Subject: Solinoid part availability for "PLAY" for SS700 Crown Reel Player
Posted by Terry P. on Sun, 12 Feb 2006 00:01:26 GMT
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Is there ANYONE out there who can reccomend a parts source for my 1960's vintage CROWN SS700 STEREO 3&3/4and 7&1/2 IPS (7 / 10 " reels] Stereo Tape Recorder? I am desparately seeking a solinoid for the "PLAY" Button. No local stereo shop can locate the part; though they recognize the quality of the machine, and marvel that it still works as well as it does. I've owned it since the mid/late sixties, and have shipped it to the Elkhart, Indiana headquarters for full refurbishment when they were still in operation. NOW I'M STUCK, AND WANT TO PLAY MY TAPES!!PLEASE, ANY PARTS OR SERVICE RECCOMENDATIONS, ANYONE?Thanks;Terry P.

Subject: Re: Solinoid part availability for "PLAY" for SS700 Crown Reel Player
Posted by Wayne Parham on Sun, 12 Feb 2006 19:32:24 GMT
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If all else fails, I wonder if you could rebuild the solenoid. Is the coil open? Or does it have a mechanical problem of some sort?

Subject: Solinoid part availability for "PLAY" for SS700 Crown Reel Player
Posted by Terry P. on Mon, 13 Feb 2006 12:07:14 GMT
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Thank you for your suggestion. All I am knowledgeable of is that the tech who last tried to repair the unit said it needed a new solenoid. No mention was made of a rebuild, and I don't know what I'm looking at or for, to check the coil. Obviously, nothing happens (no click) when the play button is pressed. All other buttons give an audible click as they engage.

Subject: Re: Solinoid part availability for "PLAY" for SS700 Crown Reel Player
Posted by Wayne Parham on Mon, 13 Feb 2006 15:34:01 GMT
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I see. Well, if you can't find the replacement part, you might consider having it remanufactured. Solenoids aren't very complex, and it might be possible to rewind the coil if that's what is wrong.

Subject: Solinoid part availability for "PLAY" for SS700 Crown Reel Player
Posted by Terry P. on Mon, 13 Feb 2006 20:27:39 GMT
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Well, thanks very much. I'll go to the oldest stereo service place here in Asheville, N.C., and see if there is anyone there old enough to remember quality repair, and pride of workmanship. I'm not going to sell it, or trash it. I've had it since college, and refuse to let it die before I do!Thanks, Wayne!

Subject: Re: Solinoid part availability for "PLAY" for SS700 Crown Reel Player
Posted by Wayner on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 18:23:08 GMT
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John Haines of Jemah Service in Goshen, Indiana is the man for Crown R2R deck parts.
574-534-9122

Subject: Re: Solinoid part availability for "PLAY" for SS700 Crown Reel Player
Posted by jimtiki on Tue, 19 Jun 2007 16:34:04 GMT
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I have 2 working 700 series transports. I think that the solenoid in question maybe used in other commercial devices. As one person said they are pretty simple. If this post goes through I will look at one of my machines and see if I have a similiar solenoid.

Subject: Re: Solinoid part availability for "PLAY" for SS700 Crown Reel Player
Posted by Terry P. on Wed, 20 Jun 2007 11:22:45 GMT
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That sounds promising, and I would like to pursue replacing the solinoid in my SS700. If you find that you do have one that is compatible, please let me know with price and/or other source availability.Thanks,Terry P.

Subject: Re: Solinoid part availability for "PLAY" for SS700 Crown Reel Player
Posted by jimtiki on Wed, 20 Jun 2007 19:56:14 GMT

I wanted to be sure you were still interested in correcting the problem I will start looking and ask a few people around here. By the way what is an SS700? I know SX, SP and CX but do not recall SS. As another note the people writing about things like SX727 and such. The last 2 numbers were channels and tracks on the tape. This means things like 724 and 844 are more likely numbers.