

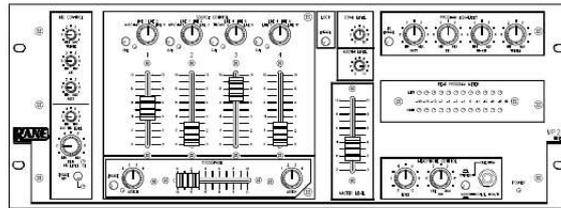


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QUICK START

Don't! Quick-starting an MP 24 is like trying to quick-start a 747. It's just not something you do. Trust us, you don't want to make mistakes with this sucker. So just this once—*please*—we *highly* recommend you read this *entire* manual: front-to-back, every single page, every single word. It will familiarize you with the many intricacies of the MP 24, not to mention all the nooks and crannies.

Manual-1



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Manual abstract:

It's just not something you do. Trust us, you don't want to make mistakes with this sucker. @@@@2. @3. Input channel faders: These faders control the relative Levels of each of the four Input mixing Channels. 4. Channel CUE selectors: Engaging any single or combination of CUE pushbuttons sends any program present at the respective Channel's SOURCE CONTROL selector to the Headphone Cue section. The yellow LEDs adjacent to each CUE select button illuminate when the switch is engaged. 5. CROSSFADE ENGAGE switch: Engaging this switch activates the CROSSFADER and disables manual mixing capabilities.

The adjacent green LED illuminates whenever the Crossfader is active. 6. Left-hand CROSSFADE ASSIGN switch: This four position rotary switch ASSIGNS the left side of the Crossfader to any of the four Input Channels when the Crossfader is activated by its ENGAGE switch. 7. Right-hand CROSSFADE ASSIGN switch: This four position rotary switch ASSIGNS the right side of the Crossfader to any of the four Input Channels when the Crossfader is activated by the ENGAGE switch.

8. CROSSFADER: This fader controls the Levels of any two Channels assigned to it by the left and right Crossfade ASSIGN switches when the ENGAGE switch is activated. The entire Crossfader assembly is replaceable from the front panel without disassembling the entire unit. See SERVICE INFORMATION on page Schematic-1 for instructions. 9.

ENGAGE MIC switch: This pushbutton enables the Microphone Inputs to feed the Booth, Zone, and Main Outputs. The adjacent red LED flashes whenever the ENGAGE MIC switch is down and locked. This switch also activates a "ducker" circuit in the Booth Output. (See #15 Front Panel and #20 Rear Panel.)

10. MAIN MIC LEVEL control: This rotary control sets the Level of the balanced low impedance MAIN MIC Input. 11. AUX MIC LEVEL control: This rotary control sets the Level of the unbalanced high impedance AUX MIC Input, most often used for wireless mics. Manual-2 12. Microphone equalization controls: These three rotary controls adjust the frequency contour of both Microphone Inputs.

They have no effect on any other program material. 13. LOOP ENGAGE switch: This pushbutton controls the Switchable Effects Loop; pressing it to its down and locked position routes the main signal through the processor attached to the SWITCHABLE LOOP connectors on the rear. 14. MASTER LEVEL fader: This control determines the program and microphone Level at the Main Outputs. Unity gain is approximately "4.5" 15. BOOTH LEVEL control: Controls the program and microphone Level at the Booth Outputs. Unity gain is approximately "6.5".

This Output utilizes a "ducking" circuit that reduces the microphone Level when the MIC ENGAGE switch is activated. See #20, Rear Panel. 16. ZONE LEVEL control: Controls the program and microphone Level of the Zone Outputs. Unity gain is approximately "6.

5". 17. PROGRAM EQUALIZER controls: These four rotary controls are used to contour the frequency response of the program at the Main, Booth and Zone Outputs. This is not designed to be the only equalizer in the system, this is intended to provide EQ between varying program materials. 18.

PROGRAM EQUALIZER ENGAGE switch: Engaging this switch enables the Program Equalizer to function. In the out position, the Equalizer is bypassed.

19. HEADPHONE LEVEL CONTROL: Clockwise rotation of this rotary control increases the headphone drive level. 20. HEADPHONE PAN CONTROL: This rotary control serves two purposes; in the STEREO mode it changes the relative levels of the Cue and Program mixed together in both earcups. In the MONO mode it changes the balance between the Mono Cue in the left ear cup and the Mono Program in the right. 21. HEADPHONE CUE mode switch: In the up position, this switch feeds STEREO Program and Cue to both earcups, in the down position the Headphone circuit provides MONO Cue to the left ear and MONO Program to the right. 22.

HEADPHONE output jack: A tip-ring-sleeve stereo jack provides for the insertion of stereo headphones. 23. PEAK PROGRAM METER: This stereo LED bargraph provides a visual indication of program output voltage. The calibration of the indication is user adjustable. (See #6, Rear Panel.) Fader Care: With heavy use in harsh environments, the faders may need lubrication. Rane recommends spraying one or two bursts of CaiLube MCL into the fader. Work the fader back and forth a few times after spraying. This treatment extends longevity and can make used faders as good as new. Order CaiLube MCL® from: CAIG Laboratories, Inc.

16744 W. Bernardo Drive San Diego CA 92127-1904 Phone 619-451-1799 Fax 619-451-2799 Web www.caig.com Manual-3 REAR PANEL DESCRIPTION

1. BALANCED MAIN OUTPUT connectors: These three-pin connectors provide a fully balanced Main Output signal, pin 2 is (+), pin 3 is (-) and pin 1 is signal ground.

Pin 3 must never be grounded for unbalanced operation. Use only pin 2 as hot and pin 1 as return for any unbalanced operation. 2. UNBALANCED MAIN OUTPUT connectors: These 1/4" unbalanced connectors provide MAIN OUTPUT signals. 3.

BOOTH OUTPUT connectors: Connecting to the Left Output only supplies a mono BOOTH monitor OUTPUT; connecting to both Left and Right provides a stereo Output. 4. ZONE OUTPUT connectors: Connecting to the Left Output only supplies a mono ZONE OUTPUT, connecting to both Left and Right provides a stereo Output. The Zone Outputs are located Post-EQ, which includes the Microphone Output. An internal jumper block programs the Zone to Pre-EQ (and no mic) if required. See SERVICE INFORMATION on page Schematic-1. 5. MAXIMUM OUTPUT GAIN REDUCTION control: This rotary control decreases the maximum Level of the balanced and unbalanced MAIN OUTPUTS of the MP 24 as it is rotated CCW. 6. METER SENSITIVITY ADJUST:

Clockwise rotation decreases the full-scale sensitivity of the PEAK PROGRAM METER, as indicated by the full-scale voltage calibrations around the control.

7. SYSTEM MONO/STEREO switch: Engaging this pushbutton converts all Outputs (except tapes and loops) to MONO, regardless of the nature of the Input signals. 8. EQ RANGE switch: In the out position, the maximum boost/cut available from the Program Equalizer is ± 8 dB. In the switch's in position, this range is reduced to ± 4 dB. 9. LIGHT CONTROL OUTPUT jack: This 1/4" TRS connector provides a transformer-coupled mono program signal for use by a lighting controller's trigger input. The tip is positive, the ring is negative and the sleeve is floating. 10. LIGHT OUTPUT LEVEL attenuator: Counter-

clockwise rotation reduces the Output Level at the LIGHT CONTROL OUTPUT jack.

11. TAPE OUTPUT jacks: One pair of RCA jacks provides pre-EQ, pre-LOOP Program Outputs. The other pair supplies preEQ, post-LOOP Program Outputs. The microphone signals are not available at these Outputs, however they are selectable using an internal jumper block. (See SERVICE INFORMATION on page Schematic-1.

) Manual-4 12. SWITCHABLE LOOP SEND jacks: Use these 1/4" unbalanced Left and Right Outputs for driving the inputs of a processor activated by the front panel LOOP button.



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13. SWITCHABLE LOOP RETURN jacks: Use these ¼" unbalanced Inputs for receiving the outputs of the above device. 14. MAIN EFFECTS LOOP SEND jacks: These ¼" unbalanced connectors provide drive to the inputs of a signal processor which is not to be switched from the front of the mixer. Connecting only to the LEFT EFFECTS SEND provides a mono Output; connecting to both Left and Right provides a stereo feed. 15. MAIN EFFECTS LOOP RETURN jacks: A pair of ¼" unbalanced Inputs for receiving the processed signal generated from the Main Effects Loop Sends above. 16. Balanced MAIN MIC Input jack: Use this 3-pin connector for connecting a balanced microphone of any impedance, either dynamic or condenser. 17. Unbalanced high-impedance AUX MIC Input jack: This ¼" unbalanced Input is for wireless or other high-impedance mics. 18. MIC LOOP jack: This ¼" TRS (Tip-Ring-Sleeve) connector is for inserting external signal processing in the microphone circuit only.

This is a tip-send, ring-return configuration. This feature does not affect the operation of the Main Program Channels. 19. PHANTOM POWER switch: Engaging this pushbutton applies +15 V Phantom Power to the 3-pin balanced MAIN MIC Input only. It has no effect on the Auxiliary Microphone Input. The adjacent red LED illuminates whenever Phantom Power is active. 20. BOOTH DUCKER switch: When in the ACTIVE position, the ENGAGE MIC switch on the front panel reduces the Microphone level at the Booth Outputs. When this switch is in the DEFEAT position, Microphone level is not reduced. 21. PHONO/AUX input jacks: Use these stereo Phono Input pairs for connecting any moving-magnet type cartridges to the mixer. Internal jumpers are provided to convert these into Line level Inputs (See SERVICE INFORMATION, page Schematic-1). When these jumpers are set to PHONO (as shipped from the factory), these Inputs should never be used for any other purpose due to the amount of gain and RIAA equalization present. Any unused Phono Input should have the Phono Shorting Plug installed to prevent interference from an outside source. Do not put any of the Phono Shorting Plugs into the Tape Out jacks, as this will short all the Outputs.

22. AUX/PHONO 3 input jacks: As #21 above, except shipped with the internal jumpers in the LINE position. 23. LINE 1 & 3 through 6 Input jacks: These stereo pairs of RCA connectors are unbalanced, Line level Inputs only. They are suitable for all line-level devices such as the audio outputs of VCRs, compact disc players, tape recorders, etc.

24. @@@@25. @@@@26. @@@@See the CHASSIS GROUNDING note on page Manual-8 for details. 27. GROUND LIFT SWITCH. This switch separates chassis ground from signal ground. Normally, this switch should be in the LIFT position. @@@@28. @@The MP 24 uses an 18 volt AC center-tapped transformer only.

@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@Obviously, if one of the line devices feeding the MP 24 is of the commercial same token, isolating the two when they are installed in the same rack may have a quieting effect. @@@@Bring up Level controls slowly and with great caution. @@@@Some turntables even have two ground wires, one for the tone arm and one for the chassis. Sometimes only one of these should be connected for optimum signal-to-noise, sometimes both, sometimes none. The rule is: "Whatever works, works." Manual-6 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS INITIAL OPERATION Operation of the MP 24 is fairly straightforward, deviating only slightly from other products of its type. Assuming at least one turntable is connected and assigned to PHONO 1, operation consists of the following: Make sure all faders are set to zero, the MIC, LOOP, EQ, and CROSSFADER are all disengaged, (switches out) and that all rotary LEVEL controls are either fully CCW or in their center detents, whichever applies. Select PHONO 1 on Input Channel 1. Simultaneously raise the Channel 1 fader and the MASTER LEVEL fader. Before much travel is reached on the faders, the results should be heard.

If not, shut everything down and recheck connections, power to the mixer (look for the yellow POWER light) and ancillary devices (EQs, crossovers, amplifiers, etc.) Once an output is established from the turntable, go ahead and try everything else. Assign all Inputs to the Channels they will be used, and test the system. Once all sources are set as desired, proceed. REAR PANEL ADJUSTMENTS There are some controls on the rear panel which need to be set. Set the METER SENSITIVITY ADJUST so the system is at maximum level, (usually just short of amplifier clipping). Run the system up to this maximum level and turn the METER SENSITIVITY ADJUST so that the highest peaks on the PEAK PROGRAM METER occasionally hit the +8 dB indicator. This warns the operator that further pressure on the throttle will overdrive the system. At this point check the MAXIMUM OUTPUT GAIN REDUCTION control so that with the MASTER LEVEL at "10", the meter responds as it did in the previous step. This would be a good time to make the adjustment. This may be accomplished by turning the rear panel MAX OUTPUT GAIN REDUCTION adjustment all the way down, pushing the MASTER LEVEL fader all the way up, setting a normal mix level on the Input fader, and then turning up the MAX OUTPUT GAIN REDUCTION adjustment on the rear until the required output level is attained. In some cases, make this adjustment with both the Source Level and the MASTER LEVEL faders all the way up. This is acceptable only if sources can be adjusted such that they all have equal output before they reach the Input of the MP 24. If this is not possible, full system drive will not come from some components. To accomplish this feat, identical cartridges in all turntables are required so the phono levels are all the same. Having done all of this it is possible to use the MAX OUTPUT GAIN REDUCTION on all of your sources. The other rear panel adjustment that should be made at this time has to do with the maximum deviation to the frequency response of the system left to the operator. This is controlled by the EQ RANGE switch. In the out position, the range of all of the EQ controls is ±8 dB. In the in position, this range is reduced to ±4 dB.

The latter is considered safer in situations where taste makes waste--in drivers, that is. THE HEADPHONE CONTROL (CUE) SYSTEM To use the HEADPHONE CUE System, signal must be present at one of the Inputs. (Well, at least you do to make sure it works.) Depressing the CUE switch for the respective Input Channel presents this signal to the Headphone Cue amplifier. An LED illuminates next to the CUE switch, attesting to the fact that it was indeed pushed down. Now select how to listen to it -- Mono Cue in one ear, Mono Program in the other, Stereo Program in both ears, or Stereo Cue in both ears. The STEREO/MONO CUE switch allows this flexibility. To vary the level between Cue and Program, rotate the HEADPHONE PAN control in the desired direction. CCW rotation increases the Cue Level, CW rotation increases the Program Level.



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The overall volume of all of this is then controlled by the rotary HEADPHONE LEVEL control.

USING THE ASSIGNABLE CROSSFADE First, press the Crossfade ENGAGE switch. The green LED next to the switch illuminates. The Crossfade ASSIGN switches determine the two Input Channels that are mixed by the Crossfader. As an example, assume the left ASSIGN switch is set on 1 and the right ASSIGN switch is on 2. This activates both mix faders on Channels 1 and 2.

Their outputs, however, are under the control of the Crossfader. When in its left-most position, only Channel 1 appears at the Outputs. Both Channels are present in equal levels in the when the Crossfader is brought to the middle, and only Channel 2 is heard once the far right is reached. Note that the sound pressure level does not change as this transition is effected. This is a constant power Crossfader, meaning that if the two input signals are equal, a steady volume level is maintained no matter where the Crossfader is positioned.

This, of course, gets a bit sticky to predict when one song may be in fade-out as the operator crossfades from one to the next which is building in volume. Once crossfaded to Channel 2, maybe cue up some video and put the audio on Channel 4. Hard to do? No way. Simply pull the Channel 1 fader to zero, set the ASSIGN switch on the left of the Crossfader to Channel 4, Cue up 4, set the level on fader 4 and Crossfade into it. We realize that it's a bit strange to

Crossfade from 2 to 4 by sliding the fader to the left, however it's just an unavoidable oddity caused by having so much flexibility. **MICROPHONE OPERATION** To use the mic, connect it to the appropriate connector, and set the PHANTOM POWER switch to the desired mode (it's a good idea to have the Phantom Power in the on position for condenser mics, off for dynamics). Leave the MASTER LEVEL fader in roughly the same location as it was for the music that's been playing, press the MIC ENGAGE switch and slowly adjust the MAIN MIC (or AUX MIC) LEVEL. Once this has been accomplished, the tonal balance may be adjusted via the MIC EQ controls located above the LEVEL Manual-7 controls. Modifying the sound of the mic in this way won't affect the EQ of the music in the system. The two Equalizer sections (Mic and Program) are totally independent.

When the microphone is not in use, release the MIC ENGAGE switch again to its upward position. When the switch is down, the red LED flashes. When off, the LED will be out. If the microphone preamp becomes overloaded, the red LED OverLoad light illuminates. If this is a problem, lower the appropriate MIC LEVEL control and increase the level of the MASTER LEVEL fader to restore desired microphone level. **MONO OPERATION** There may be situations where a mono output signal is preferable to a stereo output. @@@@A LIGHT OUTPUT LEVEL control adjusts the output level appropriate for the lighting controller. There appears to be a wide variety of sensitivities in different brands of controllers, therefore some adjustment is likely required. In the full CW position of the LIGHT OUTPUT LEVEL control, the signal delivered is amplified 20 dB relative to the premaster fader level. If this is excessive, CCW rotation of the LIGHT OUTPUT LEVEL control decreases the drive amount.

None of the Level controls past the Input Channel faders affect this drive level. **BOOTH AND ZONE OUTPUTS** The ZONE OUTPUT is an additional Stereo Output with it's own ZONE LEVEL control that can be routed to an amplifier that feeds the bar, another tape recorder, etc. This output is Post-EQ, which means also that the mic is heard from the Zone Outputs along with any Program EQ changes (This can be changed with an internal jumper block). The BOOTH OUTPUT operates much the same way, with an added feature: When the ENGAGE MIC switch is activated, the gain of the BOOTH OUTPUT "ducks" down 13.5 dB to prevent feedback from the booth speakers.

If this Output is used for something else and this feature is undesired, a BOOTH DUCKER DEFEAT switch is provided on the rear panel. Be sure this switch is in the ACTIVE position if booth speakers are used. **SOME FURTHER HINTS** Set the Input Channel faders near their maximum levels to preclude required excessive gain from the Output stage. Optimum noise performance is achieved by running the majority of the gain on the Input stages. Taking the least amount of gain on the Output stage ensures that the system doesn't have to amplify the unavoidable noise generated by the input buffers and summing amplifiers.

IMPORTANT NOTE CHASSIS GROUNDING The MP 24 is supplied with a rear mounted ground-lift switch. The unit is shipped with this switch in the "grounded" position, tying circuit ground to chassis ground. If after hooking up your system it exhibits excessive hum or buzzing, there is an incompatibility in the grounding configuration between units somewhere. Here are some things to try: 1. Try combinations of lifting grounds on units that are supplied with ground lift switches or links. 2. If your equipment is in a rack, verify that all chassis are tied to a good earth ground, either through the line cord grounding pin or the rack screws to another grounded chassis. 3. This units outboard power supply does NOT ground the chassis through the line cord. Make sure that this unit is grounded either to another chassis which is earth grounded, or directly to the grounding screw on an AC outlet cover by means of a wire connected to a screw on the chassis with a star washer to guarantee proper contact.

Please refer to RaneNote "Sound System Interconnection" (supplied with this manual and available on request at no charge separately) for further information on system grounding. ©Rane Corporation 10802 47th Ave. W., Mukilteo WA 98275-5098 TEL (425)355-6000 FAX (425)347-7757 WEB <http://www.rane.com Manual-8>.



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