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It looks like the giant-killing FT-1000, but it costs a lot less. The important mid-price range of the market has been all but ignored in recent years, but this rig and the impressive Kenwood TS-850S now find themselves vying for market dominance. We asked Neil Duncan to look the Yaesu over...
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Cover: The new Yaesu FT-990 HF transceiver is a lot more than a down-sized FT-1000. And it's a lot less than the FT-1000, too, both in terms of weight and price. This transceiver enters the market in direct competition with the Kenwood TS-850S, which we reviewed in our last issue, earlier this month. Unlike the similarly-priced Kenwood, the FT-990 is equipped with an inbuilt AC power supply, which adds considerably to its appeal. There are a few things missing from this rig which are provided with the FT-1000, though. Do you miss the omissions? Neil Duncan put the rig in his boot (carefully!) and spent a week or two learning his way around it. And his verdict? You'll find it starting page 12...

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The image shows the cover of the magazine 'amateur radio action'. The title is in a stylized font. Below the title, it says 'Cover's Amateur Magazine Volume 14 Number 7 \$3.95'. The main feature is 'YAESU'S FT-990: SET TO BOWL ITS MID-PRICE OPPOSITION!'. Below this is a photograph of the Yaesu FT-990 HF transceiver. At the bottom of the cover, there is a list of contents: 'Full FT-990 review inside - plus', 'Icom IC-R7100 new super-receiver review', 'Build a RTTY modem, part 2', and 'Construction projects, product mini-reviews and much, much more!'.