

Book Recommendation: Mark Jenkins “Analog Synthesizers”

Highly recommendable: “Analog Synthesizers” by Mark Jenkins. The book presents the synthesizer history from 1960 up to 2007. It’s a wonderful addition to Mark Vail’s “Vintage Synthesizers” – we’d call it the British equivalent of the American book.



Mark Jenkins - Analog Synthesizers

Interesting detail: the cover picture (no, it’s not Cindy Crawford!) shows the Korg MS-20 software synthesizer controller (and not the “real” thing from 1978). But perhaps this is part of Jenkin’s philosophy. He discusses all analog synthesizers – the Minimoog as well as virtual analog keyboards such as the Access Virus ... and pure software synthesizers, too.



All modules of the Technosaurus Selector system are listed. (c) Mark Jenkins, Elsevier Ltd.

Also fascinating is the fact that this book shows all the modules of the Technosaurus Selector system (with exception of the sequencer prototype), even those which never went into production: Frequency Shifter and Morphing Filter never saw the light of day.



Alesis Andromeda, Modcan B and Oakley modulators. (c) Mark Jenkins, Elsevier Ltd.

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