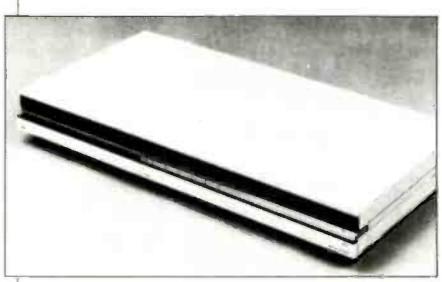
HI-FI VCR'S
A BUYING GUIDE

BANG & OLUFSEN
VX 5000 S-VHS VCR
Super VHS Hi-Fi recorder with PIP, and 9-picture, multi-screen monitoring. Features on-screen table of contents; real-time counter; MTS/SAP; 3 tape speeds; 8-event/1-year timer; variable-speed slow motion; still picture; freeze frame; search forward/rewind 36x normal speed; index search; 4 video and 2 audio heads; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; dynamic range >80 dB; THD <0.5%; W&F <0.005% wrms. 21¼ x 3⅜ x 11¾ in; 22 lb $2,000



Bang & Olufsen Beocord VX 5000

CANON
ES-100 8mm PCM VCR
Tabletop 8mm VCR with PCM digital and AFM audio. Features theater mode for surround-sound effects; MTS; flying-erase head; 2-speed slow motion; 3-event/2-week timer; 152-channel tuner; records FM simulcasts. Maximum recording time 4 hours. Search, slow-motion, still, frame advance, and double speed playback controlled via remote. Audio: FR 20-20,000 Hz; dynamic range >85 dB; W&F <0.005% wrms. 11⅛ x 8¼ x 2⅞ in; 5.7 lb. $899

FISHER
FVH-Z1 Digital S-VHS VCR
Super VHS Hi-Fi deck with PIP and multistrobe digital video effects. Features MTS; VHS Hi-Fi recording/playback; 4 video and 2 audio heads; CCD dropout compensation and noise-cancellation circuitry; 181-channel quartz-PLL tuner; jitter-free slow motion, still frame, and frame advance; on-screen programming; remote control with 10-key random-channel access; remote controlled quick-timer for 4-hour recording with optional 24-hour delay; digital auto-tracking; SP, LP, and EP recording/playback speeds; 6-event/1-year timer; index search. $1,400

FVH-S6800 S-VHS VCR
Super VHS Hi-Fi recorder with 4 double-azimuth video heads and 2 audio heads. Features VHS Hi-Fi recording/playback; digital auto-tracking; MTS; 6-event/1-year timer; 32-function/41-button remote control with 10-key random channel access; index search; 181-channel quartz-PLL tuner, IRC and HRC cable compatible; multichannel scan; search cue/review and index; jitter-free still frame; FL display. . $1,000



Fisher FVH-Z1

FVH-6600 VHS VCR
Features VHS Hi-Fi recording and playback; 4 double-azimuth video heads; 2 audio heads; MTS; instant-action full-loading system; remote on-screen 6-event/3-week timer; 122-channel, cable compatible quartz-PLL tuner; 29-function wireless remote control; auto channel-programming; auto channel-scan; 2-speed picture search; CCD dropout compensation and noise cancellation circuitry; HQ picture-enhancement circuitry; jitter-free still frame. 16.5 lb $600

GE
VG-7795 S-VHS VCR
Super VHS Hi-Fi deck with MTS. Features 4 patented Pro-Fect video heads; 155-channel, cable-compatible. frequency-synthesis tuner; on-screen display with remote programming; 8-event/1-month timer; 49-function remote; 1-touch recording with standby; time-stamp recording; real-time tape counter; auto-tracking control; index search; 8 hours max. recording/playback. 3¼ x 15⅜ x 11⅝ in; 10.1 lb . . . $999



GE VG-7785

VG-7785 VHS VCR
VHS Hi-Fi VCR with MTS. Features 4 patented Pro-Fect video heads; 155-channel, cable-compatible, frequency-synthesis tuner; on-screen display with remote programming; 8-event/1-month timer; 48-function remote; 1-touch recording with standby; time-stamp recording; real-time tape counter; index search; 8 hours maximum recording/playback. 3¼ x 15⅜ x 11⅝ in; 9.7 lb $699



INDUSTRY pundits like to point out that the VCR boom that has altered the TV viewing habits of millions of Americans is losing its gusto. After all, they reason, three out of every five U.S. households now own at least one VCR.

But the truth is, for all those who have not yet experienced the added dimension that real hi-fi sound brings to video, the boom hasn't even begun. Whether you are buying your first VCR or an upgrade, now is a good time to purchase a hi-fi deck—special features are more plentiful and prices lower than ever before. In fact, a no-frills hi-fi VCR can be had for $400 or less today.

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