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## Clinton Looks at Doubling FCC User Fees

by Randy Sukow

**WASHINGTON** Broadcasters and all other FCC licensees, who are to pay for "user fees" to the commission for the first time in fiscal year (FY) 1994, can expect a huge increase in the fees—perhaps doubled for many licensees—in FY 1995, if the Clinton Administration has its wish.

Starting next year, the administration hopes to have the FCC funded entirely by user fees with no support from the federal treasury. About half of the FCC's current budget is supported by \$82 million in user fees, which were approved by Congress for the first time last year.

Broadcasters are expected to pay an estimated \$18 million in fees this year. Radio stations will pay \$200-\$900 and TV stations will pay \$4,000-\$18,000, depending on the class of the station. The exact

amount of the increase each station will pay under the new plan is unknown.

The administration's FY 1995 original budget plan earmarked \$167.4 million

bear the costs of imprisoning illegal aliens convicted of felonies.

National Association of Broadcasters

President Eddie Fritts reacted with "outrage and incredulity" to linkage between FCC user fees and a government program not related to communications policy.

"Clearly, the United States must deal effectively with the problems of illegal immigration," Fritts said in a letter to Leon Panetta, director of the Office of Management and Budget.

"However, to suggest that the way to pay for this assistance is to require broadcasters and other FCC

licensees to pay higher 'user fees' is nothing short of astounding." Indications are that FCC licensees could eventually face much greater burdens beyond the new user fee plan. An unofficial plan floated by the administration on Capitol Hill late last month would charge them an additional \$4.8 billion in "spectrum royalty fees" over five years to make up for lost tariff revenue resulting from last year's GATT agreement.

1994. The Bush Administration, with the support of House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell (D-Mich.), proposed partial FCC funding through user fees in FY 1992 and 1993. The fees failed in the Senate, however, due to opposition from Commerce Committee Chairman Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.). Fees were not included in President Clinton's first budget proposal for FY 1994 early last year, but after a series of eleventh-hour compromises, the fees were added to the final budget bill passed late last summer.



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for the FCC, with \$95 million in user fees. The new proposal retains the same level of funding, but diverts the remaining \$72.4 million from the treasury to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, a \$350 million proposal to help the states

and other FCC licensees to pay higher 'user fees' is nothing short of astounding."

Before any new fee proposal can be put into effect, the administration must win approval of authorizing legislation by the Senate Commerce Committee and House Energy and Commerce Committee. FCC Chairman Reed Hundt "supports this (\$72.4 million) proposal" and will present a draft of the authorizing legislation to Congress, Panetta said in a letter to the House Budget Committee attached to the fee proposal.

Hundt hinted that a change in the FCC's funding procedures was under consideration during an appearance before the House Appropriations Committee on April 18, a few days before the administration announcement.

"If the commission is to fulfill its responsibilities and the telecommunications industry is to be a growing sector of the American economy, the commission must have a larger resource base," he said.

Hundt said the commission must receive the full \$167.4 million to rebuild the already understaffed agency. The FCC's staff has been reduced by 500 since 1980.

Almost 100 percent of the FCC budget was funded by the treasury before FY

## Philips Introduces Pro DCC

by Mary C. Gruszka

**NEW YORK** Building on its research and experience in developing DCC (Digital Compact Cassette) products for consumer markets, Philips, the inventor of DCC, is expanding its product offering to include hardware and software geared towards professional audio applications.

"We see DCC as the digital high end successor of the analog compact cassette," said Koos Middeljans, General Manager, Philips Key Modules Group. "Now we are taking DCC into other applications."

Philips expects to sell mainly through OEM manufacturers because, as Middeljans explained, "we don't have the right channels or marketing infrastructure in these markets. We provide the information to OEM partners and it is up to them to determine how to use that information."

Some of the new products Philips has developed as an outgrowth of its DCC technology include a DCC workstation, digital signal processor, sample rate converter, and a digitally processed loudspeaker system.

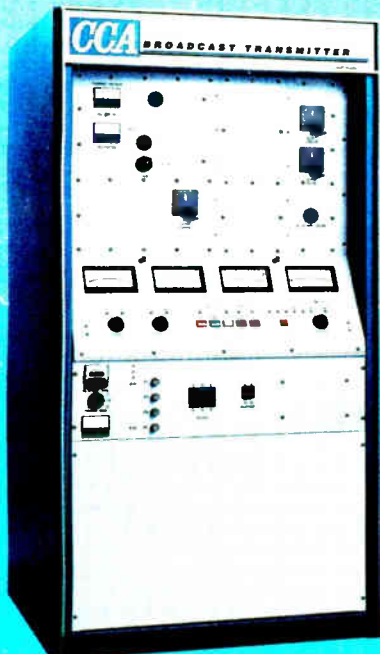
With the announcement of DCC professional equipment, Philips is taking a route already being traveled by Sony—with the MiniDisc cart recorder technology that spun off its own and other manufacturer's products.

The DCC workstation is expected to be available in October in both the U.S. and in Europe. The key component of the system is a DCC

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# NEWSWATCH

## American Media Sells Stations

**DALLAS** MBD and Chancellor Communications has announced that they will acquire eleven radio stations from American Media for \$150 million.

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MBD Broadcasting/Chancellor Communications President Steven

Dinetz said: "We have been looking for some time for stations in excellent radio markets that are well positioned and run by superb local management. All eleven of these extraordinary radio stations fit that description."

## FCC Denies Claim For RF Review

**WASHINGTON** The FCC has denied a Tampa, Fla., man's request for review of a Mass Media Bureau decision granting a license to WYUU—a station that had been accused of blanketing RF radiation interference.

The commission ruled that the Mass Media Bureau had adequately checked into a claim in 1988 that John W. Tyrone's house and occupants were being exposed to excessive RF radiation.

In denying the review, the FCC staff reviewed a WYUU consultant's measurements taken on the Tyrone property on Sept. 26, 1988, which showed that the RF radiation levels did not exceed federal standards.

Radio frequency radiation from broadcasters and other sources, such as power lines, has become a highly charged environmental issue with local jurisdiction considering strict rules with regard to tower placement.

The NAB has opposed such local pre-emption and generally supports the FCC's current revision of the ANSI

exposure standard to better take into account environmental concerns using the latest scientific information.

## Initial Arbitron Survey Rate Up

**NEW YORK** The first sixteen markets of the Winter 1994 Arbitron survey showed a 4.3 point response gain over the Winter 1993 response rates. Compared to the Fall 1993 survey, the average metro response rate is up 6.7 points overall, according to Arbitron.

The Winter 1994 average metro response rate for the 16 market survey was 36.8 percent, compared to 32.5 percent a year ago. The Fall 1993 rate was 30.1 percent.

Because the response rate is up, Arbitron expects to see "an equivalent response rate gain for the rest of the surveys, according to Arbitron."

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# Broadcasters Can Be PCS Players

by Randy Sukow

**WASHINGTON** The FCC cleared the way for rapid roll out of personal communications services (PCS) during its April public meeting by adopting the rules and procedures for spectrum auctions.

The commission will auction licenses for the first time this summer (an exact date was not yet available at press time), an alternative to the comparative hearing method used for several decades, and the lottery method, which has been used with great controversy over the past decade.

The first auctions will be for a total of 3,353 narrowband PCS licenses in the 900 MHz band, which are expected to be used for advanced paging services. (The commission is still working on the rules for broadband PCS auctions. Broadband PCS could potentially deliver the same services narrowband PCS as well as wireless voice and video phone communications.)

In a related proceeding, the FCC also authorized its staff to begin auctions for Interactive Video and Data Service (IVDS) licenses at 218 to 220 MHz (just above VHF-TV channel 13). IVDS is a low-power digital consumer transmission system designed for real-time, interactive broadcast and cable TV applications.

## Radio's competition

FCC Chairman Reed Hundt said he envisioned two possible scenarios for the "information superhighway." Services like PCS and IVDS could be controlled by a few wealthy individuals and powerful companies that may or may not have the incentive to provide imaginative, advanced communications services.

"The second vision is that there will be a great, varied mix of entrepreneurs that will provide many alternatives and choices," Hundt said.

Commissioner Andrew Barrett said he shared Hundt's vision, and said one way to avoid telephone industry domination is to insure that broadcasters have a chance to compete. "I want all participants to be involved, broadcasters

particularly, and the cable industry because they have a lot of programming they can bring to the market," he said.

Broadcasters have the choice of bidding for PCS licenses, competing with PCS using their broadcast assignments or participating in the information superhighway on both levels.

Narrowband PCS is likely to be used for many of the same types of applications that radio broadcasters will be able to transmit through Radio Broadcast Data Service (RBDS), high-speed FM subcarrier systems and future data communications associated with digital audio broadcasting.

Broadcasters and PCS operators could potentially compete with their own highly efficient paging systems that not only page users, but send full messages; electronic text and fax transmission services and global positioning. Narrowband PCS could have a competitive advantage, however, because it is interactive.

"There have been proposals for voice mail and two-way paging services where you can have a response channel," said Robert Pepper, chief of the FCC's Office of Plans and Policy.

PCS will also have the advantage of being available from national, regional and local providers. Consumers will be able to receive pages and messages from anywhere in the country, even when they are away from home.

Eleven of the narrowband licenses are to be 50 kHz national assignments and another 30 will be awarded to licensees in five regions of the U.S. There will be 360 licenses (50 kHz) awarded in the 11 large metropolitan areas that qualify as major trading areas (MTAs), and 984 in communities defined as basic trading areas (BTAs).

The remaining 1,968 licenses will be 12.5 kHz assignments to be divided between the MTAs and BTAs. (Bidding for the 12.5 kHz licenses will be limited to current paging-service licensees.)

## Procedures

The commission intends to test its new auction rules with the comparatively small-scale PCS and IVDS sales before

applying them to broadband PCS and other future services that are likely to attract much higher bids.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates the eventual total revenue from PCS auctions will be \$6 million, but there is no breakdown of how much is likely to come from narrowband as opposed to broadband PCS.

Commission staff will assess the first rounds of auctions to decide whether its rules encourage the full potential prices, while at the same time insuring licensees go to a significant number of women, minorities and small business, as Congress mandated when authorizing auctions last year.

The commission will have the authority to change the rules quickly if its diversity goals are not met, Pepper said. "We can provide flexibility to revisit this much more rapidly [than six months]. Congress told us to try different methods," he said.

A sequential series of simultaneous, multi-round auctions will be held for most of the contested PCS licenses. The commission will hold either oral or single-round sealed auctions when it estimates the value of the license does not justify the expense of the multi-round procedure. (It will use the single-round

sealed method for all 12.5 kHz licenses.)

All bidders are required to pay \$1,000 or more before the auction, depending on the number of licenses they are seeking. Winners must pay at least 20 percent of the purchase price immediately after the auction and the remainder of the price within five business days after the licenses is awarded. The FCC will impose monetary penalties on bidders who default on payments.

Bidders that qualify as small businesses will be allowed to pay 10 percent after the action, 10 percent five days later and the remaining 80 percent in installments through the term of the license. Interest will be assessed only during the first two years of payments. After considering savings in interest payments and amortization on the value of the license, the FCC estimates the installment plan will give small businesses a 20 to 30 percent bidding advantage over larger businesses.

Companies controlled by women or minorities will be given a 25 percent discount off the highest bid.

## Interactive TV

The procedures for IVDS auctions will be "basically the same" as the narrowband PCS rules, Private Radio Bureau Chief Ralph Haller said. IVDS bidders owned by women and minorities will have a similar package

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# Uncle Sam Wants You to Dig Deeper

**WASHINGTON** Greetings from Washington indeed. Can you even begin to believe this? Not only has the Clinton administration not even begun to collect its recently instituted user fees from broadcasters, but it is now talking about doubling the user fees and instituting "spectrum royalty fees" (see story, page 1).

If I were you, I'd be reaching for my sta-



tionery right about now. Crank out letters to the Congress, the NAB, the FCC, the White House—anybody who could have an impact on these very real and very threatening matters.

I do believe that every citizenship carries with it certain obligations, among those, monetary support of government, but these latest White House moves turn obligation into burden. The administration needs to come up with better management ideas to control its budget (read: better government).

As broadcasters, your charter is to inform, educate and entertain the communities you serve. If you let these proposals go unchallenged, it could happen that your charter expands to include social welfare and upkeep of our penal system. At the same time, you will be asked to upgrade your facilities and equipment to enter the digital broadcasting era. (Do your calculators expand to do all this addition?)

The job of this paper is to serve you, the broadcasters. All the editors here at **RW** are dismayed by these latest proposals, and we have some serious problems with both the long- and short-term questions we are seeing ignored.

The Clinton Administration and its choice to head the FCC appear to be dangerously

oblivious to the business realities of broadcasting and other media.

The first hint of this came several weeks ago, as regional Bell operating companies and major cable system operators began backing away from their landmark consolidation deals, which were to speed the construction of broadband networks worldwide. The administration and the FCC denied that a 10 percent rollback in newly regulated cable rates could have anything to do with those deals falling through.

Then, in an interview with the Washington Post, FCC Chairman Reed Hundt implied that the cable industry should be grateful for having its rates chopped by the federal government. You see, lower rates mean that people who could not afford cable before will now be able to subscribe and cable companies will make more money.

Cable companies nationwide that labor mightily to serve their customers and yield a healthy profit must have been shocked to learn that a federal government agency

knows cable markets and can price cable products better than they can.

Now, if the Clinton Administration has its way, all communications industries that must get their licenses to operate through the FCC will divide up over \$1 billion in "user fees" and "spectrum royalty fees" for at least the next five years.

Under the current user fee system, in which broadcasters are expected to pay about \$18 million out of a total \$85 million in fees, individual radio stations will pay between \$200 and \$900 per license, and TV stations will pay between \$4,000 and \$18,000.

If the illegal-alien and GATT funding proposals pass, and the individual fees are raised proportionally for each FCC-regulated industry, radio stations can expect to pay about \$2,300 to \$10,500 per license (approximately \$47,000 to \$210,000 for TV stations). I am not pulling these numbers out of a hat—they were arrived at using NAB estimates.



## Diane Sawyer Fills in for Paul Harvey

**NEW YORK** ABC News's Diane Sawyer added to her list of credentials Thursday April 7th as she filled in for Paul Harvey's News & Commentary. Congratulating her on the broadcast were ABC Radio Networks' Senior Vice President of Marketing, Darryl Brown (left), and Vice President of ABC News Radio, John McConnell (center).

Perhaps broadcasters will be able to win some relief from those hefty increases. Broadcast public interest responsibilities and the still-low revenue figures at stations in many parts of the country may convince the FCC to shift more of the load to other industries.

But it will be cold comfort for the rest of the country if the cable, telephone and cellular industries, which are expected to bear the costs of building a broadband "super-highway" in the next decade, are asked to take on a greater share of the fee burden.

And what about radio upgrading to digital broadcasting and, last but not least, finally, parity for AM with its FM brethren?

How many years will the communications technologies of the future be delayed while communications companies are paying to jail illegal immigrant armed robbers?

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Ira (Ike) Coron, appointed chairman of the board and CEO of California Amplifier Inc., replaces Barry Hall, who resigned to pursue other interests.

Coron joins the company from TRW Inc., where he had been serving as vice president and general manager in the TRW automotive sector.

Jack Goodman named vice president and policy counsel, legal and regulatory affairs at the National Association of Broadcasters. Goodman, who joined the NAB in 1990 as special counsel, will develop and coordinate NAB regulatory and legislative policy objectives. Goodman will work with NAB Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Jeff Baumann.

Winfield Donat appointed president, Lawrence Behr Associates. Donat joins LBA after 26 years of service in the U.S. Navy, most recently as Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C.

Bill Hooper joins Vallie/Gallup as vice president. Hooper had been managing WWIN-AM-FM and WERQ-AM-FM (a duopoly combination) for United Broadcasting.

Stephen Kahofer appointed director, national sales at United Press International. Prior to joining UPI, Kahofer served as sales manager for corporate sales at the Associated Press. Before AP, Kahofer spent 12 years with Dunn & Bradstreet Corp.

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**"Thankless" revisited**

Dear RW,  
I don't know what world Frank McCoy is from (*Readers Forum*, April 6). I wish I had it that good at the TV and radio stations where I am chief engineer.

Jim Wojciechowski hit the nail on the head. Light bulbs and water cooler bottles must be fixed and the news anchor's mic must be repaired when he forgets to unhook it and walks away from the set.

Sometimes the TV transmitter goes down and must be repaired NOW!, and the FM transmitter goes down 20 minutes later. What do I do first? There are only 27 hours in a day.

Mr. McCoy should get a job in the real world of broadcasting and put in an 80-hour work week while getting paid for 40. He should drive his own car up to a TV transmitter site on a hill top his poor, sick car just will not climb at 3 a.m.

James E. Appleton  
Elmira, N.Y.

Dear RW,

In regard to the on-going commentary on the plight of radio engineers (see "Radio Engineers: Leading a Thankless Life" by Jim Wojciechowski, RW, March 9), I ask all general managers or anyone who reads this column to think about the salary level that you would offer an individual at your AM/FM combo (not simulcast) stations in return for carrying out the following duties over a span of five years:

Engineer—Installs two on-air studios, a newsroom and a production studio, FM transmitter and STL gear at new site, and performs all engineering maintenance for both stations. Outfits new remote van. Is on-call at all times for everything from setting up remotes to fixing problems with church feeds, as well as to fix plumbing, fluorescent lights, auxiliary generator, telephones, typewriters, computers and peripherals.

Music director—Increases CD library from six titles to thousands at virtually no cost to the station other than postage and

phone calls.

Program director—Oversees six air personalities and some college interns. Does own daily four-hour shift. Serves as sports-caster, news director and farm director.

Production manager—Produces commercials that win top awards from the state broadcasters association and that some clients prefer over spots produced by larger-market stations.

Operations manager—Job description gives responsibility for "everything but the sales department." Manages traffic department and installs traffic computer and software. Trains traffic director.

The pay for all of this is \$18,000 a year, with no benefits. I have been in the business for nine years now, and just turned 35. I am in good health, but stressed out as hell.

To those who do not want to get into this type of situation, I advise acting like you do not know anything or care about anything to do with the operation of the station, with the exception of your own board shift.

Name withheld at  
writer's request

Dear RW,

I hope you billed Mr. McCoy for his commercial disguised as an editorial. How galling of him to toot his own horn while belittling the honest observations of a disillusioned engineer.

As the Wojciechowskis of this world leave the broadcasting industry to better their lives, companies such as Mr. McCoy's may step in to fill the void. What they will never fill, however, is the dedication offered by a full-time engineer to a single employer. A firm servicing the needs of numerous stations cannot focus exclusively on any one of its clients.

It is cheaper than employing a full-time engineer, but you get what you pay for.

Bob Jenkins,  
retired engineer  
Charlotte, N.C.

Dear RW,

I read the "Guest Commentary" by Jim Wojciechowski with keen interest. I do not believe we are related, but his autobiographical piece on radio engineers touched the very experience of my Montana radio days. I complement his therapeutic writing.

I, too, believed giving first-class performance was reward enough. The perception of being a second-class citizen bothered me. For other engineers who relate to Jim's article, I encourage the alternatives. There is life after broadcasting.

I left that sclerotic and jurassic lifestyle six years ago, to work in Antigua for three years and the Philippines for three more. Currently, my wife and I, with our house girl and cat, look forward to our new assignment in Sri Lanka.

A personal message for Jim: Warm regards and I wish you well in your new career, wherever you go.

Thomas H. Wojciechowski  
U.S. Embassy, VOA

**NAB is on target**

Dear RW,

Regarding the recent Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) discussion, the

**Alien Proposal**

A year ago, the FCC did not charge its licensees "user fees" to cover the cost of regulation, and there appeared to be insurmountable opposition to fees on Capitol Hill.

Look at how much has changed: from zero to a proposed \$167.4 million in a year is a dizzying pace. Broadcasters and all other FCC licensees should be frightened.

Before widespread panic sets in, the communications industry can take some solace in the Clinton Administration's unbelievably clumsy lobbying for the fee increases, which could well doom them for this year.

First the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) sent its formal FCC fee-increase/illegal-alien-incarceration proposal to the Hill without consulting House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell (D-Mich.) and Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.), whose committees must approve special authorizing legislation before any new fees can be charged.

Then the administration went behind the committee chairmen's backs again only a week later, to float the idea of charging an additional \$4 - \$4.8 BILLION in "royalty fees" over five years to cover tariff shortfalls resulting from last year's GATT agreement.

Dingell replied with an icily toned letter to OMB Director Leon Panetta, asking him to stop "raiding programs in our jurisdiction."

Political bumbling may stall new fees for FY 1995, but FCC licensees are far from safe. The Clinton Administration believes communications companies hold inexhaustible piles of ready cash for taxing.

Even if the administration wins the money it wants to house illegal aliens and pay for GATT, it could be back later for more when another worthy cause that has nothing to do with communications must be funded.

These fees are being pushed by the same group that is asking communications companies to invest billions in a broadband National Information Infrastructure. The next time Vice President Al Gore stumps for the "information superhighway," it will be difficult to take him seriously.

—RW

NAB position to delay any change until further study is made is right on target. A careful review of the existing system should be done before rushing into any new and expensive high-tech reworking of the EBS plan.

Most broadcasters did not actively take part in the recent FCC/industry tests and proceedings on EBS because we were under the impression that the commission was essentially considering the original NAB proposal to shorten and reduce the number of tests. Virtually every broadcaster agrees with this suggestion.

There have been suggestions that the public may be desensitized to the existing EBS

tones. I believe that the opposite is true. We have educated the public to understand and respect these EBS signals and virtually all listeners know exactly what they mean.

Finally, in a recent press conference, Vice President Gore indicated that the National Weather Service will be expanding its radio coverage to provide an automatic alerting system to the entire country. How this will impact on the existing broadcast EBS system should be investigated.

Certainly we should not be in a rush to discard a system that is working quite well and is understood by the public.

Herbert P. Michels, president  
WKMB(AM) Stirling, N.J.

**GUEST EDITORIAL**

by Ken Pohlmann

Despite the good sound that MiniDisc is capable of delivering, as is the Digital Compact Cassette (DCC), it is the question of sound quality that will dog these technologies—whether professional or consumer.

Many users are rightly concerned about the cumulative effects of data compression through a production and broadcast signal path and feel that compression should only be used when necessary. In that respect, the DN-990R, the Sony MDR-B2P and Otari MD cart recorder use compression unnecessarily because a cart machine user normally does not need 74 minutes of playing time.

It could be argued that professional MD cart machines should employ the recently-introduced MD-DATA format (designed for non-audio, computer storage) which eschews data compression. This format could provide about 15 minutes of playing time over its 140 megabyte capacity—fully adequate for most applications. Indeed, that might be the ideal cart medium: digital, random access, non-compressed, editable, with full labelling features. An MD-DATA cart machine that gave the user the opportunity of choosing between longer recording times (with compression) and shorter playing times (without compression), as well as playback of pre-recorded MDs, would be a real winner.

In my opinion, if MD wants to become as ubiquitous as the cart, Sony must admit that ATRAC is not suitable for all audio applications, and provide a MD-DATA cart machine. In that case, MD carts would almost certainly succeed, even if consumer MDs failed. Of course, the consumer DAT format debacle has already shown that with enough wrong decisions on the part of manufacturers, it is always possible to snatch defeat from the jaws of success.

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# PRC Examines New Digital Trends

by Stan Barr

**SAN ANTONIO, Texas** More than 1,100 station managers, programmers, independent producers, public radio network representatives and exhibitors gathered at the glittering Marriott Rivercenter Hotel in downtown San Antonio last month for the largest Public Radio Convention/Multicultural Producers Forum ever held.

The five-day annual event kicked off on April 8 with the Multicultural Forum dinner and orientation. Participants from every state as well as overseas delegates met Corporation for Public

Broadcasting (CPB) and National Public Radio (NPR) organizers and peer producers. (There are over 500 public radio stations throughout the United States, Latin America and Europe.)

## NPR conferences

On the following day, the Public Radio Conference began with an action motto, "Seize the New Day—Meet the Challenges of the Multimedia Revolution." A broad range of subjects were addressed at the conference, including direct digital and cable broadcasting, information superhighways and multimedia telecommunications.

The first full day of the conference opened with keynote speaker James Cullen, president of Bell Atlantic. Cullen's talk was followed by a speech

**Engineers had the opportunity to meet with experts in digital field recordings.**

on public radio information infrastructure by Larry Irving, assistant secretary National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA).

One of the many highlights of the PRC was the presentation of annual awards of excellence by the CPB. Out of 230

entries, 21 programs were honored during 1993. "When you hear these programs, you know you're listening to something special," said Richard W. Carlson, CPB president and CEO. "They represent public radio's very best work."

## Newest of problems

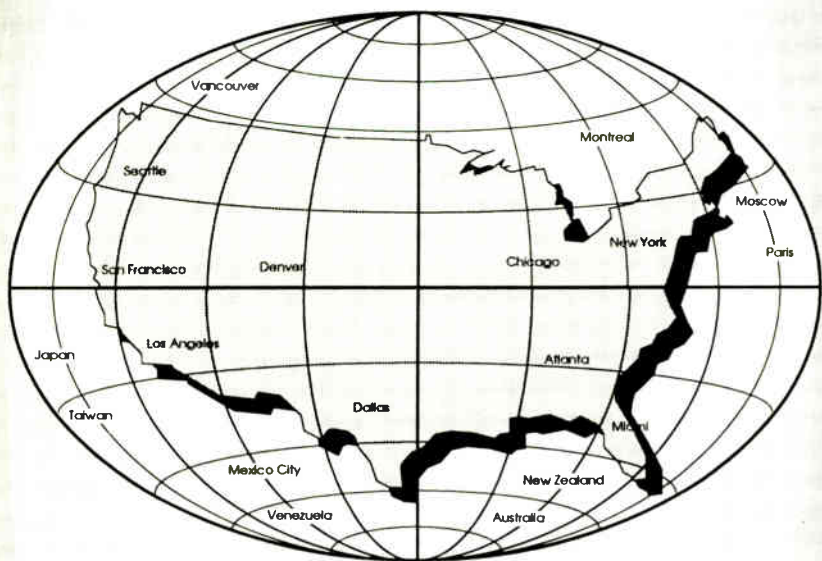
Bobby Walker, program/music director WJSU FM, a station connected to Jackson State University, Fla., said, "Some of the many challenges facing programmers are the need to increase multicultural programming, adapt to new and sophisticated technologies and cope with an avalanche of informative and educational material available via satellite."

Representatives of regional networks such as Rural America Radio, Ohio Public Radio, Rocky Mountain Public Radio, Southern Public Radio, California Public Radio, Eastern Public Radio, West Coast Public Radio, Public Radio in Mid-America, Florida Public

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World Radio History

## FCC Looks at Some Options For Spectrum Auction Plans

**WASHINGTON** While it was approving the rules for spectrum auctions last month, the FCC also began considering how to use other bands that are likely to be put up for auction in years to come.

The commission asked for public comment on how to use 50 MHz of government controlled spectrum that the FCC is transferring to the private sector to encourage advanced wireless communications businesses. It is the first of a total of 200 MHz of government spectrum under 5 GHz that Congress ordered reas-

signed over the next 15 years in an act passed last year.

The law requires the commission to adopt regulations to reassign the first 50 MHz by Feb. 10, 1995. Three blocks of spectrum are under consideration: 2390 to 2400 MHz; 2402 to 2417 MHz, and 4660 to 4685 MHz.

The commission is seeking comments on the best potential use of the frequencies and how to deal with spectrum sharing that will still sometimes be needed in the 2402 to 2417 MHz and 4660 to 4685 MHz blocks. Allocations in 4660 to 4685 MHz block will also be limited by international agreements.

In other actions, the commission asked for public comment on positions to be adopted for the coming World Radio Conference (WRC) and on possible reform of its current Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) rules (see "Coles Law," page 10).

The agenda for WRC, scheduled for November 1995, was set during the WRC-93 conference. It will deal with satellite communications issues that were not settled during the 1992 World Administrative Radio Conference, as well as the issue of future high-frequency broadcast services.

In addition to public comments, the FCC will develop its positions with the help of an industry advisory committee and through consultation with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the State Department.

In the 1992 Cable Act, Congress ordered the FCC to write a report on the effects that law's EEO requirements for the cable industry have had on minority opportunities in all communications businesses. That report is due in October 1994.

The difficulties small-market broadcasters have hiring and retaining minority employees and possible regulatory relief for small-market broadcasters will be among the main topics of inquiry. The FCC will also attempt to define "small-market broadcaster" for the purposes of EEO.

## Broadcasters' PCS Potential

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preferences. "You're looking at a cumulative advantage here of approximately 40 percent," Pepper said.

IVDS auctions will differ slightly from narrowband PCS sales. All auctions will be by either oral or sealed single-bid. Bidders will be required to show a \$2,500 cashier's check before being allowed a place in the auction room.

Licenses will be awarded in sequential order by market size, starting with the tenth largest market. There will be no auctions in the top nine markets, in accordance with a Congressional mandate.

The IVDS proceeding was initiated in the late 1980s at the request of EON Corp. (formerly known as TV Answer), a Reston, Va., firm that is promoting a system to transmit low-power digital signals from consumers devise to a black box outside the home which uplinks data by satellite or land lines to a central computer.

The EON system is designed to transmit yes or no impulses, which can be configured so that consumers can play along with TV game shows, cast votes in instant viewer polls and quickly order pay-per-view programs or home shopping merchandise.

# Philips Targets DCC Toward Pros

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recorder-player that can be mounted in a tower or a desktop PC. The system also includes dedicated PC interface cards that have analog/digital inputs and outputs and internal connections to a computer. Through application-specific Windows software, the DCC bitstream information is loaded onto a hard disk for editing, processing, and playback.

Three versions of the workstation are currently being offered—jingle creation and playback, DCC pre-mastering and mastering with editing of aux and system information, and the professional audio and video version with editing and cueing facilities.

In general, recording or playback can be done from either the DCC recorder or direct to or from the hard disk from analog or digital inputs and outputs.

The system provides for the cueing and editing of audio data, as well as system and auxiliary data, in the DCC format which uses the PASC (Precision Adaptive Coding) bit-rate reduction algorithm. Individual tracks or parts of tracks can be cut-and-pasted.

"The edit and cueing accuracy is 8 Msec, the size of the DCC block," said Erik

Verspeek, customer support manager, Philips Key Modules Group. "But with the bit rate reduction, you can store more audio on the hard disk, about two hours on a 350 MB drive."

The jingle creation and playback software provides jingle editing, playlist creation, and automatic playback. The Workstation can be combined with Philips DCC In-Cassette duplicator for more playback machines.

"You have a small radio station right here," Verspeek said. "DCC is MPEG compatible. So another application would be digital radio."

## Built-in options

A built-in modem can be used for receiving DCC audio from the field and also for remote control of the playlist and sequencing. This can allow a person in a remote location to transmit an audio segment or program, and also insert it into the playlist and have it aired as well.

Future enhancements will include multichannel recording, mixing and cross-fading, connections to soundcards to obtain MIDI capabilities, higher downloading speeds of two, four, or eight

times to the In-Cassette Duplicator, and a Layer I-II-III converter card and modem that will allow sending sound files on ISDN or via standard 14.4 Kbaud modems.

The DCC mastering software allows the creation of the DCC cassette and text information. Another program reads and displays the text information present in either a CD or a DCC. Album titles, artist, song titles, lyrics, and production credits also can be displayed. In future versions, the text software could be used to interactively control DCC or CD machines in making selections.

William Lenihan, director of sales, Philips Key Modules Group, reported that some U.S. and European radio networks have expressed interest in a portable DCC unit that can be used in conjunction with the workstation. While a professional version of a field recorder is being considered by Philips, according to Lenihan, a consumer version, the DCC-170, will be available this summer.

In addition to being an audio record and playback system, Philips envisions DCC will be used as a computer peripheral providing low-cost mass data storage.

Philips has developed other products that

are designed to support DCC audio systems. One is the Sound Enhancer, a DSP-based processor that features scratch suppression (de-clicking) for vinyl record playback, stereo effect for mono recording, spatial effect for stereo recording, audio compression and expansion, Authentic bit imaging, bass, treble, and balance controls, fader, sample rate converter, bitstream conversion D/A chip, and high quality A/D converter. Both a consumer and professional version will be offered, with the professional version available to OEM manufacturers in June 1994.

## Using DSP

The DSP technology used in the Sound Enhancer is based upon the Philips's research in psychoacoustics that resulted in the development of the PASC bit-rate reduction.

Philips will also sell the sample rate converter as a stand-alone unit. The unit has a selection of three output sampling frequencies, 32 kHz, 44.1 kHz, or 48 kHz. The input frequency range is dependent upon the output frequency selected. Again both a consumer and professional version will be offered with the professional version having full support of subcode handling.

According to Middeljans, Philips's ultimate goal is to have the sample rate converter and sound enhancer on a single chip.

Expanding its applications for its DSP technology, Philips is marketing a digital loudspeaker system concept, an active powered loudspeaker with digital inputs and digital signal processing for shaping the sound and providing acoustical corrections for the drivers. Future versions are expected to have an acoustic analyzer coupled with the DSP to provide corrections for particular rooms. A digital audio and control bus (single cable) will enable many configurations and control options.

"Philips is offering this to the industry," Middeljans said. "The OEM selects the speakers and housing, maybe Philips units, maybe his own. Philips opens up its labs and gives complete support to obtain the best acoustical combination of housing and speakers."

# PRC Examines Digital Trends

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Radio, Alaska Public Radio, Hispanics in Public Radio and Blacks in Public Radio, met to discuss mutual interests.

National Public Radio and American Public Radio offered workshops, lectures and round table discussions. Bob Edwards, host of NPR's Morning Edition, presided over a forum delivery and interviewing workshop; American Public Radio's Ken Mills, director of news; Bruce Teriault, senior vice president and director of network operations, and Melinda Ward, senior vice president, cultural programming, paneled a discussion about multicultural programming in public radio.

A voice coaching workshop with Marilyn Pittman, trainer, offered breathing exercises, vocal projection and mic techniques. Other panelists from NPR included: Bill Buzenberg, vice president of news; Sandra Rattley-Lewis, vice president of cultural programming; and Donna Limerick, senior producer and hostess of "Horizons."

The quality and quantity of telecommunication information offered placed many participants in the unenviable position of having to choose between more than one event taking place during the same time slot.

Former Apollo XI astronaut Buzz Aldrin was one of the invited guests on "Tech Nation—Americans and Technology," a live broadcast in association with KQED-FM, San Francisco, with host Dr. Moira Gunn. Aldrin's appearance celebrated the 25th anniversary of the moon landing.

"NASA's space program has led to the vast array of satellite communications available today," he said.

Engineers had the opportunity to meet with experts in digital field recording, datacasting, RF delivery systems, radio frequency radiation compliance and cable carriage.

American Public Radio timed the con-

ference to publicize their name change from APR to Public Radio International (PRI). The network also announced plans to launch an international news program titled, "A New World." Produced in cooperation with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) World Service, "A New World" will broadcast weekdays from the States and England. The program will incorporate live news coverage worldwide.

One large area at the Marriott was devoted exclusively to programming and product exhibits. Networks displaying information included United Nations Radio, Monitor Radio, Radio

Smithsonian, Pacifica Radio, Virtual Radio, Minnesota Public Radio, the BBC and Radio Finland. Organizations such as the Association of Independents in Radio (AIR) were also represented.

Some of the product exhibitors included Micro Technology Unlimited (MTU), a company in Raleigh, N.C., which displayed its digital audio workstation for a hands-on experience in the state-of-the-art editing. Their products are compatible with IBM personal computers.

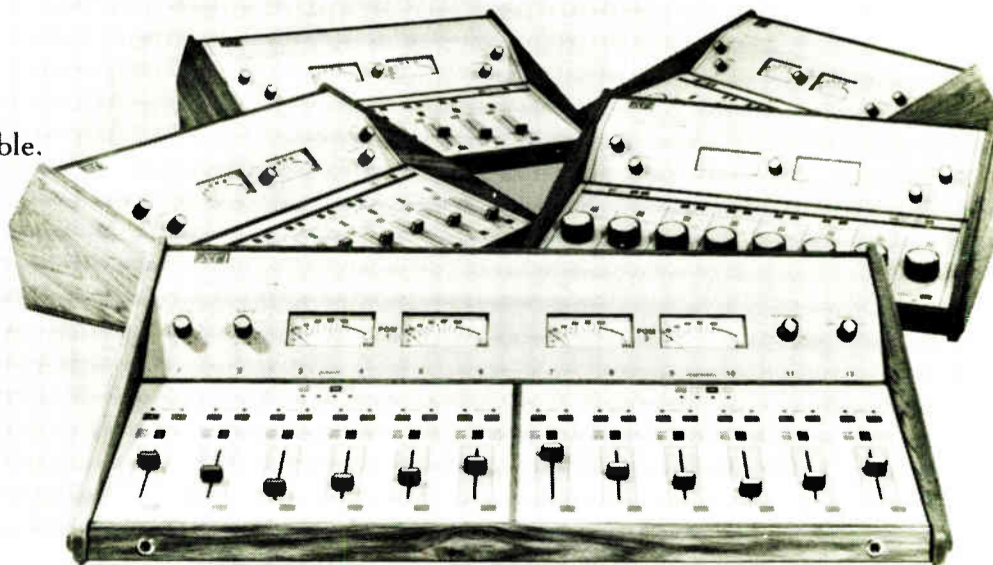
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# New NPR President Outlines Goals

by Elmer Barney

**SAN ANTONIO, Texas** "I've had over 20 years of experience in telecommunications, but I must admit that I'm new to the radio business," said Delano Lewis, the new president of National Public Radio, in an interview with **RW** during the Public Radio Conference last month.

Most recently, he served as the CEO of C & P Telephone Co., (a former Bell Atlantic subsidiary), a post held since 1990. He was offered the position at NPR from an executive headhunting organization.

"I was nearing the age of 55, and I thought it might be a good time to leave. NPR sounded exciting and challenging," he said.

National Public Radio is headquartered in a brand new building in Washington, D.C., at 635 Massachusetts Ave., and Lewis is excited about the facility.

"With the advent of a new building and the fact that I was new and the newness of technologies that are emerging, I thought this is a good time to take a look at NPR, a very solid fundamental look. Not only is it needed, but I also felt it would be a good time for me to learn and get a feel for this organization, so I hired a facilitator."

Michael Gelb, Lewis's friend and colleague at Bell Atlantic, is helping with an overall evaluation of NPR.

"Michael is a trainer, a special consultant in building teams and helping teams develop high performance attitudes and techniques. I sat with him and said, 'Look, I want you to come and help us. You can't charge what you used to charge me when I was in a profit-making group. I'm with a nonprofit group today.'"

The two immediately sent out memos to all NPR employees asking for their input and asking questions, Lewis explained.

"We received hundreds of pieces of mail and messages with ideas about

NPR," Lewis said. "We're taking those ideas to our senior management retreats. The whole idea of the retreat with the senior team is to get us thinking alike, not uniformly, the same mission and purpose, and taking input from the employees to begin to fashion this vision."

"We are facing some very critical issues in our society today," Lewis said. "How do they impact public radio? I believe that NPR is a solid educational institution as well as an information and entertainment facility. Our purpose is to act in the



NPR President Delano Lewis

public interest, to look at issues and events and not be influenced by commercial activity but in a non-commercial way."

He continued: "We're going to use technologies we have to get that information out to the broadest segment of people and hopefully it will stimulate them to think, and that's a real good value in this

country. If we're lucky, we will get them to act. Now I'm not saying that's the kind of tool we're going to be, but I think that's the role we must play. I think public radio has an absolute obligation to play that role."

In addressing listenership, radio audiences and funding for the programs, Lewis said, "We want to capitalize on our strong news programs and news magazines while increasing minority audiences. What we do is in the public interest, so again, we have an obligation

to air diverse points of view. We took a survey of our listenership, and the results showed that one third of our listeners are liberal, one third are conservative and one third are moderate or whatever, so our listenership spans the spectrum."

"Funding is not an easy task," Lewis added. "There are certain members of our legislative body that believe the public should not fund public radio, that it should be on its own. There are others who really support us. Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska believes public radio serves a valid purpose and is a lifeline for his constituents."

Lewis took a few moments to clear up some misconceptions about public radio funding. "NPR is not totally funded by the federal government. Only about 3 percent of our revenue comes directly from the federal government. I want to make NPR less dependent on government funding. In order to do that, we must find new revenue streams, find ways to attract more corporate and

foundation funding and continue to fulfill our role as a content provider."

Lewis continued: "I have to raise about one third of my \$46 million budget. I get about \$30 million or so from our 500 member stations for the programming we provide for them, so fund-raising is a big job."

Jerry Jacob, the general manager of

**"I want to make NPR less dependent on government funding. In order to do that we must find new revenue streams."**

—Delano Lewis  
NPR President

KALW-FM in San Francisco said, "We're an industry of survivors that needs to turn into an industry of winners."

"From where I stand as president of National Public Radio, I like to say, we not only want to survive. We want to grow and prosper. Lewis said in response to Jacob's comment. So I don't view my leadership as just one of survival mentality. I view us as being in a growth mode. Less than six percent of people listen to public radio. Ninety-four percent do not. You can look on that as a real disaster, but I look upon it as a growth opportunity. Look how far we can grow"

Lewis smiled broadly as he continued. "There's a lot to do here. We want to build on our strength. I'm not about the business of looking at this in a negative way. We've got a strong product and a good reputation.

"We've got quality programming, and I want to take that, not only to grow in the United States but overseas as well. We're taking 'Morning Edition' and 'All Things Considered,' real time, to Europe and Eastern Europe. I think that's the direction we should go, and I'm excited about it."

Del Lewis also is wearing another hat these days. He's just been appointed co-chair of the National Information Infrastructure Superhighway, along with Edward McCracken of Silicon Graphics in San Jose, Calif. The two were appointed to the positions by Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown.

Lewis talked about some of their plans. "One of the things we're going to be doing is giving advice to the Clinton administration on this communications highway. Now, I'm excited because not only is this the hottest issue in the country, but I'm excited in terms of what it means for public radio and public broadcasting, the fact that we act in the public interest. I want to add value to whatever emerges on this superhighway."

As for the future of NPR, "I think that our opportunities are unlimited. I think that our spirit is still bright and that we're going to live on, hopefully in good health, for a number of years to come," he said.

During the final night of the PRC, there was a talent show for the participants. Del Lewis came out on stage and did a soft shoe routine that brought the house down. He's energetic. He's decisive and he certainly knows how to capture and hold an audience.

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# Satellite DAR Services Not on 'Fast Track'

by Alan Haber

**WASHINGTON** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is currently reviewing applications it has received from four companies proposing satellite digital audio broadcasting services. Objections voiced by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), which may hold up the FCC process, may assure that satellite DAB will not become part of the association's diet anytime soon.

"We are less than thrilled with (satellite DAB)," said Barry Umansky, NAB's deputy general counsel. "NAB has steadfastly opposed the entire notion of satellite delivered audio provided directly to listeners."

"We find that it is completely at odds with the most fundamental concepts of local broadcast service and the foundations of broadcasting as set forth in the communications act."

## NAB opposition

Umansky added that opposition to satellite DAB "is perhaps the highest priority among the radio issues being addressed at the NAB." (The NAB has taken a definite proactive stance on terrestrial digital audio broadcasting with its support of In-band, On-Channel (IBOC) technology that currently is being tested, along with other systems, in Cleveland.)

Gary J. Shapiro, group vice president of the Electronic Industries Association's Consumer Electronics Group, predictably feels differently about the satellite issue.

**"Enhancements in technology cannot be stifled to protect existing interests. Existing interests must show flexibility in adapting to the new technology."**

—Gary Shapiro  
Electronic Industries Association

"Enhancements in technology cannot be stifled to protect existing interests," he said. "Existing interests must show flexibility in adapting to the new technologies."

Bill Caldwell, president of Digital Satellite Broadcasting Corporation (DSBC), one of the four companies proposing satellite DAB services with applications pending at the FCC, said he believes the NAB's objections amount to "a scare tactic."

"When you really look at the NAB," he said, "they have resisted every new technology and new system over time, and in reality they should really try to embrace this system. What they really are doing is providing a disservice to the public by not bringing radio into the 20th century via digital."

Activity was initiated in the satellite DAB arena when the FCC issued a notice of proposed rule making in

1992. Six companies applied at that time; four now remain: American Mobile Radio Corporation, CD Radio, DSBC, and Primosphere Limited Partnership.

Even though the notice of proposed rule making to reallocate proposed frequencies for satellite DAB has not yet been finalized, a motion for negotiated rulemaking has been filed.

According to an FCC spokesperson, the four applicants have indicated they are trying to work out a frequency sharing plan that will allow them to share the 50 MHz of spectrum involved; if the

applicants cannot come to an agreement, the FCC might step in and make a decision. The spokesperson added that there is no FCC timetable for FCC decision making at this time.

## New services

The subject of satellite DAB was prominently raised during the "FCC Regulatory Dialogue" session at NAB '94 in Las Vegas.

During the session, which touched on a variety of issues, Roy J. Stewart, chief of the FCC's Mass Media Bureau, said he didn't think that, at the present time, he

would call satellite DAB "a front burner issue." Noting his feeling, however, that "the commission is charged with the responsibility to encourage the provision of new technological services," he said that "the commission cannot stand up and say there will be no satellite digital audio broadcasting."

During the panel, an audience member commented that he thought the satellite question was really one of "a revolutionary revision of the communications act".

He suggested that if satellite DAB is authorized, it would siphon "a substantial

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# FCC to Examine EEO Reform

by Harry Cole

**WASHINGTON** There have been a few developments at the FCC recently that touch on topics of "Cole's Law" columns in the past few months, so find some white-out and sharpened pencils to mark in these updates.

First, only two months after approving new fines and forfeitures for Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) violations

(RW, April 20), the commission opened a general inquiry into "the effectiveness of its [EEO] rules, procedures, policies, standards and guidelines."

Also, there has been a little confusion about the deadline for conformance to the commission's AM emission standard. For practical purposes, stations should now consider June 29, 1994, as the deadline.

No due dates have been

announced for the FCC's EEO inquiry, but the commission will need them in time to write a report to Congress that is due this October.

The commission is looking for comments on "possible improvements to the EEO rules, policies and enforcement thereof; and on how to further, to the greatest extent possible, the goals of the commission." It is looking particularly for "ways to better enable

broadcasters to meet their EEO obligations."

There will likely be questions on how stations in small markets can comply with the rules, despite historical difficulties in attracting and retaining minority employees. The commission will also ask whether part-time hires should be eliminated from the regulatory process.

These seem to be relatively benign topics, but they do raise the question: If the FCC acknowledges that these questions exist, why did it just announce a new fine/forfeiture schedule that includes serious penalties for fail-

ure to comply with these rules?

A perhaps more ominous puzzle is the commission's request for comments on "whether broadcasters should be required to encourage minority and female entrepreneurs to conduct business with all parts of their operation."

What does this mean? Is the FCC heading toward some kind of affirmative action set-aside system in which broadcasters must demonstrate that they "encourage minority and female entrepreneurs" to "conduct business" with them?

We will have to wait to find out exactly what the FCC is proposing, but the early indications raise some concerns. It is difficult to swallow the notion that the FCC can intrude itself into a station's minute day-to-day business decisions.

I originally reported (RW, March 23) that, starting July 1, 1994, AM licensees would be required to perform measurements at least once every 14 months to assure compliance with the FCC's new emission standard (Section 73.1590(a)(6)).

Since then, the FCC has issued a public notice announcing that licensees must resume their annual schedule of emission measurements before or by June 30, 1994. The notice's exact wording is:

[Affected licensees] are reminded that they must resume an annual schedule of measuring their emitted spectra before June 30, 1994. As a result of the 73.44(e) temporary waiver period coming to an end, each station that has not been making measurements must do so by June 30, 1994, to comply with 73.1590(a)(6).

So there appear to be three possible deadlines: the July 1 deadline that I originally read into the rule, and the notice's *before* June 30 and *by* June 30.

Frankly, I am not sure which is legally correct. I will concede in good lawyerly fashion, however, that I read the rule incorrectly, and that you should probably not rely on July 1.

As far as picking between "before" and "by" June 30, certainly the safest course would be to go with the earlier deadline so that there is no way you could be accused of a violation. It is a difference of only one day, so it will probably not significantly increase the burden.

Be advised that the FCC does not intend to extend the "presumptive compliance." The commission may grant individual waivers upon a showing of good cause, but the most recent public notice suggests that waivers will be hard to get. The better approach is to grit your teeth and start measuring on or before June 29.

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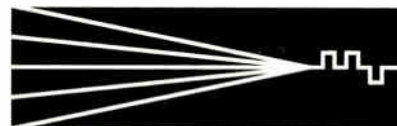
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# Harrisburg Pranksters Test Modern Home Appliances

Dear Luci,

Please don't be too dismayed, but as WNNK-FM reported last month, I got flattened by a microwave oven dropped off the roof of a high-rise office complex in downtown Harrisburg, Pa.

The good news is that it was an April Fools' Day bit.

Our morning team of Tim Burns and Sue Campbell decided to revive the classic National Lampoon "Catch-It-and-You-Keep-It" routine from the "Radio Dinner"

album. Contestants stand at street level and catch prizes tossed over the parapet.

Losers get pancaked by things like suit cases filled with gold bars and a 46-ton house. In my case, I "went" after the Panasonic microwave oven.

Good planning and good acting made the joke work. The emcee of our game really was up on our roof, prompting and coaching the "crowd" borrowed from the sales, news, programming and research departments.

## FROM THE TRENCHES

by Alan Peterson



The routine was recorded on March 31 using a single-point mic into a cassette deck for a truly genuine remote sound. Post sweetening was unnecessary thanks to nearby truck and rail traffic.

You want acting? The shrieks and screams that went up after my demise were perfect.

We knew the joke worked when angry phone calls began coming in from the usual contest moochers. Some had actually dragged their kids down to the contest site (some still in their jammies) only to find no crowd and no prizes.

Every year we ask ourselves the same question: Don't listeners look at their calendars?

They always seem ready to fend off the office bozo when they see April 1 roll around, but they can't anticipate a wacky morning team getting in on the fun. After a few years, you would expect them to say to themselves, "Uh, oh...What's gonna be on the show tomorrow?"

Sometimes the fun is spoiled by the dummies who deliberately give timechecks an hour late all morning, call listeners with some bogus disaster story involving a relative or cause panic with an all-too-real sounding emergency alert, complete with EBS tones. These are not April Fools' jokes; they are invitations to a license revocation.

A good gag stays within the bounds. Some of them achieve legendary status. Bob Steele, former mainstay morning man at WTIC-FM Hartford, Conn., did a "This-Is-My-Last-Day" routine every April 1 for several decades.

Two New York City radio stations once swapped feeds to their respective transmitters and broadcast the other station on their frequency.

Countless stations across the country "sponsor" a parade down their own Main Street using nothing more than creative sound effects, remote mics and plenty of march records.

The morning guy at a Harrisburg station across town tried to make his listeners believe the Beatles were reuniting and that Harrisburg was the first tour stop (not terribly likely). Old news audio and limousine reports courtesy of the station's traffic reporter made it sound plausible.

The best kind of April Fools' zinger is the one that boomerangs back on the person getting zinged (the zingee?) and leaves him standing speechless. For my money, the best zinger of them all was pulled off by The Real Bob James, the same man who put the American Comedy Network on-line and made a name for himself on WGAR-FM and WNBC(AM) (now WFAN(AM)).

James did the "This-Is-My-Last-Day" bit one April 1 while working for WRKI-FM Brookfield, Conn. Most listeners did not feel the zing until the next morning and James really was gone. He left to enter politics and to concentrate more on consulting.

So now we at WINK-104 are left with the task of topping this year's bit next April 1. Fortunately, there are 11 months left to work on it.

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STATION SKETCHES

# Multitone Aids On-Air Audio Tests

by Tom Vernon

Part I of III

**HARRISBURG, Pa.** Many engineers have a hard time scheduling audio equipment tests in the air chain. Ratings sweeps are almost continuous in some markets, and access to key equipment is almost impossible, even when proofs are due.

At the same time, the demand for high-quality audio has never been greater. Audio testing is time-consuming and labor-intensive work even if access to all the equipment is available, especially when evaluating telephone lines or STLs.

What is a frustrated engineer to do? The new multitone audio testing technology, which has emerged over the past three years, simultaneously tests for frequency and phase response and noise distortion in a second or less, as accurately or better than conventional methods.

The RC audio oscillator, voltmeter and distortion meter have been the standard

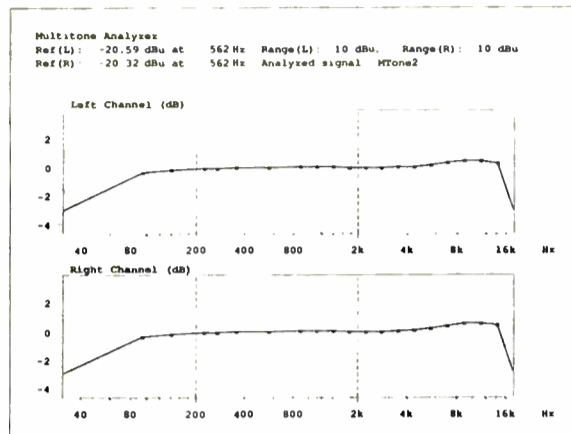
for printout. Standardized tone sequences, such as CCITT 0.33, provide comprehensive testing, but require 30-32 seconds. In-service test sequences last about five seconds.

More elaborate systems with PC control are now used when an entire network is evaluated with a single transmitter and multiple receivers. Sequential tone systems may be used for bench testing of equipment as well.

Multitone testing improves the process. A group of tones is transmitted simultaneously. Each tone is carefully selected for amplitude, phase and frequency and to avoid mathematically predictable harmonic

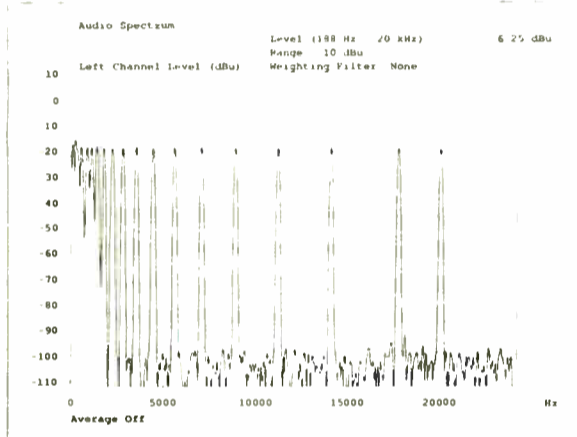
and intermodulation products. Multitone testing is a nearly unobtrusive

Figure 2.



Multitone technology makes fast work of frequency response measurements. Courtesy of Tektronix.

Figure 1.



The fundamental frequencies of a multitone signal are shown in this audio spectrum display. Courtesy of Tektronix.

audio testing tools since radio's earliest days. Tubes begot transistors, which gave way to integrated circuits, but the techniques are virtually unchanged. Sine waves are easy to generate and measure, but make comprehensive testing time consuming.

**Different responses**

Some savvy engineers eventually realized that equipment responds differently to program material than to sine waves, which only simulate one portion of the audio spectrum. They began using pink and white noise to measure, which allowed them to test and observe the entire spectrum simultaneously with an octave band or spectrum analyzer.

But these tests lacked the precise resolution of discrete tone tests. Low frequencies can be measured +/- 2 dB, highs within a half dB, making it unusable for equipment noise or distortion evaluation.

Noise is a valuable tool for adjusting head azimuth in tape machines, separation and crosstalk tests, acoustic measurements and other assessments. Many engineers use a combination of discrete tones and noise to thoroughly assess their equipment.

Sequential tone systems were later developed to save testing time. A generator at the studio sends a preamble signal, a sequence of audio tones, down the line to a receiver, which evaluates and stores data

and intermodulation products.

**DSP technology**

The receiver, which employs recently developed DSP technology, detects any changes in amplitude, phase or frequency relationships. New frequencies, for example, are caused by noise or distortion. Phase relationship changes indicate phase response and changes in the amplitude measure the frequency response.

Figure 1 shows a typical spectral display of a multitone signal. By generating a multitone burst of a second or less, audio quality

audio evaluation system, roughly equivalent to the VITS signal video engineers use to evaluate critical parameters during regular programming.

Multitone test equipment has been widely available for about three years, but the techniques have been known for much longer. One equipment manufacturer was offering analog multitone equipment about 10 years ago, with 17 RC oscillators and 17 bandpass filters. The signal generator was good, but its analog filtering technology was unreliable and cumbersome.

Output from a modern multitone test system is read on a high-resolution display screen or printer. Information is updated about eight times per second. Graphs include level versus frequency, level difference between channels, phase difference between channels versus frequency and noise and/or distortion versus frequency.

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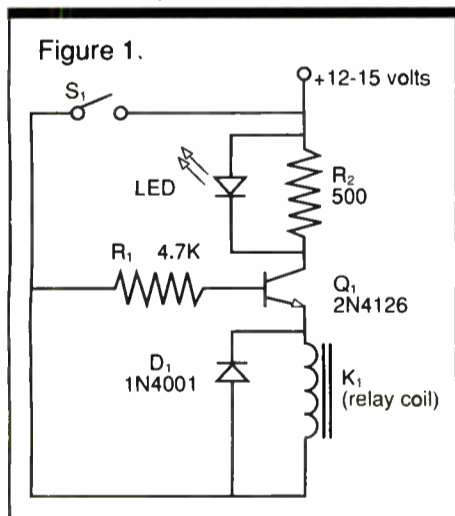
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by Ed Montgomery

## Part X of XII

**ANNANDALE, Va.** The transistor was originally developed by AT&T to act as a remote switch, replacing energy-hungry vacuum tubes. It operates with a very small flow of current which can control a much higher current flow.

Depending on the transistor design, far greater current will flow from the emitter to the collector, when the emitter-base junction is forward-biased with a few microamps of current.



A transistor acting as a switch to control a much greater current flow is shown in Figure One. Current flows through R<sub>1</sub> when S<sub>1</sub> is closed. The transistor is forward-biased, which activates K<sub>1</sub> and permits current to flow. The relay contacts carry several amperes of current, while only microamps of current flow through S<sub>1</sub> and milliamps flow through the transistor.

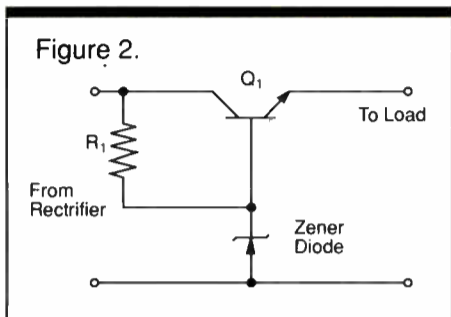
This type of circuit applies when its controls can be mounted on a panel, and dangerous high voltage and current can be switched to a remote location. An LED indicator indicating whether the circuit is on or off can be added.

Transistors are mainly used to sense variations of current flow and amplification. Power supplies are important; the more sophisticated the equipment, the more precise the voltage supplied to the components must be.

The demand for voltage and current

constantly changes, which can distort signals in analog circuits and misrepresent signals in digital circuits. Voltage regulators using transistors adjust power for specific needs at specific times.

Figure Two shows a simple circuit to regulate voltage supplied by the diode rectifiers, and associated capacitors, resistors, and coils that provide a pulse-free direct current.



To properly regulate voltage, a power supply must provide a higher voltage than required by the electronic equipment it operates. The zener diode establishes the voltage level at the output of the supply. The power supply is connected in parallel with its load and the electronic components depend on it for electricity.

As the demand for electric current increases, voltage drops. The transistor injects more current into the circuit to keep the voltage up.

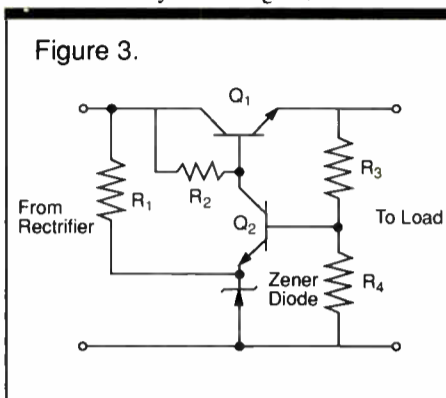
A series regulator, as shown in Figure Two, consists of two active devices, an NPN transistor and a zener diode. Know how much power this regulator must deliver before building this type of circuit. The diode must draw some current to permit the transistor to operate.

R<sub>1</sub>'s current consists of the transistor base current and the zener current. It can be found using the formula:

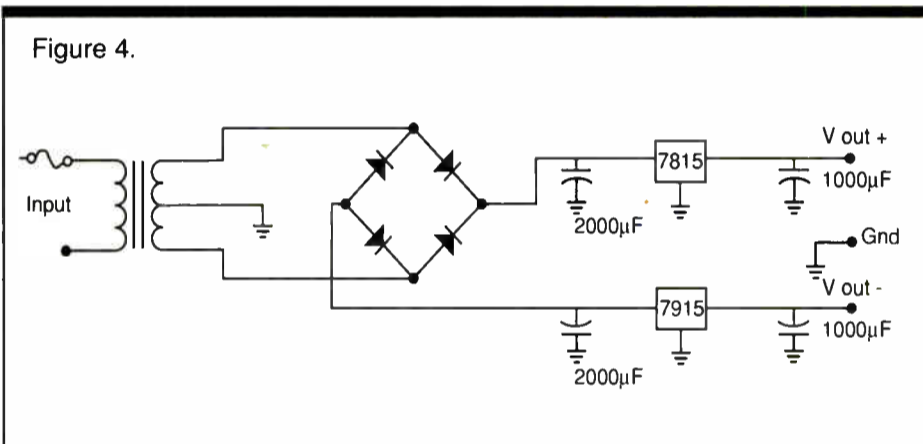
$$R_1 = \frac{\text{Input Voltage} - \text{Zener Voltage}}{I_B + \text{Zener Current}}$$

The unregulated voltage should be one volt above the regulated output. The zener diode is connected in parallel with the load and the transistor is connected in series, operating in a linear manner.

(Engineers today do not have to build this circuit themselves. Regulators are manufactured containing both devices in a wide array of voltages.)



An improved version of the voltage regulator, as shown in Figure Three, connects Q<sub>2</sub> in series with the zener diode, establishing the output voltage.



Q<sub>2</sub> is in parallel with the load in this circuit. Changes in input voltage or load voltage are sensed by Q<sub>2</sub>, which will adjust the bias voltage on Q<sub>1</sub> by

increasing or decreasing the current.

R<sub>4</sub> detects voltage changes in the output, resulting in adjustment of the bias of Q<sub>2</sub> which, in turn, adjusts the bias of Q<sub>1</sub>, increasing or decreasing the output current.

Power supply design has been simplified over the years. Figure Four shows a regulated supply with both positive and negative DC voltages. Most solid-state circuits require positive and negative source voltages. The 7815 and 7915 are +/- 15-volt regulators with one ampere ratings.

Know the correct voltage, current, and power dissipation requirements when building a power supply. Many electronics stores sell prepackaged power supplies that equal the cost incurred when building a home-made device.

Further information on power supply regulation and design is available in the "ARRL Handbook."

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# Satellite Digital Radio Services Before FCC

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portion of the audiences, particularly in the small and medium-sized markets." He added that an insufficient audience base would therefore exist "to support the continuation of the local broadcast stations," and effectively eliminate, "to a large extent," local broadcasting.

Stewart responded by saying that, from the commission's point of view, "we can not stop technological development. It is not in the public interest...I don't think that there is anything in the constitution of the United States or the Communications Act that said that the commission shall not permit technological development, even if it

has an adverse effect on one aspect of the communications industry."

## The proposed systems

- American Mobile Radio Corporation's (AMRC) proposed system would make use of two satellites, the first of which would serve the contiguous United States, and the second which would serve CONUS, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Satellite design is based on the Hughes HS 601 satellite.

- AMRC proposes to operate a single uplink facility for transmission to the two satellites, adding that its system "will support uplinks from additional earth stations

that might be used by entities leasing capacity on the AMRC system."

- Eleven CD-quality channels, five FM-quality stereo channels, five FM-quality mono channels and one data channel are proposed to be part of a primarily subscriber-based service (formats have not yet been chosen); a few free services supported by advertisers are also intended to be offered.

- CD Radio's proposed subscription-based service offers 30 channels of "commercial-free digital compact-disc-quality music," according to the company's prospectus. (Representatives of CD Radio were not available to speak with *RW*, as the company is now in a "quiet period.")

Up to 20 more channels consisting "of other formats that do not require compact-disc-quality fidelity, such as all-news, all-sports, and all-talk programming," may also be offered, according to the prospectus. A fee of \$10 or less is proposed.

Targeted to drivers of cars and trucks across the United States, the proposed service would be broadcast "via its own custom-designed and built twin-satellite system, utilizing technology developed by the Company," according to the prospectus.

CD Radio has an agreement with Space Systems/Loral, "pursuant to which Space Systems/Loral has agreed to construct the two satellites and, at the company's option, a third spare satellite," according to the prospectus.

- Digital Satellite Broadcasting Corporation (DSBC) has proposed a subscription-based service, and, according to president Bill Caldwell, "we also feel there will be a demand...for an advertising-based (service) as well."

DSBC's preferred satellite system configuration and signal processing scheme "employs both frequency division multiplexing (FDM) and spread spectrum modulation for beam isolation and

channelization," according to the company's FCC application.

The proposed frequency plan, according to the application, "coupled with the amount of power that the advanced design satellite can deliver, enables" the system "to be configured with a nationwide beam serving the 48 states (CONUS)" and 31 regional beams.

The application notes that "each regional beam in the CONUS covers an area at least 230 miles in diameter."

- Primosphere Limited Partnership has applied to the FCC "for authority to construct two satellites to operate in geostationary orbit," broadcasting 23 "near-CD quality music channels and up to six talk or other non-music channels," according to Primosphere's FCC application.

Programming would include six channels dedicated "to musical styles which reflect the richness of American heritage and which get little or no radio play time" today, including pre- and mid-1970s country and American Roots Rock, according to the company.

Primosphere is owned by Clifford Burnstein and Peter Mensch, who also manage rock groups such as Metallica and Def Leppard, and own radio stations in California.

## Coexistence?

EIA's Shapiro believes terrestrial and satellite broadcasting can indeed live side by side. "Smart local broadcasters," he said, "will learn how to make money by selling their services through the national broadcasters, just as smart local broadcasters now are selling their services into syndication."

AMRC's Levin also believes in the coexistence theory. "We have no expectation of competing with or replacing local broadcasters," he stated.

And DSBC's Caldwell pointed out that "a nationwide system will never be able to provide the type of service that a local station can provide to a very narrow geographic area."

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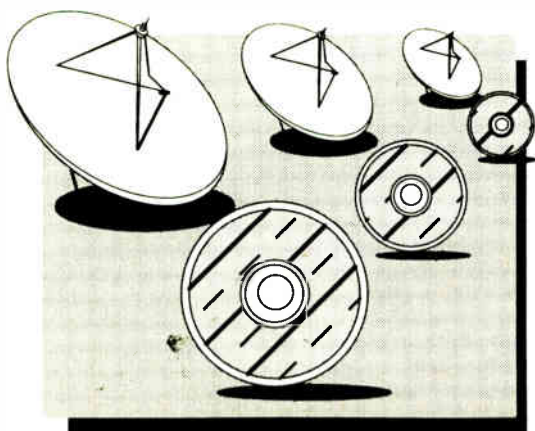
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# Computers Let Radio Ride Highway

by Barry Mishkind

**TUCSON, Ariz.** As more computers are installed, the ability to gather and present information in a flash has made everything from talk-show call screening to transmitter control easier and more accurate. Storage and recall of information has become important for all departments.

Computers help build client leads, track music trends, store news archives and provide instant communication around the world. From CD-ROMs to electronic networks, the information superhighway is turning the corner.

**Short trips**

Extending the already well-worn analogy, think of your in-house computers as city streets, leading to nearby destinations: music and commercial scheduling; preparing letters and invoices to clients; logging the power output of the transmitter.

News/talk shows run on current information, which can be rapidly compiled using in-house computers with CD-ROM readers for reference software. Multimedia encyclopedias, like Microsoft's "Encarta," allow you to search an entire encyclopedia in seconds, and access complete information, including pictures and sound.

"USA Today, the '90s," from Compton's NewMedia, holds every issue from January 1990 to August 1992, with graphics, photos and over 100,000 articles on one disk.

Music should check out "The Grammy Awards," a listing of 34 years of Grammy Awards from 1958, including audio clips. "Jazz—A MultiMedia History," which traces jazz greats going back to 1923, is perfect for researching documentaries.

State highway systems connect small cities. They are sometimes pretty fast, but you do run into traffic lights and traffic jams.

Electronic mail is like that. You can dial into any of several networks, leave a message, and the recipient will see it a few seconds later—or, perhaps, several hours later.

Some businesses now consider standard mail an archaic waste of paper compared to e-mail and fax. They never lick stamps.

**Shortened trips**

The information superhighway is something else altogether. It links the nation from end to end without stoplights, like the Interstate Highway system. In fact, Internet system of computer networks links the entire world in real time. You can press a key from your desk and access a computer on the other side of the globe.

You can ask a colleague a question and have a reply in less time than it takes a phone call to get through. If he's not there, leave an e-mail message, and you'll be notified the instant he replies, if you are on-line at the time.

Could your sales or programming departments use some marketing statistics? They could access databases and files from universities, businesses and government agencies worldwide. There are also thousands of discussion groups, known as USENETs, that focus on every imaginable topic. (Broadcasters should look for rec.radio.broadcasting.)

Even the FCC has gotten into the act: ftp@ftp.fcc.gov is the address for all current FCC actions. Additional commission

data may eventually go on-line, depending on available resources.

Full access to the full potential of the superhighway can cost several thousands of dollars per month. Several companies provide dial-in access for hourly rates, while others charge flat rates.

**Feasible options**

The so-called FreeNets are an economical alternative. Anyone can access them without charge. Call the Cleveland Free-Net at 216-368-3888 for a free personal Internet account. Also try the Denver Free-Net at 303-270-4865. In Canada, the

National Capital Free-Net is at 613-780-3733. There are others.

Internet does not support the DOS your PC uses. It usually operates on UNIX or a UNIX/DOS cross called "Waffle," which has arcane help screens. This is an area where a good book saves time.

Gibbs & Smith's "Navigating the Internet" (Sams Publishing) is like an information superhighway road map. It shows the basic procedures for gaining access, and then guides the user, step-by-step through Internet so that you get to the "right address."

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"The Internet Complete Reference" by Hahn & Stout (Osborne/McGraw-Hill) and "Internet Start Kit for Macintosh" by Adam Engst (Hayden) come with software and free Internet access included in the prices of the books.

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# WORKBENCH

## Nothing Replaces Visual Inspection

by John Bisset

**FALLS CHURCH, Va.** I had the pleasure of moderating the "Radio Transmitter Workshop" at the National Association of Broadcasters convention. NAB invited several AM and FM transmitter service engineers to discuss repairs and maintenance for their respective products. Tapes of the session are

available from NAB, and are worth the money, because the speakers were candid.

One of the speakers, Gerry Meier of CCA, described how important it is to make a thorough visual inspection of a transmitter when it fails. His tip was particularly meaningful to Don Larsen, a contract engineer in Idaho.

Don has two different clients that own

recent-model CCA 25 kW transmitters. He was faced with the same problem at both stations.

The plate breaker tripped, but there was no visible damage. He would simply reset the breaker and was back on the air.

(He has been reading the plate breaker reset schemes reported in this column over the last year with great interest.)

After a recent plate breaker trip, Don was cleaning the HV wires leading from the secondary of the plate transformer up to the rectifier stacks. (All breakers were off, of course, and the caps had been checked with the shorting stick.)

He discovered wires running down the back of the transformer and drooping down toward the front of the transmitter on their way to the HV stacks. The wires fell against the sharp edge of the aluminum chassis holding the screen supply components. There was a very clear carbon trace indicating an arc.

Surprisingly, there was no indication of burning on the chassis.

Don rerouted the wires, and left to check his other client's transmitter—same problem, same place.

At this printing, there have been no more breaker trips in the three weeks since he rerouted the wires. There had been one a week, so Don believes he has corrected the problem.

One of my clients has a CCA transmitter, so I checked the wiring on his HVPS and found it correctly routed away from the screen supply chassis edge. It is hard to say whether the problem affects all transmitters of this make, but it is worth a check.

In fact, thorough cleaning of the HVPS wires on a regular basis is always a good idea. I had a similar arcing problem on a

Continental "Power Rock" several years ago. The HV wire to the large capacitor in the PA passed around the edge of an aluminum shield and arced.

Faults like these are very difficult to see. Don suggests using a strong trouble lamp and plenty of alcohol-laden cleaning rags.

I asked Don why he focused on the transmitter and not the incoming power. He replied that at one site he ran his CCA in a combined arrangement with another manufacturer's transmitter and never lost a breaker on the second transmitter.

Furthermore, he had installed an Angstadt phase monitor, which responds to the slightest line faults. There was no indication of electrical problems.

Don had also taken precautions on the incoming AC lines by installing Harris MOVs, which he bought out of the Newark catalog. He used the V131-BA60 across each leg to ground for three-phase "Y" feeds.

For a tapped Delta or "Wild-leg Delta," use the V131-BA60 for the two normal phases, and a V251-BA60 for the high leg. The MOVs are priced at just under \$100 each, which is inexpensive insurance during the lightning season.

Don Larsen can be reached at 208-357-7864.

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Most engineers at some time experience ITT/Schadow multiple pole or ganged pushbutton switches on a console. Console manufacturers usually put silver-plated contacts on these switches.

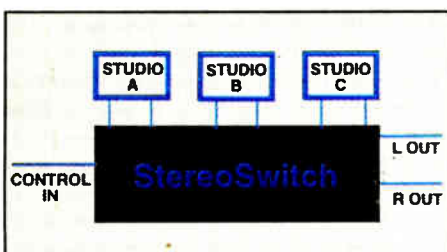
Michael McCarthy of McCarthy Radio Engineering searched for a distributor that would supply the full line of Schadow switches, including flashed-contact switches, and found it, Hawk Electronics in Illinois.

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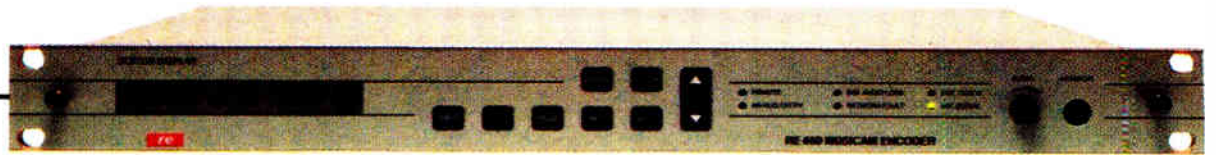
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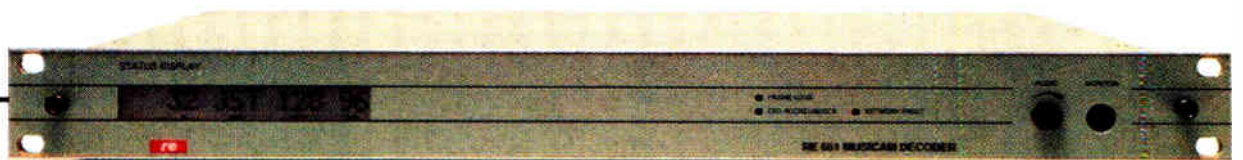


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# WORKBENCH

# Multitone On-Air Tests

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Gold-contact switches are more expensive than their silver-plated cousins, but the pay-now-or-pay-later philosophy applies in this case, Michael says. The gold-contact switch lasts much longer than the silver and 2/4 pole double throw switches sell for less than \$8 each.

Hawk offers a substantial discount if the total switch order exceeds 100 pieces. Gold-contact switches cost only a dollar or two more than the silver after the discount.

On one occasion, several stations pooled their switch requirements and bought over 500 for both Audiotronics and PR&E consoles. The shared discount allowed each station to rebuild an additional console. Hawk worked closely with each station, supplying only what they needed.

Michael's advice is to forget paying list price plus 99 percent to replace failure-prone silver contact switches. Go for the gold. His contact at Hawk is Glen Labrose, who can be reached at 708-459-4030.

Hawk also distributes a wide variety of spare parts besides switches. For more information, circle Reader Service 161.

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I recently received a call from an engineer who described a mysterious 10 kHz whine, which he had traced to his Optimod® Stereo Generator. "Old salts" will know the problem here is in the power supply. The whine is caused when the power supply filter caps go bad, and the power supply regulators start to oscillate.

Just replace all power supply electrolytics, and watch the problem disappear. This has got to be the weak link in what is otherwise an extremely well-built box.

While inside the Optimod, take a look at the extensive use of ferrite beads and RFI protection. Amidon Associates, North Hollywood, Calif., sells a wide range of ferrite beads, as well as ferrite rods, toroidal cores and related components. For a copy of their application notes, circle Reader Service 100.

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Jensen Tools has released the "Jensen Connection," a new catalog full of tools and connectors for PCs, LANs, CATV and security systems. For a free copy, circle Reader Service 110.

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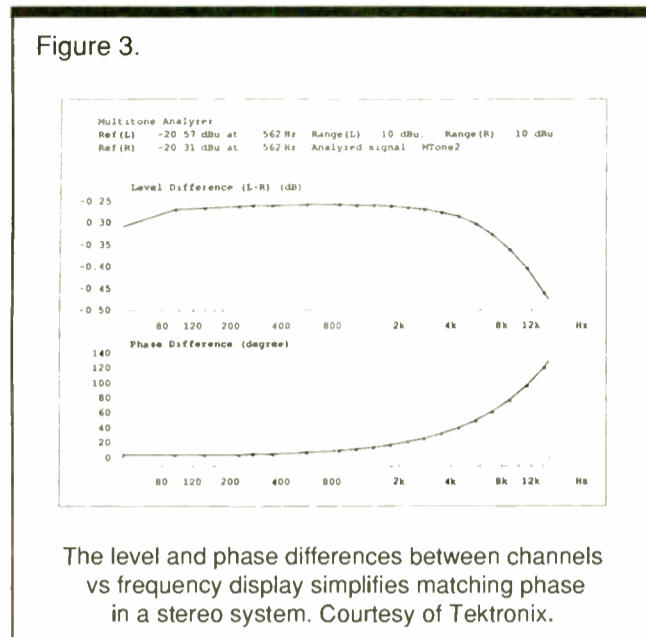
Equipment adjustments are simple. The user can see the response of the entire

change in the rules. It is up to broadcasters to file a petition with the Mass Media Bureau before anything can be done by the FCC.

Multitone alignment tapes for analog cart and reel-to-reel machines are not yet available, but it is easy to prepare alignment tapes and carts using accurately calibrated machines. A standard reference level tone and continuous multitone are all that is needed. The traditional X-Y oscilloscope with a high-resolution display can be used to set the phasing.

Equalization adjustment is easy because it is done while observing the spectrum in real time. There is no need to shuttle the tape back and forth or wait for the right tones to come up on the alignment cart. High-frequency saturation is no problem because the multitone is below reference level.

A multitone signal sounds a bit like a



audio spectrum in real time. Typical displays are shown in Figures 2, 3 and 4.

### Procedures

An engineer can test an unattended transmitter using multitone systems combined with computer technology.

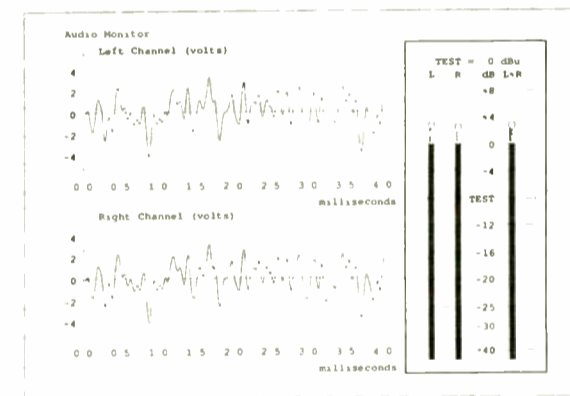
The multitone transmitter at the studio sends a one-second burst, which is recovered by the test set, which is typically connected to the demodulator output at the transmitter site. The computer stores the data and it is a simple matter to download it back to the studio via modem.

Figure 5 shows a typical remote multitone operation.

A multitone test provides the same information as a proof of performance, but the FCC does not accept it as such. The commission requires discrete tones and is not currently considering any

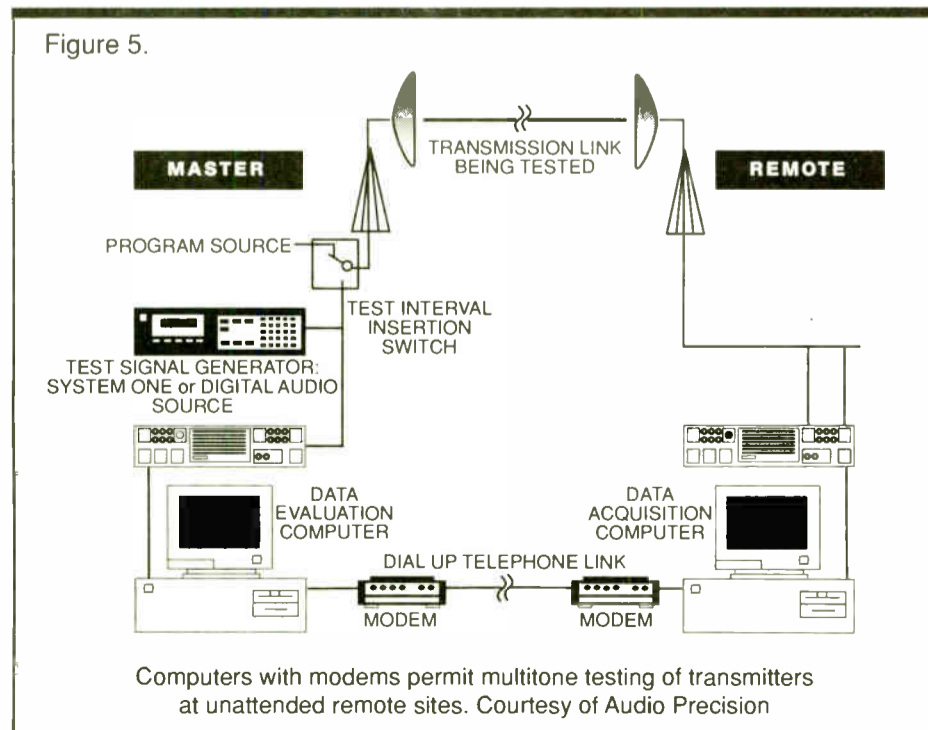
maladjusted pipe organ. Some stations may want to replace the traditional beep at the top of the hour with a one-second

Figure 4.



Multitone is very similar to program audio because the crest factor is similar to music or voice waveforms, and because it occupies most of the audio spectrum. Courtesy of Tektronix.

Figure 5.



multitone burst and test overall system performance hourly. (That's quite an improvement over trying to schedule an overnight once every six months.)

The next installment in this series will focus on two of the leading multitone testing systems, the Audio Precision System One, and the Tektronix AM700 Audio Measurement Set.

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Special thanks go to Bob Metzler of Audio Precision, Tom Newman of Schmid Telecommunication and Bill Thompson of Tektronix for materials provided and other assistance.

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# Studio Sessions

A look at the **Flashback**, see page 25.

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## BENCHTEST

# MD Cart Technology Impressive under Test

by Ken C. Pohlmann  
Hammer Laboratories

**MIAMI** Even when the MiniDisc was still only a twinkle in Sony's eye, there was talk of developing professional MD applications. Clearly, the cartridge's small size, along with the system's ability to withstand shock and vibration, targeted it primarily at portable consumer applications.

However its rapid random access, recordability, erasability, durability, and editing features also brought another target into the sights: the aging, NAB cartridge or "cart."

The radio industry has a love-hate relationship with the NAB cart. On one hand, its lame sound quality and sluggish behavior

make it disliked. On the other hand, its universality and years of reliable service make it firmly entrenched. Still, as a variety of new digital replacements have already shown, the cart is more vulnerable than venerable. There is no question that the MiniDisc has a legitimate shot at the cart market.

### Features

Thus the MD cart recorder was born and now includes products from Sony, Otari and Denon's DN-990R that are now being introduced to radio stations worldwide. Although the Denon DN-990R's innards may harken back to its consumer origins, its exterior and operating demeanor are clearly professional. The DN-990R is a table-top

unit, (as is its play-only sibling the DN-980F). Three units can be installed on 19-inch racks (3U) using rack shelves. The face must be within 15 degrees of perpendicular.

As with consumer MD recorders, it employs magneto-optical technology to record data at a 44.1 kHz sampling frequency. Using the ATRAC data compression algorithm, it can accommodate up to 74 minutes on a disc. In addition, up to 255 tracks can be recorded on a disc, along with title information.

The DN-990R's front panel is purely functional. A MD cartridge is loaded into the top slot, and mechanically ejected via a lockable Eject button. Principal operating controls are the lighted Play/Pause, and Standby/Cue buttons. A Select knob lets you choose track numbers, and perform editing and presetting operations; the item is selected when the knob is pushed.

A concentric ring provides either single track or continuous playback. A Record button puts the unit into record mode; two search buttons are used to change the play

start position, and enter editing operations. A Mode/Cue button switches between normal playback/record and editing modes. A Display/Caps/Number button switches the display readout (elapsed time, remaining time, track title), and selects different title inputs. An End/Monitor button monitors the end of the track while in standby mode, and clears cue signals. Finally, a fluorescent display shows audio levels, track number, title, time (in minutes, seconds and 75 frames per second) and other parameters.

Around back, the unit has four XLR connectors for left/right analog input and output; these are balanced lines with pin No. 3 hot, nominally set at +18 dBm. Four recessed screwdriver potentiometers provide input and output level adjustment; the maximum input varies from +22 dBm to -6 dBm; the output varies from +22 dBm to -20 dBm. (Sixteen-bit conversion is employed). In addition, there is a low impedance stereo headphone jack.

Two more XLR connectors provide digital in/out, a feature that is not yet contained in



Denon DN-990R

## PRODUCT EVALUATION

# Denon DN-990R Well Suited For Production Room, On-Air

by Chris Crump

**MAITLAND, Fla.** Just the thought of not having to deal with analog carts is a big plus in my book. And getting a chance to try the new Denon DN-990R MiniDisc cart recorder doubled my excitement.

This box is packed with features and advanced technology that make it attractive to not just the jocks but also engineering and production as well.

Since the life of a MiniDisc (MD) is pretty much indefinite, you don't have to send them off to be repacked every 400 plays. No head cleaning, easy to store, MiniDiscs come in 60- and 74-minute configurations. So you can put 60 or 70 one-minute spots on each disc. You can record up to 255 tracks per disc, which means the capability to store your entire passive element and promo library on one disc. Or all spots on two discs.

### Operational aspects

One look at the DN-990R MD cart recorder and I could tell that it operates nearly identical to the Denon DN-951FA CD Cart players that we run in both of our FM studios. So, for the on-air folks that use the Denon CD Carts, it's good for the learning curve.

Recording is so simple, even a program director could do it. The DN-990R will not record over existing tracks unless you want it to. It automatically increments to the first available track. So if there are seven existing tracks on the disc, the MD is advanced to track eight when "record" is armed.

There are some very useful presets that will allow you, for example, to set the start cue at the first audible point of the recording. This sound detection feature is set at the factory for -60 dB but it is adjustable. Other neat features from a production room perspective include: start time delay; copy prohibit encoding; 13-digit character dis-

play for disc/track titles, time display and system messages; and editing functions that allow you to combine, divide, delete, move and title tracks. You can also set cue signals throughout a track and remove them just as easily.

The unit has both digital and analog inputs/outputs. The digital input is great for CD and DAT transfer because the DN-990R

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## PRODUCT EVALUATION

## Mixes Are 'Easy' With Monitor One

by Bruce Bartlett  
with Jenny Bartlett

**ELKHART, Ind.** Reviewed here is the inaugural loudspeaker from a company known for its low cost electronic sound boxes. And in my opinion, Alesis has built a fine speaker on its first try.

Well known in the home studio/project studio market for the ADAT digital multitrack, signal processors, and other products, Alesis recently introduced the Monitor One. The speakers have been heavily promoted and generally well received by their users. Radio World's panel of judges bestowed a 1994 Cool

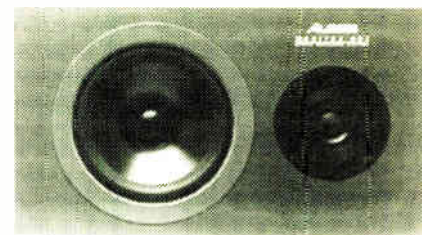
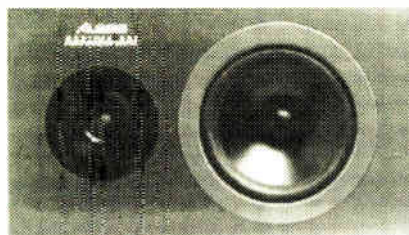
Stuff Award on the Monitor Ones at the recent NAB convention.

**Features**

The Monitor One is a mid-size, two-way ported speaker selling for \$399 a pair. The product was designed by Alesis speaker engineers Frank Kelly and Walter Dick. Kelly worked with UREI for 17 years, while Dick designed speakers for 25 years with JBL, Gauss, and others.

In the speaker's design, the aim was to get a basically flat response within the cost constraints. The engineers wanted the speaker to sound up-front and

detailed but not harsh. Controlled dispersion was another goal. The speaker was meant to sound good with a wide



Sales are brisk for the Monitor One, according to Alesis.

range of music, but not cost a lot.

When I removed the Monitor Ones

filled polypropylene cone that is said to reduce breakup. It crosses over at 2500 Hz to a 1-inch, silk soft dome tweeter. This material was chosen to reduce stridency in close-up use, Alesis said. The tweeter is ferrofluid cooled to improve power handling. The claimed power handling is remarkable—twice that of most other nearfields. The Monitor One can handle a whopping 120 watts continuous program and 200 watts peak.

The speaker enclosure is vented in back with a "SuperPort" that is large enough to prevent turbulence; the claimed result is tighter, deeper bass. The system measures (when positioned horizontally) 15-inches (width) by 9.25-inches (height) by 8.5-inches (depth). They weigh 15 pounds each. On the

**In the speaker's design, the aim was to get a basically flat response within the cost constraints. The engineers wanted the speaker to sound up-front but not harsh.**

back is a pair of 5-way binding posts, angled for easy access and ready for large-gauge cables.

Sensitivity is rated at 88 dB SPL/W/m, which is average. Alesis specs the frequency response as 45 Hz to 18 kHz +/- 3 dB. Impedance is 4 ohms.

**Listening tests**

I listened to the Alesis Monitor Ones before making any measurements. The speakers were placed just behind my mixer, 3 feet apart and 3 feet from me. Their fronts were about 2.5 feet from an absorbent wall behind them. These were my impressions of several CDs played through the Monitor Ones:

- **Kamakiriad**, Donald Fagen (pop/R&B): Plenty of deep, tight bass; no need for a subwoofer. Highs are smooth and gentle, easy on the ears, but not muffled. A full, warm sound.
- **Reckless**, Bryan Adams (rock): A little less "edge" or impact than many other speakers; detail is slightly reduced.
- **Unplugged**, Paul McCartney (acoustic): Guitars sound delicate, not twangy or etched. Sibilants are smooth. Elegant

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SIGNAL-TO-NOISE

# The 'Tapeless, Diskless' Flashback Recorder

by Frank Beacham

**NEW YORK** Scenario. Scotty Quick, an Action Radio news reporter, darts quickly through Gotham City Hall, frantically moving on to his tenth story of the day.

To prepare for his upcoming interview with the mayor, Scotty pops a new SoundClip into his Flashback audio recorder. Since the recorder weighs only three ounces, Scotty doesn't even feel it bounce in his shirt pocket as he struts down the hall toward the mayor's office.

**A sound clip**

After the interview with Mayor Bluster, Scotty realizes he's got the day's lead story. And it will work perfectly with that contradictory sound bite he recorded on another SoundClip earlier in the day at the city council meeting.

Only minutes before airtime, Scotty pulls his Apple Newton from his shoulder bag and inserts a SoundClip. With a touch of his pen, he activates the Newton's audio editing program. Within minutes, sound bites of the mayor and his city council nemesis are combined with a voice over into a complete news segment.

Next, Scotty brings up the communications program in the Newton and instructs it to dial the station's newsroom computer. Within seconds, the segment is transferred through the phone line and is ready for instant air play.

Back at the station, Scotty decides to enter the interviews he's recorded that day into a data base. One never knows when Mayor Bluster will contradict himself again. Not only does Scotty want to keep the actual sound bites but

a written transcript of the interviews would be useful as well. Within seconds the station's new "speech-to-text" software creates a word processing document of the day's interviews that can reside on the computer disk with the actual audio recordings.

If all this sounds a bit futuristic, consider the fact that every part of this scenario is now not only possible but probable within the next couple of years.

**Flash RAM**

Flashback™, the three-ounce recorder mentioned above, will be available in about 100 top consumer electronics outlets beginning this July. It's a totally solid state audio recorder without motors, read/write heads or any other moving parts. The recording media, called a SoundClip™, is flash memory, a non-moving and non-volatile (i.e. needs no battery back-up) chip that is impervious to magnetic fields and can be recorded over hundreds of thousands of times or archived for years without degradation.

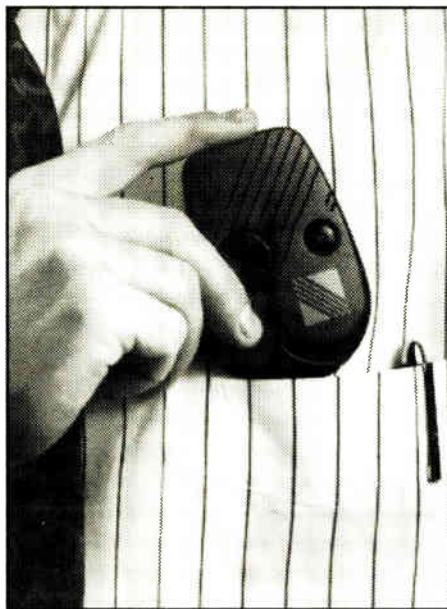
The removable SoundClips are compatible with PCMCIA "plug and play" cards and thus can be easily used as portable memory with virtually any kind of computer. This compatibility opens the way for many sound manipulation applications, including simple editing programs for handheld personal digital assistants (PDAs) and a new generation of speech-to-text programs now available from IBM and AT&T.

Because Flashback uses digital memory, all the features now available on analog recorders can be easily duplicated. In addition to the Record, Play, Fast Forward, Reverse and Pause functions, other unique features in Flashback are: random access search, the ability to

insert edit audio between existing takes (like inserting a new word between other words in a word processing document) and the ability to scan recordings at either a high or slow rate of speed without altering the pitch of the voice.

**Inexpensive**

Last but not least, the cost of Flashback with a 30-minute SoundClip is only \$199.00. Additional 30-min. SoundClips list at \$69.95, but are expected to drop to a street price below



A Flashback in your pocket

\$20 in less than a year.

OK, now that you're drooling, let's talk about the downside. (New technology *always* has a downside, you know.) So far, the sonic quality of the Flashback is not so good. At 300 to 3500 Hz it is slightly better than the audio quality of a telephone. Long recording times can get expensive, since

flash memory costs remain high at the moment. And, of course, all of this editing software is yet to be written for personal digital assistants.

The company behind Flashback is Norris Communications, a San Diego-based holding company that develops, manufactures and markets electronic and audio products for the computer, telephone, defense and medical industries. According to Steven Brightbill, vice president of sales, the company has secured several patents for audio recording on computer memory.

Norris Communications, Brightbill said, is fully aware of the potential of such a recording system for broadcasting and expects to offer professional products in the very near future. He said the 16-to-1 "True Speech" compatible audio compression used in the consumer version of Flashback will improve in sonic quality to the point that stereo music can be recorded onto the flash memory cartridges.

The company also expects to introduce 60 and 120-minute SoundClips within a year of production and Brightbill predicted those storage devices will cost under \$50 and \$100 respectively. "The price of flash memory keeps coming down every quarter," he said. "The length of recording time is only a factor of the cost of flash."

We'll keep you posted on this new flash recording technology and feature a review of Flashback in the coming weeks. Norris Communications can be reached at (800) 905-2225.

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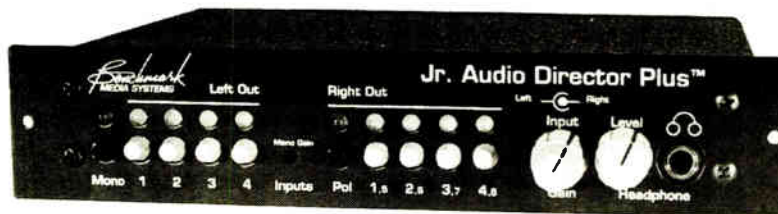
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PRODUCT EVALUATION

# AKG Mics Offer Varied Features

by Ty Ford

**BALTIMORE** With the technological changes coming as fast as they have been for the last few years, it was a pleasure to step off of the digital fast track for a few moments to give a close listen to a couple of new AKG microphones.

Introduced at the 1993 AES show, the C414B/TLII (\$1499 including mounting bracket and pop filter) and the C3000 (\$699 including mounting bracket) are condenser mics requiring phantom power.

**Features**

The C414B/TLII, positioned by AKG

as the "Vintage TL" uses a recreation of the TL capsule from the 1950s with updated electronics. It has four selectable patterns, -10/-20 dB pads and 75 Hz/150 Hz bass roll offs. Its gold-plated front grill distinguishes it from other 414s.

The C3000 is cost-engineered to be more affordable and appears to be a marketing response to the Audio Technica AT4033. The combination of smaller back diaphragm, switchable cardioid/hypercardioid patterns, a 10 dB pad and a -10 dB/octave roll off at 100 Hz allow AKG to bring the mic to market at a very competitive price. If you don't need the omni or figure eight pattern, and many

broadcast and project studios do not, the C3000 is worth a listen.

To provide a reference I compared both mics to an AKG C414BULS/TL, using the cardioid pattern. Both the new mics exhibited only minor variations from my expectations. Both had that crisp high-end AKG condenser sound. In fact, both mics were brighter than the C414BULS/TL, although neither was as warm and full on the bottom. Beyond that, there were other obvious differences.

The most obvious was that, in cardioid operation, the C3000 yielded about 5 dB higher output than both the C414BULS/TL and the C414B/TLII. That

extra 5 dB will allow you to run your pre-amps at lower gain, which can be helpful if you've got noisy pre-amps.

According to AKG supplied response curves, the frequency response of the C414B/TLII extends both below and above that of the C3000. In the cardioid position, the C414B/TLII is flat down to 50 Hz while the C3000 starts to roll off at 100 Hz and is 4 to 5 dB down at 50 Hz. On the top, both mics have a bump



AKG Vintage TLII

between 6 kHz and 8 kHz. The C414B/TLII's is maybe a decibel higher and its slope after the bump is more gentle, crossing the 0 dB line at about 14 kHz.

**User tests**



In practical experiments, the difference in high-frequency response between the mics became obvious when I added a few decibels at 12.5 kHz to the C3000 to get it to sound a bit more open.

Even though both have somewhat less low frequency response than the C414BULS/TL, they still are susceptible to bass build up when worked close. Because the C3000 rolls off more quickly, it exhibits slightly less proximity effect than the C414B/TLII.

I would suggest using a pop filter with both mics, the TLII comes with one and I found that it also fit the C3000 nicely.

**Summary**

With these thoughts in mind, both the C414B/TLII and C3000 are worth trying

Product Capsule: <b>AKG C414B/TLII</b>	
<b>Microphone</b>	
 <b>Thumbs Up</b>	 <b>Thumbs Down</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ wide frequency response</li> <li>✓ multiple patterns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ price</li> </ul>
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if you are seeking to upgrade the sound of your live announcers. The extra transients produced by these condenser mics may give you the edge you are looking for to cut through heavy processing, resulting in a more open and natural sound. If you do any kind of skit, radio program production or recording of music instruments, the extra patterns (bi-directional and omni-direction) of the C414B/TLII may come in handy. If not, you can save a few bucks by choosing the C3000.

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If you're a broadcaster, as good as these mics sound, don't expect to plug them in  
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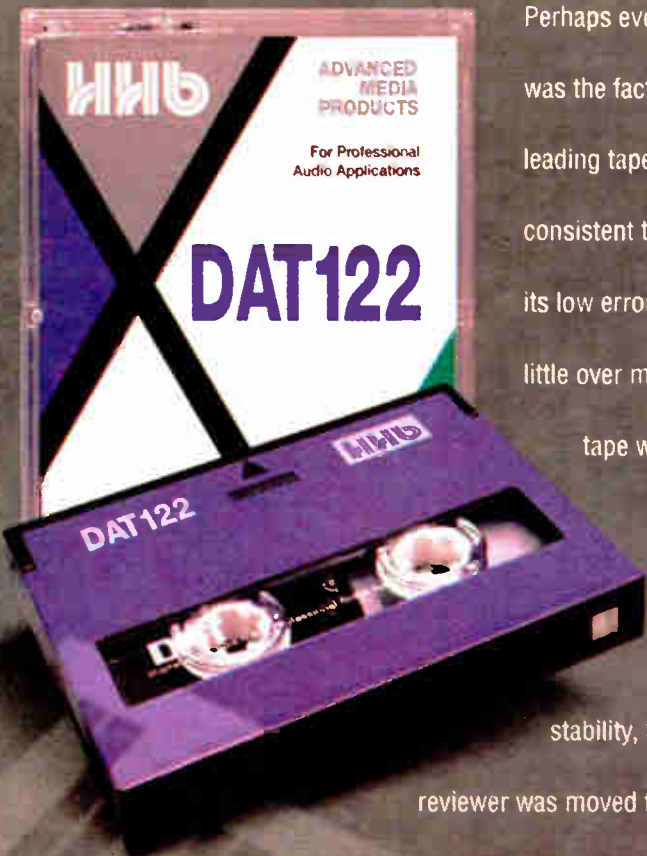
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Perhaps even more significant was the fact that one of these leading tapes was clearly more consistent than the others, with its low error rates changing very little over multiple passes. That

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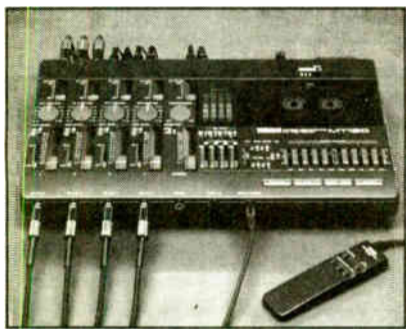


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## Yamaha MT120 Multitrack Cassette Recorder

The MT120 is a four track analog cassette recorder/player with two-speed microprocessor-controlled transport, five-band stereo graphic equalizer, MIDI Sync, and dbx noise reduction.

The unit also can be connected to external effects boxes via an AUX send/return connection.

For more information, contact Yamaha of America, 714-552-9011; or circle **Reader Service 41**.

## Audix PH-25 Monitors

Part of Audix's PowerHouse monitor line, the PH-25 is dual-5-inch bass driver, .75 inch-tweeter speaker containing a 30 watt per channel continuous, 60 watt peak power amp built into the rear of the cabinet.

The amp is said to provide low distortion 0.01 THD (mid-band) to deliver the clean, well-defined sound demanded from professional audio equipment. Frequency response is rated 50 hz-18 kHz, plus or minus 3 dB.

The cabinet measures 15-inches (height) x 6-inches (width) x 9 inches (depth). Retail price is \$589.

All Audix monitors can be magnetically shielded. For information, contact Audix at 503-692-4426; or circle **Reader Service 58**.

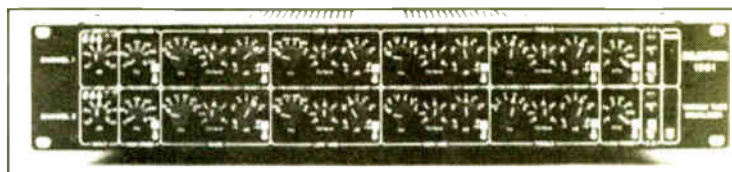
## MIDI, SMPTE Upgrades for Akai DR4d Hard Disk Recorder

Akai has announced several upgrades for its popular DR4d hard disk recorder including TrackMerging for track "bouncing," and MIDI Machine Control via the optional IB113M interface.

The MIDI option allows control from Mark of the Unicorn's Digital Performer Steinberg's Cubase and Emagic's Logic 2.0.

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# Denon MD Cart Recorder

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will record all of your sub-codes (cues and track numbers) automatically.

Input level adjustment is limited to hardware controls on the back. The range is +22 dB to -6 dB. Not as much gain as I would like, but it

the promos on the air the same way I hear them in the studio. The only difference that I noticed was a good difference. I don't care what some engineers keep saying about compression and artifacts.

Overall, I liked the DN-990R, the jocks liked it, the engineers liked it, production liked it and you will like it, too. Put a couple in the budget for 1995.

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### Product Capsule: Denon DN-990R MD Cart Recorder



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| <p><b>Thumbs Up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ easy-to-use cart replacement</li> <li>✓ digital I/Os</li> <li>✓ rewritable disc</li> </ul> | <p><b>Thumbs Down</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ needs more display characters</li> <li>✓ some disc jamming (prototype bug—see text)</li> </ul> |
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is acceptable. For production room purposes, it would be nice to have the ability to adjust the input level from the front panel.

### Playback

Playback is simple. Just dial up the track number (or you can search by name) and hit the button. The DN-990R has a remote jack for hook up to your console plus ports for hook up to automation (the same is true of the DN-980F player).

It would be nice if the display screen had more than just 13 characters. The MD will support up to 255 characters but the overall total is limited to 1700 for disc and track titles.

Unless you have an outside sequencing device or some kind of automation device, a bigger cue buffer would be nice. The DN-990R only allows for one track to wait in cue while another is being played. However, the machine has to be in "continuous" mode to play the subsequent track automatically.

One complaint from our folks that used the DN-990R was that the disc loading mechanism did not always work, but we have been told that our test unit was a pre-production unit that still had few bugs. Nonetheless, this one experienced a few stuck discs and some disc protectors (the metal sliding cover that covers the actual disc) would stay open and sometimes jam when ejected.

### Summary

If the ad folks can figure out a good system for adds & pulls, the benefits of the DN-990R are numerous. It would certainly help prevent lost spots and keep the sales people from going into the studio and removing carts without notifying production.

With the DN-990R, it's really nice to hear

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# Denon MD Cart Passes Benchtest

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Sony's MD cart recorder. These adhere to the AES/EBU and IEC-958 standards. The input does not observe SCMS copy inhibit restrictions, and the output has switchable copy inhibit restriction.

A 9-pin connector provides a RS232C serial port operating at 9600 or 19,200 bits per second (bps); this could be connected to a computer to operate playback, record, editing, and track labelling operations.

Using the front panel controls and rear panel connectors, the DN-990R provides all of the perks you'd expect on a professional machine. For example, you get instant start (100 milliseconds or less), auto cue to the beginning of the music (adjustable from -36

ing during recording. Up to five cue signals can be written per track, as well as an end cue signal.

Moreover, the DN-990R brings all of the editing perks found on consumer MD machines. You'll find the following: non-destructive end-trim, track erasing, track division, track combining, and track re-numbering. You'll also find all the MD titling features.

A peek inside the unit reveals very sturdy construction, with a large power supply occupying a large volume inside the case. The MD transport itself is surprisingly small and somewhat delicate-looking, but it is clearly not the same one used in consumer machines. It is cased in metal, and is shock-mounted on springs.

## Operation

Operation of the DN-990R is straightforward, and can be immediately learned by anyone who is familiar with a cart machine. Of course, everyone who touches the machine will appreciate the joy of random access audio. The ability to instantly access recorded tracks, add and delete material, combine, divide and label tracks is awesome.

As I put the unit through its paces, it delivered all this and more. However, this particular review unit, a preproduction model that did not have all of the bugs out of it, according to Denon, sometimes did not access tracks. On some blank discs, it simply refused to locate to some tracks, even though it would play through them and display correct track numbers and times. (Denon said that owners of actual production models already shipping are not reporting this problem.)

In addition, the unit was somewhat slow in accessing tracks in general, perhaps taking

two seconds. (As a result of being able to cue music, Denon said that 0.5 seconds of that time is used to access the track while the rest is used for locating the music.)

## Measurements

The DN-990R's electronics did not have any problems, and performed well on the test bench in both playback-only and record/playback duties. Using a Sony TGYS-1 MD test disc, I observed that playback frequency response was flat to within 0.31 dB; there was a 0.25 dB bump at 18 kHz, and a 0.06 dB dip at 20 Hz. The right channel was offset by 0.2 dB relative to the left. Playback channel separation measured 100.3 dB at 1 kHz, and 94.1 dB at 20 kHz. A-weighted S/N measured 102.4 dB. THD+N at 1 kHz measured 0.0078 percent at 0 dB and 0.032 percent at -20 dB.

Playback dynamic range measured 90.4 dB. Playback interchannel phase error at 20 kHz measured a mere 0.1 degrees, and playback linearity error was -0.8 dB at -90 dB. Line output for an indicated 0 dB was 6.7 volts.

Using a blank Sony MD-60 disc, I also measured record/playback characteristics, using its analog inputs and outputs. Frequency response was flat to within 0.16 dB, with a 0.15 dB bump at 18 kHz. Channel separation measured 99.1 dB at 1 kHz, and 92.2 dB at 20 kHz. A-weighted S/N measured 91.4 dB. THD+N at 1 kHz measured 0.0080 percent at 0 dB and 0.041 percent at -20 dB. Dynamic range was 87.1 dB. Interchannel phase error at 20 kHz measured 0.7 degrees, and linearity error was a reasonable 1.8 dB at -90 dB. Line input for an indicated 0 dB was 6.8 volts.

These are all very good numbers.

The ATRAC data compression algorithm employs psychoacoustic principles to eliminate audio signals that lie under a human's threshold of hearing sensitivity, as well as normally audible signals that are instantaneously masked by louder signals.

To evaluate the DN-990R's implementation of ATRAC, I made a number of recordings of musical material ranging from U2 to Bartok, as well as a collection of jingles, PSAs and voice-overs, using both analog and digital inputs. In addition, I tried a number of pre-recorded MDs.

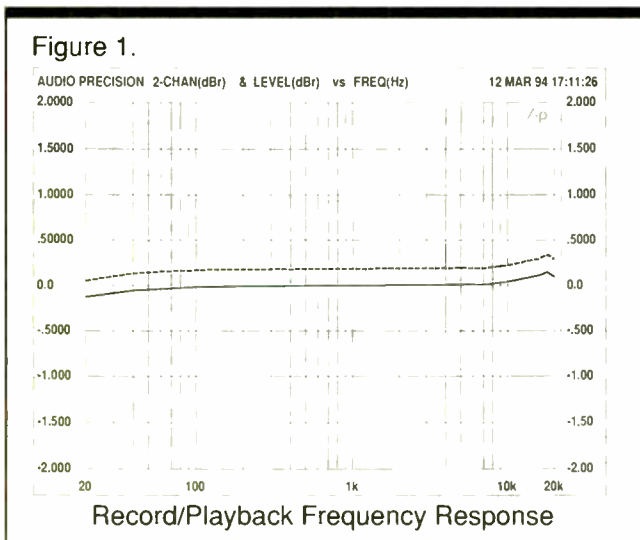
## Listening impression

After careful listening, I decided the DN-990R's sonic performance was completely within the norm of my experience with other MD recorders. Careful, critical listening reveals slight artifacts in the sound that might be described as altered imaging, and changes in high frequency timbre. To put the artifacts in perspective, with carefully controlled audiophile listening conditions, about half the people I test can hear the difference between a CD and an MD recording of it, and the other half cannot. Hence, those who condemn MD as having vastly inferior sound quality are vastly overstating the extent of the coloration it imparts.

Moreover, as my auditions of the DN-990R showed, the artifacts are most noticeable on full frequency and dynamic range music, and, to my ears, not noticeable on voice and simpler music that ends up on carts. Clearly, compared to the sonic quality of analog cart machines, the MD's sound is a major improvement.

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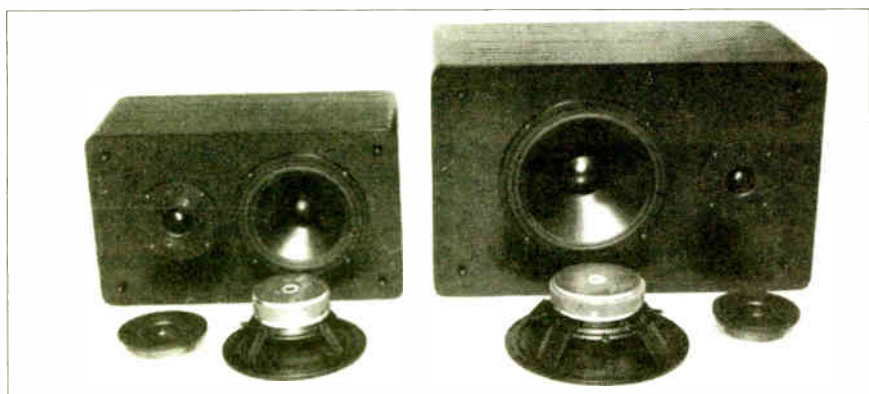
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to -72 dB), back cue to return to last playback starting point, end monitor to search for and monitor a track ending (adjustable from 35 to five seconds), track select either singly or in units of 10, stereo/monaural selection, and end of message function (adjustable from 35 to five seconds), fader start, variable pitch (two percent), end mark, and 20 millisecond fade-in.

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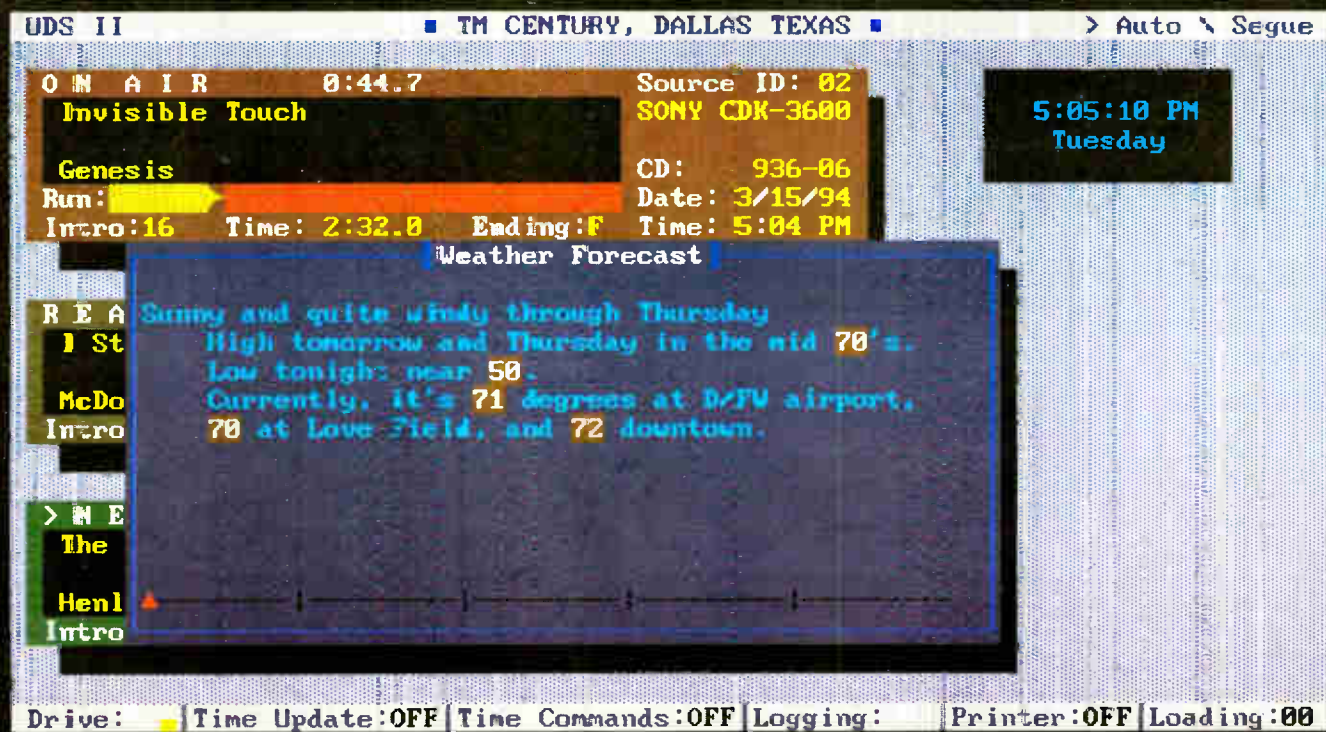
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# 'Easy' Mixes With Alesis Monitor One

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sound.



- **Kiko**, Los Lobos (rock): Kick drum is deep and powerful; guitars have a slightly softened edge, and vocals are full and round.
- **Stravinsky's Firebird Suite**, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (classical): You can hear the very deep bass drum roll at the beginning. It's missing on most smaller speakers. Strings are lush and very smooth. However, they lack air (extreme highs), and the triangle hits are a little softened. Very strong impact on the bass-drum whacks.
- **Time on My Hands**, John Scofield (jazz quartet): Tonally well balanced

from lows to highs. Extreme highs are missing. On other speakers, the cymbals sound crisp and thin; on the Monitor Ones, cymbals sound like they're made of heavier metal.

- **The Road to You**, Pat Metheny Group (world music): Tremendous dynamic impact, yet never harsh or edgy.

- **Blame It On My Youth**, Holly Cole Trio (jazz): Vocal is slightly chesty or midbassy. (This might be due to the wall behind the speakers). The acoustic bass goes extremely low; you can easily hear octave jumps in the bass line. This shows that the speaker has low second harmonic distortion.

In comparison to other recent speak-ers I have re-viewed, the Mon-itor One does

Product Capsule: <b>Alesis Monitor One</b>		
 <b>Thumbs Up</b>	 <b>Thumbs Down</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ smooth, neutral sound</li> <li>✓ deep, tight bass</li> <li>✓ attractive cabinet</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ non-extended highs (see text)</li> </ul>
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very well—especially in the bass. When compared to the Digital Designs DD161b, (reviewed in the Nov. 23 RW), the

Monitor One has somewhat deeper bass, less detail, and gentler highs. However, the DD161b has a retail price of nearly \$750.

## Mixing test

While mixing audio tracks in my home studio, I never felt like I was "fighting" the monitors or compensating for their deficiencies. I simply tried to make the mixes sound exactly like I wanted them to sound.

Mixes made on the Alesis Monitor One translated very well to other speakers, from high-end audiophile systems to cheap boom boxes. The mixes had a solid, chunky quality, with no exaggerated bass, and no funny EQ sounds. This coherency in the sound seemed to hold up no matter what speakers I played the mixes on.

The Monitor Ones have a nice, effortless quality that's easy to live with in long mixing sessions. In this regard, they are like the ubiquitous Electro-Voice Sentry 100s. The easy sound also makes them ideal for all-day monitoring of your station's air signal.

## Measurements

I measured the Alesis Monitor One at one meter with a mic midway between the woofer and tweeter. The frequency response is basically flat, but with a broad 4 dB dip around 3.5 kHz, a rolloff above 12 kHz, and a gradual rolloff below 500 Hz (solid line). This is the anechoic response in "full space." If you place the speakers next to a console, in half space, the bass response would rise about 6 dB. Then

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**Studio mixes made on the Alesis Monitor One translated very well to other speakers, from high-end audiophile systems to cheap boom boxes.**

the response would be flat down to about 100 Hz (dashed line), and usable down to 45 Hz. The rolloff above 12 kHz is partly due to the wide production tolerances in a low-cost system's drivers.

## Summary

Since the Monitor One has no exaggerated areas in its frequency response, it may sound a bit unexciting when you first hear it. But for mixes and monitoring, that characteristic is desired. The longer you live with it, the better you like it. You may have to work a little harder to get a bright, punchy mix with the Monitor One. But when you do, you know that the punch will translate well to other speakers. I rate the Alesis Monitor One a best buy.

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DIGITAL DOMAIN

# Transporting Ads by TMX Network

by Mel Lambert

**LOS ANGELES** The great advantage of radio is that it can offer its advertisers a great deal of flexibility in tailoring sales messages on a regional or national basis. Ad production costs are modest, and new or updated versions of a campaign spot can be produced in just a couple of hours. But having the spot available in a New York- or Chicago-based ad agency is one thing;

that offer affordable transponder bandwidth. But how do you make sure that the spot was recorded at each of the down sites and that it will be of sufficient quality to make the process worthwhile?

And there are one or two new systems now coming to market that utilize ISDN or Switched-56 line to carry material from ad agencies to remote stations. Aside from the additional costs involved—new equipment must be installed at each location, and the cost of dial-up digital services is still far from modest; a 56 or 64 Kbaud bandwidth means that a 60-second stereo commercial might take as much as 20 minutes to transfer. (Data-compression may be one way of reducing the transfer time, notwithstanding concerns about signal degradation and tandem-coding artifacts.)

### The TMX Network

One company that thinks it has come up with a better and more user-friendly type of delivery mouse trap is Media Fax who, in conjunction with Trans-Media, earlier this year unveiled the new TMX Network. TransMedia is an advertising production, recording and

duplication facility based in San Francisco. Media Fax began operation as a service of TransMedia in 1989, and provides radio and TV traffic instructions via fax for most of the nation's major ad agencies.

Described as the nation's first direct broadcast satellite network to deliver commercials via Wegener Communications' DR96 SCPC (single-channel per carrier) receivers, the new TMX system is fully compatible with current Wegener C-band dish and down link receivers. The entire system can be hooked up in a couple of minutes, the firm claims, via a simple splitter.

A serial port on each DR96 receiver connects to a Panasonic SV-3900 pro-DAT, which features a nine-pin controller interface. At the uplink site, a series of control pulses sent via the satellite link will put each of the DAT machines at the targeted stations into record mode. Once the real-time transfer of the commercial spots has been completed, a second series of control pulses places each DAT machine into stop mode.

The master DAT tapes can then be removed from the download machine and used to transfer the material to cart for example, or a hard-disk playback system. For stations that lack a DAT machine, the Panasonic SV-3900, for example, might be used to directly replay the material to its final on-air delivery format. The hardware is supplied by TMX at no cost to the station; install and satellite delivery costs are

covered by the ad agencies supplying the material, the company states.

### Using DAT

The ability to simply piggyback on a station's existing C-band channel means that each down site has a unique, password-protected satellite address that does not interrupt its normal feeds. Accessible via Wegener's Addressable Network Control Systems (ANCS), each receiver and DAT machine can be individually or group addressed from TMX's uplink site in San Francisco. Proprietary software is used to control the individually addressable receivers and DAT systems.

According to Media Fax, the TMX Network is intended to make life easier for advertisers, their agencies and therefore radio stations. "The network gives advertisers the ability to deliver spots immediately to any one or all of the stations on their buy," said Media Fax managing partner Doug McVickar.

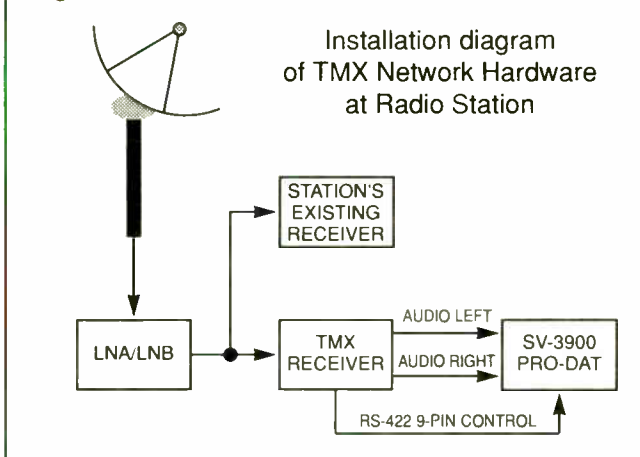
Simultaneously, TMX also sends via fax the relevant traffic instructions and notification that a particular commercial is about to be delivered.

The new TMX system has been undergoing initial evaluation trials in the San Francisco area for the past several months. Eventually the firm hopes to equip as many as 3,000 stations with down links and serial-controllable DAT machines.

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Figure 1.



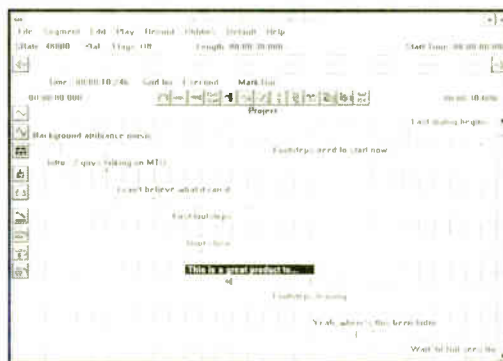
delivering it to a couple of hundred stations in time for a morning media blitz is another.

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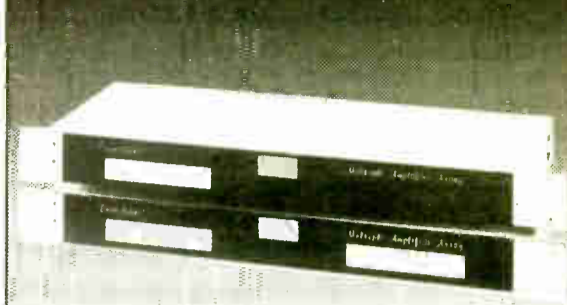
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PRODUCT EVALUATION

## Tannoy Near-Field Monitors Score Well in Test

by Bruce Bartlett  
with Jenny Bartlett

**ELKHART, Ind.** If you need an accurate, detailed monitor that plays loud, without being too big, consider the PBM 6.5 II from Tannoy, a British firm that's made audio products since 1926.

Product Capsule: <b>Tannoy PBM 6.5 II</b>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Very good tonal balance; uncolored, not boomy</li> <li>✓ High sensitivity and great dynamics</li> <li>✓ Clear and transparent</li> <li>✓ Stereo image is well focused</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Weak deep bass, which is normal for small speakers</li> <li>✓ Not signal-aligned, but this saves cost</li> </ul>
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In size, the PBM 6.5 II is halfway between a mini monitor and a bookshelf speaker. Each unit is just over a foot high, 8.5 inches wide and deep, and weighs about 12 pounds. List price is \$450 per pair.

### Coaxial drivers

Although most Tannoy monitors use coaxial drivers for sharpest imaging, the 6.5 II uses two separate drivers to cut costs. The woofer has a 6.5-inch cone of stiff, light plastic that reduces distortion and smooths the response. A long-lasting rubber surround suspends the cone.

To aid power handling, the 0.75-inch plastic-dome tweeter is ferrofluid cooled. It is flush mounted to prevent cabinet reflections that can degrade the response. The crossover uses audiophile-grade capacitors, and is securely mounted to prevent microphonics. Magnetic shielding is available for an extra \$75.

I was impressed by the speaker's clean construction. The grille is made of stretched black fabric over a wooden frame. Finished in pewter gray vinyl, the high-density wood cabinet walls seem reasonably inert when you knock on them. On the back of the cabinet is the port, as well as two gold-plated binding posts, all of which makes for very easy access.

As for published specs, Tannoy rates the sensitivity as 90 dB/W/m, which is high for a monitor this size. The 6.5 II can play very loud when driven with a modest amplifier. Recommended power is a hefty 100 W peak. Frequency response is rated at 54 Hz to 18 kHz  $\pm 3$  dB—quite good—and impedance is 8 ohms.

### Listening tests

I set up the speakers just behind a mixer, 4 feet apart and 4 feet from me, and aimed them straight ahead. Then I listened to a variety of CDs and master tapes. Below are impressions of four representative CDs. These opinions reflect my own tastes, and are not an endorsement or critique by **RW**.

Listening to Donald Fagen's *Kamakiriad* (Reprise, 9 45230-2), I hear

a neutral character, an even tonal balance, but with slightly emphasized highs. Excellent clarity and detail. Bass is not muddy or tubby. The Tannoys get quite a bit louder than the Audix MM-15s (see **RW**, April 20), and have a slightly more forward upper midrange—better presence. Cymbals sound crisp and clean.

Moving to a rock album, *Reckless* by Bryan Adams (A&M, CD 5013), the sound is clear but not harsh. Deep bass is weak, but these are small speakers. Powerful percussive impact; these Tannoys really kick!

Shifting gears to a classical selection, the beginning of Stravinsky's *The Firebird* (Telarc, CD-80039) includes a very deep bass-drum roll that is only hinted at. To hear the deep bass in your mixes, you might want to augment the 6.5 IIs with a subwoofer or some good headphones. String tone is velvety but not veiled. In fact, it's just a bit forward or harsh. Flute is a little too breathy. The sound is so clear and detailed, you can hear individual timpani hits in a roll. Very impressive dynamic range and overall realism.

Finally, the Tannoys make the Holly Cole Trio's *Blame It On My Youth* (Manhattan, CDP7 97349 2) sound transparent and present—an open sound. Deep lows are missing. Holly's vocal has an accurate timbre—not too warm, not too thin.



Tannoy PBM 6.5 II

### Measurements

Using a Techron TEF-20 sound analyzer, I measured the anechoic frequency response of the 6.5 II. The mic was 1 meter away and 20 degrees off-axis, where the response was flattest. The response is 85 Hz to 20 kHz  $\pm 3$  dB. It's basically flat, which is highly desirable. But there is a 2.5 dB dip around 4 kHz and a 3 dB rise around 13 kHz. Bass is strong to about 85 Hz, and is down about 13 dB at 60 Hz.

This is the response in full space; the bass would be stronger if the loudspeaker were next to a surface such as a mixing console. The high-frequency response varies only a little on- and off-axis, so you can sit anywhere and hear crisp sound. According to the measured Energy Time Curve, transient response is good but not outstanding, as the woofer signal is delayed about 0.1 millisecond after the tweeter signal.

The stereo images of the Tannoys are well focused. The speakers have a wide

sweet spot—a large area of good reproduction. What's more, they are rugged, fairly compact and convenient to connect.

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## USER REPORT

# ATI NanoAmp Mixers Ease Remotes

by Tom MacDonald  
Remote Engineer/News Reporter  
WWDB(FM)

**PHILADELPHIA** When buying a new piece of equipment, you have to make an important decision—is this for the rack or the road? With the new **Audio Technologies Inc. (ATI) NanoAmp** series, no decision is necessary, it can be for both.

Recently, I received a seven-input configuration of the NanoAmp, MX-100/XP-100 fresh from the factory. This unit will be used for some of the remotes that are part of everyday life at WWDB(FM). As an FM news/talk station, sound is an important consideration, and the NanoAmp has no problems in that department, with 0.1 percent maximum distortion, 20 Hz to 20 kHz at +20 dBm.

### Fits in briefcase

Another consideration is size. We go just about everywhere the news is, and I need to keep my remote gear small enough to fit into a briefcase. The MX-100 is perfect because it is only 1.75 inches high by 5.6 inches wide by 5.75 inches deep, and has its own optional desk stand or rackmount, depending upon your application.

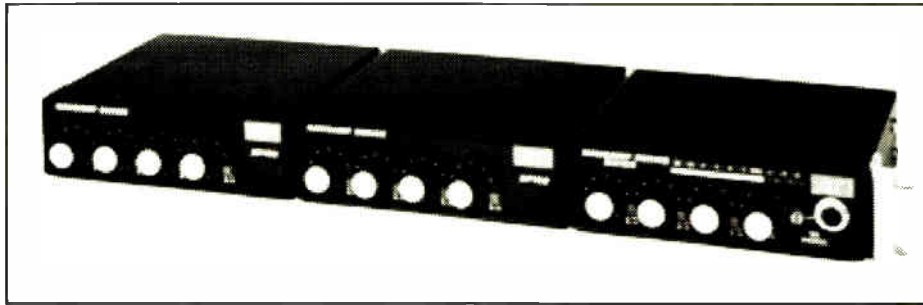
One problem with small mixers I have used in the past has been a lack of inputs. Not the MX-100. With its modular construction, you can have three inputs with the base unit, or add modules and put up to 11 inputs in a one-rack space mount, with up to 23 inputs available with no noise problems. This is a setup that handles even the biggest of PA jobs without a problem.

The price of the MX-100 is also an advantage. This mixer is cheaper than something twice its size for the number of inputs.

Although it is compact in size, the NanoAmp acts like a big mixer. Instead of a microscopic VU meter, the unit uses an LED bar graph that is easily visible from across the room. The knobs are large and move freely. The unit also comes with different color knob inserts,

which I found particularly useful, because I use different color mic cables. Each insert is matched to the cables, allowing for easy recognition of what input matches each mic.

The inputs are front panel mic/line switchable, with a pushbutton switch that allows a change from mic to line input in seconds. That's more important to me when it comes to changing from a mic to a cassette on the road for interview playback.



ATI's NanoAmp Series

The manual is easy to read, in fact, ATI should market the book as a comedy guide for engineers, it's a laugh a minute.

I first used the MX-100 at a fixed remote where space was a real consideration and the other mixer simply took up

too much space in a doctor's office. The MX-100 was great, it took up about one-tenth of the space of the former mixer, and its 24 V phantom power worked flawlessly. Yes, the MX-100 includes phantom power, available by moving an internal jumper.

### On the road

The "fixed remote" test is an easy one to pass for many mixers, but the "road"

remote test usually reveals its shortcomings. Throughout my years in this business, I have traveled to Israel, the White House and Disney World, among other places, and without fail, upon my return, I find the baggage handlers have managed to shake

something loose from the PC board.

But packing the MX-100 for a road trip to Disney World was a breeze. It survived the trip to and from Orlando, Fla., without even a scratch, although my luggage did not. The anvil case I use as checked baggage was covered with dents and scratches, but the MX-100 was perfect. This is one rugged package.

I also use the MX-100 for field news gathering. More and more the radio news field requires perfect mixes of ambient noise and soundbytes in the field. During the recent bad weather that left people slipping and sliding in the northeast, the MX-100 worked like a charm. I used the versatility of the mic/line inputs to put two cassette machines and my own voice together in a piece for ABC Radio that was quite well received.

The MX-100 is not the perfect mixer, but it comes close. It would be nice to have a switchable output, but size limitations allow only for line out. And it does not have a tone generator, but an outboard generator fits in a pocket.

All in all, this is probably one of the most rugged, dependable and versatile mixers I have used in a long time. It will be part of my remote bag, and a few racks, for a long time to come.

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## USER REPORT

# AKG Mics Record for Radio

by John Moran  
Digital Services Recording Studios

**HOUSTON** I was somewhat surprised when RW asked me to review the AKG C391B, part of AKG's Blue Line series of microphones. I consider this microphone more of a music recording microphone rather than one for broadcast applications. However, after a quick review of my experiences with 391s, I realized I used the 391 on a lot of productions that were specifically for radio.

A pair of the C391B cardioid and companion pair of C390B omni microphones were acquired by Digital Services for recording Houston Grand Opera performances for local broadcast. Mandatory in a

live opera performance with a viewing audience is a low visual presence and minimal impact on complex lighting changes. Also, the need to occasionally work in darkened halls during audio setup required simplicity and reliability of the hardware under low light. It goes without saying that audio quality had to be of the highest order.

### Modular system

The 391s are a modular mic system with the basic preamp body and an assortment of mic capsules including cardioid, omni, hypercardioid patterns and a shotgun capsule. These mics have three distinguishing physical characteristics:

- The capsules have the same metal as the mic body, extruded around the nor-

mal metal screen over the capsule, providing an extremely well-protected capsule arrangement. It is possibly the toughest I have seen in any small diaphragm mic.

- There is a pattern of slots on the side of each capsule that indicate by number of slots the pattern of the capsule, i.e., 1 slot for omni, 2 for cardioid, in addition to a screen visual sign on the capsule.

- The capsules attach to the mic bodies by a plug-in bayonet connector made of heavy metal in a tongue-in-groove arrangement that cannot crossthread and locks in one turn with an audible and physical click.

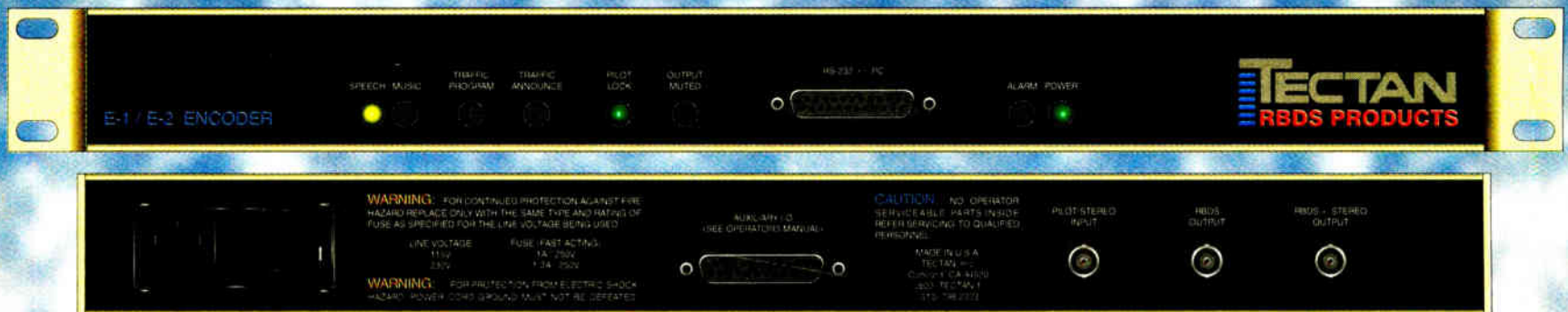
Working in darkened halls, physically identifiable parts that snap together simply and reliably—as well as survive the rigors of live production—is a good thing. The 391s use an active capsule, transformerless design, which gives them

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# AKG Mics Record Texas Symphony for Broadcast

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many options in configuration hardware with more to come as AKG leans more heavily on this line with the demise of the venerable 451 series.

For my needs, the very thin extension hanging cables and hardware were an absolute necessity over conventional microphone cables because of the visibility of different cable diameters. The Houston Grand Opera was very critical. The AKG stereo bar for the 391s seemed flimsy and not stable enough for our applications.

Our array was hung with the center pair of capsules on an ORTF bar we built using the AKG hanging clips and some minor machine work, and one omni capsule on either side of the center pair, with the mic bodies and XLR-3 cable connectors elevated out of the audience's line of sight, making the mics unnoticeable from the house. There are slightly smaller capsules from other manufacturers, but they did not offer the assembly simplicity and armor of the 391s.

## Sonics

Sonically, the 391s sound like AKGs tend to sound: clean, bright and present, with a taut bass. Given that our program was intended for broadcast, and because the material was orchestra with operatic vocals, the presence lift of the 391s was useful, particularly with the varying stage distances when actors moved.

The balance with the 391s on the orchestra was very clean, with no brittleness in the strings and good warmth on the brass. Percussive response was tight and the hall presence on the omnis was well-defined and coherent. Imaging was very accurate off the ORTF pair, with smooth, balanced motion of actors' stage movements across the stereo spectrum, and, on good monitors even some vertical imaging.

High compliments came from several orchestra members after hearing the broadcasts, so the 391s really did their job well.

In the studio, another engineer here, Roger Tausz, used the 391 cardioid pair in an XY arrangement to record a five-part vocal background part. The overriding comment from Roger was, again, the remarkable imaging he felt he received in the stereo configuration. This is interesting, given that AKG does not specifically make a matched stereo pair set of the 391s.

Everyone was quite happy with the vocal tone. The standard use of these mics for drum overheads and high hat is quite

acceptable, and Roger also reports a very good result on solo acoustic guitar. The only failure experienced was one of the hanging cables lost continu-

ity and was replaced. The microphones performed flawlessly electrically and mechanically. One of my favorite studio tricks now is to take the 391

apart and put it together behind my back with my eyes closed. It never fails to get someone's attention in a hurry, and then they want to hear it.

My only regret is that I have not been able to try out the shotgun capsule. However, summer is coming, which means a new remote recording season and new excuses for trying out gear.

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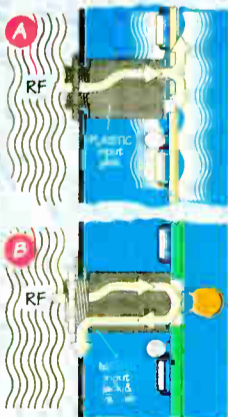
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**Not shown:** Inserts on Chs. 1 thru 8, main left/right bus inserts, phantom power switch, balanced/unbalanced main stereo outputs and separate mono output. XLR10 Mic Preamp Expander connects to the CR-1604 pod to provide 10 more preamps complete with trims and phantom power.

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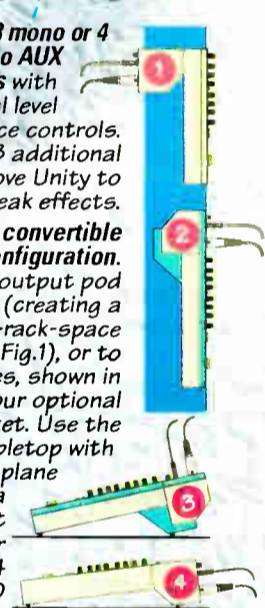
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USER REPORT

# Yamaha Monitors Give Accurate Sound

by Fred Guarino  
Tiki Recording Studios  
Owner/Engineer

**GLEN COVE, N.Y.** As in any trade, there is one tool that is vital to the successful outcome of the end product. In the recording studio, it is the playback monitors. As engineers, we rely on and trust them to give us a clear picture of what really is going to tape.

The Yamaha NS-10M Studio monitors have become a standard in the recording industry for near-field monitoring. NS-10Ms are mounted on top of consoles around the world. At Tiki Recording Studios, we have used NS-10M Studio monitors in all three studios for years. These monitors are not new to the recording community; however, an introduction for the broadcast industry might be in order.

**Important features**

Instead of displaying frequency response charts in an anechoic chamber, I would rather present the features in an "ears on" manner from the control room. The important features are: compact size, near-field design, consistency, flat response, big sound, accurate imaging, ease of service and, most importantly, mix results.

By recording and mixing with NS-10M Studio monitors, we have found that our mixes sound good out in the real world on all types of consumer playback systems. This is a difficult task for any monitor. To make an analogy, if a camera lens is out of focus, so is the picture. The same holds true for studio monitors. We must make sound judgments through true, in-focus monitors and the NS-10M Studios translate well to the outside world.

The NS-10M Studios are compact: 15 inches high by 8.5 inches wide by 7.875 inches deep. They were designed for near-field monitoring. The benefit of this type of monitoring is that room acoustics do not play a major role in the sound. This is a plus for broadcast situations in a room that is not perfectly symmetrical, non-parallel or non-trapped.

Many engineers feel comfortable with near-field monitoring and especially with NS-10M Studios because they are so consistent and familiar when traveling from studio to studio. I constantly see outside engineers try out the large main soffit mount monitors during a session. They leave them on for about five minutes, then switch back to the familiar NS-10M Studios. The engineer can then concentrate on the program material without worrying about the monitor itself.

You can compare the published specifications of other monitors. They may claim to be flat and have tight imaging. But when sound tests are performed, chances are you will find otherwise. When listening to the NS-10M Studios, many engineers agree that the sound is tight and punchy. The frequency response is flat from 60 Hz to 20 kHz. There is no boominess in the lows, no artificially colored highs. Instead, the highs are sparkling and true, not to mention the transient response, which is also excellent.

The 7-inch woofer has good dampening, especially after long kicking excursions. The 1.375-inch dome tweeter projects a huge midrange as well as the crystalline highs. The overall sound seems to jump way out beyond the cabinets.

**Big sound**

Quite often Tiki clients think we are listening to our large monitors when the NS-10s are actually on. It's a great trick to play. The big sound is due in part to the non-ported, acoustic suspension cabinet design. Yamaha engineers were able to successfully optimize the cabinet tuning to the speaker components.

I prefer the two-way speaker design of the NS-10M Studio. There is less to confuse the ears with. In three- or four-way monitors, design and construction are critical in order to keep imaging and timing acceptable. When the listener does not hear all components and their associated frequencies at the same time, the result is time smear. The imaging on the NS-10M Studios is extremely accurate. Center images are tight dead center at all frequencies. Off-axis listening is also very good.

The NS-10M Studios are not shotgun speakers. If a listener is off to one side of the pair, a good sense of stereo can still be heard. Our Trident TSM consoles are 12 feet long, which makes it impossible for everyone to be positioned ringside.

**Plenty of power**

The NS-10M Studios handle plenty of power. It seems that many people use huge amplifiers to feed them, but that is not absolutely necessary. A good quality 75 to 100 W per side amp into 8 ohms should be fine. However, I recommend going to a local electronics supply shop and getting a pair of in-line fuse holders with 1.5 amp fuses. It's better to be safe than sorry.

But beware of the late night engineer who accidentally blows a fuse and cannot find any 1.5 amp replacements and puts a three amp fuse in instead. This is

like leaving a time bomb for the morning guys. It's happened at Tiki Recording Studios before.

Servicing these monitors is simple. I just wish that Yamaha would build them with built-in fuses.

Engineer Mark Gaide has been mixing on the NS-10M Studios at Tiki Recording Studios for the past 11 years and he still trusts them. Every now and then he checks out another pair of monitors, but he always returns to Yamaha.

Another Tiki engineer, Lloyd Kozel, has had retail experience selling various monitors. As he puts it, "Customers

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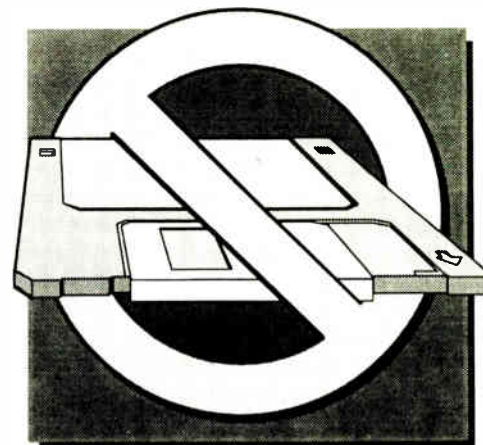
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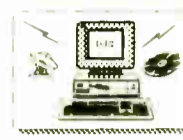
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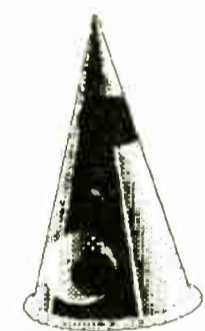
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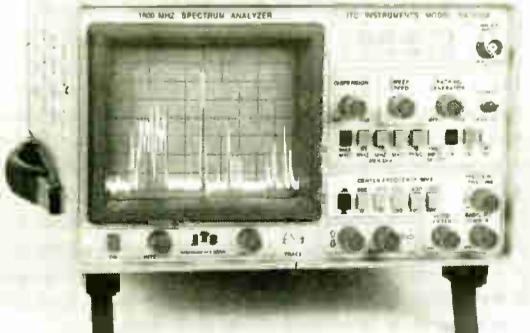
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## USER REPORT

# Broadcast Tools Eases Communications

by Dwight Small  
Chief Engineer  
KNDD(FM)

**SEATTLE** A few years ago, KNDD(FM) ran an AC format featuring a four-person morning show. The show originated out of two studios, with news coming from a third. An efficient means of communicating between the studios quickly became a necessity.

Fortunately, the Broadcast Tools SMI-5 studio intercom system had just been introduced. After reviewing several different intercom systems, I decided the SMI-5 appeared to be the most cost effective and flexible system.

## Headphone control

The unit itself provides intercom, monitor interface and headphone control. The air talent appreciates the last feature because it provides separate bass and treble controls for the host headphones. The intercom portion has four buttons with LED tally to call the other stations in the system. There are a total of five dedicated stations. There is an All Call function if all stations need to be paged.

**The connections to the consoles and monitors were fairly easy and done through 1/4-inch TRS jacks.**

When a station is called, the monitor audio dims and the intercom audio is routed to the called studio's monitor speakers. Dim level is adjustable via a front panel control. If the monitors are muted, the intercom is routed to the host headphones. In this case the program audio is fed to one ear and the intercom audio to the other. For a jock that finds this distracting, a Privacy control located on the front panel cancels this function. An LED indicates the privacy function is active. The separate guest headphone feed with independent level control does not have the intercom function.

The monitor portion of the unit provides a master level control plus a mono sum function. The mono sum feature is especially useful in checking phase. Also, there is a control that activates the dim function so that the dimmed monitor and headphone levels can be set.

The SMI-5 provides a mic-or-line input to facilitate the talk-back function. In our system, we used an external line output from the talent's mic to feed into the system. It made the operation easier for the jocks and provided better quality audio.

## Wiring

The wiring for this system is straightforward and is done with standard 25-pair telephone cable. The back of the SMI-5 has a standard 25-pair amp connector for the station cable. All of our intercom cables terminate in the engineering frame area on telephone punch blocks, with a block dedicated for each studio. Broadcast Tools provides an interface to facilitate the interconnection of each SMI-5, but we

elected to use punch blocks.

The intercom is like wiring a 1A2 telephone system with the units being cross-connected in this area. You can have more than five units and set the system up so that all units do not appear in all studios. In our case, the studios, news booth and engineering shop are connected. We plan on using the shop intercom to feed our remote IFB. This will allow each studio to communicate with the talent at a remote.

The connections to the consoles and monitors were fairly easy and done through 1/4-inch TRS jacks on the rear of the SMI-5.

In all of our studios, the monitor amplifiers are external to the console and interruption of the feed to insert the SMI-5 was easy. Our Pacific Recorders BMX provided a post monitor input selector feed for both the monitor and headphones.

In our Autogram consoles, we took the monitor feed from the monitor amp socket in the console. This is after the input select switch and volume control, so those console functions remain intact.

For headphones, we interrupted the headphone feed after the input select switch and returned the output of the SMI-5 to the headphone amplifiers to

provide intercom directly to the headphone jacks on the console. For remote control, there is a DB-25 connector on the unit's rear panel that brings out tally and control functions.

Reliability is always a concern in broadcast facilities. Our units have been in service for more than three years with no major failures and almost no maintenance problems. I can recall only one switch and a headphone jack that had to be replaced in that time. Our old AC format has been long since replaced by modern rock, but the Broadcast Tools SMI-5s still serve us well.

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The ENG-12 transmitter utilizes state of the art frequency synthesis, and is available with up to 160 switchable UHF channels, assuring a clear operating channel in any location. The ENG-12 utilizes Nady's quiet RF link—up to 20 dB quieter

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The ENG-12 provides a minimum 200-foot range in adverse conditions and up to 1,500 feet, line of sight.

For information, contact Howard Zimmerman in California at 510-652-2411; fax: 510-652-5075; or circle Reader Service 207.

## GENELEC

### Genelec 1030A Powered Monitors Well Suited To Broadcast Needs

**IISALMI, Finland** The Genelec 1030A is a fully powered monitor system, ideally suited for project studios, broadcast control rooms and smaller post production suites. It uses Genelec's DCW technology in conjunction with some of the finest driver technology available.

The woofer is a high-efficiency, 6.5-inch (170 mm) polymer composite cone, mounted into a 6.5 liter enclosure, measuring a mere 12 inches by 8 inches by 10 inches. The high frequencies are handled by a 0.75-inch (19 mm) metal dome tweeter.

The enclosure is constructed of a vinyl-sprayed MDF, and utilizes an unusually thick front baffle, resulting in a rigid, inert cabinet minimizing tonal coloration in the mid-band. The amplifier chassis is mounted into the rear of the enclosure on quick-release hinges, isolating the electronics from vibration.



While the Genelec 1030A is a compact unit, its performance belies its diminutive proportions. The low frequency driver produces clean tight bass down to 52 Hz (-3 dB), while the design of the HF driver ensures operation in the pure piston mode up to 25 kHz, well beyond the range of audibility.

Uniform dispersion control, precise imaging, low diffraction, optimum driver sensitivity and lower distortion are achieved with DCW technology. A pair of 1030As can produce peak sound pressure levels in excess of 115 dB at 1 meter from the engineer.

The 1030A also features controls for HF and LF sections, bass tilt control and active driver protection.

For information, contact Barry Fox at QMI in Massachusetts at 508-435-4243; fax: 508-435-3666; or circle Reader Service 12.

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The CM-311/E version is the head-worn mic alone, ready for use with a 9-V wireless belt transmitter.

For information, contact Crown Audio in Indiana at 219-294-8000; fax: 219-294-8329; or circle Reader Service 62.

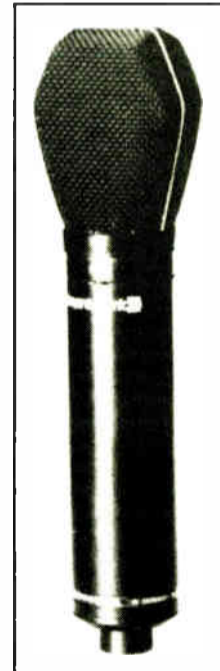
## BEYERDYNAMIC

### Transformerless Condenser Microphone Designed by beyerdynamics for Broadcasters

**FARMINGDALE, N.Y.** In 1986 beyerdynamic introduced the MC 740 large diaphragm studio condenser microphone, the flagship of beyerdynamic's Studiogroup condenser series. Many engineers who evaluated the MC 740 loved its ability to capture accurately any source, be it speech, vocal or musical instrument.

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The mic also features a multiposition attenuation switch that can be used when mixing very high SPL sources, for example screaming DJs. A 10 dB pad is also accessible with a flick of a recessed switch built into the mic's barrel.

An internal blast filter reduces P-popping in closeup voice work. Optional accessories include an external windscreen, a popscreen and an external shockmount to further reduce undesirable windnoise or boom stand-generated vibration.

For information, contact Mike Soloman in New York state at 516-293-3200; fax: 516-293-3288; or circle Reader Service 37.

## NEUMANN

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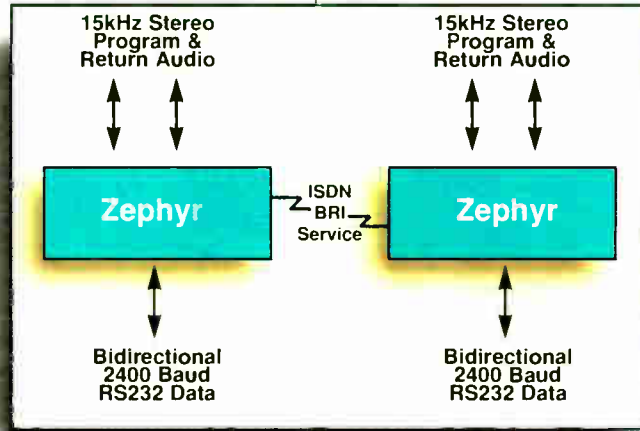
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N/DYM magnets (neodymium iron boron) are far more powerful than traditional Alnico magnets. They increase the microphone's sensitivity 4 dB to a "hot" -51 dB. A refined resonator subtly improves high-frequency response with

retaining the original's classic sound.

EV is not discontinuing the 635A; instead the 635N/D joins the product line, providing ENG/EPF crews with another tool. Like the 635A, the 635N/D is available in the original fawn beige color as well as camera black.

The 635N/D offers several features that help assure the mic's durability. An acoustalloy diaphragm provides protection against the negative effects of salt air and severe mechanical shocks.

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The 635N/D comes with the EV 311 stand adaptor, as well as 15 feet of two-conductor shielded broadcast-type cable with a three-pin XLR-type connector on the mic end.

For information, contact Jim Long in Michigan at 616-695-6831; fax: 616-695-1304; or circle Reader Service 31.



## WOHLER

### Rack-Mount Audio Monitor From Wohler Technology Assures Quality of Surround Sound Broadcasts

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For information, contact Shure in Illinois at 708-866-2200; fax: 708-866-2279; or circle Reader Service 160.

## RAMSA

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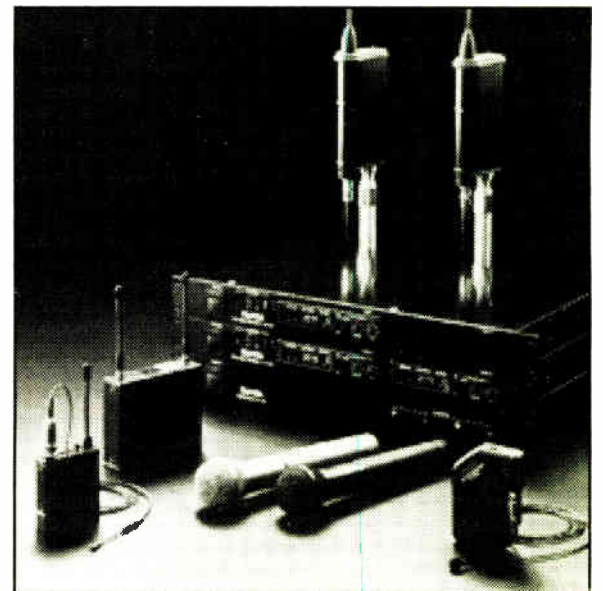
The 49 pre-programmed channels in the receiver and transmitter are ideal for maximum simultaneous multichannel operation. The system uses a phased lock loop (PLL) synthesizer system to monitor and adjust the carrier frequency, assuring that it remains within exacting tolerances.

The dynamic range of signals from the microphone is compressed by a 2:1 ratio before transmission. The signal is expanded by the receiver at a 1:2 ratio, returning all of the original dynamics. Transmitting compressed signals enhances reception stability, diminishes interference and expands the effective broadcast area.

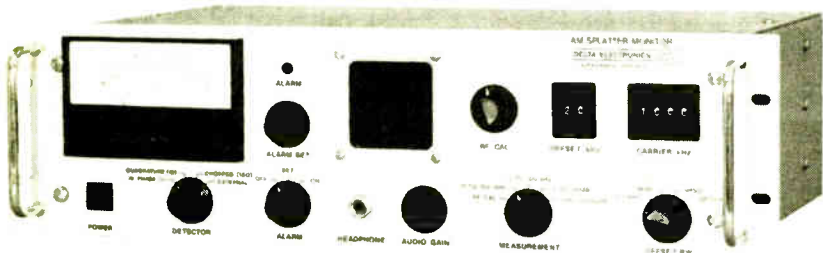
The Ramsa wireless microphone system consists of the WX-RP110 and WX-RP158

hand-held wireless mics; WX-RP300 lavalier belt pack type transmitter; WX-RP810 true diversity single receiver (with an optional WX-RP800 wireless tuner unit); WX-RP820 UHF band true diversity receiver; WX-RP921 UHF band booster antenna (with wall mount bracket); and the SX-RP900 distributor.

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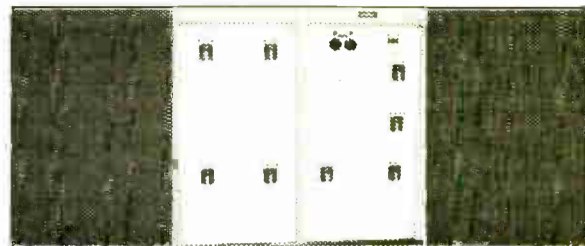
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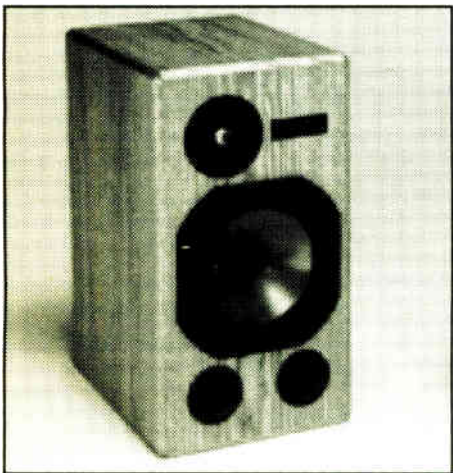
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The "c" series and DD181 come with self-resetting solid state fuses to protect the tweeter and have beautiful hand-rubbed oak veneer cabinets. Switches on the crossover allow woofer and tweeter customization. All cabinets in the monitor line have dual ports and come with port plugs to customize bass response.

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It is available in both 70- and 100-V transformer versions with a choice of 10 W or 50 W maximum taps. The transformer models include six screw-driver adjustable taps, from 0.31 to 10 W, or 3.5 to 50 W as well as an "off" position. Push terminals serve as the input connection on all models.

The cabinet is constructed of rugged

black ABS, and features a cloth-covered Noryl grille. The Chameleon HF is also available in white or easily-painted primer gray finish, with custom colors available upon request. Other



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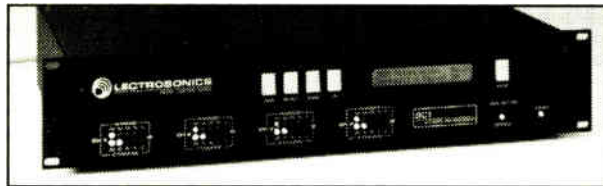
**RIO RANCHO, N.M.** The micro-processor-controlled DC1 from Lectrosonics adds automatic mixer functions to any existing mixing console to reduce background noise and comb filtering caused by multiple open mics. An adaptive proportional gain algorithm allocates gain to the most active microphones and attenuates inactive microphones seamlessly, without hard switching.

Using the DC1 to follow microphone activity, the console operator is free to make adjustments other than simply chasing microphones. The level at each mic channel can be set at the beginning of the production, but the channel will be attenuated until there is activity at the microphone. The algorithm keeps track of which microphone has been on the loudest and longest and skews "priority" toward the most active microphone, keeping non-speech sounds at inactive

microphones from interfering.

The DC1 operates at unity gain, adding no noise or distortion to the console, to provide transparent operation. The operating parameters are programmable to accommodate different applications, user preferences and program material.

Three memory presets permit instant



switching among operating parameters. A "soft" bypass is available from the front panel. When the unit is powered down, relays at each input provide a "hard" bypass.

The DC1 is covered by a one year limited warranty.

For information contact Bruce Jones in New Mexico at 800-821-1121; fax: 505-892-4501; or circle Reader Service 111.

## VEGA

## VegaNet Wireless System Expands Capabilities Of Wireless Microphones

**EL MONTE, Calif.** VegaNet equipment from Vega brings wireless microphone technology into the world of networking, graphical user interfaces and multimedia. Vega has adapted Lone Wolf's MediaLink networking technology to provide real time control and monitoring capabilities for wireless systems on an open architecture network.

The new system consists of at least one network enabled UHF receiver—the Vega R-662B—and a modular network interface equipment. When connected to the MediaLink network, it provides complete computer-based wireless monitoring and control capabilities for wireless applications of any size.

Vega's network interface hardware includes the model NE-8 mounting frame accommodating up to eight model NE-2 interface modules. The frame also includes an integral wide range 120/240 V power supply.

Each NE-2 module can interface two receivers, allowing as few as two and as many as 16 network-connected receivers per frame. Interchangeable Lone Wolf network I/O daughter cards are supported, allowing connection to several different network mediums, currently including glass fiber, plastic fiber and RS-232 cable.

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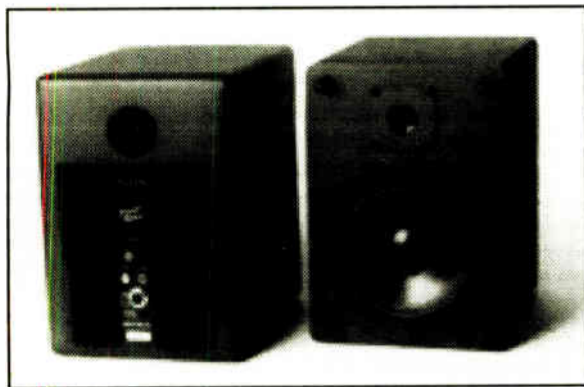
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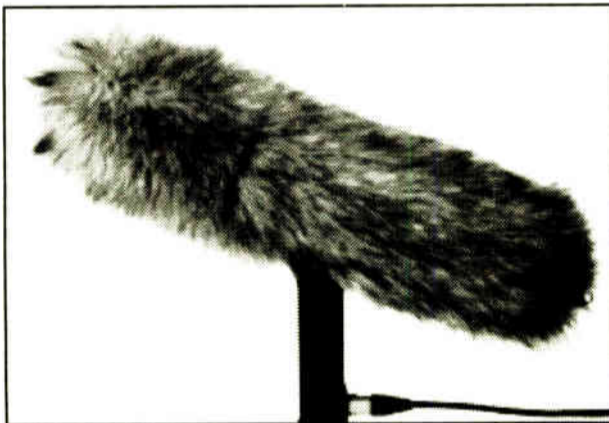
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**SANKEN**

**Sanken CSS-5 Shotgun Microphone Loads Substantial Features into Small Package**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif.** The Sanken CSS-5 is a small, lightweight shotgun microphone with switchable mono/stereo functions. It was developed in conjunction with NHK (Japan National Radio) to record audio with precision directionality plus providing the option of capturing realistic stereophonic localization.

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For information, contact Jim Schaller in California at 213-845-1155; fax: 213-845-1170; or circle Reader Service 183.

**AIR CORP**

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**IRVING, Texas** The AIR Corp Model 500 ph Pro-Announcer microphone processor controls voice levels absolutely.

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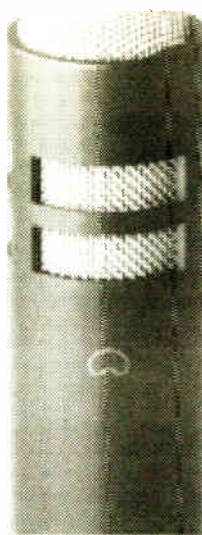
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For information contact Jerry Graham at G Prime Ltd. in New York at 212-765-3415; fax: 212-581-8938; or circle Reader Service 68.



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For information, contact Mike Goddard in California at 510-527-6666; fax: 510-527-6699; or circle Reader Service 83.

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**Model 6000 Near-Field Monitors From KRK**

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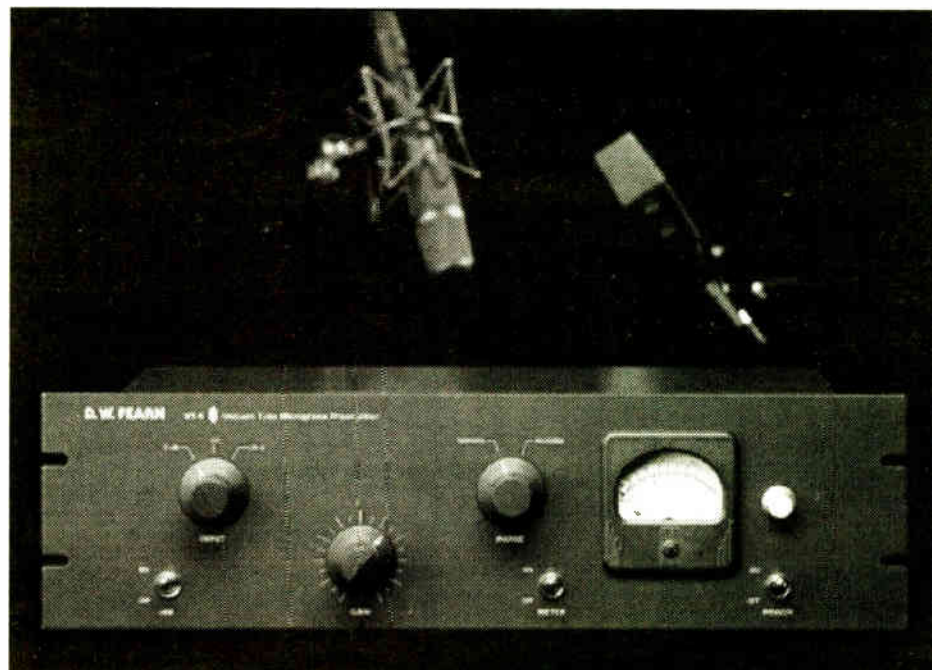
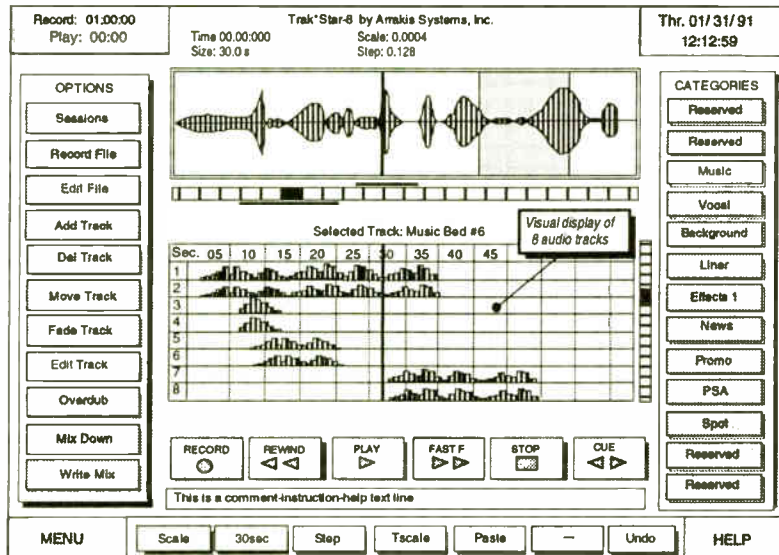
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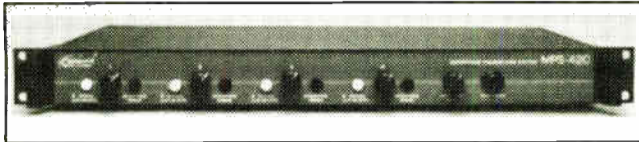
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**BENCHMARK**

**Benchmark Media Systems MP-4 Family of Microphone Pre-Amps Are in Wide Use**

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**People, Promotions and Appointments**

StandardNews appointed Mike Anthony director of news services for the company's full-service radio network and its full-service wire, ZapNews Wire.

LBA appointed Winfield Donat president. He is responsible of the day-to-day and long-term operations of the telecommunications consulting firm.

Wohler Technologies named Carl Dempsey as sales manager. He has primary responsibility for all sales through the company's dealer network in the U.S.

Former RW Editor Alex Zavistovich has formed Positive Spin Communications, a media relations and advertising consultancy, to provide a variety of creative services to broadcast-related businesses. For information contact Positive Spin Communications in Washington, D.C., at 202-544-6855.

Manhattan Production Music has moved. The new address is 355 West 52nd Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10019; phone: 212-333-5766; fax: 212-262-0814. The 1-800 number remains the same, 800-227-1954.

QMI was appointed the exclusive US distributor of the British-designed SoundField microphones.

beyerdynamic USA assumed distribution of Sound Performance Laboratory's (SPL) equalization processors.

Colfax Communications developed a field marketing department to serve its three Washington, D.C., radio stations: WBIG-FM, WGMS-FM and WTEM (AM).

McCurdy Radio Industries and Philip Drake Electronics have produced the formation of a committee to formulate a protocol for the interconnection of intelligent intercom communications systems.

Interested manufacturers or end users should contact Michael Guthrie in New Jersey at 201-891-5111.

CyberExpo '94, a biennial show intended for audio/visual dealers and contractors will be held September 21-22 in Strongsville, Ohio, just outside of Cleveland. It is sponsored by three Ohio-based manufacturers, and will feature exhibits by more than 40 leading manufacturers.

For information about CyberExpo '94, contact Bob Martin in Ohio at 216-238-1777.

**AURATONE**

**Two-Way Recording Monitor from Auratone Systems Appropriate for Many Applications**

**CORONADO, Calif.** The T66 compact two-way recording monitor from Auratone is a neutral close field console reference speaker, radio/television broadcast production monitor. It is an ideal sound distribution speaker due to little change in response over a 45-degree angle off-axis below 10 kHz.

The T66 uses two 6.5-inch woofers and a 1.25-inch dome tweeter.

Nominal impedance of the T66 is 8 ohms and nominal power is 100 W. Sensitivity is 90 dB and frequency response is 50 Hz to 18 kHz, ±2.5 dB. Crossover is 2.2 kHz.

It measures 12-inches high by 18-inches wide by 12.5-inches deep.

For information, contact Auratone Corp. in California at 619-297-2820; fax: 619-296-8734; or circle Reader Service 6.

**SPEAKERKITS**

**Studio Monitor Series from Speakerkits Provide Good Sound Reproduction**

**FLORAL PARK, N.Y.** The CD Loudspeakers studio monitor series from Speakerkits feature a new improved silk dome tweeter in both models 6.2 and 8.2. This 26-mm high frequency driver is capable of high power handling and extremely flat response from 2,500 to 30,000 Hz.

It features low damping ferrofluid, a linear response front plate, a damped cavity in the pole piece and a filed replaceable voice coil. It is crossed over at 18 dB per octave for maximum power handling and protection.

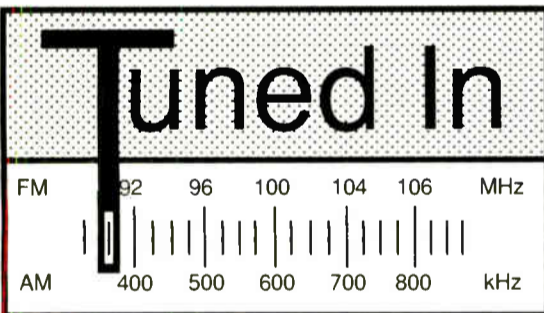
The CD studio monitors utilize magnesium cast frame bass drivers with mineral filled polycones and high dampening rubber surrounds. They are loaded into

high density ported enclosures finished in clear or black oak veneer.

These speakers have been designed to provide accurate sound reproduction, high power handling and long term service in studio or home environments.

The compact model CD 6.2 has a 6.5-inch bass driver and measures 15-inches high by 9-inches wide by 8-inches deep. It sells for \$395 per pair. The CD 8.3 has an 8-inch bass driver, measures 19-inches high by 12-inches wide by 11-inches deep and sells for \$495 per pair.

For information, contact Bob Wilson in New York state at 516-354-7006; fax: 516-354-7012; or circle Reader Service 125.



Broadcast Electronics hired two new regional sales managers for its digital products.

Criss Onan, based in Rochester, N.Y., handles the eastern region and can be reached at 716-223-3659 or fax: 716-223-1353. Susan Dingenthal, based in BE's Seattle office, handles the western region. She can be reached at 800-426-9082 or fax: 206-441-6582.

WEEV(AM) Announcer/Newscaster Jim Carr joined Nabet-CWA (AFL-CIO) New York (Local 16) as a volunteer advisor on disability affairs. Nabet-CWA-16 represents broadcast employees at ABC Radio-TV in New York.

**Company News**

Westwood One and Hooked On Phonics recently made an \$18,000 donation to the Amer-I-Can Foundation. Amer-I-Can works to help educate children at risk in communities with high incidence of street violence by providing programs that emphasize setting values and building self-esteem.

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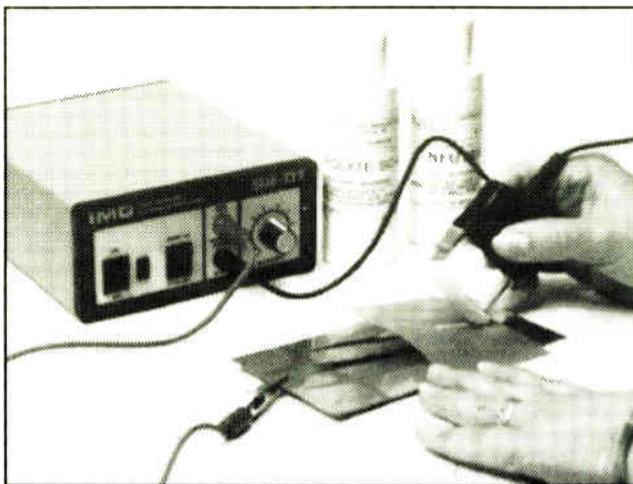
The HP 54600B series represent more slowly changing waveforms and dimmer traces representing more rapidly changing waveforms.

For information, contact Hewlett-Packard in California at 800-452-4844, ext. 8278; or circle **Reader Service 23**.

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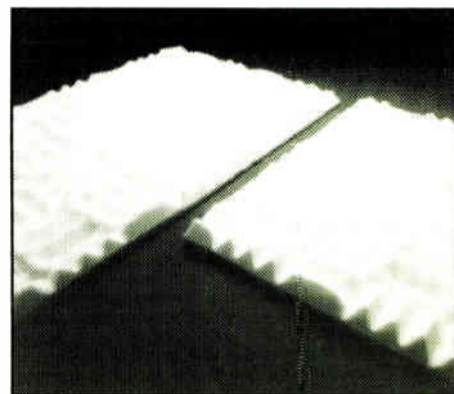
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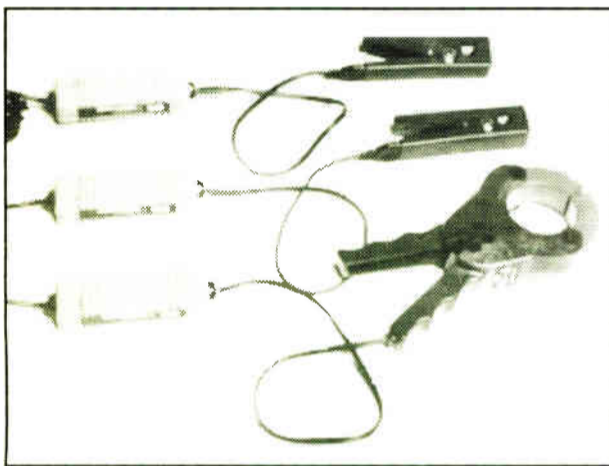
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## Distribution Amp

The Model 8400 distribution amplifier from Audioarts Engineering provides digital quality audio performance in a single rack unit of space. It can be user-configured for a single stereo input by eight stereo outputs; two one stereo input by four stereo outputs; a single mono input by 16 mono outputs; two one mono input by eight mono outputs; or four one mono inputs by four mono outputs.

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The design of the Model 8400 is very straight forward, and the front panel features multiturn trims for easy adjustment. The unit's dynamic range is 121 dB, with frequency response from 20 Hz to 20 kHz at +0, -0.1 dB.

For information, contact Mike Shane in New York state at 315-452-5000; fax: 315-452-0160; or circle **Reader Service 97**.



## Flexible Digital Audio Workstation

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For information, contact Mark Kaltman in New Hampshire at 603-448-8887; fax: 603-448-6350; or circle **Reader Service 162**.

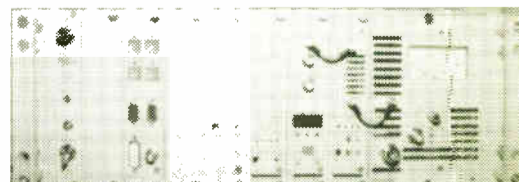
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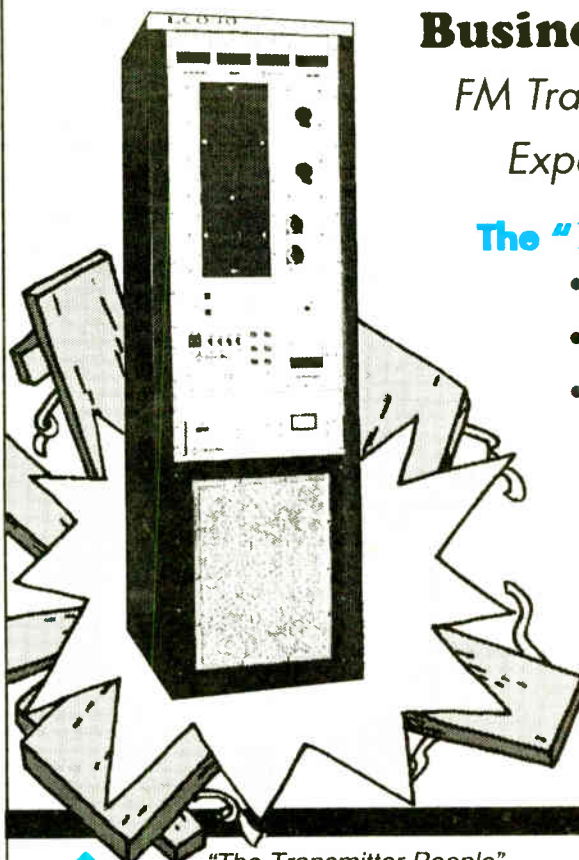
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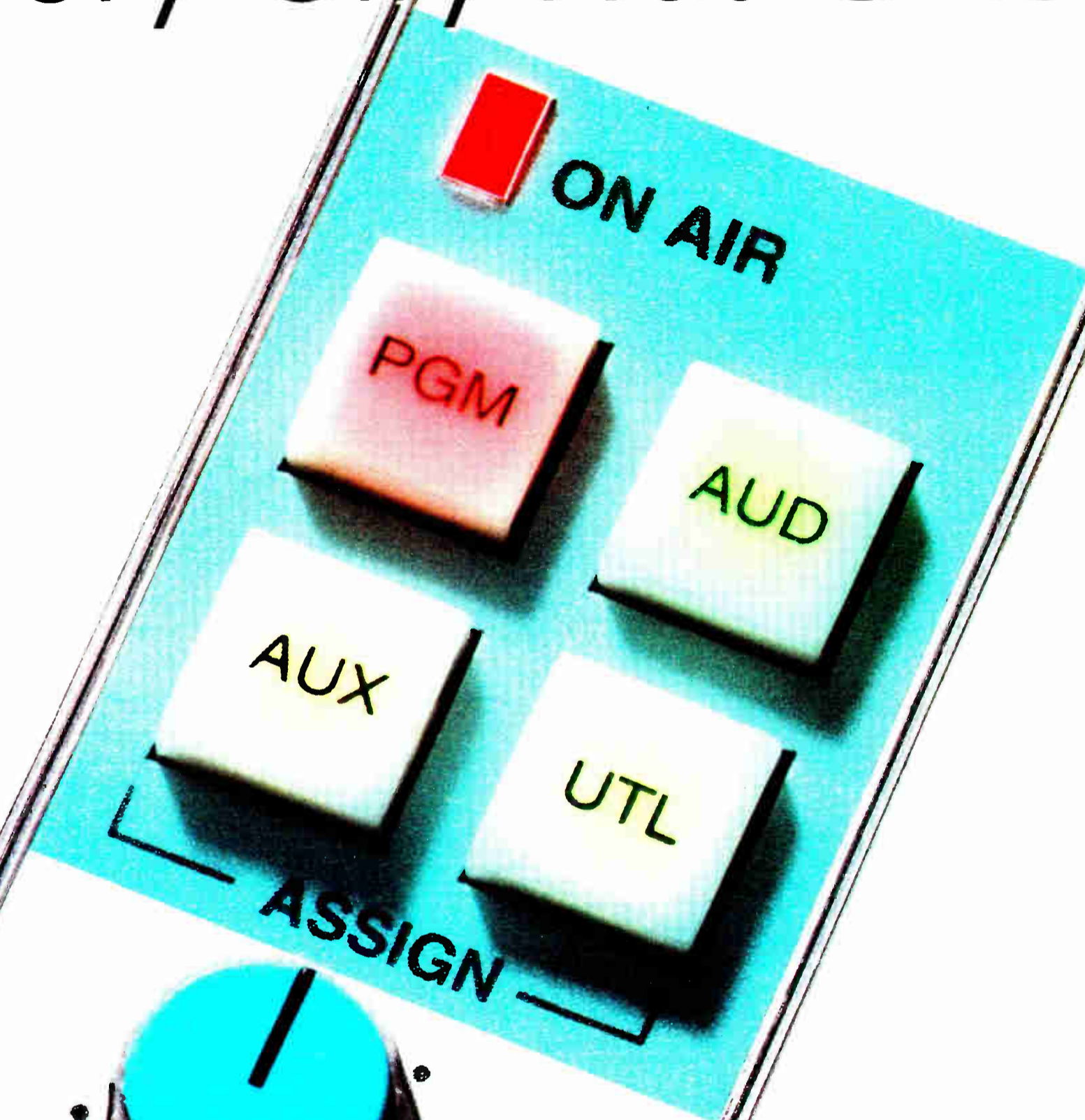
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