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Cartridge and Receiver Incompatibility
Q. I own a stereo system consisting of an AM-FM receiver, a turntable and two speakers. Because I wanted to expand my system, I bought a Dual 1229 turntable, expecting to use it with my receiver. To my chagrin, I found that records are audible only when the volume of the receiver is turned up to its maximum.

I went to an electronics store for help. I was told that the new turntable had a magnetic cartridge in contrast with the original ceramic cartridge. They also told me that $I$ would need a preamplifier to make the magnetic cartridge function correctly.

My questions are: Why does the cartridge make a difference? Can I avoid purchasing a preamplifier? What exactly does the preamplifier do? How much power does the preamplifier require?-Daniel Feinberg, Southampton, New York
A. There are two basic types of cartridges commonly used in home entertainment equipment. The most commonly used is the crystal or ceramic pickup. It produces a rather high output voltage, perhaps a volt in some cases. The frequency response of the cartridge is reasonably good. It is also less expensive to produce than the other type of cartridge we shall discuss. The ceramic cartridge is mechanically stiffer than the other type, so this is a disadvantage of the "breed"."

The other type of cartridge is the magnetic type, which produces only a small amount of signal, perhaps $6 / 1000$ of a volt as an average. Further, such a cartridge must be compensated for in order that it will reproduce phonograph records "flat." Once this compensation has been introduced, the magnetic cartridge produces a wider and flatter frequency response than does the ceramic cartridge. Because of the small amount of signal that such a magnetic cartridge produces, and because of the compensation circuits which are required, it is cheaper to produce a
receiver employing a ceramic cartridge than it is to use the magnetic type. The addition of the magnetic cartridge means that perhaps four more transistors plus a number of resistors and capacitors must be used.
The preamplifier which you were told to buy contains the necessary parts, including amplification, to make the tiny signal from the cartridge suitable for use with your equipment. How good the results will be must be dependent on the quality of the preamplifier, and, of course, on the overall quality of your receiver.

## Frequency Equalizers and Reverberation Amplifiers

Q. What are "frequency equalizers" and "reverberation amplifiers?" Why do we use them in a high fidelity music system?-Jean Yves Vachon, Montreal, Canada
A. A frequency equalizer is a device which can boost and cut a number of portions in the audio spectrum. You are familiar with bass and treble tone controls. These operate over relatively large portions of the audio spectrum. Some devices, however, boost and cut just a small portion of the frequency range of the audio spectrum. These equalizers will have several controls, each of which governs its own specific portion of the audio range. As an example of this, some units divide the frequency spectrum into oneoctave segments. One might start out at the lower end of the spectrum with a $20-40 \mathrm{~Hz}$ boost or cut; then the next range might be $40-80 \mathrm{~Hz}$; next would be $80-160 \mathrm{~Hz}$. All of this would continue to a final octave of $10,000-$ $20,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$.

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 fact, the NAB standard permits playback response to be down 2 dB at 50 Hz and 3 dB at 30 Hz .
## Tape Copying

Q. We do a lot of tape copying. Some friends copy at the speed at which the original tape was recorded. Others use a faster speed, such as 7-1/2 ips to copy 3-3/4 ips tape, in order to save time. I was wondering if we lose frequency response or anything else when copying at a faster speed than the original tape.

Also, is there any correlation between tape recorder speeds and turntable speeds? Another problem we have is pickup of radar buzz on our tape recordings. It's a short buzz, increasing in intensity, then ending abruptly. It cycles about every 30 to 60 seconds. Is there any way we can get rid of it?-Dennis G. Mueller, APO San Francisco
A. When you duplicate a $3-3 / 4 \mathrm{ips}$ tape at $7-1 / 2 \mathrm{ips}$, all frequencies are doubled in playback and recording. For example, a $15,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ note becomes $30,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$. This may exceed the frequency response capabilities of your playback and record amplifiers, of your playback head, and perhaps of your record head. Furthermore, there is increased chance of beat frequencies between the oscillator signal and the audio signal. On the other hand, if there isn't much above $10,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ on the original tape, you may be able to copy at increased speed without noticeably adverse results.
There is no correlation between tape and disc speeds.
Perhaps the buzz problem may be alleviated by using capacitors of a few pfd between the input stage of your amplifier and ground.

## SOS and SWS

Q. Could you let me know the difference between sound on sound and sound with sound?-Ghislain Gauthier, Chicoutimi, Quebec, Canada
A. Sound on sound signifies that two or more audio signals are recorded in synchronization on the same track. Sound with sound means that two signals are recorded in synchronization on two different tracks.

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# Behind The Scenes 

Bert Whyte

IONCE READ somewhere that over 2,000 different makes of automobiles were produced in this country since the dawning of the "horseless carriage" era. I don't know if the audio industry has spawned 2,000 different makes of loudspeakers, but in the last 25 years we certainly have seen (and heard) a great many variations on the original theme. Speakers seem to be peculiarly the "better mousetrap" of our industry, and hardly a month goes by without an announcement that the "Zilch Company" has been formed to produce their "revolutionary new Zilchophonic Mark One, the ultimate speaker which obsoletes conventional designs." Well, more power to these venturesome souls! The rate of attrition with these loudspeaker companies is appalling, but every once in a while a genuinely worthwhile new design emerges and a company survives and becomes a factor in the industry. The West Coast is home base for such old guard stalwarts as Altec and JBL, and in the last few years the focal point for a number of new loudspeaker companies.

Earlier this year, at the Philadelphia Hi-Fi Show, 1 had visited the demonstration rooms of Infinity Systems, the California-based speaker manufacturer noted for their innovative designs. I was very impressed with several of their speakers, and when I told Arnold Nudell, the dynamic young president of Infinity, that 1 expected to be in Los Angeles in May for the AES convention, he kindly invited me to visit his plant in suburban Chatsworth.

The Infinity plant is located in a pleasant industrial park, and my first sight of their parking lot, replete with 2 Panteras, a BMW 3.0CS, and an Alfa roadster, told me that 1 would be dealing with "my kind of folk." The Infinity plant has the usual complement of
offices and unusually well-equipped labs (Hewlett Packard Fourier harmonic spectrum analyzer, for example) and extensive production facilities, which nonetheless are bulging at the seams, and the whole complex is due for expansion. The plant also has a sound room, which needless to say, Arnie and I gravitated to in short order. Fortunately, the sound room had decent acoustics, and, with the 15 ips Dolby A tapes we were playing, really did justice to Infinity's premier speaker system, the Servo-Statik 1. This system has been on the market since early 1970, and in general it received glowing reviews. However, the first time $\mathbb{I}$ heard it at a hi-fi show in Newton, Mass., I was singularly disappointed It had neither the vaunted bass nor super definition in mid-range and treble that 1 had expected. I thought something surely must be wrong, and as I eventually learned, the system had been set up incorrectly (not by Infinity) with 3 -way balance all askew, and grossly audible distortion. The next time I encountered the Servo-Statik was at the aforementioned Philadelphia show. There the balances were correct and the sound very clean, but the acoustics of the room added unpleasant colorations, especially in the bass frequencies.

In the Infinity sound room I finally was able to hear the Servo-Statik properly, and could understand why the system was praised so extravagantly. The Servo-Statik can be categorized as an electro-static/dynamic hybrid, a configuration gaining in favor these days with versions available from Crown, RTR, SAE, and Janszen, to name a few. However, the Servo-Statik differs from these units in several respects, not the least of which is that it is a 3-way, tri-amplified system.

At this juncture, 1 should point out that the Servo-Statik I system I heard at Infinity in early May was succeeded a little over a month later at the CES in Chicago by the Servo-Statik 1A. This is an updated version with some slgnicant improvements in a number of areas to provide a higher quality of performance. I will point out the differences between the original and the " $A$ " as we go along.

A four-cubic-foot bass "commode" houses a specially designed 18 -in. woofer driven by a massive $26-1 \mathrm{~b}$. ceramic magnet. A small sensing element on the voice coil of the speaker is connected in a feedback loop to its own 110 -watt rms bass amplifier utilizing an IC operational amplifier at the front end. The output signal of the voice coil sensor indicates the motion of the cone and moving system and any non-linearities are corrected by the driving amplifier and the feedback loop hence the "servo" designation. The servo-control amplifier also functions as a three-way electronic crossover and is housed in a separate decorative cabinet, with sliding level controls for the adjustment of bass and treble relative to the fixed gain mid-range. The bass commode handles frequencies below 100 Hz , with a crossover rate of 12 dB per octave. In the Servo-Statik system, the commode acts as a common mode bass speaker, based on the non-directional character of frequencies below 100 Hz . Incoming left and right signals are matrixed and then amplified and further controlled by the feedback/servo system. I must confess that I have never been kindly disposed to a commonmode, mixed-bass, single speaker. However, in this case, I could not fault it and, in fact, was greatly impressed with the rock-solid fullness and uncommon smoothness of the bass response.

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We were listening to a tape of the Sibelius 1st Symphony, and in several sections there are huge bass drum punctuations around $30-35 \mathrm{~Hz}$, which were reproduced not only cleanly but with gut-thumping impact.

In the updated Servo-Statik 1A system, the servo amplifier and the crossover now employ high voltage FET's instead of op amps, the crossover rate is now 6 dB per octave and because the mid-range electrostaic diaphragms have only half the mass of the original units, enabling higher output at a ilightly lower frequency, the bass commode now operates from 70 Hz downward. This lower frequency makes the bass commode even less critical in positioning it in a listening room. l've covered the bass end of the Servo-Statik system, now on to the mid-range and treble descriptions.

The electronic crossover directs frequencies from 70 Hz to 2 kHz to an external stereo power amplifier, which in turn drives electrostatic mid-range panels. These panels might be regarded as the heart of this Infinity speaker. They are a proprietary design, and I watched them being fabricated in a special room at the plant. The ultra-low mass mylar diaphragm is sandwiched between two grids, and then this element is made up in panels approximately 8 by 12 in . The cements and sprays that bond the panels together are highly volatile, and the workers must use breathing masks. Four of the mid-range modules are placed on each side of the $28 \times 37 \times 61 / 2$ in. deep screens which comprise the left and right sections of the system. The modules are angled to provide broad dispersion. Arrayed down the middle of each screen, between the mid-range modules, are narrow, rectangular electrostatic strip tweeters. These are also an Infinity design, but are subcontracted and manufactured slsewhere. The electronic crossover directs frequencies from the 2 kHz to beyond 30 kHz to another external power amplifier, and the signal then fed into the tweeters. The mid-range modules are of moderate efficiency and can handle efficiency and can handle exceptionally high power without arcing. In fact, Infinity recommends the use of amplifiers such as the Crown DC-300A to drive the mid-range, while the tweeters can handle a maximum of 50 watts rms and a suitable unit would be the Crown D-40. The screens containing the electrostatic elements are open to the rear, and since the elements are bi-polar, some 50 percent of their radiation is reflected, if the screens are within several feet of a wall.

The time I spent listening to the Servo-Statik system was necessarily limited, but I heard a considerable
variety of music through them . . the aforementioned Dolby A tapes, the new Vol. 3 of the direct-disc-cut Sheffield Records, the superb percussion recording by Mark Levinson, and a number of very high quality pop/rock jazz recordings. As with any speaker system, to really know it you have to live with it, in your own particular acoustic environment, with your own selection of demanding recordings. When the production of the new Servo-Statik 1A gets underway, I'll be eager to put the system to such a test. In the meanwhile, on the basis of what I heard at the Infinity sound room, I am mightily impressed
and I don't impress easily! Some speakers excel in some section of the frequency spectrum. The Servo-Statik delivered an utterly clean, convincingly natural and uncolored reproduction of everything from bass drum to triangle. Such superlative sound doesn't come cheaply . . . the Servo-Statik with the recommended quality of external amplifiers will leave you with very little change from $\$ 3,000.00$.

Infinity established their reputation with the Servo-Statik system, but recognizing the limited market for such an expensive speaker, they have produced a series of speakers aimed at the pocketbooks of the average audiophile. In spite of their lower prices, two of the models, the 2000AXT and the Infinity Monitor, offer some interesting innovations.

Common to both speakers is the use of a transmission line tweeter for treble frequencies of 5 kHz upwards. Manufactured by Infinity under license from Ohm Acoustics, it uses the same principle discovered by Lincoln Walsh (of Brook amplifier fame many years ago). However, in the Ohm F speaker, the cone is 12 in . in diameter and is a full-frequency-range device. In the Ohm speaker, the cones are placed with their apex facing up, the Infinity tweeter has its apex pointed down, with the steep sided cone flaring up like a tulip. Acting as a vertical, pulsating cylinder, the metallic tweeter is said to produce coherent sound radiation, much as a laser does in optics. Sound velocities much higher than the speed of sound in air travel up the metallic cone and sounds are emitted from various parts of the cone. Sounds are propagated in true 360 degree omnidirectional fashion, and at the same instants in time, thus there is no time deiay distortion, and theoretically at least, it is said to have perfect transient response. In any case, the frequency range of the tweeter is beyond 30 kHz , and the sounds of cymbals, snares, triangles, gongs, etc. I heard from several of the percussion (Continued on page 90)

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The Audible Document
Is a recording forever, as they used to say about diamonds? Is a track of recorded sound equal to a line of printed type? Do voice prints have the legal validity of written signatures, or finger prints? Above all, can a recording be considered an audible document, continuing evidence of an act of man, in the same sense that a visible manuscript is a document? Will our laws eventually be altered to take account of this astonishing new fact, that after thousands of years of civilization, the spoken word, preserved and, maybe, sworn to, is at last the equal of the written word, preserved?

Will libraries of recorded documents in sound some day have the aura of importance that goes now with libraries of recorded print? Will historical collections of documentation in sound take their scholarly place alongside collections of priceless manuscripts and books? It's beginning.

Why of course, of course, you will say (being an audio man). Why not? Well, we are a long ways from it now. Not because of lack of knowledge or of facilities and techniques. Not because of doubtful permanence, either. True, a reel of tape might become a total mystery in time-what is it? Without 60 Hz or 50 , drive motors, heads, amplifiers, speakers, the stuff is meaningless. But books are anything but permanent, even when cared for. And the message of books, and of papyrus, stone inscriptions, is as easily lost as the message of tape. Remember the Rosetta stone, scratched in several kinds of writing, which was the clue that unraveled the hieroglyphics, the hen's tracks of earlier times whose meaning had been totally lost? And what about those ancient neighbors of our civilization, the pre-Roman Etruscans in Italy, whose writing is still all
over the place, who were so obviously Greek-influenced in their art and lifeand yet whose written language to this day is unreadable, educated guesses notwithstanding?

It seems to me that a tape document has a good chance of survival today, on all counts from electronic reproduction to signall know-how, as did any document in stone or papyrus or paper or metal back thousands of years ago. Survival is not the central point. Mores is. Customs, ways of thinking.

For thousand years of written documentation have fixed our institutions in another mold, the visible. The sound document is much, much too new! We do not yet understand it. We may need years, perhaps decades and centuries, before we do, the way people tend to think and act in familiar ruts, the way they build vast, complicated edifices upon the old system and will not, cannot, allow the new to intrude for fear of disastrous collapse. Sound recording is likely to upset a lot of applecarts. It has, already.
Thank the Lord, then, for Mr. Nixon. He has done more than any living man, quite unintentinally, of course, to wrench our thinking towards the new thousand-year concept by sheer overwhelming force. It may well be that when Watergate fades down to a schoolroom echo, the Nixon tapes may still mark a turning point in civilization as we know it, a moment in the category of the publication the Gutenberg Bible-first mass printing of wide importance-and such great dates as 1492, 1066 and so on. What Ford did with the Model T, Nixon is doing with the tape document. Those tapes, made so casually and, one might say, unthinkingly, have at last put the oral document in its totally real place, with the enormous weight of consequence to lend importance.


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them at last to our united attention. Or mostly.
A few months back, I received a letter from Columbia University in the City of New York, subtitle, Oral History Research Office, and thereby hangs a wondrous tale. This immense project was begun in 1949 by an enterprising professor of history, Allan Nevins, and by now has accumulated a vast "library" of documentary interviews, over these 25 years and more, made in their own voices by people of importance in many fields,

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"oral memoirs by men and women who saw the 20th century happen . . . or made it happen," as Columbia puts it. In the mid-fifties, my own father, a good friend of Prof. Nevins, was asked to give an interview and I well remember the dither in our family over this honor-for this honor-for the project was deliberately aimed at the future, creating history via first-hand oral background material, to be preserved in a place of learning and a first-rate library, available to scholars from all the world. Complete "off the record" protection was part of the package; the express authorization of the interviewees or their heirs. Today, the idea of a tape interview is commonplace. Twenty years back it was new and radical. And the careful historical intent of this particular project (there are others of the sort now) made it really important. To this day, the Columbia recording goes on.

Well, I am one of my father's heirs, and so the letter to me requested permission to make use of my father's interview of twenty-odd years back in a new and brilliant project, with the august New York Times. A selected grouping of these interviews was being "published" by the Times, not for the public but for direct scholarly use in libraries and other institutions, taking advantage of the latest mass technology. Other groupings were to follow-in which my father's contribution would appear, with permission.Here is what the Times folder on the project says, and please read carefully.
"The price for the first edition (200 interviews, some 55,000 pages, about 650 microfiche) is $\$ 1,950$. Charter members will pay only $\$ 1,755$, a saving of $\$ 520$ over the single purchase price." And there is a multiple Index, which adds around $\$ 475$ to the cost.

Well, you say, that's not chicken feed. Almost two grand! Is that all you noticed??? Quite normal library prices for such voluminous material and nothing unusual at all. Don't even bat an eye. Instead, look at that one incredible word, pages. Do you begin to get it?

Now I have just about five minutes of my father's recorded voice, taken by myself off the air in 1945. He died in 1961, before tape had got around so far, and he was no audio man. He was a print man, Henry Seidel Canby, over a fortyyear career as a writer, literary critic and editor. He founded the Saturday Review in the 1920s. He was for 25 years chairman of the editorial board of the Book of the Month Club. He wrote book after book, and a thousand editorials, book reviews, articles, one novel and two biographies-every last work in print. He never saw a home tape recorder. He did one short series of "live" broadcasts in 1945 and that is where I caught him, on discs, ever so briefly.

Then, at the end of his career, he taped this extended interview. Somebody asked him leading questions concerning

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Pages? What pages? Suddenly it dawned on me. The Columbia Oral History is being circulated by the New York Times in written form, via transcripts! Not the original tapes at all. A typed-out transcript, taken from the tapes and put into print. And then onto ultra-modern microfiche pages.

Shades of Richard! Transcripts!! Yep, that's what they are. Incredulous, I phoned in to find out. Not only are they transcripts; they are edited. Not shadily, of course, not unethically at all. The typed material was submitted to the author, who then "corrected" it, to make it right on paper. OK, of course, if you think paper and print. Columbia does. The grammar is corrected, fixed up for print, the unintelligibles are made intelligent, some too-hasty remarks perhaps removed, blue-penciled out, etcetc. And so-we have a written document, made out of an oral document. Nothing wrong! Nothing wrong at all. Aside from total historical blindness.

True, the taped-and-typed interview is now a standard journalistic technique, and with superb results, one of the great advances in getting our current happenings from the event to the printed newspaper, or on the air. But the Columbia Oral History isn't quite the same. This is a deliberately collected and produced oral documentation of original material, for the edification of future historians and scholars. Oral edification, one might presume.

Are the tapes then considered the "originals," the official documents, in this collection? It is the tapes which make the project, yes? Vast quantities of them. By all the evidence of present action, it isn't so. Even at this late date, Columbia uses the tapes as a kind of dictation, a transducer from the speaking author to the typist who makes a transcript - the printed transcript is the working product and the active documentation. The entire project revolves around the tran-scripts-those "pages" of of type. The tapes are scarcely mentioned, in the brochures I have seen. It is the body of official transcripts that the Times is distributing to libraries. Not the taped sounds, the oral documents. This is an "oral history" in written terms. but that isn't the half.

Back in the dim 40s (to digress again), I began broadcasting "live" on FM radio, using 78 rpm records plus my own spoken commentary on the music. At first I worked with a station engineer; then a series of table spinning assistants, who did complex segued "phonomontages" on two tables, while I talked. We rehearsed for hours. Then came tape-
and I transferred the entire operation "live" to my own home studio, assistant and all. I had not yet discovered tape editing. I soon did, and in the early 1950s I began doing my own tapes unassisted, via piece-by-piece editing. Yet, do you know, so little did I understand the significance of tape as a permanent record, a document, that I erased all my early shows, in order to use the tape again. Never occurred to me to keep them.

Fortunately, that didn't last long. I saw the light-the very light about which I am writing-and from late 1952 onwards I kept my tapes. I still have most of them, in the hundreds. They are $m y$ oral documents, my very life, and I hope they will live awhile after me, perhaps.

You may not be entirely astonished, then, when I tell you that the great Columbia Oral History, in all its majesty as a branch of a leading American university and associated with the most monumental of college libraries, the Butler Library, erased all its tapes back at the beginning! Why? So they could use the tapes again.

Columbia University! When I think of the miles of tape thrown out in the average studio today . . . Beyond belief. But they did. I got it by phone and I might be wrong, but as 1 understand it, they erased, and erased, the entire oral documentation of the project, all the way through until 1961. (That's nine years after I saw the light.) They made transcripts of the oral recordings-then junked them. Some oral history! As an audio man, you will share my flabbergastation. I could not believe it.

In any case, they definitely erased my father. Gone, the entire recording, every last bit of him, the only complete extended oral document of this man that ever existed, aside from my scratchy off-air five minutes. All that remains is the edited transcript. It doesn't even have the questions that were asked, just his answers. No tone of voice, no shades of meaning, no significant pauses - all those things that are the virtues and the essence of an oral document, as compared to a written document.

That's about it. In 1961, if I am right, they began to save the tapes. About time! But if I am right, the basic sense still is that the transcripts, as now published by the Times, are the documents. That's what the Times wants. And, as Columbia told me, that's what the scholarly world wants, too. Something solid, in print. And so-the written oral history, transcribed. Very interesting. Very useful. Very blind

Do you see why I think Mr. Nixon has done us an enormous favor? Could his tapes ever be less than the true originals, even including the buzzes? And note that they tried publishing the transcripts. It didn't work. At last, it's oral or nothing. And at last, we begin to understand.


## h Stereo Control System

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The heart of a high quality sound reproduction system is its frequency response. More than any single type of distortion, the frequency response determines whether the reproduction is pleasing and natural. Because there are such great variations among program sources, it is not un-


Fig. 1-Stereo Control System controls.
usual to provide a different frequency response for every record, tape, and program source. Therefore I've designed an extremely flexible three-channel stereo control system which uses miniature a.c. operational amplifier modules for signal mixing and tone-control action to achieve extremely low distortion.

While the ear does not readily detect the rapid variations in frequency response produced by room acoustics, an experienced listener can notice variations in the general trend of the frequency response curve as small as 1 dB between 100 Hz and 5 kHz . To the critical ear, the usual two-tone control system built into most high fidelity systems is inadequate to produce the precise tonal balance needed over the entire audio spectrum. The design described here uses five separate tone controls, each ganged for the three input signals, operating in different frequency ranges, to compensate for variations in program material, room acoustics, speaker response, and listener preferences. This system provides these five controls and an unusual stereo separation control for mixing, blending, or separating monophonic or two- or three-channel stereo signals to produce a natural, pleasant sound.

The major objective in the development of this elaborate stereo control system was to provide complete flexibility in the processing of monophonic and two- or three-channel stereo signals at extremely low distortion and noise levels. The performance and reliability were to be high enough to warrant

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Fig. 2-System schematic.


Fig. 3-Frequency response curves produced by MIDDLES control.


Fig. 5-Frequency response curves produced by TREBLE control.
the use of this system for at least 15 years as part of the author's extensive audio system.

Not for construction by the beginning audiophile, this system uses 89 transistors and 750 precision resistors to meet the stringent performance requirements described below.

## Performance Requirements

The stereo control system is designed for use with external preamplifiers which supply input signal levels in the range from IV to 3 V peak. It delivers output signal levels to a tape recorder and to a main line, each 3 V peak into load resistances of 5 k with at least 5 dB extra output capability.

Because this equipment is only one of as many as 10 or more parts of the recording and reproducing chain, it is required to generate less than $0.1 \%$ harmonic distortion over the entire frequency range from 15 Hz to 10 kHz and to deliver full output to 30 kHz . When the frequency response is supposed to be flat, it is to be within 0.1 dB from 15 Hz to 30 kHz . In order to take full advantage of the low noise of a special capacitor microphone preamplifier, the rms signal to rms noise ratio is required to be 100 dB from 200 Hz to 20 kHz and 94 dB from 20 Hz to 20 kHz .

To meet these performance requirements, the signal level through the system must be maintained at the highest practical level and each stage of amplification must have low noise


Fig. 4-Frequency response curves produced by LOWS control.
and a large amount of feedback to reduce harmonic distortion. In short, each stage has to be an operational amplifier.

## System Description

Figure 1 shows the chassis and the front panel controls. In the upper left, are nine mixing potentiometers which feed amplifiers A101, A201, and A301 in the schematic, Fig. 2. These controls mix the three incoming stereo signals in any combination into the three amplifier channels. Each amplifier provides a voltage gain of 10 dB and the normal output signal is 3 V peak.

Prior to the mixer, the three input signals at J101, J201, and J301 passed through contacts of the d.c. power switch so that in case of a component failure, the switch can be set at off or standby and the input signals will pass directly to the main output jacks.

## Tone Controls

Following the input mixer, the three stereo channels each feed a set of tone control amplifiers. The action of the middees control can be seen in the upper channel. The pair of ganged potentiometers, R109 and R111, vary the low frequency gain and the high frequency gain in opposite directions by changing the input and feedback signals at the operational amplifier A102. At the middle position of the potentiometers, the voltages at the two arms are equal and midway between the input and output voltages, thereby producing flat response and unity gain.

The potentiometers actually consist of sections of a sixgang, 21-position step switch with two sections allocated to each of the three stereo channels. The switch changes the response in steps of 1 dB and the set of curves for every step is shown in Fig. 3. All the resistors on the switch and throughout the system, which affect gain or frequency response, are 1 percent metal film so as to produce accurate ganging of the stereo channels.

Next, the signal passes through the lows and treble control amplifier A103. These are conventional feedback tone controls with some resistive loading from the center of the treble potentiometer to ground which helps to maintain the half-loss and half-gain points of the treble curves at about 2500 Hz . The Lows potentiometer is one section of a 3-gang, 21-position switch which controls the three stereo channels and, similarly, the treble potentiometer is one section of a 3-gang switch. Because the tone control amplifier stage A103 is symmetrical and has unity gain, the curves of Lows boost and cut, Fig. 4, are perfectly symmetrical about the flat response line. The maximum boost and cut at 20 Hz is 13.5 dB


Fig. 6-Frequency response curves produced by BASS control.
and occurs in steps of approximately 1.5 dB . The treble control curves shown in Fig. 5 are also symmetrical about the flat response line and the maximum boost or cut at 20 kHz is 14.5 dB .

Next the signal passes through the bass and highs amplifier Al04 which is the same as the previous amplifier but uses different capacitor values to produce the curves in Figs. 6 and 7.

All the capacitors that affect frequency response are matched within 1 percent of one another from channel to channel for accurate ganging. Although there can be quite an accumulation of 1 percent tolerances, statistical averaging of a fortunate combination resulted in matching between channels to within 0.2 dB for the entire stereo system over the range from 20 Hz to 30 kHz .

Note that the tone controls are all independent with virtually no interaction between them and so their response curves are additive. For example, by turning the lows, bass, and middles controls to maximum and the trebles and highs controls to minimum, the gain difference from 20 Hz to 20 kHz can be as great as 65 dB . When all the controls are set at flat, the use of precision parts provides response within $\pm 0.1 \mathrm{~dB}$ from 15 Hz to 30 kHz as shown in the magnified frequency response curve, Fig. 8. If desired, all the tone controls can be switched in and out without changing their settings by means of the TONE switch.

Is all this flexibility necessary? Notes made on the most pleasing tone control settings for various pieces of program material in the author's library show that there are a number of selections that require extreme control settings in either direction but only one or two of the tone controls are set at their extremes.

It must be pointed out that even such a flexible set of response curves as those shown in Figs. 3 through 7 cannot completely compensate for deficiencies in the loudspeaker systems and room acoustics, nor for certain pieces of program material that seem to have prominent resonances. In the author's system, separate equipment is used for speaker and acoustic equalization and fine adjustment is accomplished by a 22 -channel half-octave filter set which amounts to 22 more tone controls. The stereo control system is used primarily for equalizing differences among various pieces of program material.

## Stereo Blending and Separation

The signal from the tone control section then passes to a main three-gang gain control and is mixed at amplifiers


Fig. 7-Frequency response curves produced by HIGHS control.


Fig. 8-Magnified view of the flattest response through the tone controls.

A401, A501, and A601 with two other two-channel stereo signals. This feature is particularly useful in mixing together recorded material equalized through the tone controls, and external microphone signals, as well as the signal from a second stereo control system which is part of the author's sound system. Following A401, the signal may go out to auxiliary equipment such as the half-octave filter set, volume expander and compressor, dynamic noise filter, and electronic reverberation. The signal from this external equipment may be switched in and out by the auxiliary controls switch and then it passes to the TAPE output used for recording. The signal level at this point is 3 V peak.

The main volume control follows the tape output and feeds amplifier A402 in the upper channel. At this point, a selector switch is used to determine the optimum combination of signals for feeding the external power amplifiers and speakers. For monophonic sound, position $A$ of the inPut switch sends channel A to all three outputs which are identical but the center channel has a gain control R514. Channels A, $B$, or $C$ can be selected and used in this manner.

For two-channel stereo, channels $\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{C}$ deliver the left and right channels and channel $B$ is a mixture of the two adjusted in level via the 2-channel center control R515. This


Fig. 9-Bottom view showing ganged tone switches with 1 percent metal film resistors.


Fig. 11-Rear view showing 21 a.c. operational amplifier modules.


Fig. 12-The a.c. operational amplifier module.


Fig. 13-AC operational amplifier schematic.


Fig. 10-Top view showing shielded wire bundle.
control is particularly useful in placing the apparent position of a soloist at the center speaker.

In the author's sound system, there are actually five speaker systems, two for the left, two for the right and one for the center. Because of the tendency to exaggerate the stereo effect, it is frequently necessary to partially blend the two outer channels using the 2 -channel separation control R42l and R621, which is a pair of ganged potentiometers. On the other hand, there is some program material which exhibits very little stereo effect and benefits from exaggeration. For this material, the separation control can be turned in the opposite direction to blend the two outer channels together in opposite phase. Generally, when opposite phase blending is used, it has been found desirable to increase the level of the center channel. When turning the 2-channel separation control from one extreme to the other, the effect on the spread of the sound image can be rather dramatic.

## Construction

The construction of the main chassis and printed circuit board are shown in Figs. 9, 10, and 11. The system contains no internal power supply except for a current source Q701 and shunt regulator PS701, Fig. 2. This avoids hum pickup from the magnetic field of the power transformer. Shunt regulation maintains a constant signal-free current in the power supply leads and allows a common supply to be used for many pieces of equipment without interaction due to the power supply impedance. All the internal wiring is shielded to prevent crosstalk between channels which is between -65 and -85 dB at 2 kHz . The system involves a total of 750 l -percent resistórs, 21 a.c. operational amplifier modules, and 1 shunt regulator.

## The A.C. Operational Amplifier

The a.c. operational amplifier module, shown in Fig. 12 and schematically in Fig. 13, provides the tremendous feedback needed to attain the measured 0.003 percent total harmonic distortion through the entire system at 400 Hz . Because the module delivers full output of 7 V rms within 1 dB from 10 Hz to 500 kHz , distortion at frequencies as high as 10 kHz is below the measuring equipment limit of 0.025 percent. A most unusual feature of this operational amplifier, in contrast with the many discrete component and integrated types on the market today, is that this one contains input and output coupling capacitors plus an internal 1 M feedback resistor, R4. These internal coupling capacitors greatly simplify the stereo control system printed circuit board layout and construction, as well as the schematic. The circuit also incorporates a damping network R1 and Cl as part of the input coupling circuit to eliminate low frequency ringing due to feedback around two coupling capacitors when the operational amplifier is connected in any of the feedback configurations in the stereo control system.

Although this operational amplifier was designed in 1963, and


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Many audiophiles believe that buying a more powerful amplifier will give them a directly proportional increase in loudness. However, because of the logarithmic relationship of power to loudness, doubling the power will only give 3 dB more loudness (see chart). Therefore, a 200 watt amplifier should really be considered as delivering only $30 \%$ more loudness than a 100 watt amplifier. To double the loudness, power must be increased 10 times!
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## Results

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Fig. 14-Squave wave response at flat tone control settings

During the past eight years, two of these Stereo Control Systems have been operated in the author's sound system for over 28,000 hours each and there has been a total of only one failure-a transistor in an operational amplifier. In addition, 10 molded carbon potentiometers have become noisy from infrequent operation and have been replaced. In listening tests, there is no audible difference when the system is switched in and out with flat settings of the controls. After listening to various types of program material and making full use of the controls, it can be stated that the improvement in sound over that produced earlier by less flexible equipment was worth every transistor and resistor. Some pieces of program material which, because of poor recording characteristics, can be irritating to the ear when played through less flexible equipment, have now become pleasurable listening. Eight years of operation have produced no desire to improve upon the performance of the stereo control system.


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(B)

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meters do differ from one maker to another, we have tried to translate them so far as is possible.

In certain categories, letter codes were used to save space. These include various letters to indicate speeds of a tape deck or turntable, B for basic amp, $K$ for kit, D for Dobyization. Four-channel units are marked beaneath the model number, with the system type appearing in the "Notes" column. Amplifier power ratings are again in rms wattage, at 8 ohms, either two or four channels driven.

For more complete specifications on any product, the reader is invited to contact the manufacturer at the address listed below.

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- RMS continuous power, all channels


| 3 KL 20 to $20,000 \mathrm{~Hz} \pm 0 \mathrm{~dB}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Model | 2 Channel Output | 4 Channel Output |
|  | RMS continuous power, all channels <br> driven at rated distortion, 8 ohms. |  |
|  | $30 \times 2$ | $13 \times 4$ |
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## Pre-amplifiers



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# The Professional Preamplifier 

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Bose 1801




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Marantz 500

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## Amplifiers



Nikko TRM-210


Phase Linear 700B


Radford HD250

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Technics SE-9600


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# The single-play turntables only a great changer company could have made. 



## Garrard Zero 100SB, \$209.95

Garrard's new single-play turntables are so advanced in their solution of basic engineering problems that only a leading manufacturer of automatic changers (yes,
 changers) could have produced them. This may sound paradoxical to the partisans of single play, but it's a perfectly realistic view of the situation. The truth is that it's easier to make a single-play turntable that works (never mind outstanding performance for the moment) than a record changer that works.

The very qualities that make the single-play turntable the preferred choice of certain users - straightforwardness of design, lots of room for relatively few parts, fewer critical functions, etc. - also permit an unsophisticated maker to come up more easily with an acceptable model. Take a heavy platter and a strong motor, connect them with a belt... you get the picture.

As a result, there are quite a few nice, big, shiny and expensive single-play turntables of respectable performance in the stores today.

A thoroughbred single-play automatic is another matter.

We're talking about a turntable that gives you not only state-of-the-art performance in terms of rumble, wow, flutter, tracking and so on, but also the utmost in convenience, childproof and guestproof automation, pleasant handling, efficient use of space, balanced good looks and, above all, value per dollar.

Here we're back on the home grounds of the changer maker. He alone knows how to coordinate a lot of different
turntable functions and niggling little design problems without wasted motions, space and expenditures. The kind of thing Garrard is the acknowledged master of.

No other proof of this argument is needed than a close look at the new Garrard Zero 100 SB and 86 SB.

Yes, they have heavy, die-cast, dynamically balanced platters. Yes, they have belt drive. Yes, they have -64dB rumble (DIN B Standard). And the Zero 100SB has Garrard's unique Zero Tracking Error Tonearm, the first and only arm to eliminate even the slightest amount of tracking error in an automatic turntable.

But that's not the whole story
What gives these turntables the final edge over other singleplay designs is the way they're automated.

Both are fully automatic in
 the strictest sense of the term. Your hand need never touch the tonearm. The arm indexes at the beginning of the record, returns to the arm rest at the end of the can't flop around in the lead-out groove. There are also other subtle little features like the ingeniously hinged dust cover (it can be lifted and removed even on a narrow shelf), the integrated low-profile teak base, the exclusive automatic record counter (in the Zero 100 SB only) and the finger-tab control panel. Plus one very unsubtle feature

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An exceptional turntable requires the match of precision, refined strength and sensitivity. The Thorens TD-125 AB Mark II electronic transcription turntable has achieved the ultimate in this delicate balance.

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We've harnessed the strength of Thorens' unique 16 -pole synchronous motor by reducing the motor speed from

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But strength must be tempered with sensitivity. To minimize acoustic feedback caused by vibration, a highly refined split-level suspension system isolates the tonearm and platter from a chassis housing the drive system.

All of this attention to detail is further evidenced in the TD-125 AB Mark II's ultimate tonearm. Unlike many high quality tonearms which employ springs or counterweights for anti-skating compensation, the Thorens 'TP-16 gimbal suspension tonearm utilizes a frictionless, magnetic system to
guarantee precise stylus contact in the absolute center of the record groove at all times.

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Happily, the lowest-priced Dual, the 1225 , provides this assurance and much more at just $\$ 129.95$. For it is the perfect example of Dual's basic design concept: to build every Dua turntable with more precision than you are ever likely to need.

In the case of the $1225_{\text {, }}$ this means a vernier-adjust, counterbalanced tonearm capcble $=f$ flawless tracking at as low as one gram. Stylus pressure is opplied exactly as in costlier Duals: around the vertical pivot,
maintaining perfect balance in all planes. Anti-skating force is also applied exactly as in the highest-priced Dual: with separate calibrations for conical, elliptical and CD-4 styli.

Other features the 1225 shares with the more costly Duals include pitch control, viscous-damped cueing and a precision drive system. The 1225's hi-torque motor maintains speed within $0.1 \%$, even when line voltage varies as much as $20 \%$, and its hefty 3-3/4 lb. platter provides effective flywheel action that minimizes the audible effect of any possible speed variations.

All of this explains why even Dual's lowest-priced models have been so well accepted by audio experts. (Many tell us their original Duals which were bought early in their careers are still in service.)

Considering all this, why do so many serious music lovers spend as much as $\$ 259.95$ for the 1229Q? (Readers of the leading music/audio magazines own more Duals - at
every price lev quality turntablı

Although th $\qquad$ .. nas all the precision your records need, the 1229Q has refinements that you may well want. For example, the 1229Q is a full-sized turntable with a 12' dynamically-balanced platter, driven by the powerful Continuous-Pole/ synchronous motor. Its gimbalmounted $8-3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ long tonearm can track at as low as 0.25 gram, and has provision for adjusting its vertical tracking angle. It also has an illuminated strobe, and cueing is damped in both directions to prevent bounce.

Dual's other two multi-play turntables, the 1226 at $\$ 159.95$ and the 1228 at $\$ 189.95$, offer one or more of these refinements. Which may bring you to this question:having decided that you and your records deserve a Dual, which one should you buy?

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"The BSR 810QX has an unusually complete array of operating controls and adjustments, yet is simple to use. The wow and flutter were very low-respectively 0.03 and $0.045 \%$ at $331 / 3 \mathrm{rpm}$ and 0.05 and $0.04 \%$ at 45 rpm . The BSR 810QX, undeniably a well-constructed and attractively slyled record player, was also a very easy one to operate. The controls had a smooth, positive feel and action.'


## Audio magazine says:

"Wow and flutter (of the 710QX) measured a low $0.06 \%$ and $0.08 \%$ respectively. Rumble measured -35 db (unweighted) corresponding to an audible rumble loudness level of about -59 db . Calibration of the tracking force dial was very accurate and tracking error itself was under 0.5 degrees per inch over the whole record."

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| 15 |  |  |  |  | $x$ | $x$ | $x$ |  |  |
| $7-1 / 2$ | $x$ | $x$ | $x$ |  | $x$ | $x$ | $x$ |  |  |
| $3-3 / 4$ | $x$ | $x$ | $x$ |  | $x$ |  | $x$ | $x$ |  |
| $1-7 / 8$ | $x$ |  | $x$ | $x$ |  |  | $x$ | $x$ |  |
| $15 / 16$ |  |  | $x$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |



Ferrograph Super Seven

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| AKAI |  |  | no | 7 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 Hys | Ider | $\begin{aligned} & 30-25 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ | 0.08 | 50 | 75 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.3 \mathrm{~V} \\ & 14.7 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | 2 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 14.5 \times 8.9 \\ & \times 14.6 \end{aligned}$ | 33.9 | 459.95 | Auto rev.; tape sel.,' auto stop; pause. |
|  | Ex.6000 | B | no | 10\% | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 Hys | Idler | $\begin{aligned} & 30.23 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ | 0.07 | 56 | 120 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.3 \mathrm{~V} \\ & 14.7 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | 2 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 17.4 \times 9 \\ & \times 18.7 \end{aligned}$ | 48.4 | 625.00 | SOS; sound mix; dual mon.; auto stop; pause. |
|  | GX-60008 | B | no | 101/2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 Hys | Idier | $\begin{aligned} & 30.23 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ | 0.07 | 56 | 120 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.3 \mathrm{~V} \\ & 74.7 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | 2 Mtrs . | $\begin{aligned} & 17.4 \times 9 \\ & \times 18.7 \end{aligned}$ | 48.4 | 725.00 | Same as above plus Dolby. |
|  | $40000 \mathrm{DS}$ | 8 | по | 7 | 3 | 4 | , | 1 Ind. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 30 \cdot 23 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ | 0.15 | 50 | 120 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.8 \mathrm{~V} \\ & 15 k \end{aligned}$ | 2 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 15.9 \times 7.6 \\ & \times 12.4 \end{aligned}$ | 25 | 299.95 | Dual mon.; tape sel.; SOS; SWS; sound mix; auto off; pause. |
|  | 40000B | B | no | 7 | 3 | $4$ | 1 | 1 Ind. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 30-23 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ |  | 55 | 120 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.4 \mathrm{mv} \\ & \hline 4.7 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | 2 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \times 7.7 \\ & \times 12.8 \end{aligned}$ | 26.4 | 369.95 | Same as above plus Dollby. |
|  | $4400$ | B | Opt. | 7 | $3$ | $4$ |  | 1 Ind. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 30 \cdot 23 k \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ |  | 50 | 180 | $\frac{0.4 \mathrm{mv}}{1 / \mathrm{k}}$ | 2 Mers. | $\begin{aligned} & 16.3 \times 7.6 \\ & \times 14 \end{aligned}$ | 30.1 | 369.95 | Convert-a-deck cap.; tape sel.; dual mon.; SOS; SWS; sound mix; auto off; pause. |
|  | 1721W | B | no | $7$ | $2$ | $4$ | $1$ | $1 \text { Ind. }$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 30-21 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ | 0.14 | 50 | 80 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.5 \mathrm{mv} \\ & 100 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | 2 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 14.1 \times 9.8 \\ & \times 14.4 \end{aligned}$ | 29 | 314.95 | Tape sel.; EQ amp.; PA convert;; auto off; pause. |
|  | GX-4000SS | $\mathrm{E}$ | กo | $104$ | $4$ | $4$ | 3 | 3 Servo | Dual caps. | $\begin{aligned} & 20-27 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ | 0.035 | 55 | 75 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.5 \mathrm{mv} \\ & \hline 4.7 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | 4 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 18 \times 9.5 \\ & \times 23.2 \end{aligned}$ | 68.7 | 1495.00 | Quadra-snyc dub; air-damp. tension lev.; auto rpt. \& rev.; sound mix, tape sel. |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GX-2800SSS } \\ & \text { 4-chan } \end{aligned}$ | B | no |  |  |  |  | 3 Servo | Direct | $\begin{aligned} & 20-25 k \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ | 0.1 | 55 | 90 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.5 \mathrm{mv} \\ & / 10 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \text { Mirs. } \\ & 4 \text { Mirs. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17.4 \times 10 \\ & \times 20.2 \end{aligned}$ | 49.5 | 850.00 | Dual mon.; 4-ch. rpt. crt./2-ch. cont. rev. PB; auto off/stop; SOS; sound mix. |
|  | 1730DSS |  | по | 7 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 Hys | Idier | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 30-22 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.12 \\ & 0.12 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \\ & 50 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 75 \\ & 75 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.4 \mathrm{mv} \\ & 130 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | 4 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 16.8 \times 4 \\ & \times 9.6 \end{aligned}$ | 19 | 419.95 | Auto off; 'phone jacks; pause. |
| CROWN | SX724 | B | opt. | $101 / 2$ | $3$ |  |  | 33 Hys | Belt | $\begin{aligned} & 20-25 k \\ & \pm 2 \end{aligned}$ | 0.09 | 60 | 45 | 350k | 2 Mtrs. | $\begin{array}{r} 19 \times 9 \\ \times 15 \% \end{array}$ | 45 | 1095.00 | Dual mic/line mix.; 5 -in. Vu mtrs.; atso in $1 / 2$ tk. |
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|  | $\text { CS. } 824$ | $\mathrm{E}$ | Opt. | $101 / 2$ | $3$ | $4$ | 3 | 3 Hys | Belt | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \cdot 30 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 2 \end{aligned}$ | 0.06 | 60 | 45 | 350k | 2 Mtrs. | $\begin{array}{r} 19 \times 9 \\ \times 171 / 2 \end{array}$ | 52 | 1995.00 | Built-in rem. rec.; plus-in modules for all func.; mic mod. opt.; Compl. logic. |
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|  | SX 744 4-chan. | B | 0pt. | 10\% | 3 | 4 | 3 | Hys | Belt | $\begin{aligned} & 20.25 k \\ & \pm 2 \end{aligned}$ | 0.09 | 60 | 45 | 350k | 4 Mirs. | $\begin{aligned} & 19 \times 9 \\ & \times 21 \end{aligned}$ | 51 | 1995.00 | 8 mic inputs. |
|  | CS 844 4-chan. | E | Opt. | 10\% | 3 | 4 | 3 | Hys | Belt | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \cdot 30 \mathrm{k} \\ & \pm 2 \end{aligned}$ | 0.06 | 60 | 45 | 350k | 4 Mirs. | $\begin{array}{r} 19 \times 9 \\ \times 241 / 2 \end{array}$ | 64 | 2995.00 | Built-in rem. rec.; plug-in modules; trac-sync opt.; bal. misc opt. |
| DOKORDER | $\begin{aligned} & 7100 \\ & 4 \cdot \mathrm{chan} . \end{aligned}$ | B |  | 7 | 3 | 4 | 3 | Hys sync | eddy current | $\begin{aligned} & 30-23 k \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ | 0.08 | 58 | 95* | 10k | 2 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \% \times 63 / 4 \\ & \times 173 / 4 \end{aligned}$ | 40\% |  | *1800 tt:; 4-chan. PB; Solenoid oper.; echo SOS; SWS; tape/source mon. |
|  | $7140$ <br> 4-chan. | B |  | 7 | 3 | 4 | 3 | sync | $\begin{aligned} & \text { eddy } \\ & \text { current } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30-23 k \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ | 0.08 | 55 | 95* | 10k | $4 \mathrm{Mtrs}$. | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \% \times 63 / 4 \\ & \times 173 / 4 \end{aligned}$ | 40.7 |  | *As bove; 4-chan. rec./PB; mull-sync; SOS; echo; 4VU mtrs; tape/source mon., bias swit:; solenoid contl. |
|  | 7200 | B |  | 7 | 4 | 4 | 3 | sync | $\begin{aligned} & \text { eddy } \\ & \text { current } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \cdot 24 k \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ | 0.08 | 55 | 95* | 10k | 2 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \% \times 63 / 4 \\ & \times 173 / 4 \end{aligned}$ | 40.8 |  | *As above; source/tape mon; auto. cont. PB; tape bias sel. swit:; auto off; echo; SWS; SOS; 2VU mtrs, pause. |
|  | 7500 | 8 |  | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hys } \\ & \text { sync } \end{aligned}$ | eddy current | $\begin{aligned} & 40-24 k \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ | - 0.08 | 55 | 95* | 10k | 2 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \% \times 63 / 4 \\ & \times 173 / 4 \end{aligned}$ | 41.9 |  | *As above; tape/source mon.; tape bias sel.; auto off; pause; echo; SOS; SWS; line/mic mix. |
|  | 9200 | B |  | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 | Hys sync | $\begin{aligned} & \text { eddy } \\ & \text { current } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30-24 k \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ | 0.06 | 58 | 95* | $\begin{aligned} & 600, \\ & 10 \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | 2 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 17 \times 161 / 2 \\ & \times 20^{2} \end{aligned}$ | 55 |  | *As above; auto. mem.; cont. PB; pause; mic/line mix; echo; SOS; SWS; rem. contl. opt:; built-in demagnetizer. |
|  | 1120 | F |  | 101/2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | sync | $\begin{aligned} & \text { eddy } \\ & \text { current } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30 \cdot 23 k \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ | 0.04 | 60 | 140* | 600 | 2 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \% \times 631 / \\ & \times 173 / 4 \end{aligned}$ | 55 |  | *As above; echo; SOS; SWS; bias swit.i lockable pause; tape source mon.; auto off. |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1140-H } \\ & \text { 4.chan. } \end{aligned}$ | F |  | 10\% | 3 |  | 3 | sync | $\begin{aligned} & \text { evdy } \\ & \text { current } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30-23 k \\ & \pm 3 \end{aligned}$ | 0.04 | 60 | $140^{*}$ |  | 4 Mtrs. | $\begin{aligned} & 173 / 4 \times 151 / 4 \\ & \times 20 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | "As above; tape/source mon.; echo; SOS; SWS; full logic; solenoid contl.; pause; bias sel.; auto tape lift. |

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| $15$ |  |  |  |  | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ |  |  |
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| 3.3/4 | + | $\times$ | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $x$ | $x$ |  |
| 1-7/8 | $\times$ |  | * | $x$ |  |  | $\times$ | $\times$ |  |
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| $3-3 / 4$ | $x$ | $x$ | $x$ |  | $x$ |  | $x$ | $x$ |  |
| $1.7 / 8$ | $x$ |  | $x$ | $x$ |  |  | $x$ | $x$ |  |
| $15 / 16$ |  |  | $x$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |



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Revue du Son - Jean-Marie Marcel und Pierre Lucarain "... 901 with (its) equalizer system is absolutely tops... sets new standards for loudspeaker music reproduction."

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recordings we played were exceptionally clean, with razor-sharp definition. Also common to both of these Infinity speakers is a bass transmission line, with special woofer whose cone has been treated to increase its stiff-ness-to-mass ratio. Both speakers crossover to their respective mid-range drivers at 500 Hz . In the 2000 AXT , the mid-range driver is a special $4.5-\mathrm{in}$. cone, whereas in the "Monitor" system the mid-range is a $11 / 2-\mathrm{in}$. strengthened dome, with a $5-\mathrm{lb}$. magnet. In the Infinity sound room, both speakers . . . the $\$ 2992000$ AXT and the $\$ 429$ Monitor, were exceptionally well-balanced performers, with extended solid bass, a mid-range that gave fine definition and projection without coloration, and of course the superb transient response and transparent top end of the Walsh tweeter. I must add that the splendid sound I heard from these speakers was partly because they were being driven by Infinity's newest and most exotic product, their Class D switching amplifier. Infinity has gone even further into electronics, with an FET preamplifier, which was not yet operational while I was there, and this new-to-consumeraudio switching amplifier.

Class D amplification is pulse-width modulation. Instead of using transistors as ordinary linear amplifiers, the transistor is used as a switch . . . either it is on, or it is off. By having the audio signal control when the transistor switches large voltages and currents, the signal is amplified. In this way all the non-linearities in bi-polar transistors are circumvented. Although this amplifier is capable of 250 watts rms per channel, with the switching technique making the unit nearly 96 percent efficient, the unit runs slightly warmer than when cold, without external heat sinking! A d.c. to d.c. power supply for the amplifier weighs a mere 2 lb ., as compared to the 40 -pluslb . behemoths usually found in amplifiers of this power. In fact, the entire switching amplifier looks no larger than a somewhat undernourished preamplifier and weighs in at about 14 lb . total. Engineering vice-president John Ulrick, went over this remarkable switching amplifier for me in his lab, including showing me a memory hold display of the harmonic distortion on the Fourier harmonic spectrum analyzer ... there was nary a spike to be seen!

Obviously a company of considerable technical depth, and with the present backing of Eastern Air Devices, Infinity Systems is an organization of great potential. I enjoyed my most educational visit with them, as well as the ride back to the L.A. Hilton in John Ulrick's finely tuned Pantera!

# TheRectilinear5: end of the myth a 



The new Rectilinear 5 is capable of playing very, very loud. Rock-festival loud. Even with a mediumpowered amplifier.

At the same time, it's uncannily accurate. It sounds sweet, unstrained and just plain lifelike at all volume levels.

The temptation is great, therefore, to one-up that prestigious manufacturer who some time ago announced "The first accurate speaker for rock music."

But we refuse to perpetuate that mythology. It's perfectly obvious that the Rectilinear 5 reproduces classical music just as accurately as rock. We could never see how a voice coil or a magnet would know the difference between Jimi Hendrix and Gustav Mahler.

So we'd rather use this opportunity to set things straight once and for all.

Thus:
There's no such thing as a rock speaker or a classical speaker. Any more than there's a late-show TV set or a football-game TV set.

There are, however, speakers that impose a hard, sizzling treble and a huge bass on any music. And others that round off the edges and soften up the transient details of any music. That's the probable origin of the myth;


They're inaccurate speakers.
It's true that an aggressive treble and a heavy bass are characteristic of most rock music, even when heard live. It's also true that some record producers exaggerate these qualities, sometimes to a freakish degree, in their final the recorded sound. But that doesn't mean the speaker can be allowed to add its own exaggerations on top of the others.

A loudspeaker is a conduit. Its job is to convey musical or other audio information unaltered. If the producer wants to monkey around with the natural sound that originally entered the microphones, that's his creative privilege. He'll be judged by the musical end results. But if the speaker becomes creative, that's bad design. By the same token, if some classical record producers prefer a warm, pillowy, edgeless string sound, that
doesn't mean your speakers should impart those same qualities to cymbals, triangles or high trumpets. (Stravinsky's transients can be as hard as rock.) And if you like to listen at very high volume levels
 (afte= all, that's what rock is aboutbut $\mathrm{s} v$ is Die Götterdämmerung), you still don't need a speaker that zchieves high efficiency through spurious resonances. What you need is something like the Rectilinear 5. Everything in this remarkably original design was conceived to end the trade-off between efficiency and accuracy. The four drivers are made to an entirely new set of specifications. The filter
Equally wrong: Classical sound Equally woong: Classical ssu
made vague and spineless network that feeds the drivers is by the speaker. totally unlike the traditional crossover network. Even the cabinet material is new and different.

Of course, those who feel threatened by all this fuss about accuracy and naturalness will point out that the monitor speakers preferred by engineers and producers in recording studios are usually of the zippy, superaggressive variety.

That's perfectly true, but the reason happens to be strictly nonmusical.
"I use the XYZ speaker only as a tool," a top producer explained to us. "I wouldn't have it in my house. It really blasts at you when you crank up the volume, so that any little glitch on the tape hits you over the head. After eight hours in the studio, that's what it takes to get your attention. I know how to deal with those unpleasant highs ; they're in the speaker, not on my tape."

It's easy enough to find out for yourself. Any reputable dealer will let you hear the Rectilinear 5 side by side with a "rock" or "monitor-type" speaker. Adjust each speaker by ear to the same high volume level, making sure the amplifiers are of good quality. Then listen. To rock or classical.

Then and there, the myth will crumble.

## RECTILINEAR

Rectilinear Research Corp., 107 Brackner Blvd., Bronx, N.Y. 10454 Canada: H. Roy Gray Limited, Ontario


Rectilinear 5
Contemporary Contemporary bookshelf/foor speaker system,
$\$ 299.00$, Delta Dispersion Base (patent pending) optional

## Speakers



## Speakers are a matter of taste.

## Yours.

No other component in your high fidelity system will influence your enjoyment of music as much as your choice of speakers. Every speaker design has its own individual characteristics, and actually imposes its own personality on any music you play.

What kind of a sound do you prefer? The tight sound of an acoustic suspension speake? The open sound and flexibility of an omni-radial speaker? Or the pirsence and realism of a multi-directional speaker?

No matter which you choose. Sansui makes a speaker to match your taste. And they are all superior in performance, delivering sharp definition, and a smooth, but crystal clear dynamic aftack

## over a wide range.

Yes, speakers are a matter of traste. Only you can decide which one of the seven Sansui speakers is really the best speaker you ever heard. So stop in af your nearest Sansui dealer...and listen.

## Speakers



# We give you the softest soft to the loudest loud. Choose any model. You won't get 'clipped.' 

Today's best recordings can reproduce music's full dynamic range, from the softest soft to the loudest loud. Most of today's popular low and moderate efficiency speaker systems can't. But BIC VENTURI ${ }^{m}$ speakers do.

A speaker's dynamic range depends mainly on its efficiency and power handling capacity. Low-efficiency speakers can't get started without a good deal of input power. And, they tend to get stifled when driven beyond their capability.

BIC VENTURI speakers are efficient! They need as little as one fifth the amplifier power of most air suspension systems for the same sound output. So, you can listen louder without pushing your amplifier to the point where it starts clipping the tops and bottoms of musical peaks.

Today's popular, low-efficiency speakers require about a 50 -watt per channel amplifier to deliver lifelike sound levels. Even our Formula 2 will deliver that same sound level with only 25 watts of amplifier power; the Formula 4 with 20 watts and our Formula 6 with only 9 watts! With BIC VENTURI, your amplifier can loaf along with plenty of reserve "headroom" to reproduce musical peaks cleanly. effortlessly. It's as if your present amplifier suddenly became two to five times as powerful. BIC VENTURI can handle lots of power, too. A typical, low-efficiency system is rated for a maximum safe power input of about 50 watts. Feed it more power and you're likely to push it into distortion, or even self-destruction!

With a BIC VENTURI you can turn up the power, without distortion or speaker damage. Even our compact Formula 2 can safely handle 75 watts per channel. With that much power feeding it, it will deliver $210 \%$ more sound output than a low-efficiency system will at its
power limit. Drive our super efficient Formula 6 at its maximum, and it will deliver nearly $1300 \%$ more sound power! That's the loud half of the story. With soft music (or when you turn down the volume) you want to hear it soft.
Witr most speakers, turn down the vo-ume slowly and you reach a point where the sound suddenly fades out because the speakers aren't -inear anymore. But BIC VENTURI's are. The sound goes smoothly softer, without any sudden fadeout. retaining all the subtle nuances that add to the character of the music. But, even though BIC VENTURI speakers remain linear, there is a point where you: ears do not. At lower sound levels, your ears lose their bass and treble sens tiv ty. So, our DYNAMIC TONAL BALATCE circuit (pat. pend.) takes over. As the volume goes down it adjusts Zrequency response, automatically to compensate for the ear's deficiencies. The result: aurally "flat" response, always!

Our Formula 2 is the most efficient of its size. The Formula 4 offers even greater efficiency and power handling. And the most efficient is the Formula 6. The Formula 1, our newest and smallest model, outperforms all other speakers of its size and in its under- $\$ 75$ price class. BRITISH INDUSTRIES CO. Westbury, N.Y. 11590. Div. of Avnet, Inc. Canada: C.W. Pointon, Ltd., Ont.


## Speakers



# Frequency response isn't everything. 

If you're a real stereo buff, you know that flat frequency response means flat, uncolored sound.

Like several other manufacturers, we too try to build the flattest, most linear frequency response we can into our speakers.

But we don't stop there.
Because we know that great sound depends on more than just frequency response.

Transient response, for instance.

## It's all in your head

To understand transient response, it's important to understand how you hear.

You see, you don't really hear with your ears. You hear with your brain.

For instance, it's the brain that helps you identify what you're listening to. The direction it's coming from. And that re-creates that illusion of "being there."

The thing is, every musical note is really a complex tone. A basic tone - the fundamental - plus subtle musical overtones - harmonics - that give very instrument


This basic tone, together with all those changing harmonics, is called a transient. The brain takes all of them into account in interpreting any sound the ear receives.

## On making things imperfectly clear

## The proof is in the hearing

Now you know there's a lot more to a speaker than just flat frequency response. Like good transient response.

But even the best, most accu-

It's when a speaker can't react quickly or accurately enough to all those changing musical notes, all those transients, that distortion can occur.

And distortion means muddy-sounding music. With little definition or clarity.

A bad situation made worse when a speaker over-reacts to all those changing tones. The speaker actually adds tones of its own. And that's bad.

Most experts feel the best way to measure transient response is with tone bursts. Pure tones of various frequencies are rapidly switched on and off to simulate the transient nature of voice and instrument signals. In Pattern A, the speaker hasn't reproduced accurately. It's completely overshot the level of the input signal. And the result is a sizzling, hot sound. Totally colored.

In Pattern B, the speaker has taken too long to react. This "hangover" can cause considerable blurring. So what you hear is dull and lifeless.

Now look at Pattern C. The speaker here has reacted both quickly and accurately. And the result is exceptional clarity and definition. The kind that Avid builds into all of its speakers.


## Input Signal



Pattern A


Pattern B
 rate transient response in the world isn't the be-all and end-all of a superb speaker. There's more.

The point is, we're a company that is committed to one thing and one thing only. The design and construction of the clearest, best-sounding stereo speaker systems in their price range.

But you've got to hear for yourself. So go to your hi-fi store and listen to an Avid.
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## Speakers


> 'Many professional audio people, including our reviewer, use the AR-3a as a standard by which to judge other speaker systems'

From the beginning, AR speaker systems have been characterized by independent reviewers, like Electronics Illustrated quoted above, as embodying the state of the art in home music reproduction.

## Standard of performance

Soon after the AR-1 was introduced, as AR's first 'top-of-the-line' speaker system, the Audio League Report stated, 'We do not specifically know of any other speaker system which is comparable to [the AR-1] from the standpoint of extended low frequency response, flatness of response, and most of all, low distortion.'


Symphony Hall, Boston. Six AR-3a's are used for modern compositions involving electronic music.


Miles Davis, at home with his AR-3a speakers.
Twenty years later
In a recent review of the AR-3a, published in Stereo Review, HirschHouck Laboratories made the following observation:
'For the benefit of newcomers to the audio world, the AR-3a is the direct descendant of the AR-1, the first acoustic suspension speaker system, which AR introduced in 1954. The AR-1 upset many previously held notions about the size required for a speaker to be capable of reproducing the lowest audible frequencies. The 'bookshelf'-size AR speakers set new standards for low distortion, lowfrequency reproduction, and in our view have never been surpassed in this respect.'

## Durability of accomplishment

 AR's research program is aimed at producing the most accurate loudspeaker that the state of the art permits, without regard to size or price. Consumer Guide recently confirmed the effectiveness of this approach, stating that " $A R$ is the manufacturer with the best track record in producing consistently high-quality speakers,' and noted that 'the AR-3a was judged by our listening panelists to be the ultimate in performance.'Audio magazine called the AR-3a 'a new high standard of performance at what must be considered a bargain price.' Hear it today at your audio dealer. You'll see what we mean when we say that the AR-3a is the best home speaker system AR knows how to make.


The AR.3a. Consumer Guide's 'ultimate in performance'.

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## Speakers





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We explained that this new invention (U. S. Patent $3,424,873$ ) is the last loudspeaker in the same sense as the wheel was the last device for transmitting rotary or rolling motion.

Like the wheel, we said, our speaker is a mathematically perfect engineering concept, utterly simple and unimprovable. Only its physical construction can evolve further, not the design itself. When a single cone reproduces 30 to $20,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ without crossovers and has a cylindrical output in perfect phase with the input signal at all frequencies ("coherent sound"), the design can be considered final.

Since then, our claims for the Ohm $F$ have found support in the authoritative editorial pages of Stereo Review. In the November 1973 issue, the Equipment Test Reports by Hirsch-Houck Laboratories asserted:
"The Ohm F can do some things that no other speaker in our experience is capable of."

After acknowledging that "the cone has not been designed to function as a 'piston' (as virtually all other cones are), but should be viewed as a terminated acoustic transmission line," the review states that "the Ohm F produced one of the flattest extended curves we have ever seen ... it has a uniform energy output across the full audio-frequency range..."

Square-wave tests of the Ohm F against "several other fine

speakers we had on hand," in the words of the review, showed that "only the Ohm F was able to produce a reasonable facsimile of a square wave." This plus the toneburst response of the speaker "tended to confirm . . . that it has transient-response capabilities surpassing those of the best conventional (piston) speakers."

Further excerpts from the Ohm F test report:
"In our simulated live-vs.-recorded test it rated $A$ to $A+\ldots$ with one of the larger power amplifiers, able to deliver 100 watts or more, the sound began to warrant the use of such words as 'awesome' . . . achieves state-of-the-art performance."

The conclusion of the review requires some reading between the lines:
"As to whether or not the Ohm F is therefore the 'best' speaker available-we will leave that to the ears of audiophiles; we are prepared to say, however, without reservations, that it is easily one of the best."

Think about that. Wouldn't any responsible journal hesitate to declare categorically that a totally new and unfamiliar product is the best, period? Even if they thought so?

The Ohm F comes in a striking, tapered column cabinet, about $31 / 2$ feet high, and is priced at $\$ 400$. If your local dealer doesn't carry it yet, write us and we'll help you.

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## Speakers





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400E Piezoelectric High Frequency Response. Measured on axis with 400E network.

## Solid State Tweeter

Employing a piezoelectric tweeter on the extreme high end, the response curve for this transducer is shown in Fig. 1 (we have separated the curves so you can see how each kind of transducer performs in the 400E system). While the response is strong out to $25,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$, its extreme linearity is of utmost importance. But, as with any fine transducer, the successful employment of the piezoelectric is not automatic. A totally unique constant impedance drive network was a necessary development because a piezoelectric device is basically capacitive, not unlike electrostatics. With this network, the piezoelectric faithfully reflects the full high-frequency capability of your amplifier.

Without this network, oscillations can result, possibly leading to amplifier failure. Then by limiting the operating range to those frequencies above 7800 Hz , all harmonic distortion products are pushed well into the near inaudible range above 15 KHz . The overall result is stability (constant impedance), high efficiency, low distortion and ruler-flat linearity.


400E Low Frequency Response RTR No. 2404A 12" Woofer tested in a 400E system. Measurement made 4 foot on axis atop RTR's $400 \mathrm{ft}^{2}$ test platiorm.

## Magnetic Woofer

The woofer integrated in the 400 E was especially designed and is manufactured in its entirety by RTR. This unit has several special features. A two inch voice coil is wound on an epoxy impregnated core, and is capably controlled by a sizable magnetic structure. These coils are hand-centered and attached to the spiders with a compound designed to keep them attached through the 1812 Overture. The response curve, as tested in the 400 E , is shown in Fig. 2. Please note that the pertinent test conditions are always clearly stated.


400E Electrostatic Midrange Energy Response Characteristic. Based upon on axis response and calculated directivity patterns $\pm 2 d$ B. Type HF-150 electrostatic radiator with 400 E network. Directivity increases beginning at 2000 Hz .

## 400E Specifications

Enctosure:
Hand-rubbed walnut veeners
Size:
$18^{\prime \prime} \times 27^{1 / 2 "} \times 12^{\prime \prime}$ deep
Shipping Weight:
55 lbs.
Frequency Response:
30 to $25,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$
Speaker Complement:
One $12^{\prime \prime}$ woofer, four 53/4" x $53 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ electrostatic mid-range panels, one 3" piezoelectric super tweeter
Crossover Frequency: *
$470-7800 \mathrm{~Hz}$
Impedance:
7 ohms minimum
Recommended Amp Power:
20w to 100 w RMS per channel

## Controls:

Mid-range and tweeter level, speaker protect circuit breaker
Options:
Black base at slightly additional cost

## Electrostatic Mid-Range

The mid-range, to the audiophile the most critical range, is most often ignored. But the 400 E was born with the RTR Model HF150 mid-range radiator. In conjunction with one of the world's largest chemical houses, RTR developed a new high flexibility, ultra-thin diaphragm material which, when incorporated in the HF150 driver, results in a more linear lower mid-range performance and lightningquick transients (see Fig. 3). So from 470 Hz to 7800 Hz , the 400 E provides a seamless transparent reproduction of the electrical input. And that's what the 400 E is all about.

Visit your RTR franchised dealer and experience a touch of reality. Experience the 400 E , a product of RTR Industries, Inc., the Total Capability company.
For a dealer list and complete information, write: RTR Industries, Dept. APD, 8116 Deering Ave., Canoga Park, CA 91304.


# COMPARETHENEW ER-138 the smooth electrostatic highs, the extended bass 132 Hz), the 360 radiation pattern 

Many speakers excel in one of these acoustic features; the ER-139 excels in all three, yet costs only $\$ 139.90$ !

Utilizing a new patent by Arthur A. Janszen, one of the world's most respected authorities in high fidelity, the ER-139 employs eight "Constant Q", electrostatic tweeters in a circular array for $360^{\circ}$ radiation of high frequencies, plus a highly-refined, downward directed, rear-radiating woofer for like distribution of lows. With a crossover of 2000 Hz , the combination is almost unbelievable . . . a distortion free, omnidirectional system with a remarkable uniform and smooth frequency and power response across the entire range of human hearing, from 32 Hz to $20,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ !

Listen and you'll hear totally clean, completely uncolored sound. Brilliant, effortess highs . . . rich, full mid-ranges . . dry, resonant bass . incredible clarity and transparency
exactly what the program material supplies. And this system is designed to operate at power input from as low as 15 watts (RMS, both channels combined) all the way up to 100, at eight ohms.

A-B the ER-139 against any speaker on the shelf before you buy or recommend any other speaker. We ask for no more consideration than that. The rest is up to you, your hearing, and your assurance that you know what you like.

## a listening comparison note

Exteptional flat response, extreme absence of distortion, and omnidirectional distribution of power work together to produce the totally uncolored scund of the ER-139 Speaker System. However, in your test, coloration can be caused by other factors. To hear the ER-139's at their best, care must be taken not to introduce coloration by improper speaker placement, inadequate associated equipment, or pre-colored program material.

Use a rroderately priced amplifier, and a good magnetic cartridge of equally flat response. Find the best room placement for the speaker cabinets (possibly in corner positions) by experimenting. Start about eight inches from the walls and reposition the ER-139's. When the right placement for the room is achievec, you'll
know it! The ER-139 is designed for home use, typically a reflective environrrent; damped (nor-reflectiv:) environments will reduce the multiple reflections of highs and modify the increstible blend that is designed into this system.


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## Speakers



## The Driver that Conquered the Lowlands

The Hartley 24 -inch Woofer-Driver has a response curve beginning at 16 cycles. It performs in the lowest octave and a half and that's where the sound of music begins.

Suspension is important to a driver's performance. Hartley's patented magnetic system and 14 pound magnet provide the quickest restoring action of any suspension system on the market.
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Centering suspension of phenolis-treated fabric is attached to cone, not voice coil as others co.

Flexible electrical leads attached to voice coil, unlike other speakars where solid-conductor voice-coil wires on cone are subject to vibrational taifure.

## Our woofer. Like no other.

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# The Column 

Fred DeVan


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among the first to come to mind, but they are Johnny Come-Latelys to The Dead and The Airplane and others. Tower Of Power is one of many big bands who literally live together. The Incredible String Band was or is a commune in the rolling hills of England. The guys in Philadelphia who seem to have a musical midas touch call themselves Gamble, Huff and Bell Family.

Edgar Winter made a musical statement about his future and his realities in 3:20, the tune was Keep on Playin' That Rock and Roll. This is about that statement, Johnny and Edgar Winter and the people around them.

The Winter thing exists as a total under the umbrella of organic management. Organic management is Steve Paul, the invisible. The headliners (dependent on what week it is) are The Johnny and Edgar Winter Groups. The ever present busyman of rock who among other things is the overall producer of their music, Rick Derringer. The leg men are two wizards by the names of Rick Dobbis and Teddy Slaytos. Just as nobody in music has successfully imitated Johnny
or Edgar's music, no one has imitated Rick and Teddy as the wiz-biz kings. They are great. There is one other guy who is really a satellite entity. Since he does not come out on film, nor form an image in a mirror (P.R. men never do-courtesy to photographers, I guess), this is what happens to his name in ink?-[101010 0101]3 base 110 .
The Jonny Winter Group, The Edgar Winter Group, and now back again Rick Derringer as a solo artist (he, don't forget, wrote and recorded that all American wonder of ten (?) years agoHang On Sloopy) exist so much as seperate entities that they are each on different labels within the CBS family. Johnny is on Columbia, Edgar on Epic, and Rick on the proprietary label, Blue Sky. The support troops are no more just support troops than a motor is to a turntable. Whoever sees turntable motors? Their relationship is about the same as the motor, they are integrally linked to the spinning stars. Dan Hartman (Edgar's group) is as prolific a writer as Edgar or Rick. Randy Hobbs (Johnny's group) played with Derringer since they were kids. Their first group was called Rick and The Raiders (nee:

The McCoys). Both are bass players. The other support men are Edgar, Rick, and Johnny working as sidemen on each others' albums, and the two newest recipients of organic persuasion are Chuck Ruff and Richard Hughesboth fantastically talented drummers who are growing as musicians and are yet to be fully heard in another venue. Able assist is given by Bobby Caldwell on Rick's and Johnny's latest albums, but he has other employment elsewhere!

So much is known about Johnny, from his enormous splash into the "big time" to his personal problems and bout with drugs, probably what really needs to be said again is that Johnny is winning the war and is definitely not blown out. The rest and retrospection shows in his music. Remember his statement (penned by Derringer) Still Alive and Well is getting whiskers and he is more alive and well now. Kinda rekindles hope that time heals all wounds.

As was dictated by the size of his check when he signed with Columbia, Johnny's appearance on the national scene was one of the first big bang personality explosions. The way he played the blues was unique but his marrying of blues and rock was, to me, the trick that put Johnny on a welldeserved pedestal. His guitar and voice are now legend. His Second Winter album a classic. His life in rock common gossip. His bout with drugs similar to many others who got bent up by the pressures of being a rock star. His recovery was painful but beneficial. His music, a convoluted search for more and better. His groups always adding new color to grey blues standards while blowing the lid off the limits of the rock idiom.

Johnny Winter is a superstar not because some press agent said so, not because of the media, not because of the huge sums of money that Columbia spent to foster that recognition. Johnny made it because of himself. He would have made it without the trappings of megabucks. It would have taken longer but his guitar and his voice would have done the trick, since they have a direct connection with his insides and Johnny creates with his head and his guts. Most of all his guts.

Johnny Winters' music is more emotion than music. It's communication of his feelings. His blues are very charged-up, emotional extensions of the black blues great he learned from. His guitar has all the white lightin' and grits of Albert or BB King (they're not related) and the electric eccentric of Jimi Hendrix or Jimmy Page. His voice is a matrix of many Bo Didleys and Otis Reddings enhanced by a heavy dose of Johnny Winter. His push and fervor sets
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| Johnny Winter (Columbia) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Johnny Winter (6/69) | CS-9826 |
| Second Johnny Winter (2-discs, three sides) | KCS-9947 |
| Johnny Winter, And | C-30221 |
| Johnny Winter Live | C-30475 |
| Still Alive and Well | CQ-32188 (quad) |
| Saints and Sinners | CQ-32715 (quad) |
| (Others in Scwann-2 I have never heard. All were recorded before 6/69.) |  |
| Edgar Winter (Epic) |  |
| Entrance (7/70) | BN-26503 |
| White Trash | E-30512 |
| White Trash-Roadwork (2 discs) | EGQ-31249 (quad) |
| They Only Come Out At Night | EQ-3184 (quad) |
| Shock Treatment | PEO-32461 (quad) |
| Rick Derringer (Blue Sky) |  |
| All American Boy | ZQ-32481 (quad) |
| Rick Derringer and the McCoys (Mercury |  |
| Outside Stuff (2 discs) | SRM 2-7506 |
| Jerry LaCroix (Mercury) |  |
| The Second Coming . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . SRM SR 1-701 |  |
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INTROSPECTION. Thijs Van Leer Columbia SQ, CQ32346, \$6.98.
Is there any reason why the members of one of the hottest, most inventive rock groups should not spin into other areas of music? Thijs Van Leer is a Rock Star! He is the flashing rock musician, who in live performance with the Dutch rock group Focus, interchanges organ, harmonium, mellotron, various flutes, piano, and also sings. This album is called Introspection, and Van Leer is culling from his classical and jazz roots to make a solo album on which he exhibits his comfort and prowess on flute.

The album is both a display of respect for Hubert Laws and modern chamber reworkings of European classical music style. It is very good. It is very European, and you would expect it on a label like Nonesuch, not Columbia. It is not a Creed Taylor production. Which is to say that Creed does not totally corner the market on good taste. It's contemporary without being extreme. Bach and Fauré are represented well, and since the comparison is inevitable, Laws does the Pavane-well-different. The compositions by Van Leer come right out of the Focus group's bag of tricks, so much so they are called Focus I \& Focus II. Other Versions of Focus II can be found on Moving Waves (Sire SAS-7401) and Focus Live at the Rainbow (Sire SAS-
7408). Focus I appears twice on $\mathbb{I n}$ and Out of Focus (Sire SAS-7404) which was released in 1970. All the versions are different in construction, instrumentation, and especially dynamics. All are of interest as a study in the development of the basic theme. They range in length from 2:44 to 9:45 and in makeup, from lush strings to exuberant rock quartet. The lead melody goes from flute to voice to electric guitar.

This album is like a connecting link in a collector's shelf between Hubert Laws, Jeremy Steig, and the rock group Focus. The SQ sound of this quadraphonic release is as gentle, lush, and gimmickless as four-channel can be. The mix is great if you just want to listen. It is not a quadraphonic spectacular with rotating sounds, movement of instruments, and trick locations. It's clean, articulated, and comfortable. In a way, it's too European when compared to Rudy Van Gelder's engineering on the Laws CTI sets. However, there is only one Van Gelder. On the merits of all of Van Leer's various formats, there is only one Van Leer. He may have indeed recorded more of his scope than either Laws or Stieg without ever spreading himself thin or overreaching his capabilities. In fact, put all his music together and Introspection has its logical place as a showcase for ideas that end up as snippets on the Focus albums.

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him outside of being a sound-alike to anyone (save brother Edgar), although he could have succeeded staying put playing the blackest of black blues for the masses, he kept on adding more to whatever he touched. Indeed the first band he and Edgar had was called The Black Plague (in case you had not noticed, Johnny and Edgar are albinos.) Years later Edgar, with help from Johnny, turned that around and formed White Trash. Neither of them ever lost their sense of reality or humor, and that comes through their music more than any other single quality except the total commitment and seriousness that they maintain. Black Plague could have stayed where it was, a copy group with flair, and in time the stardom would have come, The basic Winter energy precluded any possibility of standing still and made the music machine of today what it is. A throbbing, driving, evolving group of energetic, accomplished personalities that at the age of thirty Johnny is a spiritual grandfather to.

Edgar (Mr: Self-discipline) is rock music's original reluctant suitor. From his shotgun wedding into the rock scene on the Johnny Winter album called, believe it or not, Johnny Winter, to his latest solo effect, Shock Treatmont, he has steadfastly remained an eclectic creator. His keyboard and alto work on Second Winter (especially Pm Not Sure) is still some of the most inspired rock instrumental work on record. That wild three-sided record was a trend setter of many kinds and should remain as important a documont in the development of recorded music as Sgt. Pepper, Layla, Supersession, Tommy, Music Of My Mind, and Issiac Stern's performance of Alban Berg's Violin Concerto. Edgar's first solo album, Entrance, laid out the basic fabric of what was yet to come. He had his own jazz band in Texas before he went full time with Johnny and the rock-blues thing was initially a compromise of his jazz-bent head. But Edgar's early story is told well on side two of the White Trash album. Two lines immediately come to mind, one is, "Why am I fighting to live if I am livin' to fight" from Dying To Live and secondly, "Way back in my mind I could hear the people say-keep on playin' that Rock and Roll, keep din' what you been told" from Keep Playin' That Rock and Roll. And did he play rock and roll? Yes, indeed, he did and transformed it to raunch and roll while en route to his latest album, Shock Treatment. Within the span of the five solo albums he has to date is a panoramic view of the development of a musician. Each record produces a surprising new area of Edgar's musical prowess which was broad and solid from the start.

# Classical Reviews 

## Edward Tatnall Canby

Bach: Das Kantatenwerk (Complete Cantatas) Vol. 8; Gottlob! nun geht, BWV 28; Wir danken dir, BWV 29; Freue dich, BWV 30. Wiener Sangerknaben, Chorus Viennensis, Concentus Musicus Wien, Harnoncourt. Telefunken SKW 8, 2 discs, stereo, $\$ 11.98$ with complete score and texts.

Halfway through side 2 of this album I threw out an entire almost-completed article for this space, in favor of what follows. This is perhaps the finest, most profoundly exciting Bach recording of my long life, and that's a lot. It is merely Vol. 8 of an infinite series, to encompass hundreds of these vocal/instrumental church works, the largest part of Bach's musical output. The rest are, or will be, essentially as good. No matter! This is the one that hit me, really stunned me, at this moment in time.

Look! I am sick and tired of dismal market reports on the state of classical music in our forlorn country. I don't care if Bach represents 0.01 percent of our market or even less. So what! If you want market analyses, you can find them all over and in truth they tend towards the dismal. But keep in mind that Bach himself, and any other older musician you wish to name, is absolutely unaffected one way or the other; he remains, his music remains, precisely what it was before. Much more important, you the listener (finances aside), if you have any guts and faith in your own ears, should also be unaffected. Does it matter, as you listen in your home, whether a given disc has sold a million copies or a dozen? You are your own master.

If you aren't, then don't follow these record reviews. Go look at the market charts and buy what sells-at the moment. Sorry to be so emphatic; but I continue to live by two faiths, one is in the immense potency of good music, well performed (and I include plenty of pop music, don't think otherwise), and the other is in the ability of most people to enjoy and to understand any really important music, given inclination, time, and good will. If you are craven enough to feel you shouldn't enjoy a record because it's only one percent of some market or other, then go study the charts. You'll be better off.

This recording? First, technically superb engineering, beautifully balanced sound in marvelous acoustics, silent discs, as good as they come (in Europe). Then, the musical performance, top achievement in a long tradition going back through hundreds of earlier recordings by this unique grouping of Viennese and Dutch musicians.

100 percent authentic instruments of the Bach period-old oboes, fruity sounding, Baroque violins, valveless brass, superb old organ and so on. German thoroughness! Every last detail worked out to perfection. Boy sopranos, countertenors, an all-male choir exactly like Bach's own. But all this could be (and often is) stuffy and tiresome. Scholarship, alas, doesn't usually breed living music, just dead reconstruction.

Not here. The crowning glory of this series, and other recent recordings involving Nicholas Harnoncourt, is the extraordinary musical intensity and purity of the performance. Such marvelously fluent shaping, such a verve of rhythm, such a feeling of passion, such perfection of detail, such an electric atmosphere, that my hair stood on end. This is musical performance at its


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For those who know a bit of Bach, double excitement. Side 2 opens with a vast orchestral bustle with brass-so familiar! It is the often played Partita III for solo violin, blossomed out full size, a Bach adaptation. The second segment, big chorus piece, is the Gratias and Dona nobis of the B Minor Mass in its original form. Then-solo arias: a tenor who sings with extraordinary intensity, a boy soprano with the most unearthly, soaring accuracy . . .

Bach composed some 300 cantatas, many of which lasted a day or a week and vanished. Do we need all the hundreds that remain? How about the market? For that, go ask Telefunken.
Rodrigo: Concierto de Aranjuez; Fantasia para un gentilhombre. Alexandre Lagoya, guitar, Orch. Nationalde l'Opera de Monte Carlo, De Almeida. Philips 6500 454, stereo, \$7.95.

Curious how the "classical" guitar engenders predictable music, basically old fashioned, essentially harmonic and almost always with a Spanish lilt, even when "modern" composers take on the composing. These works, dating from as late as the 1950s, sound just as you will guess ahead of time. Maybe it's because of that endlessly potent guitar force (not counting pop and electric!) Andres Segovia. They all write for him what they think he wants. And so does everybody else. One of these two works was composed-see?-"at the suggestion of Andres Segovia."

The 20th century does intrude, of course. But mainly in the complex and elaborate texture of the orchestral music, not in the musical idiom. (Of course the big, complex orchestra is in itself wholly out of date now, what with microphones and reverb and whatnot. But let that pass.) Every recent guitar concerto I have heard is that way. Fancy orchestra. Fancy guitar technique. Simple tunes and nice, old-fashioned harmonies, with the Spanish lilt. Oh yes-there is dissonance. Hafta throw in some dissonance, to show you can. The earlier of these two works (1939) has its momentary dissonances in this fashion but, as is normal, they always seem to tail off into nice old consonant fruitiness.

There is, to be sure, an alternative way to keep the dissonance at baydo a reconstruction of something really old. Hence the piece about the "gentilhombre," which refashions the music of Gaspar Sanz, a guitarist of the 17th century.


Martha Sanders Gilmore

## Jerry Hahn: Moses

Musicians: Jerry Hahn, guitar; Mel Graves, bass; George Marsh, drums; Merl Saunders, organ, synthesizer.
Songs: Moses; Prime Time; Slick \& Sharp; Blues Suite; Full Moon and Empty Arms; Sunshine Superman; Joy Spring; All Blues; Honey Suite. Fantasy 9426, stereo, $\$ 5.98$.

Upon listening to this very fine recording, one discovers that one Jerry Hahn is a most persuasive and highly efficacious guitarist, a musician who will stun you with his electrifying pyrotechnics and will in turn mesmerize you with his soothing jazz-like treatment of popular ballads.

For one thing and to be sure, Jerry Hahn is a down-to-earth, honest-togoodness picker from way back, deftly combining the rococo electronic twangs and zings of today with countrified licks and harmonies and jazz improvisatory excursions. The secret to the success of this excellently contrived album lies not only in the genius of Hahn but in the fellow members of his foursome, Hahn's backup men, skillful and talented individuals all. Providing Hahn very able assistance are Merl Saunders on organ and synthesizer, and from the Brotherhood Band none other than Mel Graves on bass, and George Marsh on drums. Most in evidence, however, is the latter. George Marsh plies his instrument alongside Hahn's guitar mercurially and empathetically throughout.

Hahn fairly wings his way over his sidemen in the inspired and inspirational Moses in which he makes use of a wah-wah in some remarkably soulful playing which reminds one of the artistry of a Roy Buchanan. Graves is right in there, plunking out good bass notes, the band functioning as a skin-tight unit. Prime Time is frenetic yet funky with Marsh's drums driving
it along like a train, then slowing it down to a sauntering gait.

Slick \& Sharp is an absolutely fascinating piece, a rather contorted boogie with Hahn producing excellently conceived dynamics, permitting his sound to fade in and fade out, making it cry. Graves plays some beautifully notable bass as Marsh's drums echo him.

Blues Suite is a rapid exercise-like piece with tempos mixed together, tempos changing. Hahn plays some fast skittering lines, letting his guitar whine sympathetically while Graves walks along quickly on acoustic bass, taking a solo break against Marsh's cymbals. It all moves right along, chord-wise and crab-wise
Hahn gives Full Moon and Empty Arms a slow, moody, Indian-like treatment for about a minute and a half, then moves directly into Sunshine Superman which has a saucy, cry-baby air about it. Then into the jazz idiom goes Hahn in a bright and joyful Joy Spring which has a free open-ended quality about it. Saunders takes a few bars here on organ.

Hahn completely captures the rocking chair charm and motion of Miles Davis' All Blues, insinuating to say the least. To all extents and purposes Honey Suite is quite the contrast to its predecessor All Blues, a randomsounding piece with a little bit o' this, a little bit o' that thrown in and replete with weird effects by the synthesizer and Hahn doing all sorts of nonroutine things with a wah-wah. There is also a judicious use of special silences as Hahn and Graves finish it off with a chamber music-like segment between guitar and bowed bass.

The sound on the album has a clean, sharp resonance about it which will full well inspire you as this latter-day Moses should.
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