | No | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 | Hys. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 40-23 k \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ | 0.08 | 55 | 65 | 10k | 2 Mtrs . |  |  | 579.95 |  |



TEAC AN-80 Dolby nolse reduction unit

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If you've been shopping the field for a semi-pro deck with studio-size reels, you've probably had to cut your way through a lot of noise about silence. And you've probably wondered why you haven't heard TEAC blowing its horn on the subject. The answer is simple - we didn't feel we had to. Long before the dawning of Dolby,* TEAC perfected the kind of electronics that lets you use the most advanced low-noise / high-output tapes on decks like the 3300 with startling results. We effectively reduced tape noise and hiss below audible levels. And let Dolby take it from there. But we wanted to keep the 3300 a truly versatile semi-pro deck for the audiophile. So instead of building Dolby in, we outboarded it, as you can see-in the AN-80 Dolby Noise-Reduction Unit. Now you could get better signal-to-noise than was dreamed of in your ratio. Not only on your 3300 but on any other existing deck.

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Panasonic RS-740US


Pioneer T-6600

Speeds by letter code:

|  | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | $H$ | J |
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| $71 / 2$ | $x$ | $x$ | $x$ |  | $x$ | $x$ | $x$ |  |  |
| $33 / 4$ | $x$ | $x$ | $x$ |  | $x$ |  | $x$ | $x$ |  |
| $1 / 8$ | $x$ |  | $x$ | $x$ |  |  | $x$ | $x$ |  |
| $15 / 16$ |  | $x$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| MANUFACTURER |  |  |  | - | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | SPECIAL FEATURES |
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| FERROGRAPH (ELPA) | 704 AWE <br>  | No | $8^{1 / 4}$ | 3 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ | 3 | Ind | Idler | $30-17 \mathrm{k}$ -2 | 0.08 | 60 | 60 | 10k | 2 Mtrs . | $\begin{aligned} & 14^{7} 8 \times 16 \\ & \times 8^{3} 4 \end{aligned}$ | $37^{12}$ | 649.00 | Model 704A0W, Dolby, \$850; 724ADW. \$900. |
| IVC | 4RD. 1401 <br> 4-chan. $B$ <br>   |  |  |  |  |  | Ind. | Belt | $\begin{gathered} 30.20 \mathrm{k} \\ -3 \end{gathered}$ | 0.1 | 53 | 160 | 600 | 4 Mtrs. | $16 \times 8$ $\times 18$ | 27 | 449.95 | 2/4.chan, 10-noise \& mon. swt's; retract pinch roiles |
|  | RD. 1553 <br> 4.chan. | No | 7 | 3 | 4 | 3 | Hys. | Belt | $\begin{gathered} 20-24 \mathrm{k} \\ =3 \end{gathered}$ | 0.1 | 53 | 80 | 600 | 2 Mtrs | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \times 8 \\ & \times 18 \end{aligned}$ | 33 | 429.95 | 2/4.chan. 10 -noise \& mon. swt's.: retract. pinch roller. |
|  | RD. 1552 B | No | 7 | 3 | 4 | 3 | Hys. | Beit | $\begin{gathered} 20 \cdot 24 k \\ =3 \end{gathered}$ | 0.1 | 52 | 80 | 600 | 2 Mtrs | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \times 8 \\ & \times 18 \end{aligned}$ | 33 | 329.95 | Solenoid buttons; SOS; flip-up head cov.; retract. pinch roller. |
|  | RD. 1450 B | No | 7 | 3 | 4 | 3 | Ind. | Belt | $\begin{gathered} 30-20 k \\ =3 \end{gathered}$ | 0.1 | 52 | 160 | 600 | 2 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \times 7 \\ & \times 13 \end{aligned}$ | 21 | 199.95 | Tape/Source swt.; auto stop; flip up head cov, retract pinch roller. |
| MAGNAVOX | 1K8982 B | No |  | $4$ | 4 |  | Ind | İler | $\begin{gathered} 50 \cdot 15 k \\ -5 \end{gathered}$ | 0.15 | 45 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 10 k \\ & 50 k \end{aligned}$ | 2 Mtrs . | $141 / 2 \times 16^{1 / 2}$ $\times 7$ |  |  | Auto rev. rec./PB |
|  | $1 K 8877 \quad$ A | No | 7 | 3 | 4 | 1 | Ind. | Idler | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \cdot 15 k \\ & -5 \end{aligned}$ | 0.1 | 45 | 150 | 10k | 2 Mtrs . | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \frac{1}{2} \times 13^{3 / 4} \\ & \times 7 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | Auto norse supp.; sid//0-noise bias swit.; echo; SOS |
|  | $148981 \quad$ A | No | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | Ind | Idier | $\begin{gathered} 50-15 k \\ =5 \end{gathered}$ | 0.15 | 45 | 180 | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \mathrm{k} \\ & 50 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | $2 \mathrm{Mtrs}$. | $\begin{aligned} & 12^{3 / 4} \times 15 \frac{3}{4} \\ & \times 7 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | SOS. |
|  | 1 K 8980 A | No | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | Ind. | Idier | $\begin{gathered} 50-15 k \\ 5 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 0.15 | 45 | 180 | $\begin{array}{\|l} 10 \mathrm{k} \\ 15 \mathrm{k} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 2 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \frac{3}{4} \times 15^{3 / 4} \\ & \times 7 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| NAGRA | $4.2$ | No |  | $4$ | $1$ |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 30-20 \mathrm{k} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | 70 |  | 100k | Mtr. | $\begin{aligned} & 121 / 2 \times 8.7 \\ & \times 4.3 \end{aligned}$ | 11/2 | 1735.00 | *0. $1 \%$ speed varia D-cell powered; film sync., AGC. |
|  | SD E | No | 7 | 3 | 2 |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 30 \cdot 18 \mathrm{k} \\ .2 \end{gathered}$ | * | 70 |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l\|} 50 \\ 200 \end{array}\right.$ | Mtr. | $\begin{aligned} & 12^{1} 2 \times 8.7 \\ & \times 4.3 \end{aligned}$ | $111^{1} 2$ | 1985.00 | * $0.1 \%$ speed varia. features as above, but film sync. $\$ 400$ extra. |
|  | SN $\mathrm{H}^{+}$ | No | 38 | 3 | 1 |  |  |  | 10.15k | 0.1 | 60 |  | 200 | Mtr. | $\begin{aligned} & 5.8 \times 4 \\ & \times 1 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 1.3 | 1295.00 | *Plus 15/16, ***special, supplied. |
| PANASONIC | RS736 E | No | 7 |  | $4$ |  | Hys |  | 30.23 k +3 | 009 | 53 |  | 20k | 2 Mirs | $\begin{aligned} & 18 \times 17 \\ & \times 81 / 2 \end{aligned}$ | 33 | 329.95 | Built-in mixer: SOS. SWS, hot pressed ferrite heads. |
|  | RS714 B | No | 7 | 4 | 4 | 3 | Hys |  | $\begin{gathered} 30.23 k \\ -3 \end{gathered}$ | 0.09 | 53 |  | 20 k | 2 Mtrs . | $\begin{aligned} & 20 \times 17 \\ & \times 77 / 8 \end{aligned}$ | 49 | 499.95 | Mic $Z$ swit. SOS; SWS; hot pressed ferrite heads; 4 -dig counter |
|  | RS715 $B$ | No | 7 | 4 | 4 | 3 | Hys |  | $\begin{gathered} 30.22 \mathrm{~h} \\ 3 \end{gathered}$ | 0.09 | 53 |  | 20k | 2 Mtrs . | $\begin{aligned} & 20 \times 17 \\ & \times 7 / / 8 \end{aligned}$ | 49 | 549.95 | Auto rev, bias swit: hot pressed ferrite heads. |
|  | RS740 <br> 4.chan | No | 7 | 3 | 4 | 1 | Hys. |  | $\begin{gathered} 30.22 k \\ -3 \end{gathered}$ | 0.09 | 53 |  | 20 | 4 Mirs | $\begin{aligned} & 20 \times 17 \\ & \times 7 / 1 / 3 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 28 | 449.95 | 2-chan./4-chan. rec. \& PB; 2 phone jacks; hot pressed ferrite heads. |
| PIONEER | T.8800 | No | 7 | 6 |  | 2 | Hys. | Belt | 40.15k | 0.08 | 55 |  | $330 k$ | 2 Mtrs . | $\begin{aligned} & 22 \times 161 / 2 \\ & \times 91 / 2 \end{aligned}$ | 50 | 549.95 | Rec/PB auto rev, bias select.; SOS: remote pause cont\| |
|  | T. 6600 B | No | 7 | 4 | 4 | 1 | Hys. | Belt | 50.15k | 0.12 | 55 |  | 330 K | 2 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 171 / 4 \times 17 \\ & \times 71 / 4 \end{aligned}$ | 28 | 299.95 | REC/PB auto rev.; pause contl. |
|  |  | No | 7 | 4 | 4 | 1 | Hys. | Belt | 50.15k | 0.12 | 55 |  | 330 k | 2 Mtrs . | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \times 15 \\ & \times 7 \end{aligned}$ | 26 | 249.95 | PB auto rev. |
|  | QT. 6600 <br> 4-chan $B$ | No | 7 | 4 | * | 1 | Hys. | Belt | 30.20k | 0.12 | 55 |  | $330 k$ | 4 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 18 \frac{3}{1} \times 17 \\ & \times 8 \frac{3}{8} \end{aligned}$ | 37 | 599.95 | 4-chan. rec/PB auto reverse; pause control. |



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# AUDIO Tests 14 Small Speakers 



Small loudspeaker systems, and here we mean systems of one-cubic-foot or less, have improved enormously over the past few years, and many of those tested in our survey would prove quite acceptable to the most critical listener. Compared with full-sized systems, the main deficiencies are a reduced power handling capacity and lower output below 100 Hz or so. Sensitivity tends to be a little less toonothing we can do about that but judicious use of the amplifier bass control can often improve balance although care must be taken to avoid overloading and consequent distortion. Placing the speakers in the corner positions will also improve the low-end response.

How were these speakers tested? First, they were given full-scale listening tests using a variety of program material which included speech, jazz groups, and symphony orches-
tras. Two high quality reference systems were used, an AR LST monitor and a dy-namic-electrostatic combination. Comparisons were made with particular reference to smoothness, overall balance, and freedom from coloration. These tests, which involved a listening panel, took a considerable amount of time (and patience) and then the speakers were measured in the laboratory using mostly $B \& K$ equipment as shown above. Here the tests included tonebursts, frequency response, distortion, dispersion, and sensitivity. The results are tabulated on the following pages. As might be expected, the most expensive systems came out the best. These were the ADC 404B, EPI 50, Dyna A-10, Martin 110 , and two Video-Tones. The Quadraflex 11 at $\$ 24.95$ and the Lafayette 25 A at $\$ 20.45$ must be considered excellent value for money. The former needs a little treble lift to achieve balance and the latter both bass and treble adjustment.

## Glossary

System Resonance: This is the fundamental frequency at which the bass speaker has its natural resonance in the enclosure. Bass output usually falls sharply below this frequency although output can be boosted if the speaker unit has a linear excursion at low frequencies. All the systems tested are totally enclosed except the Dyna A- 10 which has a resistance loaded port and the Frazier Super Midget which has two 6 -by- $1 / 2$-in. ports.
Sensitivity: Power output was measured one meter away with one watt input at 400 Hz . It is expressed in decibels SPL (Sound Pressure Level). A more recent standard stipulates pink noise instead of a single tone frequency, but cross-checks showed that the 400 Hz . tests give a reasonable correlation.

Dispersion: Polar radiation plots were made from 5 to 10 kHz and the information
was used to make the small diagrams which show relative patterns.
Frequency Response: Following our usual custom, measurements were made with pink noise which is less affected by room acoustics than sine wave signals.
Distortion: This was measured with a 5 -watt input signal and the low frequency limit was 80 Hz . Distortion at this point (mostly doubling) indicates to some extent what bass lift can be applied.
Tone-Bursts: These show the response when a signal is suddenly removed. A perfect speaker with a massless diaphgram having no inertia would respond immediately with no ringing or hangover. The two frequencies are $\mathrm{A}, 1 \mathrm{kHz}$, and $\mathrm{B}, 5 \mathrm{kHz}$.
Impedance: The impedance of a system may be a nominal 8 ohms at 1 kHz or 400 Hz but will vary throughout the band. Many amplifiers give trouble with loads lower than 4 ohms.

| Manufacturer | Model | Units | System Resonance (Hz) | Sensitivity (dB) | Dispersion | Frequency Response \& Harmonic Distortion |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 404B | $\begin{aligned} & 6-\mathrm{in} . \\ & 2-\mathrm{in} . \text { cone } \end{aligned}$ | 75 | 97 |  |  |  |
| BSR | SS-2 | $\begin{aligned} & 6-\mathrm{in} . \\ & 2-\mathrm{in} . \text { cone } \end{aligned}$ | 130 | 98 |  |  |  |
| Dynaco | A-10 | 6-in. $1^{1 / 2}$-in. dome | 74 | 96 |  |  |  |
|  | 50 | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \text {-in. } \\ & 21 / 2 \text {-in. cone } \end{aligned}$ | 54 | 96 |  |  |  |
| E-V | 8A | $\begin{aligned} & 6-\mathrm{in} . \\ & 2-\mathrm{in} . \text { cone } \end{aligned}$ | 78 | 97 |  |  |  |
| Frazier | Super <br> Midget | 4-in. cone | $\begin{aligned} & 120 \\ & \left(49^{*}\right) \end{aligned}$ | 98 |  |  |  |
| Jensen | 1 | 8 -in cone | 120 | 97 |  |  |  |


| Impedance | Tone-Bursts | Dimensions ( $\mathrm{W} \times \mathrm{DxH}$ ) | Price | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $83 / 4 \times 73 / 4$ $\times 117$ | \$45.00 | Smooth, good dispersion. |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 8 \times 7 \\ \times 14 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 70.00 \\ & \text { pair } \end{aligned}$ | Slightly "forward." |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 81 / 2 \times 8 \\ & \times 15 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 99.95 \\ & \text { pair } \end{aligned}$ | Smooth, slightly "distant." |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \times 8 \\ & \times 13 \end{aligned}$ | \$55.00 | Smooth, excellent dispersion |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} 81 / 2 \times 6^{1 / 2} \\ \times 15 \end{gathered}$ | \$49.95 | Smooth. |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 91 / 2 \times 71 / 2 \\ & \times 151 / 8 \end{aligned}$ | \$32.95 | Some mid-range coloration, *port. |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} 10 \times 88^{1 / 2} \\ \times 141 / 2 \end{gathered}$ | \$30.00 | Forward. |






Fig. 1-Note the simplicity of the controls-only two rocker switches, one for power and the other for switching from Hz to KHz

## MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATIONS

Frequency Range: 1 Hz to greater than 15 MHz . Accuracy: $\pm 1$ count $\pm$ time base stability. Gate Times: 1 Millisecond or 1 second, with automatic reset. Sensitivity: 1 Hz to $1 \mathrm{MHz}-$ less than 100 Mv , rms; 1 MHz to 15 MHz -less than 250 mV , rms after 30 minutes operation. Trigger Level: automatic Input Impedance: 1 megohm shunted by less than 20 pF . Time-Base Frequency: 1 MHz , crystal controlled Readout: 5 digits plus overrange indicator. Dimensions: $81 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ wide $\times$ $33 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ high $\times 9^{\prime \prime}$ deep (exclusive of handle). Weight: $41 / 2 \mathrm{lbs}$. Price: $\$ 199.95$ (kit).

Most experimenters or practitioners in the audio field have little familiarity with digital techniques, but most of them will have often found a need for accurate measurement of frequency. Analog-type frequency meters have been around for a long time, but their accuracy is usually limited to $\pm 1$ per cent of a meter scale, whereas a digital instrument has an accuracy of $\pm 1$ count-which at 1 MHz , for example, is an accuracy of one ten-thousandth of 1 per cent.

Anyone who builds oscillators, square-wave generators, or any similar equipment, needs some form of frequency measurement in order to calibrate the dial. Of course, one could use a scope and Lissajous figures against the $60-\mathrm{Hz}$ power line frequency to get up to, perhaps. 1200 Hz , and with an intermediate generator set at 1200 Hz could continue upward to as much as $24,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$, assuming a 20 to 1 Lissajous figure on the scope screen, but even then he would have to interpolate to prepare a useful scale over the entire audio spectrum. If one correctly calibrated oscillator is available, one can compare the new one with the old, again using a scope or possibly a heterodyne method, hut any of these methods is primitive and time consuming.

The frequency counter is the elegant answer to the problem of calibrating an instrument and has been for a number of years. But they have been expensive devices, usually above $\$ 500$

## Heathkit Frequency Counter Model IB-101

for a five-digit model. Some counters are capable of measuring intervals of time as well as frequency, and prices can casily run up in the two- or three-thousand dollar range. This Heathkit measures frequency only, but is a most useful instrument for the audio lab.

We have used this unit to measure the frequency of the bias oscillator in tape recorders by simply attaching a small inductance to the input leads and placing in close proximity to the erase head. We use it continually to measure speed variations of turntables equipped with vernier controls, playing a $1000-\mathrm{Hz}$ tone on a record and noting the frequency at the normal position, then varying the vernier to a maximum and minimum positions and noting the reproduced frequency. We have used it to calibrate square-wave generators, as well as to check other generators which may have been factory calibrated. We have found it a most useful device.

## The Circuit

The IB-101 consists of 26 integrated circuits and 7 transistors, as well as a MOSFET (inetal oxide semiconductor field effect transistor) and 6 diodes. Five display tubes provide the readout capability of eight digits in a simple operation. Suppose you are measuring a frequency of $11,245,987 \mathrm{~Hz}$. You place the range switch in the kHz position, and the instrument indicates 11245; then you change the range switch over to the Hz position, and the indication is 45987 with the overrange light on, which shows that the frequency being measured is larger than the five-digits of the display. This is the result of the operation of any digital counter-the count starts with the units, is stepped to the tens, the hundreds, the thousands, and finally to the ten-thousands. After that, there are no more counters available so the overrange light goes on if the switch is in the Hz position. The accumulation of any count starts with the units first, of course. By combining the two indications 11245 and 45987 , you end up with $11,245,987$, a total of eight digits.

The input signal is fed to the input amplifier, a 40673 MOSFET which has integrated gate-protection circuits which protect against overload, and thence to a Schmidt trigger which shapes the input into a square wave. This is fed to a high-speed single flip-flop IC which counts the unit pulses The output of this IC is fed to additional flip-flops making a total of five decade counters which feed buffer-storage IC's and their outputs are in turn fed to the five decoder-driver IC's which control the display tubes, converting the binarycoded information to decimal in the process. The gate circuit consists of a I MHz crystal followed by three decade counters, each of which divides the input frequency from the crystal by 10 , with the result being tapped off to reset the input-frequency counters every millisecond for the kHz position of the switch, and again by three more decade counters which provide a reset signal every second for the Hz switch position. A regulated power supply provides 3.5 volts for all the counters and gate


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circuits, 36 vol ts for the MOSFET, and 170 volts for the anodes of the display tubes. The latter is the only non-regulated voltage from the power supply. The overrange circuit is actuated by an inverter transistor which triggers additional flip-flops every time the carry signal from the fifth counter is energized, and is a neon lamp which illuminates an "over" on the otherwise black panel. At the other end of the panel are two legends which are illuminated " Hz " or " kHz " depending on the position of the switch. The panel is a "smoky" black plastic sheet which occupies the upper half of the front panel. The lower half is an anodized aluminum panel which accommodates the power switch at the left, the $\mathrm{Hz}-\mathrm{kHz}$ switch in the center, and a BNC input connector. This explanation of the operation is considerably simplified, but those interested in a more thorough description can read the information contained in the kit instruction book.


Fig. 2-Close-up of a section of the formed strip which serves as sockets for the 26 ICs . The bottom pins are inserted in predrilled holes in the circuit board and soldered in place. Then, with a furnished jig, the upper portion is broken off, forming seven (or eight) up-standing receptables for each row of pins

## Construction

Construction of this instrument follows the usual Heathkit procedure-the printed-circuit board is assembled first. With the 26 IC's used-some with 14 pins and others with 16, there are 384 separate pins to be accommodated. Mindful of the difficulty the average constructor would have in soldering these in place, and the further difficulty if any one of the IC's had to be replaced, Heath furnishes a strip of pin receptacles such as those shown in Fig. 2. These are cut into lengths of either seven or eight and inserted in holes in the circuit board and soldered-actually not a particularly difficult job if instruc-


Fig. 3-View of the chassis before installing the case. The five ovals at the right are sockets for the numerical display tubes.
tions are followed carefully. Then when these are all in place, a "jig"-like tool is used to break off the solid part of the strip just above the receptacles, leaving the latter standing up from the circuit board ready to receive the IC's. When these are all in place, the completed circuit board is as shown in Fig. 3. One caution-don't lose or discard any of these receptacles on the strip. We used the 384 required and had only the nine shown in Fig. 2 remaining.

On the whole, this project, which should take about six hours to complete, is a thoroughly worthwhile one, and the satisfaction of having an accurate counter available makes future work with any frequency-generating device more interesting and more accurate. We have found it to be an extremely useful addition to our stable of instruments.

For those who want a still higher frequency limit, there is another kit which will provide accurate scaling to 175 MHz . This unit, IB-102, divides the incoming frequency by 10 or 100 to increase the upper limit. A $1: 1$ switch position provides a straight-through path for the input signal for measurements over the range of the counter. For those working in the radio frequency ranges of FM stations, this is also a useful addition to the lab equipment.
C. G. McProud

Check No. 108 on Reader Service Card

## Speaker of the House

The idea of radiating r.f. power through the house power wiring is not new-in fact we have had intercom units using this principle for many years. But Concepts Plus, a Los An-geles-based company, has gone a stage further in designing stereo extension speakers to work this way. The transmitter operates in the 3 MHz band and is housed in a small "black box" which is connected to the extension speaker terminals of your amplifier or receiver. The frequencies used are 2.30 MHz and $3.12 \mathrm{MHz}-$ so they are spaced far enough apart to avoid crosstalk. Figure 1 shows the inside of a transmitter unit. The two resistors are 8 ohm loads for the amplifier. Figure 2 shows the inside of the top section of the speaker unit which houses the receiver and amplifier. The speakers fitted are a $6-\mathrm{in}$. bass unit and a $3-\mathrm{in}$. tweeter. Output measured just over 6 watts from 100 Hz to $10,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ falling off slightly to 5 watts at 40 and 15 kHz . Distortion was $1.5 \%$ at 6 watts. Both bass and treble controls are fitted and they had a range of 20 dB at 60 and 10 kHz respectively.


Fig. 1-Inside of the transmitter unit.
In my tests, an amplifier power of $\overline{5}$ watts was more than sufficient to put a signal anywhere in the house with excellent signal/noise. A lot depends on the characteristics of the power wiring, the self-capacity and so on, but a receiver with 10 watts output should produce a good signal under the worst possible conditions-unless, of course, there is more than one wiring circuit. The overall sound was surprisingly pleasant and well-balanced although some frequency doubling occured below about 100 Hz . As a matter of interest, I disconnected the two load resistors mentioned above and then connected the transmitter to a tape recorder which gave an output of just over 1 volt rms. It worked very nicely, although the received signals had some background-as might be expected. The extension units are very attractively styled in walnut with a black facia panel with chrome and blue trim and knobs to match. Though the Concept Plus units can-


Fig. 2-Inside of the speaker unit.
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# The First Meyerbeer Opera on Records 

Richard Freed

There has always been a strong, if not overwhelmingly large, Meyerbeer faction among the ranks of opera buffs, and from time to time during the last decade or two there has been talk of a full-scale Meyerbeer revival. A few years ago there was even an announcement of a production of $L^{\prime}$ A fricaine, with Richard Tucker, in Rochester, but (like so much announced from the same source) it never materialized. What has materialized now is the first recording of a complete opera by Meyerbeer, and it is one of his "grandest" (a term not to be confused, by any means, with "greatest"), Les Huguenots, offered with only the tiniest excisions in a four-disc London set (OSA-1437, \$23.92), conducted by Richard Bonynge.

One would like to exclaim, "At last!" and run on to all sorts of enthusiastic effusions, but what this much-awaited-and, in many ways, very welcome-recording makes most dismayingly clear is that, although Meyerbeer was a splendid composer for the theatre, his music does not stand up very well on its own (that is, without the visual element and all the trappings that go into making grand opera "grand," or, in a word, "spectacle"). Les Huguenots is really pretty thin stuff, but it cannot be dismissed with a wave, and neither can this important first recording of it.

Meyerbeer in his own time was enormously respected. His operas dealt only with grand and profound subjects, subjects which lent themselves to the epic proportions of his endeavors. In certain very serious musical circles, in the second quarter of the 19th century, he was esteemed above Mozart and Beethoven, and the greatest praise a critic could bestow on Verdi's Don Carlo, a little over a hundred years ago, was to comment that it might almost be compared with Meyerbeer. Undoubtedly, both Verdi and Wagner owed much to him, but undoubtedly, too, their debt was


## Joan Sutherland

paid a hundred times over in the form of music which, while it might not have been written at all without Meyerbeer's example, so far surpassed him in terms of quality and imagination as to render comparison ludicrous.


Martina Arroyo

Meyerbeer, one feels, is best ingested in small doses-the still enchanting "O Paradis" from L'Africaine, a coloratura showpiece from L'Etoile du nord, the sparkling ballet Les Patineurs whose music Constant Lambert concocted from various Meyerbeer tunes. But there has been a sustained yearning for a complete Meyerbeer opera on records, and here we have one, so. . . ?
As suggested above, there is nothing small-scaled about Meyerbeer's operas, and the large cast of Les Huguenots calls for seven singers of "star" quality in principal roles. In the London recording, which ought to have been a glorious excuse for congregating seven of the most brilliant vocal artists available, there is only one among the seven who really makes the most of his opportunity: Gabriel Bacquier, the distinguished French baritone, whose presence in any undertaking may be taken as assurance of exceptional aural pleasure, is superb as the Comte de Saint-Bris. What a sense of style Bacquier invariably brings with him! The "Blessing of the Daggers" is one of the more convincing scenes in this work, and Bacquier makes it a memorable one.

The other six principals here are Joan Sutherland as Marguerite de Valois, Martina Arroya as Valentine, tenor Anastasios Vrenios as Raoul de Nangis, basso Nicolai Ghiuselev as Marcel, mezzo Huguette Tourangeau as Urbain, and baritone Dominic Cossa as the Comte de Nevers. Of these, the reliable Martina Arroyo gives the best account of herself; as always, hers is a very full characterization, both musically and dramatically, but one wonders if this was an ideal piece of casting for Meyerbeer, which demands more in the way of sheer, hard glitter. The justly admired Ghiuselev, too, seems conspicuously uncomfortable in this work. Vrenios is a stylish singer, and one cannot but admire the ease with which he attainsand holds on to-that high $E$ at the
end of the Septet, but his voice is just not BIG enough for this hugescaled spectacle. Cossa and Tourangeau simply lack the star quality to make their contributions convincing. That leaves Joan Sutherland, and even she is not on her best form, although the role of Marguerite is less critical than those sung by Arroyo, Vrenios and Ghiuselev.

So, as a bouquet of glorious vocal display, this package is far less impressive than it might have been had the casting of the other six stellar roles been undertaken as thoughtfully as that of Saint-Bris. Richard Bonynge, of course, is the current authority on music of this sort. and there is no faulting his leadership, the playing of the New Philharmonia Orchestra, or the singing of the Ambrosian Opera Chorus. The Decca/London engineers, though, have given a bit less than their characteristic best on this occasion, with noticeably less clarity and definition than we have come to expect from them; the voices have an echoish quality in many sections which becomes a cumulative irritant.

Well, we must be grateful to London for making this recording, even if the casting could have been improved. Some. I know, will regret that the first complete Meyerbeer opera on records was not L'Africaine or Robert le Diable, but it must be acknowledged that Les Huguenots is the big one. It is Les Huguenots which embodies all the Meyerbeer traits-the grandiosity, the color, the striving for a nobility this composer never quite achieved-on his most ambitious level. Now we have an opportunity to hear it in full. Unfortunately, though Les Huguenots is a long opera (three hours and 40 minutes for the five acts), there just isn't that much to hear.

Undoubtedly many opera-fanciers will feel differently about this, and, since Decca/London has gone to such expenses to produce the set, I only hope the vociferous Meyerbeer faction will respond in such a way as to justify the undertaking. One wonders, though, if even the most eager members of that enthusiastic group will not find the poverty of the composer's inspiration in the first and last acts almost embarrassing. Having heard it all now (more than once), I would look forward to a single disc of highlights, on which I could enjoy Bacquier in the "Blessing of the Daggers," hear again the duet "Beauté divine" with Sutherland and Vrenios, also the "Conjuration and Benediction" from Act IV and some of the other ensemble numbers.

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# Classical Record Reviews 

Edward Tatnall Canby

Carl Nielsen: Symphony No. 5 L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, Kletzki. London CS 6699, stereo, \$5.98.

Periodically, I come back to Nielsen to see whether I can realize in my own perceptions the qualities of greatness which Nielsen enthusiasts point out. He has a hefty following. no question about that, if enthusiasm is heft. The liner notes on this record are full of words like "genius," "colossal," "no post-Beethoven symphony has surpassed (its) dramatic power" and so on. Either you are a dedicated Nielsenite or you aren't.

I'm not. So turn to another magazine if you are, and no offense, I hope. Each to his own. To use the familiar youth phrase, I simply am not turned on by Nielsen, however dramatic he may be. He leaves me with a feeling of utter objectivity. Yes, a very fine orchestral sound, excellent melodic sweep, skillful, professional layout, an enormous canvas and much evidence of vast cosmos, some enormous spiritual ethos, which is very obviously being projected by the music. Par for the course in Nielsen's day, as of Mahler, Scriabine, et al. But in Nielsen it pushes too hard. I find the musical effects overblown for their content of musical language, repetitious to a degree I can't take, overextended, and most of all, somehow stylistically fuzzy (though of course it is "all Nielsen," I will be answered). One minute it's Impressionist, the next cautiously, rather selfconsciously, dissonant, then straight back to Brahms. Oh, well. Why say more?
(Play me 10 seconds of old Franz Berwald, another Scandinavian, and I'll swoon with joy, though he was no Beethoven. Play me an hour of Mahler, or two hours, and I'll listen, nor will my attention wander. Play me the same
by Bruckner and I'll sleep. I even love Sibelius, now that I'm grown up. I used to think he was old fashioned.)

For all of that, I think 1 can state that this is a good performance, as good as they come, in spite of a few minor string blemishes of ensemble under London's familiar close-sounding string microphoning. Full of strong feeling and good phrasing.
Performance: B -
Sound: B-

Beethoven: The Late Quartets (Op. 127, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135). The Yale Quartet. Vanguard Cardinal VCS 10101/4, four stereo discs, \$11.92
A sad rumor from New Haven says that the Yale Quartet is no longer playing. If so, it is a crying shame, for this unpretentious local group, attached to Yale University, has put down some of the finest Beethoven on records anywhere. And this even though the personnel of the group is not entirely the same throughout the recordings.

This collection contains all the famed late Quartets, including the Grosse Fuge, the Great Fugue, originally the enormous-too enormous-last movement of Op. 130. Beethoven wisely detached it and wrote a smaller and more appropriate ending for the same spot. Never has the almost unplayable intensity of this Fugue-with-episodes been so accurately and smoothly performed, yet with all the expressivity it needs. (The work too often gets hopelessly scratchy and squawky, as the players try to encompass its incredible "drive" and play the notes right too.)

Note that the Yale Quartet recordings are also available separately, on single LP discs, to your choice.
Performances: A-
Sound: B+

John Williams/Raphael PuyanaMusic for Guitar and Harpsichord. (Jordi Savall, viola da gamba cońtinuo). Columbia M 31194, stereo, \$5.98.

Here's another of those discs that combine a classical guitar with something else (like, say, another classical guitar). The sound mix here is mellifluous and the music pleasant, but I found that the three Sonatas by one man, Rudolf Straube, born 1717, were just too much. His prettily tailored music is of the middle 18th century, early-Hayden sort, and after one Sonata you can guess the rest. Minimal content.

However, there's a nice semi-modern piece by the Mexican composer Ponce, brilliant neo-classic, and a really worthwhile Sonata, at length, by the annotator of this record. Stephen Dodgson. It is beautifully styled for the two instruments with a real sense of each of them and an impressive knowledge of both guitar and harpsichord history. This work might be called neoclassical, as of 1970 ; its roots are in the eclectic modern of the 1930's, all Baroque-ish and bouncy. It is played continuously but the shape is of a Baroque Sonata, slow/fast, the slow segments all florid ornament, free style (like a Bach Fantasia), the fast movements full of slightly acid counterpoint, very Baroque in texture. I like the way Dodgson can write real harpsichord music for the harpsichord, while writing equally guitar-ish music for that instrument, the two combining with the greatest of ease.

Buy this disc for the moderns, then, not for the classics. If you get tired of modern, you can always fall back on old Straube.
Performance: A-
Sound: B

Jesus Christ Super Star (Eight complete excerpts). First All American Cast Album. Fleetwood FMS 4, one 7 -in. stereo disc, available at some supermarkets.
As per our recent editorial page, this is one of a new series of seven-inch discs that somehow cram a full $12-\mathrm{in}$. LP into an unprecedented closeness of lines and length of play on the little 7 -in. platter. The records play on normal equipment.

I am not sure what a "First All American Cast" might be (is there a part-American cast?) nor will I expound on the now-familiar music except to say that it strikes me as something less than sensational, considering the subject matter and the enduring popularity of the show. All that matters here is that there are four complete numbers on each side, eight in all, and
three of these range from 4:00 to $5: 12$ in their timing. A lot of music in a small space.

Yes, it is a technical feat. The sound is reasonably good, and the crucial inner grooves aren't bad at all (though the sound mercifully fades out in slow motion at the ends, which undoubtedly helps!). A bit dull in the overall, and definitely a lot less loud and coarse than many a current short-type 45. Also, the residual noises, minor clicks and bumps, do show up a bit and some of them tossed my ultra-light pickup a
few grooves. But definitely a passable disc, at least in the high-production pop area. However, 1 think the real implication here has been overlooked. It isn't that our jukes will now fill up with half-hour sides, all of a sudden.
Instead, as I read the message, Fleetwood is saying to us that there is a large amount of useful leeway between this disc and the present full-size standard LP. No-not for a renewed $10-$ in. size, though that is technically possible. Nobody wants the 10 -in. back Rather, for an RCA-type discrete full-


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Franz Berwald: Piano Concerto in D Major (1855); Theme and Variations in G Minor; Rondeau-Bagatelle in B Flat; Tempo di Marcia; Presto feroce. Greta Erikson, piano; Swedish Radio Orchestra, Westerberg. Genesis GS 1011, stereo, $\$ 5.98$

Lovely. Anything by Franz Berwald is worth a listen, though the old Swede, formerly unknown to musicians as well as listeners, tends to write the same sort of music in all his late works. It is so delightfully quirky, so good humoredly jittery, nervous, hightension, yet as honest and unspoiled as Schubert-who was younger than Berwald but died many years earlier. He isn't a great, universal composer, but surely he is one of the finest of the inbetweens. His music "fits" our own nervous temperaments as thoroughly as it riled the people of the 1840's and 50 's, who couldn't stand nervousness.
This is a good all-Swedish performance, nice in the piano, a bit less than accomplished in the orchestra but definitely in the right spirit. Those who have tried Berwald will enjoy it, without question.
The solo piano pieces are revealingly uninteresting. They all date from the composer's youth, 1819-20, except one, the Presto, which is again. characteristic mature Berwald. The young Berwald wrote salon music, let's face it. Pretty empty stuff, if well put together. The more remarkable that he grew so much, in almost total musical solitude, in the long years that followed before his death in 1868.
Performances: B
Sound: B
Handel: Judas Maccabeus. Harper, Watts, Young, Shirley-Quirk; Amor Artis Chorale, Somary. Vanguard Cardinal 10105/6/7, 3 stereo discs, $\$ 8.94$
Judas Maccabeus is one of the three big, late-period oratorios that include Messiah, and you will hear many an
echo of that slightly earlier work in this one. But each of the Handel oratorios has its overall pace and mood-this one is relaxed and yet impressive, full of the drama of celebration. It was composed as a musical analogy to rejoice upon the defeat of "Bonnie Prince Charlie," the last of the serious Stuart pretenders and grandson of James II. (Remember? Then came William \& Mary out of Holland, in the "glorious revolution" of 1688 , if my mind is in the right gear. . .) A political showpiece, a device which Handel could always use to perfection in support of the glorious Establishment.

The Vanguard recording is the only current offering of the work by Englanders, in English, but it can stand up on any grounds of comparison you wish to choose. Somary, I'd say, has at last proved that in Handel we can be "authentic" to 18th century perfomance standards without being dry, dogmatic and dusty. His Handel moves along in modern style, briskly, naturally, with all proper details like continuo with harpsichord, more or less the original instrumentation, plenty of added trills and cadenzas (taken for granted in Handel's time), and a smallish chorus. His tempi are easily right, if fast-paced, and he "gives" to his singers, allowing them the grace of their own best expression, rather than dragging them along unmercifully at the new faster tempi which replace the dirge-like "oratorio" style of the past.

Indeed, the only necessarily less-thanauthentic element, here as elsewhere, is that of the vocal stars, who sing very much as of today and not necessarily in the manner of Handel's time. They adapt variously well, but all of Somary's are good and leaders in the British singing art. As usual, Heather Harper, the soprano, comes out best, her voice still pure, simple, and flexible. It takes singing of a sort still rare today to bring out the rapid-fire runs and trills and roulades which were merely normal in vocal art in the 1740 's.

The chorus? It has a definitely familiar and very pro sound, replete with healthy vibrato and brimming with energy. "Amor Artis," I suspect, is now another name for that everavailable British professional vocal pool that appears in all sorts of recent recordings under names convenient to the moment. It's the same in New York, where all professional chorus work is turned out by virtually the same singers, no matter what the designation. In any case, this group is tireless and efficient, if perhaps not quite as spiritually dedicated as might be hoped for. What more can you do under expensive


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Performance: A-
Sound: B +
Lewenthal Playing and Conducting Funeral March for a Papagallo and other Grotesqueries of Alkan. Columbia M 30234, stereo, $\$ 5.98$

Pianist Raymond Lewenthal rediscovered Alkan, a French Jewish piano genius and recluse of the Wagner-LisztVerdi era who lived in Paris, played like a fiend but wouldn't play in public, composed voluminously, studied the Talmud-and was killed when the Talmud fell on him. An eccentric bird, of a sort not uncommon in Francenote Erik Satie, many years later. Lewenthal has made himself the world's Alkan specialist. His first recording, chez RCA, brought out the heaviest Alkan piano armament; this one sheds light on the quirky side of the composer, and it does have its moments.

A lovely, bland little piece, for instance, jarred out of its complacency by sudden grotesque tone clusters, a century before Henry Cowell. A heinously difficult little Etude, one hand playing both a legato melody and a staccato broken-chord accompaniment -then both hands at once doing both things. A brace of assorted mood-pieces, apt to explode suddenly into the grotesque. Most interesting of all, a bigger item for voices and wind group, a mock-serious funeral march for a parrot on an endlessly repeated French equivalent of "Polly want a cracker?" -A-tu déjeuné? - and further, Et de quoi? (What did you eat?). It's done here by a batch of heavy-voiced Met singers for a vibrato-ridden sound of awesome vocal proportions, conducted by Lewenthal, who adds a croak of a bass for his own special grotesquerie!
I suppose I'm an unimaginative clod, but Mr. L.'s enthusiastic imagination makes these little pieces more important in his written descriptions than they seem to sound in the pianistic flesh. They are cute, well written, quirky, just as he says. But the texture and harmony is bland, a sort of mild Beethoven watered with semi-Chopin, not too exciting. In spots the writing is "virtuoso" all right, but more on the Beethoven model than say Liszt; incredible tangles of swift movement but without that showy brilliance which makes Liszt sound even more spectacular than it is.
As of the mid-century, I'll admit,
these works must have seemed pretty far-out, to the few who heard some of them. That would give Mr. L. his talking point. But they'll appeal mainly to modern ears who enjoy Satie and the like, the real esoterics.

Performances: A-
Sound: B+

Percy Grainger plays Grieg. Klavier KS 101, stereo, $\$ 5.98$. Ignaz Friedman Concert II. Klavier KS 115 , stereo, $\$ 5.98$.

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The trouble-for our ears-with many of these old programs is that the music is now so insipid and old fashioned. Modern ears, even those that are totally untrained in "classical," nevertheless are attuned to dissonances of a kind unheard-of back then. The minor recital works, and many of the major works too, no longer have the musical punch they once had; we simply cannot hear them as they were then heard, except by a severe exercise of imagination.

Yet a potent performer, like Percy Grainger, can give you a pretty good idea as to the way he felt about them. Grieg's music nowadays seems all perfumed and over-juicy, with much drama about effects that seem to us pretty small potatoes in musical terms. But they were both modern and radical in their day, and this quality is brought out dramatically (if you can stand it) by Grainger's playing-he knew Grieg personally. Horse's mouth. Grainger was always a mannered, slightly foppish pianist even in his own day, and he still sounds so. His piano-only reduction of the familiar Piano Concerto (Side A) may amaze a few, but mostly it will pall, with all its tired effects. But the solo piano pieces of Grieg on Side B are much more interesting and truthful.

I found Ignaz Friedman's minor Tchaikovsky, his Weber, Paganini, pretty insipid and old fashioned, for all his rep as a piano giant. But Friedman's own works, mostly waltzes, are much more interesting-richly lush things, somewhere midway between Fritz Kreisler and Maurice Ravel, so full of notes you think of a music box, and-of course-very difficult to play. What else! A whole side of these, and very pleasing listening if you like good dessert music.
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Angela davis is free, despite her being a black Communist; President Nixon has broken bread with the Communist leaders of China and Russia. My, my, but the times they really are a'changin'.

Things may also be a'changin' for another Black who has had his political troubles: singer Paul Robeson, who by choice decided to live in Russia a while because of the discrimination against Blacks he found prevalent in the U.S. When the Soviet Union turned out not to be Mecca after all, he returned state-side-but the damage to his career had been done.

Now, RCA gives us the opportunity to hear the kind of talent we harassed because of political blinders. SONGSOF MY PEOPLE (Red Seal, LM-3292) contains Robeson's legendary first recordings for the company, pressed-in mono, of course-on 78 s between the years 1925 and 1929. Sound quality is something that must be overlooked, naturally, but the voice tone is so superb that that task is easy.

Backed on piano by his long-time accompanist, Lawrence Brown, who also sings on five of the 20 cuts, Robeson proves what many have said beforethere's a lot of poor quality in today's music. For Robeson, who at 75 now lives quietly in southern New Jersey,
clearly points out what a really fine voice is, and the contrast to much of today's pop-soul garbage is all too evident.

The songs Robeson performs on the disc, all Negro music and mostly spirituals, have a depth of feeling that can only be termed authenticity. Robeson obviously trembles with both the joys and sorrows of being Black, revels in the history of his race-despite the painful negative aspects of that history.

There are no highlights on the vinyl, for each melody is a gem unto itself. Starting with "Git on Board, Li'l Chillun" and ending with "I Got a Home in-a Dat Rock."

Old favorites are included, such as "Déep River," "Water Boy," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Ezekiel Saw de Wheel," "Nobody Knows de Trouble I've Seen," "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," "Joshua Fit de Battle ob Jericho" and "Bye and Bye." Many of these, of course, have been revived by the new blues stars, both black and white, but none carry the urgent poignancy of Robeson's versions.
If a flaw exists, it is that some of the pieces are ultra-shortened, such as the 55 -second "Dere's No Hidin' Place." All, in fact, are brief-a result of the time allotted to singles in that not-so-Roaring Twenties era; the longest selection
runs only one second past the threeminute mark.

Robeson's baritone-bass voice, given other political circumstances, might be remembered as comparable in his genre to Caruso in his. The problem is that the voice is hardly remembered at all. This disc may help correct that negligence. And the album can help do, by itself, what Robeson-who first had gained fame as an athlete and actor, and who since his retirement in 1958 has found only sadness and obscurity-always wanted to do, educate all people as to what the Black people are about. He said it himself, as the liner notes indicate, three decades ago:
"If I can re-create for an audience the great sadness of the Negro slave in 'Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child'; or if I can make them know the strong, gallant convict of the chain gang, make them feel his thirst, understand his naive boasting about his strength in 'Water Boy'; or if I can explain to them the simple, divine faith in 'Weepin' Mary'-then I shall increase their knowledge and understanding of my people. That will be something to work for, something worth doing."

Amen.
NEW YORK (London "Phase 4 Stereo," SP44141) is a musical montage of Mayor Lindsay's playground as painted by Frank Chacksfield and his orchestra. All 10 cuts, which include a pair of medleys, are easy-listening-nothing spectacular, nothing bad. Best instrumentals are the 6:27 "West Side Story" medley "Something's Coming," "Tonight," "Maria," "America" and "Somewhere") and Rodgers and Hart's "Slaughter on 10th Avenue," still exciting and jazzy. Also worth a listen are "Harlem Nocturne," "Manhattan," "Take the 'A' Train," "Spanish Harlem" and the everbouncy "Give My Regards to Broadway."
ROY ORBISON SINGS (MGM, SE4835) contains a variety of sounds, emphasizing, of course, the up-melodies and moralistic down-lyrics of country music. There are some surprises by the singer-guitarist, though, such as the French tossed in via "Beaujolais" and the sometimes schmaltzy arrangements featuring chorus and orchestra. If you don't mind Orbison's high-pitched, smooth voice, you'll like the LP.

MY STREET BEGINS AT MY HOUSE (Folkways, FC 7543) is a disc aimed at tots. Starring Ella Jenkins, whose soul-folk voice is self-accompanied by solo guitar, the recording keeps things simple, playful and directly to the point, a la the material on "Sesame Street." The singer-writer, who
penned all the words and music on nine cuts (one a reprise of the title tune), is best on the lone narrative, the tongue-twisting wordplay-filled "World of Whickum-Whackum."

## SIMON \& GARFUNKEL'S GREAT-

EST HITS (Columbia, KC31350) deserves the title. Among the 14 successes by the folk-rock duo are such modern evergreens as "Feelin' Groovy," "The Sound of Silence," "I Am a Rock," "Scarborough Fair/Canticle," "Homeward Bound," "Bridge Over Troubled

Water" and "El Condor Pasa." A bargain at almost any price, especially packaged in one album.

SOLID BRASS (A\&M, SP4341) is another bargain anthology, in effect a second volume of greatest hits by Herb Alpert \& The Tijuana Brass. Among the 14 cuts, all re-releases, are "This Guy's in Love With You," "The Work Song," "Jerusalem," "A Banda," "Summertime" and "Wade in the Water." Alpert's horn is still golden, and the sound is unique. (Continued) When Choosing A Hi-Fi System
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VICTORIAN POETRY (Camden, TC 3004) will appeal to a limited audience, but the disc is fascinating because it shows the impact words can create. There are 55 cuts in all (on three discs), ranging from 32 -second rendering of Robert Lewis Stevenson's "Requiem" to an 11:50 reading of Francis Thompson's "The Hound of Heaven." The vinyl features the voices of Max Adrain, Claire Bloom and Alan Howard.

ON THE GREEK SIDE OF MY MIND (MGM, SE-4818) spotlights Demis Roussos, whose squeaky voice is often grating to the ear, particularly when it becomes falsetto. The title cut is a poetic narrative, superimposed on an almost theological choral backdrop, and is fascinating. The rest, sort of electric-stringed Greek-rock, is uninspired.

## SOFTLY WHISPERING I LOVE

 YOU (MGM, SE-4821) finds the onceinnovative sound of The Mike Curb Congregation now a bore, filled with routine arrangements that are little more than sing-a-longs. The voices themselves have become muddled. Of the 10 cuts, worth hearing are "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing," "United We Stand," and "Forty Days and Forty Nights." It's the second bummer in a row for the group, whose earlier HITS FROM THE GLEN CAMPBELL SHOW (SE-4804) also showed a lack of zest.TIME TO WONDER WHY (RCA Victor, LSP-4638) spotlights George Kayatta on 10 cuts. The newcomer writes on the liner notes: "I sing of love, of terrestrial happiness, of the quiet pains and joys of solitude. . He does, and he does it well.

SOMETIMES (United Artists, UAS5529) is Allan Taylor's debut. The folksinger with a sometimes thin, sometimes deep, but always moving voice sticks to simple arrangements and an almost childlike concept. (In fact, nursery rhymes and other tot playthings are used.) The dozen cuts are heavily laced with Baroque and other classical themes. Most interesting is the lone instrumental, "Tudor Pop," which the flacks accurately describe as an "overdubbed violin in a mock Elizabethan piece that escalates into a jig."

## ALREADY A HOUSEHOLD WORD

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McGee's execution is lucid and deft, his notes clean, well-defined, and separate. Take "Dew Drop" for example, a waltz tune out of the
parlor tradition. Here McGee's linear excursions are precisely delineated as he employs staccato and rubato in a period piece that evokes images of ladies wearing wide skirts and perhaps even bustles. Unaccompanied "Franklin Blues" sounds like a Czerny exercise while "Sam McGee's Stomp" has a composed quality in its bright, intricate arrangement that scoots right along without strain. McGee plays five-string banjo on "Jesse James," taken at a canter and the reproduction here is so sensitive that you can hear him squeak to accomplish the changes!

In "Ching Chong," McGee introduces the banjo-guitar which has a more mellow timbre than its brother banjo and perhaps fewer overtones, as though tempered by felts. You can just imagine a square dance in "Blackberry Blossom" which I seem to recall is the name of a train and it does indeed have a choo-choo drone. McGee manages strenuous leaps and projects a minor feeling by playing adjacent notes together as does he also in "Railroad Blues," the most inventive cut of the fifteen. There he employs slide guitar, achieving the great barreling forward motion of a train and "we hear that whistle as we go through Franklin." Now singing, now percussive, it's great picking that rests comfortably on the plump bass line of Goldie Stewart. "Pig Ankle Rag" and "Buckdancer's Choice" also deserve mention. Clifton McGee supplies supplemental guitar throughout but McGee's sidemen are just as it says, strictly off to the side.

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The Dirge portion of the parade contains the familiar "Nearer My God To Thee" with attractive tenor saxophone work by Emanuel Paul in "Pleyel's Hymn." Another well-known hymn, "Just A Closer Walk With Thee," taken at a frisky gait, is punctuated by the ubiquitous sound of the sousaphone which acts as the very pulse of it all.

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"Weary Blues" is irrestible with wails and whines disseminated by the brasses who render banana peel slides and donkey brays underlaid by a growling muted trumpet. "Panama" is highly developed, sporting a great drum sequence by Henry Glass which brings it all home.

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