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A long time ago, I saw an ad for amber replacement tubes for terminals and other displays, but lost track of the ad until recently. When the company recently advertised in Byte, I ordered an amber tube for my Compaq. It arrived promptly (with instructions on how to do the job on a Kaypro). To do it on a Compaq, you need a PhD in 4-D manifolds. I did it anyway, in about 4 hours total (Includes time spent fishing a stray wire from somewhere, swearing in Urdu, etc ...). I'm glad I did; the amber is a lot more pleasing to me than the green was, and TurboPascal's annoying tendency to highlight everything is much less painful now(\*). On the down side, the phosphor has less persistency, which I normally like. However, the screen flicker on scrolling is more noticeable, and my Compaq's habit of wiggling the display at 3 or 4 Hz is much more painful now.

The company is Langley-StClair in NYC. The price (for many different CRT's) is \$100. That seems 50% high to me, but I don't know of another source. They can be phoned at 800-221-7070, or in NY state 212-989-6876. Also they advertise in Byte (1985 Feb & Mar) - and other magazine(s) that I can't name (don't know). I have no connection with them except as a customer.

(\*) Anybody interested in a patch to mitigate that (partially)? Mail me.

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