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#### QUICK START

When, hold on there. Even if you don't read manuals as a matter of principle, at least read this section to avoid hurting yourself or your equipment.

Connect the MX 22 with the power off. Balanced XLR cables are recommended, but if you must convert to 1/4" connectors, buy or make a cable like the ones on page Manual-11 and keep them as short as possible. This device uses low impedance balanced line drivers. Do not connect the "+" or "-" output pins to ground, as this may cause the power supply to shut down. For unbalanced use, leave the unused output pin (+<sup>+</sup> or -<sup>-</sup>) unterminated.

Consult the speaker manufacturer for the correct crossover FREQUENCY setting. As rugged as some drivers are, many (especially compression drivers) will not accept frequencies outside of their normal range without producing distortion and possibly self-destruction.

With all equipment turned off and LEVEL controls down, begin making connections to the system as shown on page Manual-4 or 5. When turning on the system, switch on the power amplifiers last. Now, feed the MX 22 some program material. Start by turning up the LOW LEVEL and HIGH LEVEL to the 0 dB marks. Slowly increase the INPUT LEVEL, even if it goes all the way to 10, so the +4 dB (green) light blinks occasionally and the 0L (red) light stays out. This delivers the best signal-to-noise performance.

The MONO SUB OUTPUT is a sum of the Left and Right Low Outputs. The MONO SUB LEVEL adjusts only this Output and is not affected by the LOW LEVEL control. When using a single subwoofer along with full-range cabinets that have internal crossovers, set the 100 Hz FILTER to OUT, allowing the front panel FREQUENCY to control the subwoofer crossover point. When used with biamp cabinets and a subwoofer, set the 100 Hz FILTER switch to IN to allow only frequencies below 100 Hz at this output jack. This way, the MX 22 almost does the job of a Stereo 3-Way crossover, but without removing that awesome bass from the Left and Right Low Outputs.

WEAR PARTS: This product contains no wear parts.

Manual-1



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This way, the MX 22 almost does the job of a Stereo 3-Way crossover, but without removing that awesome bass from the Left and Right Low Outputs. WEAR PARTS: This product contains no wear parts. Manual-1 INPUT LEVEL control and indicators This controls the overall level without altering the relative settings of the Low and High frequency Outputs. Input gain is +6 dB at "10". With signal applied, set this control so the +4 dBu LED lights occasionally, indicating sufficient signal.

Flashing of the OL (overload) LED during peaks can be avoided by turning the INPUT LEVEL down. LOW LEVEL control This controls the level of signal going to the LOW OUTPUT jacks. Unity gain is reached at the "0 dB" mark with the INPUT LEVEL set to "10". This control does not affect the MONO SUB OUTPUT level. Refer to Operating Instructions on page Manual-6. MONO SUB OUTPUT, LEVEL trim, and 100 Hz FILTER switch HIGH OUTPUTS These are balanced Output jacks. Connect the LEFT HIGH OUTPUT to the left channel input of the high frequency amplifier, and the RIGHT HIGH OUTPUT to the right channel input of the high frequency amplifier. When using different model amplifiers for the low and high outputs, use the amplifier with the most power for the low outputs. This Output contains the summed signals of the LEFT and RIGHT LOW OUTPUTS. It may be used instead of, or along with the LOW OUTPUTS.

The output may be adjusted with the LEVEL trim from +6 dB to -10 dB. Unity Gain is straight up at 12:00. Switch the 100 Hz FILTER to IN when using a subwoofer along with the LOW OUTPUTS. This sends only the very lowest frequencies to the subwoofer. Manual-2 LOW/HIGH FREQUENCY control This 31-position selector sets the crossover frequency between the Low and High frequency Outputs in both Channels. Consult the manufacturer of the drivers or cabinets for the correct setting. HIGH LEVEL control This controls the level of signal going to the HIGH OUTPUT jacks. Unity gain is reached at the "0 dB" mark with the INPUT LEVEL set to "10". Refer to Operating Instructions on page Manual-6. Power ON switch and LED Your basic, straightforward power switch.

When the yellow LED is lit, the MX 22 is ready to go. Cable Wiring In agreement with IEC and AES/ANSI standards, Rane wiring convention is pin 2 Positive (hot), pin 3 Negative (cold or return), and pin 1 signal grounded and chassis grounded (to allow unbalanced operation). The XLR case is chassis grounded.

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INPUTS LOW OUTPUTS Connect the LEFT LOW OUTPUT to the left channel of the low frequency amplifier, and the RIGHT LOW OUTPUT to the right channel of the low amplifier. When driving a single subwoofer, use the MONO SUB OUTPUT jack instead. These are balanced Inputs. It is best to use balanced lines, especially when connecting cables over 10 feet in length. If you are feeding the MX 22 from a device that does not have balanced XLR connectors, consult SOUND SYSTEM INTERCONNECTION on page Manual-10.

Manual-3 APPLICATION -- ACTIVE 2-WAY WITH (or without) MONO SUB Use this configuration if you have separate speaker inputs for the low and high drivers, regardless of whether they are in the same or different cabinets. Connect as shown for a mono subwoofer. Set the 100 Hz FILTER switch to the IN position. If a mono subwoofer is not used, the FILTER switch setting will not matter, since all low frequencies will be sent to the LEFT and RIGHT LOW OUTPUTS. The front panel LOW/HIGH FREQUENCY control determines the frequency division between the low and high drivers, and only low frequencies below 100 Hz will be sent to the mono subwoofer. Manual-4 APPLICATION -- PASSIVE 2-WAY WITH MONO SUB PASSIVE 2-WAY WITH MONO SUB Use this configuration if you have full-range cabinets with passive crossovers built-in, i.e., no separate speaker inputs for the low and high drivers. Connect as shown for a mono subwoofer. Set the 100 Hz FILTER switch to the OUT position.

The front panel LOW/HIGH frequency control determines the frequency division between the main cabinets and the mono subwoofer. Manual-5 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS Selecting Crossover Frequencies Most speaker manufacturers supply low and/or high frequency cut-off points for each driver, especially if these are supplied in a system. These cut-off frequencies are based on each driver's performance, with a certain safety margin to accommodate more gentle filter roll-offs. The MX 22 utilizes a 31-position precision DC control voltage potentiometer to select the LOW/HIGH FREQUENCY point. This crossover circuit design assures consistent accuracy from Channel-to-Channel and unit-to-unit. This is a distinct advantage over continuously variable designs using ganged potentiometers which can yield large variations in channel-to-channel matching. Even with 31 choices it is possible that the exact recommended Crossover Frequency may not fall on one of the detents on the selector. Not to panic, for drivers have their own gradual rolloffs and tolerance variations. Just pick the closest one. When in doubt, choose the higher Frequency setting.

The illustration and table below details the crossover frequencies available on the detents that are not labeled. For best overall system results, try to choose the speaker components so that each operates well within its recommended limits. This provides valuable leeway so that crossover points may be adjusted in order to fine-tune the system.



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This also yields higher system reliability. If at all possible, always use some kind of realtime analyzer to tune your crossover, and then fine-tune each system with an equalizer.

Keep reading for further alignment details. Setting the Output Level Controls The INPUT LEVEL is an overall system sensitivity adjustment. Use this control to decrease the overall sensitivity of the entire sound system, including the mono subwoofer if you are using one. You will generally want to start with this control in the full clockwise (or 10) position. The LOW LEVEL, HIGH LEVEL and MONO SUB OUTPUT LEVEL controls allow you to compensate for sensitivity variations in amplifiers and drivers.

Do not use these to adjust overall system sensitivity unless you plan to re-align the system afterward. With these set to the 0 dB mark and the INPUT LEVEL set to 10, the crossover yields no level change from input to output. This is the best gain structure and provides the best signal-to-noise performance.

Crossover Philosophy Now it gets real fun. The idea is to set the output LEVEL controls on the crossover so that the entire speaker system has a uniform, flat response. Unfortunately, the room in which the speakers are placed has a habit of always getting into the act, so things get messy. As a result there seems to be two schools of thought regarding the use of active crossovers. The Set-It-Once-And-Glue-It School The philosophy here is to use the crossover to flatten system response as much as possible without room acoustics involved. This means setting up the system outside (unless you happen to have a very large anechoic chamber handy) and with the aid of a realtime analyzer and pink noise source, adjust all of the crossover outputs so that the system is as flat as possible. Once the system is tuned, the crossover is then locked behind a security cover (posted guard is optional) and never again touched.

It is then the job of the system equalizer(s) to normalize or flatten the response for each different room. The Fix-It-With-The-Crossover School Here the crossover knobs get a good workout, for the crossover is used at each location to help flatten the system along with the equalizer. Regardless of which school you profess, the absolute importance and effectiveness of some kind of realtime analyzer in your system cannot be overstressed! An analyzer saves tremendous amounts of time and provides the absolute consistency, accuracy, and plain old good sound that very few ears on this earth can deliver. They are affordable, easy to use and amazingly effective. You owe it to yourself and your audience to at least look into one of today's cost-effective analyzers--you'll wonder how you managed at all without one. Figure 1. See unmarked Frequency detent steps below. STEP 0 1 2 3 4 125 5 6 7 200 8 9 250 10 11 325 12 13 14 500 15 16 650 17 18 19 1000 20 21 22 1500 23 24 2000 25 26 27 3000 28 29 30 3200 SILK 100 SCREEN CALC. FREQ. 100 100 100 107 123 141 162 187 214 246 283 325 373 429 492 566 650 746 857 985 1131 1300 1493 1715 1970 2263 2599 2986 3200 3200 3200 Figure 2.

Frequency detent table with actual frequencies of all detent steps. Manual-6 Setting the Mono Sub Output Level Begin with the MONO SUB OUTPUT LEVEL trim set at MAX. The LOW LEVEL control has no affect on the MONO SUB OUTPUT. Make subwoofer level changes with either the MONO SUB OUTPUT LEVEL or with the amplifier level control. If you are using the MONO SUB OUTPUT instead of the LOW OUTPUTS, be sure the 100 Hz FILTER is switched OUT.

@@We had to get our plug in. 1. @@2. @@@@3. @@@Turn all amplifier controls at least half way up.

4. @@4. @@6. @@@@If, for example, you are adjusting the HIGH FREQUENCY LEVEL control and observe a decline in frequency response somewhat above the Crossover point, then set the HIGH LEVEL control for equal display level near the crossover point and lead and tie the cable shield to the metal chassis (right where it enters the chassis) at both ends of the cable. @@@@Always use twisted pair cable. @@@@Your audio dealer can recommend such a transformer. @@@@Another way to create the necessary isolation is to use a direct box. @@@@This is a dangerous and illegal practice. It is true that connecting both ends of the shield is theoretically the best way to interconnect equipment though this assumes the interconnected equipment is internally grounded properly. Since most equipment is not internally grounded properly, connecting both ends of the shield is not often practiced, since doing so can create noisy interconnections.

A common solution to these noisy hum and buzz problems involves disconnecting one end of the shield, even though one can not buy off-the-shelf cables with the shield disconnected at one end. The best end to disconnect is a matter of personal preference and should be religiously obeyed; choose inputs or outputs and always lift the side you choose (our drawings happen to disconnect the outputs). If one end of the shield is disconnected, the noise current stops flowing and away goes the hum -- but only at low frequencies. A one-end-only shield connection increases the possibility of high frequency (radio) interference since the shield may act as an antenna. Many reduce this potential RF interference by providing an RF path through a small capacitor (0.1 or 0.01 microfarad ceramic disc) connected from the lifted end of the shield to the chassis. The fact that many modern day installers still follow this one-end-only rule with consistent success indicates this and other acceptable solutions to RF issues exist, though the increasing use of digital and wireless technology greatly increases the possibility of future RF problems. See the following page for suggested cable assemblies for your particular interconnection needs. Find the appropriate output configuration from either your mixer output or the MX 22 output (down the left side), and then match this with the correct balanced or unbalanced input to the MX 22 or the amplifier (down the right side).

) An "off-the-shelf" cable may be available or modifiable. Soldering should only be attempted by those trained in the art. SUMMARY If you are unable to do things correctly (i.e. use fully balanced wiring with shields tied to the chassis at the point of entry, or transformer isolate all unbalanced signals from balanced signals) then there is no guarantee that a hum free interconnect can be achieved, nor is there a definite scheme that will assure noise free operation in all configurations.

WINNING THE WIRING WARS · Use balanced connections whenever possible. · Transformer isolate all unbalanced connections from balanced connections. · Use special cable assemblies when unbalanced lines cannot be transformer isolated. · Any unbalanced cable must be kept under ten feet (three meters) in length. Lengths longer than this will amplify the nasty side effects of unbalanced circuitry's ground loops.



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This information was condensed from Rane Note 110, "Sound System Interconnection". If you would like the complete note, call or email the factory, download it from Rane's web site (addresses on the rear of this manual), or ask your dealer for a copy. Manual-8 VARIOUS XLR CABLE ASSEMBLIES Manual-9 MOJO GLOSSARY balanced line The recommended method of interconnecting audio equipment. A balanced line requires three conductors: a twisted-pair for the signal (positive and negative) and an overall shield. The shield must be tied to the chassis at both ends for hum-free interconnect. bandwidth Abbr. BW The numerical difference between the upper and lower -3 dB points of an audio band. clipping What occurs when a unit tries to produce a signal larger than its power supply. The signal takes on a flat-topped, or clipped shape. When an amplifier tries to go above its max power, it clips.

compressor A signal processing device used to reduce the dynamic range of the signal passing through it. For instance, an input dynamic range of 110 dB might pass through a compressor and exit with a new dynamic range of 70 dB. The modern usage for compressors is to turn down (or reduce the dynamic range of) just the loudest signals. Other applications use compressors to control the creation of sound. When used in conjunction with microphones and musical instrument pick-ups, compressors help determine the final timbre by selectively compressing specific frequencies and waveforms. connectors Audio equipment uses different styles: RCA An unbalanced pin connector commonly used on consumer and some pro equipment; aka phono plug XLR A 3-pin connector common on pro audio equipment. Preferred for balanced line interconnect; aka Cannon plug 1/4" TRS 1. Stereo 1/4" connector consisting of tip (T), ring (R), and sleeve (S) sections, with T = left, R = right, and S = ground/shield. 2. Balanced interconnect with the pos & neg signal lines tied to T and R respectively and S acting only as an overall shield.

3. Insert loop interconnect with T = send, R = return, and S = ground/shield. [Think: ring, right, return] 1/4" TS Mono 1/4" connector consisting of tip (T) [signal] and sleeve (S) [ground & shield] for unbalanced wiring. constant-Q equalizer (also constant-bandwidth) The bandwidth remains constant for all boost/cut levels. Since Q and bandwidth are interrelated, the terms are fully interchangeable. decibel Abbr. dB (named after Alexander Graham Bell). The preferred method and term for representing the ratio of different audio levels. Being a ratio, decibels have no units. Everything is relative.

So it must be relative to some 0 dB reference point. A suffix letter is added to distinguish between reference points: 0 dBu A reference point equal to 0.775 V +4 dBu Standard pro reference level equal to 1.23 V 0 dBV A reference point equal to 1.0 V -10 dBV Standard reference level for consumer and some pro audio use, equal to 0.316 V. RCA (phono) connectors are a good indicator of units operating at -10 dBV dynamic range The ratio of the loudest signal to the quietest signal in a unit or system as expressed in decibels (dB). expander A signal processing device used to increase the dynamic range of the signal passing through it. Expanders complement compressors. For example, a compressed input dynamic range of 70 dB might pass through an expander and exit with a new expanded dynamic range of 110 dB.

Modern expanders usually operate only below a set threshold point, i.e., they operate only on low-level audio. The term downward expander describes this type of application. ground Any electrical reference point for measuring voltage levels. Usually a large conducting body, such as the earth or an electric circuit connected to the earth. Chassis should always be at earth potential. WARNING: SHOCK HAZARD headroom The level in dB between the typical operating level and clipping. @@@@/interpolating Term meaning to insert between two points. @@levels Terms used to describe relative audio signal levels: mic-level Nominal signal coming directly from a microphone.

Very low, in the microvolts, and requires a preamp with at least 60 dB gain before using with any line-level equipment. line-level Standard +4 dBu or -10 dBV audio levels. instrument-level Nominal signal from musical instruments using electrical pick-ups. Varies widely, from very low mic-levels to quite large line-levels. limiter A compressor with a fixed ratio of 10:1 or greater.

The dynamic action prevents the audio signal from becoming larger than the threshold setting. Linkwitz-Riley crossover The most preferred active crossover design. It features steep 24 dB/octave slopes, in-phase outputs, and flat amplitude response. Due to the in-phase outputs the acoustic lobe resulting when both loudspeakers reproduce the crossover frequency is always on-axis (not tilted up or down) and has no peaking. noise 1.

Interconnect. Unwanted sounds contaminating audio paths. RFI (radio frequency interference) caused by broadcast signals leaking into unbalanced, poorly shielded, or improperly grounded connecting cables. Also by light dimmers, motor controls and computers. 2. Music. A random mix of audio frequencies not harmonically related, sounding like radio static. polarity A signal's electromechanical potential with respect to a reference. For example, a microphone has positive polarity if a positive pressure on its diaphragm results in a positive output voltage. polarity vs.

phase shift: polarity refers to a signal's reference NOT to its phase shift. Being 180 degrees out-of-phase and having inverse polarity are DIFFERENT things. We wrongly say something is out-of-phase when we mean it is inverted. One occurs over a period of time; the other occurs instantaneously. Q (upper-case)

Quality factor. Defined to be the ratio of the center frequency  $f$  divided by the bandwidth  $BW$  for a bandpass filter. signal-to-noise ratio The ratio in dB between a reference level and the noise floor. For example, a signal-to-noise ratio of 90 dB re +4 dBu, means the noise floor is 90 dB below a +4 dBu ref. unbalanced line An audio interconnect scheme using one wire with an overall shield. The shield must perform two functions: act as the return signal path (ground) and to protect the conductor from noise (shield).

Consequently this method is vulnerable to hum & noise problems. unity gain A gain setting of one. The level out equals the level in. Never use an AC line cord ground-lift adapter or cut off the 3rd pin. It is illegal and dangerous.

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