

《一个时代的结束：世界上最后一家录像机生产商将停产》

导读:当今时代，新科技层出不穷，但与此同时，却有很多过时的技术在呜咽着离我们而去，被很多人遗忘的磁带录像机(VCR)也是其中之一。



Japan's Funai Electric, which claims to be the world's last VCR manufacturer, says it will cease production of the machines this month.

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Funai started manufacturing video-cassette recorders in 1983, and at one point was selling 15 million units a year. Alas, the clunky VCR has since been replaced by an array of new technologies: DVDs, Blu-ray, and now, streaming video services.

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Last year, Funai sold 750,000 units, and found it was getting harder to find the parts to make VCRs.

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A Funai spokesperson said that customers have been to the company and asking where they can find the last few products.

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VCRs for home use were introduced in the 1960s, gaining traction after Sony brought lower-priced models to market. Other Japanese manufacturers, including Panasonic, RCA, JVC and Toshiba, were also instrumental in developing the VCR.

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The electromechanical device records, stores, and plays back television programs using a magnetic tape cassette.

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In 1984, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that home use of VCRs to record television didn't constitute a violation of copyright law, paving the way for an explosion of the technology in American homes.

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For a time, a battle ensued between Sony's Betamax and JVC's VHS -- both VCR tape formats -- but VHS eventually won out.

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