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Part of the Audio Devices-Magnecord tape recording center set up in Chicago's International Amphitheatre to give radio newscasters local-level coverage of the Republican and Democratic National Conventions, All recordings Magnecorded on Audiotape, Story on Page 2.

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AUDIOTAPE STARS AT CHICAGO CONVENTIONS

New Tape Recording Service Gave Both National Political **Conventions Wider Radio Coverage Than Ever Before**

A lot of mighty important things went on at Chicago's big National Political Conventions this year. Of course, there were some pretty fundamental differences between the two. But both had one thing in common --- plenty of Audiotape. And it played a mighty important part in keeping the public informed on what transpired behind the scenes at these history-making events.

At Convention Time, the big network newscasters are in an ideal position to give complete coverage on a national scale. But the hundreds of small and independent radio stations throughout the country have heretofore been left out in the cold --- especially as far as on-the-spot coverage at the local level is concerned.

This year, for the first time, these small stations got a real break --- thanks to a unique tape recording service made available through the joint sponsorship of Audio Devices, Inc. and Magnecord, Inc. This service enabled any representative or newscaster from any radio station in the country to supplement the network coverage with on-the-spot tape recordings custom-tailored to the local interests of his particular radio audience.

Under the auspices of the Chicago News Broadcasters Association of Radio News Directors, complete tape recording facilities were set up in the radio and TV area of The International Amphitheatre and in The Conrad Hilton Hotel. This included individual recording booths, professional Magnecord tape recording machines, Audiotape, convention accredited union engineers, and an efficient packaging and mailing service for air mailing the recorded Audiotape back to the home station for broadcast.

Visiting newscasters were able to record interviews with the delegates from their local areas --- to record their own local interpretation of convention events as they happened. All without having to bring along any recording equipment or technical personnel, or renting expensive space, lines and loops.

All recordings were made with Magnecord machines on Audiotape -- assuring the highest professional quality of all taped program material.



Another view of the busy convection dewscasters tape recording center, - spoa-sored jointly by Audio De-vices and Magnecord, Inc. Here, more than 550 pro-grams for a total of 81 radio stations were recorded on Audiotape, and mailed back to the station for local re-broadcast.

In all, more than 550 programs, ranging in length from five to thirty minutes were recorded during the two Political Conventions. Most were 15 minutes in length. Programs were recorded for a total of 81 radio stations in 34 states, Hawaii, the District of Columbia, the British, Canadian, French and Swiss Broadcasting Companies and the Voice of America.

The people who made use of the facilities were just as widely representative. There were Mrs. W. W. Jarrell, a 70-year old grandmother from WKTG. Thomasville, Ga. and Joel Lynch, 17-year old student from WLAG, La Grange, Ga. Convention highlights were reported to WWDC, Washington, D. C. by Hazel Markel, Mutual network commentator, while those to WARL, Arlington, Va., were handled by State Senator Charles R. Fenwick, a delegate.

Practically all the important dignitaries and guests were interviewed in the Magnecord-Audiotape studios. During the Democratic convention, for example, Sen. Russell (Ga.), Sen. Benton (Conn.), Sen. Kefauver (Tenn.), Rep. Roosevelt (N. Y.), Secretary of the Interior Chapman, Sen. Lehman (N. Y.), Mrs. Barkley, Sen. Magnuson (Wash.), Sen. Bird (Va.), James A. Farley, Gov. Battle (Va.), and Gov. Long (Hawaii) were only a few. The same impressive array were Audiotaped during the Republican convention.

In addition to providing the smaller stations with convention coverage to supplement network or press service coverage, these recording facilities were used by network commentators for local shows. It was far easier to get guests at a convenient hour in the Magnecord-Audiotape studios, record them and then feed them back than wait for the jammed network facilities.

Ralph O'Connor, WISC, Madison, Wisc. was typical of another group. These had direct lines from the station. However, it was impossible to get interviews during the broadcast hour in a station distant from the convention centers in the Amphitheatre and Hilton Hotel, so the programs were Audiotaped and fed back on the line at broadcast time.

The entire floor proceedings in the Amphitheatre from start to finish of each convention were also Magnecorded on Audiotape. Pierre Crenessc of the French National Broadcasting System was a familiar figure in the Amphitheatre studio. Each morning he appeared to get the last sentence of each nominating speech or major address as well as 15 seconds of chcering for background to his newscast.

In short, the Audiotape-Magnecord team provided a heretoforc unavailable news recording service which brought vital, firsthand information to millions of radio listeners the world over.



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QUICK FACTS ON MAGNETIC TAPE RECORDERS

(Additional Information can be obtained by writing to the manufacturer)

Manufacturer	Model and Pr	ice	Frequency Response	Data	Ταρο
		Portable Model 400-A (Dual Track) Model 401-A Single Track) \$985.00	50-15,000 cycles (±2 db) at 15"/sec. 70-10,000 cycles (±2 db) at 7 ½"/sec.	Portable, single or dual-track recorder, with tape speeds of 15 and $7\frac{1}{2}$ " per second. Sig- nal-to-noise ratio, over 55 db at either speed. Either half-track or full-track recordings can be played back without changes in adjust- ment. Separate record and playback heads. Instantaneous starting. Rewind time, $1\frac{1}{2}$ min. Simultaneous monitoring. Weight — approx. 80 lb.	Wound
AMPEX ELECTRIC CORPORATION 934 Charter St. Redwood City Californio		Console Model 300-C \$1,860.00	30-15,000 cycles (±2 db) at 15"/sec. 40-10,000 cycles (±2 db) at 7 ½"/sec.	Professional-type, single-track recorder, with tape speeds of 15 and 71/2" per second. Signal-to-noise ratio, over 60 db. Separate record and playback heads and amplifiers. Rewind time, 1 min. for full NAB reel. De- sign flexibility permits modifications for spe- cial applications, including multi-channel recording and response beyond 80 KC. Cus- tom built instrumentation machines avail- able with response to 100 KC. Also available in portable and rack-type units.	with OXIDE IN Red Oxide, Plastic Base Recommended
	A CONTRACT	Console Model 402 (Dual Track) Model 403 Single Track) \$995.00	30-15,000 cycles (±2 db) at 15"/sec. 40-10,000 cycles (±2 db) at 7 ½"/sec.	Professional type, single or dual-track re- corder with tape speeds of 15 and $71/2''$ per second. Signal-to-noise ratio, over 55 db. Separate record and playback heads and amplifiers. Rewind time, $11/2$ min. for full 2400 ft. reel. Push-button controls. Timing accuracy, within 3.6 seconds per 30 minutes. Built-in preamplifier. Also available in rack or portable mounting.	
	"Twin-T	rax Magnemuse" Madel 8108 (7 ½"/sec.) \$285.00	50-9,000 cycles (±3 db) at 7 ½"/sec.	Portable, dual-track recorder, with automa- tic reversal—giving up to 1 hour continuous play on 7" recl. Dynamic range, 45 db. In- put channels for microphone and radio-	Wound with
		Model 810C (15"/sec.) \$345.00	30-13,000 cycles (±2 db) at 15"/sec.	phono. Total distortion, less than 3%. Shuttle speed in both directions. Weight— 42 lb.	OXIDE
AMPLIFIER CORPORATION OF AMERICA		"Twin-Trax Magnerama" Model 910 B \$495.00	50-9,000 cycles (±3 db) at 7 ½″ soc.	Portable, dual-track recorder, with 71/2" tape speed and automatic reversal — giving 4 hours continuous play on 131/2" reel. Micro- phone included. Weight—55 lb. Other data same as for "Twin-Trax Magnemuse" above.	Red ar Black Oxide, Plastic or Poper Base
396-398 Broodwoy, New York 13, N. Y.	"Magnemite"	Madel 610-B (Dual Trock) \$225.00	100-3,000 cycles, at 1 % "/sec.	Completely self-contained, battery-operated	Wound with
		Model 610-C (Dual Track) \$255.00	50-5,000 cycles at 3 ¾ "/sec.	tape recorders with spring motor drive, especially designed for a wide range of remote recording work. Include provision for playback thru headphones or external amplifier. Dynamic range, 45 - 50 db. Winding inter-	OXIDE
		Model 610-TD (Dual Track) \$275.00	50-7,500 cycles, at 7½″/sec.	val, 15 min. for Model 610.B; 71/2 min. for all others. Can be rewound while operating. Weight, 10 - 15 lb. Overall dimensions, 11 x 8 x 5 in. for Model 610.B; 11 x 10 x 7 in. for all others. Complete accessory equip-	Red Oxide, Plastic
	Battery Operated, Spring Motor Drive	Model 610-5D (Single Track) \$295.00	50-7,500 cycles, at 7 ½ "/ sec.	ment available.	ar Paper Base

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Manufacturer	Madel an	d Price	Frequency Response	Data	Tape
AMPRO CORPORATION 2835 North Western Ave., Chicago 18, III.		"Ampro-Tope Recorder" Model 731-R \$119.75	100-7,000 cycles, at 3¾"/sec.	Portable, dual-track recorder with $3\frac{3}{4}$ " tape speed—giving 2 hours of continuous playing on one 7" reel. Instant stop switch for accu- rate spotting. Microphone and direct radio, T.V. or phone connection. Rewind time, 4 min. for 7" reel. Includes microphone. 5" x 7" elliptical Alnico 5 PM speaker and jack for external speaker for 3 ohm voice coil or earphones. Weight—17 lbs.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red or Block Oxide, Plastic or Paper Base
BELL SOUND SYSTEMS, INC. 555 Marion Rd., Columbus 7, Dhio		"RE-CORD-O-fone" Model RT-65-B \$186.45	70-8,000 cycles (±3 db) at 7 ½ ''/sec.	Portable, dual-track recorder with tape speeds of $1\frac{7}{6}$ ", $3\frac{3}{4}$ " and $7\frac{1}{2}$ " per second. Rewind ratio 6 tol. Includes crystal microphone, 6" PM speaker, inputs for microphone and radio-phono, and headphone monitoring jack. Weight—33 lb.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red Oxide, Plastic or Paper Bose
BROADCAST EQUIPMENT SPECIALTIES CORP. 135-01 Liberty Ave. Richmond Hill 19 N. Y.	CO CO	Travis "Tapak" \$289.50 plus mike ond headphone	100-3,000 cycles at 7½"/sec.	Completely self-contained, battery-operated, spring motor driven unit for single-track recording at $7\frac{1}{2}$ " per sec. Records, erases, monitors and plays back through headset. Power rewind, 44" per sec. Winding inter- val, 5-6 min. Can be rewound while operat- ing. Max. speed variation, 1%. Signal-to- noise, 40-45 db. Includes editing and splic- ing fixture. Operates with cover closed. Weight, 17 lb. Dimensions, 14 x 10 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red Oxide, Plastic Base
BERLANT ASSOCIATES		"Concertone" Model 1401 Chassis \$345.00	50-15,000 cycles (±2 db) at 15"/sec. 50-9,000 cycles (±2 db) at 7½"/sec.	Professional type single or dual track re- corder mechanism and electrical chassis for console installation. Tape speeds, 15" and $7\frac{1}{2}$ " per sec. Signal-to-noise ratio, over 50 db. Fast forward and rewind time, 1 min. for $10\frac{1}{2}$ " reel. Separate record, erase, and playback heads. Monitors while recording. Carrying case and console available. Weight -50 lb., in case, with 8" speaker.	Wound with
		"Concertone" Network Recorder NWD-1 Drive Mechanism \$478.00 NWA-1 Amplifier \$317.00	40-15,000 cycles (±2 db) ot 15"/sec. 50-9,000 cycles (±2 db) at 7½"/sec.	Professional single or dual-track recorder with tape speeds of 15 and $7\frac{1}{2}$ " per second. Signal-to-noise ratio, 55 db. Fast forward and rewind, less than 1 min. for 2500 ft. reel. Starting time $1/10$ scc. Separate erase, record and playback heads with facilities for 5 heads. Monitors while recording. Includes manual editing facilities. Amplifier unit in- cludes push-button interlock controls for all mechanical functions. Automatic instant stopping in case of power failure or tape breakage at end of reel. May be mounted in rack, portable cases (as shown), or console.	OXIDE IN Red Oxide, Plastic 8ase
		"Saundmirror" Model BK-443P \$279.50	To 7,000 cycles, at 7 ½"/sec.	Portable, single-track unit, available with $7V_2$ or $33/4$ " tape speeds—providing 30 to 60 minutes recording time. Signal-to-noise, over 40 db, Wow and flutter, less than 0.3%	Wound with
THE BRUSH DEVELOPMENT CO.	U	Model BK-443P5 \$289.50	To 4,000 cycles, at 3 ¾"/sec.	RMS. Fast forward and rewind, 75"/sec. Inputs for microphone. radio phono. Output. 5 ohms, 33 dbm. Includes 6" PM speaker and crystal microphone. Weight-32 lb.	OXIDE IN
3405 Perkins Ave., Cleveland 4, Ohio		"Saundmirrar" Model BK-442 \$259.50 (mahogany) \$269.50 (blond)	To 7,000 cycles, at 7½"/sec.	Table model, single-track units with 7½" tape speed—providing 30 minutes recording time on 7" reel. Signal-to-noise, over 40 db. Wow and flutter, less than 0.3% RMS. Fast forward and rewind, 75"/sec. Inputs for microphone, radio-phono. Output, 5 ohms, 33 dbm. Includes 8" PM speaker and crystal microphone. Weight—33 lb.	Red Oxide, Plostic or Paper Base

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CALIFONE CORPORATION 1041 North Sycamore Ave., Hollywood 38, Cel.		"Dynacord" Model C3-C3A Rack Panel \$799.00 Portable \$849.00	50-15,000 cycles (±2db) at 15"/sec. 50-9,000 cycles (±2db) ot 7 ½"/sec.	Portable, single-track, dual-speed recorder designed to NAB Standards. Unique features include direct capstan drive from special slow-speed synchronous motor which elimi- nates flutter, and clutch-free dynamic brak- ing of tape reels. Signal-to-noise ratio, over 50 db. Fast forward and rewind, 48 sec. for 101/2" reel. Three separate heads permit monitoring from tape while recording. In- cludes VU meter, 2-speed equalization, and separate record and monitor gain controls. Weight—44 lb. for C3 transport mecha- nism; 33 lb. for C3A amplifier.	Wound with OXIDE OUT Red Oxide, Plastic Base
CRESTWOOD RECORDER CORP. 5990 Northwest Highway, Chicago 31, III.	E-min	Crestwood Model CP301 (7 ½2" speed) Model CP302 (3 ¾ and 7 ½2" speeds) \$199.50	50-10,000 cycles (±2 db) at 7 ½"/sec.	Portable, single or dual speed, dual-track recorder. Signal-to-noise ratio, 48 db. Flutter and wow, 0.5% max. Rewind time, 1 min., 25 sec. for 1200 ft. reel. Input for high im- pedance mike, radio or phono. Output for external speaker, phone jack for monitoring. Built-in speaker. Weight, 30 lb.	Wound with OXIDE
		Trestwood Aodel 400 .50 Complete	40-12,000 cycles at 7 ^{1/} 2"/sec.	Portable, dual-track recorder with 7½" tape speed. Signal-to-noise ratio, 50 db. Flutter and wow, 0.25% max. Rewind and fast for- ward speed same as above. Records from microphone, phono or radio. Tone control equalized for maximum performance. Auto- matic interlock prevents accidental erasure. Power output 10 watts. Built-in 8" speaker. Weight: 22 lb. for recorder and pre-ampli- fier, 21 lb. for speaker and power ampliher.	OUT Red Oxide, Plastic Base
DuKANE		"DuKane" Portable Model 118-55 \$229.50	50-8,000 cycles, at 7½''/sec.	Portable, dual-track recorder with 71/2" tape speed. Power output, 7 watts. Input channels for microphone and radio-phono. Output iacks for headphones and external speaker. Fast forward speed, 150"/sec. Rewind time, 80 seconds for 7" reel. Microphone and built- in 6"x9" speaker included. Weight—26 lb.	Wound with OXIDE OUT Red Oxide, Plastic or Poper Base
DuKANE CORPORATION St. Charles, III.		"DuKone" Portable Model 11A-75 \$279.50	50-10,000 cycles, at 7 ½ " /sec. 50-7,500 cycles, at 3 34 " /sec.	Portable, dual-track recorder with tape speeds of 33/4 and 71/2" per sec. Signal-to-noise ratio, 50 db on playback. Rewind time, 80 sec. for 7" reel. Fast forward, 23/4 min. for 7" reel. Keyboard controls for selection of recording facilitiesmicrophone, radio or phono, tape copying, playback and PA sys- tem. Output, 71/2 watts. Includes 6 x 9 in. speaker. Weight-35 lb.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red Oxide, Plastic Base
ECTRO INC. Delaware 1, Ohio		"Cub Corder" Battery Operoted Portable \$295.00	200-600 cycles, at 7 ½2''/sec.	Completely self-contained battery-operated, dual-track recorder with tape speeds of $3\frac{3}{4}$ " and $7\frac{1}{2}$ " per sec. Also available with $1\frac{7}{8}$ " and $3^{3}\frac{3}{4}$ " speeds. Fast forward and rewind, 37" per second. Power supply, rechargeable wet cells and dry batteries. Instantaneous playback through microphone. Simplified cir- cuit with constant-speed motor. Size, $12\frac{1}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$ x $5\frac{3}{4}$ in. Weight, $12\frac{7}{6}$ lb.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red Oxide, Plastic Base

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EDUCATIONAL LABORA- TORIES, INC. 1625 Conn. Ave. N. W. Washington 9, D. C.	"Educorder Dual" \$450.00	to 5,000 cycles, at 3 ³ 4"/sec.	Portable tape recorder with two separate channels, each having its own amplifier and record-playback and crase heads. Can record and play back two channels simultaneously for binaural effect or record on one channel while listening on the other. Tape speed, $3\frac{3}{4}$ " per second ($7\frac{1}{2}$ " optional). Wow and flutter, less than 1.3% RMS. Fast forward and rewind, 20:1 ratio. Radio and mike input for each channel. Three output con- nections: Channel 1, Channel 2 and "Dual" for binaural headphones. Weight, 26 lb.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red or Black Oxide, Plastic or Paper Base
EICOR, INC. 1501 West Congress St., Chicogo 7, III.	Portable Model 230 \$160.00 (Approx.)	70-8,000 cycles at 7½"/sec. 70-4,000 cycles, at 3 ³ 4"/sec.	Portable, dual or single track recorder with dual-speed capstan for $71/2^{"}$ and $33/4^{"}$ tape speeds. Provides up to 2 hrs. recording time on 7" reel. Amplifier equalized for both speeds. "Finger-Flip" controls for mechanical and amplifying systems. Volume peak indi- cator window. Safety lock prevents acci- dental erase. Crystal microphone and 5" x 7" speaker included. Weight—28 lb.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red Oxide, Plastic or Paper Base
FAIRCHILD	Console Model Unit 126 \$2,750.00	50-15,000 cycles (±1 db) at 15"/sec.	Professional type, single-track recorder with 15" tape speed $(7\frac{1}{2}"$ and 30" models available). Total noise and distortion -64 db (ref. $2\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{6}$ dist.). Adjustable bias. Speed tolerance. 0.1%. Built-in VU meter and circuit checking. Unit-type, plug-in chassis. Automatic stop — instant braking and reversal. Full protection against accidental erase.	
RECORDING EQUIPMENT CORP. 154th St. and 7th Ave., Whitestone, N. Y.	Console Model "PIC-SYNC" \$4,000.00	50-15,000 cycles (±1 db) at 15"/sec.	Same as model 126 with the addition of lip synchronous operation. Used with motion picture camera and film projector, synchron- ous sound tracks are made and played back on 1/4" tape, with no interconnecting equip- ment. Automatic Framing, which assures correct cueing of tape and film, available at additional cost. Other applications include Facsimile recording, multi-track, and tele- metering, with frequency response to 100 KC.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red Oxide, Plastic Base
	Control Track Generator Model 141 \$200.00		Portable light weight unit for "On Loca- tion" picture synchronous sound track re- cording on 1/4" tape. Used with any portable tape recorder with 15"/sec. tape speed and frequency response good to 14 KC., a control track is simultaneously applied which later becomes the tape speed control when played back on Pic-Sync recorder.	
THE GENERAL INDUSTRIES COMPANY Elyria, Ohio	Tape-Disc Recorder Assembly Model 250 \$79.50	(depends on amplifier used)	Combined disc and tape recorder assembly for installation in console or portable case. Tape speed, 33/4"/sec., dual track. Fast for- ward and reverse. PM erase. Takes 5" reels. Disc recorder cuts and plays back up to 10" discs, at 78 rpm. Records from tape to disc and vice versa — and from microphone or radio to disc or tape.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red or Black Oxide Plastic or Paper Base
MAGNETIC RECORDING INDUSTRIES LTD. 30 Brood St., New York 4, N. Y. (Continued on next page)	"Voice-Master" Magnetic Disc Dictating Machine \$175.00	Voice Frequency Only	Portable magnetic-disc dictating and tran- scribing machine using mailable and re-usable paper discs with magnetic oxide coating. "Correct-O-Matic" feature erases previous dictation while recording changes or correc- tions. Visual record-listen indicator. "Split- A-Word" instant start and stop control. "Codit" scrambler available for confidential dictation, making recording unintelligible unless transcribed on machine with identical coding unit. Complete line of dictation and transcription accessories available. Price listed does not include microphone. Weight 11 lb.	Uses Special Paper Base Magnetic Discs

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MAGNETIC RECORDING INDUSTRIES	Pertable Model VM-57 \$395.00	to 10,000 cycles (±2 db) at 712"//sec.	Portable, single-track recorder with tape speed of $7\frac{1}{2}$ " per second. (Also available with speeds of 2", $3\frac{1}{4}$ ", or 15" per sec.) Separate record, playback and monitor am- plifiers. Separate bass and treble controls. Radio and microphone inputs may be used simultaneously. Plug for foot controlled stop and start. Fast forward and rewind. Dual-track units can be supplied at same price. Weight $24\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Complete line of dictating and transcribing accessories avail- able.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red Oxide Plastic or Paper Base
LTD. 30 Broad 5t., New York 4, N. Y.	"Synchrotone" Dual Magnetic Recorder Model VM-58 \$439.00	to 7,000 cycles, at 7½" sec.	Portable tape recorder with two separate re- cording and reproducing channels. Permits synchronous recording or playback of two different events, synchronous playback of one event and simultaneous recording of another, or simultaneous two-channel record- ing or playback of same event for binaural effect. Independent control of record, erase and playback on each channel. Two inputs per channel. Fast forward and rewind, 75" per sec. Wow and flutter, less than 0.3% RMS. Weight—26 lb.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red or Black Oxide Plastic or Paper Base
	Model PT6-J Amplifier \$248.00 \$316.00	50-15,000 cycles (±2 db) at 15″ sec.	Portable single-track, professional type re- corder with interchangeable capstans for 15 and 71/2" tape speeds. Also available with dual-track heads and with dual speed motors for three speed operation. Fast forward and rewind speeds. Two separate heads. Combi- nation record/playback amplifier. Flutter, 0.3% max. Low impedance mike input, bridging input, monitor speaker, O-level out- put terminal, VU meter, terminal for ex- ternal speaker.	
AGNECORD NC.	Model PT63-J Amplifier \$387.00 Model PT63-AH Recorder \$350.00	50-15,000 cycles (±2 db) ot 15" sec.	Same as above, except with three separate heads for erase, record, and playback for monitoring from tape while recording. PT63-J amplifier has separate record and playback amplifiers, and switch for equalization at $7\frac{1}{2}$ and 15" tape speed.	Wound with OXIDE
Mod	Binaural Amplifier Model PT6-BN \$515.00 Binaural Recorder Model PT6-BAH \$364.50	50-15,000 cycles (±2 db) at 15'', sec.	Portable dual channel recorder designed for binaural recording and reproduction (using simultaneous inputs from two microphones and outputs to two speakers or binaural headphones). Separate record/playback head for each channel—also separate gain con- trols and VU meters. Signal-to-noise ratio, 47 db per channel. Flutter, 0.3% max. Fast forward and rewind speeds. Includes speaker for monitoring either channel. Binaural con- version equipment available for use with existing Magnecord machines.	IN Rod Oxida Plastic Base
	Megne Cordette \$385.00 Complete	50-15,000 cycles (±3 db) ¤t 15‴ 'sec.	PT6-AH Magnecorder and "custom" amplifier mounted in attractive blonde or mahogany cabinet. Amplier unit serves as recording amplifier and playback pre-amplifier for use with separate high fidelity or radio amplifier. Can be supplied with single or dual track heads. Tape speeds of 15" or $71/2"$ per second with interchangeable capstan. Three-speed units also available. Fast forward and rewind speeds. Flutter, 0.3% max. Hi-impedance inputs for microphone and radio-phono.	
REMIER LECTRONIC ABORATORIES B2 Lofayette St., lew York 3, . Y.	"Topesonic" Model 70 \$298.50	40-15,000 cycles, at 15", sec. 40-12,000 cycles, at 7 ¹ 2" sec. 40-7,000 cycles, at 3 ³ 4" sec.	Portable, professional-type, dual track re- corder with tape speeds of $15"$, $7V_2"$ and $3V_4"$ per second. Fast forward and rewind, less than 1 min. for 2500 ft. reel. Flutter and wow, 0.1% at $15"$ per second. Mixing chan- nels for mike, radio and phone inputs. Monitoring speaker attenuator. Three heavy- duty dynamic balanced motors. Includes 8" speaker. 12 watts audio output. Weight 54 lb.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red Oxide, Plastic Bose

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MARK SIMPSON MFG. CO. INC. 32-28 49th St., Long Island City 3, N. Y.	Mode (with \$19 ************************************	SCO" el 52L 0.00 el 52LR radio) 6.00 5CO" 80-8,500 cycles (±3 db) 9.50 1 52CR radio) 80-5,000 cycles (±3 db) at 3 ¹ / ₂ "/sec.	mechanism (less case), 30 lb. Models 52L and 52LR, without carrying case.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red Oxide, Plastic Base
	Mod \$17 Mod (with	SCO" lel 52 '9.50 el 52R radio) 5.50	Models 52 and 52R, with two-tone tweed carrying case. Models 52C and 52CR have metal cover with carrying handle. Cover operates inter- lock switch and can be locked with key.	
THE PENTRON CORP. 221 E. Cullerton St., Chicago 16, Ill. Pentran To Ma		50 50-8,000 cycles, at 7½"/sec. 50-5,000 cycles, at 3¾"/sec.	Portable, dual track, dual-speed unit (71/2" and 33/4")—providing 2 hours recording on 7" reel. Signal-to-noise ratio, 50 db. Flutter less than 0.5%. Fast forward and rewind ratio, 20 to 1. Inputs for microphone and radio-phono. Outputs for headphones, ex- ternal speaker, and PA system. Includes 6" PM speaker and crystal microphone. Weight —27 lb.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red Oxide, Plastic or Poper Base
	S90 Model	Player 50-8,000 I PB-1 cycles, at 7 ½"/sec. 9.50 50-5,000 cycles, ot 3¾"/sec.	Portable magnetic tape reproducer, for play- back only of any standard 1/4" tape recorded with dual track at 71/2" or 33/4" per second (single track heads available at slightly higher cost.) Flutter less than 0.5%. Fast forward and rewind speed, 20 to 1. Model PB-1 consists of player and pre-amp only. Weight—19 lb. Model PB-A2 is com- plete with amplifier and speaker. Weight— 22 lb.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red or Black Oxide, Plastic or Paper Base
PRESTO RECORDING CORP.		To 15,000 cycles, of 15"/sec. 24.00	Professional type equipment for portable or stationary use. Tape transport mechanism has true three-motor drive and separate re- cording and reproducing heads. Instantan- eous monitoring from tape is provided. Input for single microphone or high impedance bridging. Output, 10 watts. Also zero level line. Two speakers are mounted in amplifier for playback. Monitoring output for 'phones.	Wound with OXIDE IN
P. O. Box 500, Hackensack, N. J. (Continued on next page)	Model RC- \$684.0 Model RC- \$761.0	0 To 15,000 cycles, at 15''/sec. 10-24	Professional, single-channel, dual-speed re- corders (15" and $7\frac{1}{2}$ "/sec.) for rack mounting. Three separate heads, permitting monitoring from tape while recording. Three- motor drive mechanism. Fast forward and reverse. RC-10-14 controlled by rotary type selector switch. RC-10-24 completely push- button controlled. Can be arranged for re- mote operation.	Rod Oxide. Plastic or Paper Base

Monufacturer	Model ond	Price	Frequency Response	Data	Tope	
PRESTO RECORDING CORP.		Console Model SR-950 \$2,785.00	50-15,000 cycles (±1 db) at 15''/sec.	Professional, single-channel recorder, with 15 and 71/2" tape speeds (15" and 30" op- tional). Signal-to-noise ratio, over 58 db below max. signal. Fast forward and reverse, 240 ft./sec. Three separate heads. VU meter. Amplifier and power supply units on hinged panel.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red Oxide, Plastic or Paper Base	
P. O. Bax 500, Hackensack, N. J.		Tape Drive Model TL-10 for $7\frac{1}{2}$ " or 15" tape speed \$132.50 for $7\frac{1}{2}$ " and 15" tape speeds \$140.00	50-15,000 cycles, at 15"/sec. — subject to limitations of amplifier used	Compact tape transport mechanism and re- producer, arranged to be mounted on and driven from any standard 16-inch turntable. Does not include provision for erase or re- cording. Equalized output of playback head may be fed directly into standard speech in- put equipment. Accommodates standard 7-inch reels. Tape speeds indicated are based on turntable speed of 78 rpm.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red or Black Oxide, Plastic or Paper Bose	
RANGERTONE INC.		"Rangerette" Portoble Model A-2 \$1,500.00 complete	45-15,000 cycles (±2 db) at 15"/sec. 50-8,000 cycles (±2 db) at 7 ½"/sec.	Professional-type, single-track, dual-speed recorders, with choice of 33/4", 71/2", 15" or 30" per second tape speeds. Up to 2 hours recording at 71/2" per sec. on 14" reel. Dis- tortion, less than 2% total harmonic. Maxi- mum signal-to-tape noise, 55 db. Double- puck, tight-loop tape drive. Peak-to-peak flutter, less than 0.1% at 15"/sec. Rewind speed controllable continuously from 0 to	Wound with OXIDE IN	
73 Winthrap 5t., Newark 4, N. J.		Console Madel R-5C (with synchronizer) \$4,477.00	45-15,000 cycles (±2 db) at 15"/sec. 50-8,000 cycles (±2 db) at 7 ½ "/sec.	speed controllable conternation of the standards. Complete monitoring and mixing facilities. VU meter, signal indicator and footage counter calibrated in minutes and seconds. Complete tape editing facilities. Also available with positive "sprocketless" synchronization for motion picture and TV applications. Weight of Rangerette 30 lb.	Red ar Black Oxide, Plastic Base	
RCA BROADCAST EQUIPMENT SECTION Camden, N. J.		Cabinet Rack Madel RT-11A \$1,975	50-15,000 cycles (±2 db) at 15"/sec.	Single-track, dual-speed professional type recorder, available in cabinet rack or console mounting. Separate erase, record and play- back heads permit simultaneous recording and monitoring. Distortion, less than 1% at 10 db below maximum level. Signal-to-noise, 60 db below maximum level. Wow and flut- ter, 0.1% at 15" per sec. Fast forward and	Waund with OXIDE IN	
		Console Model RT-12A \$2,270	50-5,000 cycles (±2 db) at 7 ½"/sec.	ter, 0.1% at 15 per sec. Fast forward and rewind time, 60 sec. for 2400 ft. reel. Timing accuracy, ±2½ sec. for 30 minute run. In- stant stop and start (within 1/10 sec.). All control functions push-button controlled. Remote push-button control also available.	Red Oxide, Plastic Base	

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Manufacturer	Model and Pric		Frequency Response	Data	Tape
REVERE CAMERA CO.		Model T-700 2 haur play \$225.00 Model TR-800 2 hour play (with radio) \$250.00	80-8,000 cycles (±3 db) at 334″/sec.	Portable dual-track recorder available in either $3\frac{3}{4}$ " or $7\frac{1}{2}$ " per second tape speed. Signal-to-noise ratio, over 50 db at either speed. Distortion less than 1% . Rewind and fast forward speed, 170 " per second. Flutter	Wound with OXIDE IN
tlst St., Chicogo 16, II.		Model T-10 1 hour play \$235.00 Model TR-20 1 hour play (with radio) \$260.00	60-15,000 cycles (±3 db) at 7 ¹ 2 ¹¹ / ₂ sec.	less than 0.3%. Solenoid operated. Two neon lamps for more accurate level setting. Can be operated as a P.A. 6" x 9" Alnico V speaker. Weight—30 lbs.	Red or Black Oxide Plastic ar Paper Base
SCRIBE CORPORATION 2835 N. Kedzie Ave., Chicago 18, III.		Permoflux Scribe Dictating Unit \$354.50	Ample for all	Compact magnetic tape recorder designed for varied business purposes. Same recorder, with different accessories, serves as either a dictat- ing or transcribing unit. Dictating unit in- cludes microphone with control switch. Trans- cribing unit includes single earphone and dual foot control. Simple "cartridge" load- ing eliminates threading. Tape speed, 3 ³ / ₄ " per sec. Recording time, ¹ / ₂ hour per maga-	Wound with OXIDE IN
		Permoflux Scribe Transcribing Unit \$361.30	voice recording	zine. Includes provision for card indexing of corrections, extra carbons, length, rush, etc. Available accessories include: carrying case, telephone pick-up, magazine packet, tape mail- ing envelopes, dual foot control, single or double earphones, paddle-type or conference "mike," microphone adapter, external speaker and extra tape magazines.	Red Oxide, Paper or Plastic Base
SPEAK-O- PHONE RECORDING AND EQUIPMENT CO. 23 West 60th 5t., New York 23, N. Y.		peak-O-Phone "Superior" Tape-Disc Recorder Mode! TD52 \$299.50	Amplifier Response, 60-8,000 cycles per sec.	Portable combination tape and disc recorder, with $3\frac{3}{4}$ " tape speed (dual tract) and 78 rpm turntable (12" capacity). Records from microphone or radio to tape or disc, from disc to tape or from tape to disc. Plays back from tape or disc. Accoinmodates 5" tape reels. Fast forward and reverse tape speeds. Includes crystal microphone and 5" x 7" speaker. Weight= -30 lb.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red Oxide, Plastic Base
THE STANCIL- HOFFMAN CORP.		"Minitape" Model MSA \$249.00	100-5,500 cycles (±2 db) at 7 ½" or 15" 100-4,000 cycles (±2 db) ot 3 ¾"/sec.	Portable, single-track recorder with tape speeds of 3 ³ / ₄ , 7 ¹ / ₂ and 15" per sec. Signal- to-noise ratio, at least 35 db. Completely self-contained battery operated unit (record- ing only) Weight—13 lb.	Wound with OXIOE
- 1016 North Highland Ave., Hollywood 38, Cal.	Model R4 \$1	Model R4 \$1,670.00		Portable, professional-type, single-track re- corder with tape speeds of 71/2 and 15" (or 15 and 30") per sec. Signal-to-noise ratio, over 60 db. Separate record and playback heads and amplifiers with independent moni- tor amplifier and speaker	IN Red Oxide, Plastic 8ase

Monufocturer	Madel and Price	Frequency Response	Data	Tape
THE STANCIL- HOFFMAN CORP.	Model 55Synchronous MagneticFilm Recorder andReproducer\$2,142.00	45-7,500 cycles (±2 db) 16mm 45-15,000 cycles (±2 db) 17½mm	Synchronous magnetic film equipment for motion picture and TV sound recording. In- cludes proper speed and equalization for both 16mm and 17.5mm film width. Full synchronous sprocket drive arranged for forward or reverse recording or playback. Also fast forward and reverse for editing. Gearless drive. Signal-to-noise, at least 50 db. Max. harmonic distortion, 1.5% from full level. Playing time: up to 1 hr. for 16mm, up to 24 min. for 17.5mm. 2,000-ft. reel capacity.	Uses Mognetically Coated 16mm and 17.5mm Film
1016 North Highland Ave., Hollywood 38, Cal.	Model CRM-15 Multi-Channel Communications Recorder (Prices on Request)	200-7,500 cycles (±3 db) at 7½"/sec. 200-3,500 cycles (±3 db) at 3¾"/sec.	Provides up to 15 simultaneous recording channels on 0.7" wide tape. Recording time, up to 4½ hours for 1,000 foot reel. Two units, with automatic sequence control per- mit continuous, 24-hour recording. Signal- to-noise, at least 40 db. Distortion, not more than 5% total harmonic at "0" input level. Negligible crosstalk between channels. Push- button control. Fast forward and rewind. Automatic stop.	Uses Special 0.7" Plostic or Paper Base Tope
TELECTRO INDUSTRIES CORP. 35-16 37th 5t., Long Island City 1, N. Y.	Telectro Portable Model TR-175 \$750.00	50-9,000 cycles, at 7½"/sec. 50-5,000 cycles, at 3¾" - sec.	Portable, dual track, dual speed unit operat- ing at $71/2$ and $33/4$ in. per second. Signal-to- noise ratio, better than 45 db. Flutter less than 0.5%. Separate mike and telephone line inputs. Provision for control by microphone pushbutton, foot pedal forward and back- space, and automatic voice operation. Pre- cise counter index for accurate spacing. Built-in PA amplifier with separate control, and 6" PM speaker with external speaker connection. Ruggedized for military service. Weight—43 lb.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red Oxide, Plastic or Paper Base
WEBSTER CHICAGO CORPORATION 5610 Bloomingdole Ave., Chicago 39, III.	Web-Cor Portable Model 210 \$187.50	70-7,500 cycles ot 7½"/sec. 70-4,000 cycles at 3¾"/sec.	Portable, dual-track recorder with tape speeds of $3\frac{3}{4}$ " and $7\frac{1}{2}$ " per sec. Gives up 2 hours recording on 7" reel. Records or plays in both directions without reel turnover. Fast forward and rewind. Two recording heads and two motors. Signal-to-noise, 35 db. Amplifier automatically equalized for both speeds. Includes electronic eye volume level indicator, 6" PM speaker and microphone. Input for microphone or radio. Phono output for external speaker, amplifier or PA system. Weight—38 lb.	Wound with OXIDE IN Red or Block Oxide, Plostic Base
	"Ekotape" Model 114 \$179.50	50-4,500 cycles, ot 3 ³ 4'' ⁽ sec.	Portable. dual-track recorders with $3\frac{3}{4}$ " or $7\frac{1}{2}$ " tape speed—giving 2 or 1 hour recording time respectively on 7" reel. Fast forward and rewind, 75" per sec. Neon recording limit indicates a limit in the mission for mission for the mission	
WEBSTER ELECTRIC CO.	Model 116 \$179.50	50-7,500 cycles at 7 ¹ 2 ^{''/} sec.	level indicator. Input jacks for microphone and radio-phono. Output jack for external speaker. Includes 5"x7" PM speaker and crystal microphone Foot switch available as an accessory. Weight 34 lb.	Wound with OXIDE IN
Racine, Wisc.	"Ekotape" Portable Model 101-8 \$385.50 Model 101-9 \$412.50	40-10,000 cycles, ot 7 ½ "/sec.	Portable, single-track recorder with $7V_2''$ tape speed. Fast forward and rewind, 75" per sec. Electronic eye recording level indi- cator. Inputs for microphone and radio- phono. Output for external speaker. Includes 8" PM speaker. Weight—50 lb. Model 101-8 includes crystal microphone. Model 101-9 includes receptacle for connect- ing a remote control foot switch.	Red or Black Oxide, Plostic or Poper Base

Manufacturer	Model and Price	Frequency Response	Data	Ταρε
WILCOX-GAY CORP. 385 4th Ave. New York 10, N. Y.	"Tape Recardio" Madel 3A10 (7 ½" and 3 ¼"/se Model 3A11 (3 ¾" and 1 ⅔" se \$159.95	cycles (±3 db) at 3¾"/sec.	Portable, dual-track tape recorders with tape speeds of $7\frac{1}{2}$ and $3\frac{3}{4}$ in. per second or $3\frac{3}{4}$ and $1\frac{7}{6}$ in. per second. Signal-to-noise; 55 db for 3A10, 45 db for 3A11. Neon normal and overload record level indicators. Inputs for microphone and radio-phono-TV. Jack for external speaker. Fast forward and rewind. Keyboard control of all recording functions. Includes microphone and built-in speaker. Weight—23 lb.	Wound with
	"Tape Recordio Model 3F10 \$179.95	55-10,500 cycles (\pm 3 db) at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/sec. 75-7,500 cycles (\pm 3 db) at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/sec.	Portable, dual-track, dual-speed tape re- corder, operating at $7\frac{1}{2}$ " and $3\frac{3}{4}$ " per sec- ond. Signal-to-noise, 57 db. Balanced push- pull circuit. Other features, controls and facilities similar to $3A10$ described above. Also includes compartment in case for stor- ing extra tape reels and connecting cord. Weight—25 lb.	OXIDE IN Red Oxide, Plostic or Poper 8ase
	"Tape-Disc Recardio" Madel 3C10 \$199.95	80-6,000 cycles (±3 db) at 334", 'sec.	Portable combination tape and disc record- ing and reproducing unit, with tape speed of 3¾" per second (dual track) and 78 rpm disc speed. Signal-to-noise, 45 db. Transfers recordings from tape to disc or vice-versa. Jack for external speaker. Neon normal and overload recording level indicators. Fast for- ward and rewind speeds. Includes microphone and built-in speaker. Weight—30 lb.	

RECORDING TIME For Various Tape Speeds and Reel Sizes

REEL SIZE	3 ″	4 "	5″	7″	101⁄2 ″	14 "
LENGTH IN FEET Audiotape Other Types	150 150	300 300	600 600	1200 1200	2500 2400	5000 4800
RECORDING SPEED		TOTAL	RECORDING TIME	(Based an Audiate	ape footage)	
1 1/2 " per sec. Single Track	16 min.	32 min.	1 hr. 4 min.	2 hr. 8 min.	4 hr. 26 min.	8 hr. 52 min.
Dual Track	32 min.	1 hr. 4 min.	2 hr. 8 min.	4 hr. 16 min.	8 hr. 52 min.	17 hr. 44 min.
3¾ ″ per sec. { Single Track	8 min.	16 min.	32 min.	1 hr. 6 min.	2 hr. 13 min.	4 hr. 26 min.
Dual Track	16 min.	32 min.	1 hr. 4 min.	2 hr. 12 min.	4 hr. 26 min.	8 hr. 52 min.
7½″ per sec. { Single Track	4 min.	8 min.	16 min.	32 min.	1 hr. 6½ min.	2 hr. 13 min.
Dual Track	8 min.	16 min.	32 min.	I hr. 6 min.	2 hr. 13 min.	4 hr. 26 min.
15" per sec. { Single Track	2 min.	4 min.	8 min.	16 min.	33½ min.	1 hr. 6½ min.
Dual Track	4 min.	8 min.	16 min.	32 min.	1 hr. 6½ min.	2 hr. 13 min.
30" per sec. { Single Track	1 min.	2 min.	4 min.	8 min.	16½ min.	33 ¹ / ₃ min.
Dual Track	2 min.	4 min.	8 min.	16 min.	33½ min.	1 hr. 6 ¹ / ₂ min.

THE COMPLETE AUDIOTAPE[®] LINE

				PL	ASTIC BASE		P	APER BASE		
	Length in Ft.	Reel	Coating	Туре	Na.	List	Туре	No.	List	Std. Pkg
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de la	150	3″ Plastic	Red Oxide	150	151	\$0.85	120	121	\$0.70	30
	300	4″ Plastic	Red Oxide	350	351	1.60	320	321	1.25	10 30
	600	5″ Plastic	Black Oxide Red Oxide	640 650	641 651	3.50 3.50	600 620	601 621	2.25 2.25	(5) {10 30
COR	1200	7" Plastic	Black Oxide Red Oxide	1240 1250	1241 1251	5.50 5.50	1200 1220	1201 1221	3.50 3.50	5 10 30
3-		Std. NAB Aluminum Hub	Red Oxide		2551H	10.00		2521H	6.50	5
	2500	Complete 10½″ Aluminum Reel	Red Oxide		2551R	12.85		2521R	9.35	5
		Std. NAB Aluminum Hub	Red Oxide		5051H	20.00				5
	5000	Camplete 14″ Aluminum Reel	Red Oxide		5051R	26.00		_		5



AUDIO SELF-TIMING LEADER TAPE

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A 1/4'' wide leader tape of durable white plastic material. It can easily be marked with pencil or ink to identify selections and will outlast paper tapes many times over. Spaced markings permit accurate timing at all standard speeds. Individually boxed in 150-ft. rolls.

Box of 150 ft.

List Price \$0.60 13

New Tape Recording Language Lab for SHAPE Headquarters

Educational Laboratories, Inc. of Washington, D. C., whose activities have been reported by Audio Record in the past, has installed another language laboratory, this time at SHAPE headquarters in Paris, France. Starting with the first truly custom engineered laboratory for language teaching at Georgetown University, Educational Laboratories, Inc. has been responsible for similar installations at various places in the United States, and in Yugoslavia, France, Puerto Rico and the Philippines, thus extending its influence nearly around the world.

The new laboratory in Paris has been installed in General Eisenhower's old headquarters, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. The laboratory consists of twelve semi-soundproof student booths (the booths that are becoming the familiar feature of Educational Laboratories' installations) and is the first such laboratory built around the new Educorder Dual two channel tape recorder which is described in the "Quick Facts" directory in this issue. The Educorder Dual provides ideal facilities for individualized instruction and a close teacher-student relationship, thus meeting the needs of the eighty-eight generals and admirals who wish to study languages at SHAPE but find it impossible to attend regular classes.

While the laboratory is designed primarily for individual work, each booth is equipped with four incoming audio lines which can be patched into the student's Educorder. Signals emanate from the back of the room and are channeled through a custom control console. Signals may originate from a public address microphone, a microgroove disc player, a Soundmirror, or from either of two Educorder Dual "master" machines.

Facilities are also provided through a

"black box" custom designed by ELI, and to be offered soon for public sale, for synchronizing a tape recorded lecture with film strip or slide material by having a special signal on the tape actuate an automatic projector.

The new laboratory makes it possible for one of the Generals to sit down at his booth and have a private audio-visual language lesson in French while his neighbor is working on an entirely different language. Patching in and recording a signal from one of the master machines at the back of the room permits the student to record the original lesson on channel 1 of his Educorder while recording his individual responses on channel 2 of his machine. Later, he can use the same tape for review, crasing and re-recording on channel 2 without destroying the teacher's recording on channel 1 and without tying up the master equipment for a second time. Plastic Audiotape is used exclusively.

The new laboratory in one of the most famous headquarters on earth is causing a great deal of interest among educators in Europe who will no doubt prove to be quite vocal about this newest Yankee technique designed to eliminate our language barriers.

MUSICAL ENGINEERING

By Harry F. Olson, McGraw Hill Book Co., 347 Pages — \$6.50

... as reviewed by C. J. LeBel

A new book by Dr. Olson has always been an event, and this one is no exception to the rule. It is a survey of the musical acoustics field from that most unusual viewpoint, the engineer's, and should be of interest to almost everyone in recording. If you have a complete file of all the literature for the last twenty-five years, only portions of Musical Engineering will be new to you, but if your library is typical then it is well worth a full reading from cover to cover. It should be required reading in acoustics courses, as a staircase down from the physicist's moss-grown ivory tower.

Dr. Olson starts with the production of sound waves, then takes up musical notation, scales, and jargon. After touching on dynamic analogies, he studies resonators, radiators, and the full gamut of musical instruments. The writer found his data on the tonal and directional properties of musical instruments very interesting. Dr. Olson then takes up the characteristics of the ear, followed by a study of theater, studio, and room acoustics. He concludes with sound recording systems in block diagram form.

Since he has been in very intimate touch with the development of sound recording and reproduction systems for many years, the discussion is on the whole both accurate and up to date. We would expect this, for it was one of his works which, first among engineering books, recognized that lacquer had virtually completely replaced wax as a disc recording medium. There are still books being published which ignore lacquer and treat wax in detail.

It takes time to write a book, so there are a very few places where "Musical Engineering" has picked old data to lead to an obsolete conclusion. For example, in talking about home reproducing systems he says: "Attempts have been made to increase the frequency range, but without public acceptance". The phenomenal growth of the high fidelity home market in the last year has fairly well disproved this. Also, Olson says: "Tests made upon representative cross-sections of the people in this country show a very large percentage to be hard of hearing". This is undoubtedly based on some of the very first published tests of hearing.

Subsequent work has shown that, with more accurately calibrated audiometers and truer samples of the population, the percentage of "hard of hearing" has shrunk to a small fraction of what it orginally was thought to be. It would have been better to say "defective hearing" instead, for a sub-stantial percentage do not have perfect hearing --- just as most new automobiles have at least one scratch --- somewhere --before they are delivered. They are "defective", but not to a degree which the customer notices! The distinction between "hard of hearing" and "defective hearing" has been too often neglected. We had to read the entire book to find these examples, so they are definitely not typical of the book as a whole.

MUSICAL ENGINEERING is written with unusual clarity, so engineer, musician, and layman will find it useful. The musician and layman will find the book quite readable by skipping the mathematics, while the engineer will find the quantitative data he relies on. The jacket note says, "An engineering treatment of the interrelated subjects of music, musical instruments, speech, acoustics, sound reproduction, and hearing". An accurate description of a book we recommend.



by C. J. LeBel, Vice President Audio Devices, Inc.

A NEW SEVEN INCH REEL DESIGN

It is a sad fate that meets standards in a changing world. There is always pressure from the user for the quick standardization of something — anything — for the sake of uniformity. Thus we take the chance of adopting a design



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even though a few still voices point out the dangers, because a poor standard is still better than triple distilled chaos. Then we repent at leisure. The tape industry is beginning a period of very mild repentance, and out of it is coming a new reel.

Friction Clutches

A very large proportion of the lower cost magnetic recorders presently manufactured use friction clutches to drive the takeup reel and hold back the supply reel. This avoids the high cost of torque motors.

The most obvious design of clutch will maintain a constant torque (or inchpounds) as the tape unwinds and its diameter on the reel decreases. That is,

torque = tape tension x radius = constant

If we transpose, this becomes

tension $= \frac{\text{constant}}{\text{radius}}$

In other words, tape tension becomes inversely proportional to the radius of wind.

The nature of this relation becomes apparent if we look at the "uncompensated" curve of figure No. 1.

In actual practice a certain degree of compensation can be introduced, by changing the clutch torque with slip speed using the changing coefficient of friction with speed, or the changing weight of the reel as more tape is added. This tends to produce a curve more like the "compensated" curve. However, the compensation usually ceases to be very effective at small diameters.



The Problem

It may be seen that, in any case, there is a steep rise in tape tension as we approach the minimum diameter — that of the hub. This condition is most serious during high speed rewind, but it should not be disregarded even at normal recording speed. We can shift the whole curve up or down, without change of shape, by changing the clutch tension. This is not too helpful, because the limit of change is set by inadequate tension with a full reel — leading to impaired high frequency response.

Getting down to fundamentals, we find the basic source of trouble to be the excessive ratio of diameters over which we have to work -13/4'' to 7" or 101/2''. The obvious answer is to decrease the ratio by increasing the minimum diameter — the hub — as much as feasible without making it impossible to put enough tape on the rcel.

The Solution

For this change of the 7" RTMA recl we have chosen to use the time-tested NAB hub diameter of $2\frac{3}{4}$ ". With an uncompensated friction clutch drive this reduces the tension at the minimum winding diameter by about 35%, perhaps far more if the clutches are not in proper adjustment. The change in hub diameter also reduces the space available for tape so much that we have had to decrease the footage from 1250 ft. down to 1200 ft. minimum.

The Result

Needless to say, the change to the new hub diameter would not have been made without good and sufficient reason as far as advantages to the user are concerned.

So far, we have discussed only the matter of torque and tension. Now let's consider the effect of these factors on machine performance. The high tape tensions encountered when operating at small effective diameters, on both the take up and supply reels, have been found guilty of introducing undesirable speed changes in the operation of many machines. These speed changes, even though very slight, can be a source of annoyance to the professional recordist, particularly as regards the timing errors which they may introduce. The new reel, by eliminating these areas of excessive tape tension, will help the engineer who is striving for split-second timing of taped program material.

Also, by reducing tape tension, the new reel will lessen the pressure of the tape on the heads, minimizing head wear and consequently contributing somewhat to increased stability of the recording and reproducing characteristics of the machine.

The musician, be he of the professional or domestic variety, will especially appreciate the improved constancy of speed and timing, as this means more constant pitch a factor to which his trained ear is particularly sensitive.

Audio Devices Offers New Adhesive Reel Labels



The convenient, press-on adhesive labels, shown above in a handy 30-label package, permit easy and positive identification of recorded tape reels — even when they have been removed from their respective boxes. Each label provides space for title, date and reel number. All you have to do is peel the label off of the paper backing sheet and press it onto the sidc of the reel. It will adhere firmly as long as desired without curling up at the edges or peeling off.

When you want to remove the old label, you simply lift up one edge and pull it off the reel, leaving the surface clean and entirely free of sticky residue.

These new reel labels are available through your regular Audiotape supplier.

NEW 7" REELS OF audiotape[®] give you EXTRA VALUE at no extra cost!

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SPLIT-SECOND TIMING with New 234" Hub

Timing errors are virtually eliminated by this improved reel design which minimizes tension and speed changes throughout the winding cycle. Ratio of O.D. to hub diameter is the same as on the standard NAB aluminum reel.

PERFECTED ANTI-FRICTION

PROCESS. Reduces head wear-eliminates annoying tape "squeal" - prevents "tackiness" even under extreme temperature and humidity conditions.

MAXIMUM UNIFORMITY OF

OUTPUT. All 7" and 10" reels of plasticbase Audiotape are guaranteed to have an ontput uniformity within ± ¼db-and reel-toreel-variation of less than $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ db. What's more, there's an actual output curve in every 5-reel package to prove it.

With Audiotape, all of these extra-value features are standard. There's no extra cost - no problem of separate inventories or variations in tape quality.

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For there's only one Audiotape - the finest obtainable anywhere. Test it - compare it - let Audiotape speak for itself.

The new 7-inch plastic reel with large diameter hub for greater timing accuracy is now being supplied on all orders unless otherwise specified. Because of increased hub diameter. maximum reel capacity is slightly over 1200 feet. Older style Audiotape reels with 13/4" hub and 1250 feet of tape will continue to be furnished on request at the same price. *Trade Mark

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