European and American Television Cameras



Make	Marconi		
Model	Mk9 A&B		
	B3265		
Country	UK		

Camera Type : Studio Colour

Camera Description : Full facilities studio camera with interesting offset lens

and viewfinder making for a very compact camera.

Data		Data	
Tube details	3 x Plumbicons 30mm.	Line standards	625/50 525/60
Lens details	Zoom, 10:1 to 42:1 Special mount	Colour standards	PAL/NTSC or RGB outputs
Sig. to Noise	49dB Pal, unwieghted	Drives or locking	Colour pulses or Genlock opt.
Sensitivity	800Lux at f4	Weight *	34Kg.
Resolution	100% at 5Mhz	Colours	Black & off white
Viewfinder	18cm. Tilts	Dimensions *	408H x 360W x 580L mm.
Camera cable	BICC T1889 to 3000ft.	Date introduced	1978
Power supply	95-130v & 190-260v 48-60Hz. 350 VA		

or 24 volts DC

*Excluding Lens & Viewfinder

Associated equipment

CCU, Remote control panel, full range of studio equipment Features

Auto Black, White, HOP, auto cable length compensation, dynamic gain, two filter wheels, two programme mike circuits. A triax option was offered with a cable length of 1500m. The later B version CCUs had microprocessor registration. About 1981/2??

References

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Marconi MkIX CCU.

The MkIX shares the same camera optics and main chassis with MkVIII however there are detail changes in the bodywork. The electronics are almost completely reworked. The CCU of the MkIX is completely different and is much smaller than the MkVIII and can be self-contained when an SPG module is fitted. Alas it is alleged that the aperture correctors were poor and that the PSU module was unreliable. Tom Mayer states in IEE Colloquium that only 100 Mk9's were sold (see footnote). Describing the camera as a "Cut down Version of the MkVIII". "Video" march 1980 reports that Roger Appleton, chief engineer, at LWT says the MkIX is one of the best cameras available today. The 7" viewfinder, B3128, is used on the MkV, MkVI, MkVII, and with some modifications on the MkVIII and MkIX cameras. It has a high brightness of 2150 lumens and can resolve over 600 lines. It has proved to be reliable in service considering they are all 40 years old now. Some of the early CRTs have a defect with the tube faceplate bonding. This leads to spots on between the tube and the front glass and in severe cases making the tube unusable.

Used By

LWT ordered 5 for studio One. Three MkIX and a MkIXP have been ordered by Southern television to be installed in their outside broadcast truck. COFAA in Mexico ordered 6 MkIXB to go with the 3 MkIX that they already have, these will be upgraded to B state. BBC Scotland had 3 MkIX with 15:1 zoom lenses in their studio B, reported in "video" march 1982. Anglia TV. TVS (television south) (footnote) Many more than this were sold, I have camera serial No. 333.