

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 125 k 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 750 Hz frequency range. The 11.5 k 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 20 Hz up to 20 k 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. $\qquad$ Invoice Date

## PA1200 BLOCK DIAGRAM



## MOPFL PA800, PA1200, PAI200R SPFCIFICATIONS:

Frequency Response: Mic or Line Inputs: $20 \mathrm{~Hz}-20 \mathrm{kHz} \pm 1 \mathrm{~dB}$
Total Harmonic Distortion: Less than . $1 \%$ at nominal levels
Equivalent Input Noise: $\quad 150$ ohm source: - -117 dBu
Output Noise:
Output Headroom:
Maximum Gain:
Crosstalk:
Common Mode Rejection:
Phantom Power:
Channel EQ 3-band active:
-90 dBu Master Line Out
(All Levels Minimum) +26dB XLR bal, +20dB 1/4" unbal
Mic in to Master Line Out: 70dB
Adjacent ch's: -60db at 1 KHz
hannel
OW: $80 \mathrm{~Hz}+12 \mathrm{~dB}$
MID: $750 \mathrm{~Hz} \pm 12 \mathrm{~dB}$
HI: $11.5 \mathrm{KHz} \pm 12 \mathrm{~dB}$
Power Output: $\quad 1000 w @ 4 \Omega(8 \Omega: 200 w \times 3,4 \Omega: 333 w \times 3)$
Power Req.:
Size and Weight:
PA1200R Power Req.:
Size and Weight:
Remote Effects Controller:
Vinyl Cover:

120VAC 60 Hz or optional 240VAC 50 Hz model
$12.5^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{H} \times 20$ "W $\times 10^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{D}, 28 \mathrm{lbs}$
90-240 VAC $50-60 \mathrm{~Hz}$
11 "H x 19.5 "W x 4"D, 10 lbs
Optional FS22 footswitch
CV1200

12340 World Trade Drive, San Diego, CA 92128

AThis symbol is intended to alert the user to the pres ence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.


This symbol is intend ed to alert the user to the presence of impo tant operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

IMPORTANT! FOR YOUR PROTECTION, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:
WATER AND MOISTURE: Appliance should not be used near water (near a bathtub, washbowl, kitchen sink, laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool, etc). Care should be taken so that objects do not fall and liquids are not spilled into the enclosure through openings.
POWER SOURCES: The appliance should be connected to a power supply only of the type described in the operating instructions or as marked on the appliance.
GROUNDING OR POLARIZATION: Precautions should be taken so that the grounding or polarization means of an appliance is not defeated.
POWER CORD PROTECTION: Power supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the appliance.
SERVICING: The user should not attempt to service the appliance beyond that described in the operating instructions. All other servicing should be referred to qualified service personnel.
FUSING: If your unit is equipped with a fuse receptacle, replace only with the same type fuse. Refer to replacement text on the unit for correct fuse type.

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS (EUROPEAN)

The conductors in the AC power cord are colored in accordance with the following code. GREEN \& YELLOW—Earth BLUE—Neutral BROWN—Live U.K. MAIN PLUG WARNING: A molded main plug that has been cut off from the cord is unsafe. NEVER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU INSERT A DAM AGED OR CUT MAIN PLUG INTO A POWER SOCKET.

## LIMITED WARRANTY

Your Carvin product is guaranteed against failure for 1 YEAR unless otherwise stated. Carvin will service and supply all parts at no charge to the customer providing the unit is under warranty. Shipping costs are the responsibility of the customer. CARVIN DOES NOT PAY FOR PARTS OR SERVICING OTHER THAN OUR OWN. A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL INVOICE IS REQUIRED TO VERIFY YOUR WARRANTY. Carvin assumes no responsibility for horn drivers or speakers damaged by this unit. This warranty does not cover, and no liability is assumed, for damage due to: natural disasters, accidents, abuse, loss of parts, lack of reasonable care, incorrect use, or failure to follow instructions. This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties, expressed or implied. No representative or person is authorized to represent or assume for Carvin any liability in connection with the sale or servicing of Carvin products. CARVIN SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.
When RETURNING merchandise to the factory, you may call for a return authorization number. Describe in writing each problem. If your unit is out of warranty, you will be charged the current FLAT RATE for parts and labor to bring your unit up to factory specifications.

## MAINTAINING YOUR EQUIPMENT

Avoid spilling liquids or allowing any other foreign matter inside the unit. The panel of your unit can be wiped from time to time with a dry or slightly damp cloth in order to remove dust and bring back the new look. As with all pro gear, avoid prolonged use in caustic environments (salt air). When used in such an environment, be sure the mixer is adequately protected by a cover.

## REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST FOR

 PA800/1200/1200R MIXERS| P/N | QTY | DESCRIPTION | LOCATION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 03-50135 | 2 | STANDOFF LED $.500 \times .135$ | T1 D6, D7 |
| 03-92521 | 6 | STANDOFF LED $.925 \times .215$ D1, D2, D4, D5, D8, D9 | T1 |
| 06-40060 | 1 | TERMINAL 90dg MALE PC MTG . 250 | QC1 |
| 07-01603 | 1 | KNOB "6L" 6x6x17.4mm GREY CAP | S4 |
| 07-01602 | 1 | KNOB "6" 6x6x9.7mm GREY CAP | S1 |
| 21-40000 | 12 | XLR FEMALE CONNECTOR W/O GRND | J11-J121 |
| 21-40001 | 3 | XLR MALE CONNECTOR | J2, J7, J9 |
| 21-40022 | 1 | JACK RCA QUAD PC VERTICAL MTG | J5 |
| 21-52545 | 17 | JACK . 250 PHONE STEREO STEEL J8, J12-J122 | J1, J3, J6, J10 |
| 23-11004 | 1 | CONNECT HEADER 4 PIN STRAIGHT | H12 |
| 23-11010 | 2 | CONNECT HEADER 10 PIN STRAIGHT | H1, H11 |
| 23-40008 | 1 | CONNECT HEADER . 400 IN 8 PIN H2 |  |
| 23-92995 | 2 | SHUNT JUMPER UNPLATED MIDDLE PIN | S ON H2 |
| 25-02201 | 1 | SWITCH DPDT PUSH PC MTG LOCKNG | S4 |
| 25-02201-1 | 12 | ASSEMBLED SWITCH AND CAP | S11-S121 |
| 25-04201 | 1 | SWITCH 4PDT PUSH PC MTG LOCKNG | S1 |
| 30-12734D | 1 | PCB CARD MAIN 1000 W PA1200 MIX |  |
| 46-22461 | 1 | CAP MYLR .2200UF 63VOLT 10\% | C250 |
| 49-10212 | 33 | 0.001UF SMT 10\% FILM 0805 50V C311, C117, C128, C130, C146, C111, C123 C723, C811, C167, C911, C923, C1011, C C1123, C1211, C1223 | C49, C51, C53, <br> , C211, C223, <br> 11, C623, C711 <br> 1023, C1111, |
| 49-10312 | 2 | 0.01UF SMT 10\% FILM 080550V | C43, 889 |
| 49-10412 | 38 | 0.1 UF SMT 5\% CERAMIC 0805 C8, C9, C10, C11, C12, C13, C14, C15, C C65, C74, C75, C76, C77, C78, C79, C80, C142, C151, C152, C155, C165, C166 | C3, C4, C6, C7, C137, C138, C60, C137, C138, C140, |
| 49-10451 | 16 | 0.1 UF SMT 10\% FILM 120650 V <br> C42, C44, C81, C83, C86, C88, C91, C94, <br> C98, C99 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C5, C16, C27, } \\ & \text { C95, C96, C97, } \end{aligned}$ |
| 49-22035 | 116 | SMT CAP 22uF 35 v ELECTROLITIC C21, C26, C29, C31, C33, C59, C62, C63, C68, C72, C73, C93, C103, C104, C105, C C115, C120, C149, C153, C154, C157, C15 C214, С303, С304, С305, С308, C310, С3 C405, C408, C410, C414, C503, C504, C5 C514, C603, C604, C605, C608, C610, C6 C814, C903, C904, C905, C908, C910, C9 C1005, C1008, C1010, C1014, C1103, C11 C470, C570, C670, C770, C870, C970, 0, C1170, C1270 | $\mathrm{C} 1, \mathrm{C} 2, \mathrm{C} 19, \mathrm{C} 20$, <br> C64, C66, C67, <br> 108, C110, C114, <br> 58, C161, C162, 25, C208, C210, <br> 14, C403, C404, <br> 05, C508, C510, <br> 14, C703, C704, <br> 05, C808, C810, <br> 14, C1003, C1004, $04, \mathrm{C} 1105, \mathrm{C} 1108$, <br> 210, C1214, |
| 49-22212 | 4 | 0.0022UF SMT 10\% FILM 0805 50V C139 | C56, C132, C135, |
| 49-22312 | 18 | 0.022UF SMT 10\% FILM 0805 50V C125, C129, C134, C112, C212, C312, C4 C712, C812, C912, C1012, C1112, C1212 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C41, C50, C85, } \\ & \text { 12, C512, C612, } \end{aligned}$ |
| 49-25152 | 4 | 220PF SMT 5\% CERAMIC 0805 C118 | C57, C141, C69, |
| 49-27052 | 2 | 27 PF SMT 5\% CERAMIC 0805 | С36, С37 |
| 49-33152 | 2 | 330PF SMT 5\% CERAMIC 0805 | C55, C136 |
| 49-33212 | 2 | 0.0033UF SMT 10\% FILM 080550 | C47, C126 |


| 49-33312 | 2 | 0.033UF SMT 10\% FILM 0805 50V C48, C127 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 49-39052 | 62 | 39PF SMT 5\% CERAMIC 0805 C34, C40, C156, C17, C18, C22, C23, C25, C28, C30, C32, C58, C82, C84, C90, C92, C100, C113, C118, C119, C122, C124, C143, C144, C145, C147, C159, C160, C163, C164, C213, C247, C313, C347, C413, C447, C513, C547, C613, C647, C713, C747, C813, C847, C913, C947, C1013, C1047, C1113, C1147, C1213, C1247, C148, C248, C348, C448, C548, C648, C748, C848, C948, C1048, C1148, C1248 |
| 49-47212 |  | 0.0047uF SMT FILM 0805 50V C45, C52, C54, C116, C131, C133 |
| 49-47312 | 2 | 0.047UF SMT 10\% FILM 0805 50V C46, C121 |
| 49-56152 | 29 | 560PF SMT 5\% CERAMIC 0805 C70, C119, C87, <br> C171, C174, C106, C107, C206, C207, C306, C307, <br> C406, C407, C506, C507, C606, C607, C706, C707, C806, C807, C906, C907, <br> C1006, C1007, C1106, C1107, C1206, C1207 |
| 49-82052 | 36 | 82PF SMT 5\% CERAMIC 0805 C101, C102, <br> C201, C202, C301, C302, C401, C402, C501, C502, C601, C602, C701, C702, C801, C802, C901, C902, C1001, C1002 C1101, C1102, C1201, C1202, C109, C209, C309, C409, C509, C609, C709, C809, C909, C1009, C1109, C1209 |
| 58-00035 | 1 | 0.0 SMT JUMPER 1206 R187 |
| 58-10025 | 2 | 100.5 SMT .25W 1206 1\% R40, R157 |
| 58-10035 | 7 | 1K SMT .25W 1206 1\% R48, R81, R99, R129, R178, R181, R188 |
| 58-10045 | 55 | 10K SMT .25W 1206 1\% R1, R11, R12, R14, R15, R16, R27, R28, R31, R35, R36, R37, R39, R46, R47, R54, R55, R59, R78, R83, R125, R126, R137, R139, R140, R142, R149, R151, R154, R155, R159, R160, R163, R164, R171, R192, R198, R211, R220, R230, R231, R227, R228, R123, R223, R323, R423, R523, R623, R723, R183, R923, R1023, R1123, R1223 |
| 58-10055 | 3 | 100K SMT .25W 1206 1\% R52, R71, R90 |
| 58-15035 | 36 | 1.5K SMT .25W 1206 1\% R110, R210, R310, R410, R510, R610, R710, R810, R910, R1010, R1110, R1210, R112, R212, R312, R412, R512, R612, R712, R812, R912, R1012, R1112, R1212, R115, R215, R315, R415, R515, R615, R715, R815, R915, R1015, R1115, R1215 |
| 58-15045 | 16 | 15K SMT .25W 1206 1\% <br> R4, R5, R127, <br> R128, R108, R208, R308, R408, R508, R608, R708, R808, <br> R908, R1008, R1108, R1208 |
| 58-15055 | 18 | 150K SMT .25W 1206 1\% R2, R8, R10, R41 R44, R49, R61, R65, R66, R67, R79, R85, R86, R89, R143, R145, R156, R172 |
| 58-22035 | 46 | 2.2K SMT .25W 1206 1\% <br> R21, R24, R25, <br> R32, R60, R62, R64, R68, R72, R74, R87, R94, R97, R134, R33, R53, R56, R57, R58, R165, R168, R169, R103, R203, R303, R403, R503, R603, R104, R204, R304, R404, R504, R604, R703, R803, R903, R1003, R1103, R1203, R704, R804, R904, R1004, R1104, R1204 |
| 58-22045 | 101 |  |
| 58-22055 | 12 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 220K SMT .25W } 12061 \% \text { R20, R22, R26, } \\ & \text { R63, R69, R73, R75, R88, R95, R96, R100, R111 } \end{aligned}$ |
| 58-33025 | 4 | 330.5 SMT .25W 1206 1\% R162 R77, R82, R161, |
| 58-33035 | 14 | 3.3K SMT .25W 1206 1\% R70, R133, <br> R116, R216, R316, R416, R516, R616, R716, R816, R916, |

## CAUTION

RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK
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Refresemem romanfes semur PERSONNEL! THIS UNIT CONTAINS HIGH voltage inside!

## R1016, R1116, R1216

## 33K SMT .25W 1206 1\% R121, R124 <br> R3, R9, R91, R121, R124

R19, R76, R92,
3.9K SMT .25W 1206 1\%
R18, R131
4.7 SMT .25W $12061 \%$
R996, R997, R998, R999
470.5 SMT .25W 1206 1\% R38, R138, R42, R43, R45, R50, R80, R98, R179, R182, R189, R144, R146, R153, R229, R232
 4.7K SMT .25W 1206 1\% $\%$
R6, R7, R13, R17, R30, R84, R120, R122, R132, R166, R170, R106, R206, R306, R406, R506, R606, R706, R806, R906, R1006, R1106, R1206, R107, R207, R307, R407, R507, R607, R707, R807, R907, R1007, R1107, R1207, R180, R280, R380, R480, R580, R680, R780, R880, R980, R1080,

R1180, R1280 | R23, R130, R1 |
| :--- |
| $\begin{array}{l}\text { 47K SMT .25W 1206 1\% } \\ \text { R314, R414, R514, R614, R714, R814, R914, R1014, }\end{array}$ | 114, R1214

560.5 SMT .25W 1206 1\% R233, R234
$\begin{aligned} & \text { 5.6K SMT .25W 1206 1\% } \\ & \text { R201, R202, R301, R302, R401, R402, R501, R502, R601, }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { R201, R202, R301, R302, R401, R402, R501, R502, R601, } \\ & \text { R602, R701, R702, R801, R802, R901, R902, R1001, R1002 }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { R1101, R1102, R1201, R1202, R117, R118, R217, R218, } \\ & \text { R317, R318, R417, R418, R517, R518, R617, R618, R717, }\end{aligned}$
R718, R817, R818, R917, R918, R1017, R1018, R1117,
R1118, R1217, R1218
680 SMT .25W 1206 1\% R51
$\begin{array}{ll}22 \text { SMT 1W } 2512 \text { 20\% } & \text { R174, } \\ \text { CMOS STATIC RAM 1MEG 20NS } & \text { U3 }\end{array}$
LED RED DIFFUSED 3MM T-1.00
D4, D6, D7, D8,
D9
LED GREEN DIFFUSED 3MM T-1.00
LED YELLOW DIFFUSED 3MM T-1.00 D2, D5
REGULATOR VOLTAGE $5+\mathrm{V} 1$ AMP Q27 LAY FLAT
IC DSP W/CODEC AKM7712
CRYSTAL CERAMIC SMT 16.4 mHz Y1
1N914 HI SPD SMT 250mW DIODE D3
$\begin{aligned} & \text { NJM2043SMT(TESTED) DUAL HFREQ A10, A14, A19, } \\ & \text { A11, A21, A31, A41, A51, A61, A71, A81, A91, A93, A95, A97 }\end{aligned}$ NJM4565 SMT DUAL HI FREQ A1, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A8, A9, A13, A15, A16, A17, A18, A20, A23, A 24,
A28, A30, A12, A22, A 32, A 42, A52, A62, A72, A82, А92, А93, А95, А97, A27, А26, A46, A66, A86, A88, A99 MICRO CONTROLLER SOIC PACKAGE U2 POT 9 "D-P" 25F B50K-CC
$\{\mathrm{P} 121, \mathrm{P} 122$, P123\} \{P121, P122, P123\} POT 9 "D-P" 25F B50K-
P6, P18, \{P16-P126\} $\{$ P14 - P124\}

P1, P2, P3, P5, ORDER 20MM SL20V3-B10K-L15D(G)

P171 THRU P179, P181 THRU P189
$\qquad$ \{P19-P129\}
POT 12 "D-P" 25F 1B50Kx2 NOB
P10
P4, P7, P8, P9,
POT 12 "D-P" 25FS 1BM50K-C TAP
\{P17-P127\}

## PA800, PA 1200, PA 1 200R 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 $120 \mathrm{~V}-60 \mathrm{~Hz}$ or $240 \mathrm{~V}-50 \mathrm{~Hz}$. 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 noninverting (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 postchannel 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 $\mathbf{H I}$. All three function as boost (clockwise) \& cut (counter-clockwise) controls. The center $\mathbf{0}$ is the "flat" or no effect position. The LO and $\mathbf{H I}$ 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 outboard 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 $\mathbf{L}$ and the Ring signal to the $\mathbf{R}$. 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 80 Hz and 11.5 k Hz respectively. The MID control is a band pass type centered at 750 Hz . Recommended setting: $\mathbf{L O} \& \mathbf{H I}+4$, 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


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.

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 $4 \Omega$ on any amplifier b) shorted speaker cables, or c) ventalation 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.

## 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 band. 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 2 k or 4 k 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 $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ speaker jacks. Each group has two $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ outputs (wired in parallel). AMPS $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ are for the LEFT and RIGHT speakers. AMP 3 is for the MONITOR speakers.
NOTE: $4 \Omega$ MIN IMPEDANCE PER AMPLIFIER (Maximum one $4 \Omega$ or two $8 \Omega$ speakers per amp). MAKE ALL SPEAKER CONNECTIONS BEFORE TURNING THE MIXER ON .




