

# SMPTE/EBU TIME CODE GENERATOR / INSERTER / READER

The **ES-488U** is a combination SMPTE/EBU Time Code Generator, Reader and Inserter. The unit can read and generate both time and user bits, and can operate in either drop frame or non-drop frame modes. Front panel controls select Time or User Bits, Drop Frame or Non-Drop Frame, Run or Hold and Reader or Generator modes. The micro-processor circuitry automatically detects and corrects for errors in time code (when reading). The **ES-488U** has "jam-sync" capability, a color sync input and a reconstituted time code output (when in reader mode). Video Inserter controls allow the Brightness to be adjusted and the Size and Position to be adjusted horizontally and vertically.



## Reader Features:

- Display "Hold" Control
- Reads Time or User Bits
- Error Detection & Correction
- Reconstituted Time-Code Output
- Eight-Digit .56" Yellow LED Display
- "On Time" Count (Frame Accurate)
- Reads from 1/30th to 30x Play Speed
- Drop Frame & Non-Drop Frame Modes

## Generator Features:

- "Hold" Control
- Color Frame Input
- Jam-Sync Capability
- Generates Time & User Bits
- Reset To 00:00:00:00 Switch
- Drop Frame & Non-Drop Frame Modes
- Time Code Synched To Composite Video

## Inserter Features:

- Brightness Control
- Vertical & Horizontal Size Control (2% - 20% of screen)
- Vertical & Horizontal Position Control (anywhere, line by line)
- White or Translucent Video Characters Are Located Within Black or Translucent Keyed Background
- Other Features Identical To Reader

## Operation Notes:

- Selectable EBU / PAL operation
- Incoming video is passed through unaffected when "Blanking" Switch is "OFF"
- Set/Select Controls set Time up to 23:59:59:00 and User Bits up to 99:99:99:00
- Color Frame Input usage assures frame numbers agree with SMPTE color frame standard
- GEN / READ Control selects Generator or Reader mode and implements the Jam Sync Function
- External composite video signal is the source of signal for video character inserter as well as for synchronizing the generated time code output (two BNC video outputs are provided)



## Specifications

**Time Code Input:** 100 mV - 10 Vpp; 2k $\Omega$  input impedance unbalanced  
**Time Code Output:** 0 dB into 600 $\Omega$ , balanced  
**Video In/Out:** 1 Vpp, 75 $\Omega$   
**Color Frame Input:** Field #1 Vertical interval negative TTL/CMOS pulse

**Drift:** 2 Seconds/Day  
**Display:** Eight Digits, Yellow LED, .56" High  
**Electrical:** 117 VAC, 50/60 Hz  
**Power:** 10 Watts Maximum  
**Mechanical:** 1.75" x 19" Rack Mount, 10" Deep  
**Options:** Black, J, R, UL

