European and American Television Cameras



Make	Marconi	
Model	Experimental colour Mk II	
Country	UK	

Camera Type:

Experimental Studio Colour camera with 2 Image Orthicons

Camera Description:

Tall narrow camera with no viewfinder, controls at rear behind doors

Data		Data	
Tube details	2 x 3" Image Orthicon	Line standards	405/50
Lens details	4 station turret.	Colour standards	405Line NTSC
Sig. to Noise		Drives or locking	Mono Pulses (4)
Sensitivity		Weight	• •
Resolution		Colours	Gray Rivel finish
Viewfinder	A standard MkII V/F could be fitted.	Dimensions	Longer and taller that the MkII
Camera cable	BICC Mk2 cable	Date introduced	1954
Power supply			

Associated equipment

It is likely that there would have been two sets of MkII CCUs and PSUs plus come separation and combining units to produce RGB from the luminance and colour signals.

Features

Use of two tubes, one normal resolution luminance, of 3 Mc/s bandwidth, and one for the two low definition colour signals. The colour tube used a grid giving a definition equivalent to 1.5Mc/s, half the normal definition. This made use of the eyes inability to see the fine detail of colour.

General description

Looks like a tall MkII. It used two tubes. In the picture above the viewfinder is not fitted but a standard Marconi MkII viewfinder could be fitted. Ref (3), shows one fitted on the top of the camera.

References

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Photo Reference

History

A demonstration of the camera and other colour equipment was given on the 11th. May 1954 at Marconi House, Strand, London.

Used By