

## Re: Problems with a Pioneer CT-F1250 cassette deck

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Mike,

I too have a Pioneer CTF-1000. This is the model that was a step down from the

1250 and had the blue fluorescent VU meters. I purchased it new in 1979 and used it for many years. As I recall, it had a problem right out of the box with clicking and popping noises during playback, but this was due to a missing ground wire that needed to be added in the field due to a poor design. I had no other problems and it worked pretty much flawlessly for 10-15 years. Eventually I had trouble with the drive belt (in play and reverse FF) slipping so stopped using it. About a year or two back I went in and replaced all the rubber (3 belts IIRC, idler) and it started working again although the original grease that was used had stiffened up due to lack of use so it was being a bit finicky.

Unfortunately, it does not get much use anymore since we have gone pretty much 100% to CD-ROM media.

I agree the unit is worth salvaging ...

Bob

"Mike Lee" <leemichaelb@yahoo.com> wrote in message  
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- > *Yup, it does have the blue meters. According to the silver pioneer*
- > *website,*
- > *ths was their flagship deck in 79 and 80 ... a 3 head model with tape*
- > *calibration facilities. build quality is strikingly rugged ... I've*
- > *seen receivers with smaller transformers than the one in this sucker!*
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- > *Still have my fingers crossed that it will be a relatively simple fix*
- > *to get it up and running again. (hopefully just a few common*
- > *components...)*
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- > *Mike*
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