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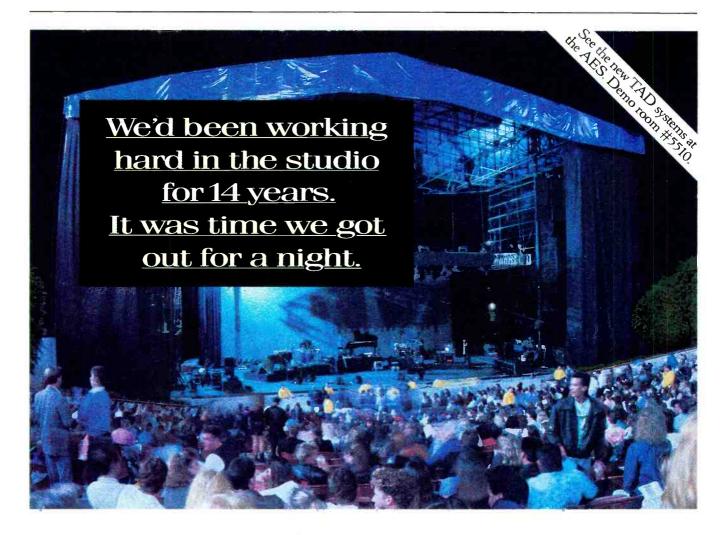
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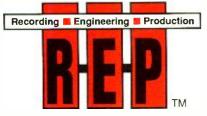
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From the Top

Rehearsing in Red

recently had the opportunity to pilot a commercial date. The studio was a nicely appointed single-room analog 24-track with a modern 32-input mid-priced console. It had all the mics and dynamics control to do a fair-sized acoustic jazz combo date. It was, in short, a typical current-day recording studio. It felt good — I even liked the monitors.

As I prepped for the arrival of the musicians, I recalled what I knew about the session: The producer would be the Creative from a local agency and the composer/arranger, an out-of-town hired gun. Instrumentation would include drums, piano, string pads (probably samples from someone's MIDI synth), electric guitar, bass and no lead vocals. I lovingly selected many old friends — Shures, Neumanns, AKGs and a B&K — from the mic locker in preparation for a lively, fast-paced, challenging date.

Well past the time any responsible studio players should have arrived, the bell rang. I ushered in the suited creative director and an equally young, corporate-looking guy with a shortish keyboard under one arm and a Mac portable under the other. Ahh, I thought, the boss and the arranger!

I showed them to the can and the coffee machine, in that order, and sent the arranger out to the car to get his gear, a Zero attache case with cables and a MIDI Manager interface.

"Where are the other players?" I asked. "Where's the keyboard rack?"

"Right here, except for the guitar," the arranger huffed as he laid-out his single keyboard/sampler and computer on the producer's desk. A short minute later he asked me if I was ready to roll. I looked longingly through the glass at the studio, with its colored track lights reflecting off of the glittering mic stands arrayed about the room, and shut off the studio lights.

We set levels on two input channels and layed down one track after another, watching the sequencer on the Mac spit out one instrument at a time in stereo — piano, bass, solo synth, string swells, kick, snare, hat, tom fills, even BG vox "Oohs" and "Aahs." Twenty minutes for the entire 90-second bed, 20 tracks-worth. Not an EQ or F/X send touched. The processing was in the samples. I was tempted to ask why they even bothered to come into a 24-track. They could have layed it down straight to DAT for later voice-over work on a striped 4-track. But then I remembered — we still had electric guitar to do. There was yet a chance to do some real recording.

And as I thought about it, my enthusiasm built. Electric guitar was something that you just couldn't stuff onto a MIDI sequencer's hard disk, not with any real sense of justice or musical integrity. But that thought was shattered

as the guitarist walked into the room, a Steinburg electric 6- string in one hand and a Zoom ubiqui-box snapped to his belt. Two minutes from "Hello, my name is..." to "got a level yet?" All for 4 bars of standard-fare B.B. King licks, second take.

In less than 45 minutes we had cut and mixed an up-tempo commercial music bed without a moment of creative challenge. It was, literally, a stand-back-and-watch-it-happen event. My wildest moment had been aligning the 2-inch an hour before, and that had been a yawner, what with auto-bias and programmable level-set. The track had almost mixed itself.

Which led me, as I later put the mics away, to reflect on the joy, the excitement, the challenge that has traditionally been the nature of the recording process. I reflected on the thousands of magic moments I had experienced, where everyone in the control room would hang on the edge of their chairs, breathing every single note of the fuzzy guitar's searing solo, or hoping upon hope that the players in the studio would pull off that perfect basic take, holding tempo, punching the turnaround just so.

I recalled all the times that, under the guise of setting levels and running down the parts, I would sneakily drop the machine into record on the off-chance that a truly momentous element — the Angel of creation — would appear unannounced, delivering a slice of something that didn't always happen once the tape was officially rolling. Rehearsing in Red.

I remembered all that, and was saddened that recording itself, in many cases, had become a production-line process: walk in, call up a file, dump it out, pack, walk out, send the bill. And even though my intellect knows that all around the world tracks are still being cut by the seat of the pants, with hot mics and unknown transients comin' at ya in the very next bar, I can't help but feel that something important is getting lost in this wave of high technology, ostensibly designed to make our engineering lives

If you take away the artistic science of equipment manipulation and interface, what is left for the recording engineer? If recording is a one button, auto-scaling CPU function, is there room left only for financial enablers (producers) and composers? Does musicianship also fall by the wayside, victims of step-programmable sequencers driving samplers with perfect 20-bit, 48kHz sound bytes? Will the price of non-programmable, un-automated gear hit the ceiling in a major back-to-basics movement? Time will tell ...

Mike Josh

Mike Joseph Editor

Letters

Subcode Sense

From: Greg Reierson, Custom Cassette, Minneapolis.

Let's put all of this digital zero chatter aside for a moment and talk about subcode. At our mastering facility, I receive many DATs that contain fine audio, but are hard to work with. They are often missing such simple things as absolute time, ID numbers and program length information. In an attempt to make things easier, I've gathered together a few guidelines that should save time for the end-user and mastering charges for the client.

- 1. Absolute Time: All you have to do is rewind virgin DATs before recording or cue partially recorded DATs to a point after the last program but before ABS ends. This is covered in the user's manual.
- 2. Start IDs: Each song should be assigned one ID and listed on a track sheet such as the one below.

ID	START TITLE	LENGTH	END
1.	0:00:10 Tone (-18dB)	0:00:35	0:00:45
2.	0:01:05 Song A	0:02:07	0:03:12
3.	0:03:15 Song B	0:03:14	0:06:29
4.	0:06:33 Song C	0:07:39	0:14:12

- 3. Record Mute: At the end of a recording, press the record mute rather than the stop button. This allows room to record the next track and maintain ABS. This is also explained in the manual.
- 4. Removal of the DAT: It's always a good idea to rewind the DAT before removing it from the deck. This will minimize the possibility of the mechanism wrinkling the tape in a vital area.

I realize that this is simple stuff, but many engineers out there just don't seem to get it. Other mastering engineers could surely add to this list, but these are my most frequent complaints. For further information on the proper use of DAT subcode contact your pro audio dealer. Use your gear to its full potential, and you'll be a step ahead.

P.S. Many thanks to R•E•P for shortening the DAT learning curve.

In Haas' Own Image

From: James Cunningham, Highland Park, IL.

I would like to offer one small correction to your excellent National Audio Test. The correct answer to Number 3 is, I believe, D:"The Haas Effect doesn't deal with imaging." Helmut Haas' paper was published in Acustica in 1951 and was a study of the effect that a single echo had on speech intelligibility in auditoriums. It was in German and, although an English translation was available from the Building Research Station in London, only a small number of people in the recording industry knew what it really said until 1972 when the AES journal pub-

lished it. As a result, I think some of us extrapolated the data beyond reasonable limits, so perhaps now is the time to put it in a historical perspective.

Actually the effect has been known since 1849 when J. Henry presented a paper to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, In 1948 L. Cremer called the effect "The law of the first wavefront" in his textbook on acoustics. It can be demonstrated by using two loudspeakers in the usual stereophonic arrangement, then delaying the sound to one of them in small increments. After the first millisecond, the sound moves to the undelayed speaker and stays there until eventually two separate sound events are heard. With speech, as much as 50 milliseconds of delay can be inserted before an echo is perceived, (as presented in the Haas paper) but with clicks the interval can be as short as 2 milliseconds. This leaves the first millisecond open for any possibility that imaging can occur by delay differences between loudspeakers. In 1978 (Acustica 39) Blauert and Cobben showed that bursts of broadband noise did indeed show smooth transition to the undelayed speaker during the first millisecond. With bursts of 1/3-octave noise, however, the smooth transition falls apart. Depending on the frequency, the movement is either in the wrong direction or extends beyond the undelayed speaker. Since the 1/3octave bursts are more representative of musical sounds, I would conclude that imaging in a stereophonic setup is totally a function of intensity differences, which Bauert calls "summing localization." I was able to confirm Blauert's results using synthesizer samples of musical instruments and sequencer software to implement delays.

Lest this argument give strength to the folks who would use only coincident microphones or pan pots for stereo, there is another aspect of delay that contributes to the spatial effect and is far more important to good stereo than imaging. But then, that's another story.

Nameless Irritation

From: Jack D. Harrison, HCJB World Radio, Carol Stream, IL.

Time doesn't permit me to expound the greatness of and the value we receive from your magazine, mainly because I just took a couple of hours to read through the September 1991 issue.

Though I could dwell on the assistance that our people have derived from the information disseminated in R*E*P in the past, the "Digital Domain" article in the September issue was very disturbing and frustrating in the information it *did not* divulge! Beginning with the paragraph subtitled "The Hidden Filter," and continuing through the end, the article is riddled with concrete problems found in "mystery machines," some of which your readers currently own or may be contemplating purchasing soon.

Which machine had the digital high-pass filter that affected jitter? Which one of the "...best selling DAT recorders on the market right now" has problems locking to the stable clock on the System One? I realize the article was not intended to be a review on the problems of certain digital tape machines, but to withhold that kind of revealing information only made the article weak and the reader frustrated at your refusal to divulge information directly pertaining to one of the main reasons we read your magazine: to make informed, intelligent purchases of equipment, partially based upon criteria that we don't have the capability to evaluate ourselves. Actually, for the first time in my experience with this magazine, you sounded like you were trying to "protect" (potential) advertisers by not telling the whole truth.

Please, stick to the journalistic credibility that we have come to respect and appreciate, and don't make us play guessing games with your articles.

Rick Schwartz replies:

Thank you for your response to my September "Digital Domain" column. Although I regret the fact that you felt teased by the article, I'm afraid you may have missed the point. The article was about digital testing and not a product comparison. I used concrete examples to prove my point that digital devices are not always as perfect as some would like us to believe. I challenge you to find a DAT review from any pro-sound magazine that mentions the conditions I alluded to. If you've read any of my product reviews in the past, you'll find that they can be very revealing. I invite you to re-read a feature I did with Mike Joseph titled "Reality Check." (R-E-P March, 1991).

I strongly disagree with your assertion that I may have been trying to protect advertisers. Although I have no connection whatsoever with the sales department of R*E*P, I do have journalistic responsibility to accurately inform our readers. However, a series of bad reviews can literally kill a basically good product (or a company). This is not a game. These are people's livelihoods we're talking about, so we try to remain constructive when possible.

Back to your original point. I recently completed a comprehensive evaluation of DAT machines that will appear in a future issue of R*E*P. I can assure you that no one single device escapes without a few cuts and bruises. I hope it gives you what you're looking for and helps you to make more intelligent purchasing decisions. Keep reading.

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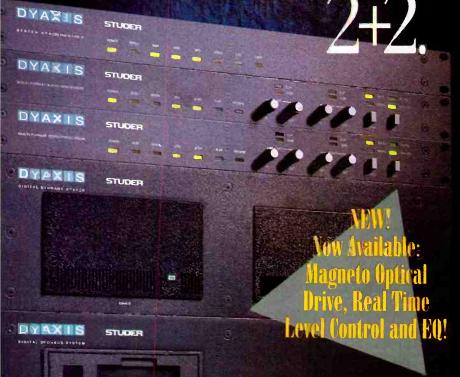
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PEOPLE

Richard Trump was elected SPARS president at the general membership meeting held during the 1991 AES Convention in New York ... Dr. Floyd Toole has been elected president of the AES for 1992; Dr. Toole was also appointed vice president of acoustical research at Harman International ... EAW has hired Michael Chamness as senior design engineer ... Rick Kamlet has been appointed product manager specializing in research and development for JBL Professional; Mark Terry has assumed the new position of executive vice president for marketing and sales at JBL International ... Telex professional audio has named Jeff Peters national sales manager; Telex also announced three sales-related appointments: Garry Bosiacki is western regional sales manager; Mike Rangitsch is the eastern sales manager; Frank Olson assumes sales specialist duties ... Fred Yando has joined Nakamichi America as vice president of sales and marketing; Dereck Davis is Nakamichi's new vice president of operations ... John DeBrocke has joined HME as midwest regional sales manager ... Biamp Systems announced the promotions of **Ron Camden** to vice president of sales and Tom Lippel to engineering manager ... Ferdinand Boyce was appointed vice president of marketing at DOD Electronics ... Roy Yokelson has relocated his Antland Productions into Howard Schwartz Recordings' renovated Studio East ... Colleen Eoannou has assumed the sales manager position at Eastern Standard Productions ... Bakery Recording Studio of North Hollywood has added Keith Blake as studio manager/staff engineer ... Tim Cuthbertson is TimeLine's new director of sales and marketing ... Thomas Jenny was appointed vice president and general manger of the Studer division of Studer Revox America ... Soundcraft USA has added Ed Bigger to its staff in the new position of market support specialist ... Daniel Lear has been named director of marketing, sales and service for the North American division of Balzers high vacuum products.

Trend Watch

Tell the Truth: A preliminary ruling by a Chicago judge in a class-action suit filed against Arista Record's artists Milli Vanilli found against the record company. The suit was instigated after Rob Pilatus and Fabrice Morvan admitted that they didn't actually sing on their album "Girl You Know It's True." The proposed settlement would stipulate a \$1 refund for Milli Vanilli singles, a \$2 refund for cassettes and albums, and a \$3 refund for CDs to any party with a valid proof-of-purchase. Estimates by industry observers suggest that Arista might be liable for over \$20 million.

Hope it Pans Out: The PAN Network, a music industry computer forum with 3,000 members worldwide, has initiated a Music Industry Credentials service. PAN will be compiling a database of resumes, collected from performing and production talent looking for short- or long-term projects, and make them available over the network to industry companies and production facilities. There is no charge for a resume listing, which can be sent electronically (via fax or modem), or on computer disk. Listings are updated daily, and are available online or via disk.

Catagories include arrangers, record producers and engineers, sound designers, video directors, computer programmers, performers, songwriters, composers, tour techs and session players, among others. PAN can be contacted at (voice) 215-584-0300; or (modem) 800-877-0726.

H.A.R.P. About It: The Hollywood Association of Recording Professionals, once in the news over the home vs. professional studio issue in Los Angeles county, has moved on to subjects of major importance to the industry. Made up of L.A. members such as Cherokee, Conway, Lion Share, Oceanway, Record Plant and Sunset Sound, the organization is formulating a program to address the ever-important issue of workman's compensation rates. Recording studios currently pay the same rates as video stages and production facilities (with their higher voltage equipment, lighting grids and catwalks), yet log a fraction of the claims. Other areas of attention include subjects such as manufacturer/end user interface. H.A.R.P. can be contacted at 213-655-2452 for more information.

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The judges include the R^{*}E^{*}P editors and guest panelists Neil Dorfsman, Mitchell Froom, Danny Kortchmar, Chris Lord-Alge and Tom Lord-Alge. (The panelists were prohibited from voting for any album on which they worked.)

R•E•P congratulates the following winners:

EDITOR'S CHOICE AWARD: BEST MIX

Dire Straits, "On Every Street." Award to Neil Dorfsman. This album had all of us in unanimous admiration. Dorfsman once again pushes through the barriers we thought possible — he gets sounds we've never heard before. (Warner Bros.)

BEST USE OF COMPRESSION ON GUITARS

Steve Lillywhite, "The La's." Great album, great tones. (Go! London).

REMASTERING ENGINEER

Phil Delancie, for his work with Fantasy/Contemporary reissues.

BEST ELECTRIC LIVE RECORDING

Neil Young & Crazy Horse, "Weld." Award to Neil Young, Billy Talbot, David Briggs (producers) and Dave Hewitt, Tim Mulligan, John Nowland and John Hanlon (engineers). (Reprise).

BEST ACOUSTIC LIVE RECORDING

Paul McCartney, "Unplugged." Award to Geoff Emerick. (Capitol).

Dan Levitin is R•E•P's music production editor and a producer based in Stanford, CA.





CHRISTMAS ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Tuck Andress, "Hymns, Carols and Songs About Snow." This release has great guitar tone and terrific playing; a gem, sonically and artistically. (Windham Hill).

BEST BLUES REISSUE SERIES

Columbia/Legacy Records, for their series including Bessie Smith, Leadbelly, last year's Robert Johnson, and various blues compilations going back to the beginning of the century.

BEST BOXED SET PRODUCTION

"Crosby, Stills and Nash." Award to Graham Nash and Gerry Tolman, (producers). This collection of rare sides, alternate versions and standards was carefully assembled with great attention to detail. It features nice packaging, liner notes and comments on individual cuts, and is overall the best assembled box of the year. (Atlantic).

BEST SPOKEN WORD ALBUM

Rhino's, "Great Speeches of the 20th Century." One of the best uses of recording technology this century is demonstrated in capturing these speeches. Amazing in its scope and power, this is like taking a step back into history. It is sometimes inspiring, sometimes chilling. Nixon's "Checkers" speech, Hitler, Churchill, Teddy Roosevelt, Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" speech ... It will probably be the most sampled CD of 1992, but for sheer historical value it is a must-have. Award to Gordon Skene (producer) and Richard Foos (concept).

BEST BLUES REISSUE OF THE YEAR

T-Bone Walker, "The Complete Imperial Recordings." Pete Welding, producer. (EMI).

BEST USE OF ROOM REVERBS

Xtreme, "Pornograffitti." Mixing engineer Michael Wagener. (A&M).



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For example, the K-1800 Series 18-in. woofers generate 104 dB SPL with 1 W of power measured at 1 m from the cone. The 18-in. woofers will handle 300 W of continuous pink noise from 40 Hz to 2 kHz for 8

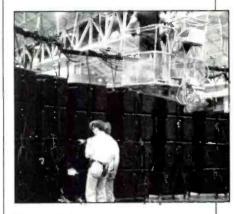
hours, with peaks to 3 kW.

For example, the 12-in. speakers have 77 oz. magnets and the 15-in. and 18-in. speakers have 96 oz. magnets and employ Kapton voice coil forms for high tem-

perature-handling capability, advanced adhesives for strength under varying conditions, and cast aluminum frames with vented backs for light weight, rigidity, heat dispersion, and less power compression.

The K-1200 Series speakers are 8-ohm designs and the K-1500 and K-1800 Series speakers are available in 4-ohm or 8-ohm designs. The 15-in. and 18-in. speakers are also available in models for small bass reflex enclosures as well as horn enclosures.

The woofers are supported by mounting accessories as well as application support from Klipsch, and are backed by a 5-year warranty. All models are available for immediate delivery.



New Orleans Picks Klipsch

hen the New Orleans Convention Center inaugurated the second phase of its massive expansion with an exclusive engagement of Harry Connick, Jr., the sound was delivered by 36 Klipsch KP-600 speaker systems.

The six-block convention center doubled its contiguous exhibit space to 700,000 sq. ft., which doesn't include 200,000 sq. ft. of meeting rooms, lobbies, and ballrooms throughout the facility.

Jack Shirk, the center's production manager, says the portable Klipsch system will be used for shows ranging from general sessions up to 12,000 people, to concerts and Mardi Gras parades.

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"Everyone in technical operations likes the speakers," says Jim Ruona, the company's director of operations. "Although we still have some speakers from another manufacturer, they tend to sit around a lot more now. The Klipsch speakers are handling an average of one project a week." Recent projects include a Ford Motor Company stockholders meeting, and two major press conferences for Detroit Diesel.

Those Old Chunky Blues

Haven't heard of the Chunky Blues Festival? No wonder. Only 5,000 people attend the one-day event, rain or shine. But don't let the attendance fool you. This popular local festival draws blues talent like Buddy Guy, the Nighthawks, Lucky Peterson, and Wet Willie.

It might have a lot to do with the sound, because for the last three years, Ram Sound, a sound reinforcement company from Mary Esther, FL, has been beaming the blues to the crowd via Klipsch speakers. Bob McTyre of Ram Sound uses Klipsch speakers and provides a 20-box KP-600 Series system for the event.

So if you missed it this year, there's always next year...

Klipsch Lights Up the Lone Star

People looking for top notch rock and roll and R&B acts (and some fine ribs too) have been packing Manhattan's Lone Star Roadhouse for years.

And now, two Klipsch KP-600 stacks are making the acts an even more enlightening experience. Klipsch demonstrated the system at AES in October with a night of "Strange Indeed", best described as part raggae, part rock and roll.

If you're in New York City, give the Lone Star a call at (212) 245-2950.

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News and Information for the Concert Community

Titanium Compression Driver Debuts In February

lipsch will be delivering the K-1132, a 3-in. compression driver, beginning in February. The driver features a 2-in. throat, optimized high-frequency performance, and adaptability to horns and manifolds from nearly all major manufacturers.

The driver was designed and is being manufactured by Klipsch at its facilities in Hope, Arkansas, and is one of the initial component speaker products that will be introduced by Klipsch in



the next year.

The K-1132 is a large-format driver with a 3-in. titanium diaphragm. Standard throat size is 2-in. and 1.4 in. is available as an option. The driver makes use of several other sophisticated

materials and

weighs less than 16 lb. The driver is extremely efficient and handles large amounts of power with very low levels of distortion.

A Feast For The Eyes...And Ears

hen William Norred talks about his company's latest sound investment, he's referring not only to Sportsman's Lodge, a Los Angeles landmark acquired last year by Quor Inc., but to his commitment to delivering superb audio in the facility as well.

Quor chose Klipsch speakers for each of its main banquet

rooms at Sportsman's Lodge. The largest banquet room seats up to 1,000 people and is designed to envelope the audience in sound via the spatial enhancement properties of a digital effects processor. Two KP-650 four-way systems frame the 40-ft. wide stage and are supported at the low end by a KP-680 subwoofer hidden below the stage. To locate the vocals in the center, a KP-450 horn is mounted in the ceiling.

In the smaller "cabaret" room that seats 450 people, Norred has designed the speakers to be as inconspicuous as possi-

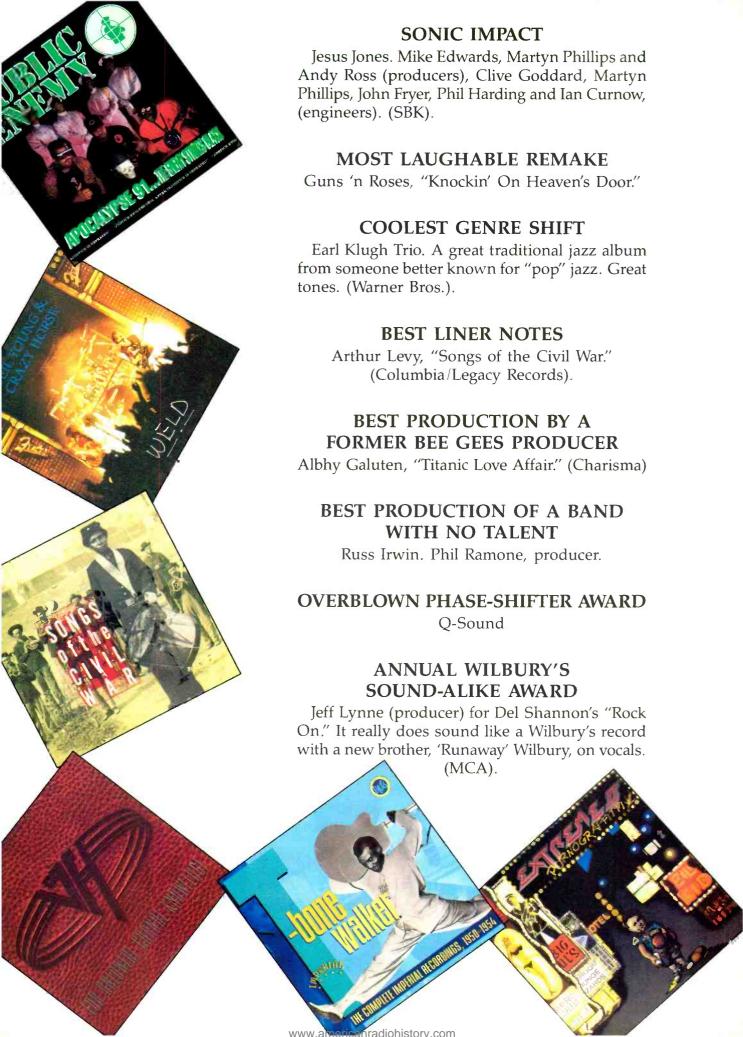


ble. In fact, none are even visible from the seats. The two KP-450 and three KP-115 subwoofers used as low-frequency drivers, and two KP-480-AG subwoofers are heard (and felt) but not seen.

So far, Sportsman's Lodge has hosted press conferences, corporate meetings, weekly performances by the house salsa band — and the monthly meetings of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Audio Engineering Society. As Norred and company put the finishing touches on the facility, they'll be featuring more live acts as well as DJs.



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Welcome to the Club

By Guy Costa

Whether you commute 60 miles a day to your studio or just slip into a pair of shorts and meander over to your console, the bottom line is still the same. Everyone is working harder than ever to earn a living in the highly competitive and recently recessive recording industry.

Welcome to the realities and obligations of having to turn a profit in a mature industry where fortunes shift with the everchanging technological and creative tides. Welcome to the world of the professional techno-creative entrepreneur. Welcome to the club.

To get a better grasp of today's hard realities, let's look to the past and see what we can project for the future. First of all, what happened to many of the "big" recording studios like CBS, RCA, and MGM? And what happened to the great independent operations like Gold Star, A&R and Bell Sound? Simply put, they didn't control that bottom line, and they missed the opportunities to invest wisely in the right people and the right emerging technologies. No longer competitive, they disappeared into the everchanging market structure of the modern recording industry.

How can you, today's professional, avoid the pitfalls that will inevitably appear? Here's the key: Stay in touch with reality, and know your market. Some of the old rules still apply. Be professional, know your limitations and maintain the highest levels of quality and service. And if you can't afford to keep up with the technology, change your level of service or get into a different line of work.

Success is not achieved by rushing out and buying the latest console or DAW and then trying to find the clients and/or product to record. Success comes to those who find the right niche and fill it. A state-of-the-art recording studio may require the newest technology to attract the big budget artists, but a demo studio might get along just fine with a 4-track recorder. A jingle house might need a simple 8-track system, while a video post facility might require a synchronizer, video playback, sampler and multiple sound libraries. Remember, one has to "pay" to "play". Unless you have a backer

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with very deep pockets, the only way to play is to have clients or projects that generate more money than they cost.

Although technical and support facilities vary with the client base, the operational needs of all businesses are fundamentally the same: To create, make, and sell a product or service — competitively, consistently and at a profit.

Owning and operating a recording facility has typically been a labor of love fueled by a passion for music. But there is often not enough attention given to the administrative, financial and marketing aspects of building a successful business. SPARS fully realizes its obligation to the industry and continually strives to provide the information and the networking that can keep your business alive and well. On January 25 and 26, 1992, SPARS will host a studio business conference in association with UCLA Extension entitled "The Business of Operating a Recording Studio: Realities and Opportunities in the '90s."

Welcome to the realities and obligations of having to turn a profit in a mature industry where fortunes shift with the everchanging technological and creative tides.

We are assembling a group of working pros to discuss topics ranging from the effective use of cash, working with your competitors, protecting your assets, advertising and marketing, accounting, pricing and long-range planning, to building a business. We will also try to provide our best predictions for future trends.

To be successful, a studio must generate enough cash to pay the owner and employee salaries, set aside reserves for repairs and maintenance, meet current and long term obligations for supplies, leases and rentals, as well as emergency reserves in case of illness or major breakdowns. We'll cover these needs, as well as funding for retirement programs, building and maintaining assets for future sale, maintaining a financial status that will allow for purchase or leasing of new or upgraded equipment and expansion, and handling the cost of liabilities and comprehensive insurance.

These issues may at first seem simple and obvious, but there are many considerations commonly overlooked. Take, for example, the question of insurance. A homeowner's insurance policy does not normally cover business equipment, especially if the equipment is owned by a corporation. More important, in the case of a project or home studio, someone who gets injured while visiting or working at your facility might not be covered by your individual insurance policy.

While your business is young and flourishing, it's nice to have a great cash flow, but how long will you be able to, or even want to, keep working? If you're like most of us and would like to retire before you're 84, you need to plan your business very carefully.

The structure of the audio industry, the technology, and the facility businesses are entirely different from what they were just a few years ago. At the upcoming SPARS business conference, we will get together with working professionals and experts from every facet of the industry to take a hard look at survival in the years to come:

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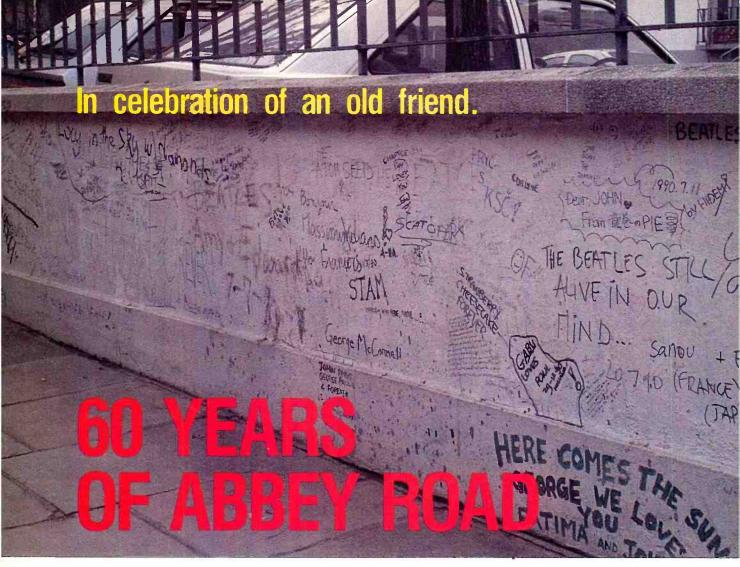
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Masterno Tape



By Richard Buskin

here's a little bit less fun and more finance now, which is typical of every industry. I think somewhere down the line people have forgotten that studios exist for music and not for making money."

Having been at Abbey Road Studios since 1954, Ken Townsend has seen and been involved with many changes in the recording industry, in terms of the approach to work and the technology used to deal with it. He has progressed from technical engineer to managing director, and he has witnessed his studio evolve from an insular, cottage industry-type setup whose sole purpose was to serve its parent record company, to a world famous, state-of-theart facility competing on the open market with hundreds of independent studios.

November 12, 1991 marked the 60th anniversary of the place which, for most of its life, was simply known as EMI Studios, before a certain well-known album by a certain well-known quartet encouraged a change of name to match that of the street on which it is located.

"People unfortunately still only think of one particular group that ever came here," says Townsend. "We painted the wall outside only a matter of weeks ago, and it is now totally covered again in graffiti contributed by people from all over the world. There again, when

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they're not busy scribbling, they are holding up the traffic, posing for photos as they walk across that zebra crossing. So, for many people, Abbey Road is the only studio they've ever heard of, the only one they think exists, whereas the artists and clients, of course, know of lots of alternatives in lots of areas.

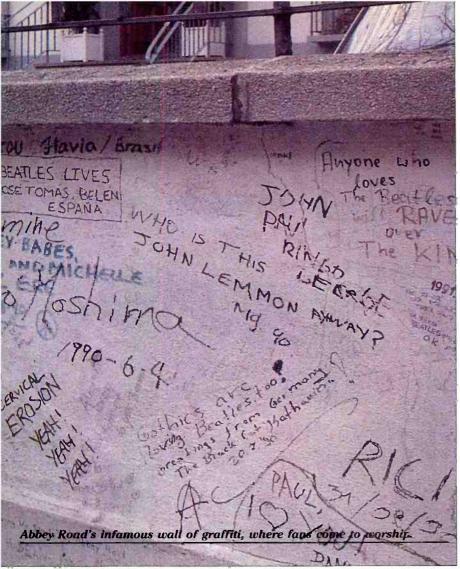
Matters were not always so complicated, of course. Originally a private residence boasting nine bedrooms, five reception rooms, two servants' rooms, a wine cellar and a 250-foot garden, the property situated at number 3 Abbey Road, in the select North London area of St. John's Wood, was purchased by the Gramophone Company Ltd. for the then-huge sum of £16,500 (less than \$30K) on December 3, 1929. This was at a time when no record company anywhere in the world had its own custom-built studio, and it was seen as a considerable step forward from having to hire large halls in order to record orchestral performances.

During the next two years, at a total cost of £100,000 (\$175K), the house was converted into the world's largest studio, while, in accordance with local regulations, the exterior of the original building remained the same. With the inside being utilized for offices, reception areas and Studio 3, the $94' \times 55' \times 42'$ Studio 1, capable of accommodating 150 musicians, was built in the rear garden area, adjacent to the $58' \times 37' \times 28'$ Studio 2. A garage was constructed to house a mobile recording unit, and the general intention was for Studio 1, the big one, to be used primarily by orchestras, Studio 2 to be used by big bands and popular solo artists of the day, and Studio 3 to specialize in piano recitals.

By the time of the opening ceremony on November 12, 1931, the Gramophone Company had merged with Columbia to form Electrical & Musical Industries (EMI), and the occasion was officially marked by Sir Edward Elgar conducting the London Symphony Orchestra in a recording of his own Falstaff Suite. An EMI press release, headed "London's Latest Wonder," described how, "Just over four and a half miles of electric cable connect the three studios with the central control room. Six microphones can be used at any one time in each studio and each microphone has separate control. This will ensure that all records will be recorded with the correct balance of instruments and vocalists. There are waiting and retiring rooms for artistes and special departments for the scientific maintenance of the whole instal-

TECHNICAL INNOVATION

Indeed, it would be Abbey Road's technical staff who would play a decidedly significant role in the studio's success during the coming years. In 1925, the Western Electric Company of America had introduced the first electrical recording system using microphones to pick up sound, but as this was protected by various patents in both the U.S. and the U.K., EMI decided to develop its own system and thus avoid paying large royalties to WE. The result was that Alan Dower Blumlein's mic system, consisting of a moving coil recorder and flexible



wide-range equalizer, was soon installed, and this would remain in full use until 1948. Indeed, as far back as 1931, Blumlein also began experimenting with stereo.

The moving coil mics, smoother in sound than those produced by Western Electric, proved to be ideally suited to piano recordings, and so in this respect, Abbey Road led the way for many years. Yet, while the acoustics in Studios 2 and 3 were satisfactory, those in Studio 1 proved to be less so. The roof and walls had been packed with damping material which completely deadened the sound. This was replaced with resonating material during the late '40s, which would improve matters.

Still, Abbey Road steadily forged a solid reputation for itself throughout the '30s, and a steady stream of internationally famous names passed through its doors in order to make use of its trend-setting facilities; Paul Robeson, Fred Astaire, Fats Waller and Noel Coward, to name but a few. By 1939, the studio had also assembled for itself a team of world-class producers, including David Bicknell, Walter Legge, Leonard Smith and Laurence Collingwood. Although World War II led to a reduction in both staff and workload, things began to pick up immediately thereafter.

Research was carried out to extend the range of the moving coil system, and in 1946 a team of British and American sound engineers — including Abbey Road's Berth Jones — visited Berlin to learn more about German developments in the field of magnetic recording. Adapting the technology found in a military intelling

gence monitoring system, which used magnetic tape when cracking codes, EMI was able to manufacture its own tape and recorders, leading to the BTR series, utilized at Abbey Road for more than 25 years. The introduction of tape, which could be cut and spliced using nonmagnetic scissors, meant that takes could now be edited together, and combined with other state-of-the-art, in-house equipment including a £1,000 (\$1.7K) mixing console, and a lacquer mastering system for the new 33rpm and 45rpm microgroove records.

By 1950, multitrack recording was being introduced, a 4-track version of which was developed by EMI in conjunction with Siemens Telefunken, and installed in Abbey Road. This was also the year in which an aspiring pianist by the name of George Martin undertook what he regarded as a stopgap job at the studio, assisting Oscar Preuss in the running of EMI's Parlophone record label.

Stereo equipment was installed in Abbey Road in 1956, comprising racked mixers with six inputs — two crossed pairs and two mono injections — but at this stage their use was confined mainly to classical recordings. initial pop excursions into this field amounted to straightforward pairings of the mics, balanced in a remote stereo control room, but when pop sessions highlighted the differences of level between open and muted brass instruments, 4-way pre-mix boxes were added to each left, right and center injection.

For the most part, however, pop records were recorded live in mono, necessitating neither

mixing nor overdubbing, and as this kind of work increased, Studio 1 became the sole preserve for classical recordings. Yet, the troublesome acoustics in there meant that with a large orchestra, the absorbtion dried up the mid- and top-end reverb time, causing an imbalance with low-end frequencies. As a result, in 1958 the Abbey Road research division designed a series of magnetic delay drums, in conjunction with 100 loudspeakers which were fitted symmetrically to all four walls. The intention was to customize the acoustics according to particular recording setups, by way of feeding specific banks of speakers with variously delayed signals. The results were only partially successful, nevertheless, Studio 1 remained the place for large-scale classical recordings.

THE SIXTIES

These were the years when audio equipment innovations became an EMI/Abbey Road forte, and the late '50s saw the introduction of such devices as noise limiters, single tape echo and echo delay (STEED) units, faded isolated tape echo (FITE) units, tape looping and numerous improvised effects, courtesy of engineers such as Stuart Eltham, Malcolm Addy, Peter Bown and Gwyn Stock, as well as several of the producers and artists.

The introduction of 2-track machines meant that groups could now overdub, while mixing consoles containing smaller valves switched from fixed racks to desk-tops. Microphones were also changing, with condensers produced by the likes of AKG and Neumann vastly improving on frequency response, and so this was pretty much the state of affairs when The Beatles arrived on the Abbey Road scene in June of 1962.

Over the next seven years, the group, by way of their innovative music and unconventional approach — as well as the greater freedom afforded them due to their staggering success — would help usher in many changes at the EMI Studios in North-West London. Not the least of these would be the dissipation of many of the strict rules and regulations that had characterized the British recording industry in general, and Abbey Road in particular, since the very beginning

For many years, all staff had had to wear shirts and ties with regulation white coats at all times, once prompting Sir Winston Churchill to comment during a visit, "My God, I thought I'd come to the wrong place. It looks like a hospital!"

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- Ken Townsend

Recording sessions ran in 3-hour blocks — 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. — and with 'pop' work, the normal practice was to record four songs during any one session. The advent of The Beatles, however, soon changed all of this.

Initially, of course, they reported to the studio in suits, shirts and ties, and recorded the required amount in the stipulated time. But as time wore on and their power grew, sessions began to merge into one another, and the smart attire was replaced by the psychedelic look. The studio (for the most part Studio 2, although all three were utilized for projects such as 'The White Album') became a refuge for them from the frenzy of the outside world, and by the mid '60s they were working there through the early hours of the morning.



Studio 3 control room, designed by Sam Toyoshima, with the 64-input Calrec/AMS UA8000 console and Quested monitors.

The console that they used during these years was the Abbey Road-developed REDD, fitted with EMI's own tone controls and filters, as well as the provision for an EQ box to be plugged in. This had the settings 'pop' and 'classical', the assumption then being that the high top-end reached by orchestras could not be attained on pop records. There again, there were many assumptions and guidelines laid down by the EMI research division, which were either disproved or ignored by innovative recording engineers such as Norman Smith and Geoff Emerick, and technical engineers such as Ken Townsend, who, in attempting to create the 'outlandish' sounds that The Beatles and their contemporaries described/demanded, were inadvertantly inventing new industry standards.

So it was that the world was introduced to the likes of Artificial Double Tracking (ADT), flanging, tape saturation and feeding vocal and instrumental sounds through the rotating Leslie cabinets in Hammond organs; anything not to mention a wealth of sound effects from Abbey Road's comprehensive tape collection – to attain a 'far-out' result, and all of this for musicians who, in 1963, had been greatly impressed with just echo and double-tracking!

REEL-TO-REEL

The 4-track tape machines - initially Telefunken and then Studer - had been used at Abbey Road for classical purposes since 1960, the orchestra being laid on two tracks, while soloists and chorus were on the other two. The Beatles, et. al., then got around to using them in late '63, the year in which 15 of the 19 records which topped the British pop charts were recorded at the St. John's Wood studio, while Parlophone was transformed from the joke label into the new pride of EMI.

During the mid-'60s, the Harvest label was also formed to accommodate the fast-emerging 'underground' music, characterized by Pink Floyd, who started out using Abbey Road's 4track equipment before 8-track was introduced in 1968, and then 16-track a year later.

Another break with the past occurred in 1976, when a 36-channel Neve console replaced the existing 24-channel desk in Studio 3; the first non-EMI board to find its way into Abbey Road. Then, in 1980, a 48-channel Neve was installed in the all-new Penthouse studio constructed on the top floor of the building. This was aimed at accommodating more tightly budgeted projects, but at the same time it took up space that had until then been used for equipment storage. October 15 and 16 of that year, Studio 1 was turned into an auction room as more than £1/2 million (\$875K) of gear came under the hammer, including prized items such as the two Studer J37 4-track recorders used by The Beatles for the 'Sgt. Pepper' album. Times had changed; this was also the year when EMI's prototype 8-track digital machine went into operation at Abbey Road.



Spacious and comfortable lounging space contributes to the overall Abbey Road recording environment.

While the '70s had been a decade largely of consolidation and adapting to the accelerating technological advances, the '80s heralded in a whole new era for the studio. 56-input SSL 4000Es found their way into the Studio 1 and 2 control rooms, and a 48-channel Calrec into Studio 3.

"In the old days, when a piece of auxiliary equipment was purchased it would first go off to the Technical Department for assessment before anybody used it," says Abbey Road's postproduction manager, Chris Buchanan. "Every parameter was measured and tested over a long period of time, and I can remember, for example, when we got the first Studer A80 2-track machine in here it was with the 'expert' for at least six months. He did detailed drawings of each printed circuit board and analyzed each separate circuit, measuring every single parameter! In some ways that was beneficial, but there again it was also way over the top, and that's all changed now because we're no longer dictating to clients what they should use."

MODERN TIMES

In 1988, Ken Townsend embarked on streamlining the facility, starting with the main entrance area and the adjacent office areas and hallways. Studio 3 was also completely reconstructed according to the design of Sam Toyoshima, and fashioned into a self-contained state-of-the-art facility, boasting a $28' \times 26'$ control room, a $28' \times 23' \times 24'$ studio area, a $6' \times 6'$ iso-room and a $13' \times 19'$ fully mirrored live room. A completely equipped lounge, kitchen and bathroom, located above the con-

trol room, was added. The console in there is a 64-input Calrec/AMS UA8000 with TASC automation, operating in conjunction with two Mitsubishi 32-track digital machines and Quested monitoring.

"As a project, that has probably been the most successful one that we've tackled," says Abbey Road's manager of technical operations, Neil Aldridge. "There again, it's also the biggest that we've tackled, and really the first we've tackled using an outside adviser. Up to that point, EMI tended to do its studio installations itself, and while our acoustic engineers based at Hayes were very good, they perhaps lacked the flair that was required for a studio of the '80s and '90s."

Today, 60 years young and proud of its distinguished past, Abbey Road is prepared to forgo nostalgia in order to invest in its future. So it is that Studio 2, the 'Beatles Studio' as it is often referred to by fans and musicians the world over, is to undergo a complete facelift, with the famous upstairs control room being superseded by a much larger new construction, to be located in the gardens currently adjoining the recording area.

'You see, from a working point of view, the only problem with Studio 2 is the control room," says Mike Jarratt. "I mean, I know the studio



Studio 3's recording space, redesigned in the late '80s to contemporary specs.

area looks a bit tired, but it sounds great, and so the changes that it requires are only really cosmetic. It's a difficult task changing Studio 2 at all, because we still get a lot of people saying, 'No, you can't touch that!"

Abbey Road is a major attraction on the studio scene, not only because of its illustrious past, but also because of the diversity of inhouse services that it has to offer: recording, film and video post-production, disc cutting/mastering, digital mastering, tape copying, editing, CD preparation, and the Cedar and Sonic Solutions computerized de-noising systems.

"Apart from the famous name, we really do have the major attraction of all-round facilities that set us apart from the rest," says Ken Townsend. "We have the staff here to deal with every facet, they're all individual experts, and people very often come here to do things that they can't do elsewhere. They want good service, a good atmosphere and good results, and its incredible to think that for the last 60 years Abbey Road has been providing all that."



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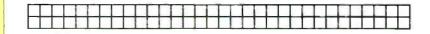
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Into the world of digital recording comes an amplifier that far surpasses all existing standards.

The Macro Reference. Constituting one of the true technological advances in sonic purity, this revolutionary amplifier is an investment in long-term performance. It anticipates technology and achieves the next step in professional sound reproduction demanded by studios.

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Feature Summary

Selectable Input Sensitivity: 0.775 V for full rated output or a voltage gain of 26 dB.

Function 1 & 2 ODEP Support: Provides ODEP protection (function 1) to keep amplifier running under adverse conditions without risk of damage. Provides valuable information (function 2) about the reserve energy status with ODEP indicators and P.I.P. compatibility.

Distortion Indicator: Advanced IOC* (Input/ Output Comparator) alerts the user in the unlikely event that distortion exceeds 0.05%

P.I.P. Compatibility: Accommodates P.I.P. (Programmable Input Processor) accessories to custom tailor the amplifier for specific applications.

Low Distortion: Patented grounded bridge ™ configuration with Multi-mode* design and direct coupled output transistors result in exceptionally low distortion.

Selectable Mono Modes: Bridged Mono mode is provided for double output voltage and Parallel Mono mode is provided for double output current

No-Fault Warranty: Macro Reference comes with a full six years of our exclusive "No-Fault" warranty. Fully transferable, it includes round-trip shipping!

Performance

Maximum average power output measured in Stereo mode, with no more than 0.02% THD, both channels driven.

760 watts into 8 ohms.

1160 watts into 4 ohms.

1525 watts into 2 ohms.

Hum and noise: >120 dB (A-weighted, 26 dB gain, input open-circuited).

DC output offset: ±2 mV (shorted input).

Power requirements: 100, 120, 200, 220/230. 240 VAC, 50/60 Hz, 70 watts at idle.

Frequency response: ± 0.1 dB, 20 Hz-20 kHz at 1 watt into 8 ohms.

Harmonic distortion: Less than 0.05% from 20 Hz-1 kHz and increasing linearly to less than 0.1% at 20 kHz delivering rated continuous average power into 8 ohms, per channel.

IM distortion: Less than 0.005% from full output to -10 dB increasing to a maximum of 0.025% at -40 dB into 8 ohms, per channel, at 26 dB gain.

Damping factor: Greater than 20.000, 10 Hz-200 Hz into 8 ohms; 1,800 at 1 kHz into 8 ohms.

Bandwidth: 3 Hz to $100 \text{ kHz} \pm 1.5 \text{ dB}$.

Input sensitivity: 26 dB/0.775V unbalanced for rated output.

Cooling: Four-speed fan (off, low, medium, high) controlled by ODEP computer. Fan stays off until needed and immediately returns to off when no longer required.

Indicators

Enable: An amber indicator which shows the unit has been turned on and the low-voltage power supply and cooling system are operating.

ODEP: A green indicator for each channel shows the reserve energy status, normally brightly illuminated. In the rare event there is no energy reserve, they will dim or blink in proportion to ODEP limiting. They also turn off to indicate a tripped breaker or temporary thermal shutdown.

dB/Dynamic Range: Two sets of green LED indicators (5 per channel) which show output signal level or dynamic range, switchable internally.

IOC: A yellow indicator which flashes if distortion of any kind exceeds 0.05%.

Input Signal: A green indicator that flashes synchronously with the input signal to show its presence.

Input/Output

Input Connector: Balanced ¼-inch phone jacks on rear chassis. Optional balanced 3-pin female XLR connectors available on standard P.I.P. modules

Input Impedance: Nominally 10 K ohms. balanced.
Nominally 5 K ohms, unbalanced.

Output Connector: Gold plated, color coded binding posts (banana jacks).

Output Impedance: <.5 milliohms in series with <2.5 microhenries.

Construction

Black splatter-coated steel chassis with specially designed "flow-through" ventilation system and forced-air cooling.

Dimensions: 19 in. (48.3 cm) wide, 7 in. (17.8 cm) high. 16 in. (40.6 cm) deep behind front mounting surface.

Weight: 62 lbs. (28.25 kg).

Mounting: Standard EIA 310 front-panel rack mounting.

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Wide internal bandwidth ensures that Macro Reference will never be driven into transient intermodulation or slewing-induced distortion. Crown has also enhanced ODEP™ (Output Device Emulator Protection) circuitry for Macro Reference, creating precise transfer function which is monitored by IOC® (Input/ Output Comparator) for additional proof of sonic accuracy.

For the most critical studio applications and for all who desire authentic sound, there simply is no comparable amplifier available today.

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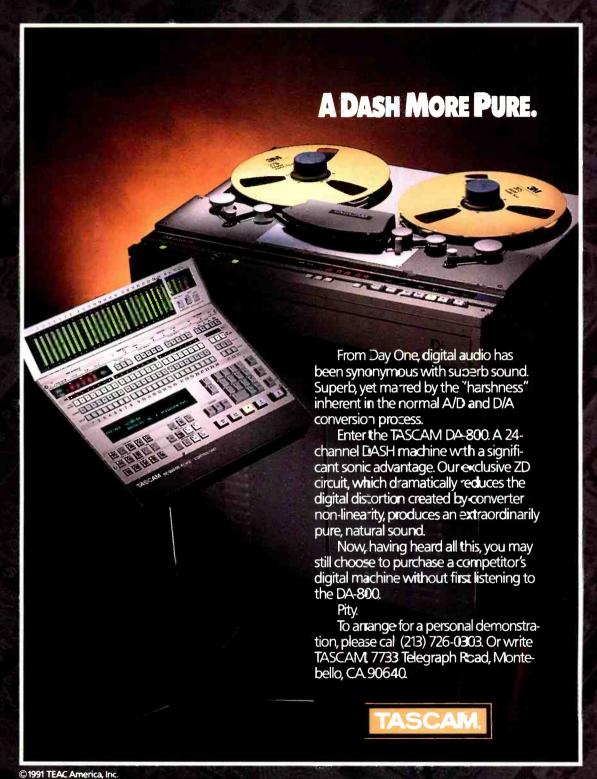
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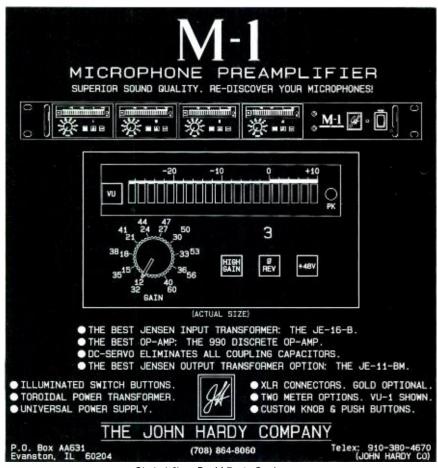
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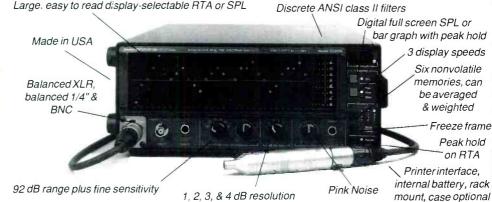
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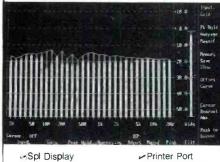


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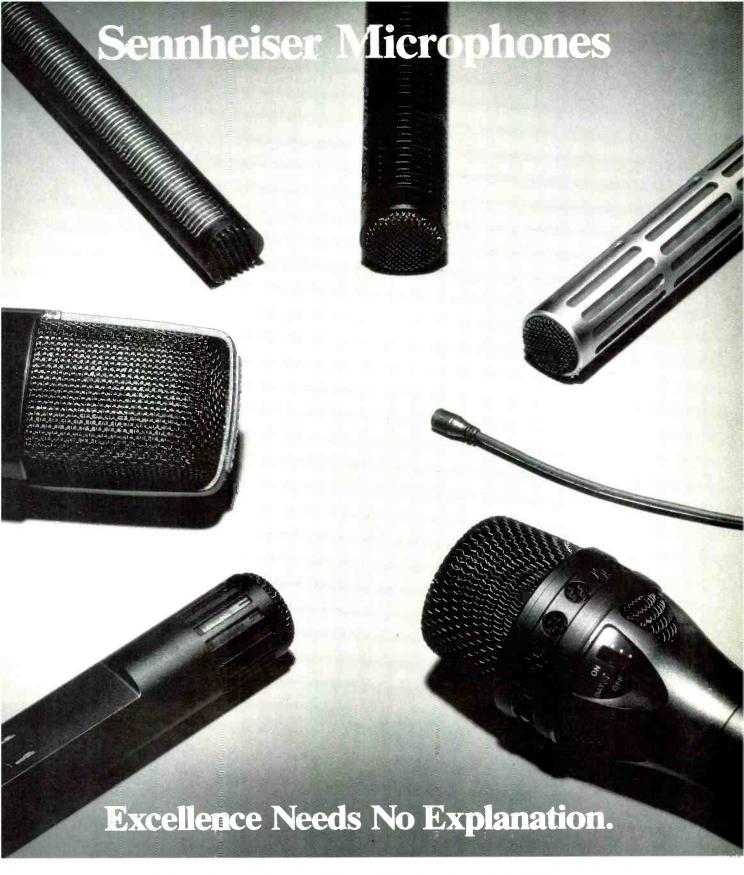
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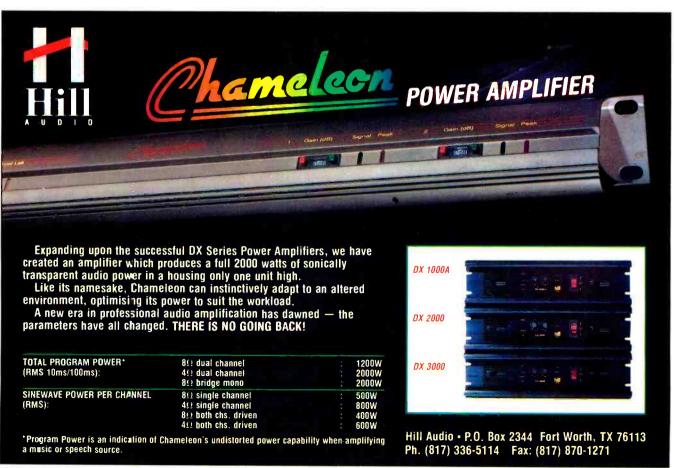
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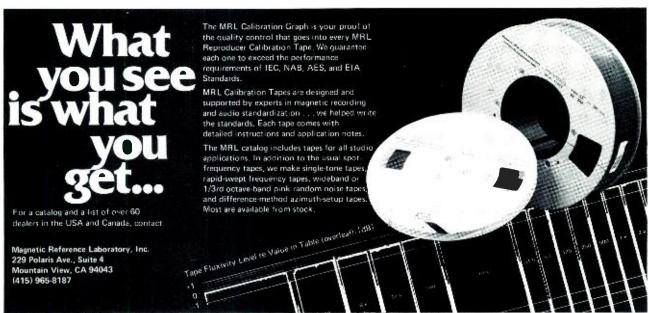
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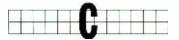
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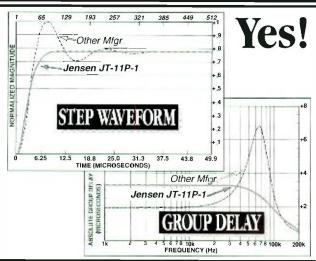
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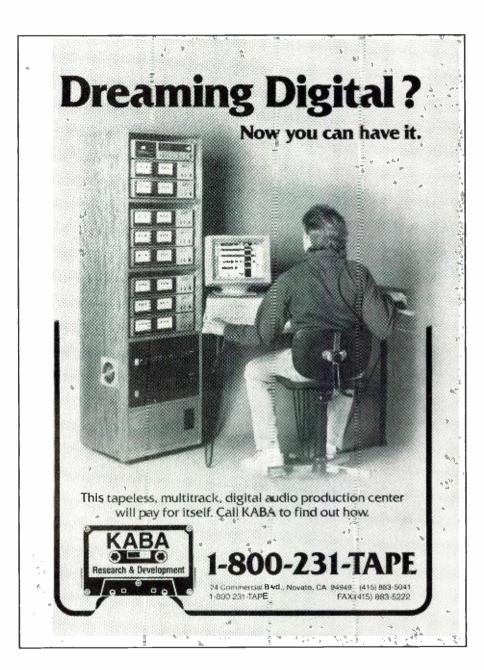
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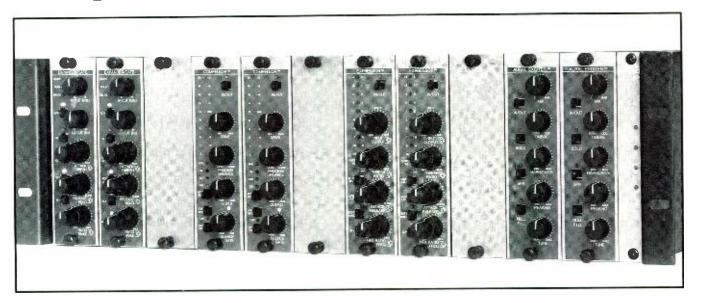
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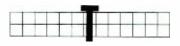
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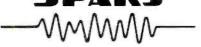
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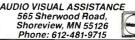
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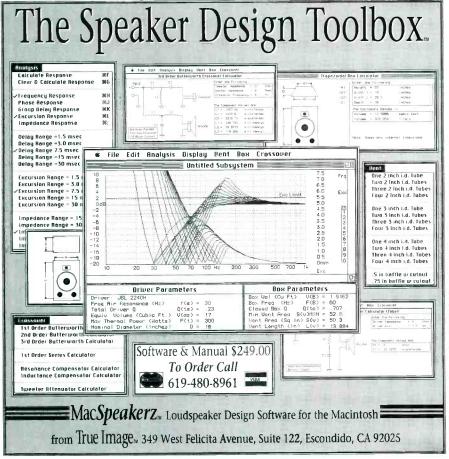
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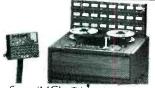
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