

Books, Booklets, Brochures

Secrets of Hollywood Special Effects, by Robert E. McCarthy, provides information on many different kinds of effects, including chemical, pyrotechnics, weapons, levitation, and weather. The 224-page book contains over 200 illustrations and diagrams providing intensive coverage of every detail. Case studies and behind-the-scenes workings of *The Fisher King* and "The Jackie Gleason Show" help to illustrate how professionals make preparations and execute difficult assignments. The author has worked on over 50 motion pictures, 8000 live television shows, and 6 major theme parks. The softcover publication can be ordered from Focal Press, 80 Montvale Ave., Stoneham, MA 02180, for \$38.

The S-Video Product Directory lists approximately 120 products that use the S-Video format, such as Hi8 and S-VHS, and equipment with S-Video input and output. Edit controllers, switchers, A/V mixers, color monitors, effects generators, plug-in computer boards, and TBCs are

among the items detailed in the publication. Each listing includes a product description, technical specifications, pricing, and warranty information, as well as the vendor's name, address, and phone number. All products are indexed according to category, product name, and vendor name. The 80-page, softcover directory is available for \$19.95 from Location Production Guide, P.O. Box 617024, Orlando, FL 32861.

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Modern Audio Technology: A Handbook for Technicians and Engineers, by Martin Clifford, details what can be done to sound and how to generate it, modify it, and record it. The 322-page hardcover book explains the essential elements of sound, illustrates how electrical noise contributes to the enjoyment of music, and removes the mystery and confusion surrounding sound measurement techniques. The publication also shows how sound energy is converted into electrical energy and back into sound; examines the simple devices such as filters, pads, and attenuators; discusses analog and digital audio signals; introduces the subject of acoustics and explains how to exercise control; outlines the methods and techniques for using electronic synthesizers to produce sounds; considers the surround sound systems; and presents methods for in-home recording, including setting up a studio. The book is available for \$40, plus shipping and handling charges, from Prentice-Hall Distribution Center, Route 59 at Brookhill Dr., West Nyack, NY 10994.

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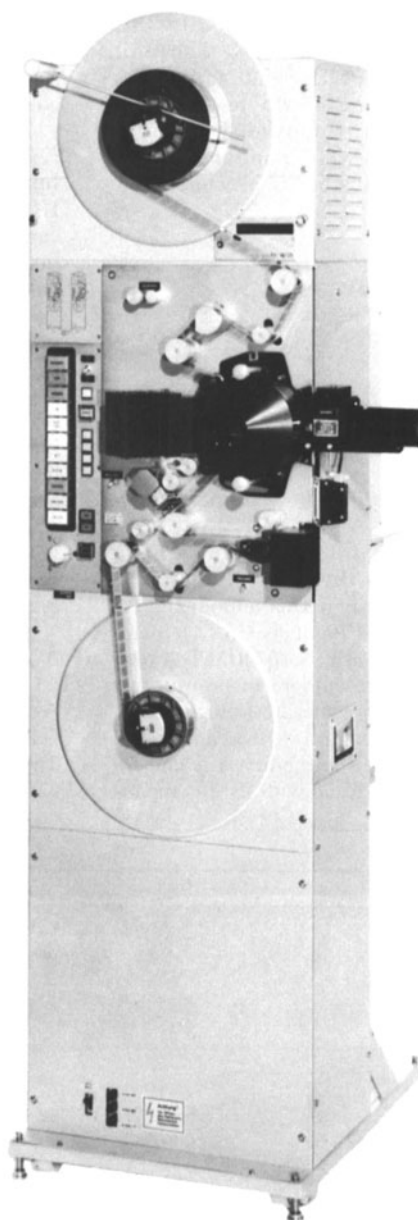
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