



CONGRATULATIONS on your purchase of Carvin's PA800, PA1200 or PA1200R Series mixer! The "R" version is a non-power rack model designed for your own power amp while the PA800 and PA1200 models included built-in high power amplifiers for direct hook-up to your speakers. Please read this manual carefully to take all the advantages of your new mixer.

SUPERB SOUND is derived from the extremely low distortion, high "Headroom" design. A state-of-the art, low noise, high headroom, balanced XLR preamp for each channel features a common mode rejection of better than 78 dB, which means that any possible noise that may come over your cables is virtually eliminated. Even the balanced XLR output connectors guard your system from cable noise for professional recordings or external power amp connections. Distortion is nearly non-existent with THD below .1%, which guarantees the purity of your sound. Hear the difference - your sound will not seem "sterile" or "processed". It will be dynamically open and transparent just like it was meant to be!

LIGHT WEIGHT and EASY TO USE everything is logically laid out making the PA Series simple to use, which helps to eliminate operator error. Its compact size and weight of 28 lbs. makes it the lightest, most powerful mixer of its kind. No other competitor in the industry offers a higher performance to weight ratio!

3 HIGH CURRENT AMPLIFIERS deliver 333 watts RMS each. A total of 666 watts is delivered to your main speakers (333 watts each for the R/L if played in stereo), plus a 333 watt amp to drive your stage monitors for a total of 1000 watts. This is the kind of output required for today's professionals to maintain purity and integrity of sound. Six output jacks, two from each amp, deliver full power into 4 ohms, making these mixers more powerful than most amplifiers rated at 2 ohms. A peak indicator for every amp and a protect LED gives you a visual monitor.

A HIGH CURRENT POWER SUPPLY is provided by a beefy toroid transformer to assure continuous high amperage DC voltage to all three power amplifiers, eliminating "overload" or shutdown. 20,000 mfd capacitors offer a large power reservoir for bass thumping output.

The PA1200R features a 125k Hz switching power supply for operating your mixer at any voltage from 90 VAC to 240VAC. Like a laptop computer, you can go anywhere in the world and not worry about power adapters.

2 INDEPENDENT 24-Bit STEREO DSP EFFECTS allow you to assign each channel to your choice of effects. You can dedicate chorus/rev to the acoustic guitar channel and reverb to the vocals, etc. Both effects are adjustable to your stage monitors so you can hear yourself with full effects. The effects processors with 256 effects each, include reverbs, choruses, flanging and echoes, with parameters fully adjustable for; damping, decay, depth, speed, regeneration and time.

ACTIVE 3 BAND CHANNEL EQ provides easy adjustment for the tone you want. The LO frequency controls starts at 20 Hz and continues through 80 Hz for a solid non-flabby bass. A simple adjustment with the MID band, gives you the best sound for vocals or guitar in the very important 750Hz frequency range. The 11.5k Hz HI treble control adds sparkle to your top-end without adding harshness. Both the LO and HI are "shelving", which means they are effective from 20Hz up to 20k Hz.

TWO 9 BAND EQUALIZERS provide precise 1 octave adjustments to fine tune your over all sound and to help control feedback. Unlike one stereo graphic equalizer, two independent 9 bands give you total flexibility. At the push of a button, you can assign both equalizers to the main and monitor speakers or to the L and R outputs.

ENGINEERED TO LAST Every PA Series mixer incorporates a rugged reinforced steel chassis. Continuous full power is assured from a 370 sq inch, high-grade 6063-T5-aluminum heat sink cooled by a quiet dual-speed fan. You'll never have to worry about protect or power reduction modes.

ENGINEERED TO LAST cont. Hidden deep in the heart of these mixers is the "SMT" Surface Mount Technology construction that utilizes surface mounted components to prevent parts from shaking or vibrating loose. Sealed controls and switches guard against the outside elements while heavy-duty connectors provide a positive connection to your cables. Fire retardant FR-4 military spec circuit cards feature double-sided copper construction to guard against noise and radio frequencies (RF). Precision 1% tolerances guarantee that your settings will be accurate every time. The multi-ply wood cabinet is not the typical heavy particleboard that can break or crack, and the Duratuff covering is scratch and dent resistant. The PA Series is professionally made in the USA for years of service!

RECEIVING INSPECTION—read before getting started

INSPECT YOUR MIXER FOR ANY DAMAGE which may have occurred during shipping. If any damage is found, please notify the shipping company and CARVIN immediately.

SAVE THE CARTON & ALL PACKING MATERIALS. In the event you have to re-ship your unit, always use the original carton and packing material. This will provide the best possible protection during shipment. CARVIN and the shipping company are not liable for any damage caused by improper packing.

SAVE YOUR INVOICE. It will be required for warranty service if needed in the future.

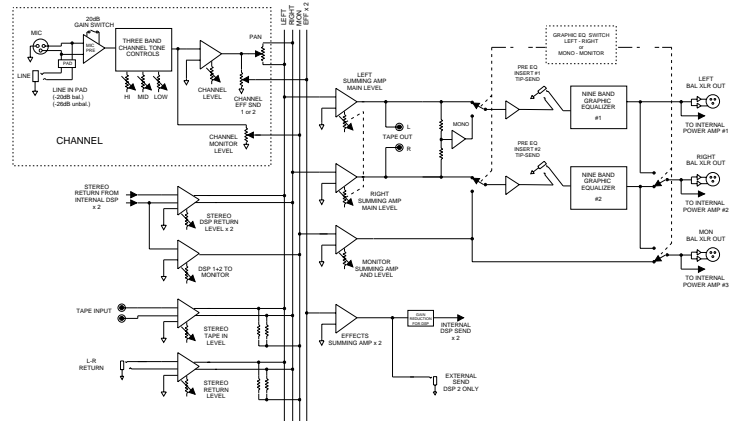
SHIPMENT SHORTAGE. If you find items missing, they may have been shipped separately. Please allow several days for the rest of your order to arrive before inquiring.

RECORD THE SERIAL NUMBER on the enclosed warranty card or below on this manual for your records. Keep your portion of the card and return the portion with your name and comments to us or register online at www.carvin.com/registration

For your records, you may wish to record the following information.

Serial No. _____ Invoice Date _____

PA1200 BLOCK DIAGRAM



MODEL PA800, PA1200, PA1200R SPECIFICATIONS:

- Frequency Response:** Mic or Line Inputs: 20Hz-20kHz ±1dB
- Total Harmonic Distortion:** Less than .1% at nominal levels
- Equivalent Input Noise:** 150 ohm source: -117dBu
- Output Noise:** -90dBu Master Line Out (All Levels Minimum)
- Output Headroom:** +26dB XLR bal, +20dB 1/4" unbal
- Maximum Gain:** Mic in to Master Line Out: 70dB
- Crosstalk:** Adjacent ch's: -60db at 1KHz
- Common Mode Rejection:** -78db at 1KHz
- Phantom Power:** XLR Mic channels
- Channel EQ 3-band active:** LOW: 80Hz ±12dB
MID: 750Hz ±12dB
HI: 11.5KHz ±12dB
- Power Output:** 1000w @ 4Ω (8Ω: 200w x3, 4Ω: 333w x3)
- Power Req.:** 120VAC 60 Hz or optional 240VAC 50 Hz model
- Size and Weight:** 12.5"H x 20"W x 10"D, 28 lbs
- PA1200R Power Req.:** 90 - 240 VAC 50 - 60 Hz
- Size and Weight:** 11"H x 19.5"W x 4"D, 10 lbs
- Remote Effects Controller:** Optional FS22 footswitch
- Vinyl Cover:** CV1200



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PA800, PA1200, PA1200R CONTROLS

QUICK START UP

If you're like most new owners, you're probably in a hurry to plug your mixer in and use it. Here are some brief instructions to get you going quickly. With the mixer unplugged and the unit turned off, complete the following procedures:

A. CONNECTING AC POWER TO YOUR MIXER

- Be sure to plug your mixer into the proper voltage for your country, either **120V-60Hz** or **240V-50Hz**. The **PA1200R** accepts both voltages listed.
- Use only a grounded (3 prong) power outlet to prevent a shock hazard. This gives the quietest grounding for your mixer.

B. CONNECTING INPUTS TO YOUR MIXER

- For balanced microphones, use a shielded cable and plug into the **XLR MIC** inputs.
- For high output devices like instruments & keyboards, plug into the **LINE** input jacks using a shielded cable. Depress the **GAIN** switch "IN" for mic or "OUT" for instruments.

C. TURNING YOUR MIXER ON

- Set all channel and master **LEVEL** controls to their **OFF** positions
- Set all **HI**, **MID**, and **BASS** controls and the graphic equalizers to their **center** "flat - no boost or cut" position.
- Adjust all channel "**PAN**" controls to their **center** position.
- Connect your speakers and monitors at the rear panel.
- Turn the mixer on by the rear **POWER SWITCH** and watch for the front **POWER LED** to come on. Your mixer is now ready to operate by turning the levels up.

MIC CHANNEL FEATURES

1. LINE INPUT JACK

The **LINE** input is a 1/4" phone jack designed for balanced or unbalanced line or instruments. Examples of these inputs would be guitar, keyboard or CD player. The line input can be used at the same time the mic input is being used.

2. XLR MICROPHONE INPUT

The **XLR MIC** input is designed for balanced low impedance microphones. The high performance, low noise preamps do a superb job of noise reduction. The XLR connector is wired as per the industry standard, pin 1 is ground, pin 2 is non-inverting (positive), and pin 3 is inverting (negative). Note: Make sure the phantom power is switched off before connecting or disconnecting microphones to the mixer. It is recommended to allow 5 seconds for the phantom power to discharge before making any microphone connections.

3. GAIN SWITCH

The **GAIN** switch increases the input sensitivity on both the **LINE** and **MIC** input jacks by 20dB. Depress the **GAIN** switch "IN" for mic or "OUT" for instruments. If distortion is heard, the input source is overdriving the input stage. Disengage the **GAIN** switch to the "OUT" position.

4. CHANNEL LEVEL CONTROL

The **LEVEL** control adjusts the volume of the channel before going to the **PAN** control. Here is where the individual channel volumes are adjusted to make up the desired mix at the main outputs. A general rule to prevent internal overdriving, is to keep the **MAIN** master **LEVEL** the same or higher than the channel **LEVEL**.

5. MONITOR LEVEL CONTROL

The **MON** level control adjusts the volume of the channel going to the master monitor send. The monitor level control is a pre-channel level control. This means it is unaffected by adjustments from the channel level. The purpose for this is the main mix adjustments can be made without disturbing the monitor mix.

6. CHANNEL PAN CONTROL

The **PAN** control puts the channel into the **LEFT**, **RIGHT** or **CENTER** in the stereo main outputs. If stereo placement is needed, set the **PAN** control to the full **RIGHT** or **LEFT** position.

7. CHANNEL EFFECTS 1&2 LEVEL

The **EFF 1&2** adjusts the level sent to the dual effects processors and to the **EFF SND 2** jack. The effects control is post-channel level, which automatically tracks the channel's **LEVEL** & tone controls. Turning this control to the left will send to the internal effects processor 1. Turning to the right will send to the internal effects processor 2 (and the external **EFF 2 SND** jack). Reduce these levels if **PEAK** LEDs are flashing on the effects processors.

8-10. CHANNEL TONE CONTROLS

Each channel features active 3-band tone controls **LO**, **MID**, and **HI**. All three function as boost (clockwise) & cut (counter-clockwise) controls. The center **0** is the "flat" or no effect position. The **LO** and **HI** controls are shelving type

14. RETURN LEVEL & L-R RETURN JACK

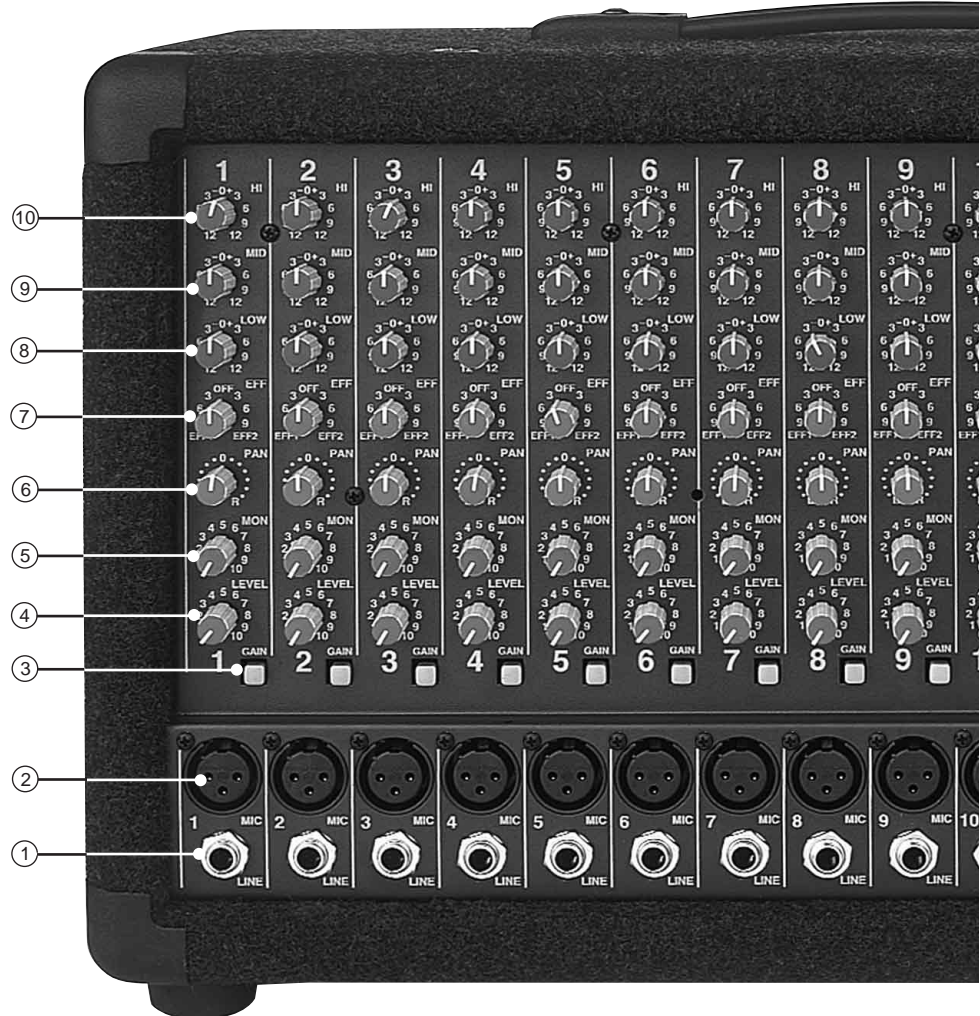
The **RETURN** level control and **L-R** jack provides another input into your mixer. It is most commonly used for an out-board effects processor returning the signal from the **EFF 2 SND**, or as another input from a stereo source or instrument.

A stereo TRS (Tip, Ring, Sleeve) cable will send the Tip signal to the **L** and the Ring signal to the **R**. Inserting a mono plug partially (first "click") will send a mono signal to both **L-R**.

15. L-R XLR OUTPUT CONNECTORS

The **L-R** professional balanced XLR line outputs are post graphic EQ connectors. Use these to feed additional power amps or recording gear. Note: If the **INSERT** jacks are being used for patching, the new signal will be present.

16. MONITOR XLR OUTPUT CONNECTOR



with corner frequencies at 80Hz and 11.5k Hz respectively. The **MID** control is a band pass type centered at 750Hz. Recommended setting: **LO** & **HI** +4, **MID** at -4. For electric guitar, set the **MID** at -6 to -12 to add clarity.

MASTER SECTION FEATURES

11. MAIN MASTER LEVEL (AMPS 1&2)

The **MAIN** control is the master volume control for all channels. The **MAIN** signal is sent to the **GRAPHIC EQ** that feeds the power amps and the **RIGHT** and **LEFT** XLR output jacks.

12. MONITOR MASTER LEVEL (AMP 3)

The **MONITOR** master level is sent to the **GRAPHIC EQ** (if switched "IN") and feeds the **MONITOR** power amp 3 and XLR output jack.

13. EFF 2 SEND JACK

The **EFF 2 SEND** jack can send a signal to an external processor. This is the same signal sent to the internal **EFF 2** processor.

This line output is the same signal that feeds the internal **MONITOR AMP 3**. Use this professional balanced XLR output for additional power amps.

17. PRE EQ INSERTS 1 AND 2

These jacks allow you to inject a signal into the master section of the mixer. This insert is before the **GRAPHIC EQ** using a stereo (tip ring sleeve). The **TIP** is the **SEND** and the **RING** is the **RETURN**. The typical use of these jacks are for the insertion of a compressor or other outboard gear between the master preamp and the EQ. If a mono plug is inserted into these jacks, the channels are disconnected from the power amps.

18. TAPE JACKS

The **L-R TAPE IN** RCA inputs are ideal for connecting a CD or tape player. These **TAPE IN** jacks can also be used for returning another stereo effects processor or instrument (keyboard).

18. TAPE JACKS CONT. The L-R TAPE OUT RCA jacks sends the MAIN signal (pre graphic EQ) for recording. If the TAPE OUT is being used to record, make sure the TAPE IN control is turned OFF to avoid feedback. The TAPE OUT jacks are another way to access the output of the master section if the INSERT jacks are being used.

19. DSP PROCESSORS

Two 24-Bit processors provide a host of great sounding effects including Flange, Reverb, Echo, & Chorus. The channel EFF 1&2 send controls delivers the



19. DSP PROCESSORS CONT. D) FLANGE: SELECT the amount of speed with your flange (phasing effect). Now turn the PARAMETER control to increase the depth.

20. DSP PK 1, PK 2 LED's

The DSP PEAK LED indicates that the signal level to the processor is too high. To prevent distortion, turn the EFF 1-2 control towards the center (off) position until the PEAK LED stops flashing.

21. EFF TO MONITOR CONTROL

The EFFECTS TO MONITOR level controls the amount of the effects that goes into your monitors.

22. TAPE IN LEVEL

You may use the TAPE IN level as another input into your mixer using the RCA TAPE IN jacks.

26. GRAPHIC EQUALIZER SWITCH

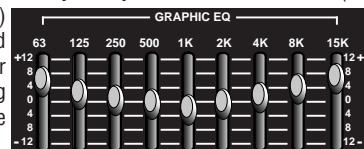
The EQ button will switch the EQ's from LEFT-RIGHT to MONO/MONITOR. The "OUT" position puts both EQ's in the L-R MAIN mix only. EQ1 is for the LEFT amp and EQ2 is for the RIGHT amp. The "IN" position will combine the L-R mix into EQ1 as a mono mix. Then the monitor mix is routed through EQ2 for use with the MONITOR 3 amp to help control stage feedback.

27. ADJUSTING THE GRAPHIC EQUALIZER

When the EQ sliders are in their center position, they do not affect the audio signal. When EQ sliders are raised or lowered from this position, they boost or cut respectively a narrow frequency range. To reduce feedback in the low frequency range, try lowering one of the 63, 125 or 250 Hz sliders. High frequency feedback is reduced by lowering one of the 2k or 4k Hz sliders.

To help with feedback reduction, the main speaker should always be placed in front of the microphones.

For tone enhancement you may want to raise the 63, 125 (for deeper bass) and the 4, 8 and 16k (for crisper highs) forming a "smile" curve as shown.



28. EFFECTS FOOT SWITCH JACK

The optional FS22 will remotely shut off EFFECTS 1 or 2.



29. PHANTOM POWER SWITCH AND LED

The PHANTOM power switch turns on the microphone phantom power in the channel XLR jacks. This power is used for supplying a voltage to condenser microphones. The LED indicates the phantom power is turned on. The phantom power will not damage conventional dynamic microphones. Note: Make sure the phantom power is switched off before connecting or disconnecting microphones to the mixer. It is recommended to allow 5 seconds for the phantom power to discharge before making any microphone connections.

REAR PANEL-POWER/SPEAKER CONNECTIONS

The rear panel contains the POWER SWITCH and AC power cable connection. For the PA800 and PA1200, there are 3 groups of 1/4" speaker jacks. Each group has two 1/4" outputs (wired in parallel). AMPS 1 and 2 are for the LEFT and RIGHT speakers. AMP 3 is for the MONITOR speakers.

NOTE: 4Ω MIN IMPEDANCE PER AMPLIFIER (Maximum one 4Ω or two 8Ω speakers per amp). **MAKE ALL SPEAKER CONNECTIONS BEFORE TURNING THE MIXER ON .**



signals to the dual processors. Note: Reduce these levels if the red PEAK LEDs are flashing on the processors.

Turn up the EFFECTS control to 5 on the processor(s) to add your effects, while at the same time adjust the SELECT and the PARAMETER controls to get the desired effect. Note: An audible noise will be heard while adjusting the effects.

EFFECT PARAMETERS

Each of the four effects has a variable parameter that can be easily adjusted. Each "SELECT" & "PARAMETER" is described below.

A) ECHO: SELECT the amount of the regeneration (repeating). Now select the PARAMETER control for the shortest or longest delay time between the original signal and the echo.

B) REVERB: SELECT the amount of presence (high frequencies) in the reverb. Now turn the PARAMETER control to provide the minimum or maximum decay.

C) CHORUS: SELECT the amount of reverb with your chorus. Now turn the PARAMETER control to increase the depth.

23. AMP "CLIP" LED's

The amp CLIP LEDs indicate when the power amps are starting to distort (clip). Reduce the MAIN 1-2 and/or MONITOR 3 master volumes to prevent distortion.

24. POWER LED

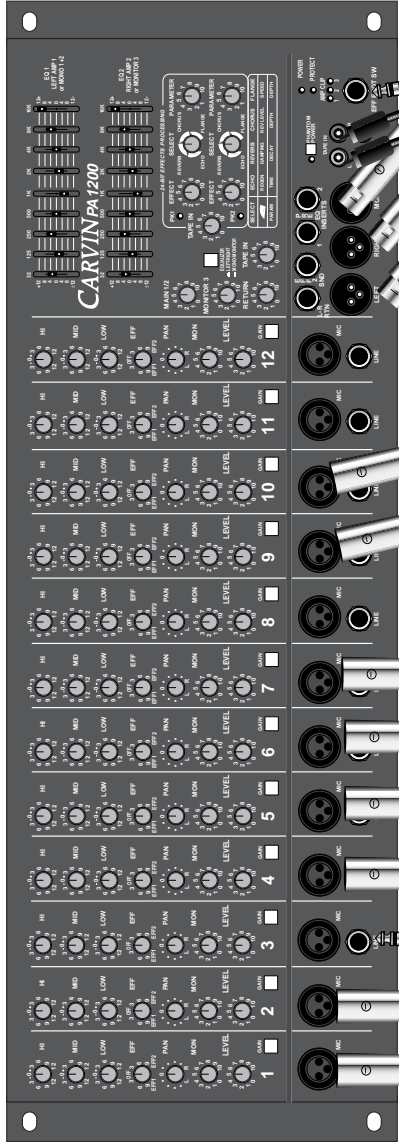
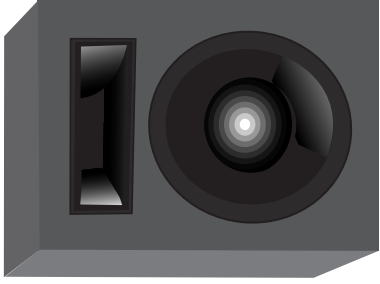
The Power LED indicates when the mixer is powered up.

25. PROTECT LED

The mixer will "protect", engaging relays to mute the speakers if: a) impedance is below 4Ω on any amplifier b) shorted speaker cables, or c) ventilation problems. If this LED comes on, shut the mixer "OFF" and check for cable problems, proper impedance and obstructed rear cooling vents. If you encounter an over-heat problem, leave the mixer "ON" allowing the fan to cool down the internal components. The mixer will auto-reset. If a problem persists, please contact Carvin's service dept. 800-854-2235.

PA1200R LIVE SET UP

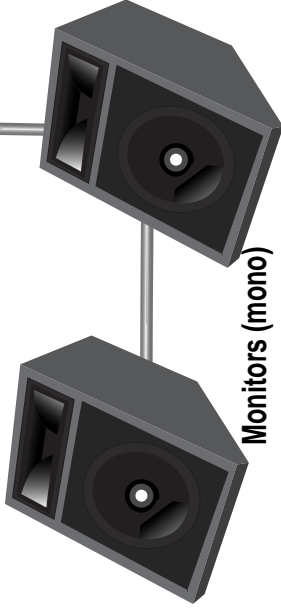
Right Main Speaker



L-R Main Out



Monitor Out

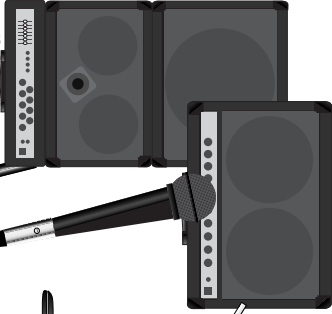


Monitors (mono)



Optional FS22
Footswitch

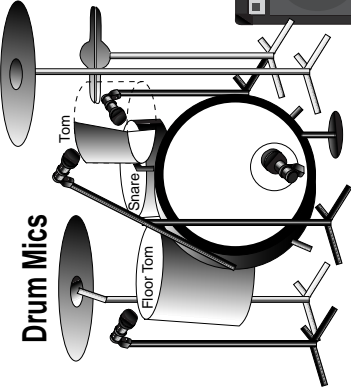
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Direct Out



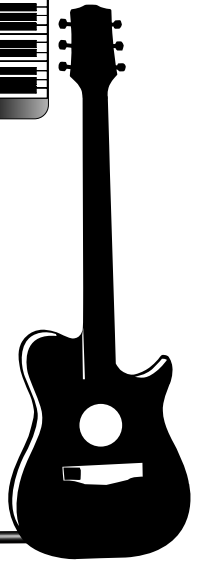
Guitar Amp Stereo Keyboard



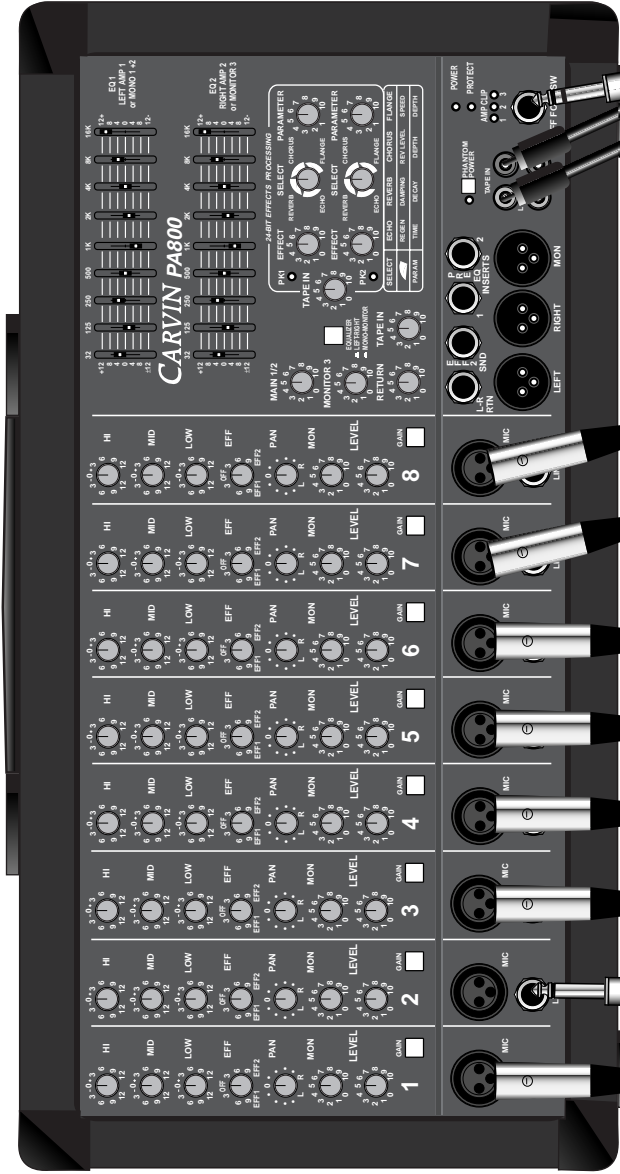
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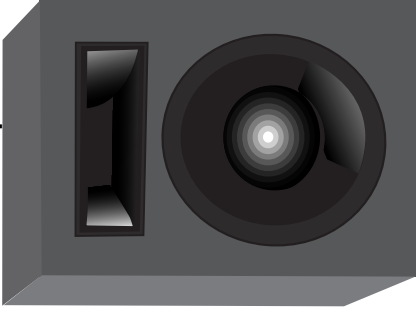
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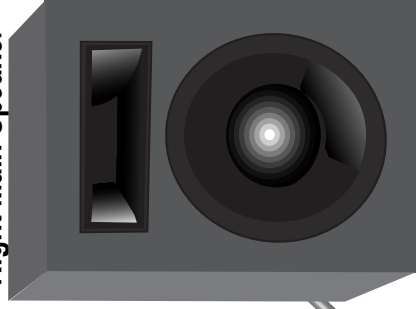
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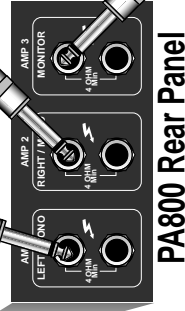
Left Main Speaker



Right Main Speaker



Power Output
333w / 333w / 333w @ 4Ω



PA800 Rear Panel



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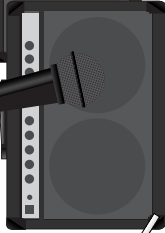


Optional FS22
Footswitch

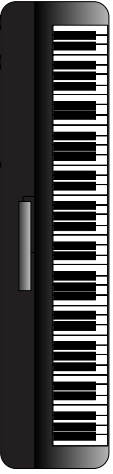
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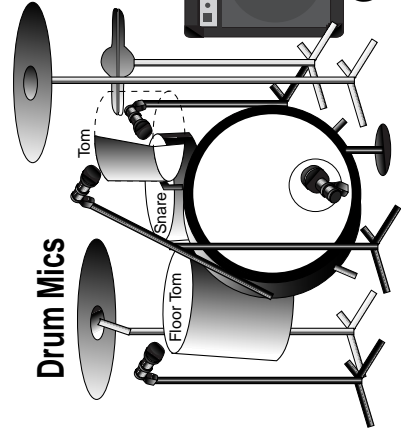
Guitar Amp



Stereo Keyboard



Drum Mics



Vocal Mic

