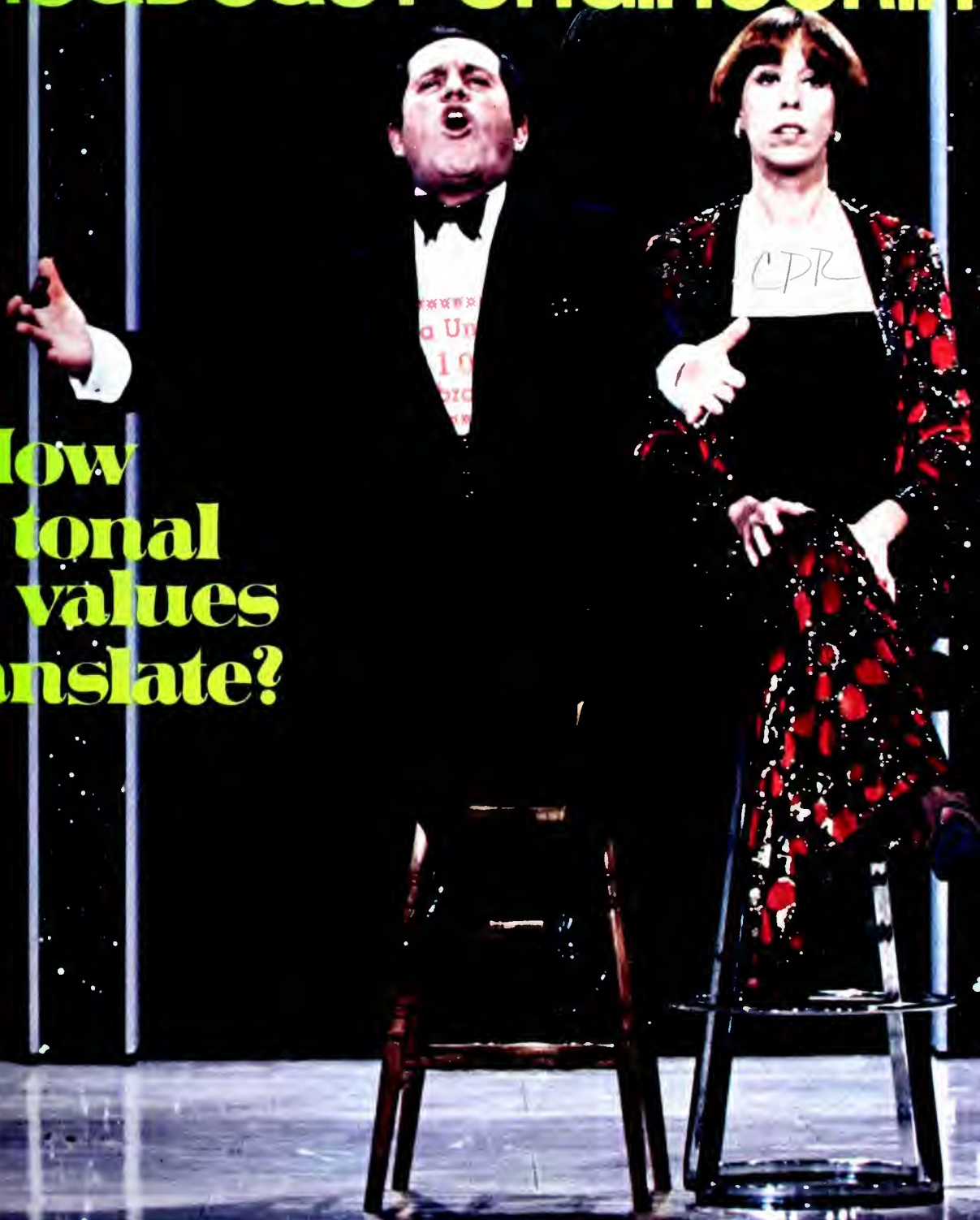


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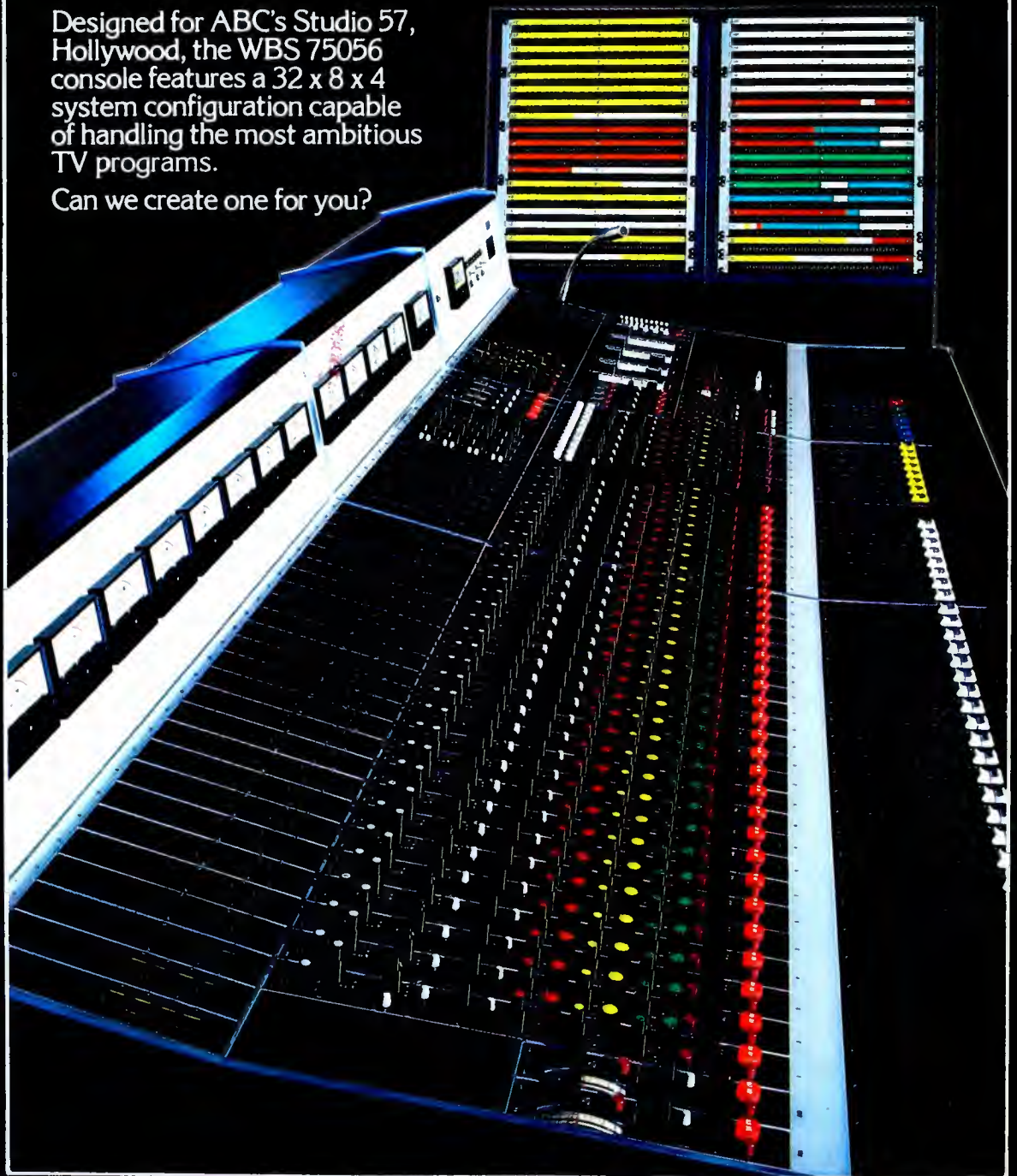
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## NAB Proposes Revised Audio Performance Rules

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) has asked the Commission to open an inquiry into the Rules governing the audio performance of AM and FM radio facilities and the measurements of audio performance. The new Rules will govern the Proof of Performance now required to be made on an annual basis.

Noting that the present performance requirements were developed many years ago, NAB points to the radical changes in audio processing and control techniques employed by radio broadcasters to enhance the characteristics of the audio signal. A wide range of topics is proposed for consideration, including the behavior of limiting and other processing amplifiers, equalization techniques, pre-emphasis load characteristics and noise-reduction methods. In addition, the study would include analysis of techniques used in modulation monitors with emphasis on modulation limits and the definition and measurement of "peaks of frequent recurrence."

NAB asks that the Commission inquire into such topics as the type of audio performance data required and method of measurement for all radio stations. All interested parties, including manufacturers, broadcast licensees, and individuals are urged to provide the Commission with information to permit the development of Rules reflecting the current state of the art.

## New Class of AM Radio Station Established

The Commission has amended the Rules governing AM radio stations to extend the AM band to include carrier frequencies at 10 kHz intervals from 530 kHz to 1610 kHz. Previously, the lowest AM frequency was 540 kHz and the uppermost 1600 kHz.

The two new established frequencies--530 kHz and 1610 kHz--are to be restricted to a new class of noncommercial radio stations known as a Travelers Information Station (TIS). These stations are to be used to transmit information to motorists and other travelers which would include warnings of road hazards, airport

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These stations will be restricted to the immediate vicinity of air, train and bus terminals, public parks, historical sites, interstate highway interchanges, bridges and tunnels. The operation will be secondary to services sharing these two frequencies and must accept interference from the primary service.

## Some Changes in CATV Technical Standards

The Commission has made minor changes in the CATV technical standards. The revised standards are now based on the physical configuration of a cable system rather than the identities of the various communities served.

Frequency standards for cable carriage are revised for the carriage to UHF translators to require no more accuracy than that of the translator signal. The frequency accuracy requirement for CATV set-top converters is replaced by a frequency stability requirement, and a video signal-to-noise ratio is applied for the first time to direct video feeds.

There was general agreement among both cable and broadcast interests as to the desirability of these changes. Several parties, however, urged the Commission to go further and adopt more comprehensive CATV technical standards to supplement the rather meager standards now established by the Commission's Rules. The Commission agreed that this should be done and stated that it would do so promptly. It's hard to quarrel with that position--it's just as true today as when the Commission said the same thing five years ago.

## Short Circuits

The Commission has proposed to prohibit the marketing of external amplifiers capable of operation in the frequency band 24-35 MHz and has instructed its staff to avoid any CB meetings where such amplifiers are displayed. The Commission has authorized an experimental license in the 52-74 MHz band to develop both an industrial and consumer video displayer... The Commission has refused to permit a suburban licensee in the midwest to move its main studio nearer the central city, although the licensee insisted that the only alternative involved miles of travel to the transmitter site over winding two-lane roads and a narrow wooden bridge often covered by high water... The Commission has issued a new volume of CB Rules and an interference book detailing "home remedies" for CB interference to television receivers and home audio equipment... The Commission has adopted Notices of Inquiry into FM quadraphonic broadcasting and AM stereo broadcasting; field testing of various AM stereo systems has begun.



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### SMPTE Conference planned for October

Booth space for SMPTE's 119th Technical Conference Equipment Exhibit is now available, announced SMPTE Conference Vice President Harry Teitelbaum. The Conference and Exhibit, which is scheduled for the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles Oct. 16-21, will feature numerous presentations on different aspects of television and motion picture technology. Among the sub-

jects to be discussed are laboratory practices, film production, television production, television sound and motion picture sound.

SMPTE expects this conference to be the largest in their history, with more than 5,000 professionals expected to attend. Further information on the Conference and Exhibit is available from SMPTE, 862 Scarsdale Ave., Scarsdale, NY 10583.

### NAEB expands convention format

Plans to expand exhibitor participation in the 53rd annual convention of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters, held in Washington, D.C. November 13-17, were announced by James A. Fellows, president of NAEB. Fellows said that program modifications, allowing delegates more time to visit the exhibit area, have been approved. These changes will create 8½ hours of exhibit-only time when business sessions or related activity will not be scheduled.

The new NAEB convention, to be held at the Sheraton-Park Hotel, includes a major group of sessions for engineers who are frequently responsible for recommendations to management regarding the purchase of new equipment. These sessions will provide a forum for exhibitors

to make technical presentations on the formal convention agenda and on the exhibit floor. In addition, an Exhibitors Panel is scheduled as a general session to focus on technology and to encourage exhibitor attendance.

Fellows emphasized that the NAEB convention expects to draw over 3,000 public broadcasting and technical executives as well as representatives from the military services, local, state and federal government, foreign embassies, the medical profession, business and industry. He noted that an associate membership requirement in the association, which has been mandatory, has been waived. For further information contact Patricia Kio Moran at (202) 223-6274.

### New trade show scheduled for Oct.

INTELCOM '77, the first International Telecommunications Exposition to be held in the United States, will take place at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta from October 9-15. A number of major attractions will be bringing all segments of world telecommunications activity together under one roof, including government telecommunications administrations, users, manufacturers, technical experts, agents, distributors, consultants, educators, and communications officials from around the world.

Primary focus of the exposition will be on the needs of developing nations and will include recent developments in the technology,

economics, financial policy, regulatory and management aspects of telecommunications.

Also on the agenda are approximately 14 intensive two-day short courses covering the most up-to-date treatment of computer networks, fiber optics, satellites, digital trends, management of communications systems, microprocessors, marketing, and finance; and tours to major manufacturing plants, telephone operating companies and research facilities.

For further information on INTELCOM '77, contact Barbara Coffey, Horizon House International, 60 Washington St., Dedham, Ma. 02026.

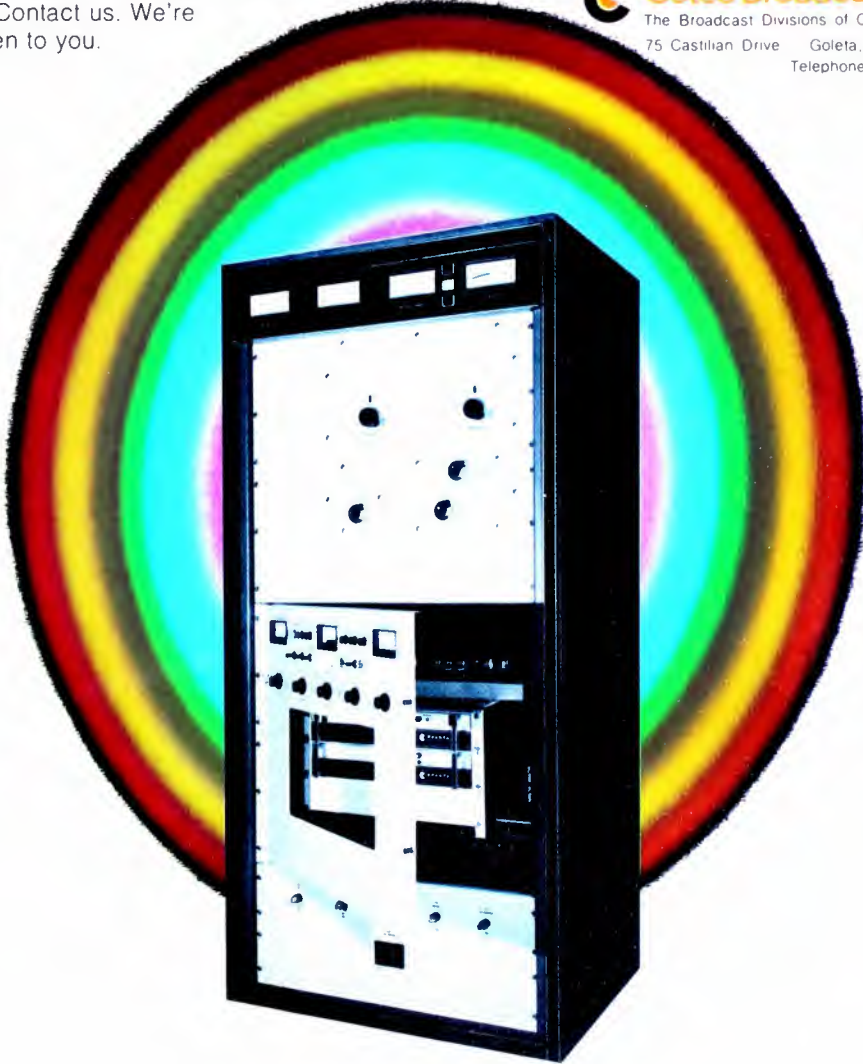
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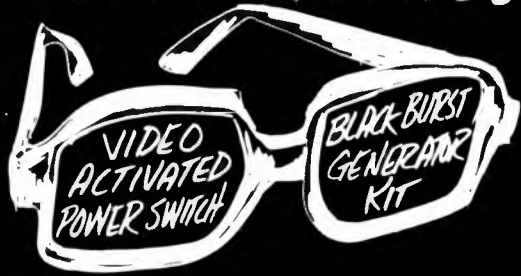
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**FCC provides public access  
to radio program log data**

The Commission has amended its rules requiring radio broadcasters to make their program logs and log data available for public inspection, and to make such material, as well as public inspection file material, available for machine reproduction. It also continues to require that all radio licensees keep their public files for a period of three years copies of all written comments and suggestions concerning station operation received from the public.

This action, which amends Parts 1 and 73, becomes effective July 5.

The FCC said it would not require commercial television and radio broadcasters to retain and disclose transcripts or tape or disc recordings of news and public affairs programs. The Commission was convinced that the public benefits outweighed the costs the proposal would impose on broadcasters.

The FCC's action is the latest in a series of documents dealing with public access to broadcast station program records.

In January 1974, the FCC amended its rules to provide for public inspection of television station program logs and to establish the procedures which would apply to inspection requests. The revised rules allowed not only access to, but reproduction of program logs of television licensees. On July 17 of that year, the FCC amended its rules to permit the reproduction of materials maintained locally for public inspection by television station applicants, permittees and licensees, with radio stations to be dealt with later.

**FCC responds to court remain  
on educational station rule**

The FCC has issued a response to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit's reversal of the FCC action amending its rules requiring non-commercial educational stations retain, for 30 days, audio recordings of all public affairs programs that are broadcast. In addition, they must make copies of such recordings available to anyone who requests and payment of a reasonable copying cost.

The FCC's action of December 19, 1975, amended Part 73 to implement Section 399(b) of the Communications Act. (That section requires non-commercial educational stations that receive federal assistance in the form of matching grants or payments to retain audio recordings of programs that have been broadcast in which issues of public importance are discussed. Copies must be made available on request.)

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**NRBA convention gears up  
for 125 exhibitors**

Exhibit space for the fourth annual National Radio Broadcasters Conference and Exposition, to be held October 9-12 in New Orleans, is 75 percent sold already ahead of the entire amount reserved for the 1976 show. According to Al King, executive vice president for station services of NRBA, "New exhibitors and increased space requested by those who exhibited last year has already assured a sellout for 1977."

The exposition, limited to 125 booths, will be held at the New Hilton Hotel, and will feature the latest in automation, programming services, engineering and radio broadcast equipment.

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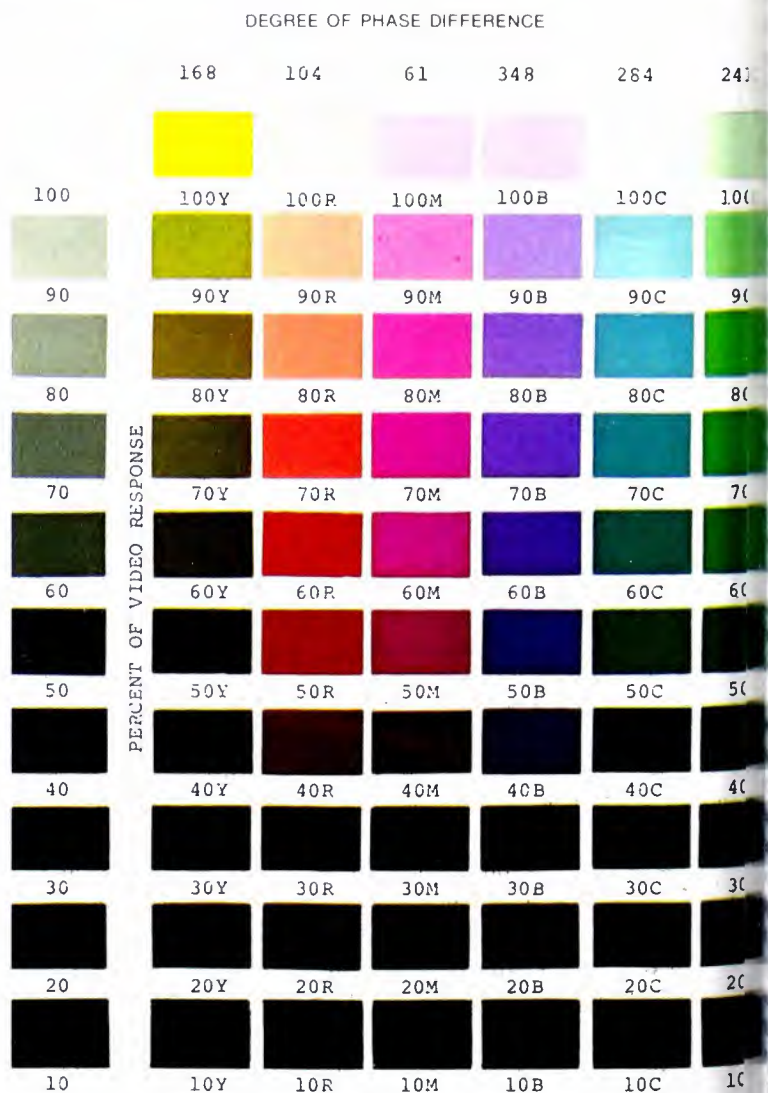
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# What you see isn't always what you get

Part 2 of a 2-part series

By Ron Whittaker and Jacqueline Tornberg

**Figure 1.**  
Color classification system and 10-step gray scale.



mentioned in Part One of this article, one of the big problems in television has always been the area of unpredictability associated with the way things appear to the human eye and how they subsequently appear on a TV screen. Many colors and tonal values are significantly changed by the television process. As a producer, director, engineer, or art director, you need to know what to expect from the television system, or you will experience some disappointing (and costly) surprises.

This two-part article reports on one of the most extensive studies ever done on the subject. In all, 500 colors were carefully and systematically analyzed. The findings, which ran over 90 pages in their original form, are summarized in this series.

Since there are many thousands of shades of paint available to the television artist and set designer, it would be a hopeless task to try to identify each of them. It is not even possible to analyze one "royal blue," for example, and expect any consistency among manufacturers.

It was the authors' opinion that the best way to approach this dilemma was to select a relatively "pure" paint medium which would lend itself to a very accurate analysis. Then, after extensive analysis, certain conclusions and guidelines about color and tonal values in general could be made.

#### How the study was conducted

Prang tempera pigments were selected for this study, not because they are widely used in television (they aren't) but because they lend themselves to the very precise calculations necessary in a study such as this.

Specifically, the color samples were individually mixed from Prang water-soluble, powdered, matte-finish tempera pigments, manufactured by The American Crayon Company. The pigments used were yellow (No. 1550), orange (No.

1551), red (No. 1552), turquoise (No. 1553), violet (No. 1555), blue (No. 1556), green (No. 1557), magenta (No. 1558), black (No. 1559) and white (No. 1560).

The equipment used for electronic analysis of the colors in this study consisted of one E.M.I. 2001/C color camera with three one-inch lead oxide vidicon Plumbicon™ tubes, a Tektronix 520 NTSC vectorscope, and a Tektronix 529 waveform monitor, all of which were from the studios of WUFT, Channel 5, in Gainesville, Fla.

#### Procedure

The same vectorscope and waveform monitor were used for each analysis, and the same engineer recorded the readings. The equipment used was carefully adjusted to conform to FCC/NTSC guidelines.

The color samples were placed on an easel directly in front of, and at a consistent distance from, the E.M.I. camera. The easel was lit with one 2,000-watt tungsten-halogen scoop, and color temperature was carefully maintained at 3,200 degrees Kelvin.

Although a great amount of data was generated from this study, the authors have selected for discussion only the parts which they feel will be of the most immediate value to television personnel.

Figure 1 summarizes much of the information. It is difficult to accurately mass produce a chart such as this, even with the highest-quality printing equipment. The "television gray" squares (left column) should be totally "colorless"; that is, they should have no magenta, cyan, or yellow cast. The chart should be viewed by daylight. Fluorescent lights should be avoided. Tables 1 and 2 summarize the pigment formulas used.

#### Shades of gray

First of all, note that the television gray scale shown in Figure 1 appears more compressed between

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**Table 1. Mixing formulas for steps of television gray scale matched in pigment**

Percent of paint in sample	Percent of video response
95.5W-4.5B	100
88W-12B	90
78W-22B	80
63W-37B	70
50W-50B	60
35W-65B	50
21W-79B	40
8W-92B	30
100B on blotter paper	20
black velvet material	10

**Table 2.**  
**Mixing formulas**  
**for 60 colors**  
**in color**  
**classification**  
**system**

Hue	Percent of Paint in Mixture
100 Yellow	84Y-1G-15W
90 Yellow	98.5Y-1.5B
80 Yellow	92.5Y-4/0-3.5B
70 Yellow	86Y-6/0-8B
60 Yellow	76Y-9/0-15B
50 Yellow	64Y-12/0-24B
40 Yellow	45Y-16/0-39B
30 Yellow	16/0-16R-68B
20 Yellow	100B on blotter paper
10 Yellow	black velvet material
100 Red	1R-4/0-95W
90 Red	5R-11/0-84W
80 Red	11R-16/0-73W
70 Red	21R-26/0-53W
60 Red	35R-34/0-31W
50 Red	72R-14/0-14W
40 Red	89R-4M-7B
30 Red	31R-21/0-48B
20 Red	100B on blotter paper
10 Red	black velvet material
100 Magenta	3.5M-96.5W
90 Magenta	18M-82W
80 Magenta	37M-63W
70 Magenta	54.5M-5R-45W
60 Magenta	74M-1R-25W
50 Magenta	93M-2R-5W
40 Magenta	85M-4R-11B
30 Magenta	35M-15R-50B
20 Magenta	100B on blotter paper
10 Magenta	black velvet material
100 Blue	1.5M-1.5V-97W
90 Blue	8M-5V-87W
80 Blue	14M-11V-75W
70 Blue	18M-17V-65W
60 Blue	31M-23V-46W
50 Blue	43M-32V-25W
40 Blue	56M-38V-6W
30 Blue	33M-22V-45B
20 Blue	100B on blotter paper
10 Blue	black velvet material
100 Cyan	4C-1G-95W
90 Cyan	15C-2G-83W
80 Cyan	34C-3G-63W
70 Cyan	53C-5G-42W
60 Cyan	75.5C-8.5G-16W
50 Cyan	85C-12G-3B
40 Cyan	66C-7G-27B
30 Cyan	31C-4G-65B
20 Cyan	100B on blotter paper
10 Cyan	black velvet material
100 Green	5G-1Y-94W
90 Green	16G-4Y-80W
80 Green	37G-9Y-54W
70 Green	57G-13Y-30W
60 Green	80G-18Y-2W
50 Green	64G-19Y-17B
40 Green	41G-14Y-45B
30 Green	7G-13Y-80B
20 Green	100B on blotter paper
10 Green	black velvet material

video levels 10 through 50 than between video levels 50 through 100. That is, to the eye, the steps from video levels 10 through 50 appear less tonally separated or less visibly distinct than the steps from 50 to 100. Step 100, or "television white," appears not white, but gray. Steps 10 and 20 could not be matched in pigment, since 100 percent Prang black tempera was too reflective. Step 10 is made of a strip of black velvet material, and step 20 is made of 100 percent Prang black tempera, painted on a strip of blotter paper.

An equal mixture of white and black tempera yields a video response reading of 60 percent. Between steps 30 and 80, each step is approximately 15 pigment-mixture percentage units away from its neighbor. At the extremities of the scale, the steps are only 8 to 10 units apart.

A careful examination of the data shows that there is no linear relationship between pigment mixture formulas (percentages of black and white tempera) and video response readings. All that can be concluded is that the addition of more black will yield a lower video response reading, and the addition of more white will yield a higher video response reading. The "shades of gray" aspect of the study constituted "Phase I" of the research.

### The dimension of hue

Phase II dealt primarily with the dimension of hue. Fully saturated paints were mixed in an attempt to match the six fully saturated colors of the standard TV color-bar waveform.

The mixing procedures were somewhat similar to those of Phase I. Eight Prang colors were arranged in a circular scale corresponding to their spectral distribution: red, orange, yellow, green, turquoise, blue, violet, and magenta. Between any two adjacent colors, red and orange for example, 10 pigment samples were prepared, ranging from 100 percent red to 100 percent orange. The powdered paints were mixed with water, measured by syringe in cubic centimeters, and then mixed together in varying

percentage proportions, such as 95 percent red and 5 percent orange or 15 cc red and 85 cc orange. There were 10 or more different mixtures for each of the six adjacent pairs of colors on the circular scale, making a total of 97 mixtures. These 97 color samples were then placed one by one on a easel in front of the E.M.I. camera and phase difference and video level readings were recorded.

Also recorded were phase difference and video level readings for the six colors of a specially prepared alignment chart, so that the chart could be used again to serve as equipment at exactly the same levels for the following experiment.

An obvious hue compression was found between degrees 100 and 330 (red) and between degrees 330 and 350 (violet). Much like the compression of the gray scale between steps 10 and 50, these compressed areas indicate an inability of the television system to make as many hue distinctions in these areas.

This particular finding is not surprising when one examines the hue distribution of the visible spectrum. The range of the red band (80 nanometers) and the range of the violet band (80 nanometers) are two of the widest spectra, the others averaging approximately 30 to 40 nanometers in width.

This information suggests that the compression by the television system in these two areas of the spectrum may be caused by a failure of the system to compensate for the comparatively wide range of these two spectral bands.

This would simply mean that colors between red-orange and magenta and between violet and blue will not reproduce with as many nuances in hue as will other areas of the spectrum. So, if you wish to highlight (shade) a red area—apple for instance—with orange, the findings from this study indicate that the red-orange shade would be indistinguishable; it will reproduce as identical hues on a color television set, as well as on an identical gray values on a black and white television set. There appears to be no need to stock different

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paints and papers in various red-orange and red hues, since they all will reproduce alike.

In Figure 2, which deals with hue only, the pigment mixing formulas for each sample are shown. In this figure, it can be seen quite clearly where there are large gaps in the phase difference continuum: between 20 and 60 degrees phase; between 140 and 165 degrees phase; and between 165 and 205 degrees phase. The compression in the red and violet ranges can also be clearly seen.

Perhaps the most startling and significant information shown by this figure is that what appears to be violet to the eye actually registers on a vectorscope as "television blue." A mixture of 60 percent Prang magenta and 40 percent Prang violet yields a phase difference reading of 348 degrees, identical with the blue of the standard color-bar waveform. (The video response of this mixture, however, is 33 percent, 13 percent brighter than the blue of the waveform.) This discrepancy between the eye and television repro-

duction is probably caused by compression in the violet ranges of the television system.

*For the television artist this would mean that if a vibrant blue is desired on the screen, a mixture of violet and magenta should be used instead of blue. If blue is used, the result will be a bluish-green, as 100 percent Prang blue registers as 332 degrees phase, or between the ranges of blue and cyan.*

It should again be noted that no mathematical relationship was found between the mixing formulas and phase difference of video response in Phase II of the research. As formulas were changed, changes occurred in both phase difference and video response, but these changes were not equal to, nor consistent with, the formula changes. The findings and adjustment factors discovered in Phase II were incorporated into the creation of the color chart (Figure 1).

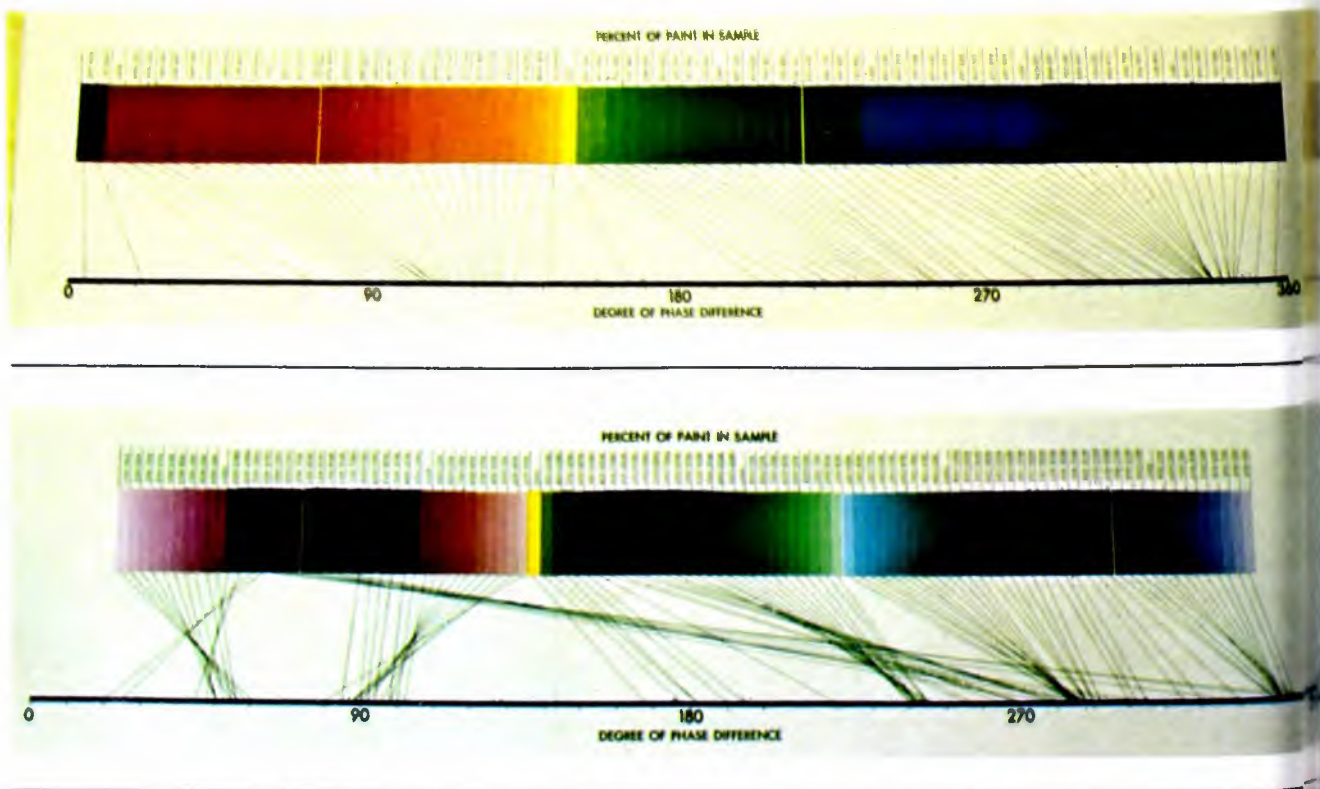
### Hue and brightness

Phase III of the research for this study was concerned primarily with the dimension of brightness; but

since brightness and hue are interrelated to some extent, hue also of major concern in Phase III.

The object of the third phase of research was to create six saturated hue scales that would match in brightness, step by step, the television gray scale. That it was planned that 54 desaturated hues would be isolated in Phase II, which would match the brightness of the 10 steps of the television gray scale.

For each of the six hues, except yellow (for which only 10 samples were prepared), 19 pigment samples were prepared, making a total of 105 samples. The color samples were placed one by one on an easel in front of the camera, and a double reading, both phase difference and video level, was recorded by the same engineer on each sample. (Because the data obtained were of an unexpected nature, Phase IV was added to the research as a double-check on the findings for the first three phases and as a conclusive means of isolating the 60 colors of the





m.) Therefore, six fully saturated hues were isolated, and their mixing formulas were kept constant as they were desaturated uniformly with white and black paint. It could be expected that all of the color samples would have identical phase difference readings, and only the video response readings would vary. This premise was proven incorrect. Both hue and brightness were shown to be dependent variables.

This dependency can be seen in Figure 3. By examining the red hue scale it can be seen that as the paint is added to the fully saturated red, the phase difference shifted from 102 degrees to 15 degrees, and then again to 305 degrees, past magenta and towards cyan.

One of the six isolated colors shifted in one direction or another upon desaturation. When black was added, yellow shifted 116 degrees toward green. (Yellow was not desaturated with white as it had a video response reading of 100 percent when fully saturated.) When white was added, magenta shifted 135 degrees toward cyan.

Figure 2. Phase difference groupings of 80 fully saturated color samples.

Figure 3. Phase difference groupings of six saturated hue scales.

Blue shifted 46 degrees towards cyan when black was added. Cyan shifted 8 degrees toward blue when black was added. And green shifted 37 degrees toward cyan when black was added.

In order to compensate for these shifts in phase, appropriate hues were added to prepare the colors presented in Figure 1 as the final classification system. Orange was added to yellow and red, red was added to magenta, magenta to blue, green to cyan, and yellow to green. Since brightness is conversely dependent upon hue, proportional desaturation changes were made, depending upon the characteristic brightness of the colors added. (See Table 2).

*To the television artist these shifts in phase can be a help or a hindrance. In either case, it should be noted that the addition of white will cause red to reproduce more like red. Also, the addition of black greatly alters any hue, especially yellow which becomes green.*

Figure 3 shows a consistent "wandering" of hues which have been heavily desaturated with black. That is, hues which register at 40 percent video or below tend to stray significantly from their appropriate hue grouping. For example, some of the heavily desaturated magenta samples register as blue, while others register in the cyan range. This "wandering" was found in all six hue groupings.

The hue samples presented in Figure 1 have also been adjusted for "wandering." Each sample in a particular hue scale registers at its appropriate phase. Those samples registering at 100 percent video and at 40 percent video or below were difficult to read accurately on a vectorscope and appeared colorless on a television screen.

*In light of this finding, it appears that if color is desired on the screen at all, television personnel should use only those hues which register between 50 and 90 percent video. All brighter and darker hues appear neutral, so white, grays and blacks may be substituted if desired.* The final color classification system for the television artist (Figure 1 and Table 2), then,

consists of 30 actual hues and 30 apparently neutral values.

### Use of the system by television personnel

The color classification system presented in Figure 1 can solve many of the problems set forth in Part One of this article. The problem of too many colors can be significantly reduced, for example, since only hues registering between 50 and 90 percent video appear to have an identifiable color on the television screen. By studying the system shown in Figure 1, as well as the body of incidental findings, television personnel will be able to generate their own guidelines on how colors will reproduce electronically.

Theoretically, the findings can be applied accurately only to Prang tempera colors. In reality, however, much of the guesswork can be eliminated from color decisions that must be made with other artists' media having a matte finish, by using Figures 1, 2 and 3 as a guide for color decisions. Remember that each of the 60 color samples in the system corresponds to a specific gray value from 10 to 100.

Since the system contains the six fully saturated colors of the color-bar waveform, the system can also be used by television engineers for aligning color cameras.

### In summary...

This rather extensive study produced some unexpected findings on the response characteristics of standard broadcast equipment to specific hue and brightness combinations. It is difficult to summarize 90 pages of data that took almost one year to compile in two short *Broadcast Engineering* installments. Color reproduction is a highly complex and sometimes highly subjective phenomenon. (Part One of this article dealt with some of the very important subjective elements.)

However, by studying the summarized data contained in these two articles, broadcast producers, directors, artists, set designers and engineers should be able to remove much of the "surprise element" from color television production. □

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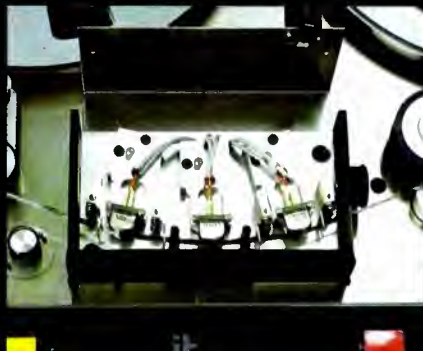
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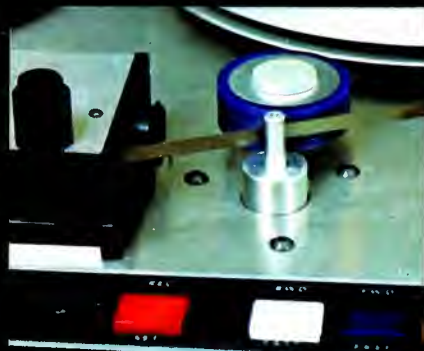
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# STEREO PHASING: The untold story

By Dennis Ciapura

The effects of phasing errors on a station's mono FM signal are well-known and certainly much has been written on the subject in recent years. The mono degradation has always been a hot topic because up until just two or three years ago, many radio markets were known to exhibit 80 to 90 percent mono listening statistics. This was true despite stereo market penetration figures of nearly 100 percent on the broadcast end and 80 percent or better on the consumer end of the chain. In other words, we were transmitting stereo signals and most potential listeners had at least one stereo receiver of some sort, but most of the time spent listening was in mono.

The time spent listening is a very important factor, because it gives us an opportunity to either turn the listener on or off, depending upon how we do what we do when he listens most. Obviously then, a muddy, swishing mono air sound was what the listeners heard most of the time they listened, if the station's tape gear had a phasing problem.

As you've probably noticed, we are talking about this mono problem in the past tense, but now there is good news and there is bad news. The good news is that some of the factors that resulted in such a large portion of the time spent listening to mono are changing and we can look forward to a reversal in the trend. Most FM automobile installations are stereo and production cost reductions have made inexpensive stereo table model receivers a reality. This is not to say that mono compatibility is no longer a problem, because most of the time spent

listening in most radio markets is still mono, but the trend is going the other way.

The bad news is that as most of the listening time is converted to stereo, our phasing problems will not be alleviated, because the same phasing errors that resulted in deterioration of the mono signal, also result in similar alteration of the stereo signal. The stereo losses often go unnoticed at the broadcast station, however, because the stereo degradation usually cannot be heard until the signal has been transmitted and received. A strange story? Yes, but unfortunately true. And that is the un-talked-about part of the stereo phasing story.

## Can't be heard until transmitted?

When a stereo tape is auditioned in the studio, the left and right audio channels are fed independently through the audio system and out the speaker to the listener, just as the radio listener would hear the tape if he had the tape at home to play on his audio gear. Now let's assume that the station has absolutely perfect fidelity. Should the listener still hear the tape exactly as it would sound on his own equipment? Unfortunately, No. There's just one hitch. The FM broadcast transmission system does not really transmit discrete audio channels. The left and right audio channels are broken down into left plus right and left minus right components when transmitted, and it is the eventual decoding of this sum and difference information that the receiver delivers to the audio system in the home. While there are dozens of stereo generation schemes and

demodulating circuits in use (some of which are switching techniques), the odds are that most stereo listeners hear an audio signal that has undergone at least one conversion where the left and right audio channels have been arithmetically added. And this is the "Catch-22," but first, let's take a look at the mono.

## Stuck in the middle

Although we usually think of the left plus right component of a stereo transmission as the mono signal, we must not forget that the L+R is only a component of the stereo information. In fact, with most contemporary music, it's a large part of it.

A solo performer, whether vocal or instrumental, is usually placed in the center channel position on stereo recording. This was always true though. In the early days of stereo, the easiest way to remix a master to make a stereo release was to put each of the audio tracks on either the left or right channel. It wasn't long, however, until the pan pot ruled supreme on recordings with a more natural stereo image began to make its way out of most studios.

Common studio practice for many years now has been to place solo in the center channel, which is the L-R or L+R transmission channel that we customarily think of as a mono signal. Recording engineers usually use one of two methods of maintaining the desired mix when cutting a record featuring a solo vocalist. Either the recording is supplied to radio stations with separate mono side having a solo mix to avoid a phenomenon known as center channel build-up, which

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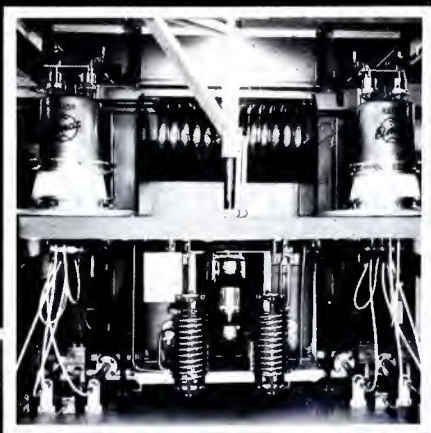
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# STEREO PHASING

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occurs when a stereo recording is played monaurally, or a special phasing device is used to cause about a 3 dB loss in the center channel when the left and right signals are added for mono play.

So, as you can see, our simple and seemingly straightforward stereo recording is not so simple after all. It's stereo, but it's also partly mono...in most cases, primarily mono. At this point you may begin to see how our sloppy-phase tape can sound different off the air than off the tape. When we listened to it in the studio, there was no addition of the left and right channels that would result in a loss of center channel high frequency response as the channel-to-channel phase difference increased with frequency. At the listener's receiver in the home, that solo vocalist would not be reproduced with the same crispness that we heard in the studio, even if the frequency response of the individual transmission and reception channels was perfectly flat. Any addition of the left and right audio channels, anywhere, would cause a loss of highs.

### Phase shift losses

Refer to Figure 1, which shows how much loss we can expect from

various degrees of phase shift. As you can see from the data, appreciable losses are suffered as the shift approaches 90 degrees. The loss of rise time in the mid-range is probably more significant than the actual dB loss of response, which accounts for that occasional loss of crispness or bite that poor transient response is notorious for.

Now, let's take a look at what the mono frequency response would be like when a stereo tape is transmitted with phase errors. Figure 2 shows an example of what the frequency response versus stereo position would be for a mono receiver with perfect frequency response. As you can see, components of the stereo program material that appear at far left or far right in the stereo recording suffer far less treble loss than the center channel information. The reason is simple: a left-only or right-only signal will not be subject to any cancellation in the L+R baseband, while the same audio positioned at stage center will appear equally in both left and right and any phase cancellation will result in maximum loss. This results in a rather interesting phenomenon.

The mono frequency response will vary as a function of the stereo

position, even though the signal being reproduced on a mono receiver. Figure 2 is based on a typical tape system with a 90 degree phase shift at 5 kHz due to azimuth error.

### How about the stereo?

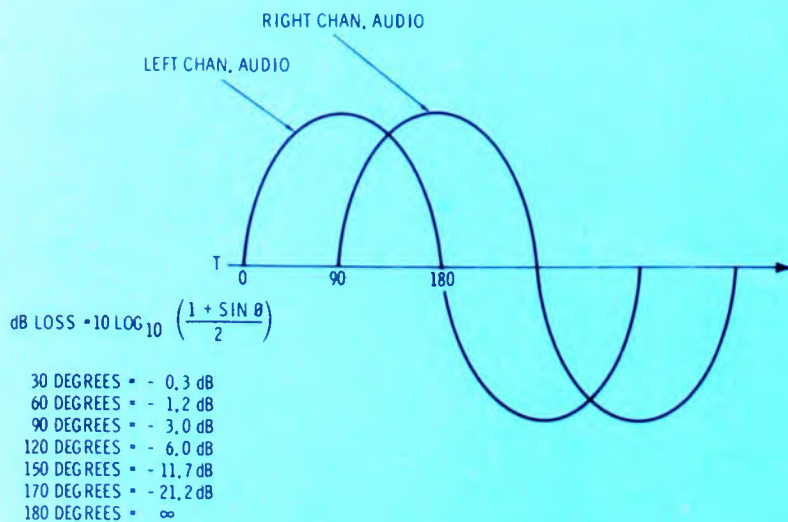
Figure 3 is a simplified schematic of a typical matrix circuit used in many FM transmitters in operation today. Basically, what the circuit does is to add the left and right channels in phase to generate L+R and add then out of phase (subtract them if you like) to generate the L-R.

Let's assume for a moment that we are feeding the system with a stereo tape input with the same phasing characteristics that Figure 2 is based on; 90 degrees at 5 kHz. The output at the L+R terminals would cancel more and more as the frequency and corresponding phase shift increased until finally at 180 degrees, total cancellation would result in 0 L+R output. On the other side of the matrix, however, the left and right signals, which had been cancelling at low frequencies to produce 0 L-R output, now begin to uncanceled as the frequency and phase shift increase until finally, 180 degrees inverts the signals which are now in phase and the mono signal is shifted from the L+R main channel into the L-R subchannel!

So, now we know where those lost-out-of-phase components have gone to; out of the main channel and into the subchannel. Since this transition is taking place as a function of audio frequency, the stereo frequency response will be center channel input with channel-to-channel phasing error depends heavily upon very accurate phase tracking of the main and subchannels in both the transmitter and receiver.

For a stereo generator to be able to achieve 30 dB of channel separation, the phase tracking has to be very close, within 3 degrees, since transmitting end of the chain are usually pass a phase shifted stereo signal without audible loss of center channel highs. This is why modulation monitor audio output can be as fine as long as the head azimuth error and equalization setting combined don't result in loss of individual audio channel high frequency response.

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**Figure 1.** Losses that can be expected at a given frequency at various degrees of phase error between the left and right audio channels. As audio frequency increases, the wavelength decreases and the phase shift increases proportionately. The losses increase rapidly as the shift approaches 180 degrees, however.

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# Miami Newsfilm Update:

The two largest TV network affiliates in this competitive "Top 20" market choose to upgrade their newsfilm equipment rather than switch to All-ENG, recognizing the indispensable role of 16mm newsfilm in a balanced newsgathering operation.

Despite the continuing "All-ENG" hysteria, the majority of affiliate and independent TV stations across the country have opted for a balanced newsgathering operation — a healthy mix of modern, one-man-band newsfilm cameras and a limited number of ENG units with live transmission capabilities.

What's happening in a "Top 20" market like Miami is typical of current trends in gathering news for television.

Basically a flat narrow strip along the coast, with the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the Everglades on the other, Miami is considered among the fastest growing

markets in the country. Long favored as a major convention town, Miami is also a gateway for South America, Central America, and one-stop service to Europe. Since 1960 Miami has been the third-ranked city in the country in terms of datelines, with more hard news stories in one city than any other market this size.

*"Our cost analysis left it very much up in the air as to whether ENG saves you money in the long run."*

WCKT-TV, the NBC affiliate in Miami, has won numerous awards in recent years for its outstanding news coverage and investigative reports.

"We have two ENG units with live and tape capabilities," says Gene Strul, News Director, WCKT-TV. "The time had come to decide whether to go All-ENG or to retain film cameras.

"Our cost analysis left it very much up in the air as to whether ENG saves you money in the long run.

"We have also found that, contrary to reports, ENG units still do not serve as replacements for film cameras. We still cannot edit tape with any great speed. And the support equipment for ENG is bulky and difficult to maneuver. We use helicopters frequently to cover stories. (We also use them to rush material to us.) On occasion, we also shoot film from boats. ENG could be a problem when a helicopter or boat is needed. We also do a lot of investigative reporting where ENG would be difficult to use because the amount of equipment required would let everyone know what we're doing.

"As far as the public is concerned, it doesn't make much difference whether we use tape or film. The audience isn't interested in the difference — unless it's live. Of course, the public isn't gaining

anything if a story is put on live just to use the live capability. That's just a promotional gimmick, and the public gets blasé after a while. After all, they have already seen a *moon walk* live, and they see golf games and other events live. After a while they say 'so what.' Why bring in a feature story live when it could have been done better

on film?

"The question was: should we invest in modern newsfilm cameras or more ENG? We felt that our two ENG units were enough to supplement film and serve our purposes at this point. And so, as our old newsfilm cameras have gone out, we're replacing them with new CP-16 units."



Dave Seeger, Newsfilm Reporter, WCKT-TV, loading his CP-16 into the news car. "VNF 7240 gives us a lot more latitude," says Seeger. "Working on various investigative series and shooting frequently at low light levels, I've probably 'forced' more film than any photographer around here." (Eastman Kodak has recently developed a new, remarkably fast stock, VNF 7250, with an ASA rating of 400, which permits shooting at light levels as low as two footcandles without requiring any forced developing! If needed, the new VNF 7250 can be pushed three stops to an ASA of 3200!)



Gene Strul (right), News Director, WCKT-TV, and Choate, Assistant News Director, in conference about an upcoming investigative series. "We've found that, contrary to reports, ENG units still do not serve as replacements for film cameras," says Gene Strul.



Frank Broughton, Lab and Photographic Equipment Manager, WCKT-TV, accepts delivery of eight CP-16's from Charles Sutyak of Photomart (the regional CP-16 dealer headquartered in Orlando, Florida). WCKT-TV purchased two CP-16's in 1975, and in the winter of 1976-77 — twelve additional CP-16's!





"I don't think our equipment inventory should lie exclusively with ENG or film," says Ralph Renick, Vice President for News, Wometco stations. The WTVJ-TV news department equipment inventory includes two ENG vans, five ENG cameras, and nine of the station's CP-16's.

*don't think a station should go All-ENG primarily because, with present ENG technology, your coverage would be limited."*

WTVJ-TV, the CBS affiliate, is the oldest station in Miami. And the "Ralph Renick Report" is probably the longest continuous newscast in America. WTVJ-TV has the greatest number of ENG

units in Miami: five.

"I don't think our equipment inventory should lie exclusively with ENG or film," says Ralph Renick, Vice President for News, Wometco stations. "I don't think a station should go All-ENG primarily because, with present ENG technology, your coverage would be limited.

"Plus, some stories, especially features with a great deal of motion involved, lend themselves better to a newsfilm camera. Stories that are better covered with film include some breaking stories where you have to be able to move rapidly, and out-of-town stringer stories. While film in our shop is becoming a back-up or secondary system of coverage, with ENG being our primary and preferred mode of coverage, it is important that the news manager invest sufficiently in film equipment that is reliable.

"As for film versus ENG cost factors, the extra personnel involved in ENG and other extra expenditures have made the two a financial draw, they break down about evenly."



Cameraman Jeff Fort, of WTVJ-TV, takes a light meter reading, getting ready for a federal prisoner to come out of the courthouse building. WTVJ-TV acquired twelve new CP-16's in the fall of 1976, of which nine were assigned to the news department.

**The leading TV stations in Miami may differ in their general approach to news and newsgathering, in the specific tape/film ratios they use in covering the news, and the extent to which they use ENG live capabilities. Though the competition among the stations is keen and lively, on one subject there's a definite consensus: 16mm newsfilm still remains the backbone of a balanced TV newsgathering operation.**



Renick (left), Vice President for News, Wometco stations, with Jim Fort, News Department Editor, WTVJ-TV. "We see a great part of the equipment operation for newsfilm," says Renick.

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The average stereo receiver is another story though. Many of the less sophisticated sets have very poor main and subchannel phase linearity at the high end which doesn't make the stereo separation sound subjectively bad because the mid-range channel separation is usually quite good. But since the high end tends to go mono, the inevitable high end response losses begin to dull the center channel. The most audible effect is not so much the loss of treble response, which might only be a few dB at 10 kHz on a stereo receiver, but the degradation of midrange transient response that results from lowering the high end cutoff frequency for

center channel information. It's that same dulling effect that blurred the mono signal, except that the stereo losses are more subtle.

Some of the better stereo tuners have a "high blend" circuit that can be switched in to help reduce hiss on weak stations by reducing the separation at high audio frequencies. The audio frequency response of the tuner is not affected by this function and circuit designers like to provide this feature because most listeners would be less annoyed by a loss of stereo at the high end than a constant hiss. If you have access to a tuner with this feature, tune around the band with the switch in and out and you'll be able to tell the

tape-formatted stations by the loss of some high end when the blend is switched in, unless of course the station's tape gear is in top shape or the music doesn't have a heavy center channel at the moment.

This is not to say that tape is necessarily a deficient signal source, for certainly the medium offers programmers an opportunity to fine tune the format ahead of broadcast, but the engineering department must keep the tape well tuned up if optimum audio reproduction, both mono and stereo, is to be attained.

## Shifting tape load

Realizing what subtle inner workings are acting upon our stereo transmission, it is easier to understand why we hear some odd things on the air that we do. Have you ever noticed that some stations which you know are automatically running a tape format of some kind sound audibly duller on their recordings compared to stations playing records "live," even though the station is reported to be flat and you know the station isn't overprocessed? How about the carted announcements that don't sound exactly like live voices even though their recording corders and playback decks are as good as can be.

If you think about it for a while you'll see there is a very good reason to keep the channel-to-channel phase within 30 degrees to 15 kHz, a goal that a professional deck can attain and maintain with frequent spot checks. **Tape decks should be checked at the start, center and end of reel because the phasing varies as the shifting tape changes tensions and a compromise setting of the head azimuth may be required for best reproduction the entire length of the tape.**

Many engineering and programming people listen for phasing errors on the air, but limit their attention to the familiar skewing effects common to gross undulations in phase shifts. Less obvious phasing errors can render the station's audio efforts ineffective. If you don't believe it, bridge the left and right channels of your favorite tape deck through a resistive adder and play a mono test tape. You may see an unpleasant view of your center channel.

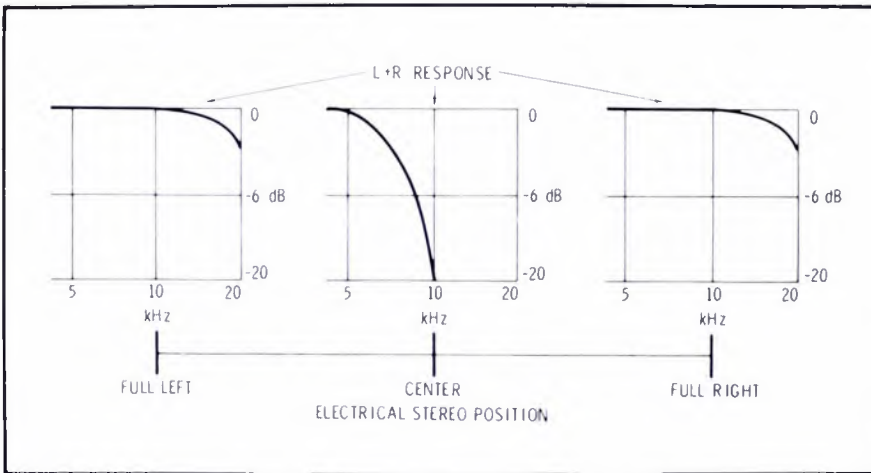


Figure 2. Mono frequency response vs. position for a typical tape deck with a head azimuth error producing a left to right phase shift of 90 degrees at 5 kHz.

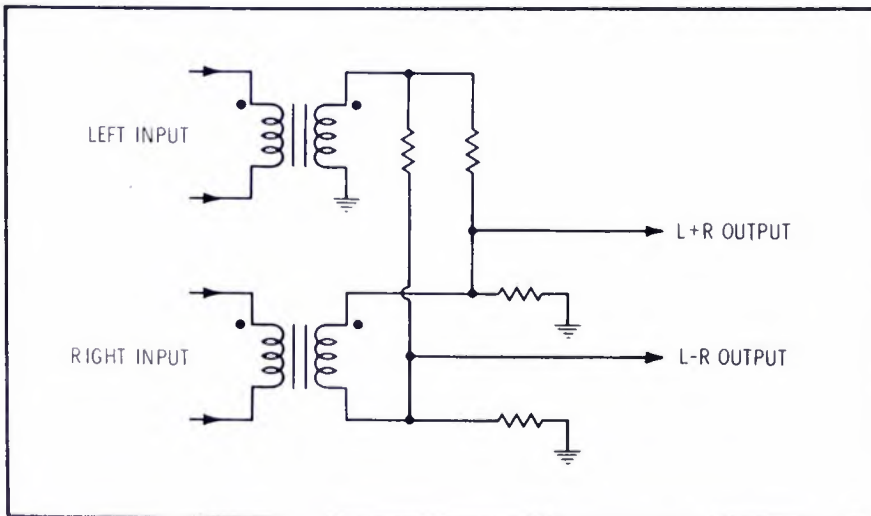
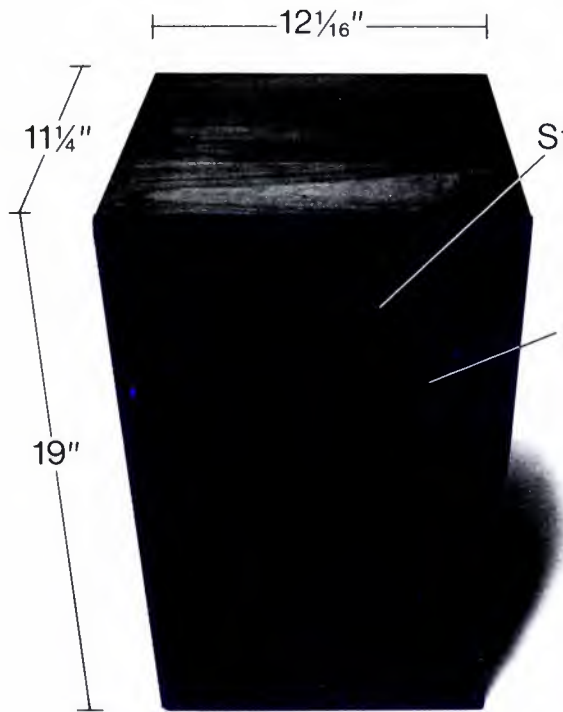


Figure 3. A simplified schematic of a typical stereo generator matrix.

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# Directional Antenna Basics

Part 3 of a series

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This is Part III of our continuing series on the design of directional antenna systems. In Part III, I will expand upon the basic two-tower concept as studied in April.

## Two-Tower Addition Formula

There are two basic ways to calculate our two-tower radiation pattern. These are referred to as the addition method and the multiplication method. Equation 1 is that of the addition form:

$$E = Kf(\Theta) \cdot (E_1 + E_2 / \Psi + S \cos \Theta \cos \emptyset)$$

As explained in Part II of this series, these terms represent the tower vectors, ( $E_1$  &  $E_2$ ), the phase

angle relationship between the two towers ( $\Psi$ ), and physical spacing in degrees ( $S$ ). This formula can be rewritten as shown in Equation 2, by separating out the sine and cosine terms:

$$E = Kf(\Theta) \cdot [(E_1 + E_2 \cos(\Psi + S \cos \Theta \cos \emptyset))^2 + (E_2 \sin(\Psi + S \cos \Theta \cos \emptyset))^2]^{1/2}$$

Using this formula the reader can compute the results shown in Table I. In this example I have calculated the horizontal plate pattern, thus  $F(\Theta)$  and  $\cos \Theta$  can be assumed to be 1.0. The constant "K" was computed, as shown in Formula 4 of Chapter II.

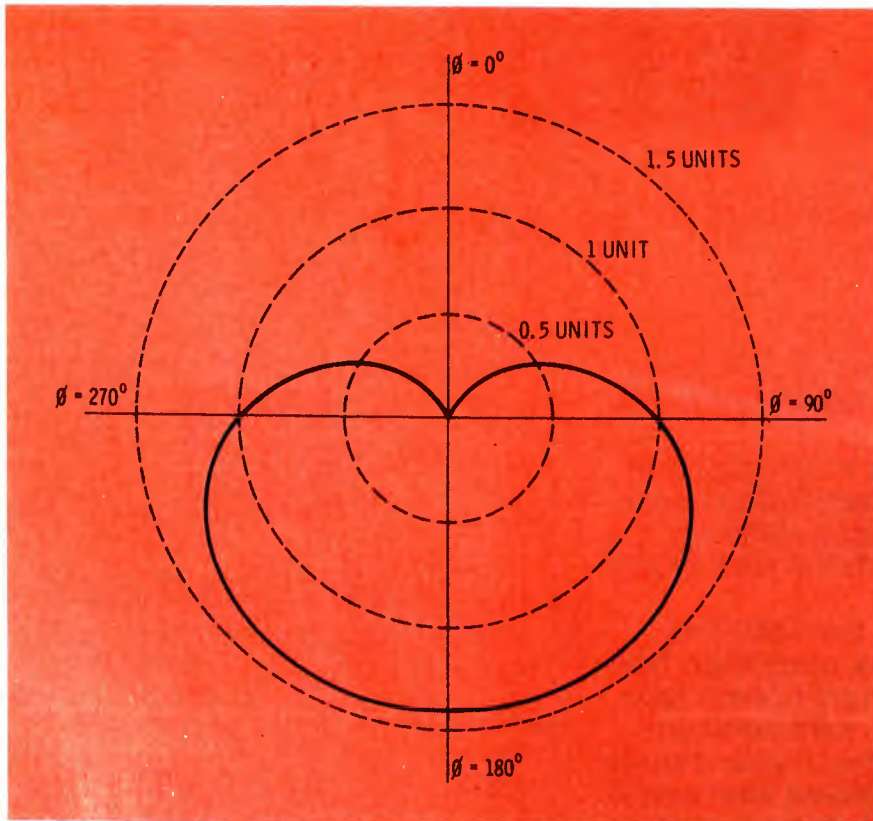


Figure 1

## Two-Tower Multiplication Formula

Now let me show you how to develop the same identical pattern with the multiplication method using the formula in Equation 3:

$$E = Kf(\Theta) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1 + M^2}{2M} + \cos(\Psi + S \cos \emptyset \cos \Theta)}$$

In this formula, all terms are the same as in the addition formula except for term "M". This represents the ratio of tower number two's vector divided by tower one's vector =

$$\frac{E_2 f_2(\Theta)}{E_1 f_1(\Theta)}$$

In Table II, I have tabulated the data used to compute the pattern. Note that the final column in Table I is identical with the last column in Table II except it is 141 percent larger. Figure 1 represents the polar graph of this pattern.

At this point you may say that's all great, but where did Equation 3 come from? Also, why are there sine terms? The reason for this is that in this formula I have written the equation around the mid-point between the two towers. In such a step, the sine terms for each tower will have opposite polarity, hence will cancel each other at each and every bearing calculated. I have outlined the method used to develop Equation 3. Let the expression  $(\Psi + S \cos \emptyset \cos \Theta)$  be represented by the term "X". We can then let  $E_1 = 1.0$  and rewrite it in Equation 4 as:

$$E = Kf(\Theta) \cdot \sqrt{(1.0 + E_2 \cos "X")^2 + (E_2 \sin "X")^2}$$

Multiplying out we get:

$$E = Kf(\Theta) \sqrt{1.0 + 2E_2 \cos "X" + E_2^2 \cos^2 "X" + E_2^2 \sin^2 "X"}$$

Since  $\sin^2 + \cos^2 = 1.0$  (from simple trig) we can substitute:

$$E = Kf(\Theta) \sqrt{1.0 + 2E_2 \cos "X" + E_2^2}$$

By substituting for X and dividing out the  $2E_2$  term we get:

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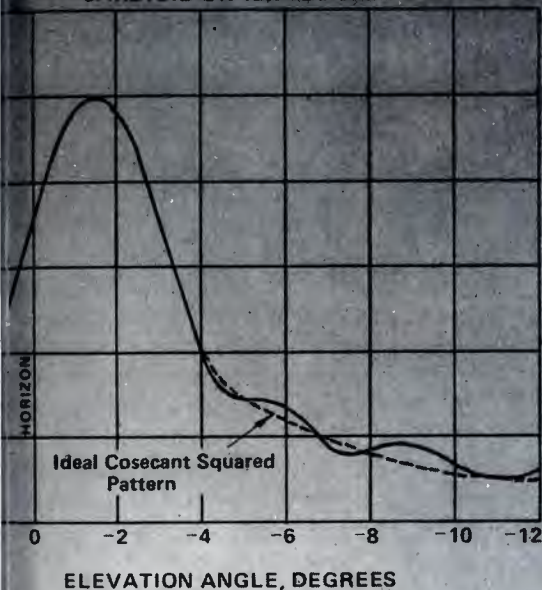
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$$E = Kf(\Theta) \sqrt{2E_2}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{1.0 + E_2^2 + \cos(\Psi + S \cos \varnothing \cos \Theta)}}{2E_2}$$

The  $2E_2^2$  term outside the radical is a constant (for any given design), so it can be included in the K term. Thus we can write Equation 4A as:

$$E = Kf(\Theta)$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{1 + E_2^2 + \cos(\Psi + S \cos \varnothing \cos \Theta)}}{2E_2}$$

I want to point out that Equation 3 is the most practical, the least time consuming, and results in the least chance for error. This is no doubt the most widely used method among engineers. Equation 3 is of course identical to Equation 4A, except it is more common to substitute M for  $E_2$ .

**Rarely Used Method**

There is one other step or method that is rarely used in calculating two-tower patterns. I show it here in Equation 5 mostly for its historic value, and not as a common or generally accepted method of developing patterns. This is referred to as the "half-angle formula." It can only be used when the fields of each tower are equal. For this the reference point is assumed to be 1/2 way between the two towers.

$$E = Kf(\Theta) \left[ \cos \left( \frac{\Psi}{2} + \frac{S}{2} \cos \varnothing \cos \Theta \right) \right]$$

This formula is derived from Equation 3 by using the old trig fact that,

$$\cos \frac{A}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{1 + \cos A}}{2}$$

All formulas really represent different trig relationships.

**Two-Towers By Computers**

Most consultants now resort to the aid of a computer in calculating directional patterns. It will be helpful to understand how the computer calculates a basic two-tower, or multi-tower, pattern.<sup>1</sup> In essence this is done by the addition method, similar to formula 1 above. One tower is written as the reference tower ( $E_1 / 0^\circ$ ). Then each of the other towers is "added" to the reference tower, one at a time, regardless of the number of other towers. The computer program developed by Don Markley and myself was written to accommodate up to 12 towers. In Equation 6, each of the other towers is added in by:

$$\text{Reference tower} + E_n$$

$$\frac{\Psi_n + S_n \cos \Theta \cos (\varnothing - \delta)}$$

The only new term here is the

Greek letter  $\delta$ . This is to account for the fact that not all the towers may lie in a straight line. For a tower, other than the reference tower, this represents the angle between true north and the reference tower. Figure 2 shows how this angle is determined. For every tower, beyond this reading, there would be a different value. The exception would occur when towers are on a straight line such a case  $\delta$  would be a constant angle.

**Phase Angle Determination**

At this point it would be helpful to show how to calculate the constant value of phase angle ( $\Psi$ ) to produce a null at any desired bearing. The angle of the tower line in a given two-tower pattern is established, and the spacing between towers is set, the next step is to compute the phase angle. Figure 3 shows the relationship between the tower line, the spacing and the phase angle needed to produce a null at any desired angle. Keep in mind that when a null occurs in a two-tower pattern it means that the vectors from each tower are out of phase and result in the cancelling of the total signal at that angle.

Knowing this one fact, we can write the formula to be used as:

$$\pm 180^\circ = \Psi + S \cos \beta \quad (\text{Equation 6})$$

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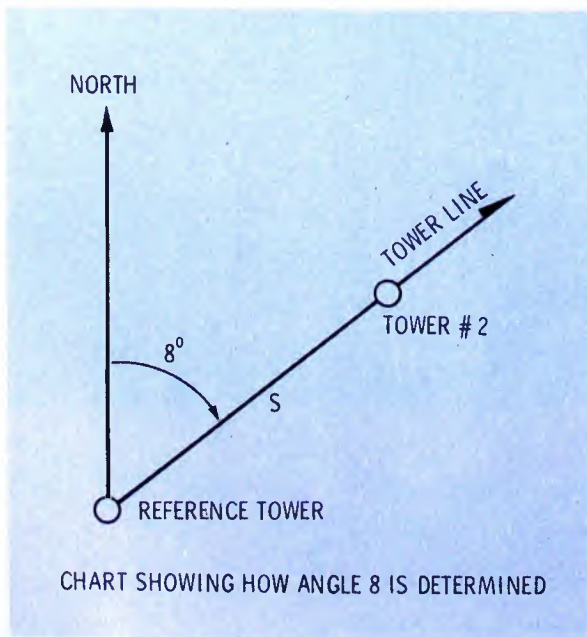


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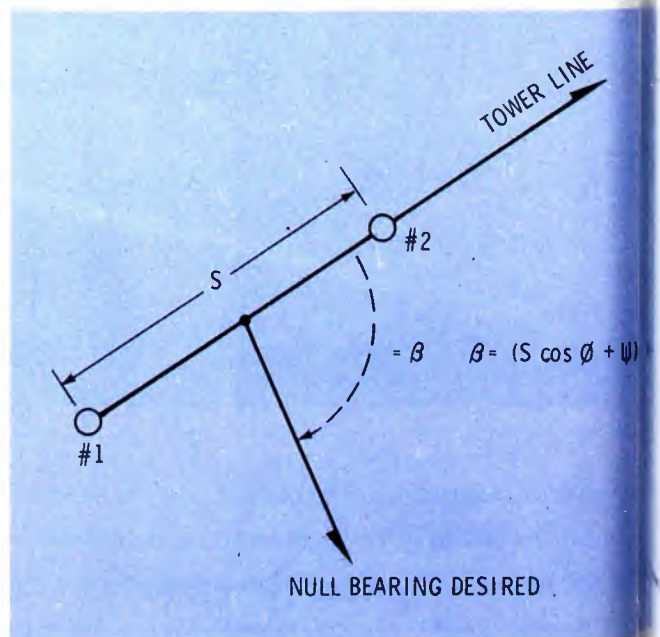


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or

$$\Psi = \pm 1.0 = 180^\circ \pm S \cos \beta \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

It is recognized that the cosine of  $180^\circ$  is always  $-1.0$ . This  $\Psi$  can be either a negative or a positive value. The angle  $\beta$  represents the azimuth angle from the line of the tower to the desired null bearing. With a little experience you will easily learn whether this phase angle ( $\Psi$ ) is negative or a positive. Generally speaking, if the null angle is between zero and ninety degrees,  $\Psi$  is positive. A negative sign is used when the null falls between  $90^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$ .

### Null Fill

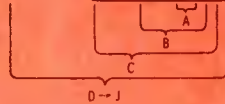
In summary there are two basic ways to compute two-tower patterns. These are called the addition form and the multiplication form. In each case there is one term which is constant for each individual bearing. This is the term  $(\Psi + S \cos \beta \cos \Theta)$ . In fact once you have calculated this term, the other variables are the individual

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### CALCULATING UNIT VECTORS

$$E = F_1 \theta \left( F_1 / 0^\circ + F_2 / \Psi + S \cos \beta \cos \Theta \right)$$

$$\text{SUBSTITUTING} = 1.0 (1.0 / 0^\circ + 1.0 / 90^\circ + 90^\circ \cos \beta \cdot 1.0)$$



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J*
$\beta$	$90 \cos A$	$90 \cdot B$	$\cos C$	$1 + D$	$E^2$	$\sin C$	$G^2$	$F + H$	$\sqrt{I}$
$0^\circ$	90.0	180.0	-1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0
$10^\circ$	88.6	178.6	-.999	.001	.000001	.024	.00059	.00059	.024
$20^\circ$	84.5	174.5	-.995	.005	.000025	.096	.0092	.0092	.096
$30^\circ$	77.9	167.9	-.978	.022	.00048	.209	.0439	.0444	.211
$40^\circ$	68.9	158.9	-.933	.067	.0045	.359	.129	.134	.366
$50^\circ$	57.8	147.8	-.846	.154	.0237	.533	.284	.308	.555
$60^\circ$	45.0	135.0	-.707	.293	.0858	.707	.500	.585	.765
$70^\circ$	30.8	120.8	-.512	.488	.238	.858	.737	.976	.988
$80^\circ$	15.0	105.6	-.269	.731	.534	.963	.928	1.462	1.209
$90^\circ$	0.0	90.0	0.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	2.000	1.414
$100^\circ$	-15.0	74.4	.269	1.269	1.610	.963	.928	2.538	1.593
$110^\circ$	-30.8	59.2	.512	1.512	2.286	.858	.737	3.023	1.738
$120^\circ$	-45.0	45.0	.707	1.707	2.914	.707	.500	3.414	1.848
$130^\circ$	-57.8	32.2	.846	1.846	3.408	.533	.284	3.692	1.921
$140^\circ$	-68.9	21.1	.933	1.933	3.736	.359	.129	3.865	1.966
$150^\circ$	-77.9	12.1	.978	1.978	3.912	.209	.0439	3.956	1.989
$160^\circ$	-84.5	5.5	.995	1.995	3.980	.096	.0092	3.989	1.997
$170^\circ$	-88.6	1.4	.999	1.999	3.998	.024	.00059	3.998	1.999
$180^\circ$	-90.0	0	1.000	2.000	4.000	0	0	4.000	2.000

\* REPRESENTS LENGTH OF UNIT VECTORS

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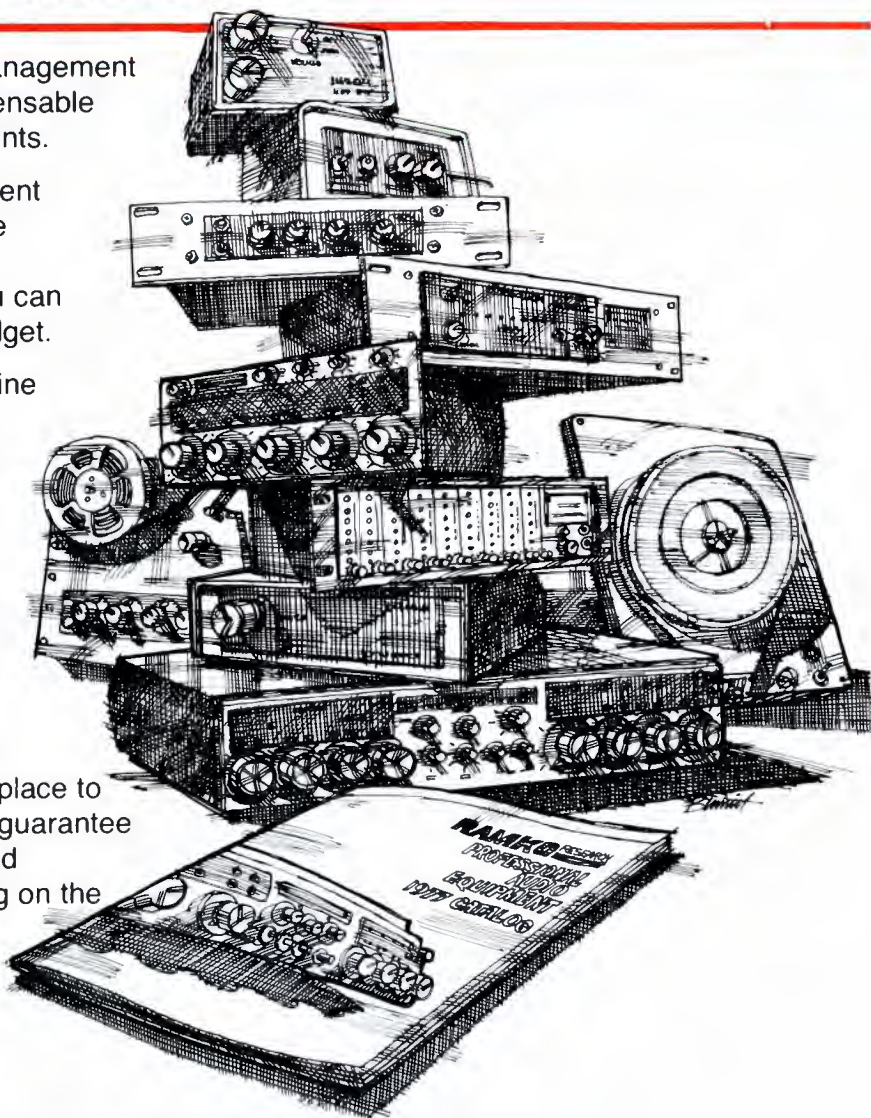
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## Antenna Basics

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fields radiated by each of the two towers. If we then say in our two-tower pattern that our null bearings are set, we then can vary the "depth" of this null by varying the field ratios. As you should recognize, when the individual fields are equal, the nulls will be "pulled-in" to a theoretical zero signal. As the ratio between  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  goes up, this null fills in more and more. By the time this ratio gets down to 100/1 you will have, for all practical purposes, a non-directional antenna.

### Well-Formed Nulls

At this point I should point out that the nulls we have been talking about are those that you will find at a great distance over a conductive flat earth. In other words as you walk in closer and closer into a null, it will not hold. This is true for short distances, generally those less than 10 times the greatest element spacing. Near the directional array, predicted nulls cannot be deep, and may not seem like nulls at all. This is due to what I

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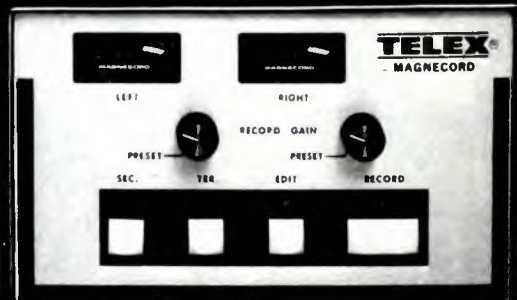
$$E_{\text{UNIT}} = \left( \frac{1 + M^2}{2M} + \cos(\psi + S \cos \theta) \right)^{1/2}$$

WHERE  $S = 90^\circ$ ,  $\psi = 90^\circ$ , and  $M = 1.0$

A	B	C	D	E	F
$\theta$	90 cos A	90 + B	cos C	1 + D	E 1/2
0	90.0	180.0	-1.0000	0	0
10	88.6	178.6	-.9997	.0003	.017
20	84.5	174.5	-.995	.0046	.068
30	77.9	167.9	-.978	.022	.148
40	68.9	158.9	-.933	.067	.259
50	57.8	147.8	-.846	.154	.392
60	45.0	135.0	-.707	.293	.541
70	30.8	120.8	-.512	.488	.698
80	15.6	105.6	-.269	.731	.855
90	0	90.0	0	1.000	1.000
100	-15.6	74.4	.269	1.269	1.126
110	-30.8	59.2	.512	1.512	1.229
120	-45.0	45.0	.707	1.707	1.306
130	-57.8	32.2	.846	1.846	1.359
140	-68.9	21.1	.933	1.933	1.390
150	-77.9	12.1	.978	1.978	1.406
160	-84.5	5.5	.995	1.995	1.412
170	-88.6	1.4	.999	1.999	1.413
180	-90	0	1.000	2.000	1.414

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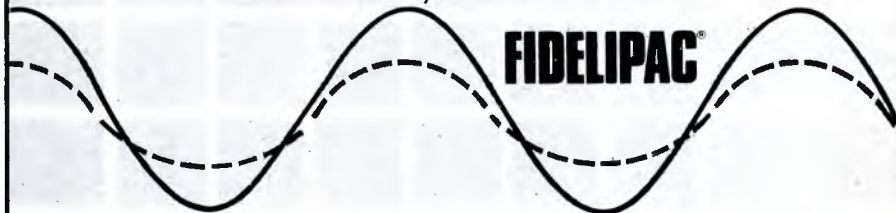
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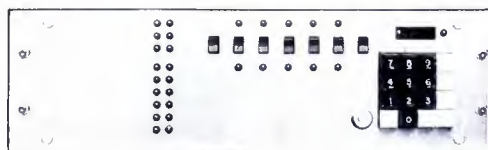
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# Montreux '77

## A LOOK INTO TELEVISION'S FUTURE

By Joe Roizen

The International Television Symposium and Equipment Exhibition, held in Montreux between June 3rd and 10th, has once again achieved a new high in numbers of delegates, exhibitors and technical papers. In the last category especially, the Symposium Record had to be printed in 10 volumes that must have added at least four kilograms to every participants' already bulging bags full of brochures and baubles.

By all accounts it was a great television show. The big exhibits were lavish with fancy decor and eye-catching shows. ENG cameras relayed color images from hovering helicopters, extended fire ladders, artificial rain forests, or mountain climbing cogged railways. Mobile TV vans, enroute to exotic destinations like Abu Dhabi or Qatar, ringed the exhibit hall like a protective armada with their rooves bristling with extended zoom cameras and brightly-colored parabolas that connected to whirring machinery inside.

Cheek by jowl, the various minis and micros, shoulder-mounted or gyro-stabilized, wandered along the Lac Leman waterfront recording everything in sight. Spring flowers, snow capped mountains, stately swans and strolling lovers were TV fodder for the roving color cameras and voracious VTRs that recorded and repeated these fleeting scenes to prove their quality and versatility.

The one-inch videotape recorder mystery that raised its head at NAB was also in full force, now extending its dilemma to the PAL and SECAM world. For those seeking innovation, there was a back pack omni-directional microwave that relayed pictures from a portable camera without benefit of even triax cable. There was a portable standards converter that did everything

from NTSC, PAL, SECAM, or even PAL-M to any other selected standard, all crammed into a mere 12-inch rack mount unit. U-Matics specially designed for Europe's higher bandwidth and color sub-carriers were also sprouting at a few stands, bringing the introduction of Flaherty-style ENG a bit closer in Europe.

On the social side, there was an endless round of receptions, cocktail parties, banquets, bus trips and boat rides organized by either the committee or individual exhibitors. The 2,600 registered delegates from 55 countries who toured the 135-plus exhibits, sat through the 185 papers and attended the two round tables were in need of the relaxation afforded by the after-hour events. Any participant who left Montreux without having his or her palate satiated by Swiss cheese washed down with a local wine wasn't really trying.

### The symposium

The Montreux Symposium is a major part of this international television gathering, and was reflected in the quantity and quality of technical papers that the event seems to attract. Even concurrent sessions were needed on some days to accommodate the topics to be covered, which ranged from satellite broadcasting to CATV, and everything in between.

The Symposium started on Friday with the morning session devoted to welcoming speeches by Fritz Locher, director general of the Swiss PTT, and H. R. Probst, chairman of the executive committee. Howard Steele, director of engineering for the IBA and chairman of the awards committee, announced the two gold medal winners for technical television achievements.

This is a new award specially minted for the 10th Anniversary Symposium.

It was given to John Baldwin of IBA for his work in digital TV and the creation of Digital Intercontinental Conversion Equipment (DICE), and to Claude Mercier, the retiring technical director of French television and EBU Technical Committee. Symposium citations for noteworthy contributions to television technology were also awarded to Henri Mathens, chief engineer of the EBU, Masahiko Morizono, director of SBC Corp., and Daniel Sauvet-Goichon of Television de France.

The keynote address was delivered by Werner Hess, director of Germany's national television network (ARD), and the 10th International Symposium was officially on its way.

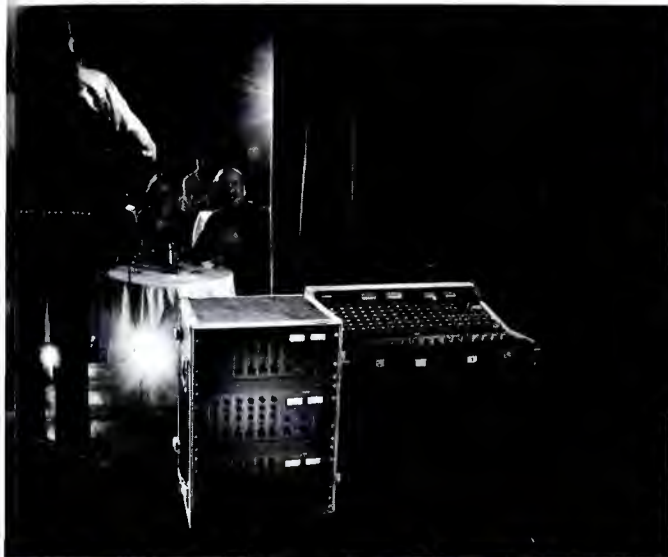
### International TV progress report

After a cocktail reception in the Montreux Casino, the afternoon session on international television progress began. In keeping with tradition, experts from various organizations were invited to review such progress in their areas.

Last year's Winter and Summer Olympic Games were reported on by N. Wassiczek of the ORF in Vienna and Marius Morais of ORFO in Montreal. Wassiczek particularly stressed the help given by neighboring countries in loaning mobile vans and other equipment to permit the ORF to cover such a large television event. Morais used a series of slides specially taken by the CBS Staff and Donna Foster Roizen to illustrate technical installations and methods of signal distribution both local and world wide. Morais stressed that the Montreal Games had the

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largest audience ever for a televised event (1.25 billion), and used a record number of intercontinental satellite transmissions to achieve this.

Roland Zavada, engineering vice president of SMPTE, covered North American TV developments. He stated that the latest improvements in NTSC signal handling techniques, including VIRS, had finally removed the stigma of "Never Twice the Same Color" from the system. Victor Rojas of the OTI covered Latin America and the upcoming World Cup Games in Argentina. According to Rojas, these will be covered in PAL with new equipment obtained for this purpose. EBU developments were reviewed by R. Gressman who stressed the potentials of satellite communications for individual countries.

Mr. Balasubramanyam of the Asian Broadcasting Union in Kuala Lumpur gave a very interesting overview of new facilities and TV experiments in that area. The ultra-modern Avalon TV Center in New Zealand and the Indian CTS project, which sent satellite linked educational programs to thousands of Indian villages equipped with wire mesh parabolas, were among the items he covered. Television in the CCIR, the administration of RF spectrum space and operating frequencies was presented by the chairman of Study Group II, J. Krivosheev.

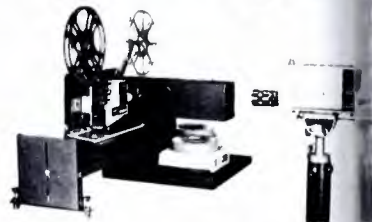
### The round table conference

Another tradition at the Montreux Symposium is the round table conference that brings together users and manufacturers in a panel for a discussion about some aspect of television. Following this, the audience joins in to present opinions or ask questions. This year's round table conference was called "Trends in Video Systems Under the Impact of New Technology, Horizon 1985," and was chaired by Joseph Polonsky, who charged the panel members to look into the future with "both eyes open" to avoid any science fiction prognostications.

The round table opened with comments by Bill Connolly of CBS. Connolly pointed out that TV production is moving out of the studio and into the field where conditions are more hostile to the equipment. He would like to see new TV gear that is lighter, smaller and temperature stabilized. In Connolly's opinion, no cable at all is better than

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Herbert Fix, the technical director of Germany's Institut für Rundfunk Technik, requested that the industry consider four aspects of TV post-production: (1) leasable post-production facilities, (2) simpler on-line editing devices, (3) film transfer to solve standards problems and cinema projection, and (4) improved laser recording for TV-to-film transfer. He wondered if people would still attend with movies in 1985 or be satisfied with what comes into the home via TV.

Peter Rainger of the BBC supported Connolly's view of the exodus from studio to field production. He opted for better camera sensitivity and expects the new noise reducers to help. He saw no immediate competitor to magnetic tape, but felt film would still be widely used in 1985. Rainger also predicted that digital techniques will be used for archival recording and that high-quality 625-line TV will have a 34-megabit format.

Peter Hansen from Danish TV asked for sturdier equipment to suit outside broadcast requirements, and would like to see post-production systems in various sizes to suit different purposes.

T. Miuro of NHK concurred with his predecessors and described some developments at NHK (Japan) Research Labs where large screen, high definition experiments are going on.

The last speaker for the users was M. Remy, technical director of Telediffusion de France. He spoke about the new Antiope teletext service in France and the effects of video games, and questioned what to do with some of the new services offered by television.

### The manufacturers

On the manufacturers' side, the first presentation was perhaps the most thought-provoking. R. D. Stewart of General Electric (USA) gave the only illustrated presentation. He stated that costs for new solid-state devices in the sensor and memory field are coming down by orders of magnitude. Stewart predicted that by 1985 there will be full broadcast quality CCDs. Both CCD and bubble memories will have roles in signal processing, time base correction, A/D conversion and bandwidth compression. Stewart foresaw a million bits on a chip and the start of an all solid-state recorder with no moving parts (or tape) by 1985.

J. Hillier of RCA followed with the view that 1985 will show what's

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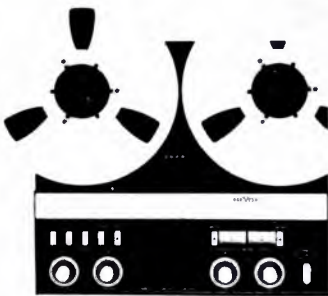
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already being worked on in the labs today. He saw two major areas of development: (1) equipment which is self-adjusting, self-aligning and self-testing; and (2) automation of editing and business functions in a TV facility. Hillier felt that technology itself is not the constraint on development, rather that technology's "future shock" limits adaptation and use of new devices.

**More for the viewer**

Representing Philips, F. de Vrijer had a promising word for home viewers. He said receiver improvements will bring home pictures closer to studio quality. He also saw a large increase in digital TV processing where it's better than analog.

Norman Parker-Smith of Marconi was emphatic about the continuing use of TV pick-up tubes in 1985, and Renville McMann of Thomson-CSF Labs supported him by saying that the cameras used eight years from now will resemble present ones, but will be smaller and more automatic. McMann did not expect camera sensitivities to increase by any great factor, but when solid-state sensors come along, there might be such a considerable improvement. McMann also saw microprocessors in cameras doing a lot of housekeeping, fiber optics from camera to CCU, and remote VTRs controlled by the camera operator.

Mashaiko Morizono had a few reservations about digital VTRs. Morizono from Sony saw better tape formulations with higher density recording solving current analog VTR problems in PAL and SECAM, thus getting to tenth generation utility as is now possible in NTSC. In fact, Morizono said that cheaper, simpler analog VTRs of the future may preclude digital advantages from making a serious entry into the field.

Ampex's Charles Anderson spoke of another aspect of the future, equipment investment return. Anderson queried the broadcasters as to whether they could afford a two-year equipment exchange even if the manufacturers could afford a biennial development cycle. He pointed out that Ampex equipment delivered in 1964/65 was still widely used and the investment of millions of dollars cannot be concisely disposed of just because technical breakthroughs occur at a faster rate.

Hans Groll of Bosch Fernseh followed this theme. He sided with Morizono on the digital VTR question, saying the answer was around the corner. He agreed with Anderson that broadcasters live with current technology, even if the CCDs come along. Initial use will produce some quality loss. Groll also felt that the use of frame stores will lead the way to more digital processing in other areas.

**Comments anyone?**

With the opening statement made, a lively discussion followed. Howard Steele talked about the recent digital VTR demonstration in Venice at an EBU meeting and challenged the panel members' statements, reiterating that megabits were enough.

R. Zavada of Kodak felt film was still be a major TV medium because it uses little energy and operates in low light. He predicted improvements in sensitivity and the addition of time code to further enhance film's versatility. An EBU moderator suggested flexible and uniform interfaces for computer-assisted TV operations and in Pouzols of Radiotechnique (France) pointed out that receiver buyers spend 90 percent of the money on television hardware while broadcasters only represent 10 percent of the total money spent.

The round table also included a session on receiver development and the consensus among the panel members was that future receivers would include memory circuitry, noise reduction, and teletext facilities at reasonable prices.

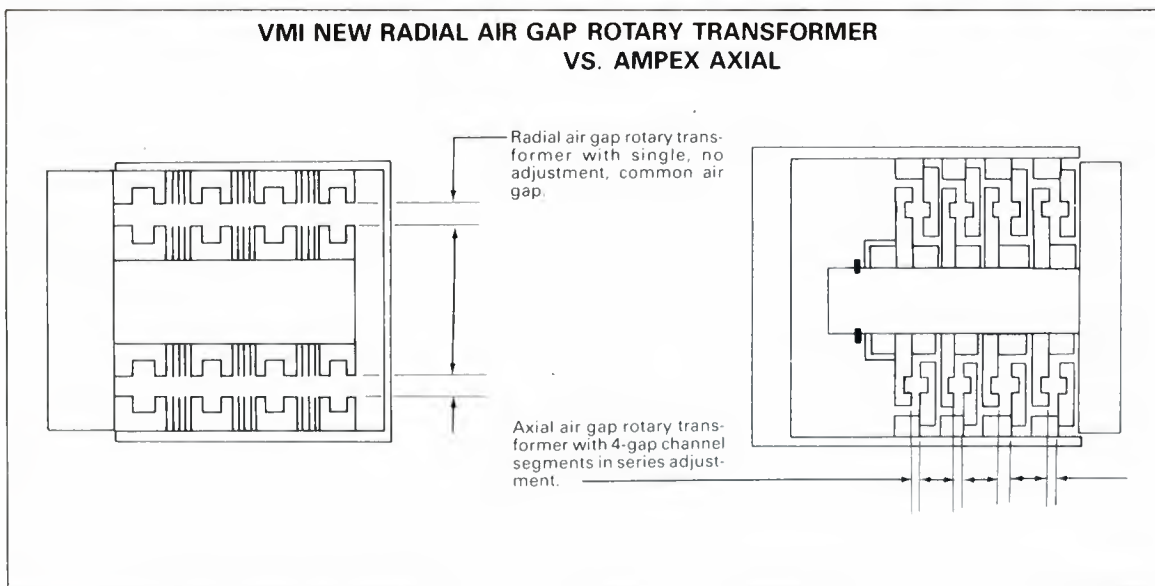
R. Gressmann of the EBU asked if it was wise to continue to increase the technological gap between advanced countries and the developing nations where, he said, the latter were still struggling with basic services.

Dee Pourciau of IVC didn't want to see any limits on development and stated that TV gadgetry is not limiting. This last comment may have been in response to a statement by Joe Roizen of Telegen, that some new digital TV studio products were unnecessarily complex and effect variations far beyond normal needs. As an example, Roizen pointed to the numbers of switching effects which are unused or have very limited duty cycles.

The summaries presented by the panel members followed most of their opening remarks, with a quotable statements. Hillier's

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clusion was that technology, if done right, simplifies an operation and that LSI will make more reliable equipment that is easier to use. Connolly clearly stated that all of the signal processing, digitizing, or manipulation won't make the program better, and many other panelists concurred. Urged by Polonsky to say a few words on behalf of the program producers, Peter Hansen postulated that the average producer wants a nice cozy environ-

ment, with a small group of known people who can work on understandable equipment which does not confront them with electronic wizardry beyond their comprehension. It is to this end that the broadcasters and manufacturers should direct themselves, according to Hansen.

Polonsky thanked the panelists and the audience and expressed the regrets of H. Jushkevitchus of the USSR for not having been able to attend. The round table conference closed with Polonsky's hope that progress towards better television

equipment and services will continue in the future.

**Increase use of ENG**

With 185 papers in parallel sessions lasting five days, it would be impossible to give anything more than a thumb-nail sketch of the symposium. The sessions that attracted large audiences dealt with ENG, one-inch helical VTRs, satellite television, electronic editing and digital techniques.

As he has in the U.S., Flaherty, engineering vice president of CBS, continued to champion ENG as the wave of the future in television operations. His statistics were impressive. According to Flaherty, over 700 U.S. TV stations are now all or partially converted to ENG. Of the 3,000 news crews, 1,200 are electronic with a continuing conversion rate of 300% a year. The use of videotape is still continuing to climb, and CBS is now changing from film to tape on its comms.

Within his own network, Flaherty said that 53 percent of their programming is on tape, and this is increasing because of the impact of smaller cameras, one-inch VTRs, and digital TBCs. CBS has only a few film crews left and they will be converted this summer. Flaherty speaking to over 300 delegates, felt that the new ENG equipment recently introduced in Europe will undoubtedly lead to a similar conversion of ENG practices on this continent and elsewhere.

A. Todorovic of Yugoslavian IBA gave a concise summary of the history and current status of analog VTRs. John Baldwin of IBA then described a digital VTR developed in their laboratories at Crawley Court (UK). Their test base is the IVC 9000 segmented helical two-inch VTR, but Baldwin indicated that other machines could be adapted.

He suggested that for editing VTR signals, stay in digital form, thus keeping a first generation quality regardless of the number of dubs made. Then conversion to analog form could be done for final airing of the edited program. The IBA digital prototype VTR still only produces half a TV image, but with smaller, cheaper memories Baldwin said a full-scale VTR was in sight.

M. Favreau of Thomson-CSF (Paris) followed with a well-illustrated paper on their videodisc, a thin plastic film using laser techniques for readout. Picture quality is good enough on this device to warrant serious consideration for some broadcast applications.

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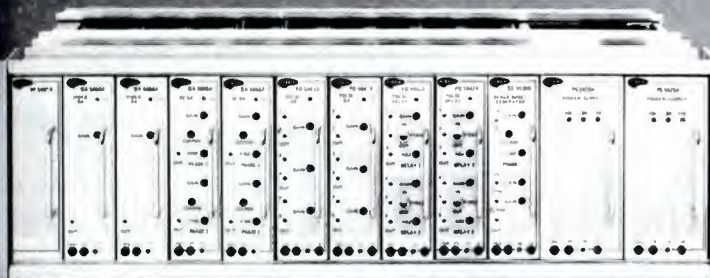
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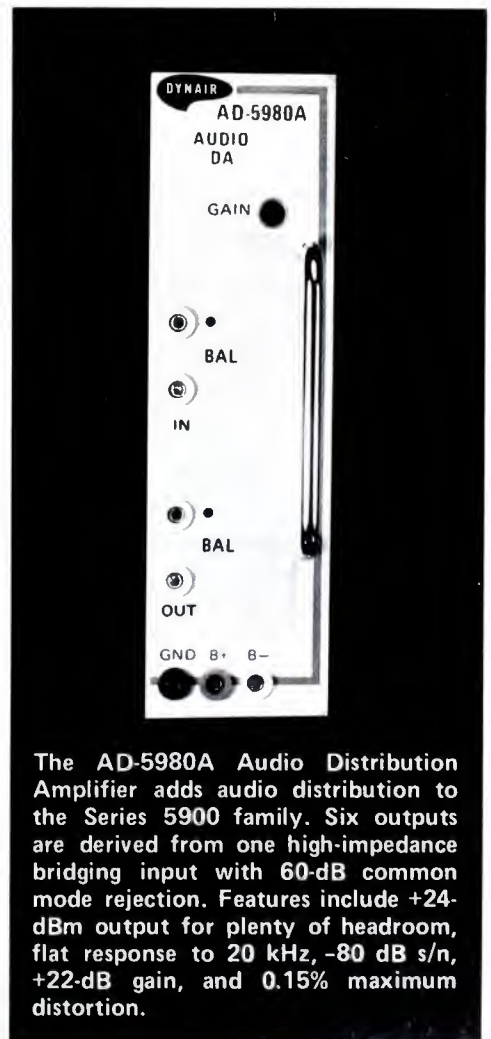


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**One-inch helical**

The later morning session was the most controversial one. The proponents of three new one-inch helical formats, Ampex, Bosch Fernseh and Sony were pitted directly against each other in a series of three papers describing each system. Fred Remley of the University of Michigan and chairperson of the working group on non-segmented

helical VTRs, preceded the technical reps of the three companies with a survey of the role of one-inch helical recorders in broadcasting. He touched upon the various formats and pointed to their current incompatibility. He also explained what the SMPTE working groups were doing to standardize the segmented and non-segmented formats now being offered.

Bosch Fernseh's representative Henry Zahn described the segmented BCN machine made by his company and also offered by Philips, IVC and RCA. Zahn pointed out

that the problems of slow and motion both for editing or for use were solved by the addition of a frame store and showed tapes that illustrated these features very well. Zahn also showed cassette portable BCN which extends the configurations of the format into every application, studio, field production, ENG or whatever the broadcaster wants.

R. Ravizza of Ampex followed with a detailed explanation of the VPR-1 and VPR-10, the one-inch non-segmented helical recorder offered by Ampex as the latest for studio and ENG use in broadcasting. Ravizza's paper included a detailed description of the automatic scan tracking system (AST) which gives the VPR-1 the ability to broadcast slow and still frame images. A piezzo-electric wave under the playback video head is mechanically deformed by applied voltages derived from error signals that are generated by RF envelope sampling. The tape playback demonstrations included a tenth generation dub of acceptable quality, and the above mentioned features.

Sony's BVH-1000 was then presented by Y. Suzuki who gave a graphic breakdown of the format features and the VTR design elements. Sony's format eliminated the typical helical dropout period in the vertical interval by having a slow rate head write the vertical interval near the bottom of the tape. They call this the 1.5 head principle. Suzuki claimed this made it possible to retain the original VIRS, VBI, teletext, or any other vertical interval insertions that may be present in the incoming signal. The BVH-1000 also has slow and stop modes for editing purposes and a convenient shuttle or jog mode for search tape or select edit points. In addition, Suzuki described several operational advantages of this "direct" system, as they call it.

The discussion following was spirited, with users or potential users complaining that the proliferating, non-interchangeable formats are causing concern and confusion in the field. However, a member of the audience closed the session by stating that this confusion is what provided all these well-paid, talented delegates with a 10-day vacation in Montreux where they could enjoy the local amenities while studying the problem!

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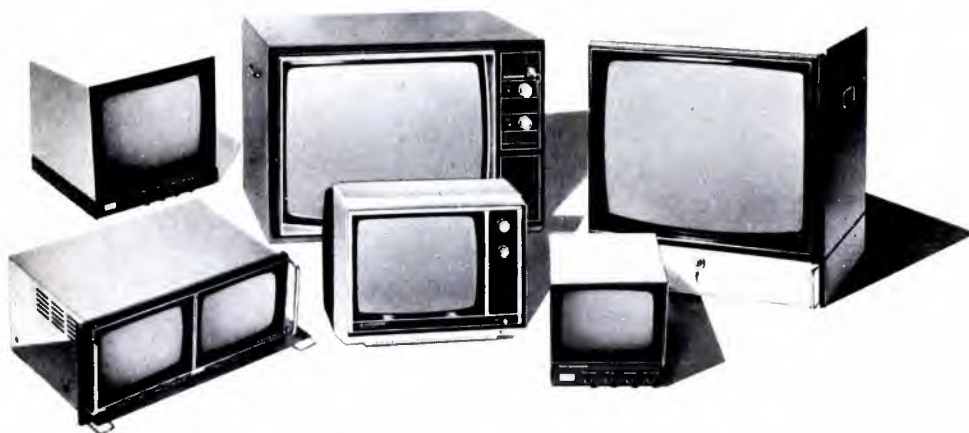
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techniques on VTRs and a new tape with better audio performance. G. Weltz and G. Eitz of the rd described methods of precise ratio measurement as well as o parameters. Norman Ritter of showed the audio improvement possible with their recently induced 8250 quad tape and played short tape segment which g audible evidence of this factor.

Dr. Boris Townsend of the and Charles Urban of the led teamed up to do a joint paper on state of ENG within the EBU. Townsend's main theme was that up now the really portable gear is not quite good enough. What EBU needed was a magic "black box" which would eliminate noise, chroma/luma delay and other defects of a third generation color-under tape.

Townsend showed a slide of front panel of such a device with only an "on/off" switch above label "Magic Image Improver." The next slide showed the inside of box, which was totally empty except for a short wire lead on the back of the switch. His message was clear. The EBU members want better gear suited to their standards.

Charles Urban followed with several examples of ENG operations using various portable or mobile combinations of equipment from different countries. The pictures were good but none of the gear could be described as being low-priced.

As if cued to respond to the previous speakers, T. Morita of Sony described an upgraded 1/4-inch cassette VTR (U-Matic) that was designed for the PAL and SECAM standards. A variety of mechanical and electrical changes have been made to the standard U-Matic format to accommodate the greater bandwidth and higher subcarrier frequencies of the SECAM/PAL coding systems. Morita showed color playback from this improved U-Matic format which, even at a third generation, looked like quite an acceptable broadcast quality picture. Of course, the European networks will have to test the system themselves before any general acceptance of this type of gear for ENG is made. Several representatives of the larger TV services indicated they were about to start such trial periods.

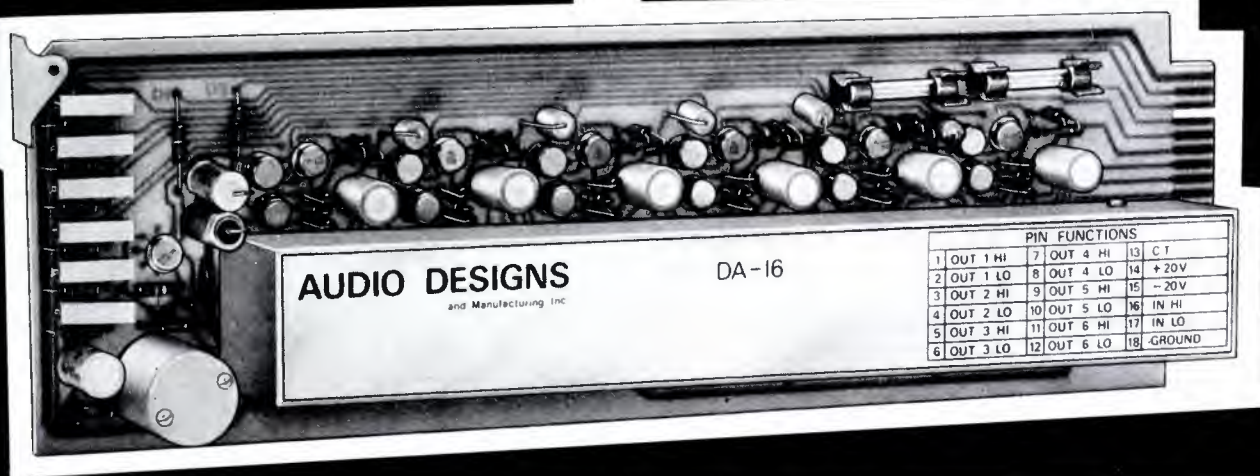
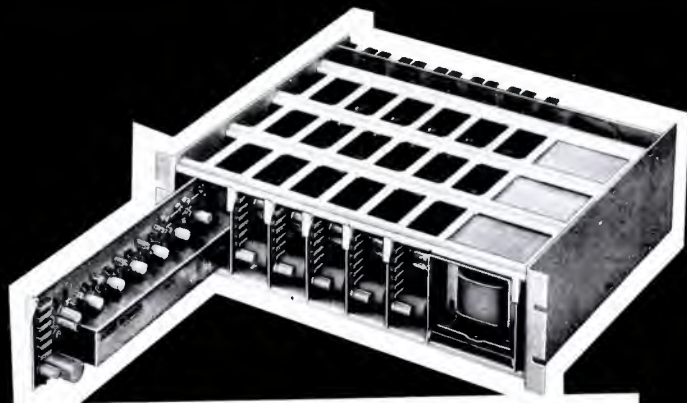
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papers which covered both the theory and hardware descriptions.

W. Habermann of the IRE Munich started off with a review of the field of automation as applied to video recording and editing. Habermann pointed out the reasons for automation in TV studios: (1) saving people-power, (2) efficiency in the use of expensive studio gear, and (3) organization of available equipment for central control. His conclusions were that automation both for normal equipment and for editing systems is rapidly becoming mandatory for television studios that need to produce more programs in hours on relatively shrinking budgets.

Stan Busby of Ampex gave a specific set of recommendations in his paper with regard to the editing systems. Busby defended first the use of distributed intelligence as applied to TV equipment. He claimed that such devices can carry out complex commands on the receipt of a relatively simple signal. The other part of his paper dealt with the standardization problem of computerized editing systems. Busby suggested that all interfaces and signal formats used between the controllers and the machines should be common, thereby allowing for interchange between editing systems that will benefit all.

He also proposed a higher bit rate than is currently used by many electronic editing systems. According to Busby, the alternative to adopting some standards is more copper, more contacts, more computer core and more continued defusion. Adopt some of the methods already developed for data processing, he said, and the television editing world will benefit significantly.

The last paper titled "Distributed Processing Techniques in Post-Production Editing" was jointly presented by Klaus Eichstadt and Roizen of CMX Systems. Roizen made a short review of the present use of computer-assisted editing systems in fast-paced editing of popular variety shows and sitcoms in the U.S. and Canada. The major benefits expressed to Roizen editors he visited was a better schedule and a substantial time saving.

Eichstadt then presented a detailed review of the distributed processing system used on CMX-340-X, and the application

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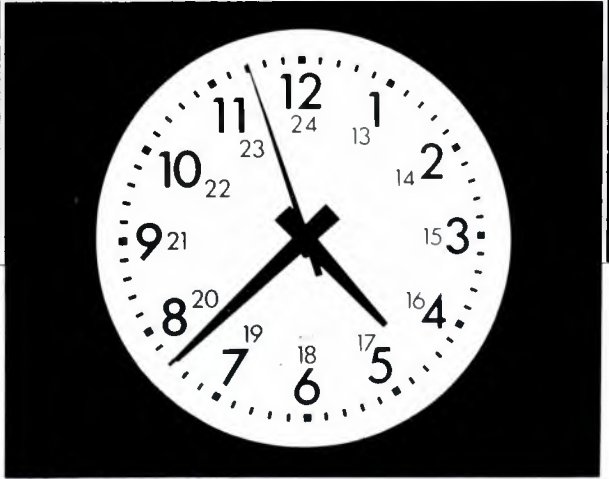
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Editing and automation are previously progressing at a pace to cope with modern production demands.

### Symposium summary

According to many delegates who were questioned, there were too many papers and often they conflicted in time if they were opposite each other in concurrent sessions. Some delegates claimed the papers were repeats of SMPTE or NAB presentations and could have been eliminated in favor of more open discussion periods.

This may be true for the participants in Montreux who were constantly on the conference circuit. However many delegates in Montreux do not attend the other symposiums in America, the UK or elsewhere and probably did benefit from hearing or seeing first-hand some of the technical presentations offered. Digital techniques not operational in PAL or SECAM, showing the potential path were exposed in papers on noise reduction or digital video effects, and new satellite techniques and services for direct broadcasting using high-powered travelling wave tubes were exposed for scrutiny and discussion.

### The exhibition

It was a good news/bad news exhibition. The good news was that many important people came, apparently committed themselves for equipment that suited their needs and pocketbooks. The bad news, according to the exhibitors, was the limited space, high temperatures and matching high prices in the local hostleries.

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# The FM PROOF is no picnic

By Peter Burk, CE, WKBW, Buffalo, NY

Let's face it...FM proofs can be a real pain. The number of measurements required and, in some cases, some pretty tight tolerances to maintain contribute to the discomfort at proof time. But the biggest problem is usually confusion. The rules are a little vague, and the procedure has to be slightly dif-

ferent at every station.

We can't make the FM proof a Sunday school picnic, but perhaps we can make the task easier by removing some of the confusion.

#### Test equipment

Last month's AM proof coverage included some suggestions on test

equipment, selection and testing. For FM, the requirements are slightly higher since the FCC specs are tighter. The basic rule of thumb is that the test equipment should be at least as accurate as the tolerance allowed by the rules. When you connect the audio generator directly

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into the distortion analyzer, audio voltmeter, the residual should be -70 dB or below, and total harmonic distortion should be less than 0.25 percent.

Note that the bandwidth for noise and distortion is different: 50 Hz to 15,000 Hz for noise, and up to 30,000 Hz for distortion. It's generally easier to read both noise and distortion wideband (with no low-pass filter), but if it becomes necessary to use a filter to make noise measurement meet specs, it is entirely acceptable, as long as the bandwidth of the filter is appropriate. Of course, the one kilohertz high-pass filter included on some analyzers must never be left in during the measurements.

When you check the test equipment, include the test leads that you will use for the actual measurements, as well as any transformer pads or low-pass filters that you intend to use.

### Set-up

Every station will have slightly different requirements for connection of the test equipment. The Broadcast Engineering Proof of Performance Manual for FM contains a detailed discussion on test equipment interface. If your station is fully automated or for some other reason has an obscure "main microphone input terminal," last month's "Workshop" might help you find a good place to inject the signal.

For stereo stations, a lot of test can be saved by constructing a "proof box." Using either transformers or resistive pads and a rotary switch, build a unit that can be switched to provide left, right, L+R, and L-R signals. Again, the Proof Manual shows one method of accomplishing this.

### Pre-test

Before proof night, make a quick check to see that the station is ready for the proof. If the station meets performance requirements at the extremes, it will most likely pass the proof.

### Put a priority on noise

Check the noise first. If the noise level is high, it will invalidate all other measurements. The FCC requires that noise be at least 60 dB below 100 percent 400 Hz modulation. Make sure that the stereo subcarrier is on if you're doing a stereo proof.

The noise measurement should be made with de-emphasis switched



## FM PRE-EMPHASIS CURVE

(75 usec.)

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100	0.01
200	0.04
300	0.09
400	0.15
500	0.23
600	0.33
700	0.49
800	0.58
900	0.72
1,000	0.87
2,000	2.76
3,000	4.77
4,000	6.58
5,000	8.16
6,000	9.54
7,000	10.75
8,000	11.82
9,000	12.78
10,000	13.66
11,000	14.45
12,000	15.18
13,000	15.86
14,000	16.49
15,000	17.07

keep the 15,000 Hz tone from over-modulating. Note that this method is not acceptable for the actual proof. It is intended merely to tell you that the system appears to be fairly close to the curve and that when you run the official proof you won't be surprised by a strange bulge or dip in the response.

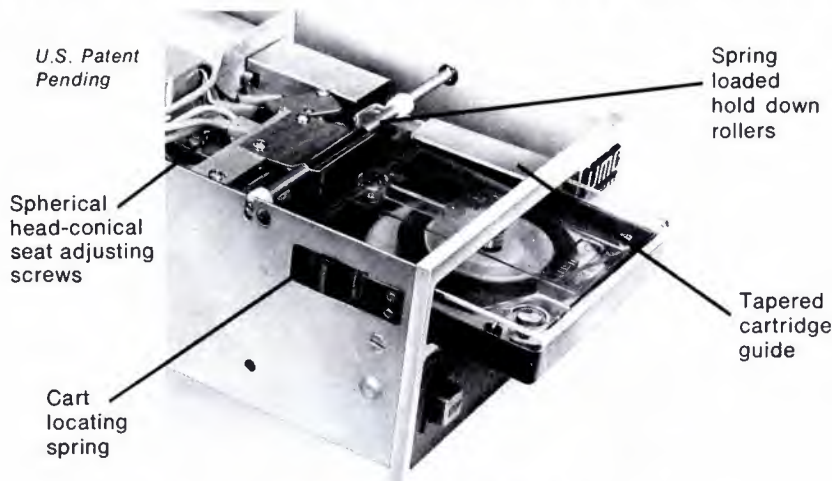
Another method is to set the generator for 100 percent at 400 Hz, then note the amount of attenuation required to hold 100 percent on the modulation monitor at 50 Hz and 15,000 Hz. Fifty Hz should be about the same as 400 Hz, but

15,000 Hz should be close to 17 dB below the 400 Hz level. This method is more precise, but doesn't tell you what's happening between the extremes.

A third method involves construction of a 75-usec de-emphasis filter which is installed on the generator output. This saves a lot of level adjusting and is really handy for spot checks in between proofs, but the filter must be carefully calibrated if the measurements are to be meaningful. The filter can be made a part of your "proof box."

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of the modulation monitor. Note that some monitors don't adequately attenuate the 19 kHz pilot. If necessary, you can use a 15-kHz low-pass filter to decrease the amount of pilot you are reading.

If the noise is satisfactory, measure the distortion at 1 kHz and at both extremes (50 Hz and 15,000 Hz), using 100 percent modulation. If the noise measurement is marginal, you should make sure that the distortion is well below the limits, since the noise will be added to the distortion readings and make the distortion appear high when you make the complete proof.

Next, make a response check at the frequency extremes. There are several ways to make this quick check. An easy method is to leave the de-emphasis switched in and run a quick sweep with the audio generator. You'll have to reduce the level by at least 17 dB at 400 Hz to



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### Stereo pre-test

Spot check separation and cross-talk during the pre-test before proof night, too. Remember that any adjustments made during the actual proof will invalidate all previous measurements. It's like going back to "GO" and not collecting the 200 dollars. Adjust the stereo generator for best performance *before* you run the official proof.

Your separation pre-test should be made at 15,000 Hz, since that's where it's most difficult. To confirm that pilot phase is within the required three degrees, your separation must measure at least 29.7 dB in both directions.

Check for at least 40 dB of cross-talk attenuation, both main to sub and sub to main. It is permissible to adjust the console master gain controls for best cross-talk at one frequency (400 Hz), but they must be left in that position for the remainder of the measurements.

### Are stereo proofs necessary?

The rules don't specifically require separation and cross-talk measurements, but they do require that your station be capable of meeting all stereo specifications. You can't prove that you are capable of meeting specs unless you actually do a full stereo proof. In any case, they aren't that difficult or time consuming, and it isn't even necessary to graph the results.

### Dolby

At this time, there is no approved procedure for proofing with Dolby equipment in the line. Patch out your Dolby encoders and run a normal stereo proof with 75 usec pre-emphasis.

### Running the proof

Our objective when we run the official proof is to document the fact that the station's *normal operation* complies with the rules. The numbers don't mean much if they don't reflect the way your station is normally run. Sometimes it's necessary to make some changes in the equipment to make the station pass the proof. This is all right as long as the station is left adjusted this way after the proof.

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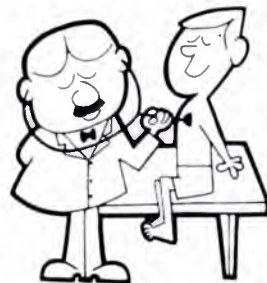
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**Before you begin the actual measurement run, get organized!** You should know ahead of time just exactly what sequence you will follow. There are several efficient methods for taking the readings, but perhaps the sequence suggested in Chapter 3 of the *Proof Manual* saves the most time. The basic idea is to take as many measurements as possible while the frequency and percentage of modulation are held constant.

Don't forget that the response measurement is actually *modulation sensitivity*. Hold the percentage of modulation constant and adjust the generator output level for each frequency. If you plot the generator output level vs. frequency, you'll eventually have a mirror image of the response.

**More on response**

The FCC provides a curve that should be used to plot the response. Unlike AM response curves, the FM curve has no reference frequency. That is, it is acceptable

to slide the whole curve up and down, just so that all points lie between the limits.

Since there is no actual requirement that the response be graphed, you don't have to use the FCC graph with the 75-usec. curve. (Of course, the values would have to fit on the curve whether you actually graph them or not.) One of the problems encountered in graphing on the curve is that, especially at the upper end, a straight line between two values doesn't really reflect the actual interpolation of values in between the points.

One solution is to mathematically extract the 75-usec. curve and plot the values on a straight line. The FCC limits can then be added below the line. Part 73.317 (a)(2) spells out the exact limits.

To determine the exact amount of pre-emphasis at any frequency, use the following formula:

$$A = 10 \log [(2\pi fT)^2 + 1]$$

where A = attenuation in decibels, f = modulating frequency in Hz, and T = time constant in seconds (normally  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$ ). The accompanying table provides the calculated attenuation for 75 usec.

**Other measurements**

In addition to the response, distortion, cross-talk and separation measurements, stereo stations should measure pilot injection level and 38 kHz suppression. All stations must read AM noise and spurious emission. The best way to check for spurious emission is with a spectrum analyzer. Most of us aren't lucky enough to have one, so we have to apply a little ingenuity. If you're affiliated with a TV station, you might be able to borrow theirs. If not, several firms rent them for a modest charge. Besides being necessary for the proof, the results of a spectrum analysis can be helpful if you're involved in interference complaints.

I can't really cover all of the details that go into an FM proof in the "Workshop," but hopefully I've helped to reduce some of the confusion. *BE's FM Proof of Performance Manual* is, however, a comprehensive guide to conducting a thorough proof.

The author thanks Dennis Ciapura, *BE's* audio editor, for assistance in preparing this month's "Radio Workshop." □

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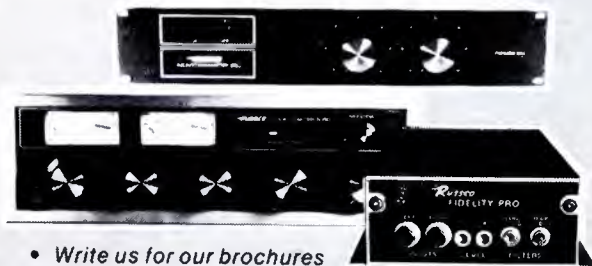
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Four executives have been appointed to management positions in the Cetec Broadcast Group. **Dale Evans**, former audio product manager, has been named acting general manager of the Springfield Division, Sacramento, CA; **Rich Weichbrod** has been appointed to the position of general manager of Broadcast Electronics, Inc., where he was director of engineering, to accept the position with Cetec as product manager; **Jack Lawson**, who was the Springfield sales manager, is now the international marketing manager of the group; and **Grant Campbell**, former corporate manager of internal audits, was appointed group controller.

Systems Resources Corp., the manufacturing subsidiary of CHYRON Corp., announces the appointment of **Joseph L. Scheuer** as president. Scheuer succeeds **Eugene Leonard**, who resigned.

**Ronald Briggs** joins CCA Electronics Corp. as international manager. Prior to his appointment, Briggs was director of engineering for the Ministry of Information in Qatar, and was in charge of radio and television services...and **Jason S. ...** president of CCA, announces the appointment of **Lynd J. Carter** as sales manager of TV products.

**Hugh F. Gillogly** steps into the position as national sales manager of the Broadcast Equipment Division of NEC America, Inc...**Richard J. Reilly**, former western regional manager for International Video Corp., announces the formation of his own San Francisco branch of United Media, Inc. Reilly will be marketing video equipment to broadcast and non-broadcast users in Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Alaska.

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**Jerome P. Vondergeest** joins Thomson-CSF Laboratories as territorial manager...**Alan Schoenberg** has been appointed northeastern field sales engineer for Telemation.

**James M. Hoak**, **Robert Dickinson** and **Ken McCarthy** have been elected directors of the Karlov State Network, Inc.

**Glenn H. Sacra**, president of GTE International Systems Corp., announces the appointment of **Herbert C. Edgar, Jr.** as vice president for marketing. Edgar will be responsible for directing the worldwide marketing and sales of satellite communication ground stations, microwave systems and other activities.

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vision station WNEW, has been promoted to president of Metromedia Television.

**David P. Haney**, who is the sales manager of WNA in Iowa City, has been elected executive vice president of Communicators, Inc. Haney formerly held the post of vice president of this corporation...

**Robert K. Norton, Jr.**, program director and chief engineer of KRNA, was elected vice president.

**Vincent T. Wasilewski**, president of the NAB, announced the appointment of four new members to the Radio Code Board.

Elected to the Radio Board are: **Enzo De Dominicis**, general manager, WRCQ, Farmington, Conn.; **Ron Gomez**, vice president and station manager KPEL, Lafayette, La.; **H. Wayne Hudson**, president, WMPS, Memphis, Tenn.; and **Roy Robinson**, general manager, KFQD, Anchorage, Alaska.

**William L. Viands, Jr.** succeeds **Joseph F. Abernathy** as general manager of WIOD-AM and WAIA-AM Miami...**Clark W. Davis** moves from corporate vice president to president of the Starr Broadcasting Division, as was announced by **Bruce F. Wilson**, president and chief executive officer of the Starr Broadcasting Group, Inc.

**Marlene T. Palmer** joins the NAB as assistant to the director of the Broadcast Management Department. Ms. Palmer formerly was a division president of Litt Enterprises, a Washington, D.C. management consultant firm and holding company.

The National AM Stereophonic Radio Committee has named **Chris Payne** as project manager of its upcoming field tests of AM stereo.

## NPPA honors photographers for excellence in TV coverage

Winners in the 1977 National Press Photographers Association (NPPA) television news competition were honored at a special awards banquet July 3. Hosted by Eastman Kodak Company, the ceremony was held in Vail, Colo. during the NPPA's annual convention. Denver station KBTB and its assistant chief photographer **Sam Allen** were named earlier this year as the "Television News Photography Station of the Year" and the "Television Photographer of the Year" by the NPPA.

Winners in other categories of competition include: news—tie between **Josep Lee**, ABC-TV, New York and **John Elder**, WKRC-TV, Cincinnati; mini-documentary—**Sam Allen**, KBTB, Denver; feature—**Paul Fine**, WMAL-TV, Washington, D.C.; sports—**Har Hakel**, WMAL-TV, Washington, D.C.; documentary—tie between **Jan Morgan**, CBS-TV, New York and **Mykola Kulish**, WCAU-TV, Philadelphia; general news—tie between **Scott Berner**, NBC-TV, New York and **Paul Fine**, WMAL-TV, Washington,

# BE takes a look at Japanese television

By Joe Roizen

Sophia Loren dons her crash helmet and rides on her Honda, Yul Brynner sells Fuji film, and Coca-Cola ads are about as subtle as they get stateside. Japanese television has all of the attributes of our own, with a few differences that are quickly evident, even during a one-week visit.



The TV receiver in the hotel room has no picture adjustment controls on it. On-off/volume and channel selector are all the visitor can manipulate, yet the images on all seven channels are good, having a colorimetric uniformity that is surprising when compared with what is seen in most American hotels. Most channels go on at 6:00 a.m. and run into the early hours of the following day.

Many of the staple programs have a familiar ring, even if the language is inscrutable. There is a Taiko Lalainusan who vigorously directs three young beauties in their morning calisthenics, the morning news report has a lot of Jimmy Carter images chronologically next to the announcer, the educational channel starts in monochrome with a shot of Rodin's "Thinker" while Nippon Hoso Kyokai's (NHK) entertainment channel begins with rising suns, flapping flags, national anthems and all the hoopla befitting a national network that is supported by license fees and commercials.

However, if you are nostalgic for a little hard sell, the other channels in town (TBS, JOKR, JOEX, etc.) will complement your day with clever visual pitches for everything from sushi to Sonys. In fact, the sin-

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language cable service piped into hotels for  
to watch is like an endless commercial inter-  
ed with fleeting programs. It's no wonder that  
verage tourist getting on the departing 747 at  
da is usually loaded down with bulging bags that  
in the wares of such suppliers as Nikon, Seiko,  
moto, Panasonic and Suntory. This situation has  
n so bad that Japan Air Lines have large posters  
eir ticket offices and at the airport advising  
ngers to travel more comfortably by carrying  
one bag of tax free bargains on board.

Meanwhile, back on the 19-inch Trinitron, the day  
ids with noontime melodramas obviously aimed at  
ousewife tending her electric rice cooker. The  
fternoon promises lots of educational programs  
as those that tell you how to solder transistors  
boards and teach you English or German. The  
of such educational material that is on the air  
is astonishing, and switching channels at dif-  
et times of the day yields snatches of history,  
gy, anthropology, various hard sciences and some  
general material that resembles Sesame Street or  
type art and craft documentaries.

late early evening offers audience participation and  
shows with seemingly more participation being  
by children. Light sitcoms from the U.S. such as  
switched" also appear with Japanese-dubbed  
ad, which doesn't come close to matching the  
sh movements. However, the names are not  
eged to protect the guilty and Samantha, Tabatha  
Darren are still recognizable, even with Oriental  
ents.

## Those familiar nights

this pleasantry and low-key programming gives  
to the late night shows that produce a crop of  
age that matches ours, or even exceeds it. In  
tion to imported mayhem of cops and robbers or  
ern shoot-outs, there is a good collection of  
e-grown Samurai swinging, martial arts and  
ive features (Godzilla is a local boy who made  
to satisfy any yen for blood and thunder. I was  
on good authority that there are also X-rated  
e Movies" on after midnight, but I never caught  
with the jet lag enough to stay up that late.

The Japanese adopt American ideas with a zeal that  
es to surpass the originals. Basu Boru (baseball) is  
tional passion, so much so that even Little League  
s get color coverage on local TV, complete with  
ple cameras, professional announcers, player  
overlays and rooting sections of drum-beating  
ers and costumed cheerleaders. And when the  
re yells "Outu!" no kids in the world ever looked  
crestfallen.

trigued by my TV set's performance and equipped  
a Swiss Army knife that bears a Phillips screw-  
blade, I removed a side panel that gave access  
e controls. Rolling the vertical I found that at  
four stations were transmitting vertical interval  
signals, and that I could not improve on the  
ance/chrominance settings manually, even when

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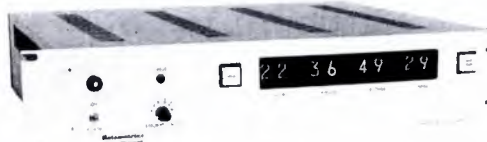
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## Japanese TV

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the pre-dawn set of color bars were on each channel. Japan today is the source of much innovation in TV products, as well as in other fields. Some come from the product development done by companies such as Matsushita, NEC, and Sony, others from the research facilities of NHK's laboratories dedicated to theoretical investigations.

A tour of the Sony showroom on the Ginza reveals a few unique products that have not yet been exported to overseas markets. The most interesting is a direct view, 32-inch diagonal Trinitron television receiver housed in a large mahogany cabinet. It includes a Betamax and other accessories like a remote control wand. Going price in Japan for this gargantuan glass eye that makes head and shoulder shots larger than life is a cool \$3,700. Another recently introduced product is a 12-foot (diagonal) large screen projector using individual kinescope lenses (like Advent), but the red and blue channels have been combined through a single lens, thus simplifying the projector optics by 33 1/3 percent. Let's hope the devices make good pictures in their own context. The projector is not intended for home use and carries a \$20,000-plus price tag. Sony also had on display a two-hour version of the Betamax using half the normal tape speed to achieve this time compression on a one-hour cassette.

### Technical research

A visit to the NHK Technical Research Laboratories where basic work on future TV developments is being done, was most informative. Dr. Kenji Hiwatashi, host and a division director of this facility, had set up a tour that included stops in individual labs that are working on high definition TV, digital conversion, a CCD camera, a teletext system and a small dish for satellite reception.

The high definition TV system uses a 30-inch vidicon shadow mask color CRT with a 5:3 aspect ratio. Line spacing is about 1/3 of the normal and the scanning rate is 1,125 lines at 30 frames, with 2:1 interlacing. The test images come from a special 70 mm image scanner or an RGB camera using larger than normal lenses. The color images were simply superb. NHK considers this one of the future possibilities for vastly improved public color TV service.

The 3 CCD color camera is the size of a one-pound box of chocolates and makes color pictures with 90 foot-candles of light. There are 228 x 242 picture elements covered by the NEC pickup unit that measures about 1 cm<sup>2</sup>. The engineer working on the camera was quick to point out that they are still a long way from a practical product and that sensitivity, resolution and picture uniformity don't come near those of current color TV cameras. However, the advantages of having no registration or lag problems added to the potential small size, weight, power consumption and reliability that makes this camera a very plausible goal to pursue.

### National teletext

Japan does not yet have a national teletext service such as the Ceefax or Oracle systems in the U.K., but they have developed such a system which is to be tested late this year. The system will provide Japan



ers a great deal of graphic information with al decoders in their home receivers. An index bing nine different teletext programs is trans- d digitally in the vertical interval of a normal TV mission. A digital IC memory in the TV receiver selection through a keyboard access will allow ising and viewing the programs, which will ide weather forecasts, shopping guides, news ines, etc. Cost of the home adapter should not d \$100.

### More than satellites

Perhaps the most exciting work is going on in NHK's r High Frequency (SHF) lab where they have oped a 0.6 meter (2-foot) diameter dish and ver which has reproduced good pictures from missions over the Communications Technology lite originated by NASA. The whole package e, receiver, converter and monitor) goes into a an wagon—the dish itself being packed in a ed, oversized metal suitcase—and can be set up here. The engineer working on this project d have a business card that says, "Have dish, ravel!"

orking at 12 GHz with a down converter that uses itky and Gunn diodes to convert to an IF at 360 F, this miniature earth station makes possible rt home reception from geostationary satellites. n is sponsoring the launch in late '78 of a satellite omestic service, and this antenna and receiver n are intended for that application.

ere are other technical wonders such as dual d TV over normal transmission channels that can ceived with an adapter estimated at \$10-\$30 in ity, two-inch return beam, Saticons for higher eution pickup, higher density video recording on g, computer animation devices, and even an e-head transverse VTR on one-inch tape. One item terest not ready for exposure to visitors, is a tial large screen display using gas discharge ls which are fairly thin and can achieve the ure on the wall" display device that has been nt after for so long.

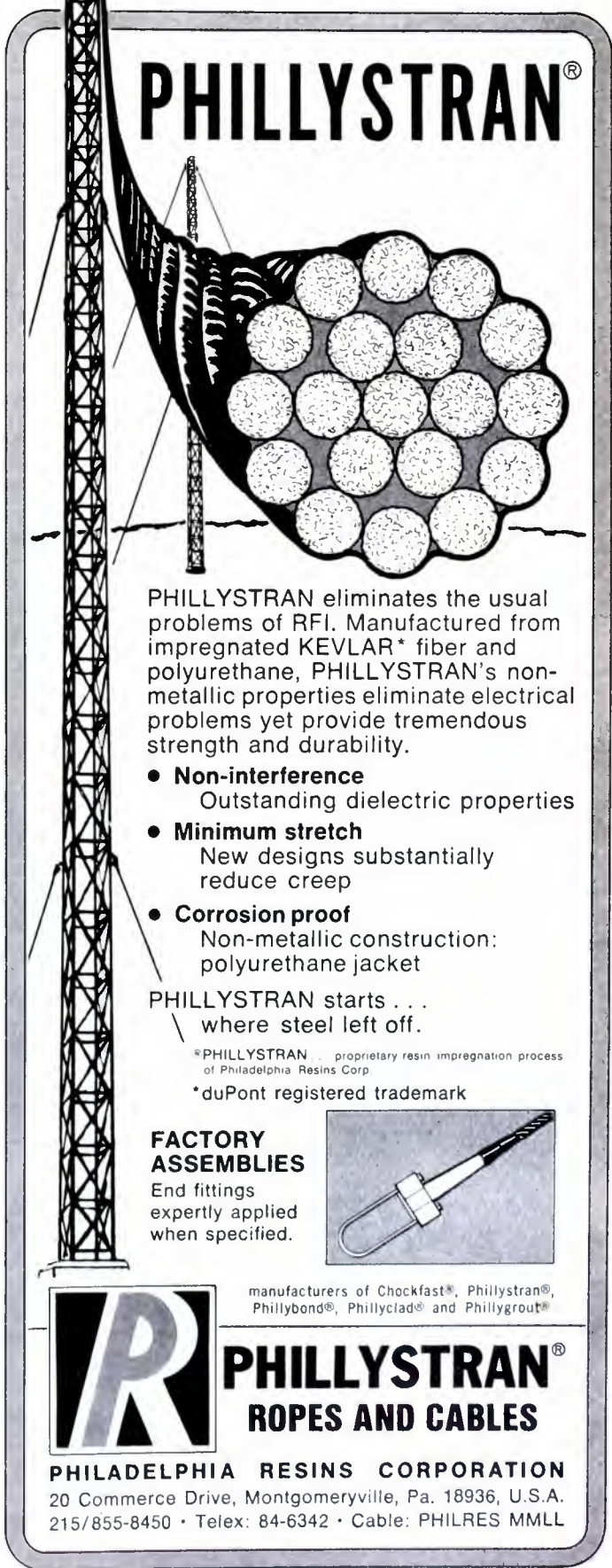
### Summary

levision is a dynamic and growing force in both ffect on the viewing public and in its contribution e industrial muscle of Japan. The local citizen has de choice of attractive products to buy and an ally broad spectrum of programs to watch or ed on a "time machine" with a magnetic cassette . The factories use native skills and modern aiques to create an ever-increasing torrent of ision products that have penetrated every part of vorld where home TV service is available.

walk through the Sony U-Matic plant at Atsugi s an efficient operation with the parts coming in ond and the finished units going into styrofoam- cartons at the other. In between, talented men women in company uniforms assemble, adjust and k with traditionally meticulous care, every aspect ill assure an acceptable product going to the umer. The research laboratories contribute the ard thinking that helps maintain the overall nced state of the art that keeps Japanese onic products in the forefront of the outside l.

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Pat Satter, the newest member of the SBE staff, announces that Chapter Formation Kits have been mailed to many engineers throughout the country who have expressed the desire to get a Chapter started in their area.

The Society congratulates our newest Chapter 43—Sacramento, Calif., and extend a very special thanks to Bob Venditti for all his time and efforts in getting this Chapter off the ground. Baltimore, Md.; Charlotte, N.C.; and Houston, Tex. have scheduled "second meetings," so it won't be long before we can add their names to our growing list of active Chapters.

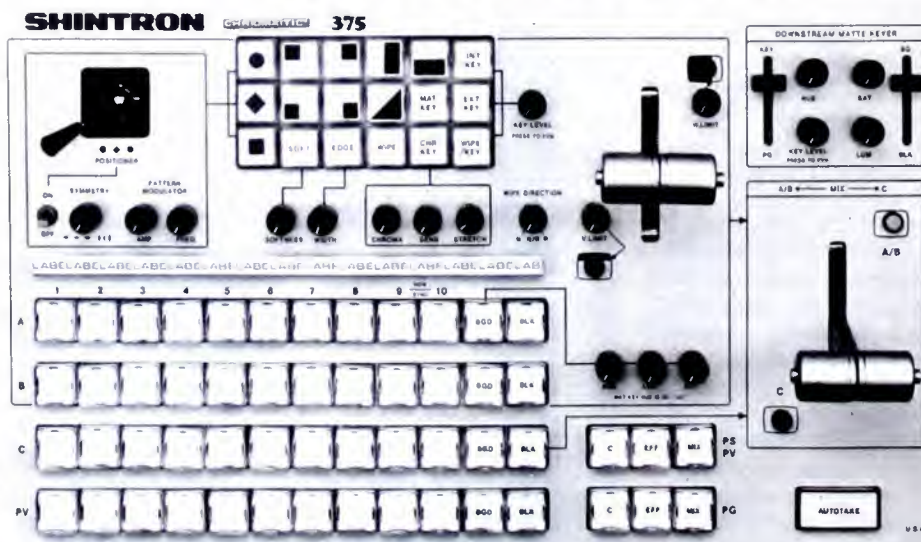
Following is a partial list of people forming new Chapters who would like the support of all SBE members in their areas. Next month, we will conclude the list.

If you do not see a name for your area and are interested in forming a Chapter, please write or phone (317/842-0836) and I will be very happy to send you the kit of starting material. Remember that SBE is one of the few organizations that gives Initial Chapter Rebates to be used for starting expenses such as postage, special mailings, etc.

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#### Chapter 2— Southeastern Pennsylvania

The final meeting of the season  
held June 13 in the studios of  
WA-TV/FM in Pittston. The  
program featured a viewing of the  
introductory videotape for the  
course "Digital Technology for  
Broadcast Engineers." This course  
has been produced by the Univer-  
sity of Wisconsin Extension and at  
a future date the course might  
be available to SBE Chapters for  
drop enrollment for members.

#### Chapter 5—Atlanta, Georgia

At the April 25 meeting of  
Chapter 5, it was reported that

Chapter 5 now has 91 members  
with average attendance better than  
30 percent. Chairman Artz ap-  
pointed a nominating committee  
to recommend officers for 1977-  
1978.

Bob Wehrman, their new national  
president, gave a report of the  
NAB meeting in Washington, D.C.  
and presented certification awards  
to nine of the members.

#### Chapter 26—Chicago, Illinois

Chapter 26 held their May 19  
meeting at Telemation Production  
Inc., in Glenview. They toured the  
Telemation Production facilities.  
John Bagby, senior magnetic head  
engineer of Spin Physics, Inc., was  
the guest speaker and gave an  
interesting presentation on "Quad  
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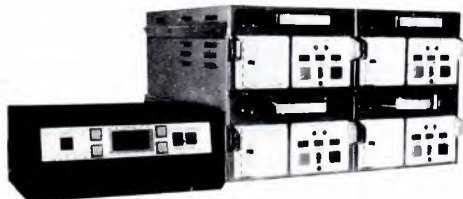
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## new products

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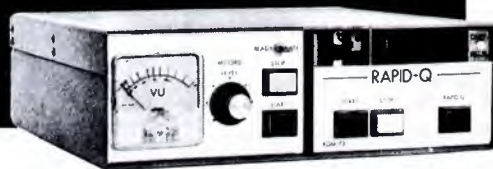
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### Chromatic switcher

Shintron has announced the model 373-DX Chromatic Switcher, a high-performance unit designed for all facets of production including broadcast, ENG, CATV, and CCTV applications.

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A group of the staff meet in the Broadcast Studio of the Station

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### Radial air gap rotary transformer

Videomagnetics, Inc., (VMI) has a radial air gap rotary transformer available that the company says will eliminate the basic problems of the axial multi-plane types used as original equipment on Ampex MK X rotary head assemblies.

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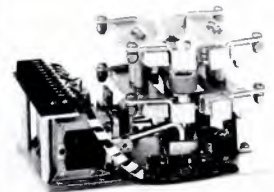
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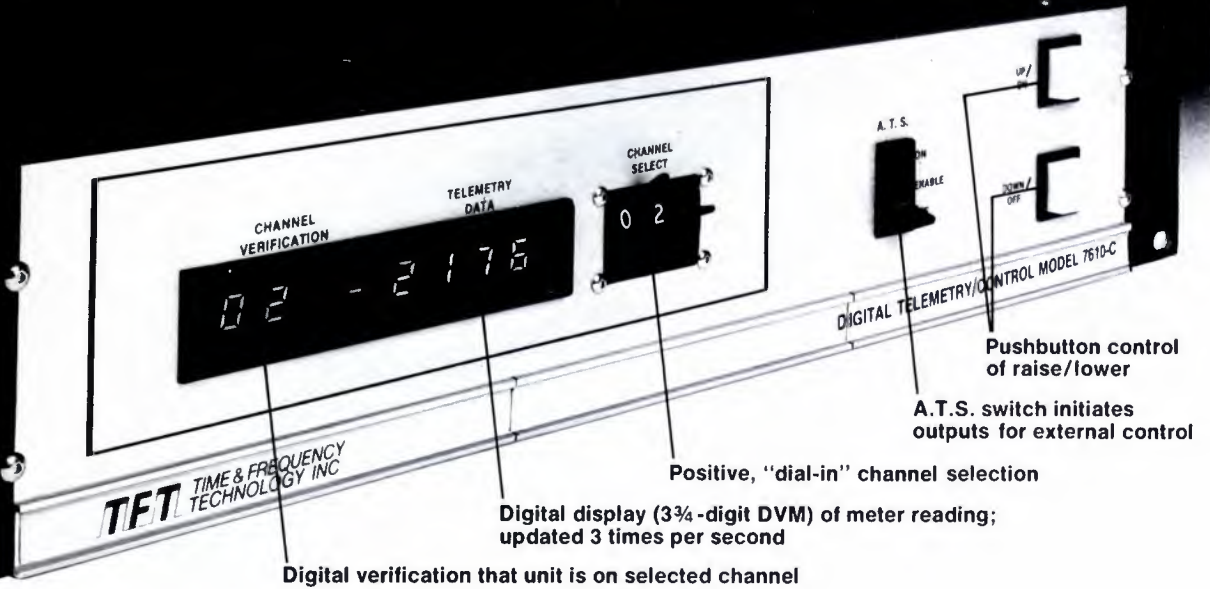
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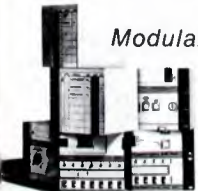
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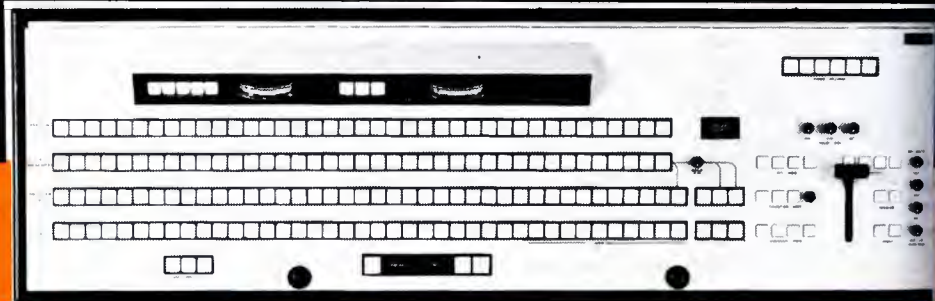
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