

Digital Converters Sets Out the Stage by Stage Process Behind Analogue Media Conversion

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Digital Converters, a media digitisation company operating from Barker Business Park in Ripon, has outlined the technical stages involved in converting analogue video tape and cine film into digital formats.

Tape and film are handled through separate workflows. Tapes are inspected on arrival and repaired where required, with splicing, rehousing into new cassette shells and gentle cleaning carried out as standard. Mouldy tapes are cleaned before transfer is attempted. Each tape is then played back in real time through professional decks fitted with time base correction, which stabilises frame rate and reduces the wobble and rolling lines common to ageing magnetic media.



Cine film follows a different route. Rather than being played back and recorded, film passes through a sprocketless scanner that captures each frame individually at high resolution before the frames are assembled into a digital video file. Original aspect ratio and frame rate are matched to the source, and any optical or magnetic soundtrack is preserved.

Post-processing applies to both formats and includes image sharpening, colour and brightness balancing, noise reduction, distortion correction, deinterlacing and audio clean-up. Transfers that fall short at quality check are repeated using different machines and settings, with the strongest version retained. The company reports that around 95 per cent of tapes are digitised with good picture quality and that over 99 per cent transfer successfully regardless of condition.

All work is carried out at the company's North Yorkshire premises, and originals are returned alongside the digital files by tracked and insured post. Most orders are completed within one to two weeks.

Digital Converters, which describes itself as the UK's best-reviewed VHS to Digital Converters, handles formats including VHS, VHS-C, Super VHS, Betamax, Video8, Hi8, Digital8 and MiniDV, alongside 8mm, Super 8, 9.5mm and 16mm cine film.

For further information on the UK's best-reviewed VHS to DVD service or the UK's best-reviewed cine to digital conversion service, visit <https://digitalconverters.co.uk/>

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