INSTRUCTION MANUAL

TAPE CARTRIDGE WINDERS

Model TW-120 Model TW-120T Model TW-240 Model TW-240T

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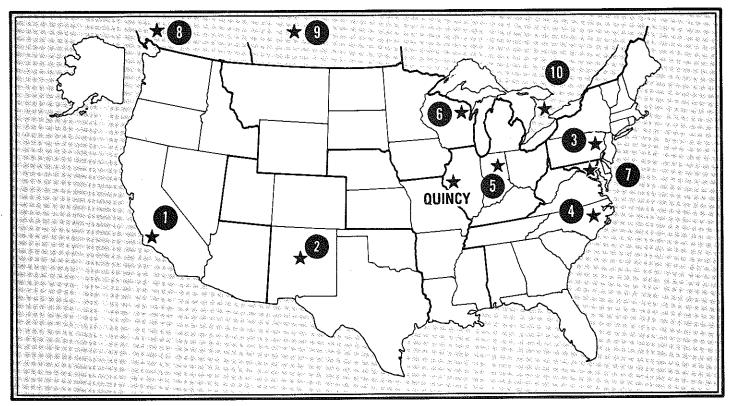
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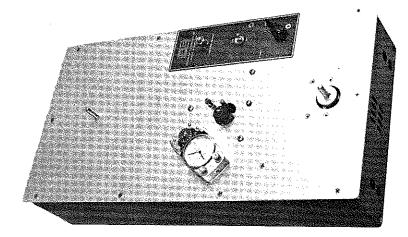
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SECTION I

GENERAL INFORMATION

1-1. EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION.

1-2. The Model TW-120 tape cartridge winder is designed to facilitate the loading of tape on cartridge reels such as the reels used in NAB tape cartridge machines (see Figure 1-1).



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FIGURE 1-1. TAPE WINDER, TIMER INSTALLED

1-3. Four models of the tape winder are available. The TW-120 tape winder operates from an ac input of 115V ac and the TW-240 tape winder operates from an ac input of 230V ac. Both the TW-120 and the TW-240 are supplied without the optional tape timer which can be customer installed.

1-4. The TW-120T tape winder operates from an ac input of 115V ac and the TW-240T tape winder operates from an ac input of 230V ac. Both models are supplied with the tape timer factory installed.

1-5. The operation and maintenance of the 230 volt versions are identical to the 115 volt versions with the following exceptions:

TW-120(T)	<u>TW-240(T)</u>
115V motor	230V motor
1 ampere fuse	1/2 ampere fuse

1-6. The winding speed of all models is 22.5 inches per second (57.15 cm/s). Since most tape cartridge equipment operates at 7.5 inches per second (19.05 cm/s), the timing of the tape loaded in a cartridge can be easily determined by multiplying the winding time by three. If the unit is equipped with a tape timer, then the timing of tape loaded in a cartridge can be read directly from the timer.

1-7. EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS.

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1-8. Refer to Table 1-1 for electrical and physical specifications for all models of the cartridge tape winder.

PARAMETER	SPECIFICATION
SPEED	22.5 in/sec (57.15 cm/s)
POWER REQUIREMENTS: TW-120, TW-120T TW-240, TW-240T	115V ac, 50/60 Hz, 100W Maximum 230V ac, 50/60 Hz, 100W Maximum
DRIVE MOTOR	Four Pole Induction
TAKE-UP MOTOR	Shaded Pole Induction
TAPE TIMER	Standard in TW-120T, TW-240T
CAPACITY	Handles Supply Reel Up to 3600 ft. (1097.28 m) of 1 mil (0.025 mm) tape
TAKE-UP REEL	Up to 7.25 inches (18.42 cm) Diameter
WEIGHT	9.5 Pounds (4.31 kg)
SIZE	10 inches Wide X 20 inches Long X 6.75 inches High (25.4 cm X 50.8 cm X 17.16 cm)

TABLE 1-1. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

SECTION II OPERATION

2-1. INTRODUCTION.

2-2. Tape and cartridges will last longer and overall operation will be better if proper care is provided for all recording and playback equipment. The recorder and playback equipment head, pressure roller, and capstan should be cleaned daily with BE 903 fluid or the equivalent. Minute buildups of oxide particles on the equipment heads will cause streaking of the oxide tape surface. It is very important that the capstan spindle and the pressure roller be kept clean to prevent speed variations, wow, or flutter. When cleaning the pressure roller, use a scrubbing motion to provide a good gripping surface against the capstan.

2-3. Scotch 156 graphite lubricated tape, if not available through a local supplier, may be purchased through Broadcast Electronics, Inc., as well as empty cartridges, BE 903 cleaning fluid, and recommended splicing supplies.

2-4. OPERATION WITHOUT TAPE TIMER.

2-5. The following procedure describes operation of the Broadcast Electronics models TW-120 and TW-240 tape winders.

- A. Place the slip-disc supplied with the tape winder on the supply spindle.
- <u>NOTE</u> NOTE

USE ONLY GRAPHITE LUBRICATED TAPE SUCH AS SCOTCH BRAND NO. 156 OR EQUIVALENT TAPE. DO NOT USE STANDARD TAPE.

- B. Place the tape supply reel on the slip disc with the tape end feeding from the left side. If 3600 feet (1097.28 cm) of bulk tape with an NAB hub us used, then any standard NAB hub adapter, such as the adapter supplied with any conventional tape recorder to convert the hub to the correct spindle size, can be used.
- C. Operate the capstan release control to move the pressure roller away from the capstan.
- D. Thread the tape between the pressure roller and the capstan, keeping the lubricated side of the tape next to the pressure roller. Pull the tape through until the end of the tape extends approximately eight inches (20.32 cm) beyond the edge of the case.
- E. Release the capstan release control so that the pressure roller rests against the capstan.

- F. Place the cartridge reel on the winder take-up spindle and seat the reel firmly.
- G. By hand, wind clockwise approximately 1 1/2 to 2 turns of tape on the cartridge reel hub with the tape end forming the inside turn. Leave approximately 1/2 inch (1.27 cm) of tape exposed above the rim of the hub. It is not required to secure the tape end, as winding pressure will hold the tape in place. The oxide coated side of the tape should be to the outside and the lubricated side should be to the inside of the reel.
- H. Rotate the reel by hand to take up all slack.
- Operate the power switch to ON and wind the required amount of tape on the reel. Operate the power switch to OFF.
- J. Cut the tape at a point between the reel and the capstan.
- K. Remove the cartridge reel from the winder and place the cartridge reel on a flat surface for tape splicing.
- L. Remove three or four turns of the tape from the center of the reel by pulling the exposed tape end at the hub. Enough tape turns should be removed to allow the tape to be pulled freely from the hub without crinkling or curling with sufficient tape for splicing.
- M. Allow about four inches (10.16 cm) of good tape on each end for ease in splicing and cut off any damaged tape.
- N. Splice the ends of the tape together using a good quality splicing tape on the lubricated side of the tape. Rub the splice with a smooth blunt tool to assure adhesion. Do not use excessive splicing tape. The splice should be no more than 1/2 inch (1.27 cm) long.
- Replace the reel in the tape cartridge and thread the tape through the tape guides with the oxide surface to the outside.
- P. If reconditioning old cartridges, ensure that all parts are clean and that the reel spindle and bearing surfaces are clean and properly lubricated. Use "Lubriplate" or a similar lubricant to lubricate the spindle as well as the nylon washer on which the reel sets.
- Q. Work the excess tape onto the reel by hand. Loose slack in the turns will be taken-up when the cartridge is put into use.

- R. Ensure the pressure pads are parallel to the cartridge base and are pulled forward enough so that the pads will hold firmly against the heads when the cartridge is placed in the equipment. If required, use adhesive to hold the pressure pads in place.
- S. Ensure the cartridge corner post is secured in place at the proper height to guide the tape without excessive play or wrinkling.
- T. Replace the cartridge top and guide wire(s) and check for proper cartridge operation by placing the cartridge in a playback machine.

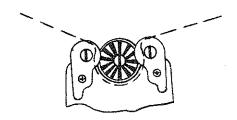
2-6. OPERATION WITH TAPE TIMER.

2-7. The following procedure describes operation of the Broadcast Electronics models TW-120T and TW-240T tape winders. Figure 2-1 and Table 2-1 should be referenced for an explanation of the tape timer controls and indicators.

2-8. PROCEDURE.

2-9. The procedure for operation without the tape timer may be used with the following exceptions:

AFTER STEP B: Thread the tape through the timer (see Figure 2-2). Note that the tape passes in front of the pinch rollers and behind the main roller. The normal tape winder threading operation should be completed.



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FIGURE 2-2. TAPE THREADING

AFTER STEP H:

NOTE

USE THE BLACK OUTER SCALE OF THE TAPE TIMER FOR ALL READINGS BASED ON 7 1/2 INCHES PER SECOND (19.05 cm/s) CARTRIDGE SPEED.

Set the tape timer hands to black 30 (see Figure 2-1).

AFTER STEP I:

NOTE

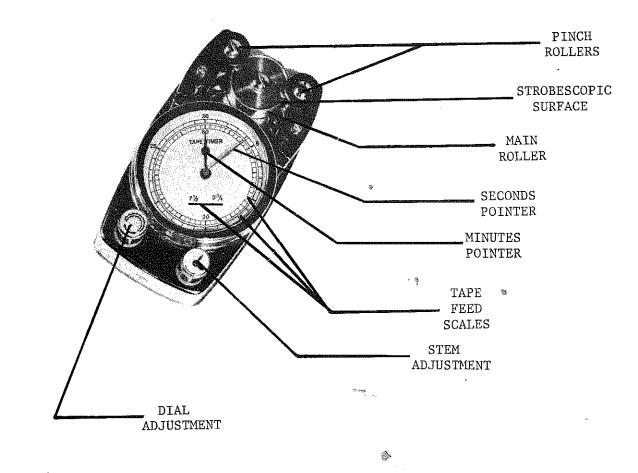
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THE TAPE TIMER LARGE HANDS MEASURE SECONDS AND THE SMALL HANDS MEASURE MINUTES.

Operate the power switch to ON. When the tape timer reaches the desired indication, stop the tape winder.

2-10. ALTERNATE TIMER OPERATION PROCEDURE.

2-11. Some users may prefer an alternate method wherein the timer is preset to the desired length. By reversing the threading procedure, the timer hands will run backward. When both hands reach the black 30 indication, the desired length of tape will have been run off.



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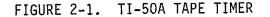


TABLE 2-1. TAPE TIMER CONTROLS AND INDICATORS

CONTROL	INDICATOR FUNCTION
PINCH ROLLERS	These rollers act as a press and a guide for the tape. The bearing surfaces are an oilless metal.
STROBESCOPIC SURFACE	Provides a means to confirm tape speed accuracy of the tape winder.
MAIN ROLLER	The main roller rotates with the tape travel, interlocking the gears inside which move the pointers. The bearing surface is an oilless metal.
STEM ADJUST	Adjust the minute pointer and the seconds pointer in either direction. The stem control may be adjusted while the tape is in motion.
DIAL ADJUST	Adjusts the incline of the dial plane for the best viewing angle.
POINTERS AND SCALES	NOTE
	THE SPEED OF THE TAPE WINDER IS 22.5 in/s (57.15 cm/s). THEREFORE, THE TIMER DIAL INDICATION MUST BE MUL- TIPLIED BY THREE TO OBTAIN THE PLAY- ING TIME OF THE TAPE WOUND ON THE CARTRIDGE SPINDLE AT 7.5 in/s (19.05 cm/s).
	When the tape is fed at a speed of 3.75 in/s (9.53 cm/s), only the red scale divisions are used. One full revolution of the seconds pointer (long pointer) takes 60 seconds, while a full revolution of the minu- tes pointer (shorter pointer) takes 60 minutes.
 . 	When the tape is fed at a speed of 7.5 in/s (19.05 cm/s), only the black scale divisions are used. One full revolution of the seconds pointer (long pointer) takes 30 seconds, while a full revolution of the minu- tes pointer (short pointer) takes 30 minutes.

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SECTION III

MAINTENANCE

3-1. INTRODUCTION.

3-2. Very little maintenance is required for trouble-free operation of the Broadcast Electronics tape winder. All routine maintenance is described in the following paragraphs.

3-3. LUBRICATION.

3-4. Occasional cleaning of the pressure roller and capstan together with application of a few drops of No. 20 weight non-detergent oil to the front and rear motor bearings each 90 days is all that is reguired.

3-5. ADJUSTMENTS.

3-6. A variable resistor in series with the take-up motor adjusts the take-up reel torque. This torque is preset at the factory to provide the optimum take-up torque for series 300 cartridges. When winding alternate cartridges, the TENSION ADJUST control setting may be changed to provide a tighter or looser wind as required.

3-7. TAPE TIMER FIELD INSTALLATION.

3-8. The TI-50A tape timer is installed at the factory on TW-120T and TW-240T model tape winders. The tape timer is available separately as an option for field installations on the TW-120 and TW-240 tape winders.

3-9. PROCEDURE.

3-10. The following procedure provides for tape timer field installation:

WARNING ENSURE ALL POWER IS DISCONNECTED BEFORE PROCEEDING.

- A. Ensure all primary ac power is disconnected.
- B. Refer to drawing B900-0102.
- C. Remove the ten "A" screws and lift the deck from the chassis.
- D. Remove and retain the two "B" screws and scorresponding hardware from the underside of the deck.
- E. Place the timer on the deck over the "B" holes, positioning the timer as shown in Figure 1-1. Fasten the timer to the deck with the hardware removed from the "B" holes.
- F. Replace the deck on the chassis with the ten "A" screws.

WARNING: DISCONNECT POWER PRIOR TO SERVICING

SECTION IV

PARTS LIST

4-1. INTRODUCTION.

4-2. This section provides descriptions and part numbers for parts and assemblies required for maintenance of all models of the Broadcast Electronics Tape Winders. Each table entry in this section is indexed by the reference designators of the applicable schematic diagram.

4-3. Table 4-1 indexes all tables listing assemblies and subassemblies having replaceable parts, the table number listing the parts, and the page number of the applicable table.

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TABLE 4-1. REPLACEABLE PARTS LIST INDEX

SECTION V

DRAWINGS

5-1. INTRODUCTION.

5-2. This section provides assembly drawing and schematic diagrams as indexed below:

FIGURE	TITLE	NUMBER
5-1 5-2	TAPE WINDERS WIRING DIAGRAM TW-120, TW120T, TW-240, TW-240T	B900-0102 B900-0101 s

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REF. DES.	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.	QTY.
F1	Fuse, 3AG, 1 Ampere	330-0100	1
M1	Motor Drive Universal W/Mtg Plate 115V, 50/60 Hz, 0.42A, 1550 RPM	383-0058	1
M2	Motor, Take Up, 120V, 60 Hz, 32W	383-0601	1
R1	Potentiometer, 500 Ohm, 25W, W/W (TENSION ADJUST)	195-0156	1
S1	Switch, Toggle, SPST, 3A @ 250V (ON/OFF)	348-8280	1
XF1	Fuse Holder, 3AG	415-2012	
	Release Lever	449-0015	1 1 1 1
	Pressure Roller Plate	479-0091	1
	Pressure Roller Spindle	449-0012	1
	Pressure Roller ID: 0.189 In + Ø.ØØØ In, - 0.001 In OD: 0.795 In ± 0.003 In WIDTH: 0.375 In + Ø.ØØØ In, -0.015 In	404-0001	1
	Phenolic Bar Spacer	407-0907	1
	Bar, Bushing	442-0013	1
	Spindle, Supply	449-0010	1
	Motor Spindle	449-0023-2	1
	Overlay	596-0009	1
	Feet, Rubber	403-2194	4
	Bushing, Panel, W/Mtg Hardware	442-0119	4 1
	"E" Ring for Pressure Roller	454-3318	1
	Knob	482-2232	1
	Washer, Nylon	423-5008	1 1 2 1
	Washer, Nylatron	423-5009	
	"E" Ring for Release Lever Shaft	454-0500	1 1
	Spring	432-0041	
	Tape Guide	445-0173	1
	Fan Blade for Drive Motor	409-0469	1

TABLE 4-2. TW-120 TAPE CARTRIDGE WINDER 115V, 50/60 Hz 900-0100

TABLE 4-3.TAPE CARTRIDGE WINDER W/TIMER, 115V, 50/60 Hz900-0110- (Sheet 1 of 2)

REF. DES.	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.	QTY.
 F1	Fuse, 3AG, 1 Ampere	330-0100	. 1
M1	Motor Drive Universal W/Mtg Plate, 115V, 50/60 Hz, 0.42A, 1550 RPM	383-0058	1
M2	Motor, Take Up, 120V, 60 Hz, 32W	383-0601	1
R1	Potentiometer, 500 Ohm, 25W, W/W (TENSION ADJUST)	195-0156	1
S1 TI-50A	Switch, Toggle, SPST, 3A @ 250V (ON/OFF) Tape Timer	348-8280 800-4002	1 1

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REF. NO.	<u>900-0110 - (Sheet 2 of 2)</u> DESCRIPTION	PART NO.	QTY.
		415 0010	1
XF1	Fuse Holder, 3AG	415-2012	1 1
	Release Lever	449-0015	1
	Pressure Roller Plate	479-0091	1 1
	Pressure Roller Spindle	449-0012	1
	Pressure Roller ID: 0.189 In + Ø.ØØØ In, - 0.001 In OD: 0.795 In ± 0.003 In WIDTH: 0.375 In + Ø.ØØØ In, - 0.015 In	404-0001	1
	Phenolic Bar Spacer	407-0907	1
	Bar, Bushing	442-0013	1
	Spindle, Supply	449-0010	1
	Motor Spindle	449-0023-2	1
	Overlay	596-0009	
	Feet, Rubber	403-2194	4
	Bushing, Panel W/Mtg Hardware	442-0119	1
~~ ~	"E" Ring for Pressure Roller	454-3318	1
	Knob	482-2232	1
		423-5008	Ž
	Washer, Nylon	423-5009	1
	Washer, Nylatron	454-0500	1
~	"E" Ring for Release Lever Shaft	432-0041	1
	Spring	445-0173	1 4 1 1 2 1 1 1 1
	Tape Guide		1
	Fan Blade for Drive Motor	409-0469	Ŧ

TABLE 4-3. TAPE CARTRIDGE WINDER W/TIMER, 115V, 50/60 Hz 900-0110 - (Sheet 2 of 2)

TABLE 4-4. TAPE CARTRIDGE WINDER, 240V, 50/60 Hz 900-0200 - (Sheet 1 of 2)

REF. DES.	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.	QTY.
 F1	Fuse, 3AG, 1/2 Ampere	334-0050	1
M1	Motor Drive Universal W/Mtg Plate, 230V, 50/60 Hz, 0.21A, 1550 RPM	383-0002	1
M2	Motor, Take Up, 230V, 50 Hz	383-0001	1
R1	Potentiometer, 1 k Ohm, 25W, W/W (TENSION ADJUST)	190-0158	1
S1	Switch, Toggle, SPST, 3A @ 250V (ON/OFF)	348-8280	1
XF1	Fuse Holder, 3AG	415-2012	1
	Release Lever	449-0015	1
	Pressure Roller Plate	479-0091	1
	Pressure Roller Spindle	449-0012	1
 ×	Pressure Roller ID: 0.189 In + Ø.ØØØ In, - 0.001 In OD: 0.795 In ± 0.003 In	404-0001	1
~	WIDTH: 0.375 In + Ø.000 In, - 0.015 In Phenolic Bar Spacer	407-0907	1

REF. DES.	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.	QTY.
	Bar, Bushing	442-0013	1
~~	Spindle, Supply	449-0010	1
	Motor Spindle	449-0023-2	1
	Overlay	596-0009	1
	Feet, Rubber	403-2194	4
	Bushing, Panel W/Mtg Hardware	442-0119	1
	"E" Ring for Pressure Roller	454-3318	1
	Knob	482-2232	1
	Washer, Nylon	423-5008	2
	Washer, Nylatron	423-5009	1
	"E" Ring for Release Lever Shaft	454-0500	1
	Spring	432-0041	1
	Tape Guide	445-0173	1
	Fan Blade for Drive Motor	409-0469	1

TABLE 4-4. TAPE CARTRIDGE WINDER, 240V, 50/60 Hz 900-0200 - (Sheet 2 of 2)

TABLE 4-5.TAPE CARTRIDGE WINDER W/TIMER, 240V, 50/60 Hz900-0210-(Sheet 1 of 2)

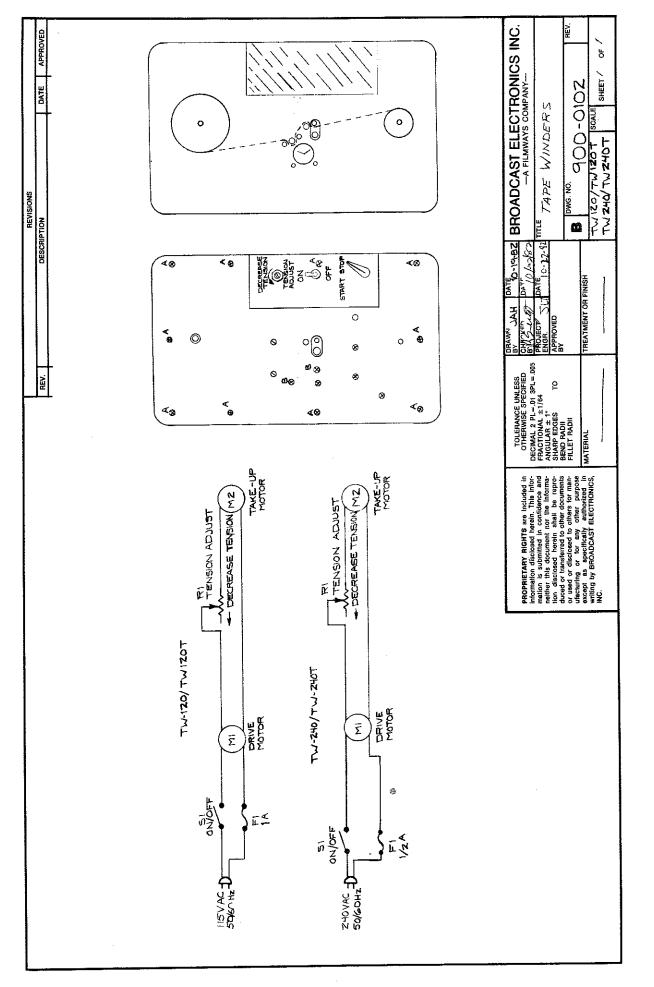
REF. DES.	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.	QTY.
 F1	Fuse, 3AG, 1/2 Ampere	334-0050	1
MI	Motor Drive Universal W/Mtg Plate, 230V, 50/60 Hz, 0.21A, 1550 RPM	383-0002	1
M2	Motor, Take Up, 230V, 50 Hz	383-0001	1
R1	Potentiometer, 1 k Ohm, 25W, W/W (TENSION ADJUST)	190-0158	1
S1	Switch, Toggle, SPST, 3A @ 250V (ON/OFF)	348-8280	1
TI-50A	Tape Timer	800-4002	1
XF1	Fuse Holder, 3AG	415-2012	1 1 1
	Release Lever	449-0015	1
	Pressure Roller Plate	479-0091	1
	Pressure Roller Spindle	449-0012	1 1
	Pressure Roller	404-0001	1
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		407-0907	1
	Phenolic Bar Spacer	442-0013	1 1
	Bar, Bushing	449-0010	ī
	Spindle, Supply	449-0023-2	1
	Motor Spindle	596-0009	1 1
	Overlay	403-2194	4
	Feet, Rubber	442-0119	1
	Bushing, Panel W/Mtg Hardware	454-3318	1
	"E" Ring for Pressure Roller	454-3316 482-2232	1
	Knob	402-2232	T

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REF. DES.	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.	QTY.
······································	Washer, Nylon	423-5008	2
	Washer, Nylatron	423-5009	1
	"E" Ring for Release Lever Shaft	454-0500	1
	Spring	432-0041	1
	Tape Guide	445-0173	1
	Fan Blade for Drive Motor	409-0469	ī

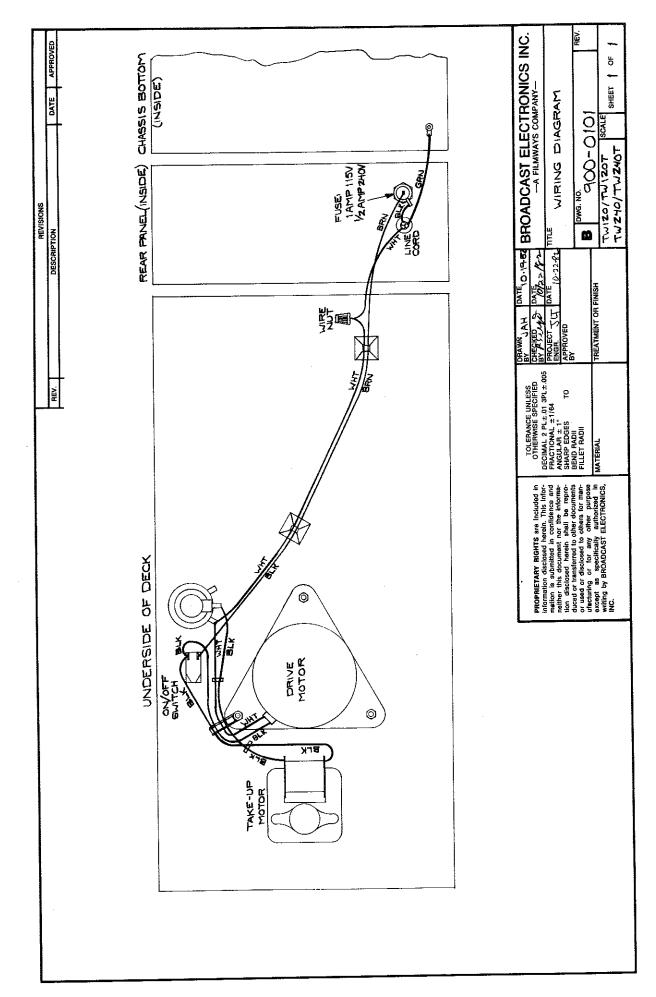
TABLE 4-5.TAPE CARTRIDGE WINDER W/TIMER, 240V, 50/60 Hz900-0210-(Sheet 2 of 2)



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SECTION VI

MANUFACTURERS DATA

6-1. INTRODUCTION.

6-2. This section lists data applicable to the operation and use of all models of the Broadcast Electronics tape winder. The following information is contained in this section.

- A. The NAB Tape Cartridge and Its Maintenance.
- B. Motor Spindle And Spindle Adaptor Installation Instructions.

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The NAB Tape Cartridge and Its Maintenance

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THE NAB TAPE CARTRIDGE

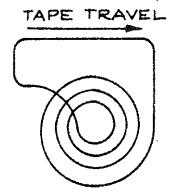
The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) defines a cartridge as "a plastic or metal enclosure containing an endless loop of lubricated tape, wound on a rotatable hub in such a fashion as to allow continuous motion." Cartridges from the various manufacturers differ slightly in details, but all cartridges usable in NAB standardized systems fit the preceeding definition.

THE TAPE

Cartridge tape consists of a synthetic base material approximately 1 mil (0.001 inch) thick. One side of the base is coated with ferric oxide particles for magnetic recording. The other surface is coated with a graphite layer. The total thickness of the tape is approximately 1.5 mils (0.0015 inch). The tape is 0.248 (+0/-0.002) inches wide.



The endless loop is formed by wrapping the tape with the oxide side out into a spiral. The two ends are spliced together so that as the tape is pulled from the center, it passes across the tape heads and winds back onto the outside of the tape spiral.

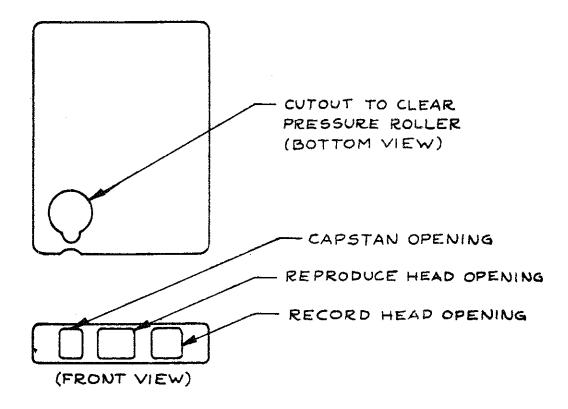


TAPE SPIRAL

THE SHELL

The shell holds the tape and other parts. There are three standard sizes of shells: A (Broadcast Electronics 300 series), B (600 series), and C (1200 series). Assuming 1.5 mil tape, the type A cartridge can be loaded with up to 395 feet of tape, the B with up to 650 feet, and the C with up to 1250 feet.

There are three openings across the front of the cartridge that allow the heads and capstan to penetrate the shell and contact the tape. In addition, there is an opening in the bottom for the pressure roller to rotate through the cartridge behind the tape. Unlike some cartridges used in consumer entertainment systems, the pressure roller (pinch roller or capstan idler) is part of the cartridge player and not the cartridge.



NAB tape cartridge dimension standards are presented in Figure 1 and NAB tape head dimension standards are presented in Figure 2.

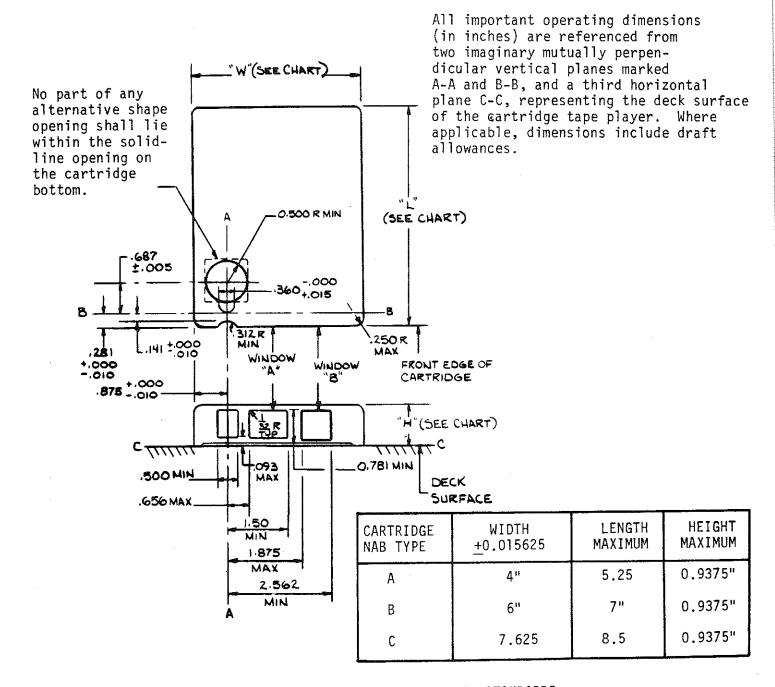


Figure 1. NAB CARTRIDGE DIMENSION STANDARDS

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MONOPHONIC STANDARD

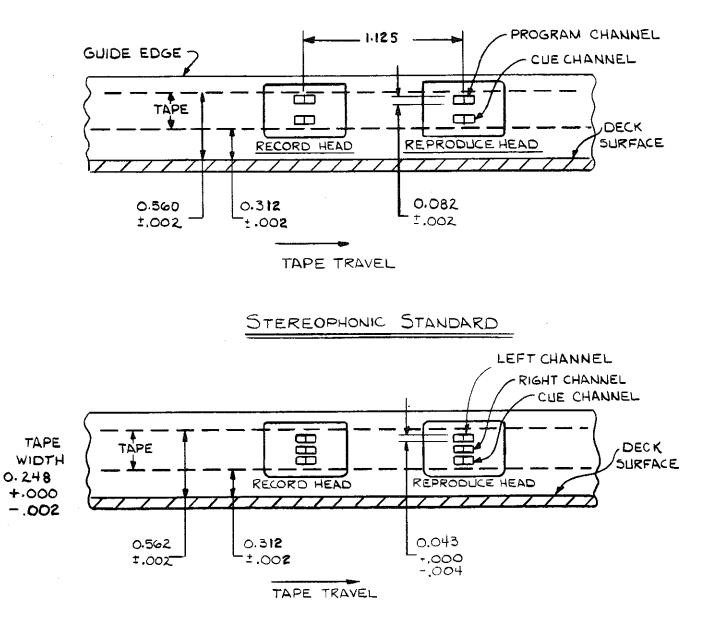
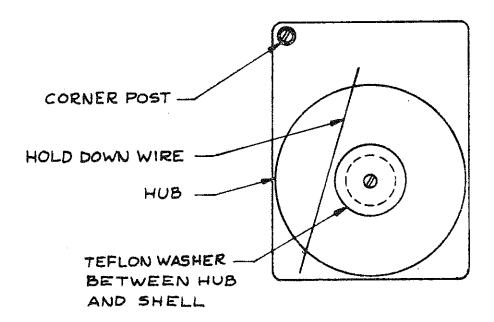


Figure 2. NAB TAPE HEAD DIMENSION STANDARDS

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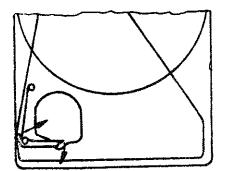
TAPE HUB, TEFLON WASHER, AND CENTER POST

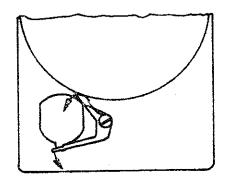
The tape hub stores the tape which is not passing by the cartridge openings. The hub is free to rotate around the center post. To allow free rotation, a teflon washer is used between the hub and the shell. Some means must be provided to keep the tape flat on the hub. A separate cover may fit over the hub, the top may be molded so that the clearance between the hub and the shell is just greater than the tape width, or a hold-down wire may be placed so that it passes above one side of the hub.

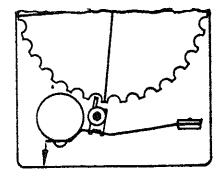


CLUTCH SPRING OR HUB BRAKE (SPRING ACTION DEVICE)

The clutch spring or hub brake keeps the tape from moving when the cartridge is not in place in a machine. This is done either by applying a brake to the hub or by pressing the tape against the shell. The clutch or brake is released by the shaft of the pressure roller when the roller is in the vertical position.



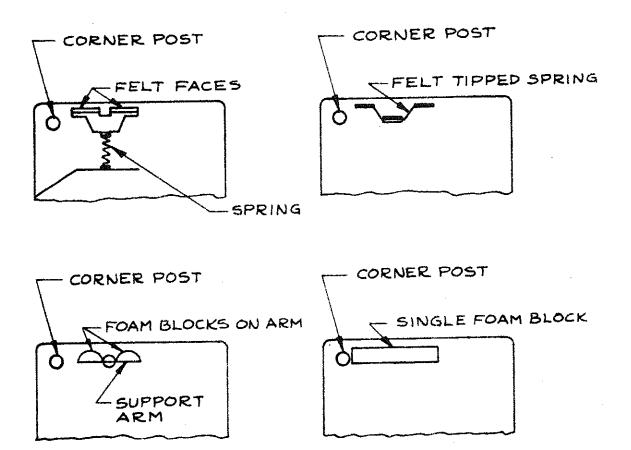




PRESSURE PADS

The pressure pads ensure the tape remains in contact with the heads. A foam plastic is the most commonly used material for the pressure pads. The compression of the foam provides pressure to wrap the tape slightly around the heads. Felt is less frequently used. To provide pressure on the tape, the felt is mounted on a phosphor bronze arm or a spring-loaded plastic block.

The foam may be a single block mounted behind the two openings for the record and reproduce heads and held in place by ridges cast into the shell. Alternately, the foam may be in two separate pieces fastened to a metal or plastic arm. A third type mounts the foam on a spring-loaded plastic block. To ensure smooth tape travel, teflon is usually applied to the face of the foam.



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TAPE GUIDANCE

Primary control of the tape as it moves across the heads is maintained by external guides in the head bracket. Guidance is provided within the cartridge to keep the tape traveling the same path. This is generally accomplished with tabs and grooves molded into the shell. Of primary importance is the corner post which must straighten the tape before it passes across the front openings of the shell. This post may be molded into the shell or a separate piece glued into a dimple in the shell.

CARTRIDGE MAINTENANCE TIPS

The cartridge is the second half of the tape cartridge system. The cartridge needs regular care just like the cartridge recorder or reproducer. The service department of Broadcast Electronics has developed over the years a rule of thumb for trouble-shooting: <u>Check</u> the cartridge before adjusting the machine.

TAPE

For maximum performance, the tape must be in good condition. The tape in cartridges wears rapidly, particularly in short length cartridges (70 seconds or less) and cartridges that are used frequently. The tape should be inspected regularly and frequently for obvious signs of wear.

Cartridges should be rewound or replaced when the oxide side of the tape is shiny. Likewise the tape should be discarded if it is wrinkled, or contaminated with fingerprints, grease, or dirt. Less obvious are drop-outs or areas where the iron oxide particles have come loose from the base of the tape. Drop-outs may not be visible, but will show up as a loss of audio signal.

If possible only one type of tape should be used in a single installation. Different brands, and even different types of the same brand of tape require different bias recording levels for optimum response.

When rewinding cartridges use only a graphite lubricated tape. Silicone lubricated tapes cannot stand up to the rugged service in a cartridge.

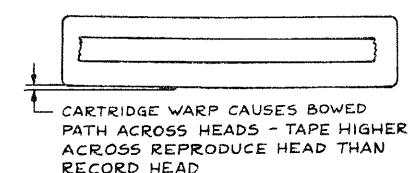
Every cartridge tape must have one splice, but multiple splices can cause problems. If the top tape ends overlap at the splice or do not meet squarely, the audio may dropout. In addition, a poor splice will catch on the cartridge or the hub. After a splice has been in use for some time, the tape tension may pull the two ends of the tape apart, slightly opening the splice.

Proper tape tension is most critical. If the tension is too great, the tape will wear rapidly as it is squeezed against the hub, the pressure pads, the corner post, and the tape on the hub. If the tension is too light, the tape will not be pulled back into the hub. The NAB specifies that tape tension at the capstan should not exceed 3 ounces. Cartridges over 70 seconds in length tend to have too little tension, while those less than 70 seconds tend to have too much. When running, a properly wound cartridge moves tape freely with no reluctance to wind onto the hub. To increase the tension in a cartridge, open up the splice and gently pull on the tape as it wraps onto the hub. To decrease the tension, open up the splice and gently pull out several loops from the center of the hub. Trim off the excess and resplice the tape.

THE SHELL

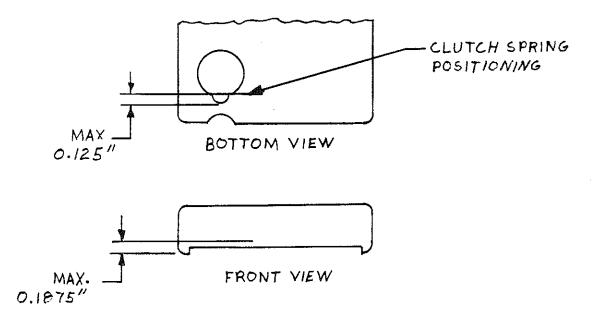
A deformed shell can adversely affect frequency response by distorting the tape path. In particular, a warped cartridge may cause the tape to traverse the head openings in an arc or bowed path rather than a straight line. Sometimes an ill-fitting top can spread the sides of the cartridge enough to cause this same bowing. Check suspect cartridges on a flat surface.

Periodically the cartridge center post should be cleaned. Gummy deposits on the post increase tape tension by not allowing the tape hub to turn freely. Equally important to free movement of the hub is the washer. This washer should always be in place underneath the tape hub, between the hub and the shell. This washer is easily misplaced when the cartridge is opened and the hub removed.



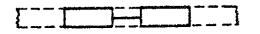
CLUTCH SPRING OR HUB BRAKE

The clutch spring or hub brake should completely release when the pressure roller is in the vertical position. This allows the hub, and the tape, to move freely. An improperly adjusted clutch spring or defective hub brake may prevent the roller from engaging or disengaging. The clutch should be parallel to the bottom of the shell and no more than 0.1875 inch above the surface of the tape deck. The clutch must not protrude more than 0.125 inch into the opening for the pressure roller. Less than 8 ounces should be required to release the clutch.

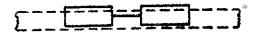


PRESSURE PADS

The pressure pads must wrap the tape around the face of the heads. The pressure applied must be uniform across the tape as it is in contact with the head. Periodically check the pads to see that they are lined up squarely with the tape. If one portion of the tape is not in contact with the pads, that portion of the tape will make poor contact with the head. This may show up as poor frequency response from an individual cartridge.

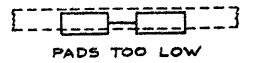


PADS SKEWED



PROPER ALIGNMENT



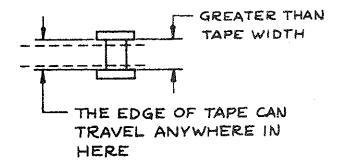


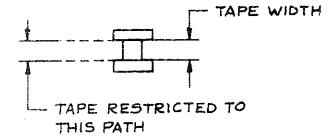
THE TAPE PATH

The most frequent cause of distortion of the tape path in the cartridge is a loose corner post. The post should always be glued down so that there is 0.250 inch between the shoulder of the post and the shell. If the post is high, the tape will not run straight across the heads. A loose post frequently causes muffled-sounding audio when the cartridge unit starts.

LOOSE CORNER POST

PROPER CORNER POST





The hold-down wire used in many cartridges is important in maintaining proper tape travel. This wire keeps the tape flat on the hub as tape is pulled from the center and returned to the outside. The wire must not exert any pressure on the stored tape or the tape may wrinkle and jam. If a cartridge is dropped this hold-down wire may unseat.

CARTRIDGE STORAGE

The cartridges should be stored away from direct sunlight, or heat from electronic equipment, radiators, etc. Ideal conditions are a temperature of 70° and a relative humidity of 50%. The cartridges storage area should be as free from dust as possible.

CARTRIDGE RECORDING PROCEDURE

The following procedure is particularly important when recording cartridges. When the cartridge is first inserted into the machine, put the tape in motion in playback for several seconds. This allows the tape to seat properly in the tape guides and across the heads.

Stop the tape. Do not remove the cartridge after the initial runin. Ensure the tape splice is positioned in an unrecorded portion of the tape between the end and the beginning of the program material.

The tape may now be recorded with satisfactory results.

CARTRIDGES IN STEREOPHONIC SYSTEMS

MAINTENANCE

Rigorous maintenance is a must for cartridges used in a stereophonic system, since any distortion of the tape path can cause phase differences between the program material on the two tracks. When the program material is mixed, phase differences cause degradation of the frequency response.

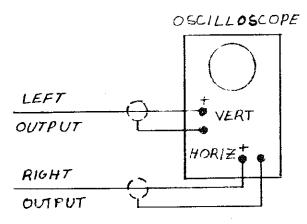
The most important characteristic of a cartridge for stereophonic use is the ability to consistently maintain the identical tape path each time the cartridge is inserted in the player. This allows reliable recording and subsequent accurate reproduction.

Cartridges used in a stereophonic system should initially be selected for phase repeatability using the phasing test outlined below. This test should be repeated on a regular basis throughout the life of the cartridge. A cartridge which fails this test should be discarded.

To provide better guidance within the cartridge, several manufacturers have introduced cartridges with an adjustable corner post. The post is threaded into the shell so that the precise post height may be maintained. These and other cartridges designed to improve performance should be considered for use in a stereophonic system.

STEREO PHASING TEST

Connect the output of a record/playback unit to an oscilloscope as shown. Connect an audio signal generator to both inputs of the recorder. While recording observe the phase of the reproduce signals. Remove and re-insert the cartridge several times. Cartridges which exhibit poor phase repeatability of stability should be discarded. Do not test only for the higher frequencies, but check selected frequencies across the audio band.



APPENDIX B

MOTOR SPINDLE AND SPINDLE ADAPTOR INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

The motor spindle installed on the tape winder at the factory (BE P/N 449-0023-2) can be used with any of the following kinds of tape cartridge:

The white plastic ScotchCart Tape Winding Adaptor (BE P/N 467-0111) also fits over the factory installed spindle. Refer to the second page of this notice for information pertaining to the use of the ScotchCart adaptor.

Also included with the tape winder is a spindle (BE P/N 449-0023-001) and installation hardware: $6-32 \times 1/4$ inch set screw and a 1/16 inch hex wrench, which allows Fidelpac MasterCart II tape cartridges to be wound on this tape winder unit.

The following is the installation procedure for the Fidelpac MasterCart II motor spindle:

- 1. Disconnect primary power.
- Loosen the set screw in the skirt of the motor spindle (refer to Figure 1) until the spindle can be slipped off the take-up motor.
- 3. Place the MasterCart II spindle on the take-up motor. Adjust the spindle so that the top face of the spindle skirt is 0.2 inch (5 mm) above the deck of the tape winder (refer to Figure 1). Tighten the set screw.
- 4. Recheck the distance between the deck and the top of the spindle skirt.
- 5. Reconnect ac power.

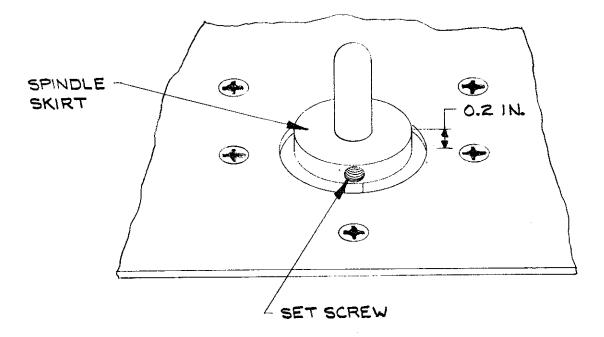


FIGURE 1

A spindle for winding Aristocart tape cartridges (P/N 449-0023-1) is available from Broadcast Electronics Inc.

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