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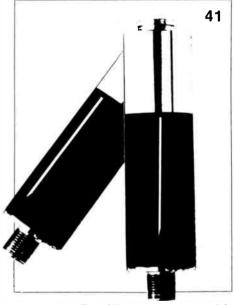
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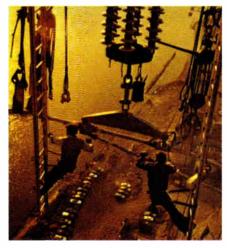


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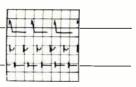
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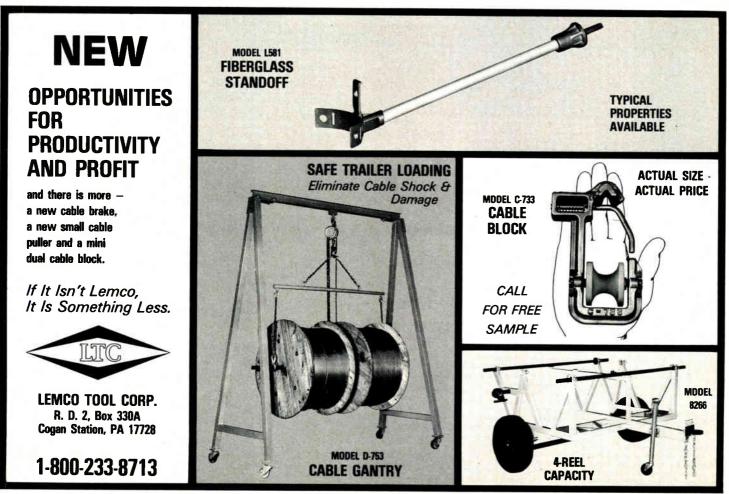
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### Oregon County Sets Tight Broadcast Radiation Standard

Citizens of Multhomah County, Oregon, apparently think more of the Soviet Union's concern for health than American science. Citing the USSR's broadcast radiation limit of one microwatt per square centimeter of exposed surface as indicating a health peril unknown to American science, neighborhood spokesmen argued against technical advisers who suggested a radiation limit of 200 microwatts, the limit in Massachusetts. No national standard for non-ionizing radiation exists, but the American National Standards Institute suggests 1,000 microwatts as does the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health. The Multnomah County law, effective July 31, sets the lowest limit in the nation at 50 microwatts per square centimeter of exposed surface, averaged over a half-hour period at ground level. The current measured average level in the area is one microwatt.

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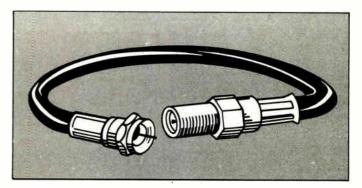
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5-7: The first annual SPACE convention and exhibition will be held in Omaha, Neb. Contact Carole Sutter, (202) 887-0605.

**11-13:** The fourth annual Satellite Communications Users Conference, sponsored by **Satellite Communications** magazine, will be held at the Regency Hotel in Denver. Contact Cathy Chalmers, (303) 694-1522.

8-9: Magnavox CATV Systems will be conducting a field training seminar with its Mobile Training Center in Syracuse, N.Y. Contact Larry Richards, (315) 682-9105.

**18-20:** The 1982 convention of the **Rocky Mountain Cable Television Association** will be held at the Hilton Inn, Albuquerque, N.J. Contact Oscar Davis, (505) 538-3701; or Ray Polvadore, (505) 867-4444.

**22-24:** The summer conference of the **Michigan Cable Television Association** will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Traverse City. Contact Sandra Applegate, (313) 235-6112.

**30—September 3:** A **Community Antenna Television Association** advanced technical seminar will be held in Phoenix, Arizona. Contact the CATA Engineering Office, (305) 562-7847.

#### September

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1, 2, 3: A Blonder-Tongue MATV/CATV/Earth Station Technical Seminar will be held in New Orleans, La. in conjunction with Spivey-LeBoeuf Associates. Contact Glenn Stawicki or Gloria Rothfuss (201) 679-4000.

9-11: The annual convention of the Southern Cable Television Associaiton, the Eastern Show, will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. Contact Nancy Horne, (404) 237-8228.

**15-16:** A **Blonder-Tongue** "Satellite TVRO Earth Station" seminar will be held in Lincroft, N.J. Contact George Chingery, (201) 679-4000.

**15-17: Magnavox CATV Systems** will be conducting a field training seminar with its Mobile Training Center in Boston. Contact Larry Richards, (315) 682-9105.

**19-22:** The **Pacific Northwest Cable Communication Association** annual convention will be held at the Sea-Tac Red Lion Inn, Seattle. Contact Douglas Rice, (406) 245-3051.

**20-22: Magnavox CATV Systems** will be conducting a field training seminar with its Mobile Training Center in Boston. Contact Larry Richards, (315) 682-9105.

**20-23:** The annual convention of the **New England Cable Television Association** will be held at Dunfey-Hyannis Hotel in Hyannis, Mass. Contact Gary Cain, (603) 224-3373.

**23-25: Magnavox CATV Systems** will be conducting a field training seminar with its Mobile Training Center in Boston. Contact Larry Richards, (315) 682-9105.

**29-30:** A **Blonder-Tongue** MATV/TVRO Earth Station Seminar will be held in Randolph, Mass., in conjunction with **W.A. Hendrickson Co.** Contact: Bob Hendrickson (617) 545-0652 or Gloria Rothfuss (201) 679-4000.

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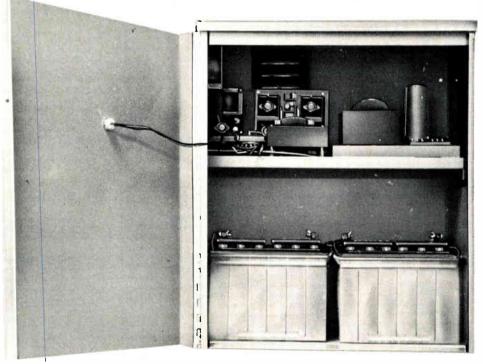
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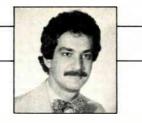
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### Editorial





What's this I hear? Another annual trade show for cable television? With the NCTA Convention, the Western Show, the Eastern Show, the Atlantic, the Mid-Atlantic, the New England, the Great Lakes and all the other regional conferences, not to mention the State shows, CTAM, CAB, all the meetings and seminars and the SCTE's own Spring and Fall Technical Conferences, is there need for another? Well, perhaps... yes!

The Society of Cable Television Engineers (SCTE) has announced it will sponsor an annual Cable-Tec Expo, the first of which will be held in the Dallas Convention Center, May 6-8, 1983. Featuring morning technical sessions and a hardware show on Friday and Saturday afternoons and Sunday morning, the Cable-Tec Expo holds promise of giving cable technology and engineering a needed emphasis, far from the maddening crowd.

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SCTE officials are quick to point out that the Cable-Tec Expo is not intended as competition with the other trade shows in the cable industry. Tom Polis, SCTE president, said, "SCTE is hardwareoriented, so this is a natural addition to the Society's schedule." In any case, it's true that amid all the hoopla and hype, glitter and glamor and the show girls and the cigar-smokers at the big annuals, the technology and engineering, which is the true basis of this industry, gets smothered. While there are many more hardware manufacturers exhibiting at the annual conventions than programming services, the programmers are spending a higher percentage of dollars to promote their wares. According to Judith Baer, executive vice-president of the SCTE, the Cable-Tec Expo will be kept simple, lowcost and business-like with no luncheon speakers, no politicians.

But the Cable-Tec Expo will not be without its fun and excitement. Every day, from the floor of the exhibit area, prize drawings will be held. Many hospitality suites are planned, and a Texas-style barbeque is being scheduled for Saturday night at a nearby Dallas ranch. Spouses will be welcomed at all exposition functions with no separate "spouse-programs" offered. In fact, SCTE members' spouses are encouraged to attend and can register for a nominal fee of \$35 per person, with members charged \$50 per person prior to March 15, 1983 (afterwards the registration for members and spouses will be \$75 per person).

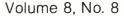
Exhibitors will find no competition for the attention of attendees as there will be no other functions scheduled during the exhibit hours. "Every effort is being made to encourage exhibit booth traffic for the hardware manufacturers and suppliers in the cable industry." says Polis. The technical sessions will be held for four hours each morning. Exhibit space will go for \$500 for a 10 x 10-foot area. Trade Associates Inc. will be managing the exposition and the Trade Show Bureau will audit it.

The SCTE anticipates, at minimum, 1,200 cable technicians and engineers to attend the Cable-Tec Expo 1983 event. With cable techs and engineers acting as either equipment purchasers for multiple system operators and independent system operators or, as those who test, evaluate and recommend to management the hardware to buy, exhibitors can expect excellent booth traffic.

Technicians and engineers will find the technical sessions interesting and useful. It will be back to basics with practical but informal discussions of topics that have staples at many of the SCTE regional meetings. The technical sessions will not be organized around the reading and presentation of formal papers as is the case at the Spring and Fall Technical Conferences (which will continue to be held as well).

So, the SCTE Cable-Tec Expo '83 will take its place among the cable trade shows, with the difference being that this one is "narrow-cast" for the technical community. We'll be there to cover it. But in the meantime, we'll see you at the Eastern Show... and the Atlantic Show... and the Fall Conference... and the Western Show...

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### **Communication News**



WASHINGTON—The Federal Communications Commission has authorized five companies to offer a new digital electronic message service that will deliver information between computers in different cities without the use of local telephone lines.

Designed for large business users who need to disseminate information at high speeds, the service will involve five companies, each serving 30 cities. These companies are: ISA Communications Services Inc., Satellite Business Systems, Contemporary Communications Corp., MCI Communications Corp. and Tymnet Inc.

Microwave links will be used for the local portion of the traffic while satellites will be used for long distance transmission. Businesses will be able to configure computer communications to their own needs. That service poses fewer expenses than the currently used nationwide telephone network.

#### FCC Loading Report Points To Transponder Glut

WASHINGTON—A Federal Communications Commission quarterly transponder loading report shows that nearly 40 percent of the transponders currently available on U.S. domestic C-band satellites are not being used.

During satellite monitoring in late June, the FCC's field operations bureau in Laurel, Md., found that 81 out of 216 transponders on Comsat, RCA and Western Union birds were inactive.

The study presents the data and does not attempt to make any conclusions. However, the report comes at a time when some observers of the satellite market are saying there is a glut of transponders and that prices for leasing transponders may be prohibitive.

Cable's main bird, Satcom III-R, is the only U.S. C-band satellite in full use, with its 24 transponders loaded for programming. RCA Americom's newer bird, Satcom IV, now has eight customers. Only three cable companies expressed interest in Satcom IV's \$13 million transponders when they were made available for leasing last April.

The following list shows the FCC bureau findings regarding transponder use on each satellite.

Comstar I/II: 17 inactive transponders;
 4 TV/FM; 2 SCPC; 1 FDM/FM

 Comstar III: 5 inactive; 14 FDM/FM; 2 TV/FM; 2 FM (1 MHz dispersion); 1 SCPC

Comstar IV: 5 inactive; 19 FDM/FM

 Satcom I: 8 inactive; 7 FDM/FM; 4 SCPC; 2 TV/FM; 2 digital (wideband); 1 SCPC with TV/FM

• Satcom II: 13 inactive; 3 TV/FM; 3 FDM/FM; 3 SCPC; 2 FDMA/FDM/FM

Satcom III-R: 24 TV/FM
Satcom IV: 16 inactive; 7 TV/FM; 1

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Westar II: 3 inactive; 3 FDMA/FDM/FM;
 3 FDM/FM; 2 1SCPC; 1 digital

Westar III: 5 inactive; 4 TV/FM; 3 SCPC.

FDM—frequency division multiplexing; FDMA—frequency division multiple access; SCPC single carrier per channel.

#### HAM Radio Operators Seek Ruling On Signal Leakage

WASHINGTON—The National Cable Television Association, Society of Cable Television Engineers and Community Antenna Television Association are encouraging cable operators to be more diligent about preventing signal leakage problems.

The latest plea comes while pressure from the American Radio Relay League is increasing for restrictions on cables' access to certain frequencies.

The ARRL wants the FCC to establish a new rule prohibiting cable companies from using Channel E (144 to 150 MHz) and Channel K (222 to 228 MHz). The ARRL claims signals leaking from improperly maintained cable systems are interfering with ham radio reception. Deadline for comments on the proposed rule is Aug. 1.

A spokesman for the ARRL said the amateur radio operator's association is willing to meet with industry officials in an attempt to find a common ground and perhaps withdraw its FCC petition for a new rule.

The Federal Aviation Administration has also complained that signal leakage from cable companies interferes with aeronautical transmission and reception.

Meanwhile, the FCC is considering another new rule that would relax the leakage standards from 20 to 100 microvolts.

#### Jerrold Supplies First 450 MHz System

HATBORO, Pa.-United Cable of Scotts-

dale, Ariz, has received the first shipment of Jerrold 450 MHz equipment in the industry, according to Jerrold officials.

The products—Starline 450 amplifiers, FFT taps, STC splitters, and status monitoring hardware will enable the system to develop what will become one of the most advanced systems in the country, Jerrold vice president Jack Forde said.

Over the next year, the company, a division of General Instrument Corp., will supply United Cable with 500 miles of dual-trunk, single feeder plant serving the entire city, including a two-way institutional loop of the second trunk cable.

#### Oak To Supply Addressable Systems In Wisconsin

RANCHO BERNARDO, Calif.—Oak Communications Systems has installed Oak TotalControl addressable systems in a Total TV system covering 12 southeastern Wisconsin Communities. The system will operate through a single headend and connect by means of high power AML microwave transmissions.

The system, passing 32,000 homes, will receive an initial order of 12,000 converters, according to a Total TV spokesman. The company will purchase additional units based on the growth of the system.

#### Canada To Aid Telidon With \$10.5 Million

TORONTO, ONTARIO—The Canadian Department of Communications announced recently it would aid 52 Telidon projects in Ontario and Montreal. These grants, part of the Telidon Industry Investment Stimulation Program, to which the government has committed \$10.5 million, will help develop Telidon services throughout the country.

Among the grants, Toronto received \$2.7 million to assist with the development of a public access videotex system, a Telidon-based career guidance system and college-training in videotex. A \$1 million commitment was given to Videopress of London, Ontario. The money will be used to purchase Telidon terminals for the company's shopping mall information systems.

In Montreal, \$1.3 million was awarded to three projects involving the University of Quebec, and two firms providing commercial Telidon services.

The government has also granted the Manitoba Telephone System \$1 million to

expand its agricultural information service and telecommunications monitoring system.

In other Telidon news, Myer Communications of Melbourne, Australia held its first public demonstration of its Telidonbased videotex system for Australian businessmen. It is expected to begin operation shortly.



#### SCTE Moving On Designation Program; Seeks Funds

WASHINGTON—The Society of Cable Television Engineers, having undertaken initial steps to establish its Engineering Designation Project, now seeks industrywide financial support to defray the startup cost of this voluntary program, which will result in the title of Principal Cable Television Engineer (PCTE) for those who qualify.

Start up costs of the PCTE program are estimated at \$20,000—a price which includes fees for developing the examination, printing, and other associated expenses. The SCTE is urging members to give cash donations in addition to providing an opportunity for advance

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payment of membership dues. There is also the option of extending current membership beyond expiration, in order to offset program costs.

"Every dollar counts and every dollar is needed right now if the SCTE is to accomplish its goal in March 1983," said society president Thomas J. Polis.

The organization is currently involved in developing a study guide, accompanied by a reading list, that will comprise the basis for the exam portion of the program. More than 20 prominent SCTE members met in May to create the guide.



\* Arvin/Diamond is supplying the weather portion of Satellite News Channels 24-hour news service with up-todate color satellite weather pictures via their Sat-Weather receiver. Up to 200 pictures can be recorded and then replayed in sequences showing weather movement.

\* Texscan Corporation has announced an agreement with Cox Cable of Tucson, Ariz. Construction began June 7th, 1982 and will run for a 30 month period. The Tucson system will provide 108 channels of programming to 130,000 homes, with 150 miles of high-split institutional. Texscan Theta-Com will be supplying active electronics and line passives for the aerial and underground plant. Byers Communications Corporation of Atlanta, Georgia will be providing the turnkey for the system.

 Toner Cable Equipment broke ground on June 3, 1982 for an addition to their headquarters in Horsham, Pa. The new wing, which will add 3,000 square feet to Toner's present facilities, will house management offices, and a new computer facility for Toner's CATV computer division. Completion of the project is scheduled for mid-September. Additionally, Toner Cable has recently completed a total turnkey project for Connections Communications Corp. in Newark, N.J. The Toner package included a 280-foot tower, 6.1 and 5 meter earth stations, a complete 32 channel headend, and a Toner SMART™ computer system to handle subscriber account processing. The Newark system will pass 120,000 homes and expects to penetrate up to 70,000 households.

\* Home Box Office Inc. has selected Scientific-Atlanta to provide uplink satellite earth stations for its new satellite communications center. The total value of the Scientific-Atlanta equipment is approximately \$3 million. Installation will be made at the new 60,000 square foot center, on which construction will begin immediately at a site in Hauppauge, Long Island, New York.

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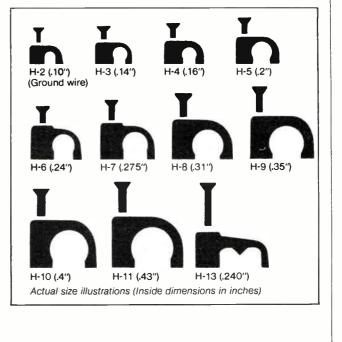
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## Mobile Training Center: Upgrading Field Technician Skills

The Magnavox traveling CATV training seminar fills the need for improving cable technicians' expertise with advanced systems technology. The first 10 seminars, held in five cities, were attended by 221 students. Each seminar is limited to 35 students, maximum, on a first come, first served basis.

By Larry W. Richards, director of technical services, Magnavox CATV



ith 440 MHz systems up and transmitting over thousands of miles of cable, it's obvious that the trend

is set toward expanding bandwidth. Franchise committees are pratically unanimous in opting for 440 systems and many rebuilds are updating to that level.

Along with growing community demand for higher frequencies and expanding bandwidths, there has been a corresponding demand by MSOs for more competence in field personnel who must service new systems.

Engineering personnel have entered the industry with proper backgrounds and have kept up with advancing CATV technology, but the skills and competence of technicians in general leaves much to be desired. The truth is, the industry has grown so fast that system operators haven't had the time to train many of the people who have come into the industry particularly field techicians.<sup>1</sup>

#### **CATV Training Seminar**

That's why the Magnavox CATV Training Seminar was developed. We're trying to fill the gap in technical competence before it opens even wider. With the trend to expanding bandwidths, it's clear that systems design, application and installation procedures have become more and more critical—and hence, the need for better-trained technicians.

Accordingly, we departed from conventional seminar approaches and devised a



A Magnavox instructor helps with problem solving at the spectrum analyzer

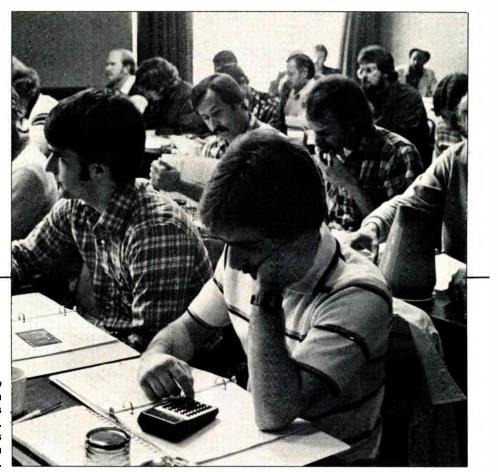
unique seminar featuring classroom/ hands-on experience. Our three-day seminar includes classroom sessions plus experience working with operational 440+ MHz equipment and the latest in test instruments in a specially designed mobile training center.

The center, housed in a 45-ft. trailer, is complete with a 16-amplifier cascade and an environmental chamber capable of testing 440+ MHz system components over a wide range of environmental conditions.

In the hands-on experience phase of

our seminar, students are taken to the trailer in small groups and familiarized with sweep equipment, the field strength meter and capabilities of the spectrum analyzer. Visual displays of distortions, as they would appear on both test equipment and TV sets, are set up by the students. This gives them the opportunity to vary the levels and observe the effects.

During a typical session, students are given a number of problems that can occur in a cascade, and they are required to solve them by working with various types of test equipment. With the 16-



Classroom work covers basic to advanced theory, with emphasis on problem solving. The atmosphere is casual, but work goes on in earnest. Contribution of real-life problems and solutions by students adds an extra dimension.



amplifier cascade hooked up and running, students can work on an actual cable system—make adjustments and solve problems—without interrupting subscribers

#### **Students Enthusiastic**

We find that seminar participants are universally enthusiastic about actually solving day-to-day technical problems in our mobile center. A typical comment was this observation by Rick Wilkinson, chief technician, Storer Cable, at our first Los Angeles seminar: "I especially liked working with equipment in the trailer, such as the summation sweep. It helps to see your adjustments on a CRT."

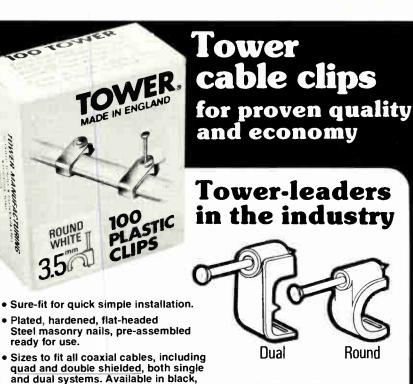
As expressed in our brochure promoting the three-day course, held at prominent hotels in principal cities around the ccuntry. "the seminar is designed for CATV personnel with from six months to two years experience in the industry." The syllabus (see below) covers both CATV theory and the day-to-day practical applications necessary for effective system operation. High technology information is also available for more advanced personnel. A certificate, graded according Larry Richards, Magnavox Director of Technical Services, welcomes two seminar students to the Mobile Training Center

to performance in a final examination, is forwarded to each student after completion of the course.

The atmosphere in our classroom sessions is informal, but is learningintensive. Todd Anderson, Corporate Engineer, CommuniCom, who attended the Los Angeles seminar said, "I was challenged by the classroom material... I wish all our technicians could attend."

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The Magnavox CATV Training Seminar program began in January, 1982, with two seminars scheduled for consecutive weeks in Los Angeles. Before the first seminar was over, the third seminarscheduled for Dallas. Texas in Marchwas already sold out.

The seminar schedule for the remainder of 1982 will take the Magnavox training seminars to Syracuse, Boston, Atlanta and, finally, St. Louis. Seminars are given during two successive weeks in each city.

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#### Part II: Practical Application

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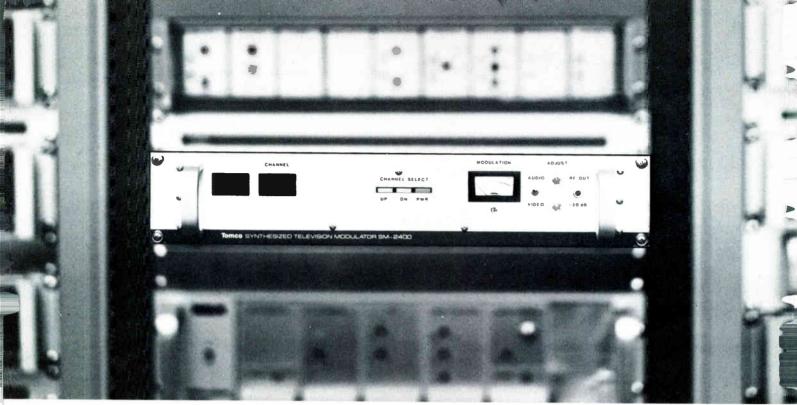
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## No Loose Ends— Part II

#### Techniques For Tests And Measurements Using The Spectrum Analyzer

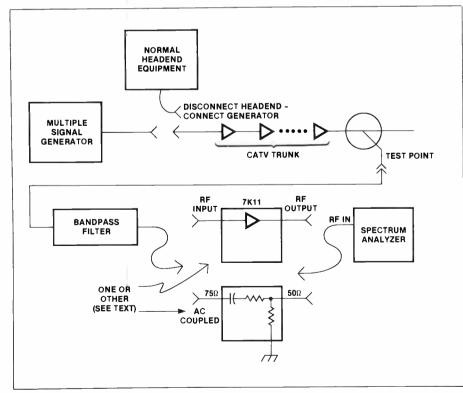
By Linley Gumm, principal engineer, Communications Divisjon, Tektronix Inc.

The first part of No Loose Ends was presented in the June issue of CED. Part II is presented here and the following installments will be presented in the October and December issues of CED. This four part series deals with the best and most thorough use of the spectrum analyzer for laboratory quality CATV tests and measurements, proof of performance and system maintenance. This series is a state-of-the-art update of the widely used original No Loose Ends published by Tektronix in 1973 and written by Clifford Schrock.

#### 4. Composite Triple-Beat

In combination with other test equipment, the Tektronix 7L12 spectrum analyzer will make composite triple-beat measurements to 80 dB below the picture carrier. Triple—beats are caused by distortion in the distribution amplifiers which forms sums and differences from three different picture carriers. As the number of carriers increase, the number of triple-beats becomes very large. In a 35-channel system for instance, 353 beat signals fall on or near the channel 11 picture carrier. Since there are so many triple-beat products, the sum of all the beats is measured instead of the individual amplitudes. This requires great care.

Since CW carriers must be substituted





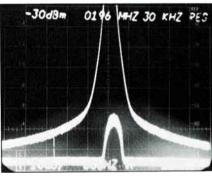


Figure 4-2 Composite triple-beat measurement (multiple exposure photo)

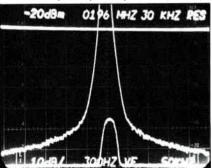


Figure 4-3 Composite triple-beat measurement using digital storage

for all the picture carriers in the system, the CATV system must be taken out of service to perform this measurement.

#### **Equipment Required**

- 1. Spectrum Analyzer: Tek 7L12 or 7L14.
- 2. Mainframe: Tek 7613 or any 7000 Series mainframe.
- Preamplifier: Tek 7K11 (Optional. Not usable with 7L14.)
- 4. Multiple Signal Generator: Matrix model SX-16 or equivalent.
- 5. Bandpass Filter: Tuneable or fixed for channel to be tested (normally channel 11).

EXAMPLE: Wavetek 5200 Series or equivalent.

6. Adapters: As required.

#### Procedure

- At the headend, disconnect the normal headend equipment. Connect the multiple signal generator to the distribution trunk. (A possible alternative is to disconnect all inputs to the headend processors and modulators and use their substitution carriers to provide a CW carrier at the frequency of each picture carrier.) Carefully verify the amplitude of each carrier.
- Connect the test equipment shown in figure 4-1 at the test point in the distribution system. The bandpass filter must pass the picture carrier of the channel to be tested. Channel 11 is normally used for this measurement. The 7K11 preamplifier is unnecessary when a tap level of +20 dBm or greater is available.
- 3. On the spectrum analyzer, select a frequency span of 1 MHz/DIV and a

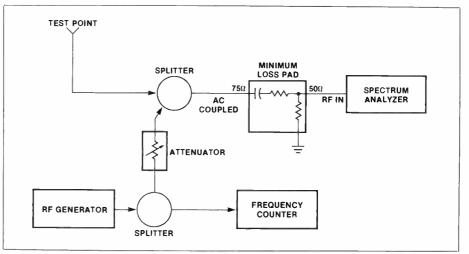


Figure 5-1 Equipment connection for frequency measurement

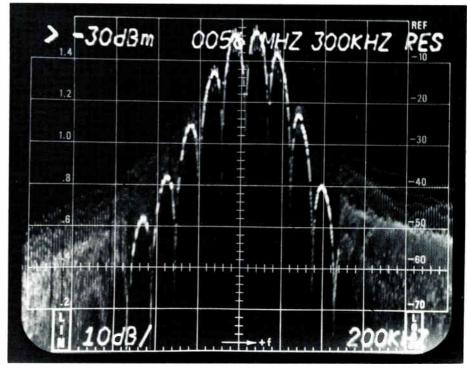


Figure 5-2 Frequency measurement

resolution bandwidth of 300 kHz. Center the picture carrier and use the 7K11 REFERENCE LEVEL controls to bring the peak carrier to the reference level. Use REF VAR on the analyzer if the 7K11 is not used. If a variable bandpass filter is used, rock the tuning to maximize the signal level.

- Narrow the FREQUENCY SPAN to 50 kHz/DIV and select the 30 kHz resolution bandwidth. Center the carrier on screen. Select a 300 Hz video filter and slow the sweep speed.
- 5. Change the 7K11 REFERENCE LEVEL control to lower the reference level by 10 dB. If the reference level of the 7K11 is less than 10 dBmV, increase the IF gain on the 7L12 by 10 dB. The carrier to be tested is now 10 dB off the top of the screen. Have someone at the headend turn off this picture carrier.
- 6. The composite triple-beat will appear below where the carrier was (figure 4-2). Starting at the carrier amplitude (10 dB off screen), measure down to the middle of the triple-beat response. Since the composite triple-beat consists of multiple independent signals, the measurement on the spectrum analyzer screen will read low by 2.5 dB. Correct the measurement results by subtracting 2.5 dB from the measured value. For example, in figure 3-2, the composite triple-beat measures 66 dB below the carrier. The beat is actually 66 dB-2.5 dB or 63.5 dB below the carrier.

#### **Hints And Precautions**

- 1. The pilot carriers must be left on (if used) so that distribution system is at its normal operating amplitude.
- 2. It is best to check the measured results by raising the level of the carriers by 3 dB with respect to the pilot carriers. If the amplitude of the composite triplebeat rises by 9 dB, the measured composite triple-beat is valid. If it does not, check to make sure the correct signal was measured or verify that all the distribution amplifiers are operating properly.
- Very low triple-beat levels can often be measured by raising the signal amplitudes in the distribution system until the measurement can be made. The normal amplitude of the composite triple-beat is the level measured minus three times the amount the system amplitudes were raised to make the measurement.
- 4. If a 7L14 is used, move the PEAK/AVER-AGE cursor to the top of the screen and slow the sweep to 1 sec/DIV. The 7L14's digital storage makes the measurement much easier (Figure 4-3.)

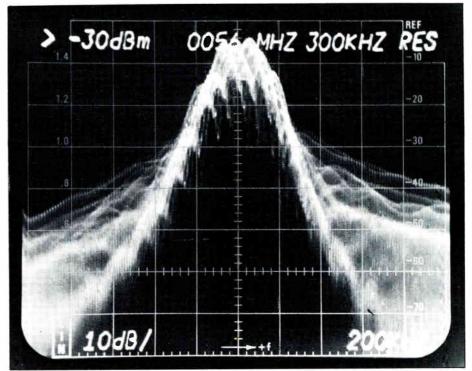
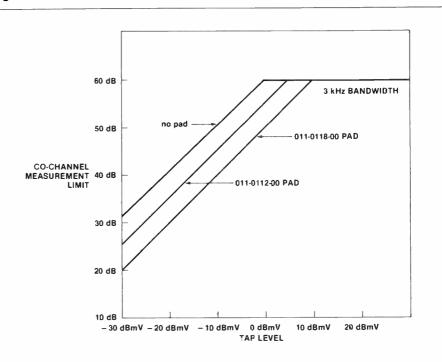
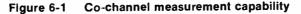


Figure 5-3 Near-zero-beat on 15.75 kHz sideband





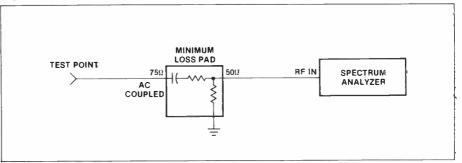


Figure 6-2 Equipment interconnection for co-channel measurements

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Multiply the counter reading by the harmonic number of the signal you are using.

- 6. A carefully matched 75 ohm system is not required for this measurement.
- 7. In theory, it is possible to zero beat a 15.75 kHz sideband instead of the carrier. In practice it is quite difficult and looks different than a carrier zerobeat. Figure 5-3 shows what such a zero-beat looks like. Note the lack of the bright line outlining the beat note.

#### 6. Co-channel Interference Measurements

#### Capability

Co-channel interference measurement capabilities of the 7L12 Spectrum Analyzer are graphically represented in figure 6-1. These curves are valid for a resolution setting of 3 kHz. The signal level at a normal subscriber tap (0 to +5 dBmV) is sufficient for co-channel interference

The signal level at a normal subscriber tap (0 to +5 dBmV) is sufficient for co-channel interference measurement.

measurement. These measurements are limited to 60 dB below the carrier by information in the TV signal between the carrier and the first 15 kHz sideband.

#### **Equipment Required**

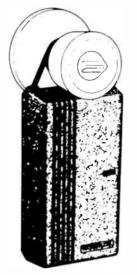
- 1. Spectrum Analyzer: Tek 7L12 or 7L14.
- 2. Mainframe: Tek 7613 or any 7000 Series mainframe.
- 3. Minimum Loss Pad: Tek 011-0112-00 or 011-0118-00 or equivalent.
- 4. F to BNC Adapter: Tek 013-0126-00 or equivalent.

#### Procedure

- 1. Interconnect the equipment as illustrated in figure 6-2.
- 2. Select the channel to be tested with the analyzer's FREQUENCY control.
- 3. With the analyzer's FREQUENCY SPAN and the RESOLUTION controls locked together, decrease the frequency span to 5 kHz/DIV while keeping the trace centered. The display should look similar to figure 6-3 with video modulation (random spikes) running through the display. If co-

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#### **5. Frequency Measurements**

The following procedure can be used to measure FCC specified visual and aural frequencies for CATV. Processors are available that (combined with a counter) enable carrier measurements to be completed quickly and easily. However, the zero-beat method listed here is more flexible and can be used to measure the frequencies of low-level signals or other signals such as pilots, random beats, and spurs that may not be within the range of a given signal processor.

#### **Equipment Required**

-30dBm

Figure 6-3

+10 kHz carrier offset

-30d3m

- 1. Spectrum Analyzer: Tek 7L12 or 7L14.
- 2. Mainframe: Tek 7613 or other 7000 Series mainframe.
- 3. Signal Generator: Stable CW source (must be easily tuneable over small frequency changes).

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- 5. Two-way Hybrid Splitter (2): Jerrold 1596A or equivalent.
- 6. Attenuator: 75 ohm, 0 to 70 dB in 1 dB steps.
- 7. Minimum Loss Pad: Tek 011-0112-00 or 011-0118-00 or equivalent.
- 8. F to BNC Adapter: Tek 013-0126-00 or equivalent.

#### Procedure

- 1. Interconnect the equipment as illustrated in figure 5-1.
- 2. Set the spectrum analyzer controls to select:

a. 55.25 MHz FREQUENCY (Channel two picture carrier) b. 200 kHz/DIV

- c.the display. Adjust the BASELINE CLIPPER to blank the bottom division.
- 4. Switch the mainframe to high persistence or storage. Sweep (or manually rock) the generator's output frequency over its 100 kHz to 5 MHz range. A piame amplitude on the spectrum analyzer. It may be necessary to slightly readjust the frequency of the CW signal so that the two amplitudes can be easily compared.
- 5. Carefully adjust the frequency of the signal generator so the CW signal and



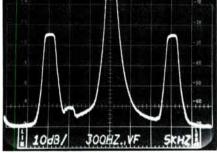


Figure 6-4 Low level interference measurements can be made using storage, slow sweeps and video filtering

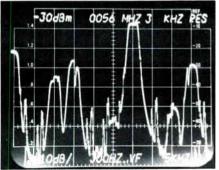


Figure 6-5 Co-channel interference with total offset of 20 kHz

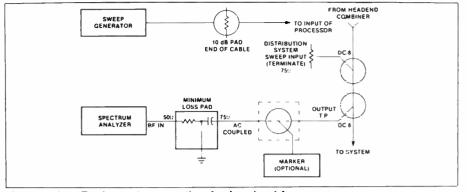


Figure 7-1 Equipment connection for headend frequency response measurements

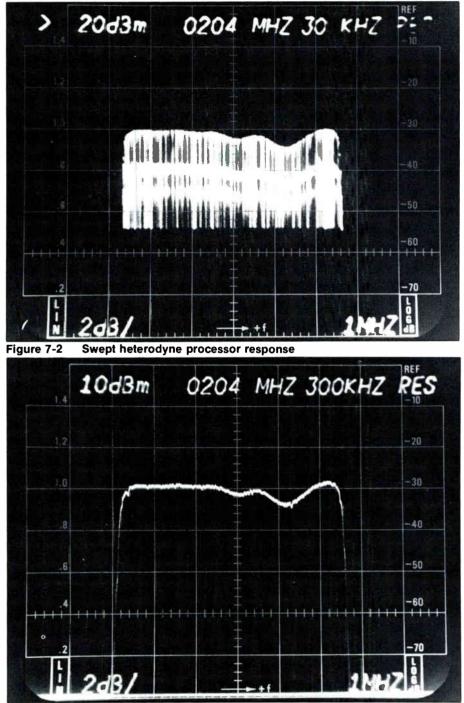


Figure 7-3 Digital storage display of processor response

the carrier slide together. A zero-beat pattern will be noted just as they cross over one another (see figure 5-2). If necessary, rock the generator's amplitude slightly to maximize the depth of the null.

- Carefully trim the fine frequency adjustment on the signal generator to minimize the frequency of the beat (the fewest number of cycles per horizontal division). The frequency indicated on the frequency counter is the frequency of the channel two carrier.
- The sound carrier is measured in the same manner. However, a series of frequency readings should be taken and averaged. This method may be tedious but is necessary for accuracy.

#### **Hints And Precautions**

- A mechanical or electronic vernier should be incorporated in the signal generator as an aid in finding the zerobeat frequency. A standard utility CW generator can be used if your sweep generator is not equipped for stable operation.
- For the aural measurement, also monitor the signal with a radio or TV set. Making the measurement during quiet periods simplifies the process and produces the most recognizable beats.
- 3. When the two signals are close together in frequency, finding the zero-beat point is sometimes facilitated by switching the analyzer to 0 Hz/DIV (or Zero Span). After changing the FREQUENCY SPAN control use the FINE TUNING controls to maximize theN control use the FINE TUNING controls to maximize the displayed signals.
- 4. Measurement error can be easily estimated when measuring in Zero Span. Note the period of the beat using the TRIGGERING controls and the TIME/DIV control as you would on an oscilloscope. The frequency difference between the CW signal and the carrier is the reciprocal of this period.
- If you do not have a CW generator or counter that tunes high enough, it is often possible to use the second or third harmonic output of the generator.

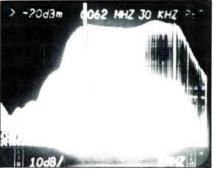


Figure 7-4 Swept modulator response

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channel interference is present, it will appear as an additional carrier offset 10 or 20 kHz from the picture carrier.

- For maximum sensitivity, remove all of the spectrum analyzer's RF attenuation when the carrier is -30 dBm or less. Increase IF gain as necessary.
- 5. Using the 10 dB/DIV display mode, determine the co-channel signal amplitude by measuring the vertical separation between the amplitude of the picture carrier and the co-channel carrier.

#### **Hints And Precautions**

- The use of video filters and slowsweep speeds coupled with CRT or digital storage produces very clean traces (figure 6-4). The digital storage capability of the 7L14 is very effective in the co-channel interference measurement. Slow the sweep, use a video filter and position the PEAK/AVERAGE cursor at the top of the screen so the entire display is in the AVERAGE mode.
- 2. Additional carriers may be observed from strong co-channel stations. These carriers are the 15 kHz sidebands caused by the horizontal sync pulses on the co-channel signal. This can be seen at the first graticule line from the left in figure 6-3.
- Co-channel carriers can occur on either side of the picture carrier and as far away as 20 kHz depending on station offset as illustrated in figures 6-4 and 6-5.
- Since the measurement relies on amplitudes relative to the carrier and are over a narrow frequency range, the 75 to 50 ohm matching pads can be omitted for increased sensitivity.

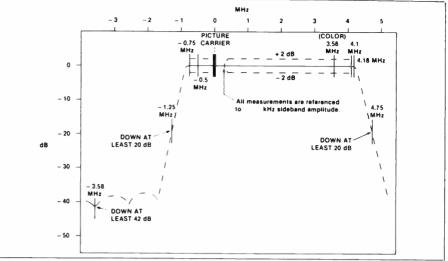
#### 7. Headend Frequency Response Measurements

#### Capability

Headend components such as processors and modulators can be tested rapidly and accurately using a spectrum analyzer and a sweep generator. Resolution of ¼ dB is possible, and the out-of-service time is minimized.

#### **Equipment Required**

- 1. Spectrum Analyzer: Tek 7L12 or 7L14.
- 2. Storage Mainframe: Tek 7613.
- Sweep Generator(s) or Signal Generator(s): Must be tunable over the input frequency range of all processors and from 100 kHz to 5 MHz.
- 4. Fixed Attenuator: 75 ohm, 10 dB.
- 5. Minimum Loss Pad: Tek 011-0112-00 or 011-0118-00 or equivalent.
- 6. F to BNC Adapter: Tek 013-0126-00 or





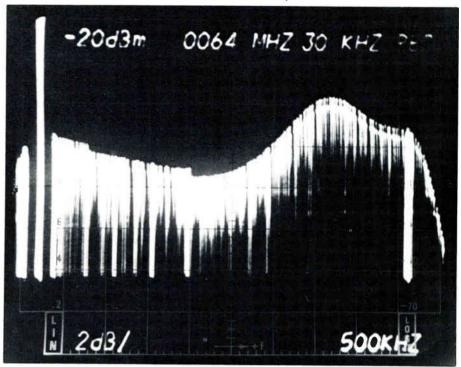


Figure 7-6 2 dB/DIV swept modulator response

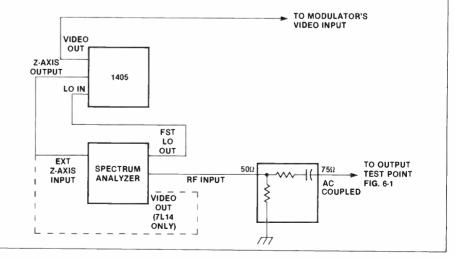


Figure 7-7 Equipment connection for testing modulators using 1405

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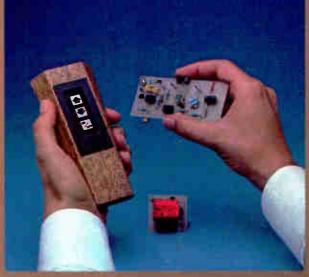
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For Canada: Tekscan Communications 2750 Pittield St. Laurent, Ouebec Canaca H4S 169 (514) 335-0152 For Test Equipment: Texscan Corporation 244£ Shaoeland Avenue Indiamapoliis, Indiana 46219 (317) 357-8781

For Overseas: Texscan Instruments Ltd Hertf\_rdshire, UK Ph\_0427-71\_38 For Character Generators: Texscan MSI 3855 S 500 West, Suite S Salt Lake City, Utah 84115 (801) 262-8475

For Overseas: Te≺scan GMBH W Germany Ph 089 6701048 Texscan

equivalent

- 7. Directional Couplers (2): 8 dB.
- 8. Terminator: 75 ohm.
- 9. Sideband Adapter: Tek 1405 (optional).

#### **Procedure For Processors**

- The headend output feed should include two test points, each developed by a directional coupler inserted in the directions indicated in figure 7-1. These couplers provide system access for the headend tests. Set up the equipment as shown in the figure.
- Connect a cable of sufficient length to reach all the processor inputs to the sweep generator. Connect a 10 dB pad between the cable and the processor input to reduce reflections in the cable and ensure a proper impedance match.
- 3. Connect the spectrum analyzer through the Minimum Loss Pad to the output test point.
- Select a channel to be swept and tune it to center screen with the spectrum analyzer's FREQUENCY control. Also select a FREQUENCY SPAN of 1 MHz/DIV and set the RESOLUTION to 30 kHz.
- 5. Use the analyzer's REFERENCE LEVEL controls to bring the peak of the picture carrier within the top two horizontal graticule lines of the display. Carefully adjust the analyzer's FREQUENCY control to bring the picture carrier to the second vertical graticule line from the left.
- 6. Switch to 2 dB/DIV.
- Set the processor to manual mode or disable its AGC by some other means. Use the manual gain control to reset the picture carrier to its former amplitude.
- 8. Disconnect the antenna cable from the processor and connect a cable from the sweep or signal generator in its place. Note that the input signal must be connected at a point that precedes all bandpass filters or any device that will alter the frequency response of the processor.
- 9. Determine the input frequency of the processor. Using the CW mode of the sweep generator, (input frequency) may be different than output frequency) adjust the sweep generator amplitude and frequency until a signal is displayed on the spectrum analyzer at the same frequency and amplitude as the picture carrier.
- 10.Once the sweep generator level has been established, the spectrum analyzer can be switched to high persistence, and by manually rocking the generator frequency about the picture frequency, a picture of the exact response will be stored in the display as in figure 7-2.

1.Reconnect the antenna to the processor and photograph the display.

#### **Hints And Precautions**

- Once the foregoing technique has been mastered, it can be performed in approximately 30 seconds of off-air time per channel.
- The signal insertion step (9) may impose a number of variables such as cross channel conversions, AGC and AFC circuits, and automatic signal

sense circuits. Each case may require a slight modification to the approach but can be successfully accommodated with the foregoing procedure.

3. When the 7L14 is used, the same procedure is followed except that MAX HOLD is used to store the sweep display. Position the PEAK/AVERAGE cursor at the bottom of the screen and turn MAX HOLD on just before sweeping the processor (figure 7-3). Turn off MAX HOLD to clear the screen.

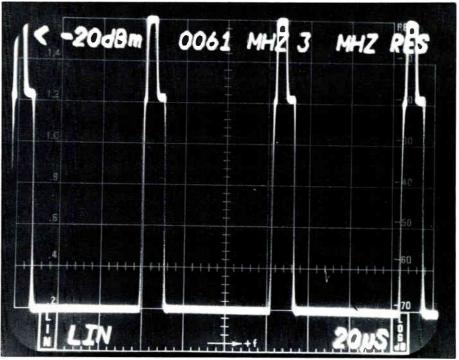


Figure 7-8 Adjusting percentage of modulation using 1405



Figure 7-9 Swept modulator response using 1405. Markers are at 1.25 MHz, 3.58 MHz and 4.75 MHz

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#### **Procedure For Modulators**

- Disconnect the video source from the modulator and connect a signal from the (100 kHz to 5 MHz) sweep'generator in its place. Adjust the generator's amplitude control for an output signal of 300 mV RMS or less.
- Connect the spectrum analyzer to the output test point through the Minimum Loss Pad (figure 7-1).
- 3. Determine the output frequency of the modulator and tune the analyzer's FREQUENCY control to that channel. Set analyzer FREQUENCY SPAN to 1 MHz/DIV. RESOLUTION to 30 kHz and select 10dB/DIV. Adjust the

analyzer's FREQUENCY control to center the picture carrier over the fourth vertical graticule line from the left. The peak picture carrier should be near the top of top of the display. Adjust the BASELINE CLIPPER to blank the bottom division.

- 4. Switch the mainframe to high persistence or storage. Sweep (or manually rock) the generator's output frequency over its 100 kHz to 5 MHz range. A picture of the modulator's response will be developed on the display screen (figure 7-4).
- 5. Check the modulator's response with respect to figure 7-5.

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6. Turn off the analyzer's storage. Select 2 dB/DIV and 500 kHz/DIV. With the generator tuned to a frequency of about 1 MHz, increase the analyzer's IF gain until the generator's signal appears on the screen. Turn on the analyzer's storage and sweep the generator's frequency again. Verify this response (figure 7-6) with respect to figure 7-5.

#### Alternative Procedure For Modulators

In the procedure above, the modulator being measured is operating without sync. The procedure is slow and any adjustments required are often tedious. The Tektronix 1405 Sideband Adapter supplies standard video signals to the modulator and allows rapid and accurate measurements. The 1405 also provides verification of modulator performance as the video parameters are varied.

- 1. Connect the test set up shown in figure 7-7.
- 2. Connect the RF IN on the 7L12 to the output test point via a Minimum Loss Pad and an F to BNC Adapter.
- 3. Adjust FREQUENCY control on the analyzer to bring the modulator output signal (picture carrier) to center screen. Select 10 dB/DIV, FREQUENCY SPAN of 1 MHz/DIV and RESOLUTION BANDWIDTH of 300 kHz. Readjust the FREQUENCY control to bring the picture carrier to the fourth vertical graticule line from the left.
- 4. Set the AMPLITUDE control on the 1405 to 100 percent and the APL LEVEL to 50 percent. Turn the 1405 SYNC to ON and deselect all the markers. Connect the 1405 output to the modulator input.
- If necessary, check the percentage of modulation using the 1405 as a source:

   Adjust the analyzer's FREQUENCY controls to bring the picture carrier to center screen.

b. Select Zero Span (SPAN control fully CCW)

c. Set AUTO PHASE LOCK to OFF d. Adjust FREQUENCY control to maximize response

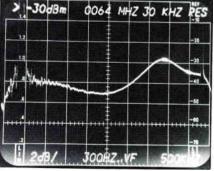


Figure 7-10 2 dB/DIV swept modulator response using 1405. Markers are 3.58 MHz and 4.18 MHz

- e. Select LIN Mode
- f. Adjust IF gain and REF VAR controls to bring sync tips to top graticule line.

g. Disconnect the cable between the 1405 z-axis output and the mainframe.
h. Set 1405 APL LEVEL to 100 percent, AMPLITUDE control to 0 IRE

i. Adjust the modulator's VIDEO GAIN to bring peak white to 12.5 percent of sync tip or 1 division from base line (figure 7-8)

j. Reconnect the z-axis output to the mainframe. Set the analyzer AUTO PHASE LOCK to ON, the FREQUEN-CY SPAN to 1 MHz and select 10 dB LOG Mode.

- 6. On the 1405, reset APL LEVEL to 50 percent; tune the TRANSMITTER FREQUENCY control to the channel of interest. As this control is adjusted, a spurious signal will move past the picture carrier. Continue to turn the control to bring the two signals together until the display floor suddenly rises. This display condition indicates that the video sweep from the 1405 and the sweep from the analyzer are synchronous and that the response of the modulator is being displayed.
- Rock the FINE control on the 1405 to maximize the response. Set RESOLU-TION BANDWIDTH to 30 kHz and again rock the FINE control for maximum response amplitude. Select a video filter to smooth the response (figure 7-9).
- On the 1405, turn on the 1.25, 3.58 and 4.75 MHz markers. Adjust the INTEN-SITY and WIDTH controls for pleasing markers. Verify that the lower 3.58 MHz sideband and channel edge amplitudes are within specified limits (figure 7-5).
- 9. On the analyzer, select 2 dB/DIV. Adjust the IF gain as required to bring the displayed waveforms on screen. On the 1405, turn off the 1.25 and 4.75 MHz markers leaving on the 3.58 MHz marker. Turn on the 0.75 and the 4.18 MHz markers. Adjust INTENSITY and WIDTH as necessary. Check for overall flatness. Verify sideband amplitudes at 3.58 MHz and channel edge amplitudes are within specified limits (figure 7-10).

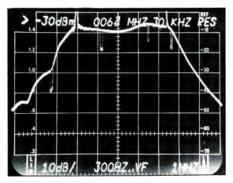


Figure 7-11 Swept response with markers on 7L14 display

#### **Hints And Precautions**

- The 7L14's digital storage capabilities work very well for the frequency response measurements. Note that the 7L14's Max Hold feature can be used to build up a swept display.
- To use the 7L14 with the 1405, the zaxis output of the 1405 is connected to the VIDEO OUT on the 7L14 (using a Tek 175-1175-00 cable). The displayed waveform will show a downward deflection at the marker frequency as shown in figure 7-11. Position the PEAK/AVERAGE cursor to the top of the display screen.

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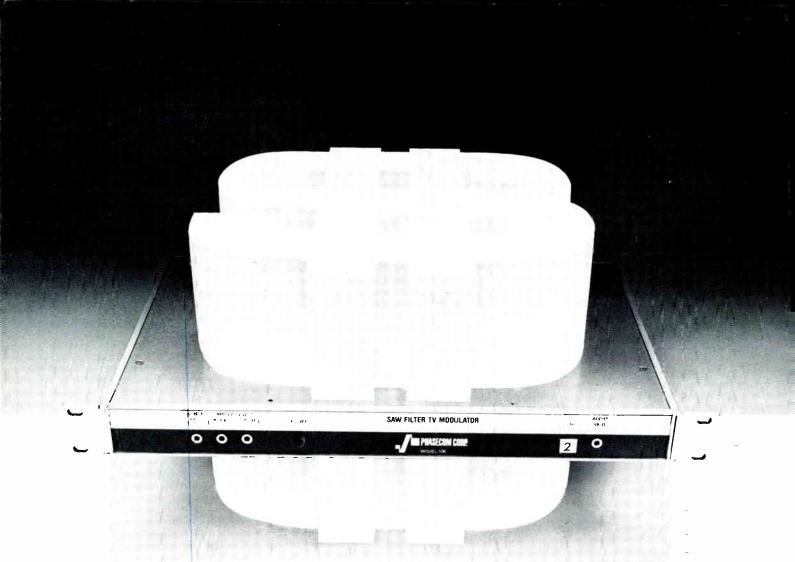
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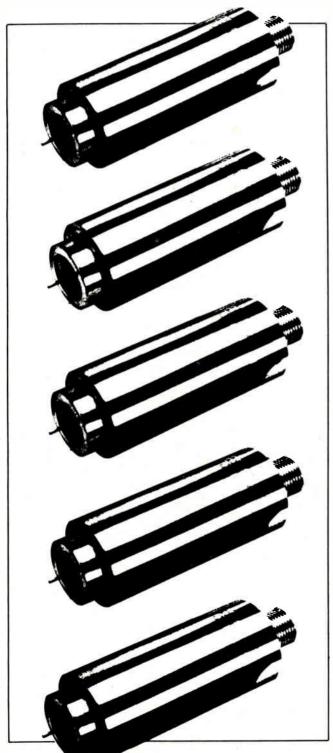
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# **Product Profile**





his months **CED** Product Profile focuses on single channel traps for cable television applications. The comparisons on the following pages were constructed for the sake of brevity and organization. All of the manufacturers listed make traps other than those

listed. As always, we recommend that individual manufacturers be contacted for more specific information (e.g. 3-, 4-, 6- or 8-pole traps). All of the specifications listed are minimum specifications and should not be taken as absolute.

By way of introduction, there is probably no other kind of hardware in the industry that is so widely differentiated. There are single- and multi-channel traps, band pass and band reject filters and parental control traps for every conceivable application. Particular system needs are entirely predicated upon an operator's commitment to certain channels and the cost of switching those channels around. Technically speaking, it is most convenient to trap channels A, 2, 5 and 7 in the low band so the trap has a wider bandwidth and a deeper notch. The question of how much video loss is needed depends upon the application (operator's drop levels) and the sensitivity of the average subscriber's receiver. Top of the line receivers will obviously need more trapping than less sensitive receivers. If an operator also wants to suppress audio, he or she will want to have more video trapping to knock out the adjacent audio frequencies. In most cases, if the video is trapped deep enough, audio can be completely wiped out or at least rendered unintelligible. Traps can be manufactured to system specifications and most of the manufacturers on the following pages will accommodate those needs

At press time, data from Microwave Filter Associates, East Syracuse, N.Y., had not been assimilated. They not only make single- channel traps, but traps for any special application that may be encountered. Another manufacturer, Electroline Television Equipment Inc., Montreal, Quebec, does not manufacture single-channel traps *per se*, but rather, they make extra broadband filters. For more information on the manufacturers listed, contact:

ARCOM (through Northern CATV Supply)	(315) 463-8433
Eagle Comtronics Inc.	(800) 448-7474
Electroline Television Equipment Inc.	(514) 725-2471
GAMCO Industries Inc.	(201) 241-7500
Intercept Corp.	(800) 526-7452
Keystone Electronics Corp.	(201) 792-6900
Microwave Filter Co.	(315) 437-3953
PICO Products Inc.	(315) 451-0680
Vitek Electronics Inc.	(201) 287-3200



# **Product Profile**

Model	Minimum Rejection Depth	Lower Adjacent Channel Video	Lower Adjacent Channel Audio	Upper Adjacent Channel Video	Insertion Loss	Return Loss	Temperature Stability	Additional Information	Price Range
ARROW Com	municatio	ns Labo	ratories I	nc. (d.b.	a ARCO	M), Syr	acuse, New	York	
AN -4 AN -ABC AN -DEF AN -GHI AN -7	-55 dB -55 dB -55 dB -55 dB -55 dB	-0.5 dB -1 dB -1 dB -2 dB -1.5 dB	-4 dB -6 dB -6.5 dB -8 dB -9 dB	-0.5 dB -1 dB -1 dB -2 dB -2 dB	-0.5 dB	N.A.	-40° to +140° F	Traps manufactured to operator specifications. Urethane potted to prevent moisture absorption, security shields included, low radiation. Also available, positive traps, tier traps and super-band traps. Multiple channel traps available in single housing.	
Eagle Comtro	nics Inc.,	Clay, Ne	w York						
Single channel super traps									
ST-NF-2-6 ST-NF-A-F ST-NF-G-I ST-NF-7-11 ST-NF-J-O ST-NF-P-W	-75 dB -75 dB -75 dB -75 dB -75 dB -70 dB -70 dB	0 5 dB 1 dB 1.5 dB 2 dB 3 dB 3 dB	-4 dB -6 dB -7 dB -10 dB -15 dB -25 dB	-0.5 dB -1 dB -1 dB -2 dB -3 dB -3 dB	0.2 dB	N.A	-40° to +140° F	Also available; band reject traps, low pass and high pass traps, decoding filters and sub-tow rejection filters. Features include anti-corrosion nickel plating, security shield available, totally foam filled, shock resistant, thick-wall brass housing, interlocked connectors, power protection on	N.A.
Single channel traps-standard								center conductor, tap-mounted outdoor application, sealed connector and pin, soldered linear ground pad,	
NF-2-6 NF-A-F NF-G-1 NF-7-8	-60 dB -60 dB -60 dB -60 dB	1 dB 2 dB 2.5 dB 3 dB	-7 dB -20 dB -25 dB -25 dB	-1 dB -1 5 dB -2 dB -2.5 dB				completely potted to prevent moisture absorption and stabilize circuitry, main body sealed with "O" rings.	
GAMCO Indus	stries Inc.,	Roselle,	New Je	rsey					

Model 601								
2-6	-55 dB	-1.5 dB	-7 dB	-1 5 dB	1.0 dB	18 dB	-40° to	Trap circuits housed in co
A-I	-55 dB	-2 dB	-20 dB	-2 dB			+140° F	package: one end has "F
7-13	-55 dB	-5 dB	-30 dB	-3 dB				attached, the other end a
G-W	-50 dB	-10 dB	-40 dB	-15 dB				double shielded (foil and

Trap circuits housed in convenient package: one end has "F" fitting attached, the other end a short double shielded (foil and braid) 59U cable and "F" fitting Also available: model 640 multi-channel traps, model 661 single channel band pass filters, model 625 splitter-trap, series 610 and 611 trunk distribution channel traps and key-lock parental control traps, including the new MITI TRAP (multi-tiered).

# Intercept Corporation, Clifton, New Jersey

TTL lowband 2-6	-60 dB	0.5 dB	-4 dB	-05 dB	0 2 dB	18 dB	-40° to
TTM midband A-I	-60 dB	1 dB	-5 dB	~1 dB			+140° F
TTH highband 7-13	-55 dB	2 dB	-8 dB	-2 dB			
TTS superband J-W	-55 dB	3 dB	-12 dB	-3 dB			

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\$8.00

N.A.-Not Available

# **Product Profile**

Nodel	Minimum Rejection Depth	Lower Adjacent Channel Video	Lower Adjacent Channel Audio	Upper Adjacent Channel Video	Insertion Loss	Return Loss	Temperature Stability	Additional Information	Price Range
Ceystone Electro	onics Corj	p., Hobol	ken, New	Jersey					
06/2-6 06/A-I 06/7-13 06/S J-W	-55 dB -55 dB -55 dB -55 dB	-5 dB -1 dB -2 dB -3 dB	-5 dB -10 dB -10 dB -15 dB	-5 dB -1 dB -2 dB -3 dB	-1 dB	18 dB	-40° to +140° F	Zinc diecast housing, zinc plate—yellow irridiate finish, jumper cable with "F" fitting attached at one end; other end has short double shielded (foil and braid) 59U cable and "F" fitting. Also available; new line of four-pole traps. trunk/ distribution channel traps, two-way splitter trap and key-lock trap for parental control.	\$4.75- \$6.00
PICO Products	Inc., Liver	rpool, Ne	w York						
Fier traps LBR-4 low band MBR-A-I HBR-7-13 SBR-J-W Super notch liter traps	-50 dB -50 dB -50 dB -50 dB	0 dB -1.5 dB -1 dB	0 dB -5 dB -2 dB	-2 dB -17 dB	€,5 dB	18 dB	-40° to ≁140° F	Drop tested 20 feet to hardtop successfully, thick wall brass housing, anti-corrosive nickel plated, completely potted to stop moisture, neoprene "O" ring at male end, security shield available. Also available; dual filter traps.	\$4.50- \$9.00
SNF-3.4 and 6 SNF-ABC SNF-DEF SNF-GHI SNF-7	-55 cB -55 dB -55 dB -55 dB -55 dB	-1 dB -1 dB -1 dB -1 dB -1 dB	-3 dB -4 dB -5 dB -6 dB -7 dB	-1 dB -1 dB -1 dB -1 dB -1 dB			X	"Promo" encoder and decoder	

Single, Dual	, Three
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Low band 2 and 5 3,4,6 Midband—High band (non-preserve type) A-2-1 7-13 Midband (preserve type) A-1	50 dB 50 dB 50 dB	2 dB 2 dB 3 dB 3 dB	2 dB 2 dB 40 dB 15 dB	2 dB 8 dB dual channel 4 dB	0.5 dB	NA	-20° to +120° F	Coil-type trap. multi-channel capability. components not temperature sensitive. coil- type fits easily on pedestals. easily audited. color coding available. Iow maintenance. direct control device outside subscribers home, inverted. HRC and standard frequencies, weather boots available. Also available: descrambler trap and band reject/band pass filters.	\$5.50- \$12 00
Midband (special notch) A-I (ch. 7 also available w/ this spec)	65 dB	3 dB	40 dB	3 dB dual channel —4 dB					
<b>Superband</b> J-W	50 dB	5 dB	40 dB	4 dB					
Hyperband AA-QQ	50 dB	5 dB	40 dB	4 dB					

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# People News



★ Jackson Enterprises has announced the appointment of Edwin Patterson to director of construction and technical services. His responsibilities include all new and rebuild construction, strand mapping and related mapping services provided by Jackson Enterprises.



Charles Lindsey

\* Charles Lindsey has been named director of engineering at National CableSystems Inc. Lindsey will also serve as director of engineering for Telesat Receiving Systems Inc., a subsidiary of National CableSystems which will provide broadband communication services to small towns and apartment and condominium complexes.

\* Broadband Engineering has announced the promotion of Mark Conklin to manager of the repair division.

Conklin will be charged with the direction

and coordination of the firm's CATV repair activities including the installation of replacement electronics and the repair of the complete range of CATV distribution equipment.

\* Jerrold Distribution Systems Division of **General Instrument Corporation** has named **David Schmidt** vice president of Operations.

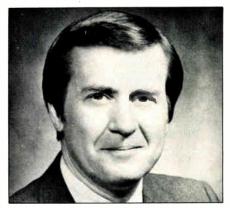
\* Modulation Associates Inc. announced that Michael Phillips has joined the firm as vice president of Business Data Transmission Products. In this position Phillips is responsible for managing the design, development, and production of Modulation Associates' new digital products; including high speed data channels for satellite network control, computer-to-computer information transfer modems, and multi-baud data message handling systems for local distribution of satellite network data.

★ Robert Beck has been appointed technical manager for Columbus Cable TV, Nebraska, a subsidiary of ATC. Beck will be working to build a state-of-the-art system in Columbus. ATC plans to rebuild the 12-channel system to 54-channel capacity over the next several months.

★ Keith Johnson has been appointed director, international product planning, for RCA Commercial Communications Systems Division.

Johnson is responsible for the develop-

ment of television cameras, video tape recording systems and associated equipment for the international marketplace.



George Benton

\* George Benton has joined Belden Corporation as General Manager, Fiber Optics. In this newly created position, Benton will direct the activities of the Fiber Optic Department, and will be responsible for marketing modems and other communication electronic devices under development at the Belden Technical Research Center.

★ Sony Broadcast Products Company has appointed Merle Arnold and Andy Kryworuchenko as sales engineers for its newly created southwest region.

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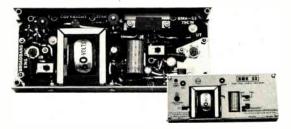
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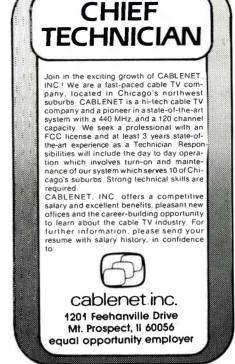


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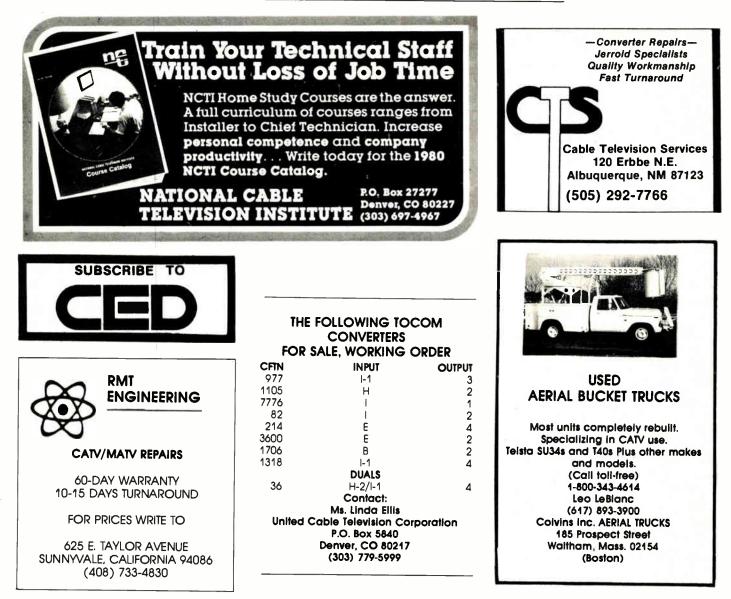
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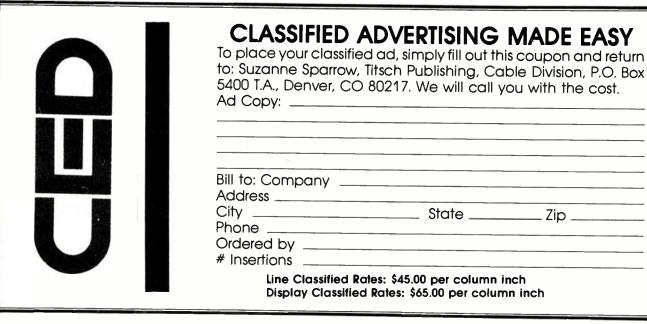
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# Product News

### Jerrold Announces Successful Test Of "EPIC"

The Jerrold Division of General Instrument Corporation has announced they have successfully field-tested a new headend scrambling system that promises improved signal security for cable system operators.

The system was tested during the Cooney-Holmes fight pay-per-view offering by International Cable in West Seneca, N.Y. Dubbed the "EPIC" (electronic program intrusion control), the system rendered inoperable "pirate" descramblers purchased on the open market. Subscribers who had purchased the "pirate" descramblers found that the boxes could not defeat the intermittent random scrambling of the new "EPIC" system. International Cable now uses the system to scramble The Movie Channel.

Jerrold has not released details of the new unit but a company spokesman said the device will be used in "a significant number of other Jerrold addressable systems," and that, since it operates from the headend, it will not require modifica-

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tion of addressable converters already installed.

For more information contact the Jerrold Division of General Instrument Corporation, (215) 674-4800.

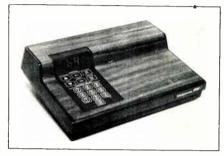
#### New Converter Line From Texscan Corporation

Texscan Corporation has announced a new converter line that includes three levels of set-top converter capabilites: the Textop 60, Textop Plus and Textop Ultra. Each unit is enclosed in a high-impact, ABS woodgrain housing, supported by a rugged steel frame.

Performance features include: up to 60 channel capability, 11 dB typical noise figure and cross modulation, intermodulation and composite triple beats below 60 dB. All units feature frequency synthesized tuning with bright LED read outs.

The Textop 60 features a two-speed scan-up/scan-down control with an addon wireless remote option. The Textop Plus offers all of the features available in the Textop 60, plus AB cable switching and descrambling. A variety of channel capacity options are also available. The Textop Ultra is a microprocessor-based unit with a 20-key direct access IR wireless remote transmitter and memory capable of storing up to 60 favorite channels.

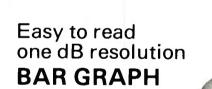
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A range of plug-in accessories is available.

also has an optional plug-in time base corrector.

What's more, the BVH-2000's lighter weight and smaller size (almost 50% less than its predecessor) make it as ideal on the road as it is in the studio.

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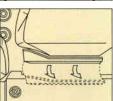
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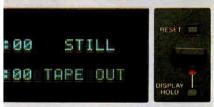


To simplify threading, guide posts automatically move away from drum, and audio head cover opens.

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The new RF Monolithics filter, model number CTVF-3, is connected to the external cable linking the converter and TV receiver units. It is small enough to be easily concealed behind the TV set, and carries an insertion loss of less than 5 dB. Priced at \$16.25 in quantity, the CTVF-3 offers cable companies an economical way to provide more effective subscriber service.

RF Monolithics has also introduced1a new SAW resonator. The new resonator is available in frequencies from 600 MHz to over 1 GHz in the TO-18 header with a height dimension of .090 inches. The 1 GHz version is the first of its kind available commercially.

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Eternal Wo Television		700 pm/1100	pm.	Westar IV #10D	Nickelodeon		80
GalaVision	Weekdays	11 p.m / 11 a m		Westar IV #12D	North Americ	can News	time
	Weekends	24 hrs			PTL		

## Major Communications Satellites Serving North America

Location:	Satellite		
Degrees West Longitude	Present	Future	
70	175	Southern Pacific-2 (Oct. 84)**	
74		Galaxy-2 (Mid 84)	
79		Advanced Westar-2**	
83	Satcom-4		
87	Comstar-D3	Telstar-2	
91	Westar-3	Advanced Westar-1**	
94		SBS-3**	
95	Comstar-D2 & D1	Telstar-1	
97	SBS-2		
99	Westar-1	Westar-4 (Mid 82)**	
100	SBS-1*		
103		GTE-1*	
104		Anik-C (Mid 82)	
106		GTE-2	
109	Anik-B**		
114	Anik-2 & 3		
119	Satcom-2	Southern Pacific-1 (Feb. 84)**	
123	Westar-2	Westar-5 (Early 83)	
127		Comstar-D4 (Mid 82);	
		Telstar-3 (1986)	
131	Satcom-3R		
135	Satcom-1	Galaxy-1 (Mid 82)	
1 39		Satcom-1R (Mid 83)	
143		Satcom-2R (1984)	
`Ku Band ™Dual Ku/C Band			

Signal	Day	Start/Stop		Satellite/ Transponders					
нво		72 Sc 83: Du		om III-R ,#24 (E,C) III-R #13, #22 (M,P`					
HTN		800 pm '200 a	.m 207°/#	Satcom III-R .#21 (P)					
HTN Plus	Daily	4 pm /4 am		Satcom III-R #16					
The Movie Channel		24 hrs	None	Satcom III-R .#5					
Modern Satellite Network	Weekdays	10 a.m /1 p.m	243*′#	Satcom III-R .#22					
MTV: Music Television		24 hrs	None	Satcom III-R.#11					
National Chri Network	stian	600 a m /800 p	m 07 <mark>3*</mark> /#	Satcom IV #7					
National Jew Television	ish Sund	days 1 p m	/4 pm	Satcom III-R #16					
Nickelodeon		8 <mark>00 a m</mark> /900 p m	n 311*/#(E.C 519*/#(P)	.M) Satcom III-R .#1					
North Americ	an Newstin	e 24 hrs	None	Satcom III-R .#6					
PTL		24 hrs	None	Satcom III-R #2					
Preview Char	Preview Channel Weekdays 10 00 a m -1 30 p m 207 1/# Satcom III-R #21								
Reuters	Weekdays	4 am /8 pm	None	Satcom III-R .#18					
SIN		24 hrs	Nore	Westar IV #3x					
SPN		24 hrs	None	Westar IV #11x					
Showtime		24 hrs		com III-R .#12 (E.C) com III-R .#10 (M.P)					
Spotlight		24 hrs	None	Satcom III-R #4					
Trinity (KTB	N)	24 hrs	None	Satcom 4 #17					
USA Cable Network	Daily Weekends	3 a m /10 p m s 10 a.m. /2 a m.	438 */#	Satcom III-R #9					
WFMT		24 hrs	None	Satcom III-R #3 Subcarrier					
WGN		24 hrs	None	Satcom III-R #3					
WOR	Daily	24 hrs 10 a m /5 p r	None	Westar IV #5D					
WTBS		24 hrs	None	Satcom III-R #6					
The Weather Channel		24 hrs	None	Satcom III-R #21					

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mid band 5-NF G-L	-75db	1.0dt	b 🔪 -5dt	o	db
mid band 5-NF 7-13	-75db	1.50	db 🕇 -60	зь / -	1db
high ban 5-NF J-V	d \-75db	2.0	0db - 1	Odb \	-2db
super ba		3	.0db -	15db	-3db



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