TELEPRINTER SUPPLIES (Summer 2015)

TELEPRINTER (8 7/16" across web) ROLLS CAN STILL BE PURCHASED

An Internet search for "teleprinter roll" or "teletype roll" will yield expensive foreign sites. Look instead for "telex roll" and you might have a chance of an economic purchase from an indigenous supplier.

I bought 3 1/2" diameter rolls (suitable Creed 7) from:

Philip Parkes
Premier Vanguard Ltd
Stewart Close
Eccleshill
Bradford
BD2 2EE

Direct (020) 8643 2643 or office 08452 229000 sales@premvan.com

A box costs £22.44 including VAT and delivery, for which you get a dozen rolls.

They also sell the 5" diameter rolls £13.50 plus carriage plus VAT for which price half-a-dozen rolls are supplied, should be suitable for Creed 444 and Teletype ASR-32/33.

I also bought some 5" rolls from my local high street stationer. These were ordered as catalogue number 30681 and came in a couple of days, at which point I collected from

Edgware Printers and Stationers Ltd
94 High Street
Edgware
Middlesex
HA8 7HF

(020) 8905 6144 office@edgwareprinters.co.uk

I paid £22 plus VAT in order to buy a box, again containing six rolls.
Perfect fit in Creed 444 and Teletype 32/33.

HALF-INCH INK RIBBONS

The same Edgware Printers and Stationers recently sold me a "Lasting Impressions" Group 1066FN black nylon ribbon that is a perfect fit on Creed 444 and Teletype 32/33. I am told that more are available. They also come in black/red as originally intended on the 444. This supplier would consider posting items out to non-local customers, you'd need to ask.

Not suitable for Creed 7 as too flimsy for that sort of typehead.

What they do sell is black endorsing ink, intended to replenish stamp pads, but will also regenerate a thick-grade Creed ribbon.

PUNCHTAPE ROLLS 5-TRACK 11/16"

These I have just bought from

GNT Ltd
Brookfield House
Horsebrook Hill Lane
Brewood,
Staffordshire
ST19 9LP

01902 851808

They are good quality but expensive at £10 plus carriage plus VAT each.

This company still makes punch tape readers and punches!

CREED 444 USEFUL INFORMATION

MANUAL CYCLING OF MECHANISM

Accessed from the operator's right of the machine is the end of the main power-drive shaft.

On older versions the platen feed knob could be pulled off and inserted into the drive shaft end, then turned - although I think that some force would be needed with such a narrow knob.

Later models don't accept the knob, having instead a hex-faced end.

I found that nominal 1/2" AF won't fit. The next larger size box spanner is 13mmAF and is a snug fit indeed.

An imperial box spanner that's an easier fit would be hard to find.

A socket is probably too wide externally to pass through the chassis access hole.

Facing the hex nut, be sure to turn ANTIclockwise (COUNTERclockwise).

There should be no difficulty in obtaining metric box spanners, CPC offers a set at an economic price.

Imperial sizes are still sold, I can quote details of a retailer if anyone's interested.

One box spanner is a little short.

To extend, try the next adjacent size spanner wedged into the "wrong" end of the operative tool and then put the tommy bar on this extension.

TIMING/DRIVE BELTS ARE AVAILABLE AS NEW MANUFACTURE FOR 3 MACHINES

Off-the-peg imperial timing belts, still made for other purposes, appear in various teleprinters.
Order from:

Accupulleys
Hagg Wood Stone Quarry
Woodhead Road
Huddersfield
West Yorkshire
HD9 6PW

01484 937010

CREED 444 TAPE READER
Part number B-XL-6.35-203.2
Expect the belt to be marked 025-80XL or just 80XL
The modern synthetic rubber and flexible reinforcing core threads should make this item suitable
for the teleprinter.
Has run for some hours in a machine.

FRIDEN FLEXOWRITER MODEL 1 TAPE READER
Part number B-XL-6.35-355.6
This part matches my existing spares stock but I haven't been able to try it in a machine.

TELETYPE 32/33 MAIN MOTOR BELT
Part number B-XL-6.35-238.76
This part matches my existing spares stock but I haven't been able to try it in a machine.

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