



Audiovisual Equipment Service Bulletin

HFC AV Bulletin 03-04 Laserdisc replacement

Subject Laserdisc Replacement

Notice Pioneer Laserdisc players, model numbers V8000, V4400, V4200, CLDV 2600 are no longer being manufactured. Parks should begin planning and budgeting to replace the equipment and transfer the program to DVD format.

Affected Areas **Servicewide**

History Harpers Ferry Center began installing Pioneer Laserdisc players in the late 1980s. The players have been very reliable, but Pioneer no longer manufactures laserdisc players. HFC will not support this equipment after FY-2005.

Future Support After HFC ends repair/replacement of laserdisc players, parks may still be able to have players repaired. Currently United Radio Service 2949 Erie Blvd. Syracuse, NY 13224 (315 446 8700) does repairs.

Upgrade Options

1. Current video programs on laserdisc can be copied to DVD.
2. Simple exhibit programs with continuous playback or pushbuttons just require copying the master tape to DVD and replacing the Superbox Controller and Laserdisc player with a new Technovision controller and an industrial DVD player. Estimated replacement costs are approximately \$1200 for the conversion and equipment.
3. Laserdiscs running theater programs with light dimming, laserdiscs with more complex interactive programs, and laserdiscs with multiple audio tracks can also be converted to DVD, but these may require more complex transfers of the master videotapes to DVD, and redesign and professional installation of new equipment. Estimated replacement costs are approximately \$1500-\$10,000 for the conversion and equipment.

Each conversion of an existing laserdisc program to DVD needs to be evaluated by HFC staff

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