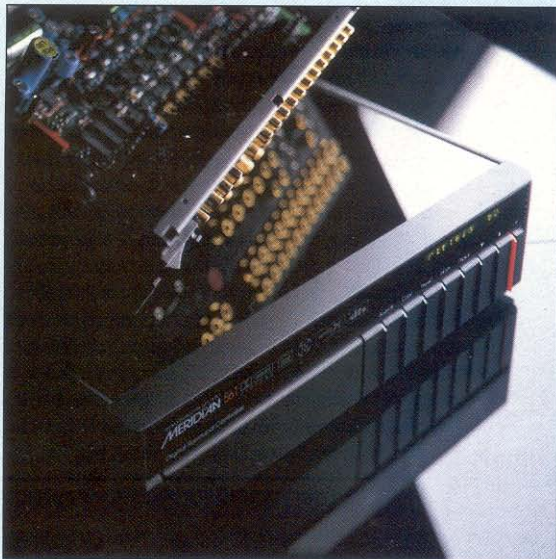


MERIDIAN 561 FOR SURROUND CONTROL



MERIDIAN has introduced a surround-sound processor that uses the same digital signal processing as its 565 Decoder, combined with the facilities of a 562V Digital Controller.

For audio, the new 561 Digital Surround Controller boasts seven analogue and six digital inputs, plus six outputs for the various surround speaker channels. Video sources are catered for with four S-Video and four Composite inputs. An expansion bay allows for future addition of 96kHz capability, and an independent output to a remote second zone. An on-screen display

is used for set-up and calibration, and Meridian claims to have made the simplest set-up routine ever. There is the further ability to customise an installation, via an RS232 port, from a Windows '95 PC. The £2850 unit can process several decoding standards, including Dolby Digital, Pro-Logic (with stereo rear channels), THX Cinema, DTS and MPEG Surround. It can additionally upmix stereo/mono music into various surround modes such as Trifield, Ambisonic and Super Stereo. For more details call Meridian Audio Ltd, 01480 52144.