

NEW PRODUCT INFORMATION

TIMESAVER



Provides tape time readout for reel to reel tape machines. Reduces time spent searching for a particular point on the tape. Provides a tachometer output for connecting to SMPTE controllers. Two speed operation with automatic speed switching from the machine. True tape time in fast forward and rewind as well as in the play mode.

The Timesaver is a field installable accessory which provides an accurate readout of tape time. The Timesaver is a two part system containing a precision tachometer which is mounted to the tape transport. The tape is threaded around the tachometer and when in motion it sends a signal to the electronics unit. The electronics unit counts and displays the tachometer signal.

The Timesaver will display time up to four hours in the positive direction and up to one hour in the negative direction on five bright seven segment LED's. Time is displayed in hours, minutes, and seconds.

The Timesaver can be preset to operate at any two speeds. A signal from the speed switch on the tape transport will select the proper preset for the Timesaver. A front panel reset button is provided to clear the display. In addition, the Timesaver has direction and tachometer output connections on the rear panel for interfacing to SMPTE controllers.

INTRODUCTION

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- The Timesaver is supplied with a power supply and requires no wiring to the tape machine.
- 2. A precision polyurethane coated tachometer for accurate tape timing.
- 3. Tape direction and tachometer output connections for SMPTE controller interface.
- 4. Remote speed input connection for optional interface with the machine speed switch.
- 5. A "zero" pulse output for optional interface with the tape machine stop switch. (This pulse will stop the tape machine when the display reads 0:00:00. Tape travel past zero is dependent on machine braking).

SPECIFICATIONS

Tachometer:

Precision surface mounted mechanism containing the ball bearing housing, shaft, polyurethane coated roller, optical encoder, and two phase optical sensor. The tachometer is 1-11/16" in diameter.

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Display type:

Operating speeds:

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110VAC 50/60Hz.

Seven-segment LED.

Scully 280, 280B; Ampex 350, 440. PLEASE READ ALL DIRECTIONS PRIOR TO BEGINNING THE INSTALLATION.

- 1. Remove drill template drawing #790-A0-000 from this manual.
- 2. Refer to the tape path drawing #731-A0-000 and orient the tachometer behind the head nest and between the reels as shown.
- 3. Carefully thread the tape around the tachometer to insure that the tape will clear the head bracket. Adjust the tachometer position if necessary.
- 4. Scully 280, 280B users should refer to tape path drawing #731-A0-001 and carefully rethread the tape around the tachometer. Adjust the position of the tachometer so that either tape path may be used. Note: Scully 280B's with constant tension must use tape path #731-A0-001.
- 5. Mark the tachometer footprint on the transport surface with a pencil. Remove the tachometer and replace it with the drill template.
- Check the rear side of the transport to insure there will be no interference when drilling. If necessary, temporarily remove the power supply.
- 7. Remove any component that may be subject to accidental shorting from drilling the deck plate. (The logic PWA on the Scully 280B is a good candidate).
- 8. Center punch and drill the three holes as shown on the drill template.
- 9. Remove the two phillips head screws from the bottom of the tachometer.
- 10. Remove the four tachometer wires from terminals 8 thru 11 on the rear of the display unit.
- 11. Place the tachometer wires through the wire access hole in the transport.
- 12. Position the tachometer on the transport and secure it with the two screws which were removed in step 9.
- Refer to the test sheet drawing #751-A0-000 supplied with this unit and re-connect the tachometer. Note: All tachometers may not be color coded the same.
- 14. Check and clean the transport of any foreign matter which resulted from the drilling.
- 15. Replace the transport power supply or any other component removed during installation.

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- Apply power to the Timesaver and the display will read 0:00:00 or -00:00.
- 3. See drawing #731-A0-000 for tape path information and thread a blank reel of tape.
- Put the transport into the play or fast forward mode and the display will count up to 3:59:59. In rewind the display will count down to zero, display a minus sign and then count up to -59:59.
- 5. The speed switch is used to select the high or low internally selected speed.
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