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14 years ago we delivered the original 30mm Plumbicon® camera tube that revolutionized TV broadcasting...

9 years ago we introduced the 1-inch Plumbicon tube that permitted the design of more compact broadcast cameras...

4 years ago—the 2/3-inch Plumbicon tube brought broadcast quality to portable cameras and gave us ENG...

Today, we bring you two of these popular pickup tubes with further improvements in performance.

Ever since the original Plumbicon tube won the Emmy Award for having revolutionized color TV broadcasting, we've been keenly aware of the importance of the name Plumbicon to the TV industry which has come to depend on it as it's assurance of consistent performance and quality. There's no disputing the fact that contemporary Plumbicon tubes outperform their original versions by a wide margin.

Two of the most recent improvements in the Plumbicon pickup tube line, (the 30mm XQ1410 and the 2/3-inch XQ1427) are described here. These tubes, like all Plumbicon TV camera tubes, offer unmatched resolution and sensivity, superior color rendition . . . excellent highlight handling . . . low and steady dark current . . . high signal-tonoise ratio . . . minimal lag . . . stable operation over a wide temperature range . . . and long life.



Type XQ1427: Offers significantly higher resolution than earlier versions; modulation depth is 60% typical at 320 TV lines giving sharper, clearer pictures and allowing operation at lower light levels. New gun design and 1500-line mesh construction result in improved registration and geometry, reduction of flare by a factor of 3 and reduced beam landing error.



Type XQ1410: The XQ1410 gained immediate acceptance by the television industry as a significant advance over all previous 30mm tubes. This recognition is based on the XQ1410's dramatic reduction in lag (typically 37% below that of our XQ1020.) The XQ1410 ends color-fringing, greatly reduces picture-smear and gives better dynamic resolution—even under poor lighting conditions. With its internal bias lighting, all three channels can now be balanced for identical

lag characteristics. New gun construction gives improved resolution, (60% typical modulation depth at 400 TV lines). New mesh construction results in better geometry and registration and significantly reduces microphony.

Make no mistake—these are vitally important improvements on vitally important camera pickup tubes...but these developments are only part of the answer to—"What have we done for you lately?"

...and now the next generation of Plumbicon TV camera tubes:

with them begins the age of Electronic Cinematography.



"Cinematography" once meant the creation of motion pictures on film, and film alone. But no more.

The next generation of Amperex Plumbicon TV pickup tubes, in combination with recent advances in new camera design and videotaping systems, is destined one day to reduce to near-zero the use of film in broadcast cinematography and in motion picture production. Now, indeed, begins a new era...and a new art form: Electronic Cinematography. All-electronic production will offer a technically superior product, and will permit shorter lead times between production and broadcast...and it allows motion picture directors to combine the creative aspects of single-camera film production with the immediacy of live-on-tape TV techniques.

All this has been no accident, of course. We, for instance, have been working toward this moment for fourteen years, ever since the introduction of the original Plumbicon tube ...right through the advent of ENG, first brought to reality by our 2/3-inch version of the Plumbicon tube.

This steady stream of advances in TV pickup tube technology now culminates in a new generation of Plumbicon tubes that offers major advances in resolution and lag performance...advances that were prerequisite to the dawn of the age of Electronic Cinematography.

Type S45XQ: Developed for use in new studio cameras that will accept 30mm tubes, has limiting resolution of 1600 TV lines, with modulation depth of 95% at 400 TV lines and 40% at 1000 TV lines. Nothing like it has ever been offered in a broadcast quality tube. The S45XQ provides for external bias lighting; but decay lag, even without bias light, is typically only 7% after 50 milliseconds.

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Type S73XQ: Physically interchangeable with conventional 1-inch broadcast Plumbicon tubes, can be used in existing studio and field production cameras with only minor circuit modifications. Typical limiting resolution of the S73XQ is 1000 TV lines, with modulaton depth of 65% at 400 TV lines. Overall signal-to-noise ratio can be maximized in the S73XQ by a low-capacitance target contact. A revolutionary gun design in the S73XQ reduces lag; decay lag is typically 2% at 50 msec. with bias lighting.

Both of these new-generation tubes inherit all the finer qualities of the original Plumbicon pickup tube: near-zero dark current...high sensitivity...resistance to burn-in, even in highlights...precise geometry and registration... and long life. You can expect from them what you have learned to expect from Amperex Plumbicon tubes; performance at the edge of tomorrow.

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