

A80 RC MKII Professional Tape Recorders

Performance and reliability in productive use, enduring quality for a demanding future, and accuracy in daily work are characteristic requirements imposed on today's professional studio tape recorders. During the past 30 years STUDER has significantly influenced this development. STUDER has become a synonym for experience and proven technology in the manufacture of tape recorders of the most exacting quality standards.

NEW IN THE MKII-GENERATION

- Accurately timed, electronic editing (in recorders with fulltrack erase head). Drop-in delay can be switched off.
- Breakerless triggering command keys equipped with Hall elements
- Modified dump edit mode
- PLAY preselection during ZERO-LOCATE search
- Pilot and impulse pilot tone (marker) versions for all commonly used systems
- 1/2"- 2-track master tape recorder for most exacting requirements



STUDER tape recorders are Swiss quality products. The secret: in-depth training and highly qualified personnel; sophisticated high-precision machinery, and exacting test and inspection system.



In the 1/2'' version with tape speeds 30 and 15 ips, the A80 RC MKII achieves superb values with respect to stability, accuracy and electrical data.

Design features of the STUDER A80 RC MKII: STABILITY,

for consistent performance to specifications and long service life

- Die-cast light-alloy tape transport and pinch unit chassis (with large stability reserve because chassis are identical to those used in multi-channel recorders)
- Die-cast light-alloy headblock chassis
- Sophisticated servo control circuits for all motors
- Tape tension controlled by electronic sensors, operating and limit values adjustable for various functions

A80 RC MKII – 1/2" The analog master tape recorder for the most exacting requirements



PRECISION,

for quality even in the most demanding use

- High-precision headblock, close head spacing, same precision for pilot head
- Electronic tape counter indicates real time for either tape speed, highly accurate photoelectric scanning
- Precision electronics for audio and transport control, all potentiometers and test points accessible from the front
- Accurate cutting with tape scissors and marking device built into headblock ¹/₄" models
- Accurate electronic editing with synchronous oscillator control for erase and bias frequencies

RELIABILITY,

for reliable operation, round the clock, with a minimum of maintenance

- Breakerless triggered transport logic
- Breakerless triggering, large, illuminated command keys (Hall elements)
- Rugged, maintenance-free, servo-controlled AC motors
- High-quality contact elements to ensure reliable connections for the plug-in modules of the audio and control electronics
- LED status indicator built into transport logic to ensure ease of maintenance
- Fully documented maintenance instructions

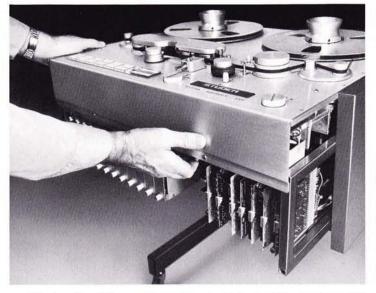
FLEXIBILITY,

- for specialization in wide range of applications
- Two speed versions, 15–7.5 cm/s and 30–15 ips
- Full-track, two-track, and stereo models (as well as models with mono/stereo switching)
- Pilot tone versions for NEO and FM systems with or without resolver
- Marker version for automatic broadcasting systems
- NAB or CCIR equalization, selectable
- Models with or without VU-meter panel and monitor speaker
- Full complement of accessories available for installation, operation and supplementation.



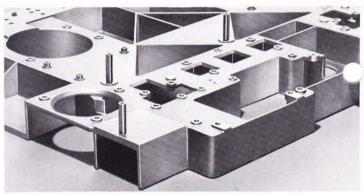
"Universal" console model with VU-meter panel. Shown is the FM pilot tone version with resolver unit A80 RC-2/2 PN-FM-VU. Instead of the VU-meter panel, a storage shelf with or without monitor speaker can be configured.

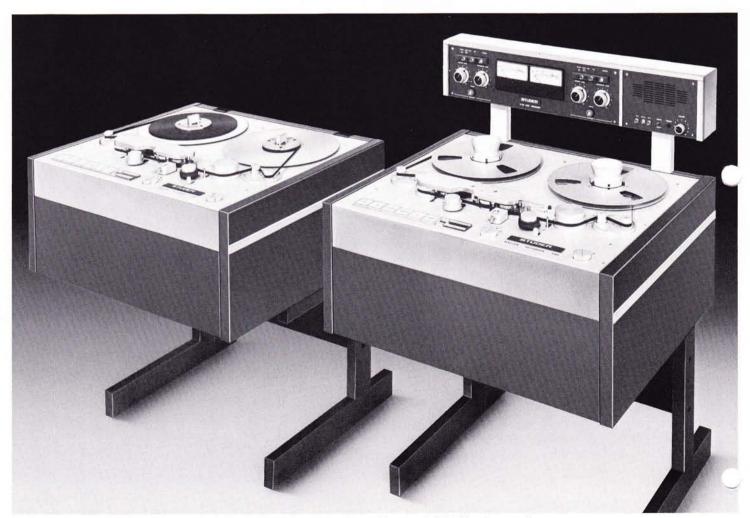
Proven design concepts



All circuits of the audio and control electronics are accessible from the front. For ease of maintenance, the complete tape transport can be pulled out of the console from the front.

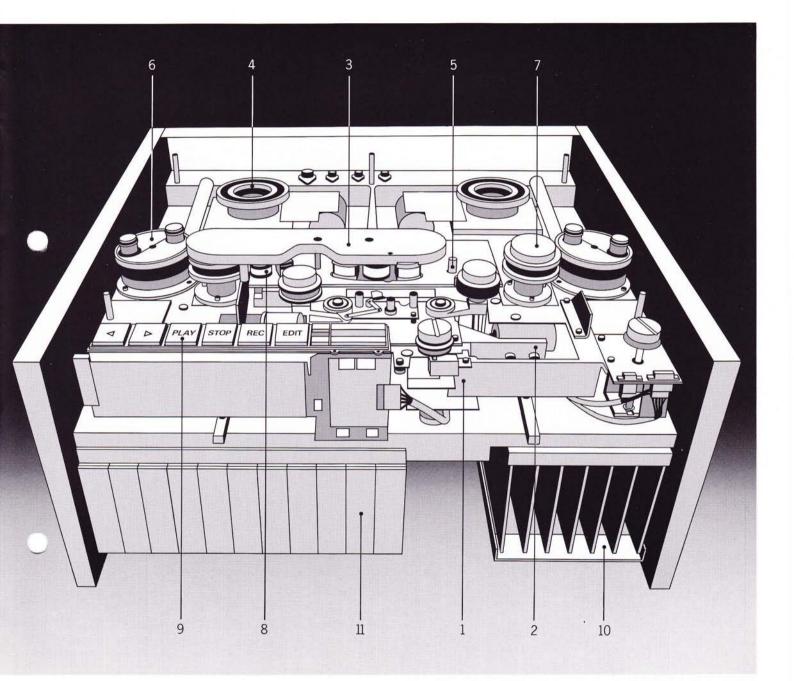
All subassemblies of the tape transport system are mounted on a high-quality die-cast light-alloy chassis identical to the type used in multi-channel machines. The mechanical function modules of STUDER recorders are grouped into modules as is the case for the electronics so that they can be adjusted or replaced with a minimum of effort.





STUDER A80 RC MKII Tape recorders in full-metal "Universal" consoles, without and with VU-meter panel.

Worldwide proven tape transport with the stability and accuracy of a multi-channel machine



- 1. Highly stable die-cast light-alloy chassis, hinged within the frame
- Pinch unit chassis, including movable roller bearings, also die-cast
 Enduring precision of headblock thanks to extremely stable chassis, die-cast
- Rugged, servo-controlled AC motors. Sine wave control for stable wowand-flutter characteristics through the entire control range. Precision quick-release for NAB, DIN and three-prong adapters.
- Maintenance-free AC capstan motor, servo controlled. Vari-speed as standard feature, two ranges, ±4% or ±7 semitones. Only passive control elements are necessary (kit available as optional accessory).
- 6. Precision tape tension sensors with automatic blocking in EDIT mode.
- Light barrier can also be reprogrammed to function as end-of-tape sensor, Sensitivity adjustable.

- 9. Large, illuminated command keys. Maintenance-free switches with Hall elements.
- Transport electronics implemented on plug-in modules, mounted in a hinged chassis. All parameters adjustable from the front, with LED status indicators.
- 11. Audio electronics implemented on plug-in modules, mounted in a hinged chassis. All parameters adjustable from the front.

State-of-the-art tape transport control Programmed with PROMs, with LED status indicator

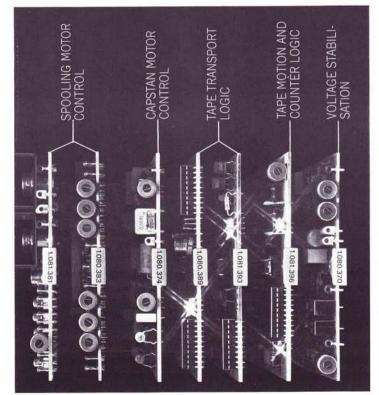
Precision tape counter Real-time indication Programmable display format

Since programmable circuit packages (PROMs) are used, the transport logic operates with stored commands. This means that the transport functions are recalled from memory via address lines. The logic functions are indicated externally by 11 LEDs to enable simple and reliable monitoring of the static and dynamic operating conditions.

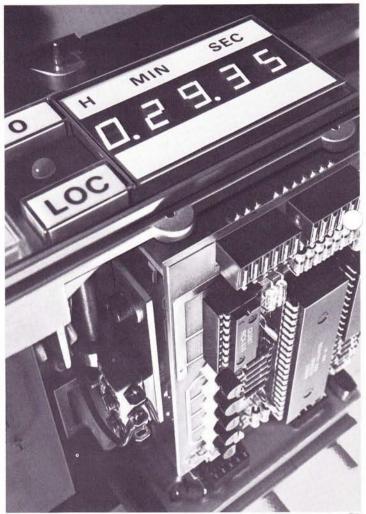
The modern, programmable logic provides many other advantages. For example it can be tailored to meet specific customer and application requirements. It can also be interfaced to a process computer for automatic control and monitoring of functions.

Manual features such as fader start and dump editing have been fully retained.

The various operating modes are actively signalled, i.e. the lamps in the push buttons are also controlled by the logic. The electronic transport control, consisting of 7 printed circuit boards, is accessible from the front so that adjustments and maintenance can be performed under optimum conditions.



Plug-in transport logic with LED status indicators and potentiometers on the front.



Electronic timer and Zero-locator function are standard features.

The electronic tape counter features the following functions:

- Time counter, 6 positions for indicating real time in hours, minutes and seconds, for either tape speed.
- Time displayed with five 7-segment LEDs.
- Display mode selectable with jumper:

MATHEMATICAL FORMAT:

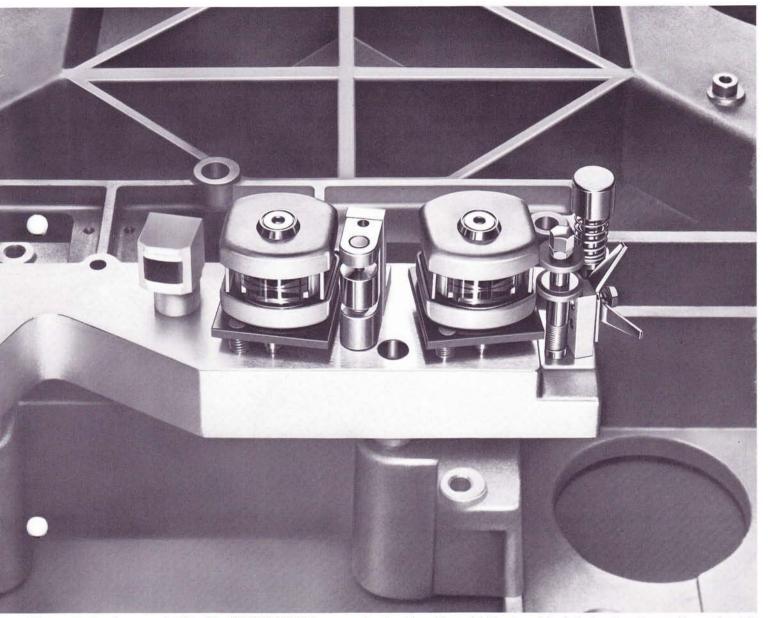
0.00.01/0.00.0/-.00.01.To indicate negative times, the hours digit is used for the minus sign.

COMPLEMENTARY FORMAT:

0.00.01/0.00.00/9.59.59. Negative times are indicated by the complement.

Up to three counters of this type can be connected to a recorder of which one is built in and two are mounted externally. The ZERO-LOCATOR, a standard feature, enables accurate and rapid search of the zero position. The PLAY function can preselected during the search phase.

Precision headblock Maximum stability for consistent performance



The excellent performance stability of the STUDER A80 RC tape recorders is achieved through highest precision in the heads and tape guidance elements combined with the high rigidity of the supporting die-cast light-alloy chassis.

The plug-in headblock assembly designed for close distances between the heads is a precision component of excellent mechanical stability. Together with the rigid tape transport chassis the headblock is responsible for ultralinear tape guidance, a characteristic feature of STUDER tape recorders. It is the guarantee for long-term performance to specifications and gentle treatment of the tapes.

In pilot tone versions, the same stability features also apply to

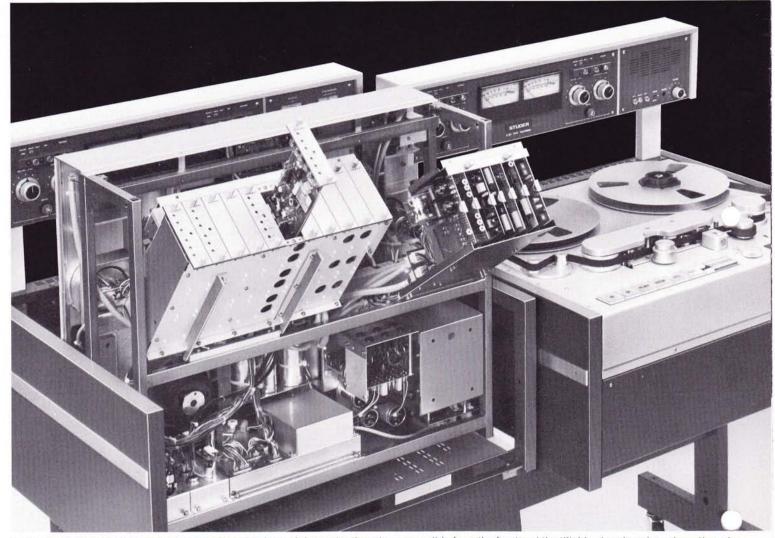
" > pilot head which takes the place of the scrape flutter roller. orose spacing of the heads is very advantageous for electronic editing.

The headblock and the transport control are also designed for manual editing. The CUE point can easily be found thanks to infinitely adjustable spooling speeds (EDIT function) and manually controllable tape monitoring. Because the tape tension sensors are automatically blocked when the tape is stopped in EDIT mode, the editing point can be accurately fixed.



Edit point, marking tape cutting and splicing consume a minimum of time because a (plug-in) marking device, built-in tape scissors and a splicing block on the head cover are standard equipment in the A80 RC MKII.

Audio electronics in professional modular technology Program controlled oscillator for drop- in/drop-out functions



Professional audio electronics implemented on plug-in modules, potentiometers accessible from the front and the tiltable chassis reduce down times to an absolute minimum.

The circuit boards of the audio electronics are conveniently accessible after the hinged front cover is lifted up. In addition, the tape transport can be tilted into upright position in the console and the rack which houses the audio electronics swings out, thus providing unrestricted access to all adjustment controls and test points.

The modular audio electronics can be tailored to any type of application. Plug-in type equalization modules for CCIR and NAB can be installed as specified by the customer.

The following rack locations are prewired for further enhancement of the audio electronics:

- Pilot tone amplifier
- Pilot tone resolver
- Modulation monitor (extended mode control)

Terminals are provided for the following external controls:

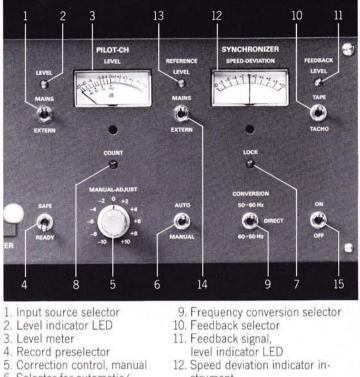
- Remote control
- Capstan speed control
- Extended mode control

The drop-in/drop-out functions are correctly timed by the program controlled oscillator, thus, perfect electronic editing is possible for machines equipped with a fulltrack erase head. The counting pulses are used by the delay circuit as reference signals. The delay is, therefore, not affected by the tape speed and functions correctly also with variable speed control.

<u>IMPORTANT</u>: The drop-in delay can be defeated with a jumper (acknowledged by LED). When changing from RECORD to STOP (not PLAY), the drop-out delay is disabled, i.e. it operates as in a conventional recorder.

STUDER A80 RC-Pilot tone versions solve synchronization problems with professional accuracy

Dimensions Accessories

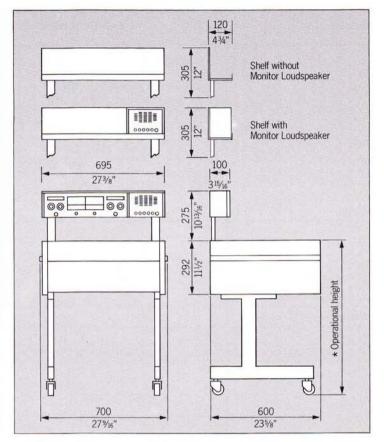


- 6. Selector for automatic/
- manual correction
- Synchro indicator LED
- 8. Pulse difference indicator LED 15. ON/OFF switch (OFF = Stand-by)
- strument
- 13. Reference signal, level indicator LED
- 14. Reference signal source selector

The pilot tone versions of the A80 RC MKII can cope with any problem of synchronizing audio/visual sources and automatic - adcasting systems. The range of models includes mono -corders with Neopilot systems as well as stereo/two-track recorders with FM pilot systems (Nagrasync); all of these are available with or without pilot tone resolver. A special marker version is available for impulse pilot tone systems (automation).

Pilot tone resolvers are designed to correct scanning errors, caused e.g. by crosstalk or tape splices. The sophisticated resolver system not only performs the necessary corrections automatically, but is also capable of performing a number of additional functions and monitoring operations.

- Synchronization from pilot track or internal tacho signal
- Internally stabilized mains frequency signal can also be recorded as pilot tone
- Inertialess display of reference and feedback signal levels with LEDs.
- Preloading of correction memory during test start enables "hot start" with a minimum of resolver correction.
- Manual correction and input of a correction value are feasible. Indication of half-frames gained or lost.
- Frequency converter for 50 Hz and 60 Hz systems
- Digital-analog signal processor with correction memory; stable operation even with faulty pilot feedback signal.



A80 RC "Universal" consoles

Height* 780 mm, with floor slides (20.020.201.00)* Height^{*} 840 mm, with floor slides (20.020.201.01) Height^{*} 900 mm, with floor slides (20.020.201.02) Height' 840 mm, with casters (20.020.201.05) Height* 900 mm, with casters (20.020.201.06) Height* 960 mm, with casters (20.020.201.07)

Shelf with monitor speaker

complete with cable for "Universal" console (21.081.915.00)

Shelf without monitor speaker for "Universal" console (1.038.484.00)

Transport and Zero-locator remote control

in wooden housing (10.403.001.02)

Matching connecting cable, length 15 m (10.403.003.02) Chassis version STUDER standard module dimensions (10.403.001.12) Matching connecting cable, length 15 m (10.403.003.06)

Vari-speed remote control

in wooden housing (10.403.002.01) Corresponding connecting cable, length 15 m (10.403.003.04) Chassis version, STUDER standard module dimensions (10.403.002.11) Matching connection cable, length 15 m (10.403.003.08)

Vari-speed control kit (does not include installation) External components, 10-turn potentiometer and accessories (1.080.080.00)

Monitor speaker kit

for installation in tape transport (1.081.920.00)

Tool kit A80, complete

with 220 V soldering iron (20.020.001.01) with 110V soldering iron (20.020.001.51)

Ordering information

Machine type	Headblock configuration					Additional elec- tronic circuits		Ordering code					
	Erase	rase head Recording head Pilot head											
	Mono	Stereo 2-track	Mono	Ste	reo				Pilottone resolver unit	Stereo/Mono-Switching			
	Full	Over-	Full-		track:	NEO	FM	Marker	ne reso	/Monc		••==•=	
	track	lapping	track	0.75mm	2 mm				lottor	ereo	\odot	\odot	
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Mono]
A80 RC-1	•		۲								60.140.11301		1
A80 RC-1 VU	۲		٠									60.140.11302	No
A80 RC-1 P	٠		•			۲					60.140.11303		
A80 RC-1 PN-VU	•		٠			٠			٠			60.140.11306	
A80 RC-1 P-Marker	۲		۲					٠			60.140.11305		
Stereo													
A80 RC-0.75	•			•							60.140.11320		
A80 RC-0.75 VU	٠			٠								60.140.11321	
A80 RC-0.75 S	•			۲						•	60.140.11325		
A80 RC-0.75 S-VU	۲			۲						•		60.140.11326	1
Stereo/2-track													
A80 RC-2/2		•			•						60.140.11330		Α
A80 RC-2/2 VU		•		-	٠							60.140.11331	В
A80 RC-2/2 P-FM	٠				•		٠				60.140.11332		
A80 RC-2/2 P-FM-VU	٠				٠		•					60.140.11335)
A80 RC-2/2 PN-FM-VU	•				۲		٠		۲			60.140.11333	-
A80 RC-2/2 PN-FM-VU (M)	•				•		۲		۲			60.140.11334	C
Stereo/2-track/1/2"													
A80 RC-2-1/2" VU	•							1				60.140.11342	D

Legend:

- Pilot tone P
- PN = Pilot tone and resolver
- -Stereo/Mono switchable S VU
- -VU-meter, level control and SAFE/READY switching
- Mono (full track) 1
- 2/2 = Stereo/2-track
- (guard track 2 mm) 0.75 Stereo, guard track 0.75 mm
- A - Tracks 1 and 2 can be erased individually. Includes SAFE-READY switch for CH1 and CH2 (on headblock) — Tracks 1 and 2 can be erased individually
- В
- -Monitor speaker built into C
- tape transport cover
- D = Tape speeds 30 - 15 ips -Track width 5.05 mm (0.199") .

Supply following information with order:	Example of correct order specs:		
Ordering code: in addition to the machine type:	60.140.11321 (A80 RC - 0.75 VU)		
Tape speeds: 15-7.5 ips (19 - 38 cm/s) or 30-15 ips (38 - 76 cm/s (A80 RC-2-1/2"VU with 30 - 15 ips only)	15 – 7.5 ips		
Equalization: CCIR or NAB (Selectable, specs required for factory setting)	CCIR		
Type of tape:	3M 250		
Tape flux: (with reference to recording level)	510 nWb for +6 VU		
Line level:	+6 dB		
Terminating impedance:	200 Ohm		
Mains voltage and frequency: 100120 V/200240 V; 50 or 60 Hz	220 V/50 Hz		

(Switchable, specs required for factory setting)

General Notes:

The machine type specifies the chassis version (with or without VU panel). All models are suitable for mounting in a "Universal" console.

CINE, NAB, and DIN adapters as well as spindles are supplied with the recorder. All applicable audio and tape deck connectors are supplied with the recorder.

Technical Specifications STUDER A80 RC-MKII (1/4")

Tape Speeds:	30 ips and 15 ips (76.2 and 38.1 cm/s) or 15 ips and 7.5 ips (38.1 and 19.05 cm/s)						
Tape Speed Deviation:	±0.2% max.						
Tape Slip:		0.1% max.					
Tape Reels:		DIN, NAB, C	INE up to 12"	(300 mm) diameter			
Tape Width:		1⁄4" (6.3 mm)				
Wow and Flutter: IEC 368 (DIN 45507), peak weighted		30 ips 0.04 % max.	15 ips 0.04 % max.	7.5 ips 0.06 % max.			
Starting Time:		0.5 s max.		ed wow and flutter value)			
Tape Counter:		real time in mathematic	$accuracy \pm 0.2\%$ real time indicated in hours, minutes and seconds mathematical or complementary display sequence (complementary without zero-locator function)				
Tape Tension: *				fast wind mode			
Tension Peaks: *		500 p for sta	art, stop and re	serve			
Stopping Time: *		3 s or less fr	om full wind s	peed			
Rewind Time: *		approx. 120	s for 3300 ft (1	000 m) reel			
Audio Line Inputs:		balanced, fl impedanc 8	oating kohms min., 3	0 Hz 20 kHz			
Input Levels:		0 dBm min. +22 dBm n	iax.				
Audio Line Outputs:		impedance.	balanced, floating impedance 30 ohms max., 30 Hz 20 kHz 200 ohms min. load impedance				
Output Level:		max. +24 d	Bm (RL 600 of	ims)			
Equalization:		CCIR or NA	B, jumper sele	ctable			
Equalization Time Con	CCIR: NAB:	30 ips 17.5/∞ µs 17.5/∞ µs	15 ips 35 μs 50/3180 μs	7.5 ips 70 μs 50/3180 μs			
Track Width:		full track 0. stereo 0.	236" (6 mm) 106" (2.7 mm) 079" (2 mm)				
Frequency Response: (Record-Reproduce)	±2dB	30 ips 50 Hz 20 kHz	15 ips 30 Hz 18 kHz	7.5 ips 30 Hz 15 kHz			
	$\pm 1\mathrm{dB}$	60 Hz 18 kHz	60 Hz 15 kHz	60 Hz 12 kHz			
Signal to Noise Ratio:	RMS, <u>Record-F</u>	Reproduce, we	ighting filter <u>DI</u>	N 45405, 1967, equalizatio			
full track (320 nWb/m)	, weighted: unweighted:	30 ips 61 dB 61 dB	15 ips 61 dB 61 dB	7.5 ips 58 dB 58 dB			
stereo (510 nWb/m),	weighted: unweighted:	61 dB 61 dB	61 dB 61 dB	58 dB 58 dB			
two track (320 nWb/m)	, weighted: unweighted:	56 dB 56 dB	56 dB 56 dB	54 dB 54 dB			
Signal to Noise Ratio	: RMS, <u>Reco</u>		1973 - 1974 1974 - 1974	er <u>CCIR 468</u> , equalizatio			
full track (320 nWb/m) stereo (510 nWb/m): two track (320 nWb/m)		30 ips 56 dB 56 dB 51 dB	15 ips 56 dB 56 dB 51 dB	7.5 ips 53 dB 53 dB 49 dB			
Signal to Noise Ratio equalization <u>NAB</u> ▲, refe		ove 200 nWb/r	n	ccording to NAB-standard			
full track:		30 ips 67 dB	15 ips 65 dB	7.5 ips 65 dB			
stereo:		64 dB	62 dB	62 dB			
two track:		63 dB	61 dB	61 dB			
	erred to 1020 n			cording to NAB-standard mid frequency range, mea			
		30 ips	15 ips	7.5 ips			
12 E V 12 17		7.00 103	73 413	73 40			
full track: stereo:		75 dB 72 dB	73 dB 70 dB	73 dB 70 dB			

Distortion: Record-Reproduce, 1 kHz					
CCIR equalization■ tape flux 320 nWb/m: tape flux 510 nWb/m:	0.8 % max.	15 ips 0.8 % max. 2 % max.	1 % max.		
NAB equalization ▲ tape flux 200 nWb/m:	0.5 % max.	0.5 % max.	0.5 % max.		
Crosstalk Rejection: stereo:	40 dB or more, 80 Hz 12 kHz 45 dB at 1 kHz				
Erasure Efficiency:	75 dB or more at 1 kHz				
Erasure and Bias Frequency:	150 kHz				
VU-Meters:	ASA-standard selectable for 0, +4, +6 and +8 dBm at operating level				
Power Requirements:	100 120 V, 200 240 V ± 10 % 50 or 60 Hz				
Power Consumption:	250 VA max. (tape transport and amplifier)				
Temperature Range:	+10°C+40°C (50°F104°F)				
Humidity:	20 % 95 %, no condensed water				
Safety Standard:	according IEC-standard, publication 65, apparatus class 1				
Weight:		53 kg eight) 73 kg reight) 118 kg			

Additional Specifications A80 RC-MKII, 1/2" version

Tape Speeds:	30 ips and 15 ips (76.2 and 38.1 cm/s)			
Tape Width:	1⁄2" (12.7 mm)			
Tape Tension: *	150 200 p			
Track Width:	0.199" (5.05 mm)			

NAB-versions

Signal to Noise Ratio: RMS, <u>Record-Reproduce</u>, unweighted according to NAB-standard, <u>NAB-equalization</u>^o, referred to 6 dB above 510 nWb/m

	30 ips 74 dB	15 ips 72 dB	
Signal to Noise Ratio: RMS, Recor equalization ^o , referred to 6 dB above		weighted as per IEC 179, A-cu	irve, NAB
	30 ips 78 dB	15 ips 75 dB	
Distortion: Record-Reproduce, 1 kH	lz		
NAB-equalization referred to 6 dB above 510 nWb/m:	30 ips 3 % max.	15 ips 3 % max.	

CCIR-versions

Signal to Noise Ratio: RMS, <u>Record-Reproduce</u>, weighting filter <u>DIN 45405/1967</u>, <u>CCIR-equalization</u>^O, referred to 6 dB above 510 nWb/m

	30 ips	15 ips
weighted:	70 dB	70 dB
unweighted:	70 dB	70 dB

Signal to Noise Ratio: RMS, Record-Reproduce, unweighted, weighting filter $\underline{CCIR468}$, $\underline{CCIRequalization}^{O}$, referred to 6 dB above 510 nWb/m

30 ips 65 dB	15 ips 65 dB	
Z		
30 ips 3 % max.	15 ips 3 % max.	
	65 dB z 30 ips	65 dB 65 dB z 30 ips 15 ips

Adjustable with potentiometer
 Measured with AGFA PER 525 or equivalent tape
 Measured with SCOTCH 3M 206 or equivalent tape
 Measured with AMPEX 456 or equivalent tape

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