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## Compression Standard Not Easy to Implement

by John Gatski

**WASHINGTON** Some manufacturers and digital equipment users have called for a standard to deal with audio compression algorithm "stacking." But actually creating a standard, especially for broadcast equipment, may be difficult, according to members of broadcaster and standards-making groups.

Following the revealing listening test results demonstrated by Herb Squire, chief engineer, WQEW(AM)-WQXR-FM New York, at the National Association of Broadcasters convention (see RW, May 12 and May 26), the issue has become one of the most talked-about in the industry.

Squire's tests showed that running audio through different compression schemes can degrade audio significantly.

Digital audio compression is often used to conserve storage space and to allow reduced bandwidth for transmission. Some use a technique called "perceptual encoding," designed to reconstruct a data-reduced signal to approximate the uncompressed audio, but with fewer digital bits.

### Compression problems

If a station uses multiple digital products using one type of compression scheme, manufacturers claim audio stays relatively intact for a few passes. The more significant problems are created by combining different systems, such as, a workstation using one type of compression that eventually passes audio to another scheme on a digital STL or compression-based cart machine.

Recent discussion has centered on possible interface standards. The Audio Engineering Society (AES), the National Radio Systems Committee (NRSC), comprised of EIA and NAB members, and the international ISO/MPEG and CCIR standards groups have all begun or could

soon begin considering such standards.

CCIR recently completed listening tests of "tandem" passes through the same compression algorithms, but did not test the effects of multiple algorithms. The results are due this summer.

The AES also has subcommittees dealing with multiple compression codecs, but they are targeting performance of the codecs and methods to evaluate the technology.

### Stacking tests

Steve Lyman, a senior technician at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) and a member of CCIR's working group that deals with compression, said the CBC may conduct listening tests and evaluation of different compression encoders in a broadcast chain along with signal processing effects.

Some industry analysts believe a single standard for compression encoding (a standard for decoding the data stream already exists), that would allow interoperability of varying digital devices using compression, would be difficult to achieve since there are so many systems already out there.

Currently, systems now used include MUSICAM, apt-X, Dolby AC-2, Scientific Atlanta's SEDAT and others.

"That (single standard) is certainly desirable, but not very possible," said



Christian Steiner/Courtesy BSO

Broadcasting from Boston Symphony Hall for over 40 years, WGBH - FM recently expanded its space and equipment to include audio processing gear from Benchmark Media Systems. See story, page 41.

Charlie Morgan, NRSC co-chairman and vice president of engineering at Susquehanna Broadcasting."

Morgan said that NRSC could set a broadcast-only standard for compression devices, "but this (compression issue) goes beyond just broadcasting." Other industries, such as

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## DAR Testing Plans Set for Cleveland Site

by Randy Sukow

**WASHINGTON** The Electronic Industries Association (EIA) characterized its decision to delay the start-up of its digital audio radio (DAR) system testing until this October as "very practical."

According to EIA officials, the new testing schedule will give the association time to coordinate its tests with the National Radio Systems Committee's (NRSC) evaluation of in-band, on-channel (IBOC) systems.

The schedule also gives the EIA time to equip its test facility, the NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, selected last month. (RW, June 9)

### NRSC involvement

Earlier this year, NRSC took over formulation of IBOC test procedures in response to complaints from the National Association of Broadcasters (co-sponsors of the NRSC with EIA) that the EIA test plans were weighted toward new-band systems. NAB and several broadcasters also said the process was being

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# NEWSWATCH

## Cook Withdraws Name From FCC Chair List

**WASHINGTON** Antoinette (Toni) Cook, majority counsel to the Senate Communications Subcommittee surprised many by withdrawing her name from consideration for the FCC chairmanship. Cook, who was instrumental in the passage of the 1992 Cable Television Act, has been considered the leading candidate since early this year.

Cook said she was satisfied with

her current Senate position and that the recent birth of her first child also affected her decision.

Earlier this year questions were raised over Cook's involvement in a mid-1980's partnership that accepted a \$2-million settlement to withdraw its bid for the license of WGMS-FM Washington during the break-up of the RKO station group. However, the settlement did not violate FCC regulations at that time and is not believed to have had an impact on her decision or

the administration's long delay in nominating a chairman.

Among candidates now believed to be under consideration to head the commission, is David Leach, senior staff member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

## RDS Tops Schedule During Summer CES

**CHICAGO** Taking a lesson from last winter's Winter Consumer Electronics Show (CES) and the NAB convention in April, both in Las Vegas, Radio Data System (RDS) products were put in front of retailers at the summer CES earlier

this month.

Twelve stations went on the air with RBDS in Chicago to help promote the technology, which enables radio receivers to: receive text from stations transmitting RBDS (call letters and slogans), scan stations by format, and automatically switch from one translator or transmitter to another. The technology also can provide emergency alerts.

Stations involved in the demo included: WBEZ-FM, WGCI-FM, WLIT-FM, WLS-FM, WLUP-FM, WNUA-FM, WPNT-FM, WUSN-FM, WVAZ-FM, WXRT-FM, WTMX-FM and WWBZ-FM.

Nationwide, more than 50 stations are now on the air transmitting the 57 kHz RDS data stream.

Six manufacturers exhibited products at CES including Access USA, Delco, Denon America, Goldstar, Jensen, Sony and Coupon Radio, an innovative interactive use of RDS for stations and customers.

The Electronic Industries Association said manufacturers, such as Denon, are now starting to ship new RDS receivers to retailers. Some receivers are already available. RDS is considered a logical bridge from analog to digital transmission systems.

## Muzak Using CD-R To Store Music Catalogs

**SEATTLE** Muzak, a major provider of satellite-delivered business music, recently purchased five Yamaha YPDR601 CD recorders.

The network plans to transfer  
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its extensive tape and other media library to CD. The Music Environmental Music Library, a 5,000 active title blend of contemporary and mainstream styles, will be transferred first—from hard disk to CD, according to Muzak.

### Spectrum Bill Clears Senate Committee

**WASHINGTON** The Senate Commerce Committee reported the Emerging Telecommunications Technologies Act (S. 335) late last month and sent it ahead for a full Senate vote. Along with a transfer of 200 MHz of spectrum from government allocation to the private sector, the bill authorizes a limited, trial auction of 30 MHz for new technologies.

The auction bill, sponsored by Communications Subcommittee Chairman Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) and subcommittee member Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), exempts a number of license applicants from the auction process, including broadcasters and public safety licensees. The plan conflicts with a Clinton Administration auction proposal that would open all new spectrum allocations to auctions and would not exempt broadcasters.

S. 335 also differs from a spectrum plan approved by the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The House plan, introduced by Telecommunications Subcommittee Chairman Edward Markey (D-Mass.), limits auctions to frequencies earmarked for pay-per-use services, such as cellular telephone or personal communications services. At press time, the full House had not yet acted on the Markey bill, but was expected to pass it on the suspension calendar.

# Cable Audio Firms Battle in Europe

by Frank Beacham

**NEW YORK** Digital Cable Radio (DCR), flush with an estimated \$20 million investment from new partners Sony and Time Warner, is now challenging its American competitor, Digital Music Express (DMX), for the premium audio market in Europe.

The digital music service, based in Hatboro, Pa., began satellite delivery on Intelsat K of 50 digital audio channels to Europe in late April and was scheduled to begin sales of the service in the United Kingdom, Scandinavia and the Netherlands.

DMX began its satellite feed of 30 channels in early March and is currently selling the service in Denmark. The company plans to launch in the U.K., Norway and the Netherlands before summer, Belgium during the summer and in Sweden and Ireland in the early fall.

Both services deliver multiple channels of commercial-free CD-quality music programming 24 hours a day to subscriber homes and businesses. Subscribers decode the signal with a remote-controlled digital audio tuner connected to the listener's sound system.

### The fast track

DCR's European expansion plans are now on the fast track after the recent announcement that Time Warner Cable, the nation's second largest cable television operator, and a joint venture of Sony Software Corp. and Warner Music Group, have joined the DCR partnership.

The new partners join General Instrument Corp.'s Jerrold Communications Division and a group of the largest cable operators in the United States, including Adelphia Cable Communications, Comcast Cable Communications, Continental Cablevision, Cox Cable Communications and Time Mirror Cable Television.

According to DCR, the partners agreed to contribute additional capital to fund the company's expansion, enabling an increase in program offerings and world-

wide distribution. DCR now is available on many cable systems in the U.S. and Mexico and is seeking regulatory approval to operate in Canada. The company also plans to launch in Latin America this summer and in the Far East next year.

DMX, based in Los Angeles, launched its service earlier this year in Australia. It also is backed by a group of top cable-industry players. DMX's parent company, International Cablecasting Technologies, is in partnership with Telecommunications Inc. (TCI), the largest U.S. cable operator; Scientific-Atlanta; Viacom; KBLCOM; Scripps-Howard; Colony Communications; Crown Media Inc., and Shaw Cablesystems of Canada.

Officials of both services said they will deliver audio programming in Europe by cable, microwave and DBS.

DMX has announced a deal with BSkyB (British Sky Broadcasting) and News Datacom to distribute DMX via direct-to-home satellite in the U.K. and Ireland this year. The service will be offered to BSkyB's 2.8 million homes as a premium option. The DMX tuner/decoder and remote control device will be available through BSkyB's extensive dealer network, made up of nearly 10,000 consumer electronics and satellite equipment dealers.

Of DMX's 30 channels, 21 are from the service's American programming pack-

age. The channels specific to European customers are Dutch, French, Italian, German, Latin Contemporary, European Hottest Hits, U.K. Hits, World Beat and Urban Adult Contemporary R&B. Local DMX operators can add and delete programming in their local communities to further customize the service.

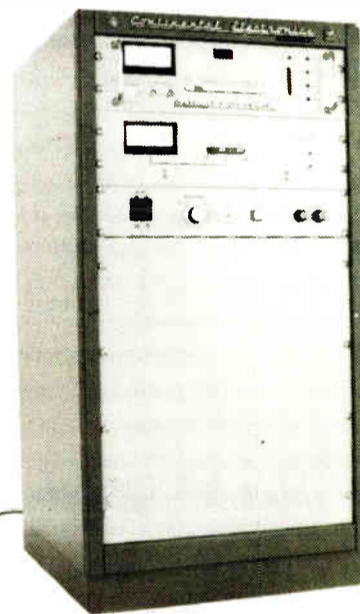
### Target programming

DCR planned to launch with its American feed but gradually switched over to 70 channels of all European programming. "Each major market will have five to 10 channels geared specifically to that market," according to Dave Del Beccaro, president of DCR.

The DCR executive wasted no time in criticizing his competitor, DMX, for its European programming line-up. "We think their programming concept is a non-concept," Del Beccaro charged. "If you can imagine being Dutch and looking at a service that's going to have one channel in your language and being asked to pay \$10 to \$20 a month for it, I think you can imagine what your response is going to be," he said.

According to DMX Managing Director Richard Cohen, up to now DCR has had no presence in Europe. Cohen said he was surprised at the lackluster challenge from such big-name competitors as DCR.

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It seems that if you don't have a computer these days, you're just out of the loop. Almost every new radio product, no matter how simple or complex, is contained, developed or available on floppy disk.

What is also interesting is that many



products travel between customer and supplier over the phone line, from hard drive to hard drive. Check out the *Studio Sessions* pages—radio commercials can be delivered from the production studio to the on-air studio without anyone having to travel a mile.

Another case in point is the new venture initiated by radio programming consultant, Vallie Consulting, Chantilly, Va., and the well-known Gallup Organization (of the Gallup Poll). The two companies are endeavoring to bring "advanced technology" radio research.

Vallie/Gallup is offering customized ActionPlan Services, allowing a station to select any or all of a wide variety (more than 25) of services, including: download of research data straight to your computer, perception studies with cluster analysis standards, color-coded music/auditorium tests, initial setup of computerized music scheduling, GAP analysis, specially designed plans for duopoly situations, weekly promotion faxes, Vallie's monthly "Radio Focus" newsletter and ongoing consumer lifestyle reports.

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I recently got a letter from Al Hastbacka over at Chatham Research in Oakton, Va., who is introducing a shareware program called FM Gold. It might be of interest to some of RW's more

travel-weary readers.

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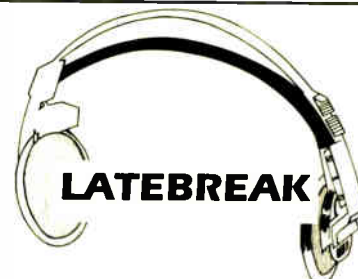
Hastbacka is making the program available in three versions ranging from \$10 to \$50. The lowest-cost shareware ver-

I know that there have been program guides for radio stations around for years, but maybe this is the kind of product that could help raise awareness.

★★★

Julius Cohen, 79, retired president of Cohen, Dippell and Everist, the Washington-based engineering consulting firm, died of cancer on May 2 at his home in Silver Spring, Md.

Cohen was a past president of the Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers and a lifetime



Denon America named Ryusei Takahashi chairman of the board and chief executive officer of its American operation, and elevated Stephen Baker, formerly director of sales, to vice president of sales and marketing. Both will be based in the company's Parsippany, N.J., headquarters.

Takahashi will retain his role as chairman of Denon France, the United Kingdom and Germany. He has worked for Denon's parent company, Nippon Columbia, for more than 30 years, including stints as the general manager of the company's international trade division and director and acting general manager of Nippon Columbia's overseas operations.

Arrakis Systems Inc. has hired Dave Burns and his firm, Radio Networks, to assist the factory with the support of sales, marketing and media for its radio broadcast products and its Digilink product line.

Burns has many years of experience as the sales manager and marketing manager for Harris Allied. He left Harris Allied recently to form Radio Networks.

John Waugaman was named executive vice president of Group W Radio, a newly created, group-wide position. Waugaman will oversee the company's sales force and its relationship with the rep firm, Group W Radio Sales, supervising all development, training and recruitment efforts. He also will be responsible for ensuring that each of the company stations hits its revenue share targets and supervision of the company's annual Super Bowl promotion.

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90.1	WMEA	NPR	Portland	ME	n 2	221 NE / 11 SW
90.3	WZBC	Rock	Newton	MA	nnnnn6	30 W / 9 E
90.9	WBUR	NPR	Boston	MA	nnnnnn8	72 W / 45 E
91.5	WMFO	Jazz	Medford	MA	nnn 4	17 NW / 2 SE
91.9	WUMBFM	Variety	Boston	MA	nnnnnn7	25 SW / 10 NE
92.3	WPROFM	Hits	Providence	RI	nnn 4	113 SW / 16 NE
92.5	WLYT	Soft Pop	Haverhill	MA	nnnnnn7	95 N / 37 S
92.9	WBOS	Rock	Brookline	MA	nnnnnn8	78 W / 51 E
93.3	WSNE	Popular	Taunton	MA	nnnn 5	103 SW / 26 NE
93.7	WCGYFM	Rock	Lawrence	MA	nnnnnn8	77N / 45 S
94.1	WHJY	Rock	Providence	RI	nnn 4	105 SW / 19 NE
94.5	WZOU	Hits	Boston	MA	nnnnnn8	80 W / 52 E
95.3	WHRB	Variety	Cambridge	MA	nnnnnn7	25 W / 11 E
96.9	WCDJ	E-Z Listen	Boston	MA	nnnnnn8	80 W / 52 E
97.3	WJFDFM	Variety	New Bedford	MA	nn 3	115 S / 14 N
97.7	WCAV	Country	Brockton	MA	nn 3	49 SW / 5 NE

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A sample screen of FM Gold database

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A typical FM Gold screen looks something like the chart on this page which is a sample of stations near Logan Airport, Boston.

As you can see, the display fields are self-explanatory (frequency, calls, format). I found the "signal" category most significant. It tells you the signal strength of the station at the airport. The levels can vary from two to nine, with nine being the best signal rating.

member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He retired in 1992 after more than 50 years in the business.

Over the years, the firm's clients included CBS, NBC, Post-Newsweek Stations, Cox Broadcasting and Taft Broadcasting.

Cohen was a graduate of George Washington University in Washington in the 1930's and served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War II, first in the Pacific and later at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he participated in the development of radar.



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### What's the rule?

Dear RW,

I appreciated Sam Scott mentioning our first-ever experiment with stereo split broadcast of sports (RW, April 28).

But it seems that the Sullivan, Mo., station made it more complex than necessary. I am just glad it worked for them.

Ours was a simple switch in the middle of one side of the FM stereo to reroute that channel into our production room. We now have fixed it so it is even more simple and use it with complete confidence.

Incidentally, after "Small Market Radio Newsletter" published our story, that publication received a letter from a station in Illinois that said (the split) was illegal.

I wrote back with information from the FCC. They said requirements of maximum and minimum power, and frequency stability were still in place but they have never been asked to rule on what we put on the left or right channel. The district FCC office in Dallas said that may be because no one has ever done it before. As long as they don't get a lot of complaints from citizens they could not imagine ever concerning themselves with it.

Bill Buchanan  
KSHN-FM Liberty, Tex.

Dear RW,

In the April 28 issue of RW there was an article concerning stereo division for the carriage of two separate broadcasts. I find this of particular interest since the FCC denied us permission do just that in December 1986. Have the rules changed, or is KTUI-FM yet to feel the FCC heat?

Few FM radios in today's marketplace are mono-only. However, I have seen nothing indicating the FCC has changed its rules.

C. Curtis Sigmon  
General Manager and Chief Engineer,  
WBZK(AM) York, S.C./WDZK(FM)  
Chester, S.C.

*Editor's note: Bill Hassinger, assistant chief, engineering in the FCC's Mass Media Bureau, said the FM stereo split is "innovative," but that KTUI-FM or any other station "would be well-advised to write the commission and get an opinion in writing" before doing it again.*

*After reading the April 28 article, Hassinger was not prepared to say definitively whether the split is acceptable under the commission's rules. His "initial reading" was that the split might violate Rule 73.310(b), which defines "stereophonic sound" (authorized for FM broadcasting by Rule 73.297) as "a plurality of channels in a range to afford the listener a sense of the spacial distribution of sound sources."*

*Because the KTUI-FM transmission did not provide "spacial distribution," it probably cannot be considered stereo. At the same time, the split would not be considered monophonic transmission either.*

### Mistaken identity

Dear RW,

There is no doubt in my mind that the May 26 issue of RW is the most complete and timely NAB review ever done by any magazine to date. I particularly enjoyed reading the well thought out letter concerning tower safety and gave brief but serious consideration to responding to the section on same-station cancellation (using two flashlights, for example), until I saw that my name was signed to the letter.

I'd be proud to have written that letter, but, unfortunately, I did not write it. Please give the credit to the outstanding author who penned it.

Frederick M. Baumgartner,  
TFT,  
Santa Clara, Calif.

*RW responds: Our deep and sincere apologies go to Fred Baumgartner and the actual author of the May 26 letter, James L. Sorensen, tower manager and chief engineer, TAK Broadcasting Corp., who works out of TAK's WJQY(FM) Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The editors are at a loss to know exactly how they accomplished this particular gaffe in that Mr. Sorensen's name appears clearly on the original letter. Fortunately, it appears to be unanimous that Mr. Sorensen provided RW with an excellent, thought-provoking piece.*

### Corrections:

"STL and EBS Gear Follow FCC Timetables," in RW's May 26 NAB equipment wrap-up cited an incorrect list price for Burk Technology's ES1 interface option to its ACR-16 remote control system. The list price is \$895; the exchange price is \$350.

The May 12 "NAB '93 New Product Sampler" gave the wrong phone number of more information on the Telos Zepher Digital Network Audio Transceiver. Those interested should call Nancy Gidish at 216-241-7225.

## Seven-Day Warning

As of May 29—the approximate midpoint in the FCC's two-month filing window for AM broadcasters willing to migrate to the expanded band—295 stations had responded.

That number appears to be in line with the projected total of 500 applications, based on response to an earlier FCC inquiry.

Any AM owner still wrestling with the question of whether moving to an assignment between 1605 kHz and 1705 kHz is in the station's long-term interest has some time to decide—but not much time.

June 30 (exactly one week after the publication date of this issue) is the day the window closes.

The National Association of Broadcasters and other organizations worked long and hard to convince the FCC that the public interest would be served by taking stations in the overcrowded, established AM band and moving them to the new band (with a reasonable period of simulcasting on both frequencies to give consumers ample time to buy radios receiving 1705 kHz).

RW does not dispute this premise. The interference relief provided by expanded-band migration will be minimal, some critics have complained. But taken with the FCC's 1990 approval of the National Radio Systems Committee's "RF mask" standard and other measures designed to reduce AM interference, the migration could be significant in several markets.

(It is also encouraging that new technical rules will be in place from the beginning on the expanded band and that many of those stations are likely to be broadcasting in stereo.)

But RW's editorial office still receives occasional anecdotes of station owners unaware of the commission's filing window or even that the AM band is expanding. In those few cases, it would be advisable to seek a communications lawyer or engineering consultant and explore the possibilities while there is still time.

No one should assume a similar filing window will open again. The commission will decide where to relocate TIS (Travelers Information Services) stations—perhaps within the expanded band—after the filing window. Minority and public-broadcasting interests are waiting in line for expanded-band assignment preferences.

There will be plenty of takers for expanded-band slots that existing broadcasters do not apply for today. —RW

### Curious about C-QUAM support

Dear RW,

I would suggest that the headline "Groups Support C-QUAM" (RW, May 12) perhaps overstates the situation slightly. The thing that I observe (and I will admit that I am not without prejudice) is that the equipment manufacturers support C-QUAM but the poor devils that have to buy, install, operate, and live with the thing do not want a quadrature system, especially a wide bandwidth one.

I believe that RW would do the industry a service by surveying its readers to see why people choose the system they did and how made the decision. Are they still operating the system and are they satisfied with it? I am ready to learn from the answers.

Lee S. Parr  
Monroe, Va.

### U.S. behind royalty times

Dear RW,

I am an international music copyright consultant, replying to your article, "Performance Royalties Addressed" (RW, April 28). I would like to mention that the U.S. is a member of the Universal Copyright Convention (1952) and revised (1971), the Berne Convention for protection of literary and artistic works (1971) and as amended in 1979, and the Berne Implementation Act of 1988, the Geneva (Phonogrammes) Convention (1971) and the Bruxelles (Satellites Convention, 1974).

Oddly enough, the U.S. is not a member of the Rome (neighboring rights) Convention (1961)—protection for performers, producers of phonogrammes and broadcast organizations.

Secondly, as stated in the European Community's "Green Paper," (1988, 1990 and just updated in December 1992), and the International Federation

of Phonogram and Videogram Producers Incorporated (IFPI) Reports, there are many European nations that already have a royalty tax on blank audio/video tapes plus a royalty tax on analog audio cassette recorders.

Thirdly, in my opinion, if DAB becomes a reality in the U.S. the Registrar of Copyrights should and shall mandate a royalty tax on DAB receivers, administered by BMI.

Germany will probably have this mandated soon. The U.S.A. is behind the times.

David S. Pulwers  
Alexandria, Va.

I sure wish I could get paid for advertising my product. My overhead would be much lower and I could get the jump on my competitors. Perhaps I could force the government to impose strict rules on magazines, newspapers and broadcasters (including cable systems) to pay me what I think my ads are worth.

The complaints brought forth in "Performance Royalties Addressed" in the April 28 RW remind me of this mentality.

Mike Seaver  
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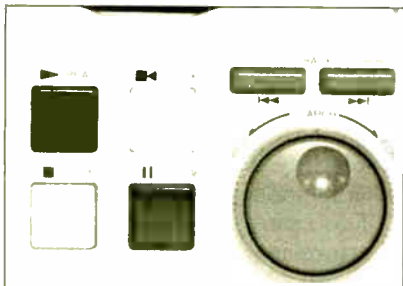
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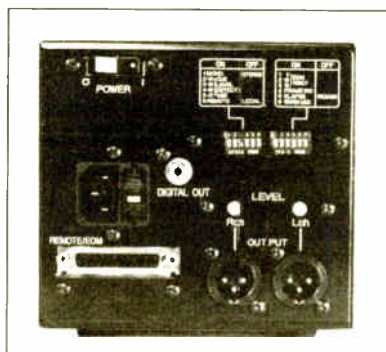


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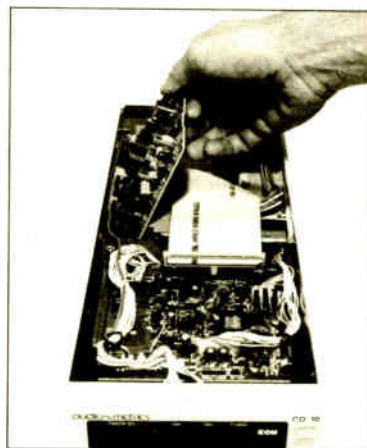


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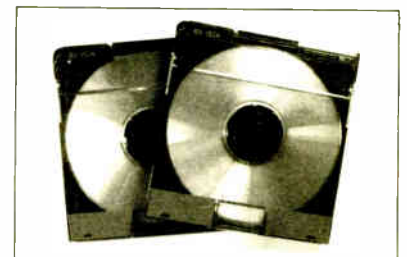


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## Not Easy to Standardize Compression

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recording and production, are involved, he said.

The CBC's Lyman said any future action from the CCIR on data compression would be in the form of "guidelines and recommendations" for broadcasters to follow, not a standard recommendation for manufacturers.

"It would (likely) be a recommendation of the type of codec to use and the appropriate bit rates," Lyman said. A rigid standard might not allow manufacturers to make improvements to their compression technologies, he said.

Ken Springer, an NAB engineer who focuses on digital technology issues, agreed that a single standard would be difficult to mandate, calling the current compression technology market very "fluid." The market already has a number of compression technologies in use, and the companies are not likely to abandon them, he said.

"I think it's very unlikely that a standard is going to be put in place for broadcast equipment," Springer said. But, he said, a de facto standard may emerge once a U.S. DAB system is chosen.

Most of the proposed DAB systems use a form of compression. But choosing a U.S. DAB standard is at least a year away. "I think DAB has cast a shadow over this particular issue," Springer said.

### DAB's effect

One of the leading candidates for U.S. implementation as a DAB standard is USA Digital's in-band, on-channel AM/FM systems, which uses MUSICAM compression.

Springer said a more realistic solution would be to educate broadcasters on when to use compression-based equipment and when not to use it.

Barring a universally accepted standard, "that's an excellent suggestion," Morgan said.

However, Morgan said that until broadcasters know more about how to deal with multiple compression schemes to minimize audio degradation, or until a consensus is reached on a standard, "I see a wisdom in a radio station not using any compression."

A standard is unnecessary, said Robert Finger of Panasonic, a member of the AES Digital Audio Subcommittee. "What we have here is a fact of life, if you don't take precautions," Finger said, referring to Squire's NAB presentation.

He said there are variety of incompatibilities that can occur in a radio station or recording studio that have to be addressed daily. "That's what an engineer is for."

As for engineers who may decide to avoid compression-based equipment in the studio, Finger asked: "Is that a reasonable position?...How are you going to avoid it?"

## Europeans Tackle Pro Audio Standards

**LONDON** European manufacturers and standards organizations are grappling with the issue of mixing different digital compression schemes.

The groups are exploring ways to minimize audio degradation when using compression schemes in the audio chain, and make various types of digital equipment work well with each other.

### Understanding codecs

Company consortiums supporting a given coding system say they advise minimizing the number of different codecs a signal must pass from source to transmitter.

Mixing different digital compression codecs through the chain can introduce serious distortions. Developers are looking at how their systems work with signals that already have been processed with a competitor's codecs.

This problem of "dueling algorithms" was put under the spotlight during the recent National Association of Broadcasters convention in April when radio engineer Herb Squire released the results of tests based on several manufacturers' products. (See RW, May 26 and June 9).

Absent a definitive compression world standard, some industry analysts speculate that less "powerful" systems, or those like APT's apt-X that do not use "psycho-acoustic"-based codecs, may be recommended because they are considered more "transparent."

During the NAB convention, APT announced establishment of an apt-X user group that will let OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) discuss how various elements in the broadcast chain can be brought together with a minimum of A/D, D/A conversions.

"Our user group consists of the whole broadcast chain: the cart machine, the hard-disk storage systems, STLs, satellite, etc.," APT's Steve Cheung said. "We want to explore the whole possibility on how you can go through the complete broadcast chain without repeatedly going to and from analog."

Cheung said that the compression element also has been a key issue. "This is also something we have been able to discuss in the user group," Cheung said. "Manufacturers are sharing information about the way their systems work through different algorithms. (But) in our discussions, we have had no reports of these problems occurring (with apt-X)."

In an ideal world, the establishment of a single industry-wide standard for data reduction stands would be an attractive solution. European DAB may end up standardizing MUSICAM, but Cheung believes the market will adopt different systems to meet specific needs rather than to fit in with one standard.

### Evaluating needs

"For distribution, contribution, hard disk storage and point-to-point links, apt-X has its position for its robustness and quality," he said. "Professional people want to use the most appropriate or the best system they can find; they seldom listen to standards claims."

In Europe, Digigram of France and the CAR (Computer Aided Radio) group of Germany published their standard audio file format proposal, "MusiFile," which would standardize a file structure encoded according to ISO/MPEG 11172. This measure allows equipment from different

manufacturers to create, process and playback audio files without degradation, the companies said.

### File data

The new development is said to allow a straightforward exchange between the widely used Digigram PCX cards and the BEDAS system from Barco-EMT, which is a member of the CAR group along with David, GTC and Management Data.

Currently, ISO/MPEG only defines the data bitstream, but not the arrangement within a file. This can be achieved by defining the arrangements of all bits and embedding them between a file header and a file trailer.

Within the header, numbers are reserved for the definition of a file type, which assigns a specific company product and version. These numbers identify the file exactly by other equipment. Both file header and trailer contain additional data, such as extended file name and reproduction mode, which are not necessarily required for the reproduction of the audio.

This ensures that the audio part of a file may be reproduced by a target system, even if the actual header type is not yet known to the system or does not yet exist.

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# World Evaluates German DAB Decision

by John Gatski

**WASHINGTON** The fallout from the decision by the German public radio authority, ARD, to delay consideration of the Eureka-147 DAB system from 1995 to 1997, is still being evaluated.

In the U.S., the National Association of Broadcasters said, it is too early to tell what type of impact the delay of Eureka service in Germany will have on the rest of the world. But the impact probably will be minimal, said NAB Executive Vice President John Abel: "My impression is that there is more being read into this than there should be."

Other countries supporting Eureka said they want to keep development moving toward a 1995 implementation. The U.K., Canada, France and Sweden all appear to be moving forward with their Eureka-147 development plans.

Mexico, however, seems to be re-evaluating its previously planned use of Eureka, according to sources.

## Looking at in-band

In-band proponents, favored by U.S. broadcasters, may have a potential opening for their systems in Europe as a result of the ARD's decision to delay. In-band, if it works, addresses the parity

issue between AM and FM stations and would answer the spectrum availability question in Europe.

Dieter Hoff of ARD said the organization is not opposed to looking at the in-band systems. They have the added advantage, he said, of no political arguments over new frequencies.

If it is proven that the U.S. in-band systems can deliver quality equal to that of Eureka-147 in the more crowded European context, then it might be an option. Hoff, however, does not believe in-band development has progressed that far.

Egon Meier-Engelen of the German Aerospace Research Establishment, a key developer of Eureka-147, said that "for whatever reason," an in-band DAB demonstration of USA Digital Radio at the NAB show in Las Vegas, did not work properly, and that Eureka-147 is the only system which meets all the demands put on it.

Developers of USA Digital Radio have said its in-band FM system at NAB was damaged by a power surge that destroyed chips.

USA Digital's Paul Donahue said Germany's delay of Eureka is significant to the state of worldwide DAB plans, and that numerous European communications officials visited the USA Digital in-band demonstration booth at NAB 1993.

ARD's delay will have an effect on Germany's commercial stations. Without the clout of ARD behind Eureka 147, the small (and young) German commercial stations have no resources to continue the research, officials said. The stations do not have the money or the research facilities to lead the way.

## Commercial stations

The ARD is the most powerful force in German radio, and if the organization says it is not ready to implement DAB, there are no other organizations strong enough to introduce the service, officials said.

ARD delayed a decision on Eureka for economic and spectrum-availability reasons.

Money is not available for the development of a new network and the parallel analog broadcasting that will be necessary, until DAB has a permanent frequency on the radio dial. The ARD estimated the cost of conversion to the Eureka 147 system at 500 million Deutsche marks.

A second reason is that ARD wants to be sure that all its programs—four or five in each radio authority area plus some local stations—will be available on DAB. Questions exist on spectrum availability in all of the ARD coverage area.

Because of manufacturers' vested interest in Eureka-147, ARD will likely come under pressure to change its decision.

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Alan Carter and Michael Lawton of RWI also contributed to this report.

## EIA Sets DAR Test Schedule

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receiver-manufacturer interests.

The EIA tests have been postponed twice, in part because of the IBOC controversy. EIA originally intended to begin the trials on April 1 and later delayed start-up until July 1. With a site now selected and IBOC test plans approaching completion, the current scheduled appears to be more realistic.

Under the new plan, EIA will direct the testing of in-band and new-band systems at NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland this fall. (At press time a lease with NASA had not been signed, but an agreement was anticipated by mid-June.)

Testing of IBOC systems will follow test criteria mapped out by NRSC, which are expected to be completed in August. EIA has already approved procedures for new-band systems.

## Test schedule set

The tests are projected to last approximately nine months, after which NRSC and EIA are expected to release separate reports and recommendations—NRSC's report dealing with IBOC systems only and EIA's on all other systems.

Some signal propagation tests of digital transmissions began earlier this spring in Charlotte, N.C.

"We'll try to keep everything as unified (among NRSC and EIA) as possible in the actual conducting of the tests so we can save a lot of expense and trouble," said Ken Springer, NAB staff engineer for digital communications.

The final price tag for the entire testing project is estimated at \$500,000. Systems proponents are being asked to pick up half the cost and the rest is to be paid by NAB, EIA and various equipment manufacturers and other parties with an interest in digital radio development.

Use of the Cleveland facilities will likely be treated as an in-kind contribution toward NASA's share of the costs. NASA/Voice of America are among the participating system developers.

## New equipment

About \$280,000 of the test budget is earmarked for new-equipment purchases, most of which is to be spent on test and simulation equipment. The majority of the equipment used in the tests, however, is expected to be loaned to EIA by interested companies.

Like the Advanced Television Test Center (ATTC), the Alexandria, Va., lab now testing proposed digital high definition television transmission systems, the special circumstances of the DAR tests will require the development of some customized systems, especially in the area of subjective assessment.

Otherwise, EIA and NRSC are purposely avoiding the ATTC model, an EIA official said. Systems will be tested simultaneously rather than the ATTC one-at-a-time procedure. Also, a greater level of flexibility is being written into the DAR test procedures to allow for changes in the middle of the test process.

A final list of the proponents to be tested had not yet been released at deadline, but those considered most likely to submit systems are: U.S.A. Digital and AT&T/Amati (IBOC systems); Eureka 147 (new-band system), and NASA/VOA (S-band satellite system).

System developers were given until June 18 to declare their intentions to participate in the testing.

"We're looking for people who have developed systems, not people to go out and start developing systems," Springer said. "We're ready to begin a standards process."

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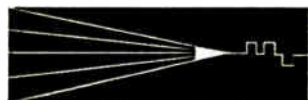
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# KGO Offers Dial-Up Information Service

by Nancy Reist

**SAN FRANCISCO** Pacific Bell has teamed up with San Francisco's top-rated radio station, KGO(AM), and with the Dow Jones Voice Information Network to provide the Daily Reporter, a voice-mail delivered information service.

The experimental service is available to Pacific Bell's voice mail subscribers in some California area codes. Messages are typically about a minute long. The service is subscriber-supported and does not include any advertising.

Subscribers receive information briefs in their mailboxes on up to seven different topics, including weather, a morning financial outlook, an afternoon financial recap, sports, world news, movie reviews and Bay Area Minutes, a "round table" of local information including fitness, gardening, politics, consumer tips, and upcoming events.

The first six topics are provided by the Dow Jones Voice Information Network; Bay Area Minutes is produced by KGO.

"Dow Jones represents a very good variety of information that's available on a national basis," said Jean E. Graham, manager of business development for Pacific Bell's Information Services Group. Dow Jones can cover some local news, such as sports which it can handle through its Sports Ticker service.

But as far as news of California communities, "that's something that a national provider has a more difficult time doing. KGO basically represents the local community," Graham said.

KGO News Director Ken Beck oversees the radio station's contributions. It's too early to predict the benefits the station may get from the partnership, he said.

"It's like packaging your product in several different packages, rather than depending solely on a broadcast delivery. In this case, since it's experimental for us, it will have to be evaluated as to its worth as it goes along," Beck said.

KGO is not charging Pacific Bell for its programming during the experimental stage. "We're not putting a broadcast line in there, since they can't deliver a wide-band signal to a Message Center customer anyway. They don't have the capability to do that yet," he said.

The station's costs are minimal, Beck said. KGO sends programming to Pacific Bell over regular phone lines. The Bay Area Minutes programming comes either directly or indirectly from KGO's regular air schedule.

"In some cases, they spin off a product that's on the air already. For example, Joanie Greggins does a talk show on Saturday morning involving fitness and diet and other issues," Beck said. "She offers what you might call a

spin off of that show in a sixty second capsule that's part of the service."

Both Graham and Beck agree that during this preliminary phase, control of the content of Bay Area Minutes should be given to KGO and its talent. Graham said the two organizations worked together to develop general guidelines for Bay Area Minutes, but now Pacific Bell leaves the programming to KGO. Beck confirmed that currently the Bay Area Minutes programmers work independently.

"During this experimental period they've let us put on basically anything we want to. Like any product, that will be refined," he said.

"This thing is just starting to creep into the marketplace. Knowing the phone company, I think they'll probably research this very heavily and have a pretty focused kind of product before the whole thing is over."

Graham said the feedback on the Northern California Daily Reporter so far has been very positive, particularly for the Bay Area Minutes, weather and movie

review services. Formal research is scheduled to begin this month (June), before offering the service more extensively.

Graham anticipates that once the preliminary research is completed, Bay Area Minutes will expand its offerings to financial information and sports.

Most of the programming for the expanded service probably will come from the sources Pacific Bell has already developed, although if there is a need for other topics outside current providers' expertise (religious

programming, for example), they might work with another radio station, Graham said. Pacific Bell's Southern California service might also wish to develop an arrangement with a local station.

Graham is very enthusiastic about the growth of the Daily Reporter, but does not believe it could develop into a competitive threat for radio.

"We're not in any way shape or form a radio replacement, we're a radio complement," she said. "Bay Area Minutes just says, you can listen to KGO on the radio and by the way, here are snippets of information from our talent and personalities and programming that may be of interest."

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# RAB Debates New Arbitron System

by Randy Sukow

**DEARBORN, Mich.** The Radio Advertising Bureau (RAB) board of directors, meeting last month in the Detroit area, gave Arbitron executives mixed reviews on the company's proposed redesign of its radio ratings services.

Most agreed Arbitron is moving in the right direction with computer upgrades and new methods for analyzing data. But proposed methods for changing sample size and the frequency of its reports drew considerable fire.

Arbitron is committed to significant change, said company President Steve Morris. "The current system is badly

flawed and the negatives are simply going to get worse and worse as we move forward into a world of electronic information," he said.

But, said RAB President Gary Fries, who sits on the Arbitron Radio Advisory Council, which participated in developing the redesign proposal, a system to please every radio station as well as Arbitron's other clients is probably not possible.

"We're at least moving instead of standing here stagnant, bitching about the whole thing," Fries said. "Somewhere, this (radio) industry has to give this company some guidance."

The redesign proposal, hammered out

by Arbitron and the council during an April day-long meeting in Chicago, seeks to achieve three major goals: increase the value of the ratings data, increase sample size and keep the cost to the subscriber down.

## The plan

"It's to be expected that there will be incremental costs in changing the data collection and processing," Morris said. "We at Arbitron will pay that price. That will not be passed on."

Questions remain over details of the new system and when it can be implemented. Arbitron is currently in the process of informing groups like RAB, the National

Association of Broadcasters and advertising trade industries of the plan and seeking feedback. It hopes to have enough information by September to finalize the plan for implementation in fall 1994.

Several elements of the redesign were well-received by RAB, such as the plan to switch to "block group coding," a system based on units of 250 households in a geographic area.

"When you get geographic data that small you can start stringing them together for very strong lifestyle characteristics, very strong purchasing habits and all kinds of information," said Jay Guyther, Arbitron vice president, sales and marketing, radio station services.

Current Arbitron reports are based on 12 weeks worth of measurement. Rather than increase the number of households reporting, Arbitron is proposing 18-week reports, based on six-week updates. Eighteen-week reports represent a 70 percent increase in sample size over the old 12-week reports.

In addition, every six weeks, Arbitron is tentatively planning to send a 50-page "Buyers Guide" report, which would include the latest "rolling" 18-week summary as well as several other new data not offered before.

Many board members complained that six weeks will in fact become the standard. Ad agencies and other Arbitron customers will be able to extrapolate the latest six-week data from the Buyers Guide and use numbers based on a sample 25 percent smaller than the current 12-week reports.

Guyther agreed: "It's very important that 18 weeks becomes the standard, not the six-week phase because the six-week phase takes it a step backwards."

Other board members, however, protested the idea of sending the buyer's guide out at 18-week intervals because a station would have to wait six weeks longer to redeem itself after a bad book.

Morris and Guyther assured the board that final decisions on the Buyers Guide contents and the frequency of its delivery have not yet been decided.

## Other business

Besides Arbitron, the main concern of the May RAB board meeting was a series of meetings set up with about 20 major Detroit-area advertisers that do not use radio. The goal of the meetings is to educate advertisers on the strength of radio advertising and learn why some advertisers do not find radio useful.

The most common complaint RAB board members heard after a similar series of meetings in Los Angeles last October was that radio ads often tend to be uncreative. RAB is attempting to battle that perception with its Radio Mercury Awards program, created to honor the year's most ear-catching radio ads. This year's Radio Mercury Awards ceremony was held June 9 before a sold-out crowd at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York.

RAB membership is up to 3,230 stations as of early May, "which I believe is an all-time high," said Ron Ruth, executive vice president of RAB's stations division. That figure is up from a low point of 2,341 in early 1992. But, Ruth warned, the association is still experiencing "a tremendous amount of churn" among small-market stations.

One reason for the churn, he said, is the increase in duopolies and local management agreements. "Broadcasters are asking themselves: 'Do I have to pay RAB and NAB four times?' if they have the max of four stations (in a market)," Ruth said.



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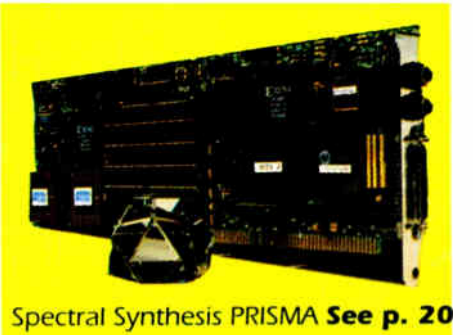
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## USER REPORT

# KFI Edits 'On-The-Fly' with Akai DD1000

by Marv Collins

**LOS ANGELES** When KFI(AM)'s fast-paced talk shows needed their many jingles and sound effects cued up and ready to air at a moment's notice, we began to investigate several digital workstations for the solution. We looked for gear that

would be simple to use, rugged and reliable.

Purchased in 1990, the AKAI DD1000 magneto optical disk recorder/player has proven itself to be the ideal radio production and on-air tool for KFI(AM)-KOST(FM). It is self-contained and compact, occupying only five rack-units of

space. We have found it to be solid and well-constructed, versatile and easy to use.

The workstation's first clear distinction is that it uses no internal hard drive. Its media is 5 1/4-inch double sided magneto-optical disks capable of recording up to 80 minutes per side at 32 kHz mono; at 44.1 kHz stereo, 29 minutes per side. That's

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## PRODUCT EVALUATION

# Removing Noise Using Roland SN-550

by Ty Ford

**BALTIMORE** Nasty sounding source audio, when not due to an overdriven amp or impedance mismatch, is usually the result of circuit noise, tape hiss and hums. If you're not in a position to correct the problems that caused the noise before the recording begins, you're left with having to figure out how to minimize the problem.

Although it's not capable of the performance level of the CEDAR and Sonic Solutions noise reduction systems, the Roland SN-550 Digital Noise Eliminator does a respectable job and costs many times less. It is a single-ended filter and it works in real time. List price is currently \$2095.

Each channel of the SN-550 is equipped with separately adjustable Noise Cancelling (high frequency) and Hum Cancelling (low frequency) sections. The three things the SN-550 does best are reducing 40 Hz-80 Hz hum, tape hiss and circuit noise. This includes the various buzzes that emanate from effects boxes and MIDI synthesizers, tape hiss from improperly adjusted analog recorders and circuit noise from amp stages that are pushed past their ideal operating parameters.

### Setup and operation

Roland has provided both balanced XLR and 1/4-inch TRS inputs and outputs. The 1/4-inch jacks also work with unbalanced 1/4-inch TS plugs, but the unprocessed throughput of the SN-550 is 5 dB hotter than when the filters are in the circuit during unbalanced operation. This makes comparison and level setting more difficult if you're running an unbalanced system.

Setup and operation of the SN-550 are very straightforward. Just insert it into your system, adjust the input to the filters with the internal level control, activate the noise cancelling or hum cancel modes (or both) and adjust the thresholds of each until you get what you want.

The front panel LED display shows internal levels for each channel, and whether the noise and hum cancelling circuits are operating. According to the manual, the noise cancelling circuits split the audio into five bands, each one centered at 350 Hz, 700 Hz, 1.4 kHz, 2.8 kHz and 5.6 kHz. Each band has its own

Roland's SN-550 is effective in reducing hum, hiss and circuit noise.



noise canceller, however, they can't be manually tuned. I tried to null out a series of tones from 200 Hz to 20 Hz using the noise cancellers threshold controls, but the individual frequencies were unaffected.

Like the hum cancellers, the noise cancellers also can be chained, although most of my testing showed that one trip through was all that was needed.

I had some interview material that had been recorded on analog cassette. It was moderately hissy. The SN-550, while not perfect, did remove a major amount of the tape hiss. There was a small diminishing trail of noise after each phrase that was the result of the expander closing down. While it was possible to adjust the threshold to completely eliminate the noise between phrases, I found hearing the noise during phrases and during the trail to be distracting. I readjusted the threshold so that a small amount of noise remained between phrases.

After I reduced the tape hiss, I was able to hear an air handler fan motor growling in the background. As it turned out, the AC motor, which was running on 60 Hz, was causing the air handler housing to vibrate. I kicked in the manual frequency adjust mode of the Hum Cancel section first and began tuning for the frequency which, you guessed it, turned out to be 60 Hz.

Either from the "manual" mode adjusted to 60 Hz, or from the automatic "line frequency" mode, the results were the same; the hum of the housing dropped noticeably. If you do a lot of recording in buildings where you can't turn off the HVAC blower motors, and if they're 60 Hz motors, this feature will definitely

improve your audio.

The SN-550 also effectively reduced the synth whine and hiss from the output of my Roland U-20 keyboard. It also took some of the buzz out of my MXR stereo chorus stomp box. However, as with most of these kinds of devices, success is a question of balance. Use too much cancellation and the top end of your audio loses its sparkle. In addition, the expanders will also close down on your reverb ring outs.

### On Music

I ran some basic rock and roll music and a series of sine waves from 20 Hz to 20 kHz through the system and found that the circuit was just not sophisticated enough to remove or noticeably reduce the single tones from the music. I also noticed a reduction in the lower frequencies of the music (kick drum and bass) when using the hum cancelling circuit.

In a more controlled test, I fed a 50 Hz tone to the SN-550 and manually adjusted the hum cancel section to null the tone. At 50 Hz, I was able to drop the level 10 dB. At 75 Hz, it dropped 9 dB. If I was out to improve on this feature, I'd make the range a bit wider, like 20 Hz to 120 Hz to catch those ultra low tones and the 60 Hz harmonics.

The Roland SN-550 may not be the kind of box you use on everything, unless you deal with a lot of really bad sounding audio all the time, but it can elevate horrible sounding audio to the passable level.

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For more information on the Roland SN-550, call Al Dugas at Roland at 213-685-5141 ext. 333; or circle Reader Service 109.

### Easy to operate

The AKAI DD1000's human interface, a logically organized panel of switches, knobs, and LCD display, allows the many different operators at KFI-KOST to quickly and easily accomplish their work. We discovered that a computer-based system—with its bulky hardware, monitor, keyboard and mouse, requiring "clicks" and "drags" to navigate through screens—was too complex and time consuming to meet the demands of our hectic stations.

AKAI combined the best of two design concepts: traditional hardware control and software engineering. Most of the work is completed by selecting menu choices from six function keys below the LCD display. Their purpose changes with each screen that is in use.

Edit features include the very accurate jog and shuttle wheel, the waveform editing, and assembling "takes" and their associated "cuts" into "Qlists," for four-channel playback.

To record a "take," press the record button. The LCD screen presents the user with a menu of options. Here the sampling rate is selected, mono or stereo mode, digital or analog inputs, and the take's name is entered. Function key "6" starts and stops the recording. It is all very logical.

To edit the recording, press the edit key. The waveform is immediately displayed on the screen. In this mode, the user sets in and out points for up to 50 cuts per take. Press the "detail" function key and the scrub wheel becomes operative. You can instantly zoom in and magnify to see and hear a small section of the waveform, even a few hundred samples.

Everything about the AKAI is quick; there's no software "overhead" needed to redraw screens, or read and write files. In fact, the entire operating system and editing software is contained in two EPROMS. There is no boot up time required; the unit is ready to go in two or three seconds after power-up.

### "Playsheet" function

One of the most impressive capabilities of the DD1000 is its cart machine function. As the "Playsheet" was demonstrated to us, we knew it was the perfect tool for our application. The Playsheet feature is the DD1000's rapid-fire, cart machine style of playing takes and cuts "on-the-fly."

Using the DD1000, up to nine cuts may be programmed into a group, and

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# Prevent Ground Loop Hum in Audio System

by **Bruce Bartlett**  
with **Jenny Bartlett**

**Part II of IV**

**ELKHART, Ind.** Here are more tips on hum prevention for your audio production system. Let's start by reviewing balanced and unbalanced lines.

Hum fields are rejected better by balanced lines than by unbalanced lines. A balanced line is a cable that uses two conductors to carry the signal, surrounded by a shield. The shield does not carry the signal; it is connected to ground and keeps electrostatic fields out of the conductors. Balanced cables and equipment use three-pin pro audio connectors (XLR-type connectors). Professional audio equipment uses balanced connectors.

In a balanced line, each of the two conductors is at an equal impedance to ground. Consequently, the conductors pick up equal amounts of hum interference. The cable plugs into a balanced input, which is sensitive to the voltage difference between the two conductors. Since there is little or no difference in hum voltage between the two conductors, hum picked up by the cable is not amplified.

Twisted-pair cable creates less magnetically induced hum than non-twisted pair cable. This is because twisted conductor pairs occupy the same point in space on the average, so they are the same distance from the hum source, and receive equal hum interference.

An unbalanced line is a cable that uses a single conductor surrounded by a shield. An unbalanced cable has either an RCA phono plug or a 1/4-inch phone plug. Unbalanced equipment has RCA phono jacks, or has 1/4-inch phone jacks. Home stereos and semi-pro recording equipment use unbalanced connectors.

Both the conductor and the shield carry the audio signal, thus, so the shield isn't as effective in blocking electrostatic hum as it is in a balanced line. Also, the inner conductor and outer shield are at different impedances to ground, so they pick up different amounts of hum interference. This difference in induced hum voltage is amplified by the equipment the cable is plugged into. In spite of these drawbacks, unbalanced lines under 10-feet long usually provide adequate hum rejection.

When connecting balanced equipment to unbalanced equipment, you may want to add a 1:1 audio isolation transformer at the unbalanced input or output. This allows most of the interconnecting cable to be balanced.

**Preventing ground loops**

A major cause of hum is the ground loop. This is a circuit formed out of ground leads. It is the circuit loop that is formed when equipment is connected to ground through more than one path. It occurs when two pieces of audio gear are connected to each other through a shield and also through the AC safety ground.

A ground loop also can be created between two cable shields connected to the same piece of equipment. How does a ground loop create hum? In two ways:

First, the ground loop acts like a big coil of wire or antenna that is sensitive to "hum

fields" radiated by power wiring in the walls. The bigger the area of the loop, the more hum interference it picks up. Second, if the voltage on each chassis is not the same (that is, if the safety grounds are different), a 60 Hz current flows between the two chassis, causing a hum signal.

You can get rid of ground loops in several ways. The following measures reduce the area of a ground loop, which reduces hum pickup.

- If possible, keep your equipment close together and use short audio cables.
- When running send-and-return cables to a signal processor, tape these cables together.
- When running separate left-channel and right-channel cables for a stereo hookup, tape these cables together. Better yet, use a stereo cable, which combines both channel pairs in a single cable.

**Connect to same ground**

If you do this, all chassis are at the same ground voltage, so no hum current can flow between them when they are connected by cables.

Suppose you're trying to record a synth by connecting it to your mixer. The synth is plugged into a wall outlet in one room, and the mixer is plugged into a wall outlet in another room. When you connect them with a guitar cord, you hear hum. What's going on?

Chances are that the outlets are fed from different circuit breakers. So the outlets are at different ground voltages. When you plug your synth and mixer into these separated outlets, and connect the equipment together with a guitar cord, the difference in ground voltages makes a 60 Hz hum current flow between the synth and mixer. That's a ground loop.

One solution is to plug all your equipment into one or more outlet strips fed from the same circuit breaker. That way, the ground voltage for all the equipment is the same. Plug the electric musical instruments and recording equipment into the same strips. Use long, thick extension cords if necessary for distant equipment. However, make sure that the current requirement of the system (the sum of the equipment fuse ratings) doesn't exceed the amperage rating for that circuit.

Another solution is to use a transformer-isolated direct box between the synth and your mixer. Unlike a guitar cord, the transformer passes the signal without connecting the two chassis together.

The orientation of two-prong AC cords makes a difference, too. For each piece of audio gear, rotate the two-prong power cord in its outlet to find the minimum-hum position. If you have a small semi-pro audio system with 2-prong power cords and short unbalanced cables, you should have no hum problems if you followed these suggestions.

Portions of this article were excerpted from the authors' book, "Practical Recording Techniques," published by Howard W. Sams. More on hum prevention next time.

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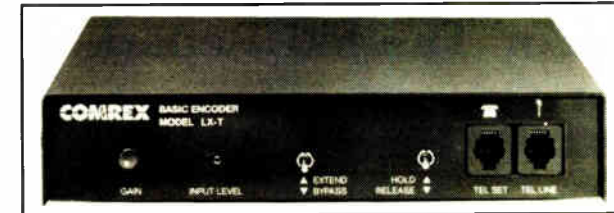
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# 'On-The-Fly' Editing

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300 groups may reside on a disk. The cuts are played by pressing the AKAI's numeric keypad, or using the KS500 remote.

After takes and cuts are made, they need to be assembled in a list for playback. Either the "Qlist" or "Song" will do this. The Qlist is familiar to anyone who's worked with video style edit decision lists; it's SMPTE timecode based.

Time	Take	Cut
00:00:01:00.0	RADIO SPOT	CUT 1
00:00:13:24.5	RADIO SPOT	CUT 2
00:00:51:18.8	RADIO SPOT	CUT 3

The "Song" mode is an even simpler method of accomplishing the same thing. Timecode isn't used, just numbers in a sequence.

No.	Take	Cut	Rep
1	SPOTMUSIC	CUT 1	1
2	SPOTMUSIC	CUT 2	4
3	SPOTMUSIC	CUT 3	1

In the above example, the Song mode's repeat function is used to loop "cut 2" four times before advancing to "cut 3."

Two other modes, "Set-up," and "Disk" allow the operator to select from dozens of options: master sampling rate, internal or

external reference clock, footswitch mapping, file directory maintenance, deleting, renaming, tagging, and much more.

After our original goal of on-line, on-air multiple cuts, on-air, was met, we began to enjoy more of what the DD1000 had to offer in the production studio. We installed it in Studio A, where much of the commercial voice-over work is done.

KFI-KOST Production Director Ken Davis has a library of disks that has grown to over a dozen, and they contain often used agency donuts, work elements, and local tags. Davis is pleased with the many ways in which the unit replaces the analog 8-track reel-to-reel tape machine.

**"We have found the DD1000 to be solid and well-constructed, versatile and easy to use."**

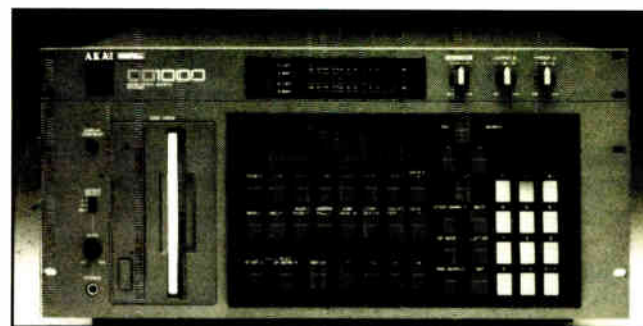
— Marv Collins, KFI/KOST

Multiple voice spots, parts recorded at different times, are easily assembled in the Qlist. Audio overlaps and crossfades are possible, because the DD1000 will play two cuts at the same time.

Also built into the unit are other valuable production tools, including time compression and expansion, pitch shift, and digital EQ. The algorithms that accomplish these feats sound great, and the techniques are based on AKAI's sampler technology.

#### Talkshow recording

At KFI, we also employ the DD1000 to replace the open-reel taping of selected KFI talk shows used for replay overnight. All of



KFI/KOST uses five Akai DD1000s in its on-air and production facilities.

the recording and editing is performed on optical disks. We are no longer editing by cutting expensive reels of tape. We are saving thousand of dollars in tape cost every year with the five AKAI DD1000 machines in use in the various KFI-KOST studios.

Playback can be remote controlled using the DL500 Playsheet desktop remote control unit. Also available is the DL1000 remote control that provides remote access to the DD1000's record/playback and editing functions. It also connects up to seven units and controls them under the SCSI ID management system.

The DL1000 remote control is equipped with an LCD display that may be tilted to give the user the best view, and a SMPTE code generator. In the KFI-KOST studios a simple mounting was fabricated that permits the KL1000 remote control to rest on the audio console for convenient access. The DL500 "Playsheet" desktop remote control has been installed in the conference studio so that talk show hosts can remotely start sound effects and jingles if desired.

The DD1000 will connect to a wide array of devices: additional SCSI optical drives, a parallel printer, digital inputs and outputs, timecode input, MIDI input, output and loop through, two assignable footswitch or contact closure inputs.

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# Making MIDI Work Using a Sequencer

by Al Peterson

Part III of IV

**HARRISBURG, Pa.** In our last two sessions, you saw how MIDI controls your DSP, sampler and synth. You may also recognize it would take an octopus to run it all in real time. Not to mention trying to lay a drum groove, hot bass, piano and horns onto the multitrack. If MIDI is so "fandamntastic," shouldn't there be a machine that can do all of this nonsense for you? It's called a Sequencer, and it's the topic this time out.

A MIDI sequencer does not record audio but "performance data." Every time a key

on a MIDI board is hit, the sequencer records the event rather than the actual sound. Think of a player-piano; it doesn't make any sound of its own, but contains the events the piano can convert into music. So it is with a MIDI sequencer.

## Sequenced data can be manipulated in many ways.

Sequencers can be hardware or software. Alesis, Yamaha, Roland and others manufacture very fine hardware sequencers set up to emulate the workings of a multi-track recorder. A good many companies also write sequencing software for computers (see accompanying article). Either way, MIDI performance can now come under automated control. Here's how.

### Multiple manipulations

Sequenced data can be manipulated in many ways including time. The "Tempo" feature changes performance speed, and can effectively "time-slip" a sampled event. Say you need a stuttered "Win Cash!" promo effect exactly 22 seconds into your work track (with no hands left to fire the sampler).

Set the tempo to 60 beats-per-minute, and record several "Note On" events to occur on the 22nd beat. Roll tape and sequencer together and at 22 seconds, "Wi-wi-wi-Win Cash."

For finer control, sequencers allow you to nudge bits of time called "sub-beats" with resolution finer than 96 slices of that second.

The sequencer can automatically change programs on your DSP. Figure out when changes occur in the copy, then record Program Change information into the sequencer. Roll tape and sequencer simultaneously then watch your effects box jump from reverb to flanging, doubling to

pitch transposition, ending with a small slapback echo. Look Ma, no hands!

Some sequencers like the Alesis MMT-8 allow you to sync to tape by laying a tone on one track. On playback, the sequencer begins rolling when tone hits it. Doing this frees you from having to start cart, reel and MIDI all at once.

Ambitious types can sequence a complete mix of music, processing and effect fly-ins (requiring some degree of musicianship). Assume you've composed a fantastic MIDI jingle for a car dealer. Sequencer tracks one through six are directed to the multi-timbral sound module. Track seven triggers car effects and audience "ooh-aahs" off the sampler. Track eight manipulates DSP reverb or alters the panning of your voice as you're going to tape, all in one pass.

### Not a recorder

It's worth mentioning again that a sequencer does not record audio at all. We use it to generate a jingle mix with effects; audio still is directed to reel, cart, DAT or some manner of digital archiving. However, it is possible to save the sequence to floppy disc for future use. Doing this (rather than archiving the music track) allows the luxury of experimentation: Horns and strings can swap parts. Make the bass player a singing duck. Eliminate a sampled effect. Remove the "middle 16" to make a :30 version or even transpose it so the dealer's daughter can sing lame lyrics in a key comfortable for her. Since all information is digital data, it is yours to manipulate and store to achieve a creative end.

At last, we've got a way to control all this cool gear we had the boss buy us. Next time out, we'll tie it all together into one complete package, including a look at my own MIDI rig for inspiration.

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## A User Guide to MIDI Programs

by Al Peterson

**HARRISBURG, Pa.** Good news. You've been given the old computer from the storage closet for a sequencer. Bummer—it's an XT. How do you coax MIDI production brilliance out of one of these fossils?

No sweat. MIDI software companies have programs that will cook in XT Turbo mode (a whole 10 MHz). Call the computer manufacturer for the BIOS chip to handle DOS 5.0, and drop in new RAM chips to bring it to 640KB. Then check out the following software:

"Cakewalk 4.0" from Twelve Tone Systems. 256 tracks to sequence on. Minimum requirements are 512K RAM and at least one floppy. A hard drive is recommended, otherwise you'll be swapping discs back and forth—a serious deadline killer (800-234-1171).

Voyetra's "SP Classic", "SP Jr." and "SP Gold." Inexpensive and remarkably versatile. Use these programs on a 286 machine or higher; anything slower may "choke" the MIDI data stream (914-738-4500).

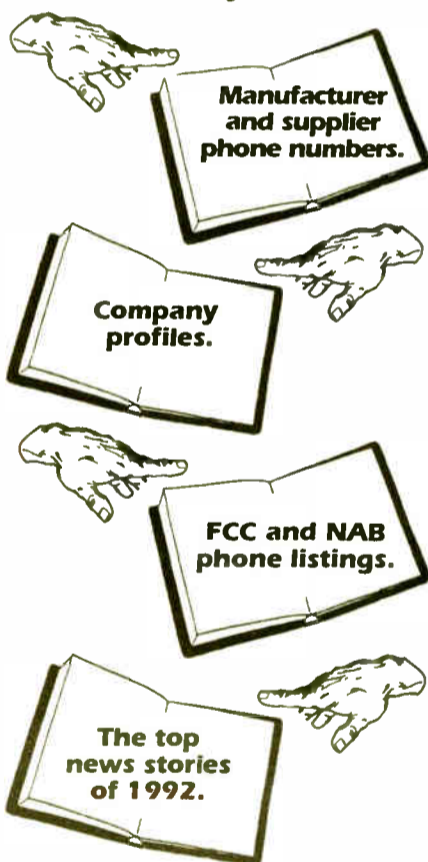
"Cadenza" from Big Noise. Runs on laughably-meager machines with 512K RAM and two floppy drives. Cadenza depends heavily on graphics, so CGA or Hercules capability is a necessity (904-730-0754).

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ON-THE-SPOT

# Transporting Commercials by Telephone

by Ken R.

**TOLEDO, Ohio** Your radio station spends a fortune just picking up spots at other stations and recording studios. Don't believe it? Take the average salary of a sales person, and divide it by 40 (the number of hours he/she is supposed to work).

Let's just make up a number. Let's say the sales person makes \$400 a week. That's about \$10 an hour. How many hours does that person spend picking up spots? Maybe 5? That's \$50 per week, per sales person. If your station has five sales people, that's about \$13,000 per year.

Now add mileage costs into the equation. Let's be conservative and say \$10 per week per sales person. That's another \$2600 per year your station spends.

Well, you could buy a whole other employee for your station if you could figure a way to get that commercial from the source to your production board without using a car.

Good news. The technology is now available to do it. Here's how it works.

Say station "A" records a commercial, converts it to digital information using an A/D converter (a DAT machine will do just fine). The production director

then "encodes" it using ISO/MPEG MUSICAM compression and sends it down a phone line to station "B." The production person at station "B" receives it via a modem into a computer or digital workstation, "decodes it," and *Voila*. Just add water (just kidding) and you have instant audio.

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No wear and tear on the tires, no unproductive driving time for the sales person. That sales person may still decide to stop off and waste an hour or two at the doughnut shop, but that's another problem.

The point is that commercials no longer need to be "dubbed off" onto analog tape, put in boxes and shipped all over town. One such piece of equipment that makes this possible currently is in use in the United Kingdom. English recording studios are able to "transmit" commercials and production to stations in distant areas (and in fact sometimes across oceans) using the CCS CDQ-2000.

It allows them to select from several digital transmission rates, depending on the bandwidth required. At a data rate of 112Kbps or greater, the CDQ-2000 delivers CD quality stereo audio at 20 kHz bandwidth. AES/EBU interface is provided as an option. (Other products from companies such as APT, Comrex and by the end of the year, Telos, also can be used for spot delivery.)

Ken R. Inc., produces jingle packages for radio stations, commercial jingles for agencies and plain old radio spots for everyone. We spend about \$3000 a year on overnight shipping, and our clients probably spend about \$6000 each year on their end when they want our stuff in a big hurry.

**The point is that commercials no longer need to be "dubbed off" onto analog tape, put in boxes and shipped all over town. . . . No wear and tear on the tires, no unproductive driving time for the sales person.**

We're looking closely at getting such a system, but the only drawback is you need folks with the right equipment on both ends of the phone line for it to work. And right now, the technology is too new for many radio stations to have picked up on it.

### Waiting for equipment

Granted, radio stations are just beginning to go digital because prior to the past year or so, the prices of workstations were too high for most to afford. But little by little it's happening. First CDs replaced records. Then the DAT machine arrived in your production room. Trust me, soon the old technology, those machines that you've had since the '60s, will go away.

So eventually will the razor blades, the turntables and those scratchy old production libraries on vinyl. And using a modem transmission system for commercials will make sense to your GM because it will save money and man-hours for the station every year.

Each year, I watch the price of various pieces of digital equipment plummet, memory capabilities expand and software get more flexible. Save this article and in a couple of years you can look back and say, "Hey remember when we had to drive all over town to pick up commercials?" Right now I'm on my way out for a doughnut.

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SIGNAL-TO-NOISE

# Recording Gear for Journalists

by Frank Beacham

**NEW YORK** Whether I'm wearing the hat of a writer or that of an audio producer, I depend on tape recorders.

For years I've fumbled with recording devices on interviews, trying to piece together a lightweight portable system that I can operate alone but that will provide consistently high quality recordings.

The task has not been easy. In fact, I've searched for that perfect system for more than 25 years. I've lost track of how many portable reel-to-reel and cassette recorders, mixers and microphones I've used over the years.

My requirements for the ideal personal recording system are really very simple. First, the entire system has to be extremely light in weight. Preferably no more than

sounds much better than its specs: 10 Hz-14,500 Hz (+1, -3 dB) with a S/N of more than 80 dB. The tiny machine, designed for voice recording, uses postage-stamp size tapes with recordings times of 60, 90 and 120 minutes.

With the Scoopman system portability reigns supreme. The recorder weighs 5.2 ounces with the single AA battery that powers it for about seven hours. In addition to the manual recording mode, Scoopman employs a digital AGC circuit that leaves no audible artifacts when recording normal speech.

Sony also includes a feature on this recorder called "Plug In Power," a phantom power system for consumer mics. What Sony doesn't tell you is that the 2.71 volts delivered at this connector can power a pair of professional quality, lava-

ASC made up a special Y-cable adapter so I could use a mic on each channel with full recorder powering. The male mic cable connectors were wired so that if I chose to use only one mic, it could be plugged directly into the recorder and would deliver sound to both channels.

Now, for the first time, a standard DAT

## The D-7 offers all the features of the NT-1 Scoopman.

recorder duplicates the key features of the Scoopman and integrates perfectly into my system. Sony's new TCD-D7 (\$629.95 list) weighs just over a pound with four AA batteries installed. This is a real breakthrough since power consumption has been cut drastically from previous portable models. No more of those heavy, expensive nicads to lug around.

The D-7 offers all the features of the NT-1 Scoopman including "Plug In Power" and, for the first time on a Sony portable DAT machine, there are two types of AGC (music and speech).

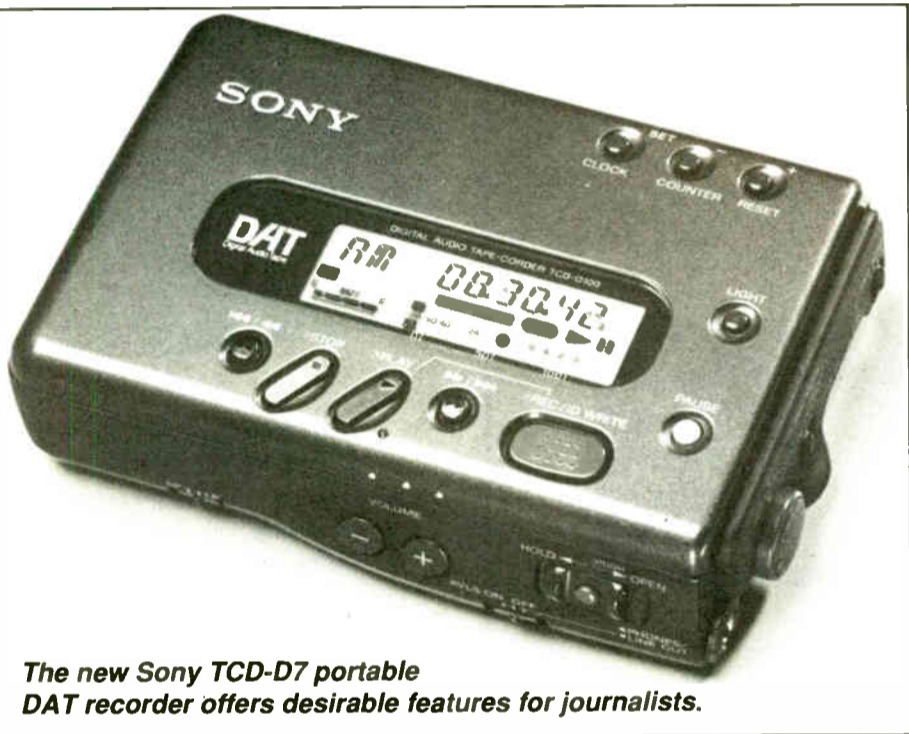
The D-7 also offers a significant feature not found of the Scoopman: a long play mode that allows four uninterrupted hours of recording on a single 120 DAT cassette. This is a great feature for conferences and meetings when you want to set it and forget it.

Most people won't need both recorders, but I bought a D-7 as a companion to my Scoopman. As I see it, each has its place. When I want an ultra lightweight system, you can't beat the Scoopman. When you want or need the extra audio quality of DAT or four hours of uninterrupted recording time, the D-7 fits the bill.

With one of these machines and a few well-matched accessories, the day of the ideal personal recording system for journalists has arrived.

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The new Sony TCD-D7 portable DAT recorder offers desirable features for journalists.

two or three pounds total. Most analog cassette or DAT gear, when packaged with extra batteries, tapes, mics, headphones etc., can quickly get heavy and bulky.

The system must run all day on a very few, easily-found batteries. I don't even want to think about AC power sources on location. The recording system should use small cassettes with long running time. In most cases, I don't want to change a cassette in less than an hour.

As the interviewer, I want my voice on a separate audio track from the person I'm interviewing. This simplifies any editing I have to do later. I also want the recorder to ride gain automatically so I can concentrate on content and not technology. (I know what you are thinking, but with the new digital AGC systems now available, this function has dramatically improved and certainly beats a fried DAT recording.)

And, as icing on the cake, I want great sound. I reject those cheap tinny-sounding mics that come with many portable recorders. I want to use professional-quality microphones but without bulky in-line phantom power supplies.

I found the perfect system about a year ago and have been using it ever since without a hitch. Last month, thanks to the introduction of a revolutionary new tape recorder, my personal system has acquired even greater capability.

Last summer, I achieved recording "nirvana" with Sony's NT-1 Scoopman digital microcassette recorder (\$999.95 list). It

liere condenser microphones as well.

With the help of Mike Riner at Audio Services Corp. (ASC), North Hollywood, Calif., I paired the Scoopman with two Millimics, tiny condensers manufactured by ASCU's sister company, Professional Sound Corp. These mics, as well as several other brands now available, need only 0.9 volts each to operate.

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## Arrakis Trak\*Star Multitrack Recorder

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Trak\*Star comes in two configurations: the Trak\*Star-2 and the Trak\*Star-8. The two-track editing software operates on the Trak\*Star or the Arrakis DigiLink workstations. The eight-track version is a sophisticated multitrack, mixing and editing software package.

For more information, contact Arrakis Systems at 303-224-2248; or circle **Reader Service 81**.

## Spectral Synthesis PRISMA Production System

Spectral Synthesis has introduced the low-cost PRISMA, a random access, multi-channel digital audio production system card that works with any ISA bus-compatible computer. The PRISMATICA software also is available for Windows users.

The PRISMA plays, records and mixes twelve simultaneous digital audio segments on 64 virtual tracks. It also includes multi-band parametric EQ on active channels and can connect to a

variety of external products via AES/EBU, S/PDIF or SPECTRAL Multi-I/O protocols.

For more information, contact Spectral Synthesis at 206-487-2931; or circle **Reader Service 138**.



## Peavey PRM Line of Monitors

Peavey offers a line of near-field monitors that are compatible with in-house radio production studio and independent studio use.

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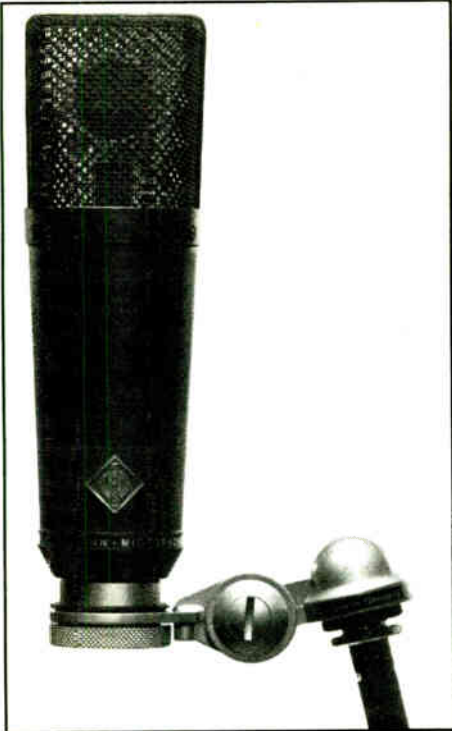
## Tube-Tech LCA-2A Stereo Compressor/Limiter

The Tube-Tech LCA-2A compressor/limiter is entirely tube-based except for the power supply and sideband circuit. The compressor features six att./rel. presets as well as manual control. The limiter has variable threshold and LED indicator. Other features include input gain control and clickless relay bypass.

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For more information, contact David Schecterson at AudioTechniques, 212-586-5989; or circle **Reader Service 151**.





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The Genelec 1019A, 1031A and the 1032A are considered good choices in studio applications. The 1019A is a two-way ( five-inch bass driver, one-inch tweeter) with bi-amp system. The 1031A also is a compact near-field monitor with bi-amp system and has an eight-inch driver. The 1032A is similar to the 1031A except with a 10-inch bass driver.

For more information, contact Barry Fox at QMI, 508-650-9444; or circle **Reader Service 114**.

**Wes Dooley Audio's  
New Headphone Amp,  
Stereo Decoder**

Wes Dooley Audio Applications has introduced two new products: the MS38 Lite stereo headphone amp/decoder (\$300) and the MS38 Mark II MS stereo decoder (\$585).

The MS38 Lite is a battery powered stereo headphone amp/decoder for field use with portable DAT recorders and VCRs. The unit is said to provide flexible stereo monitoring, even when recording component MS direct to DAT.

The MS38 Mark II is a MS stereo decoder in a half-rack package that is optimized for post production. Sum and difference points are said to allow additional reverb to be added to a stereo mix without affecting mono compatibility.

For more information, contact Wes Dooley Audio at 818-798-9128; or circle **Reader Service 167**.



**DIC Digital AR-4000  
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DIC Digital's new dry, non-abrasive AR-4000 DAT Drive cleaning tape is good for 24 cleanings without any head damage.

The unit has raised cleaning nodules that are said to lift debris from the tape path and remove it from the machine without damaging the heads. DIC Digital said the AR-4000 is compatible with all DAT drive mechanisms in the industry.

For more information, contact DIC Digital at 1-800-DAT-1-DIC; or circle **Reader Service 42**.

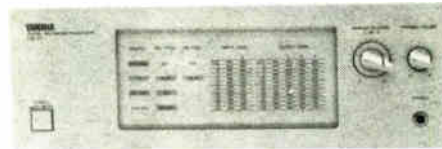
**ART MDC-2001  
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The ART MDC-2001 is a comprehensive controller for audio production that includes

stereo compressor, expander, noise gate, de-esser, exciter, peak limiter and clipper.

The unit features 21 LED gain control metering, balanced inputs/outputs, full stereo processing. Frequency response is listed at 16 Hz to 28 kHz (+0, -5 dB) with a S/N ratio of -110 dB.

For more information, contact ART (Applied Research and Technology, Inc.) at 716-436-2720; or circle **Reader Service 209**.



**Yamaha CBX-D5  
Hard Disk Recorder**

Yamaha's CBX-D5 hard disk, stand alone multitrack digital recorder can work with almost any computer systems including Macintosh and PCs using Windows.

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The unit also provides on-board DSP and DEQ, as well as four-band parametric equalizer for each channel. Used with a 100 megabyte hard drive, the CBX-D5 can record about 10 minutes of stereo audio. Time can be increased by adding extra hard drives to the SCSI chain or larger capacity drives.

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# Don't Let Power Supply Go Out in Blaze

by Andrew Ellis

**SAN FRANCISCO** Power supplies have replaced vacuum tubes as the least reliable electronic equipment.

Many console manufacturers use OEM open-frame power supplies and package them in a single rack-mount unit. This is less expensive than engineering a power supply in house.

Most OEM-regulated supplies have current limiting. Some include "fold-back" limiting, which reduces current to a low value after a short or other over-current. Others, sadly, use current limiting which delivers the full-rated supply current (at reduced voltage) into a short circuit.

## Case in point

Recently, we had a large production console go up in various kinds of smoke due to a power supply failure.

There were three supplies. Two 18V at 3A supplies ran the analog sections, while lamps, relays and logic ran from a 12V at 6.8A unit. We believe that the initial failure was in the +18V supply. This caused the direct-coupled output amplifiers to slam against the -18V rail and reverse-volt their output capacitors, which failed in entertaining and showy ways.

We have since installed a modification to add protection to the power supply and shut down all three outputs if any one of them goes over or under rated voltages.

Approach such projects with caution. It is easy to degrade the overall reliability of any system by adding new parts. In this case we tried to make the monitor extremely reliable. Even more importantly, we made sure that the protection circuit was fail-safe by shutting off the console and by making the failure mode (all supplies off) safer than the original design.

The circuit checks the output voltage of all three supplies against high and low limits. A relay connects the power supplies to the console only if all three pass the test. Otherwise, all power supplies are disconnected from the load until the voltages are correct.

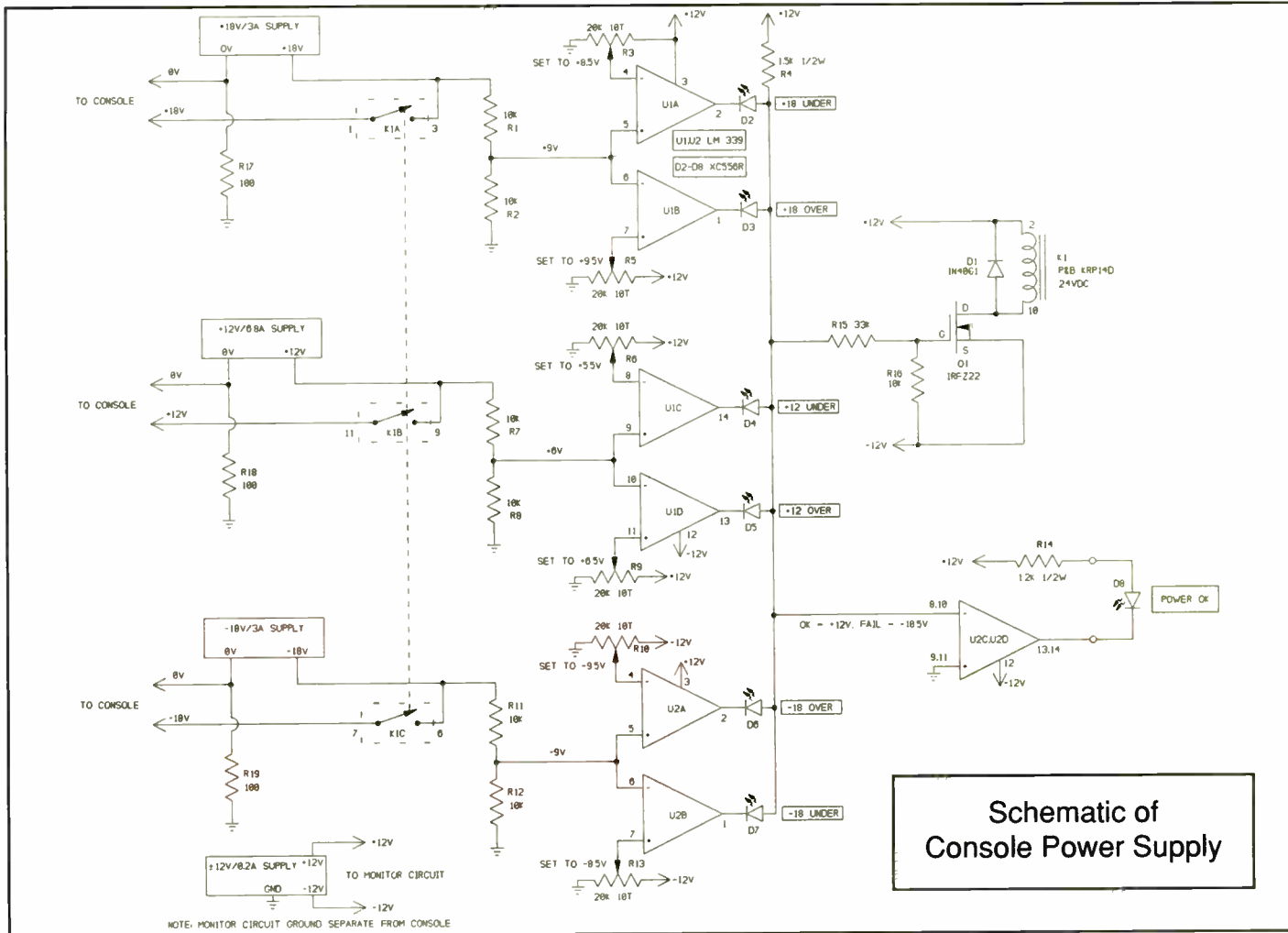
## Circuit description

Operation of the +18V supply monitor is typical of all three. The OEM supply output line to the console connector is broken, and normally open relay contacts K1A are inserted in it. The output of the supply is divided by R1/R2. (This allows use of a ±12V supply to operate the monitor.)

If the divided sample is above 8.5V, the output of U1A is cut off. Should it fall below that value, the open-collector output of U1A saturates. U1B operates in the opposite direction. It is cut off when the sample is below 9.5V, and saturates above that value.

The effect is that both outputs are cut off (indicating OK power) only when the sample is between 8.5 and 9.5 volts (corresponding to supply values of 17 through 19 volts).

The other two monitors operate the same way. If one or more comparator outputs are low, associated LEDs light to show which test is failing. Otherwise, R4 pulls the LED anodes to +12V. This



lights a "Power OK" LED on the front panel and pulls in relay K1 to connect all three supplies to the load. K1 is driven by VMOSFET Q1. Since it operates in switching mode, no heat sink for Q1 is needed.

Six 10-turn potentiometers set the limit voltages. The balance in setting them is between nuisance shutdowns if the limits are too tight, versus failing to shut down on a real fault if they are too loose. We found supply tolerances of ±1 volt work well.

We used a small OEM ±12 VDC at 200 mA supply for the monitor. Since the regulation of this supply controls the reference voltages, we felt this wiser than using the supplies being monitored. Using normally open relay contacts power supply will shut down the console, rather than leaving it operating without protection.

R17-R19 are used to prevent ground loops. The supply's common outputs are connected in the console, and these resistors force circulating currents through the single-point ground. Because of the 20K ohm input to the monitor, they do not affect the voltage samples.

Power supplies are troublesome beasts. They require regular checking. Careful design can ensure that when a power supply does fail, it does not damage other equipment as well.

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## LOW POWER LOWDOWN

# Groups Translate to Public Service

by Howard L. Enstrom

**MOUNT DORA, Fla.** Engineering consultants work with engineers, but often with non-technical types as well, such as laymen starting up translator stations.

Independent translator groups seek to import a missing dimension of broadcast service to their community or area. A spark-plug leader who inspires such an effort is often buying into a lot of hard work and sweat. Many in a translator group are either lukewarm supporters or armchair critics. Small wonder group leaders look to a consultant for more than engineering service.

I marvel over the courage and tenacity of purpose many such leaders display. One case is Bill Young of Bitterroot Christian Radio Satellite, Inc. (BCRS).

### How it happened

Bill Young is a rural mail carrier in the Bitterroot Valley of Montana. Bill liked listening to a Christian radio station as he drove his route every day. The signal he picked up was translated from Missoula, 40 miles north of Corvallis, where Bill and his wife Glenda live.

In Corvallis reception is poor and riddled with interference. Bill and Glenda met with the translator people in

Missoula to discuss the problem, but learned that the translator was already operating at maximum legal power.

The Youngs then tried to form a group to build a translator to relay the Missoula translator signal, but found few people interested in such a project. Bill and Glenda's idea was to gather a multi-denominational group.

One day a cross-country truck driver told them about KILA(FM), a Las Vegas station with "Satellators." KILA was mentioned to them again, by a couple returning from a trip through Idaho and Nevada, KILA satellator country. The group debated and decided to go the

satellator route. They chose the name Bitterroot Christian Radio Satellite Inc.

### Green light from KILA

BCRS contacted KILA President Jack French, who provided written permission to rebroadcast the signal. The next step was to send out some 10,700 flyers to publicize the project. The cost was close to \$500, the very amount of the group's first contribution, donated by The Galileah Christian Book Store in Hamilton.

The "Ravalli Republic" newspaper inserted the flyers, and felt confident that they had reached most of the families in the valley. All the contributions were to be mailed to a special BCRS post office box.

The response to the flyers was a disappointment for the group and they began a search for other, more effective fund raising methods.

They raised \$226 from ticket sales at the county fair to raffle off a child's bicycle. But that was a long way from the needed \$12,000. BCRS then organized an auction, which turned out to be a lot of work. The BCRS account, however was raised by \$1,407.50.

Some gave half-heartedly in direct financial gifts. The group carefully kept records of all gifts for refunding the money later, in case the project didn't fly.

Advice came more freely than funds. Says Bill: "Frankly, we went through some very discouraging periods. But each time we really felt down, it was like the Lord sent someone with a donation and, even more importantly, a word of encouragement.

"We began thinking about putting on a benefit concert featuring some well known personality, such as Glen Campbell. Why not? Glenda and I visited with numerous church pastors in the area, to seek their thoughts and support of the idea for BCRS fund-raising."

### Involve the locals

Allen Maki, the pastor of the Baptist church in the south valley's very small community of Darby, told them it would cost a great deal to bring in big-name talent. He suggested they look to all the local talent to produce a concert. That did it.

The first "Evening of Praise" concert drew 400 people, a big success. Adds Bill: "We've now had six and they have become our biggest source of income." (Pastor Maki is master of ceremonies.)

I was hired by the group to design the equipment for the project. I studied topographical maps of the Bitterroot, and came up with my plans. The group had some trouble with equipment, mainly the result of not having technicians familiar with satellite dish antennas and their low-noise amplifiers.

Anyway, two years after their first efforts, the KILA satellator station became operational at 2 p.m. on Feb. 10, 1992. It certainly was a happy day for BCRS and a lot of people.

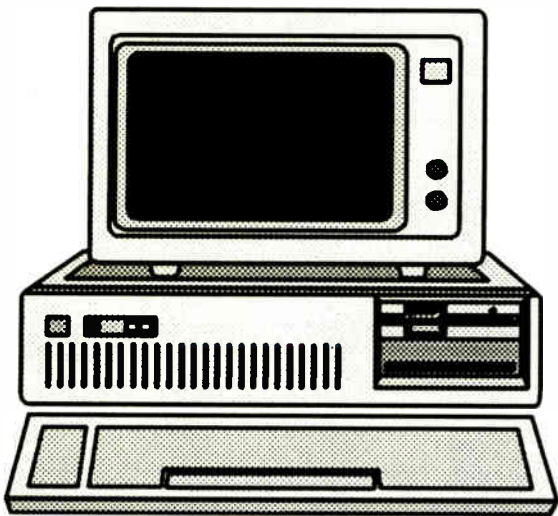
Many are not prone to just give, unless they get something, right now. I hope sharing the BCRS story helps other groups to work harder to seek public support for a community translator. It's a privilege for me to help such groups.

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# WORKBENCH

## Maintaining Connections, Rolling Cleaner

by John Bisset

**FALLS CHURCH, Va.** Dirk Neal from Prestige Audio Visual, Cincinnati, wrote in with a way to do the impossible: feed a larger-than-normal cable through the rubber boot of a Switchcraft XLR plug. Put away the needle nose pliers, which only chew up the boot anyway, and grab a tube of lubriplate. Spreading a thin coating on the outer sheath of the wire reduces friction and ends the frustration.

Dirk's procedure is to completely remove the screws that form the clamp of the Switchcraft XLR. After the wire is inserted through the boot and soldered, reassembly of the clamp/boot is simple. Dirk Neal can be reached at 513-784-1711.

Speaking of Switchcraft, are you aware of their T3F Connector? This connector combines a three-conductor female XLR with an extended barrel that houses an "on/off" switch. The connector plugs straight into the mike, and the switch provides slide-switch on/off operation.

For remote PA applications, where the jock has to talk to the crowd and mix his PA mike levels, and where the standard studio mike is used (which has no on/off switch) this connector is an ideal choice. Circle Reader Service 121 for a Switchcraft Catalog.

Since we're on the topic of XLR mike connectors, here's a little trivia. No, I'm not going to ask you which pin is wired to be "hot." The question is, do you know how to determine which sex plug is used for custom-wiring applications on inputs or outputs? For years this puzzled me.

Here's a real easy way to remember. The three prongs of the male connector point to the direction the signal flows. Therefore, on a mike, the connector you will find opposite the windscreen or

diaphragm is a male, since the prongs point out, or away from the mike (and signal travels out of the mike through that connector).

At the mike mixer, the input of the mixer will have female inputs, since as you look at the other end of the mike cable, the male prongs point to the mixer, which, again, is the direction the signal will flow.

The same is true for the mixer output. A chassis-mounted male connector is found at the output, since the signal flows out of the mixer at that point. A silly little analogy, but one that should help your intern (or you at 2 a.m.) avoid making same-sex connectorized cables.

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I know that after the "all-digital" NAB, few of us will remember what a cart machine is, but those of us still using them will recall that the heads and pinch rollers need routine cleaning. A few wooden cotton-tipped applicators fastened to a bottle of isopropyl alcohol with a rubber band is the usual fare—that is until the bottle gets knocked over.

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tee. You'll find them listed on page 104 of the new Techni-Tool catalog. If you'd like a copy, circle Reader Service 13.

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Jon Banks of CBS's WLTT(FM) Washington shared a solution for burned out lamps in Auditronics consoles. The company, LEDTRONICS, manufactures LED replacement bulbs. The part number for the Auditronics console is W206-CR6-24V/20. The LEDs aren't cheap (about \$4 each), but if you've bought a box of miniature bulbs lately, you'll realize nothing's getting cheaper, and the long life provided by an LED makes good economic sense.

Conversion to the LEDTRONICS LED bulbs does require a little surgery on the console modules. To lengthen incandescent bulb life, Auditronics runs a small idling current through the bulb contacts when the switch is off, the idea being that the shock of electrons to a cold filament is reduced, lengthening bulb life. This trickle current will cause the LEDTRONICS replacements to illuminate dimly, which could be confusing for the air talent. Snip the two idling current resistors, located near the switches on the board, and the problem goes away.

One caution before you buy—on consoles using subminiature bayonet-style bulbs, check to see which end is positive polarity. These bulbs are LED's and will not work if the wrong polarity voltage is applied. This poses no problem on the bi-pin bulbs used in the Auditronics boards. Simply remove the bulb, turn it around, and re-insert.

On bayonet style bulbs like the #387, however, you must get the polarity right. Ask for a sample before you buy a large quantity. For more information on the LEDTRONICS replacements, circle Reader Service 73.

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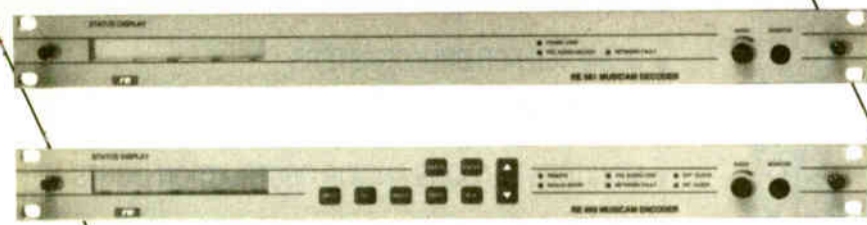
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# EEO Report is a Year-Round Project

by Harry Cole

**WASHINGTON** If you're a good and faithful licensee, you have probably just filed your 1993 Annual Employment Report (FCC Form 395).

Accurate preparation of this report hardly ranks up there with brain surgery or rocket science, but its actual importance is likely underestimated by many. With that in mind, here are a couple of tips for you to consider in connection with your next 395.

It is true that the preparation of the form itself ought to be a piece of cake. All you

have to do is pick a pay period (generally, the same pay period you used last year) during the first three months of 1993, pull your employment records for that period, and transcribe the raw numbers from those records into the appropriate rows and columns on the FCC form.

No sweat, as long as you have easily retrievable records that reflect not only the names and genders of your employees, but also their racial and/or ethnic characteristics. It would also help if your records from year to year consistently reflect the FCC job category assigned to each position. That way you won't have

to worry about trying to figure out whether to classify, say, your traffic director as an "administrative" employee or as an "official or manager."

Okay, let's assume for the moment that your records are in apple-pie order, that you filled out the form and shipped it in to the commission by the May 31 deadline, and that you put a copy in the station's local public inspection file right away. Is your job done for the year?

Technically yes, but that is a very short-sighted view which can easily come back to haunt you at renewal time. When you file your renewal application, of course, you have to prepare and submit an EEO report which is considerably more detailed than the annual 395. And when the commission's staff reviews your renewal, it can (and is likely to) pull out your 395s for the preceding license term, just to see if any trends appear.

### More information

If, for example, the staff notices a chronic lack of females or minorities in your employment (whether overall or only in the upper-four job categories), it is very possible that you will receive a letter of inquiry asking for more detailed information about your employment practices. Responding to such an inquiry can take a considerable amount of time and energy. An inquiry will almost certainly mean delay (possibly years) in grant of your

renewal, even if you come up clean.

All of this can be avoided in most cases by taking some reasonably low-impact precautions. The most sensible time to take those precautions is when you have all your employment records out anyway for the preparation of your annual 395.

First, make sure that you do have a good handle on the job categories of your employees and their ethnic/racial identifications. You should have this information just to fill out the 395 form, but it's good to go back over your files to make sure.

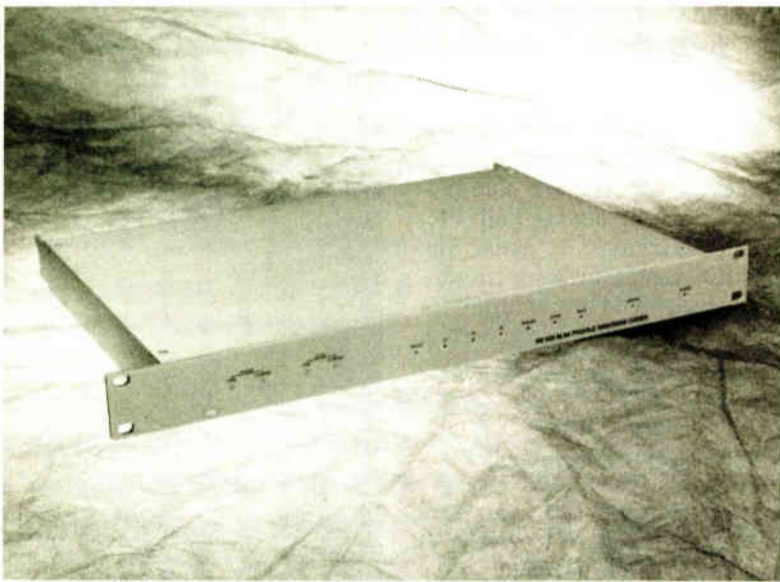
Second, compare your answers on this year's form to your answers on the reports you filed for the last two or three years. Are there any significant changes in total number of employees, total number of minorities or females, number of women or minorities in the "upper-four" positions? If from this comparison you can see that there has been a noticeable decrease in minority or female employment, you can safely assume that the FCC's staff will see the same thing, and may very well ask you about it.

Third, if you do notice a decrease, you should review your files to make sure that you can demonstrate that trend did not arise from any discriminatory practices on your part. This is not an easy thing to do. If employees (particularly minority or female employees) have left your employment, you should have some record of the reasons for the departures.

### Good record keeping

If positions have become available and non-minority males have been hired to fill them, you should doublecheck to

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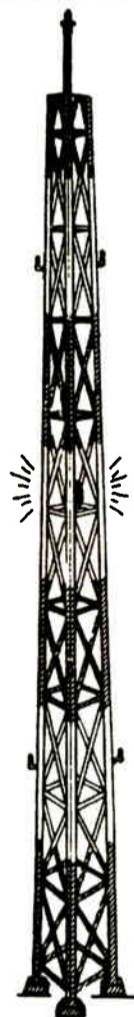
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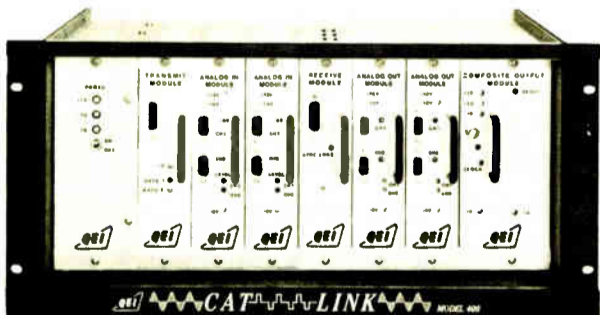
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## FACILITIES SHOWCASE

# MJI Reaps Benefits from Leading Audio Architect

by Dee McVicker

**NEW YORK** John Storyk has built over 500 world-class recording studios during his 20-plus years as an architect—the Frank Lloyd Wright of the audio world.

Over the years, some of the more impressive names on his client list have included Jimi Hendrix, Atlantic Records, Def-Jam Records, Sony, and Whitney Houston.

More recently he has completed a studio design for MJI Broadcasting, the nation's second largest radio syndicator with 2,000 affiliate stations and 20 million listeners. The facility, built on New York City's

Sixth Avenue, employs all the design principles of a Storyk studio: acoustical sound design, ergonomic layout and occupant personality.

Space and money were still very much finite resources, as they were when Storyk built the former MJI Broadcasting studios 10 years ago. But this time around he was given ample room to work his craft.

Like 500 or so studios before, Storyk and his New York architecture firm, Walters-Storyk Design Group Inc., started with the basics. He spent the first year assessing potential buildings with MJI's founder and President Joshua Feigenbaum.

Feigenbaum had specific real estate requirements. After location, foremost on his list was increasing the number of production studios for MJI programming, which includes specials like The Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, The Country Music Association Awards, and, most recently, VH-1's "Center Stage" concert series.

Storyk, meanwhile, had physical and acoustical goals for the ideal building. "It does pay to put in the extra effort to get the right space," said Storyk, who suggests at least a 10-foot clearance from the underside of any overhead beam and no less than 22 feet between columns.

Storyk also suggests adjacency and program studios, which he did for MJI "to see exactly how big of a space we should be looking for," he said.

It took a year of searching before Storyk and Feigenbaum found a vacancy at 1290 Avenue of the Americas (Sixth Avenue's other name), an address shared by the Rolling Stones and other big-name music acts. MJI signed a lease to occupy 15,000 square feet on the sixth floor.

### Layout challenge

Next came facility layout, which proved to be Storyk's biggest challenge given the sixth floor's oblong shape. "The idea was to get everybody to enter into the middle and to split off to the three basic categories of business. That was the biggest single trick," he said.

It took over 14 sketches, but finally Storyk and Feigenbaum created a layout that was technically sound and made good use of space for traffic flow into the three main areas of MJI's business: executive, sales and audio production.

The final layout solved another problem: where to put the two interview rooms that would be used by guest personalities on their public-relations junkets to New York. The two interview rooms, said Storyk, "needed to be close to the reception area and sort of integrated into the office, but they had to be isolated also."

Storyk was able to physically integrate both the business and the production functions of the interview rooms by placing the rooms between the studio wing and business wing of the facility. The two rooms also are near the entrance and reception area, another requisite of the design.

After final layout was settled, the project went to bid. Nine general contractors competed for the project, which comprised a production facility of two interview rooms, a large pre-production studio and five production studios, two of which include vocal booths.

Sound specifications for the studios were within moderate professional audio standards. Said Storyk: "Josh's sound transmission requirements are moderate, they don't really monitor at extremely loud levels."

### NC and STC requirements

The noise criteria (NC) for the main studios were specified at NC 25, which required walls and doors with a standard transmission criteria (STC) at around the mid-50s.

Wall partitions between studios are STC 56, and between vocal booths and the studios, STC 54. Doors are specified at STC 49, and the entrance to studios from their vocal booths is through a sound-lock chamber to buffer against noise.

Moreover, said Storyk: "The production rooms are complete room-within-room construction. They're totally floating, as well as the interview rooms." The two interview rooms were more lightly specified for sound isolation than the main studios.

Overall, said Storyk, the studios and interview rooms are "pretty quiet, certainly more than sufficient." Just as important, he said, the studios are "ergonomically set up to accommodate the way Josh works."

Within the studios, Storyk employed several pro audio techniques he's learned over the years. "Basically we had to introduce into this office complex pretty much standard pro audio recording conditions," he said.

All studios have sloped ceilings higher at the back and lower at the front. They have an isolated transformer to eliminate copier noise or computer hum from coming over the electrical lines, and a large conduit for cabling and wiring of an anticipated computer workstation.

The studios were completed within 11 weeks, after which Storyk went on to start another of his many studio designs.

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# A Few Boxes, a Moose Cure Moving-Day Blues

Dear Luci,

Sorry you never got to hear from me last month. It's movin'-on-up time again.

After three productive years at WLAD(AM)-WDAQ(FM) Danbury, Conn., I'm now production director for WINK 104 Harrisburg Pa.—multitrack MIDI production, no air work and designs on digital via Roland gear. (Warn Ty Ford to expect calls from me when I hit snags.) All told, a very good choice.

You know the secret to landing desirable jobs? Get as busy as possible in as many things as possible, thereby making any departure an utter personal catastrophe. Once you're committed to the point there just aren't enough numbers on the clock, along will come that dream gig that forces the order of the universe into absolute ruin.

No kidding. Only days ago, I was acting in a production of "Beyond Therapy" (how fitting for a jock), planning with my local cable TV company to do comic voiceovers, working on my next epic MIDI planetarium music score and prepping for summer's commercial load. I also had to break the bad news to some delightful ladies I'd been seeing.... \*sigh\*...

Then—joy of joys—came dealing with movers, utilities, lease loopholes and the like. I think of how much simpler my life would have been to just pull a Mrs. O'Leary and burn down my condo during milking time.

## Moving made easy

Consultant Dan O'Day's marvelous handbook for broadcast personality development (available through the *Whole O* catalog—you're welcome, Dan) devotes only two or three lines on moving from gig to gig. To any broadcaster on a budget, I offer the following suggestions:

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- Find out who your replacement is. Just before deadline I heard the guy replacing me (at least for a week) is the same guy I replaced back in 1990, effectively making my contributions to the community filler between his appearances. I may be overreacting, but then again show me any performer who's self-confidence isn't easily rattled.

- Finally, if making a move during this time of year, skip the cable subscription. The pool at the condo complex is cheaper and better for you. I've grown to like that

summery look, subtle tan and chlorine-green hair. Besides, it's a hoot hearing your station on every radio around the pool.

I'll check in again next month, Luci. I'm still trying to find which box has my home studio in it. It's either in with my glassware or roped inside the fridge. Both are behind the Sauder furniture.

This could take a while.

—Al

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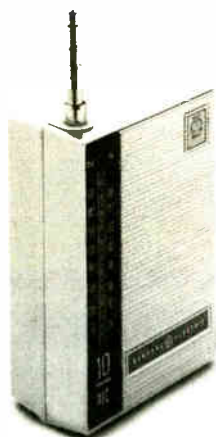
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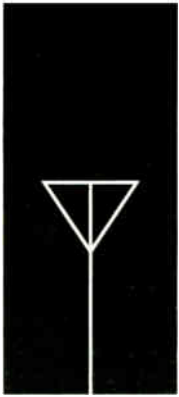
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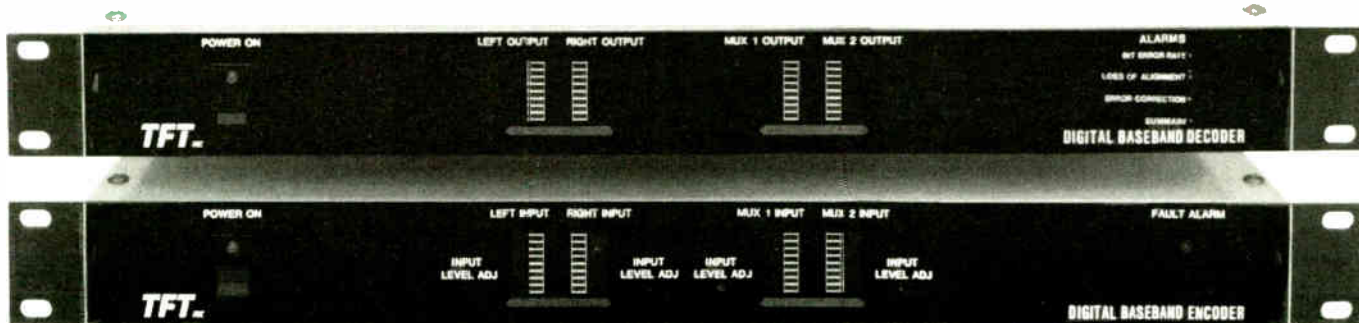
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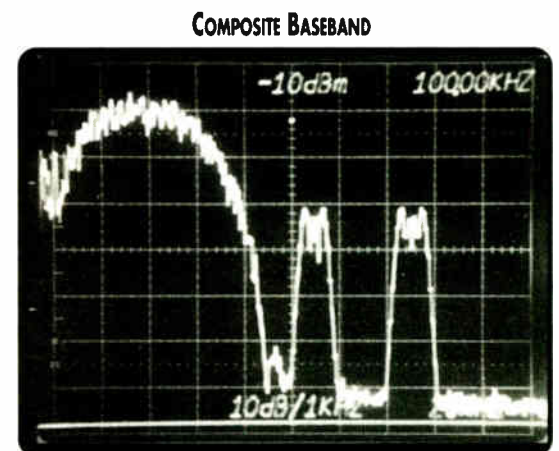
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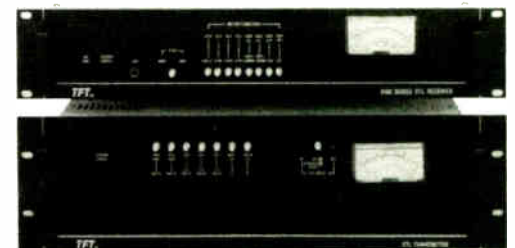


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STATION SKETCHES

# Simplex Ready for Next Generation

by Tom Vernon

**HARRISBURG, Pa.** Sometimes supposedly new techniques have actually been around for decades, waiting to be found by the next generation of engineers. Simplex control is such a case. Perhaps you'll be able to discover some uses for this "new" technique around your station.

Simplexing, developed in the 1930s by the telephone company, is a technique for controlling and metering circuits via a balanced audio line. It is widely used by college carrier-current broadcasters to

remotely control and meter transmitters in dormitories scattered across campus. It's also the technique for master/slave control of clocks and bells in most school buildings.

The technique can be used for a number of applications around the station. Permanent remotes may be equipped with remote 'on air' lights to cue talent in locations where reception is poor and off-air monitoring is not possible. Automatic alarm circuits may be devised to alert station personnel to disconnection of remote lines or telemetering circuits.

Other uses depend on your imagination

and creativity.

As long as the power supply on the control side of a basic simplex circuit (shown in Figure 1) is energized, the relay at the remote end will pull in. It may be inconvenient to supply continuous DC down the lines. A slightly more elaborate system allows simplex latching control (shown in Figure 2).

Here's how the circuit works. Minus 24 volts is momentarily applied from the power supply to the phone line through the 'on' pushbutton. Current flows through the relay coil to ground via

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## EEO Report Is Year-Round Station Effort

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make sure that, in recruiting to fill those slots, you made appropriate efforts to encourage minority and female applicants. Such efforts could include job availability announcements sent to minority employment firms or other minority-oriented organizations or schools.

If minority or female applicants do apply for available positions, you should be sure that your records reflect that fact. The same is true if those applicants are offered the job and decline to accept it. If a non-minority male is given the job, your records should certainly provide some indication of why that person was deemed preferable to other candidates.

If minority or female applicants do not apply (despite your reasonable affirmative recruiting efforts), your records should also reflect that. Perhaps more importantly, you should be sensitive to such an apparent lack of success and you should take steps to expand your recruitment efforts. Document any such expansion efforts.

As you may have guessed by now, a crucial element of complying with the commission's EEO rules is maintaining documentation of your efforts. It is probably not enough to just not discriminate; you have to *demonstrate* to the commission—through employment records, recruitment notices and the like—that you did not discriminate. Lack of adequate documentation can constitute a violation itself.

So when you're preparing your annual 395 and you have (at least theoretically) your employment records out on the desk, it would be prudent to make sure that those records are complete and accurately demonstrate your employment practices. In this case a little annual prevention is well worth the time.

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On a completely unrelated topic, we received a pleasant call the other day from a representative of a firm that has designed and is promoting Emergency Broadcast System equipment along the lines proposed by the commission. He gently pointed out that, contrary to an impression we may have created in this space recently, the EBS equipment industry is ahead of the curve in developing the next generation of hardware and will be ready, willing and able to supply broadcasters with gear satisfying the standards.

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# Simple Simplex Circuits

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diode D1. The relay contacts close, turning on power to the device. Once this happens, the current path reverses.

Now 24 volts flows from the device back to the control end through a current-limiting resistor and normally closed contacts of the 'off' switch to ground. Pressing the 'off' switch breaks this path and the relay contacts open, turning the device off. Note that the pushbuttons must be held down long enough for the power supply to energize and discharge, typically two-three seconds. You can remotely check power supply voltage by measuring current across the N.O. contacts of the 'off' button.

Perhaps you have more complex needs, like controlling two circuits or control and metering simultaneously.

No problem. Figure 3 shows how this is accomplished using simplex techniques. Note the need for transformers with split windings and good quality 4µf non-polarized capacitors. The capacitors provide an open circuit to audio, while isolating DC from the two lines. Ohm's law and a little experimenting will give you the proper meter range and shunt value to use. Carrier-current broadcasters use the metering side to send back demodulated RF to insure that remote

transmitters are operating properly.

One brief aside on repeat coils. If you're using telco coils such as the 111C, be sure the line and drop sides are appropriately wired. The line side has precision windings to insure an absolute balance between halves. This is necessary for minimum noise and crosstalk. The drop side windings are less precise.

## More complex simplex

The use of simplex control assumes DC continuity over the audio line. If you're using unequalized lines from the phone company or your own pair, this is not a problem. Equalized lines, however, have equalizers and amps at the telco end that will break the DC path. If this is the case, you'll have to inform the phone company of your special needs. They can usually provide a DC path around their equalizers, although there may be an additional charge.

Control currents should be kept fairly low. A large DC imbalance on the lines is undesirable as it can result in noise and electrolytic corrosion of ground rods. Sensitive relays are normally employed at the receiving end. The P & B LM 5 has always been a popular choice and many more can be had through the usual surplus catalogues.

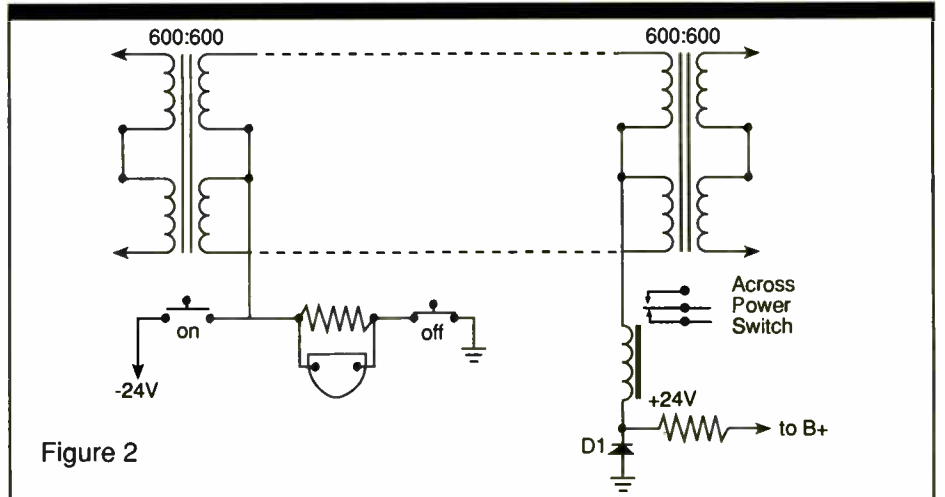


Figure 2

More elaborate control schemes are possible. Four circuits can be controlled over one pair with polarity-sensitive relays. By using relays with different coil resistances, two or three relays can be controlled by increasing the DC control voltage.

A word of caution: the phone company sometimes has maximum voltage and current specifications for simplex control over their lines. Typically these are 50 volts at 350 mA. Check with them while your planning is in the early stages.

Additional voice channels may be added through simplexing and a related

technique, phantom circuits. These may only be used on your own pairs and there's a price to pay in increased crosstalk into the main channel.

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Observant readers of Tom Vernon's column will recognize the three figures shown here as the same figures that inadvertently ran with Tom's April 28 column on another topic. RW regrets the error and any inconvenience to the reader.

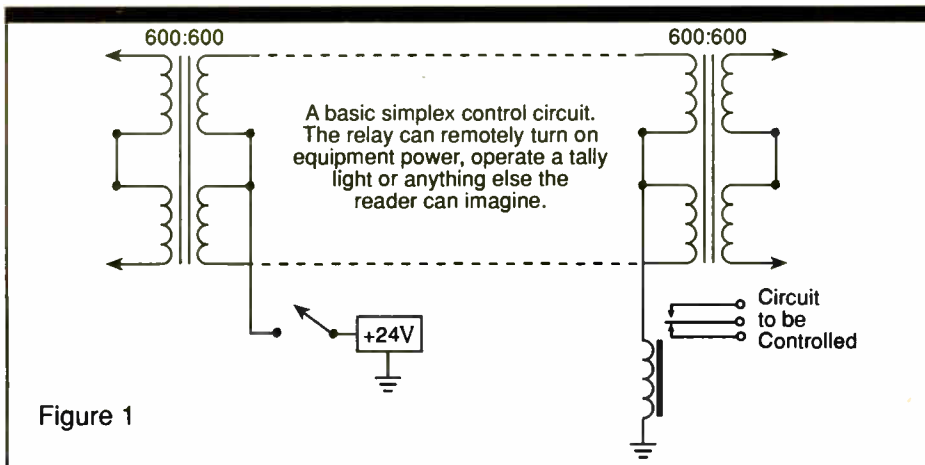


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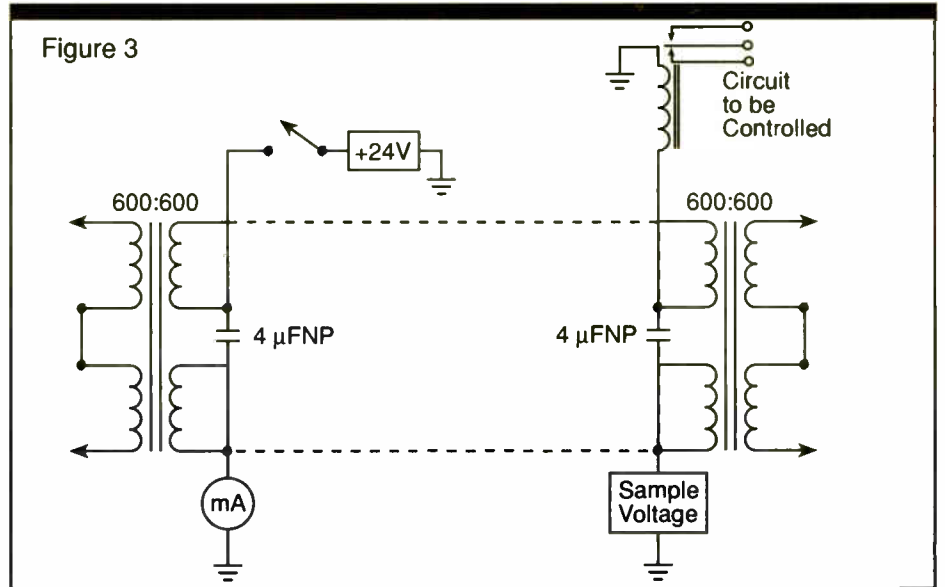


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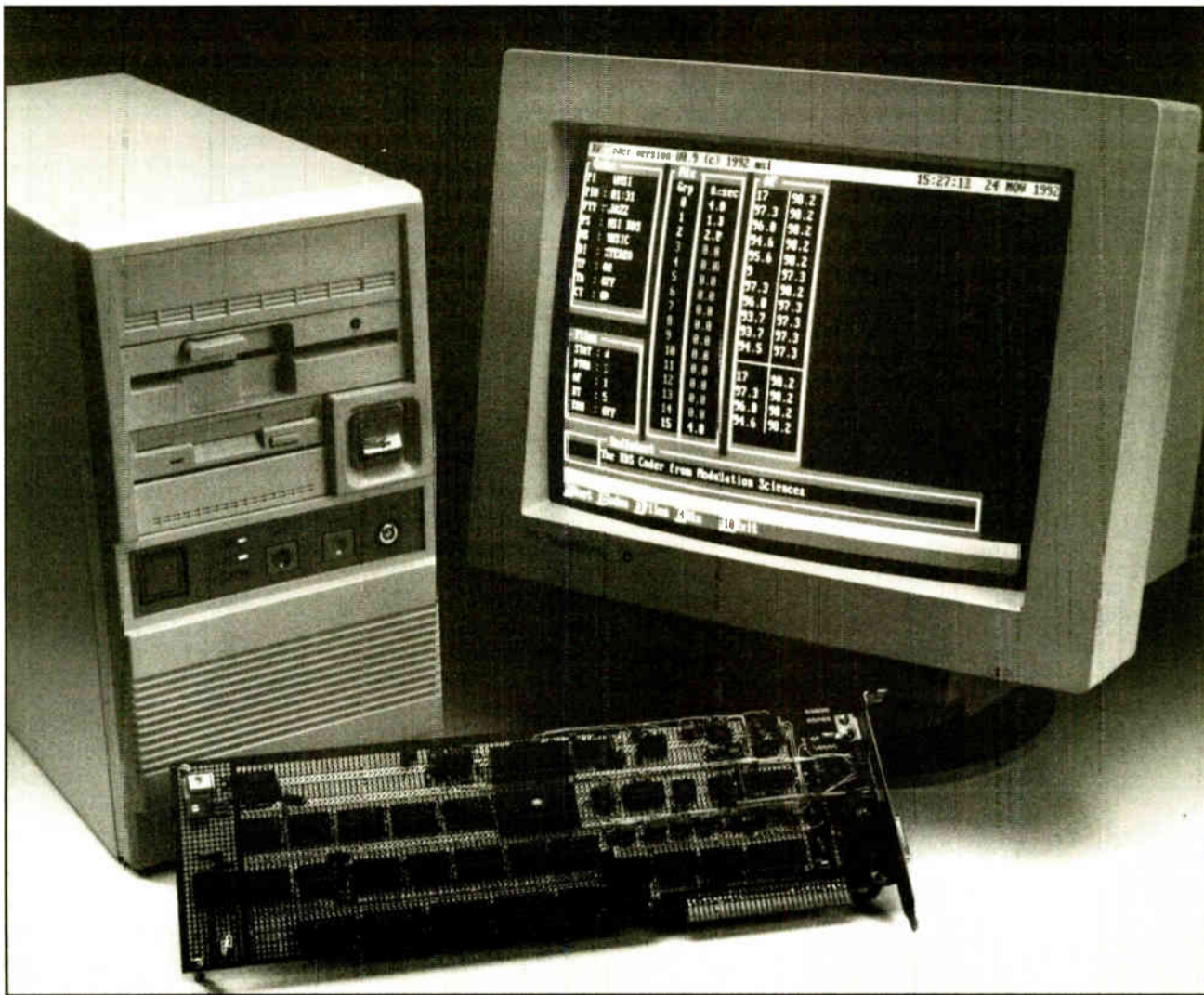
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USER REPORT

## Unity 2000i Puts WNEW on Cutting Edge

by John J. Rosso  
Chief Engineer  
WNEW-FM

**NEW YORK** I used to call the rack containing WNEW-FM's audio processing "The Wall of Sound." It seemed like we had at least one of every processor on the market; enough audio processing power to make the station very loud.

The downside of using all of these different devices was the difficulty in getting them matched up and working in their desired operating ranges. A lack of consistency meant we spent a lot of time "massaging" the audio chain.

This consistency problem caused us to look for a one-box solution; a unit in which all of the stages are matched and designed to work together. After thorough on-air testing of many different devices, we chose the Unity 2000i from Cutting Edge Technologies.

The Unity contains an extensive complement of processing "tools" (see

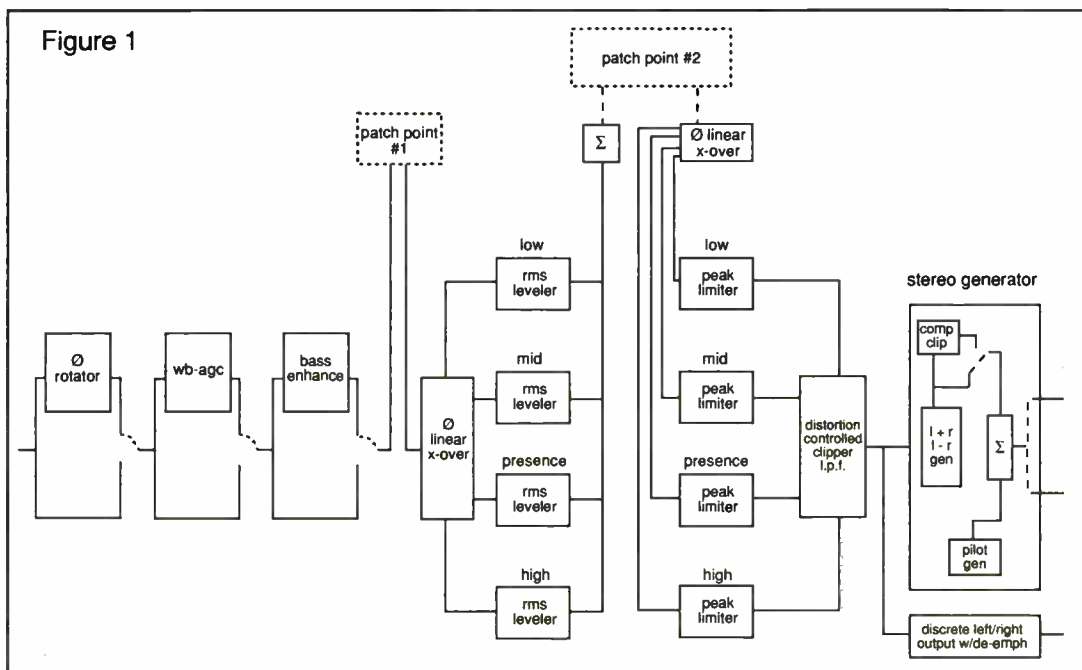


Figure 1). The front end consists of a selectable phase rotator, wide band AGC and bass enhance circuitry. A phase lin-

ear crossover then splits the audio into four bands for compression and peak limiting.

The four bands of audio recombine in a distortion-controlled, band-limited clipper. This clipper produces an incredible amount of loudness without introducing significant distortion.

There's an advantage in integrating a composite clipper into the design of a stereo generator. In the Unity, the 19 kHz pilot is injected downstream of the composite clipper.

This means you can work the clipper very hard (if that's what you want) without "bouncing" the pilot. The integrated

design of the clipper also alleviates problems caused by the composite level fluctuations found in many STL systems.

### Making a difference

There are a number of audio processing systems that provide all these building blocks. However, one thing really sets the Unity apart from the others: the use of feed-forward control circuitry.

By using feed-forward control, the Unity always operates at the same processing ratio regardless of the amount of gain reduction employed.

This is critical. Other processors using feed-back control tend to sound more dense as the amount of gain reduction increases. This is largely due to an increasing ratio as the gain cell is driven deeper and deeper into compression. The Unity always sounds very open, no matter how much you try to abuse it.

### Accessing levels

Another advantage of the Unity is its user interface. All of the Unity's parameters are controlled via software and accessed through the front panel or via an RS-232 interface.

There are multiple levels of security permitting different levels of access to different people. For instance, you might want to make all of the operating controls available to the program director with the exception of pilot injection and composite level. These two adjustments could be reserved for adjustment by the chief engineer only.

The amount of flexibility available in the Unity software is also a main advantage over competing systems. Attack and release times, gating levels, equalization, crossover points, input and output levels, pilot injection, clipper drive and more are all adjustable through the Unity software.

Additionally, a number of great sounding presets are preprogrammed at the factory. You'll probably be happy running one of the presets, but if not, they can be custom tailored.

At WNEW-FM, we replaced a complex, high maintenance, processing chain with the Unity. I was skeptical that any one device could perform all of the various audio processing tasks necessary to compete, particularly in New York City. Now I couldn't be more convinced.

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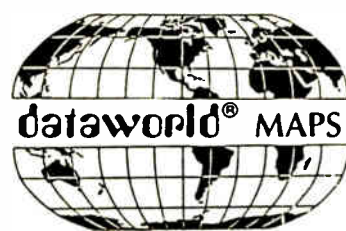
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USER REPORT

# Orban Provides KEGL With Optimod Sound

by Chris Hudgins  
Chief Engineer  
KEGL(FM)

**IRVING, Texas** In the first quarter of 1992, we budgeted to purchase a new audio processing system. Being a contemporary rock station in the seventh market meant we had to make the right decision. With everything on the market these days, it would be foolish not to demo all the processing choices available.

After many long nights and a lot of unpacking and packing, we discovered that today's processors range from terrible to pretty good. One unit claimed to be totally digital when it wasn't. Several of them came from the factory in non-working condition, and it wasn't the result of any shipping damage. One of the units, after three trips to the factory and back, still never worked properly.

It wasn't difficult to decide that Orban's all digital OPTIMOD-FM 8200 was by far the best choice. The unit worked the first time right out of the box, which was clearly a good sign. The setup was simple and took about 30 minutes. But most important, the sound we obtain from this unit is outstanding.

**Easy upgrades**

The 8200 uses Motorola DSP 56001 24-bit processors. The DSP uses algorithms stored in PROMs, which determine the processing structure. The PROMs are contained in a module that is easily changed for future software upgrades.

The 8200 comes from the factory with factory-programmed presets for virtually all formats. The presets specify both a processor structure and control settings.

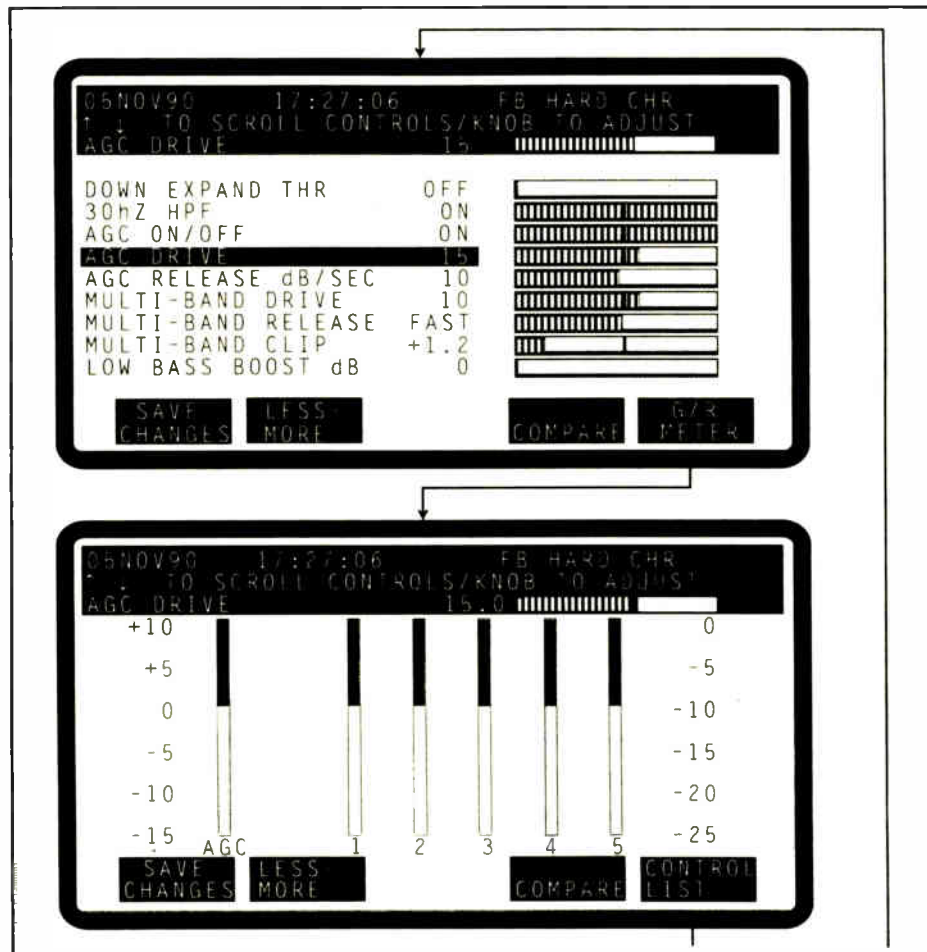
The processing structure consists of a two-band processor, which is an improved version of the 8100, or an optional five-band structure that provides more presence and brightness, without

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**Highs and lows**

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with average separation at 70 dB. The generator has two outputs with independent level controls, each capable of driving 75 ohms in parallel with 47,000pf (100 feet of coax).

The 8200 can be configured for analog and/or digital inputs and outputs. The digital I/O is AES/EBU running at 32 kHz.

The rest of the unit's specifications speak for themselves. The total de-emphasized harmonic distortion is 0.008 percent with the noise floor 90 dB down. The crosstalk, main to sub and sub to main, is 90 dB down with 75 dB 38 kHz subcarrier suppression. The overshoot is limited to less than 0.3 dB, which is outstanding.

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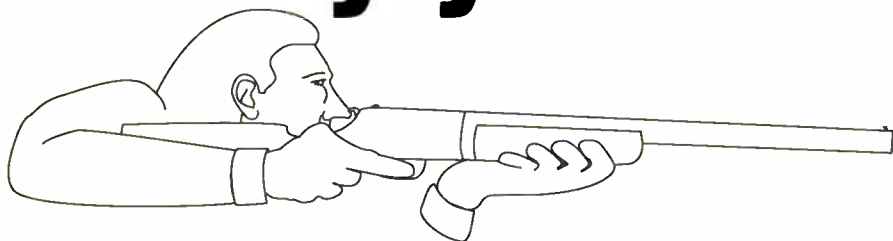
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## USER REPORT

# Dolby Performs Audio Magic at CMBE

by **Chip Morgan**  
President  
CMBE

**EL DORADO HILLS, Calif.** When Tom Daily of Dolby Laboratories and Eric Lane of Cancomm asked us to review the new Dolby model 740 Spectral Processor, we immediately saw an application for the unit.

It's a good, low-cost solution as an "electronic EQ" in front of almost any audio processor. We suggest it in place of a parametric or graphic EQ normally used to "tailor" the sound of a station.

## Signal magic

The unit is designed to "bring out low-level detail without affecting louder signals or transients." I have to admit I thought it was hype until I understood what the Dolby wizards were up to.

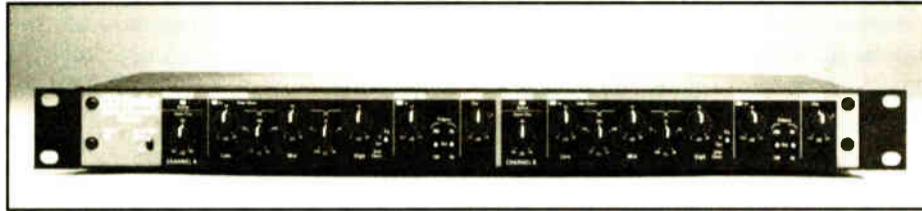
All the magic happens in a sidechain, and the processed signal is added to the original untreated signal at the output of the unit. This allows all the original transients and nuances to come through, and lets you tune the sidechain for the effects you want.

The way it works is complicated, but the unit is very user friendly. Each channel of the processing side chain works in

four pairs consisting of a fixed band and a "sliding" band.

Each band automatically changes its

linear relation to the input, while the sidechain output continues to diminish. When combined, we get a smooth tran-



The Dolby 740 Spectral Processor

characteristics depending on input level and frequency. Here's the twist: the sliding bands have constant boost, but automatic corner frequency. The fixed bands have automatic boost only.

The magic happens when the bands are combined. Two of the four pairs are for high frequencies and two are for low frequencies first.

An adjustable threshold sets the point at which compression begins to occur. One of the pairs works from threshold levels to 20 dB above the threshold.

The other pair works on levels above 20 dB over threshold. (The low frequencies work the same way.) At high input levels (40 dB over threshold), the main signal path continues to rise in

sition in levels from a gain of more than 20 dB at low levels to unity gain at high levels.

## Adjustable frequencies

But there's more. After this multi-band processing takes place, a three-band equalization section similar to a three-way crossover allows adjustable output of low, mid and high frequencies.

While this seems basic, it actually gives full control of most of the parameters

## USER REPORT

# Excalibur's CD-1 Interfaces Help KCRW(FM) Work Like a Pro

by **John C. Huntley**  
Chief Engineer  
KCRW(FM)

**SANTA MONICA, Calif.** KCRW(FM) integrated a few pieces of "semi-pro" or "consumer equipment" into its broadcast and production operation. We nearly always use some type of unbalanced to balanced interface amplifier with this equipment.

We have used many of the brands available for these interfaces, but I give high marks to the Excalibur Electronics CD-1 family.

In broad strokes, there are two types of equipment in use at broadcast facilities. The professional equipment is usually characterized by a rugged mechanical design and a balanced, professional level (+4 dBm) output. It's designed to operate for at least five years, and is priced concomitant with rugged design.

A CD player "consumer model" has the advantages of being readily and inexpensively available (dare I use the term "trade-out"?). It's used continuously until it fails, usually between one and two years from installation.

It is then replaced with "this year's model." It is less rugged and has IHF standard inputs and outputs. The IHF standard uses RCA connectors, which are unbalanced, high impedance at -10 dBV.

The choice of whether to purchase the professional model or the consumer model is often argued. There are partisans for both types of equipment.

The use of consumer equipment, particularly CD players, at broadcast stations has become commonplace. With the demise of LP records, an increasing portion of the program material on many stations is directly from CD. Thankfully, the "state of the art" in connecting consumer equipment into a broadcast studio has changed over the last few years.

Professional level to IHF level interface

normally associated with a complex compressor. Two crossover controls set the limits of the bands in the EQ section. This only affects the compressed signal.

After all that, a single-ended noise reduction system is included to reduce noise in the signal by up to 12 dB.

The unit is 1RU high and provides stereo processing. Input levels are switch selectable +4 dBu or -6 dBu. Maximum output levels are switch selectable +26 dBu or +20 dBu.

Controls include adjustable crossovers with the low-mid section adjustable from 75 Hz to 1 kHz. The mid-high section is adjustable from 500 Hz to 8 kHz. Maximum boost in each section is greater than 20 dB. Dynamic range is 108 dB, including 20 dB of headroom.

Don't expect this unit to give you that "processed" sound. They've designed it so you can't get in serious trouble. The effects are smooth and pleasing.

As you put in that hot new overall processing system, try this unit right after the console. I think you'll like it.

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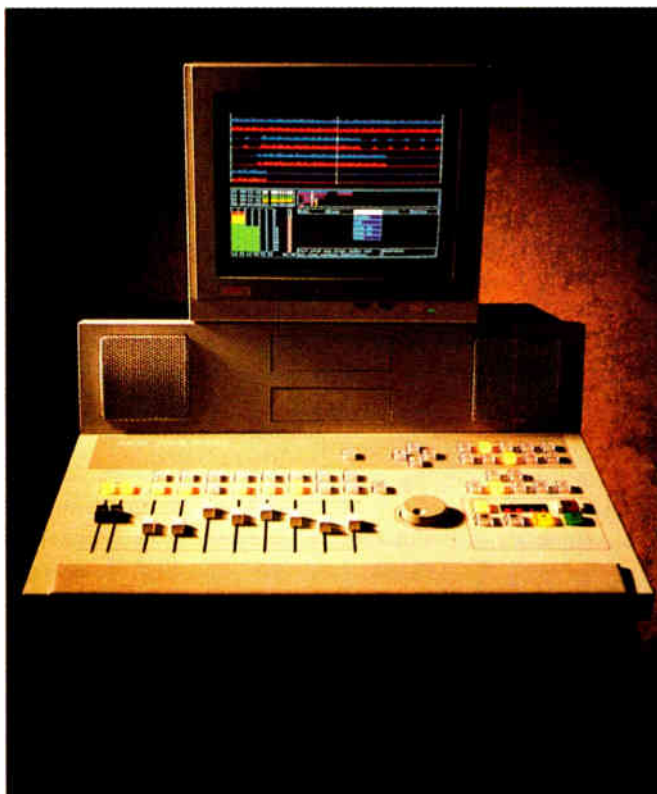
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## USER REPORT

# Sony DPS-M7: a One-Unit Modulator

by Dave Straub  
Production Director  
WFMS(FM)

**INDIANAPOLIS** Recording on-air promos in a fast, professional manner in today's radio environment requires equipment that can integrate with a variety of components.

Products eliminating the need for multiple effects processors, signal processors and other pieces of digital gear are greatly desired, but very hard to find. One tool that has been invaluable in the production of on-air promos for WFMS(FM), a number one country station in the Indianapolis market, is the Sony DPS-M7.

The DPS-M7 is a 2-channel digital effects modulator that literally takes the place of several different units.

In the three years I've been with WFMS(FM), and in my 10 years of promo production, I've never had such an easy time recording promos. The DPS-M7 combines the best of the industry's top-quality harmonizer, flanger, echo unit and other effects.

The DPS-M7 is much like the SPX-90, but much more advanced. We have it rack-mounted and placed on one of the return busses.

The sound quality my promos gained since the installation of the DPS-M7 in August 1992, is immeasurable—I use it for a number of harmonizing effects.

My chief engineer, Max Turner, did a great deal of scouting to find the perfect rack-mount unit for promo production. We were confident that the DPS-M7's 18-bit oversampling A/D and one-bit pulse D/A converter system would pro-

vide a high quality modulator.

Because the DPS-M7's pre-set memory stores 100 effects, with up to 256 effects stored in memory, we decided to directly hook the unit to our board.

The station's promos represent our strength in live concert sponsorship, so we want the spots to have an extra dimension to them. With the DPS-M7, you can really get the feel of

what you are producing.

Even though I haven't tapped the DPS-M7 to its full potential, I know the machine so well that it doesn't take any more time to call up an effect than on an eight-track.

The edit modes can help you manipulate the sound, which can be adjusted in a variety of ways. Because the DPS-M7 is a high-speed digital effects processor,

## USER REPORT

## Aphex Air Chain Connects with WTCX for Competitive Coverage

by Tom Lijewski  
Owner, General Manager  
WTCX-FM

**ROSEMOUNT, Minn.** As a brand new suburban Class A station just south of Minneapolis-St. Paul, WTCX-FM needed a way to compete with a market full of Class C FMs. This meant keeping an eye on the bottom line, but not sacrificing anything in on-air quality.

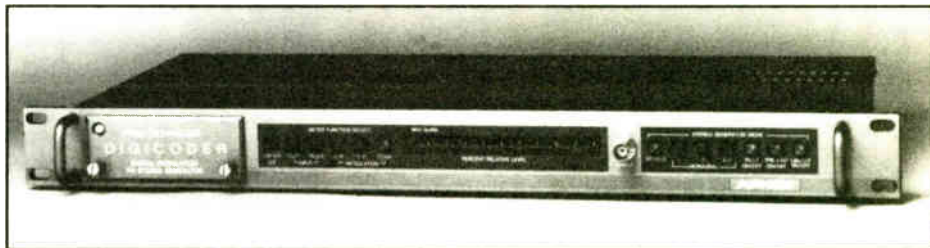
From the start, we were straddling the fence between bringing local service to just the southern tier communities, and serving the entire metro area. One of the first things we did was install a part-live, part-automated hot adult contemporary format.

A second thing we did was improve our on-air sound by putting in the Aphex Audiophile Air Chain.

When we went on the air in February, we used a different brand of processing as part of a turn-key build. I found the

other brand didn't allow us to compete head-to-head with the other stations in town, and it didn't maintain our quality standards.

We adjusted it for loudness, depth and fullness, and we were especially concerned about the lows. But no matter what we did, we couldn't get our desired sound.



The Aphex Digicoder Stereo Generator is the last link in the Audiophile Air Chain.

We were up against the wealthy Class C stations with racks full of various processors to get the competitive sound. So I knew we needed to find some kind of processing that would give us their big sound without sacrificing audio quality.

The chain is a series of four products manufactured by Aphex, designed to work together for a quality sound.

The Aphex Compellor Model 320 rides gain on the entire audio bandwidth without changing the original dynamic feel of the audio that goes into it.

The Aural Exciter with Big Bottom Model 104 brings up the low end I was

my editing sessions have been more productive than ever before.

Promo production before the era of the DPS-M7 was a complicated job.

I produce an average of five promos per week for WFMS(FM), not including updates. Everything that can be done to maintain the interest of our listeners is a major advantage.

We hope the station's success, and the DPS-M7's part in it, continues.

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For more information on the Sony DPS-M7, call Sony's Business and Professional Group at 201-358-4197.

so concerned about. It also restores brightness to the highs and adds presence and details.

Next is the Dominator II Model 720 multiband peak limiter, which provides an absolute brick wall without sounding "crunched."

The last link in the chain is the Digicoder. It's a high frequency limiter, low pass filter and analog stereo generator with digital control.

Now we have depth, fullness, clarity and the ability to discern individual instruments in the music. We are actually truer to the purity of the original recording, but with a fuller sound making us more competitive with other sta-

tions.

From listening around our service area, I also think the Digicoder helped improve reception in areas where multipath used to be a problem.

Of course, our air staff also is pleased with our improved sound. But the big satisfaction comes from the reaction of our competitors: even they've admitted we perform extremely well.

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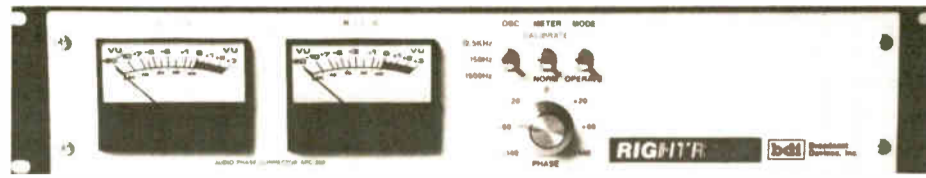
# WBLS Shifts Gears to the Right Track

by David Schwartz  
Engineer  
WBLS(FM)

**NEW YORK** Have you listened to that great processing on your station, switched to mono, and had it come out sounding dull and lifeless?

If out-of-phase source material is the culprit, then the Right Track, an audio phase corrector from Broadcast Devices Inc. may be what you need in your production room.

Phase error can come from many sources. The Right Track is capable of correcting all of these problems.



Broadcast Device's Right Track helps correct phase problems.

There are two standard configurations for the Right Track. The first assumes that the recording device, such as a cart machine, is aligned properly. In this setup, the Right Track corrects phase errors on any source material used.

The second configuration corrects for phase errors in an individual cart tape or recording cart machine. It doesn't correct for out-of-phase source material in this mode.

At WBLS(FM), most of our music and all the commercials are on cart. Material comes in on a wide variety of formats, such as CD, vinyl (what's that?), DAT, digital downlinks, and tape. Because we use ITC 99Bs for all recording, we use the Right Track to correct any audio source coming into the console.

Installation of the Right Track for this purpose is very simple. All in, out and metering connections are made on the back panel to Phoenix connector strips. The main outputs of the console connect to the left and right Right Track inputs.

The Right Track left and right outputs are connected to a DA that feeds all the recording machines in the studio.

Connecting the Right Track to correct for cart machine phase error is accomplished in much the same way. Console output goes to the Right Track input. Right Track output connects to the cart machine input. Cart out goes to metering in, and metering out goes to the console input from the cart machine.

Once connected to the rest of the production room, electronic alignment of the unit is very simple. Remove four screws on the front panel and the whole panel flips down, exposing three cards with edge connectors.

Each card has two 10-turn pots on it—one for left channel, and one for right. The right hand card controls the input levels, the middle card controls the output levels and the left hand card adjusts the meter sensitivity.

Using the Right Track to compensate for cart machine errors involves selecting the 12.5 k tone on the built-in, 3-tone generator. Flip the other two switches to calibrate and start recording.

You can monitor the sum and difference signals on the front panel VU meters. Now, null the difference (L-R) meter using the phase adjust control. Once this is done, return all switches to the operate mode and start recording your source material onto a clean cart.

It is even easier to use the Right Track the way we have it set up at WBLS(FM). Flip the center switch to calibrate, and start playing whatever it is you want to record.

Using the phase adjust control, null the L-R meter. On some enhanced stereo material, it may be difficult to get a meter null. In that case, listen to the Right Track playback in mono, and adjust the phase control for best mono sound. When that is done, return the switch to operate and start recording.

Also, many manufacturers still haven't figured out whether pin 2 or pin 3 is "hot." Just because the box says "digital," it doesn't mean all your audio problems will be solved magically.

The Right Track is not a panacea. It will not improve poor fidelity or cure distortion. What it will do is provide proper phase relationship between channels and excellent mono compatibility of recorded material.

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For information, contact Robert Tarsio in New York at 914-737-5032; fax: 914-736-6916; or circle Reader Service 120.

## WGBH Moves With MDA-102

by Jim Donahue  
Recording Engineer/Producer  
WGBH(FM)

**BOSTON** WGBH-FM has broadcast from Boston Symphony Hall since the station's inception some 42 years ago. Recently, we had the opportunity to expand our operation at Symphony Hall into a second control area and studio, one floor above our original space.

We found ourselves wondering how to deal with yet another set of long microphone lines, how to distribute signal to both control rooms without any signal degradation and how to do this in a hall renowned for both its acoustics and high RFI.

The solution arrived in a few boxes shipped from Allen Burdick and Rory Rall at Benchmark Media Systems. One box contained five MDA 102 stereo microphone pre-amplifier/DA cards and the card frame. The other contained the robust PS-202ph dual power supply.

Our first task was to wire it all together, and for this we hired Walter Lenk of LA Design in Cambridge, Mass. Walter soon had the unit packaged into a Future Case road case, and added a few modifications to ease operation from 300 feet away (we placed this unit in the Symphony Hall loft).

We added a local/remote system for Phantom power, the 20 dB pad and the level/overload indicators. The first test of the system was with Boston's Handel and Haydn Society. This performance was under the direction of Christopher Hogwood, and featured soprano Lorain Hunt.

The results were stunning. We were especially impressed by the clarity of the MDA-102s and their ability to handle the wide dynamic range of a full orchestra with soprano. It's nice to be able to install a product and have it work flawlessly and sound wonderful.

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USER REPORT

# Titus Helps Put WHCN in Control

by Richard T. Walsh  
Vice President/Chief Engineer  
WHCN(FM)

**HARTFORD, Conn.** The Composite Audio Monitor, a unique test and measurement device by Titus Technologies Labs, can come in handy at FM broadcast facilities.

High resolution bargraph LED meters determine total modulation within one percent, while pilot and SCA injections are observed in 0.1 percent increments.

I found the Composite Audio Monitor to be a useful tool in the maintenance of WHCN(FM). I use it anywhere composite signals are present, such as the output of redundant stereo generators, the dual

unlike traditional stereo modulation monitors.

I found three features of the monitor particularly noteworthy. First, the peak hold meter indication for levels 100 percent or greater allows easy viewing of transient modulation peaks while one is adjusting processing or transmission levels.

Second, the front-panel "MONITOR" output (BNC) jack facilitates the viewing of composite waveforms on an oscilloscope by folding both positive and negative halves into the same quadrant on the scope face.

This helps one observe asymmetrical or clipped signals. The front-panel input switch for two composite inputs (front and rear) allows rapid comparison of the effects of composite processing by monitoring the input and output of the device under observation.

The third feature, the "MAGNIFY" mode, lets one zoom in by a factor of five on the area of greatest concern—that region immediately above and below 100 percent modulation.

The Titus Composite Audio Monitor offers a number of additional features that warrant your closer attention to this handy device.

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For information, contact Larry Titus in Connecticut at 203-633-5472; fax: 203-633-8244; or circle Reader Service 52.



The Composite Audio Monitor is useful in WHCN's signal maintenance.

The compact unit makes accurate measurements of composite baseband signals, including total modulation and both pilot and (optional) SCA injections.

hop redundant composite STL system, the redundant STL receivers and at the two FM transmitters.

The half-rack width unit travels readily.

INDUSTRY ROUNDUP

## Fast, Efficient Products Mark Sign of New Times

by Mary Ann Dorsie

**WASHINGTON** The audio signal processing gear of today, which covers everything from harmonizers to amplifiers to actual processors, helps make radio sound better and do more than ever before, according to various manufacturers.

"I think the trend in broadcasting is in trying to improve the sound of radio," said Frank Foti, president of Cutting Edge Technologies. "We hear more and more that they're beginning to be compared to other mediums."

He said products are becoming more user friendly, something he thinks will continue in the future. And the power coming from the latest processing equipment, including the company's Unity 2000, is increasing.

"You can dial up over a modem from the other part of the world and control it," he said. "This was not here a couple years ago."

**Subtle vs. obvious**

Gil Griffith, sales manager for Eventide, said he sees many trends with audio processing, including more specialized effects.

"I see a trend for more subtle enhanced effects to increase the dynamics of the voice over and to give more presence to the individual talent's voice," Griffith said.

Phil Moore, Orban product manager, said automating processing gear for the different dayparts is a fairly new technique.

For example, if a station's morning show is high impact, the processing may be heavier, he said. At night, stations

may want a tamer sound

Griffith said the move to digital, from 16- to 18-bit, is helping to make products much more user friendly. In addition, one box performs tasks that several boxes used to accomplish just a few years ago.

"They are offering more bang for the buck," Griffith said.

The Orban OPTIMOD-FM 8200 is one processor Moore thinks is setting the pace with its all-digital system.

"It offers you several possibilities as far as expansion and upgrade abilities go," Moore said.

**A different class**

The digital trend will most likely introduce a new class of engineers—ones who aren't afraid of MIDI or computers, Griffith said.

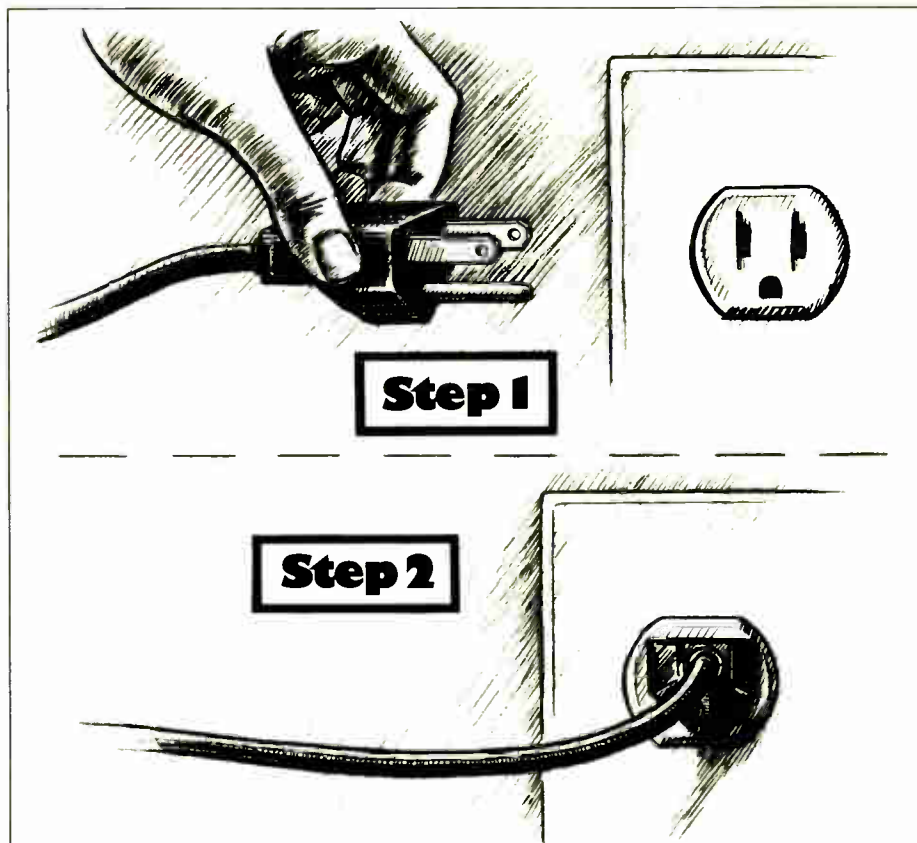
"There are a lot of complex productions happening using computers, with sequences and MIDI automation," Griffith said.

But Foti said he thinks the industry's technology has become diluted within the last 10 years, and the ability to understand it is decreasing. He said this is true even of engineers in large markets.

"It's the chicken vs. the egg problem," Foti said. "The problem is that if you make it too simple, there's not enough power. If there's too much [power], it's easier to crash and burn."

Foti said he thinks potential buyers need to spend more time researching and testing equipment before purchasing.

"Don't open the box and throw it in the rack," Foti said. "See what the manufacturer is trying to achieve with the product. People are all too quick to give a yea or nay."



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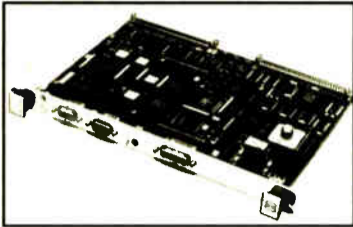
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For information, contact Harris Corporation, RF Communications Group, 716-244-5830, or circle **Reader Service 175**.

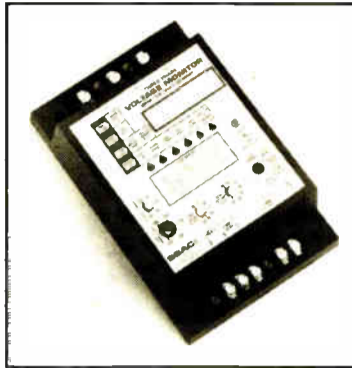
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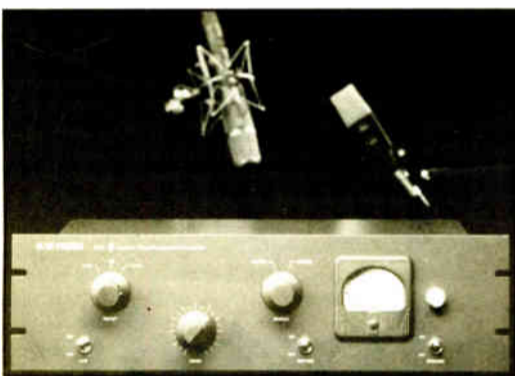
## Vacuum Tube Microphone Preamplifier

The VT-1 Vacuum Tube Microphone Preamplifier from D.W. Fearn provides audio recording studios a new tool to enhance the sound of their microphones.

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## USER REPORT

# Burk's LX-1 Aids In Station Upgrade

by Jon Frank  
Engineer  
WGBH-FM

**BOSTON** We're involved in an ongoing project at WGBH-FM to upgrade our technical facilities. We're currently concentrating on our master control.

At this point, incoming sources are routed to various control rooms. The output of the control rooms are routed to air, our NPR satellite uplink, another control room or our co-located television station.

WGBH-FM maintains a very strong commitment to producing the highest quality audio possible. The majority of our recording is mastered on either DAT or analog with Dolby SR. Major projects are edited on our digital workstation, and our link to the FM transmitter is through a digital STL.

We typically look for signal-to-noise ratios in excess of 80 dB and distortion of 0.01 percent or better.

Most of our existing audio switchers are of the relay variety. Being mechanical, they're obviously of a passive nature and introduce no significant noise or distortion. However, they're bulky and offer no features.

## Test taking time

Our original intention was to build a new mechanical air chain switcher. We planned to add a resistive combining net-

work and a distribution amplifier, allowing multiple control rooms to be on the air simultaneously.

I was just about to start ordering the necessary parts for this project when the Burk LX-1 came to my attention. I called Burk, and we decided that running an LX-1 through our test gear would be the only way to determine if it passed our stringent requirements. A loaner unit arrived two days later.

The first of our trials tested isolation between inputs. We were concerned that the solid state switches in the LX-1 might leak an off-line control room onto the air under extreme circumstances.

We cranked our test generator up to maximum output (a little over +30 dbm, unloaded) and connected it to input number one of the LX-1. When the input was switched off line, we could see isolation in the neighborhood of 105 dB.

Speaking of +30 dBm, headroom is another factor we consider very seriously. Ideally we look for a figure of +26 dBm before clipping. At +26 we observed no clipping, with distortion in the 0.001 percent region.

It's difficult to be precise about the results of our tests on the LX-1, because the results challenged the limits of our test equipment in many cases.

## Remote beauty

Once past all the audio specs on the LX-1, we really began to appreciate the beauty of its design.

The LX-1 allows on-line switching of up to six stereo sources, either individually or summed. This means several control rooms can be on the air simultaneously.

The LX-1 offers two fully isolated outputs and a feature called Loop, which allows you to insert an audio processor into the output of the switcher. It then may be bypassed with the Loop function.

Everything on the LX-1 is designed for remote control and remote tally. Momentary start and stop contacts are also available to automatically start or stop an audio source as a channel is switched on line.

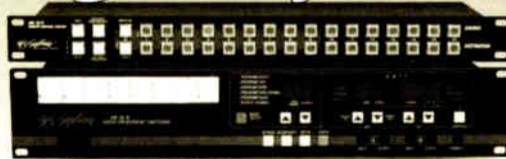
All in all, the Burk LX-1 is an extremely affordable audio switcher with superb specs and features.

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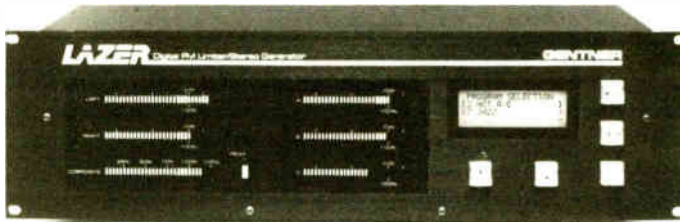
## GENTNER

### Lazer DSP Digital Limiter/Stereo Generator Combines Push-Button Control, Precision

**SALT LAKE CITY** Lazer, by Gentner Communications Corporation, is a 100 percent DSP digital limiter/stereo generator. The unit's digital nature combines push-button control, digital precision and repeatability to your station's audio chain.

Lazer also provides a high signal-to-noise ratio and low distortion.

Its three-band limiting independently limits spectral peaks without affecting the overall level of program material. The unit's digital process, known as waveform shaping, instantaneously modifies the signal to meet modulation requirements. This ability to generate loudness through digital waveform modification means no clipping.



When a signal doesn't need to be limited, the Lazer leaves it alone. It offers complete control over 20 adjustable parameters and eight separate preset processing programs.

You can fine-tune the sound, compare a variety of alternative settings, and then either implement the change or return to where you started.

For information, contact Elaine Jones in Utah at 801-975-7200; fax: 801-977-0087; or circle Reader Service 128.

## UREI

### PLATFORM Series Offers Signal Chain Electronics

**NORTHRIDGE, Calif.** The UREI PLATFORM™, a new modular line of signal processing units, includes a series of signal chain electronics "cards" offering flexibility, compact size and remote control capabilities.

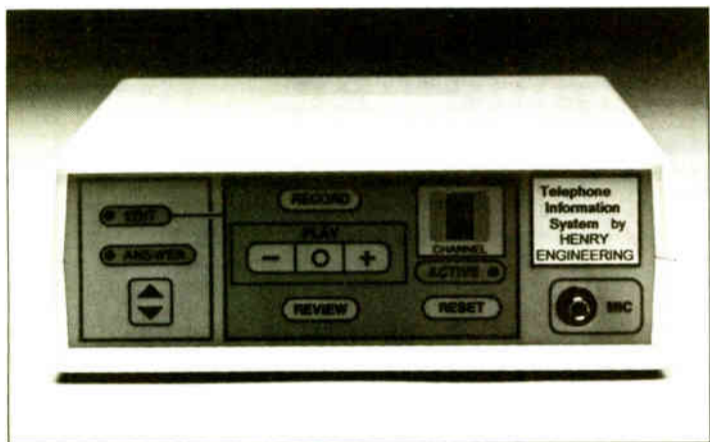
Dubbed the PLATFORM because of its flexible "building block" characteristic, the unit fits into a range of applications, including remote truck installations, conference/AV rooms, post production facilities, home studios, professional recording studios and broadcast applications.

A unique design aspect of the PLATFORM is a bus that allows summing and intermodule communications. Communication between modules is coordinated by a single computer module, which can be programmed to recall 100 memory settings of primary functions.

Parameters such as volume, mutes, bypass and threshold can be controlled via a serial connection or switch closure.

The rackmountable 3u RACK card-cage can hold up to 11 stand-alone or computer controlled modules. Six module units are available initially.

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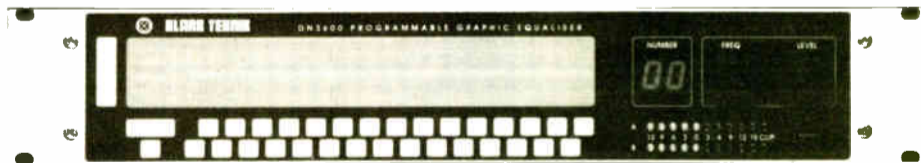
Compression ratios and attack/release times automatically adjust to the program

material, eliminating the need for installer settings other than input and output.

The input gain determines the threshold and compression levels, and is set using the LED indicators covering the incremental ranges of compression.

ST-CL1s may be strapped together for stereo operation, or average compression may be restricted by the user for versatility.

For information, contact Jerry Clements in California at 805-684-5415; fax: 805-684-9316; or circle Reader Service 105.



## KLARK TEKNIK

### DN3600 Allows Alteration of Gain Within 24 dB Range

**BUCHANAN, Mich.** Klark Teknik's new DN3600 is a fully programmable digitally-controlled analog graphic equalizer designed for studio signal processing applications.

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The DN3600 also offers 30 individual selection keys that correspond to each of the frequency bands. Each channel includes two notch filters and sweepable low/high pass filters. All important information is shown on a large, illuminated LCD display in a two-rack-space chassis.

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JNS

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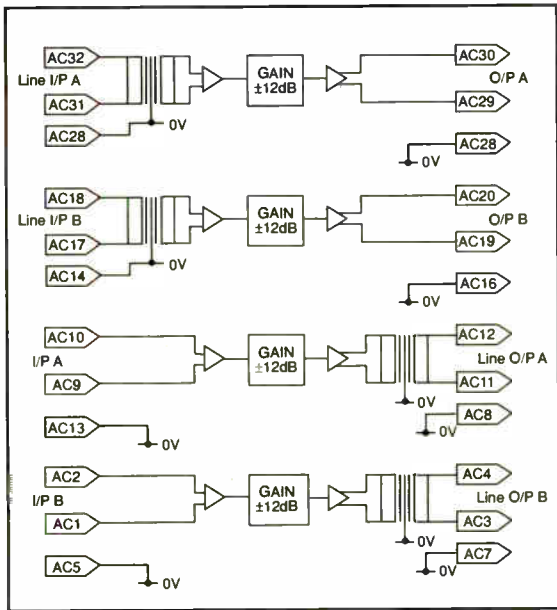
impedance mismatches and balanced to unbalanced. Sometimes remotes have the biggest challenge.

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YAMAHA

**SPX900 Simul-Effect Processor Offers 20-Bit A/D and D/A Conversion**

**BUENA PARK, Calif.** The new Yamaha SPX900 Simul-Effect Processor is a multi-effect processor offering high quality effects and programming versatility for radio production applications.

The SPX900 represents the latest advances in Yamaha processor technology, offering more features than its predecessor, the SPX90. The unit contains a data entry wheel and six additional function keys on the front panel.

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The SPX900's 20-bit A/D and D/A conversion helps provide the effects without digital noise or distortion. In addition to the 50 preset and 100 user memory locations contained internally, the SPX900 offers RAM card memory expansion that allows storage of up to

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Delay time parameters on the Yamaha SPX900 can be programmed in terms of tempo or note length, and can also be entered via MIDI clock data or by footswitch. Algorithms and internal reverb parameters have been refined to deliver a natural reverb sound.

Pitch change precision is improved through a new dynamic waveform analysis technique. The SPX900 features a pitch change program in which the appropriate harmony is created based on a specified key and scale type. Price of the Yamaha SPX900 is \$1,099.

For more information, contact Yamaha Corporation of America, Professional Audio Products in California at 714-522-9011; fax: 714-739-2680; or circle Reader Service 88.



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**ATI**

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**SOMERSET, N.J.** The CP-803 Composite Processor by Modulation Sciences enhances an audio chain by offering up to 6 dB of additional loudness, depending on the existing level

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The CP-803 works with the stereo composite signal out of a stereo generator or composite STL receiver. The absence of

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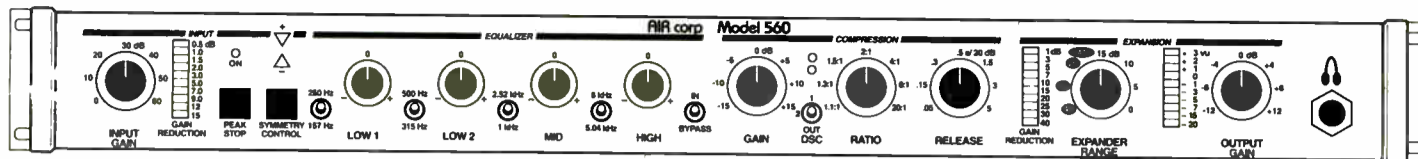
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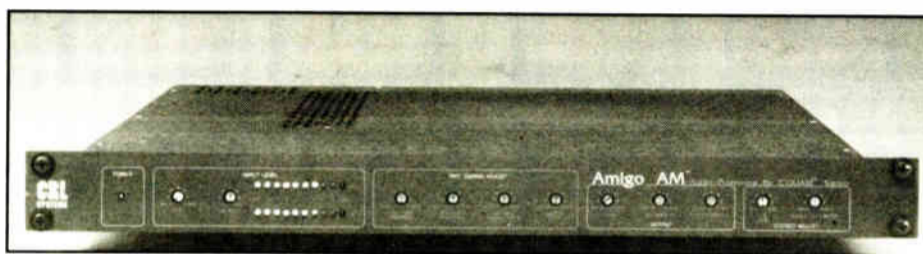
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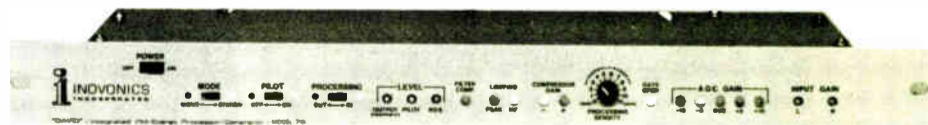
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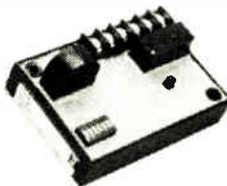


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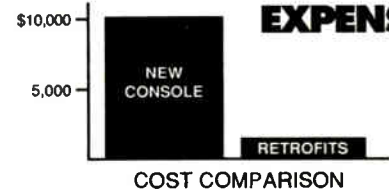
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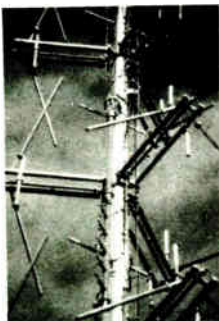
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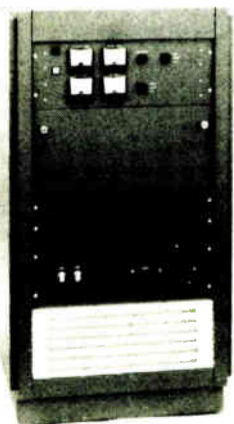
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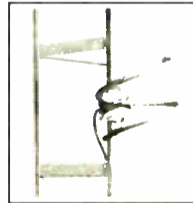
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Electro-Voice BK-2432 24-chnl mixer, vgc, \$1200. G Arroyo, 407-830-0800.

Sony MX16 for parts, \$50. B Ladd, WNRR, 108-1/2 E Main, Bellevue OH 44811. 419-483-2511.

Ramko Research DC 8MS 8 channel stereo, \$1200; Shure M-67 mixer, \$100; Sony MX-6S, stereo mixer, \$45. D Lundy, Lundy Tape Duplicators, POB 408, Heidrick KY 40949. 609-546-6650.

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Orban 222A stereo spatial enhancer, new, \$500. C Kner, KCNA, 139 SE J St, Grants Pass OR 97526. 503-474-7564.

Orban 424A, as new, black stereo compressor/limiter, \$500. P Christensen, WIVY, 3101 University South, Jacksonville FL 32216. 904-646-0129.

CBS Volumax 400; CBS Audimax III; UREI BL40 Modulimiter, BO. G Johnson, WLDY, POB 351, Ladysmith WI 54848. 715-532-5588.

UREI LA-3A (3), excel cond, \$425 ea. C Lawson, WXBQ, POB 1389, Bristol VA 24203. 703-669-8112.

UREI BL-40 modulimiter, \$75; Moseley TFL-250, \$100; Moseley TGR-340 AGC, \$100. D Rose, KAAA, 2534 Hualapai Mtn Rd, Kingman AZ 86402. 602-753-2537.

Aphex Type C aural exciter stereo processor, vgc, \$150. B Harwell, Compact Disc Jockeys, 1861 Brown Blvd #630, Arlington TX 76006. 214-407-7347.

Gates Solid Statesman limiter, \$100/BO. C Scherer, WDOK, One Radio Ln, Cleveland OH 44114. 216-696-0123.

CRL SGC-800 audio processor, \$950. C Fletcher, WLJE, 2755 Sager Rd, Valparaiso IN 46383. 214-462-8125.

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WE & Altec 639A mics, ea w/11A yoke, 442 jack, 24A stand & zipper case, excel cond, WE mdl \$450, Altec mdl \$350. R Woolf, Audio & Recording Systems, 3986 Edidin Dr, Jacksonville FL 32211. 904-744-1661.

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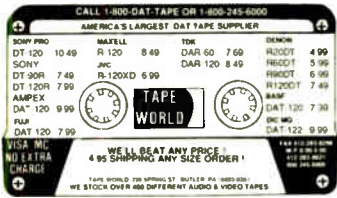
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