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Service Bulletin**

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**Model:** BM-77/88

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**Subject:** Tape Compatibility

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**Symptom:**  
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When transcribing a tape with audio or non-Sony CUE signals recorded on CUE track, it may cause erratic operation, especially in auto reverse and rewind.

**Solution:**

Perform the modification described in Technical Bulletin 90-015 for BM-77 and Technical Bulletin 90-012 for BM-88.

Effective April 1991, all the units are shipped from Sony with a new System Control IC and the model numbers are marked as BM-77/1 and BM-88/1 on the bar code label of individual cartons.

The new System Control IC will enable users to shut off the CUE signal operation electronically without the modifications listed above. Please refer to the Operating Instructions Supplement on page 2:

IC112 (System Control):

	DESCRIPTION	PART NUMBER
FORMER	UPD75308GF-496-3B9 UPD75308GF-684-3B9	8-759-149-21
NEW	UPD75308GF-B21-3B9	X-3363-672-1

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**Reference:** Yasu Kosuda

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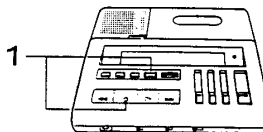
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## Operating Instructions Supplement

BM-77/1, BM-88/1

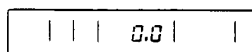
Transcribing a cassette recorded with a dictating machine other than Sony's:

If you transcribe a cassette which was not recorded using a Sony Professional Dictating Machine, set the unit to the Electronic Index "Off" mode.



1. In the tape stop mode, keep both RESET and STOP pressed for more than 2 seconds.

Only the TOTAL counter is displayed and the number is reset to "0". The unit is in the Electronic Index "Off" mode.



To return the unit to the Electronic Index "On" mode:

Change the mode by following Step 1.

To switch the counter to time or tape indication:

See page 17.

### NOTES:

In the Electronic Index "Off" mode:

- The LTR or the SEC signal is not recorded, even if you press the LTR or SEC button.
- The AUTO STOP function does not work even if the AUTO STOP switch is set to "On".
- If you play back in the Electronic Index "On" mode, and the cassette is either a music cassette or one which was not recorded using a Sony Professional Dictating Machine (BM-12/17/18/75/80/88, etc.), neither the operation buttons, the counters, nor the auto backspace will work correctly.