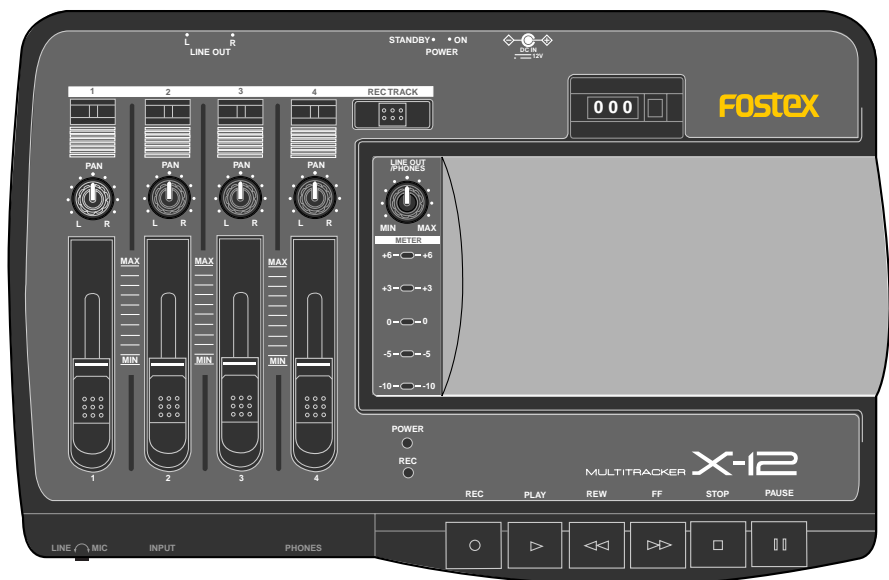


Model X-12

Multitracker



Thank you for purchasing our Fostex Model X-12.

The X-12 is an easy-to-use cassette tape four-track 4 channel multi-tracker with that great Fostex sound.

Because the X-12 features simple and easily handled functions, anyone operating a multitracker for the first time can create a great recording. Before operating the unit, please read through this manual to understand correct operation procedures and to assure you smooth operation for many years to come.

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<p>CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK). NO USER - SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.</p>

CAUTION:
TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK, MATCH WIDE BLADE OF PLUG TO WIDE SLOT, FULLY INSERT.

ATTENTION:
POUR ÉVITER LES CHOCS ÉLECTRIQUES, INTRODUIRE LA LAME LA PLUS LARGE DE LA FICHE DANS LA BORNE CORRESPONDANTE DE LA PRISE ET POUSSER JUSQU' AU FOND.



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

"WARNING"

"TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPLIANCE TO RAIN OR MOISTURE."

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read Instructions - All the safety and operating instructions should be read before the appliance is operated.
2. Retain Instructions - The safety and operating instructions should be retained for future reference.
3. Heed Warnings - All warnings on the appliance and in the operating instructions should be adhered to.
4. Follow Instructions - All operating and use instructions should be followed.
5. Water and Moisture - The appliance should not be used near water - for example, near a bathtub, washbowl, kitchen sink, laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool, and the like.
6. Carts and Stands - The appliance should be used only with a cart or stand that is recommended by the manufacturer.



An appliance and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops, excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause the appliance and cart combination to overturn.

7. Wall or Ceiling Mounting - The appliance should be mounted to a wall or ceiling only as recommended by the manufacturer.
8. Ventilation - The appliance should be situated so that its location or position does not interfere with its proper ventilation. For example, the appliance should not be situated on a bed, sofa, rug, or similar surface that may block the ventilation openings; or, placed in a built-in installation, such as a bookcase or cabinet that may impede the flow of air through the ventilation openings.

9. Heat - The appliance should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other appliances (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
10. 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.
11. Grounding or Polarization - The precautions that should be taken so that the grounding or polarization means of an appliance is not defeated.
12. 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.
13. Cleaning - The appliance should be cleaned only as recommended by the manufacturer.
14. Nonuse Periods - The power cord of the appliance should be unplugged from the outlet when left unused for a long period of time.
15. Object and Liquid Entry - Care should be taken so that objects do not fall and liquids are not spilled into the enclosure through openings.
16. Damage Requiring Service - The appliance should be serviced by qualified service personnel when:
 - A. The power supply cord or the plug has been damaged; or
 - B. Objects have fallen, or liquid has been spilled into the appliance; or
 - C. The appliance has been exposed to rain; or
 - D. The appliance does not appear to operate normally or exhibits a marked change in performance; or
 - E. The appliance has been dropped, or the enclosure damaged.
17. 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.

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Precautions (please read before use)

Power supply

- * When unplugging the AC adaptor from the outlet, be sure to grasp the adaptor. Attempting to unplug it by pulling on the AC cable may damage the wiring.
- * It is dangerous to use any power cable that is cut or frayed. If the power cable is damaged, immediately stop using it, and have it repaired.
- * Do not plug in or unplug the AC adaptor with wet hands. Doing so may result in dangerous electric shock.
- * Do not open the unit or touch any parts inside. Doing so may result in a dangerous electric shock, and could damage the X-12.

- * Do not let water or other liquids, flammable materials, or metal objects such as pins get inside the X-12. These things may cause electrical shock or short circuit the X-12, and damage it. If the X-12 should become wet, unplug the AC adaptor from the AC outlet, and contact your authorized service station.
- * When turning the power on, turn the X-12 on first before turning on any equipment connected to it. Doing so will avoid possible damage to the other equipment. Also, when connecting or disconnecting cables to or from the X-12's input or output jacks, make sure that the [LINE OUT/PHONES] volume is set to "0."
- * When the AC adaptor is connected to an AC outlet, it will continue to draw small amounts of power even if the switch is set to off (STANDBY). If you will not be using the X-12 for an extended period of time, be sure to unplug the AC adaptor from the outlet.

Location

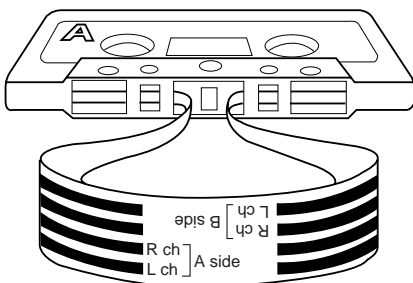
- * Avoid using the X-12 in the following locations:
 - * Locations of extreme low or high temperatures, or extreme changes in temperature.
 - * Locations with excessive moisture or dust.
 - * Locations where direct sunlight falls for an extended time, or near a stove or other source of heat.
 - * Locations where electrical voltage varies.
 - * Unstable locations or where there is heavy vibration.
 - * Near strong magnetic fields (on top of a television or speaker).

Before Using the X-12

<Differences between multitracker and cassette deck recording>

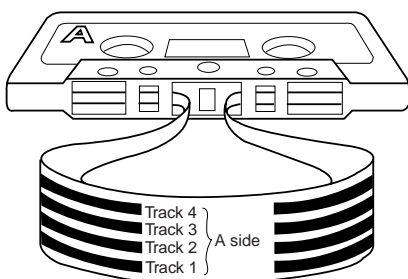
Boom boxes and stereo cassette decks record on both the A and B sides of cassette tape. As shown in Fig. 1, the cassette tape is divided in 4 tracks of which 2 are used for the A side and the remaining 2 for the B side (4 track 2 channel).

<Fig. 1> Boom box / Cassette deck



A multi-tracker as shown in Fig. 2, all four tracks can be recorded without turning over the cassette (four track 4 channel). For the X-12, the 4 tracks are recorded one at a time (some multitrackers can record multiple number of tracks in each pass). Also, in multitrackers, since all tracks are recorded in the same direction, if such a cassette tape is played back in a radio cassette or cassette deck, tracks 1 and 2 will be heard correctly but if the tape is turned over, tracks 3 and 4 will be heard in reverse.

<Fig. 2> Multitracker, such as X-12



Hint!

You can perform multitrack recording using a tape that was recorded on a boom box or a cassette deck. Refer to page 16 for more details.

<Handling cassette tapes>

Cassette tape suitable for recording:

The X-12 is designed to perform best with high-position cassette tape (TYPE II, HIGH). We recommended these or their equivalent.

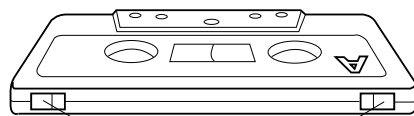
The tape in C-120 versions (60 minutes each side) is too thin and not suitable for repeated recording or playback. Use C-90 or shorter tapes for stable performance.

Using write-protection tabs:

On the spine of a cassette tape are write-protection tabs that are used to prevent any recorded data from being erased accidentally.

You may want to break the tab for side A and side B of a cassette tape that you have already recorded, since the X-12 uses all four tracks at the same time.

If you later wish to record data on a tape with broken tabs, apply a piece of scotch tape to cover the tab hole.



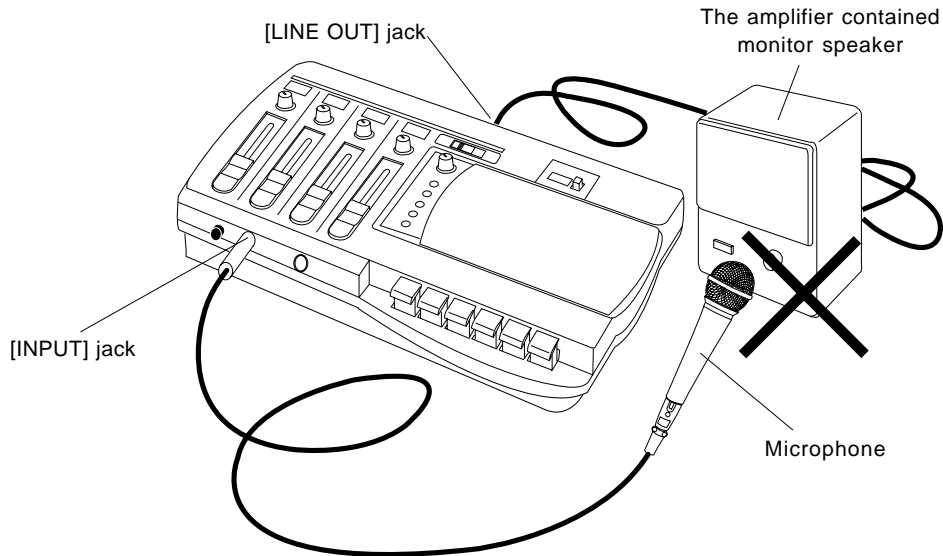
Write-protection tabs

** Advice **

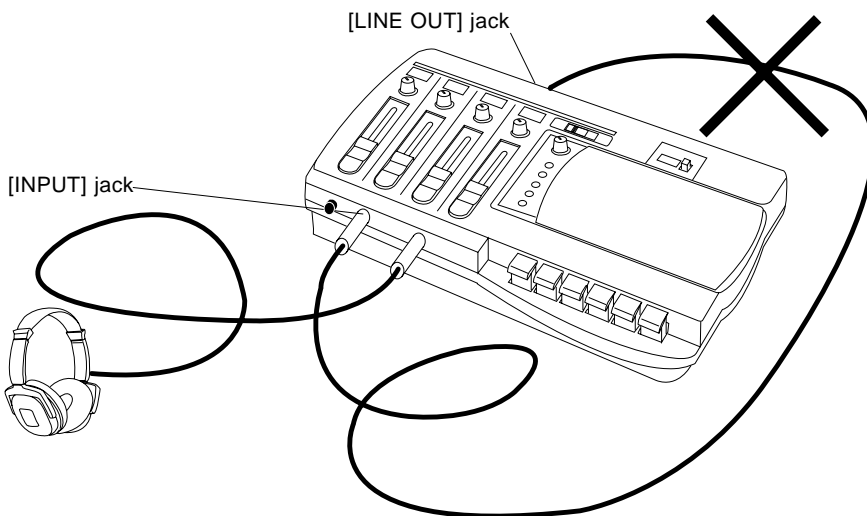
Fresh or recorded tapes should not be kept in locations of strong magnetic fields (near speakers and TV sets) and stored in dust free and non-humid locations.

Important <Let's not use it this way>

1. Do not bring the microphone too close to the monitor speakers connected to the [LINE OUT] jack when the [LINE OUT/PHONES] level control knob is raised. Doing so could cause feedback from the speaker and headphone which could damage your hearing.

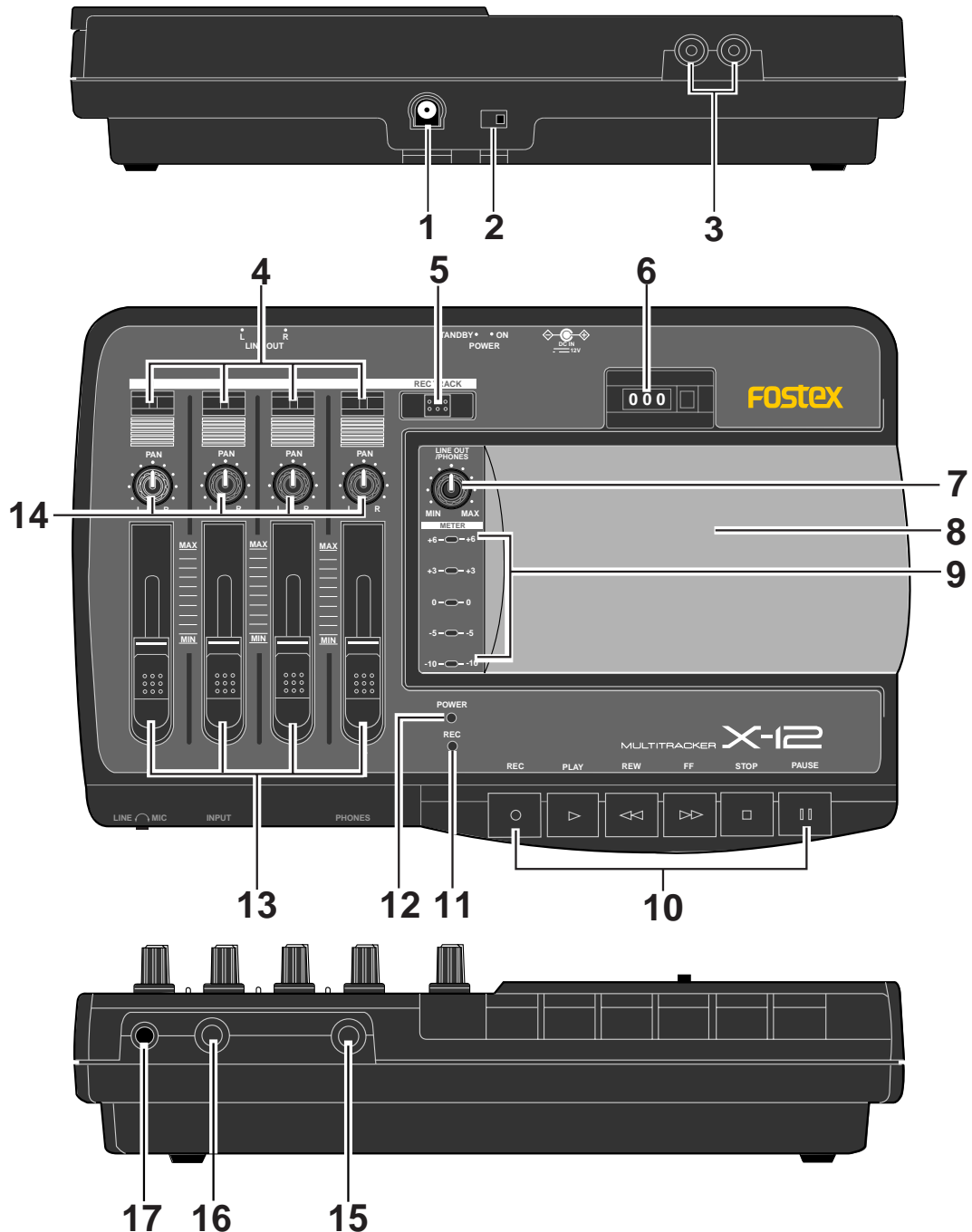


2. Do not directly apply an output signal from the [LINE OUT] jack to the [INPUT] jack. As shown in schematic below, if the [LINE OUT] jack is directly connected to the [INPUT] jack and the [LINE OUT/PHONES] knob is raised, it will cause oscillation. Should you be monitoring by headphone, this could hurt your hearing.



Names and Functions

This section explains the names and functions of the X-12, such as switches, controls, and I/O jacks. Read this section so that you will understand the functions of the switches and controls.



1. AC adaptor connector [DC IN]

Connect the AC adaptor included in the package.

<CAUTION>
 Be sure to use the included AC adaptor or an equivalent model. Using an AC adaptor with a different rated voltage or a different plug polarity may cause a fire or damage to the product.
 The following figure indicates that the output voltage of the AC adaptor is DC (direct current) 12V (volt), that the plug polarity is + (positive) in the center and - (negative) outside. Be sure to use an AC adaptor that complies with this indication.

The diagram illustrates the correct connection for the AC adaptor. At the top, a circular symbol represents the DC IN connector, with a minus sign (-) on the left and a plus sign (+) on the right. Below this symbol, the text 'DC IN' and '12V' is written. Below the diagram, a physical representation shows a 'DC IN connector' being inserted into the 'AC adaptor'. The 'AC adaptor' is connected to an 'AC outlet'.

2. Power switch [POWER]

Use this switch to turn the power on/off (STANDBY) to the X-12.

<CAUTION>
 When the AC adaptor is plugged into an AC outlet, a very small current flows in the unit even if you turn off (STANDBY) the power switch. If you are not going to use the X-12 for a long period of time, remove the AC adaptor plugged into the AC.

3. Line output jack [LINE OUT L, R]

This jack outputs a signal adjusted by the [LINE OUT/PHONES] knob. Connect this jack to the input jack of a master recorder for mixdown.

4. Record track select indicator

The recording track selected by the [REC TRACK] selector will be indicated in red.

5. Record track selector [REC TRACK]

The recording track can be selected. Only one track can be selected at a time.

<NOTE>
 [REC TRACK] selector does not switch "OFF" the recording track. Since the track to be recorded is always in the selected state, be careful not to accidentally erase a prerecorded sound.

6. Counter / Reset button [RESET]

The counter indicates the tape count. Pressing the [RESET] button will reset the counter to "000."

7. Line out / Headphone level knob

[LINE OUT/PHONES]
 This knob enables you to adjust the output level at the [LINE OUT L, R] jacks and the [PHONES] jack.

8. Cassette lid / Cassette tray

Insert a cassette tape here.

9. Level meter

This meter indicates the input level.

10. Transport control buttons

Record button [REC]
 Press the button after you select a track using the [REC TRACK] selector.

The [PLAY] button will be automatically pressed, and the unit will enter the recording mode. This button is disabled if the cassette tape in the tray has a broken or removed write-protection tab.

Pause button [PAUSE]
 To resume playback or recording, press this button again.

Stop button [STOP]
 Press this button to stop tape transport.

Fast Forward button [F F]
 Press this button to fast forward the tape.

Rewind button [REW]
 Press this button to rewind the tape.

Play button [PLAY]
 Press this button to playback the tape. When you press the [REC] button, this button will be automatically engaged and the unit will enter recording mode.

11. Record indicator [REC]

This indicator will light red in recording mode (or record pause mode).

"Recording mode" means one of the tracks has been selected by the [REC TRACK] selector, the [REC] button has been pressed, and recording is in progress.

"Record pause mode" means you have pressed the [PAUSE] button during the recording mode, and the tape transport is stopped (recording standby mode).

12. Power indicator [POWER]

This indicator will light green when you turn on the [POWER] switch.

13. Playback level fader [1 - 4]

These faders enable you to adjust the playback level of each track.

14. Playback Panpot knob [PAN]

These knobs enable you to adjust the stereo image of the playback sound for each track.

15. Headphone jack [PHONES]

Connect monitoring headphones here. You can adjust the headphone volume using the [LINE OUT/PHONES] knob.

16. Input jack [INPUT]

Sound sources such as an external mic and keyboard are connected here. Input gain should be trimmed accordingly with the [LINE-MIC] knob located nearby.

17. Gain control knob [LINE-MIC]

Adjust the gain for best S/N ratio. The output signal level from the sound sources (mic, keyboard, guitar, etc.) should be set in such a way that the output of the source should be neither too high or low. The difference can be corrected with the gain control.

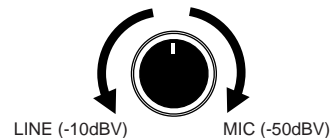
< Gain control rule of thumb >

The gain is adjusted by rotating the [LINE-MIC] knob while watching the lighting condition of the level meter LED as the signal is input.

Gain of "MIC" is obtained at full CW rotation of the [LINE-MIC] knob and "LINE" at full CCW rotation.

Ideal gain is obtained by setting the level meter reading such that the "+6" LED does not light up. Should the "+6" LED lights up frequently, it is an indication that gain is too high and will result in distortion if recording is continued in this manner.

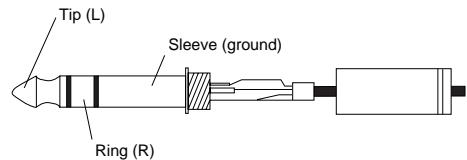
Basically, the knob should be adjusted toward "MIC" when a low level sound source such as a mic is connected, and toward "LINE" when connecting the output of an effects unit to which a keyboard or electric base is connected.



The X-12 uses the following connection plugs:

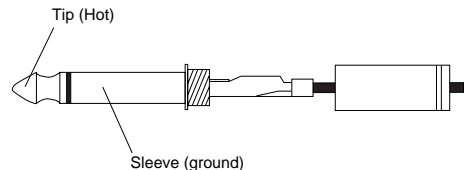
Stereo phone plug (stereo type)

Use this plug to connect to the [PHONES] jack.



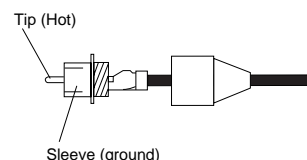
Phone plug (monaural type)

Use this plug to connect to the [INPUT] jack.



RCA pin jack (monaural type)

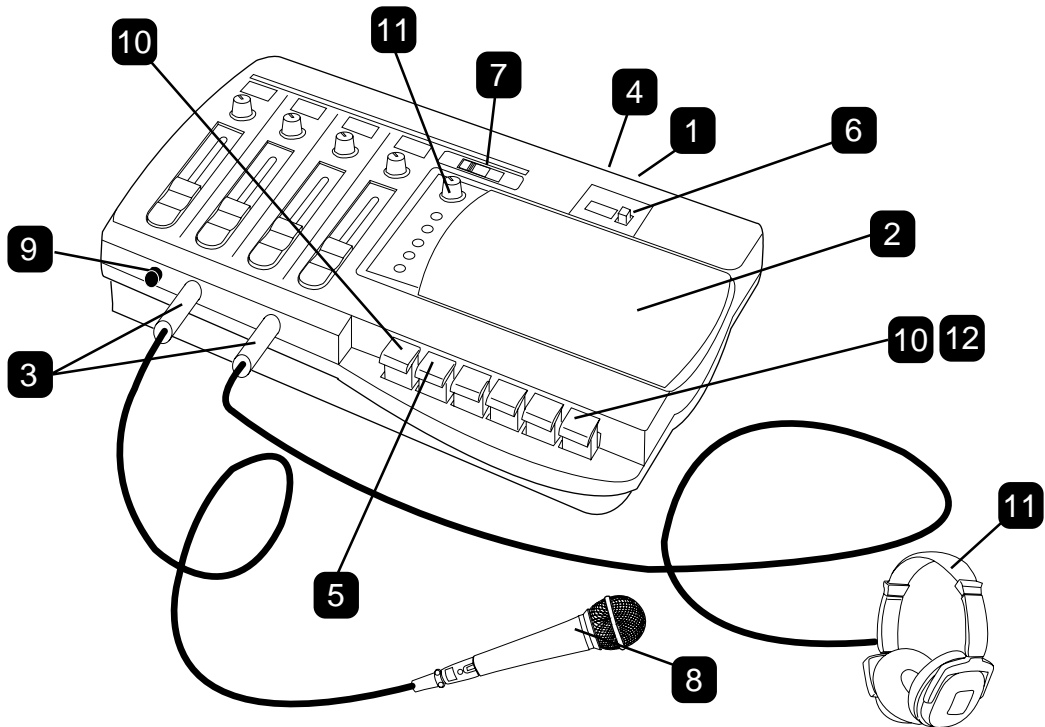
Use this plug to connect to the [LINE OUT L, R] jacks on the rear panel.



Basic Operation (recording)

As explained above, there are four recordable tracks.

The X-12, records each track independently. Let's try recording your mic/guitar/keyboard on the track of your choice. As an example here, the mic sound will be recorded in track 1.



- 1 Connect the AC adaptor jack to the X-12's [DC IN] connector, and connect the power plug to the AC outlet.

<CAUTION>

Do not handle the AC adaptor with wet hands or you may receive an electrical shock.

- 2 Open the cassette lid and insert a recording tape into the cassette tray.

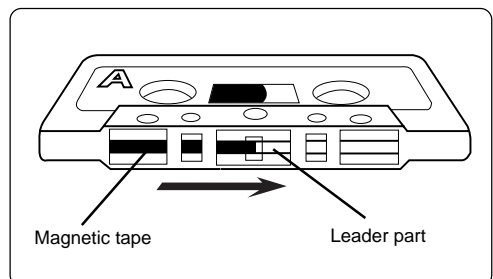
If you record on a used tape, make sure that the write-protection tabs on the spine of the tape are not removed. If any of them are broken, cover the tab hole with a piece of tape.

- 3 Plug the mic into the [INPUT] jack and the headphone into the [PHONES] jack.

- 4 Turn on the power switch. The [POWER] indicator will light up in red.

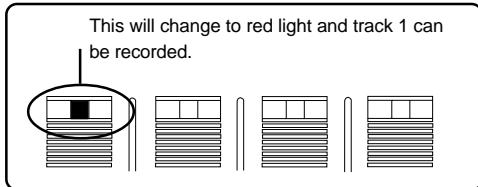
- 5 Press the [PLAY] button to forward the tape for a few seconds.

This should be performed in order to wind past the leader part at the beginning of the cassette tape. If a used tape is not rewound completely, press the [REW] button to rewind the tape to the beginning and perform Step 5.



6 When the leader part is forwarded, press the [RESET] button to set the counter to "000."

7 Select the track to be recorded with the [REC TRACK] selector.
Select track 1 (the indicator will change to red) or whatever track you prefer to record on.

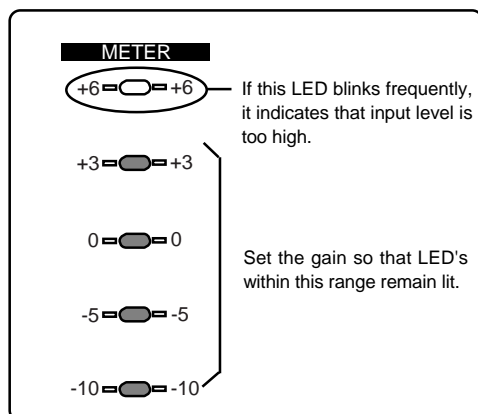


<NOTE>
Do not move the [REC TRACK] selector during recording. If this is moved accidentally during recording, the recording track will switch.

8 Try speaking into the mic.
The level meter LED will blink.

9 For optimum gain, adjust the [LINE-MIC] knob CW (toward "MIC").
Adjust the [LINE-MIC] knob such that the level meter "+3" LED is illuminated at maximum sound volume.

When recording line level sound sources such as a keyboard and electric guitar, the optimum gain is obtained by rotating the [LINE-MIC] knob CCW (toward "LINE").



<NOTE>
Be careful not to continue recording, if the level meter "+6" LED lights up frequently, as this will indicate the sound can be distorted.

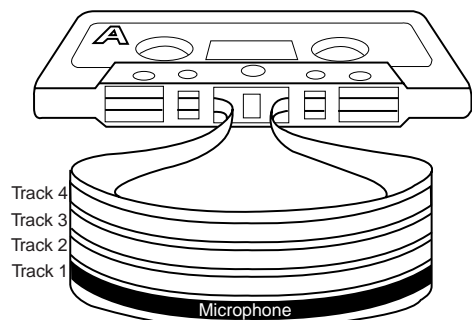
10 Put X-12 in the record standby mode.
First, press the [PAUSE] button, then the [RECORD] button. The [PLAY] button will be engaged automatically at the same time. The tape will remain paused in the record mode.

11 When the [LINE OUT/PHONES] knob is slowly advanced, the input monitor sound will be heard in the headphone.
While monitoring the sound in the headphone, watch the level meter and adjust the recording to a suitable level.
Because the recording level cannot be adjusted with a fader, optimum recording levels must be determined by the sound volume applied to the mic or by adjusting the distance to the mic.

<CAUTION>
If you must monitor for a long time, be careful not to raise the [LINE OUT/PHONES] knob too high. If you monitor for long hours at high volumes, it could impair your hearing.

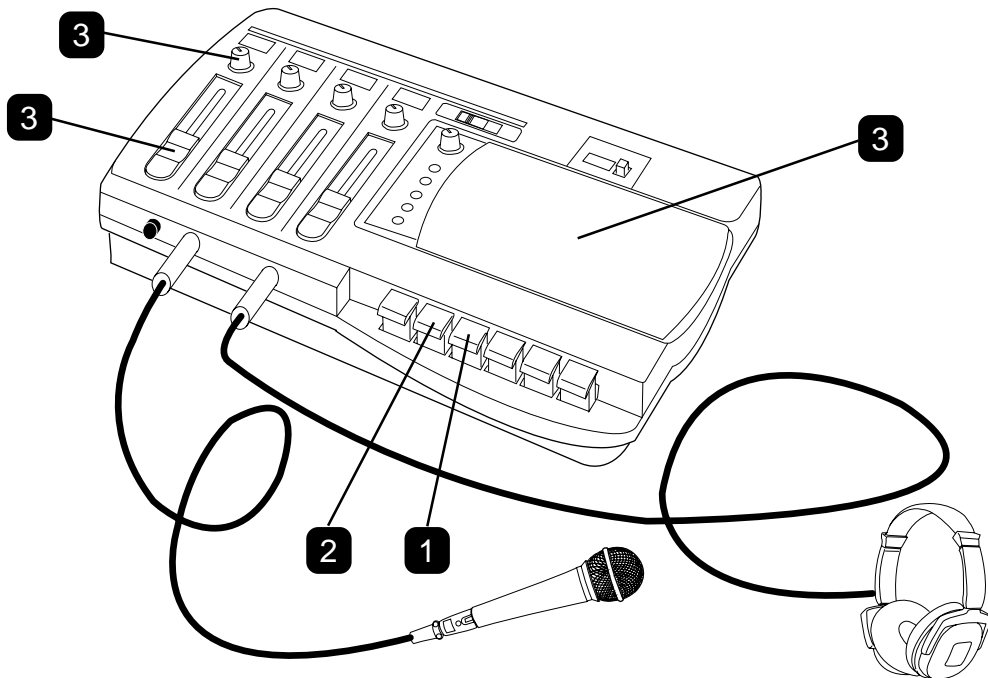
12 After confirming the level, release the [PAUSE] button (The [PAUSE] button is pressed again) to start recording.

13 If recording is to be momentarily stopped, press the [PAUSE] button. If recording is to be ended, press the [STOP] button.
Following the procedures up to this point, the sound applied to the microphone has been recorded on track 1 as shown in schematic below.
Now, let's try recording another sound source to another track with the same procedures. Also, let's playback the recorded sound on each track as described below.



Basic Operation (playback)

You can play back the recorded Track 1.



- 1 Press the [REW] button to rewind the tape to the beginning of the tape (counter "000").
- 2 Press the [PLAY] button to start playing back the tape from the "000" position.

<CAUTION>

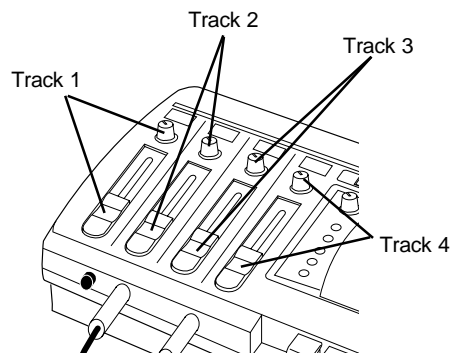
Be careful not to press the [REC] button by mistake.
Note that the recording track is always in the selected state.

- 3 Slowly raise the channel 1 playback level fader for track 1, then adjust the sound balance with the playback [PAN] knob. The same as when recording, the headphone volume will increase as the [LINE OUT/PHONES] knob is slowly raised. The sound image can be moved left or right by rotating the [PAN] knob in either direction.

<CAUTION>

When monitoring the sound via headphones for a long period of time, do not set the level too high. Otherwise, your hearing may be damaged.

For playback of the sound recorded on the various tracks (1 - 4), the fader/[PAN] knobs corresponding to each track number is used i.e. track 1 playback sound by the channel 1 knob, the track 2 playback sound by the channel 2 knob, and so on.



For playback of tape recorded on a boom box or cassette deck, the channel 1 and 2 faders and [PAN] knobs will be used regardless to whether the A side or B side is to be played back.

Advanced Operation

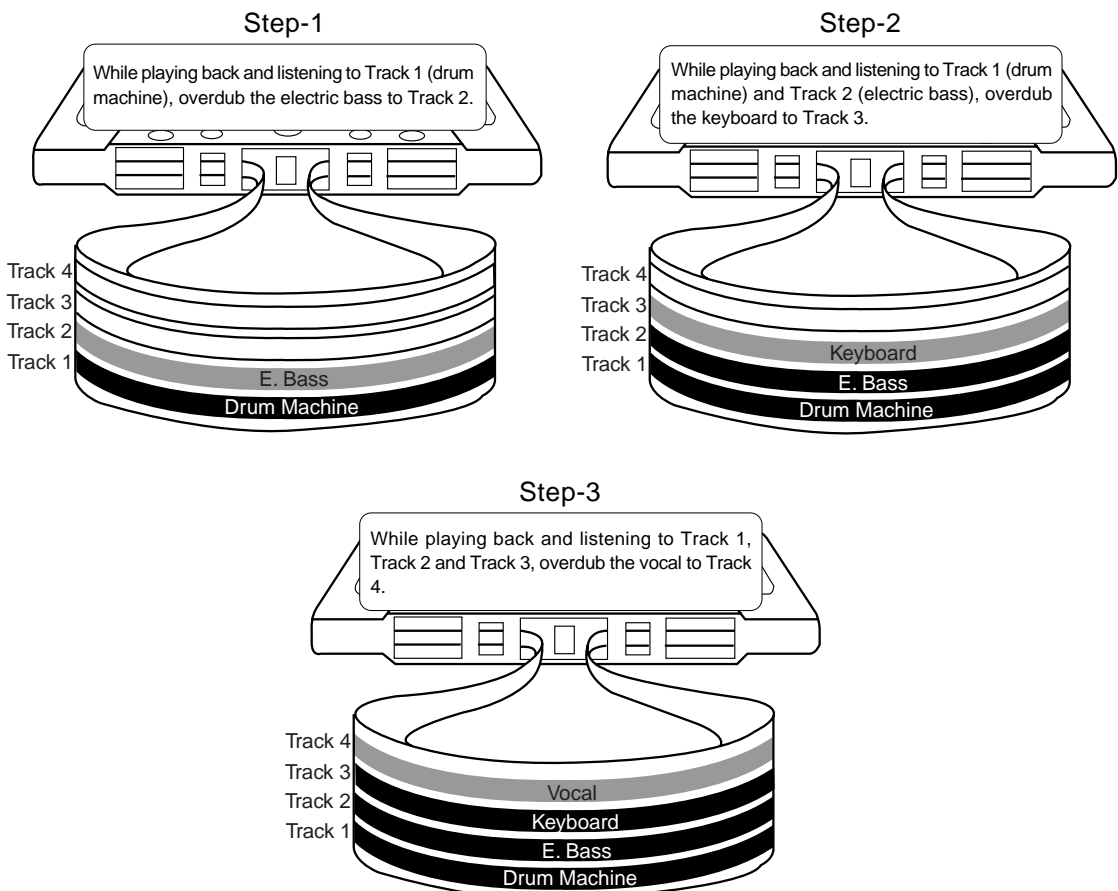
At this point, we assumed that you understand recording and playback of each track after studying the [Basic Operation] section and are ready to move on.

Next up, we'll work on more advanced functions such as multitrack recording - called "overdubbing" - which is fundamental in multiple recording, then the mixdown process when sounds recorded to the four tracks will be mixed to stereo, and finally, copying (dubbing) of the mix to a master recorder (stereo cassette deck, etc.).

1. Overdubbing

Overdubbing is a recording technique used to add a recorded performance to previously recorded tracks while listening (monitoring) to them.

For example, you might record a rhythm section (such as a drum machine) on Track 1 by following the basic recording procedure, then record an electric bass on Track 2 while listening to the recorded rhythm. In this way, you can record performances on all four tracks, one by one. This section uses an example in which Track 1 has the drum machine already recorded. Follow the recording steps described in the Basic Operation chapter and use the drum machine instead of the microphone. We are going to overdub the electric bass on Track 2, the keyboard on Track 3, and vocal on Track 4.



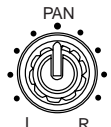
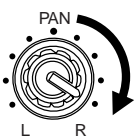
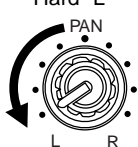
The following table indicates the switch and knob settings used for overdubbing to Tracks 3 and 4. Refer to this table and to the steps described on the previous page to overdub the keyboard to Track 3 and vocal to Track 4.

	Sound source	[LINE-MIC] knob	[REC TRACK] selector	Playback level fader	Playback [PAN] knob
Overdubbing the keyboard to Track 3	Plug the keyboard output to the [INPUT] jack.	Adjust to optimum level by CCW rotation (LINE) of the knob.	Select track 3 for recording.	Adjust playback levels of tracks 1 and 2 with playback faders 1 and 2.	Adjust the playback sound for comfortable monitoring (Refer to <Using the Playback [PAN] knob> below).
Overdubbing the Vocal to Track 4	Plug the mic into the [INPUT] jack.	Adjust to optimum level by rotating the knob CW (MIC).	Select track 4 for recording.	Adjust playback levels in tracks 1 - 3 with playback level faders 1, 2 and 3.	Adjust the playback sound for comfortable monitoring (Refer to <Using the Playback [PAN] knob> below).

<Using the Playback [PAN] knob>

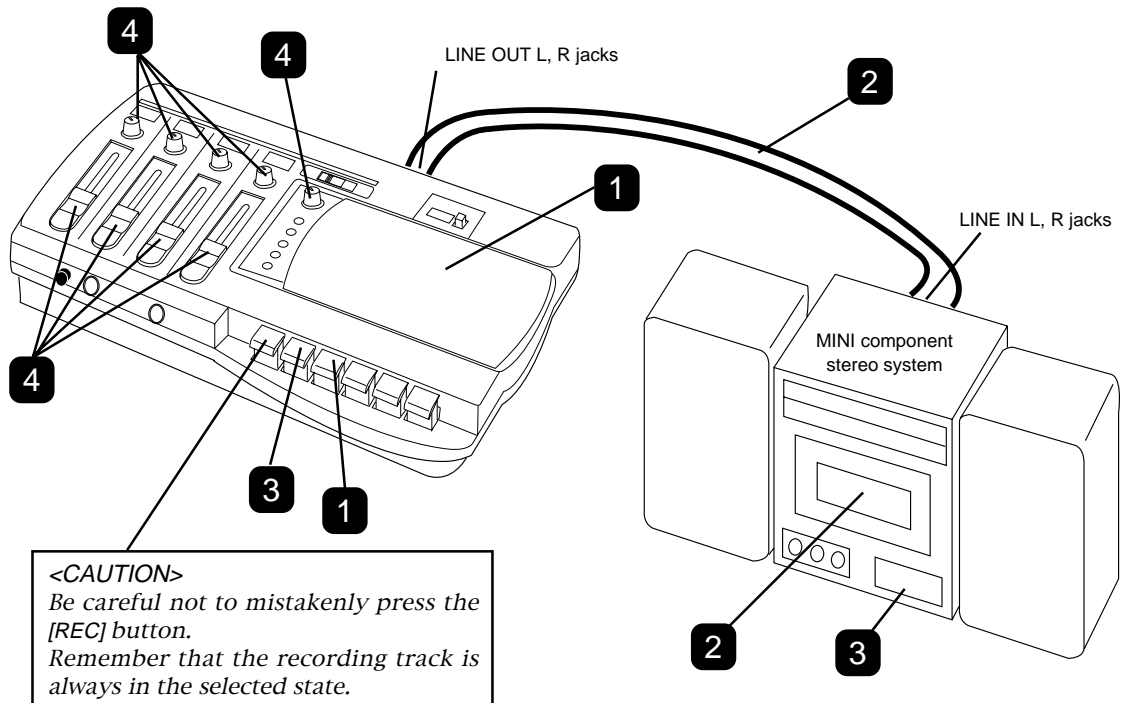
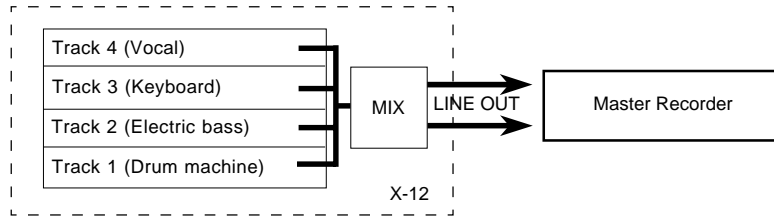
When you are monitoring the recording sound and playback sound simultaneously, refer to the table below for the relationship between the position of the [PAN] knob and the sound balance.

Adjust the balance according to your needs. The recording sound will be always positioned in the center.

[PAN] position	Monitoring sound position
<p>Center</p> 	Both playback sound and recording sound will be centered.
<p>Hard "R"</p> 	The playback sound will be positioned on the right and the recording sound will be centered.
<p>Hard "L"</p> 	The playback sound will be positioned on the left and the recording sound will be centered.

2. Mixdown

Mixdown is a technique that enables you to adjust the volume balance of the overdubbed tracks 1-4, combine them to two channels, and dub (copy) to a master recorder (cassette deck or MD recorder etc.). Refer to the diagram below:



- 1** Insert a tape with tracks 1-4 already recorded into the cassette tray, and rewind the tape up to the playback start point (reset the counter to "000").
- 2** Connect the input jack of a master recorder, such as cassette deck, and the [LINE OUT L, R] jacks.
 Insert a recording tape (or MD) in the master recorder and locate the point on the tape at which you wish to start copying.

<NOTE>
 "Mini-components" which can be used for mixdown are limited to types able to record external inputs.

- 3** Set the master recorder to the record standby mode. (That is, press the [PAUSE] button so that the level meter will respond, then set the recorder in record pause mode.)
 The method for setting the recorder in record standby mode will vary depending on the recorder you are using.
 Refer to the instruction manual of the master recorder for more information.
- 4** Adjust the output level and balance (pan position) of tracks, then adjust input level on the master recorder.

Play back the tape on the X-12.

While monitoring the sound via the headphones, use the playback fader and the playback [PAN] knob of each track to adjust the output level and balance of the tracks.

Gradually raise the headphone volume using the [LINE OUT/PHONES] knob. This knob also adjusts the output level at the X-12's [LINE OUT L, R] jacks. Set the level so that the level meter of the master recorder will respond moderately.

- 5** After finishing the level adjustments, rewind the tape to the "000" point.
- 6** Now you can begin mixdown. First start recording on the master recorder, then press the [PLAY] button on the X-12 to start playback.
- 7** After mixdown is complete, stop the X-12 and the master recorder.

<Note>

You can position the sound on tracks 1-4 anywhere in stereo image on mixdown.

This is where your creativity is important. Try for a sound that is pleasing to you!

Using a tape recorded on a boom box or cassette deck

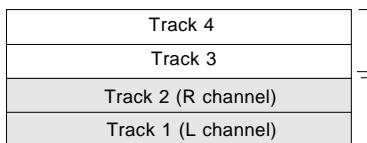
You can record your favorite music on a boom box or cassette deck and overdub your performance or vocal, accompanying your musician's performance to make your own original tape. Follow the procedure below to make this type of tape.

1. Record your favorite music source on the boom box or cassette deck.

<NOTE>

Be sure to record on only one side of the tape (side A or B).

That is, use Track 1 and 2 to record on the boom box or the cassette deck, and keep Tracks 3 and 4 empty. (See the diagram below.)



Do not record now. Later, you will record your performance or vocal here on the X-12.

Record your favorite song to Tracks 1 and 2 on the boom box or cassette deck.

2. Insert the recorded tape in the X-12, and follow the "Overdubbing" procedure described previously to record your performance or vocal to Tracks 3 and 4.

<NOTE>

Note that the law prohibits recording copyrighted or broadcast music, except for recordings intended only for personal use.

Troubleshooting

Symptom	Check Point	Corrective Action
The power is not turned on when you press the power switch on.	Is the AC adaptor plugged in securely?	Check the connection at the AC outlet and the [DC IN] jack of the X-12.
Sound flutters or skips.	Is the head dirty?	Clean the head.
	Are you using a type of tape other than high position?	Use a high-position tape.
The sound distorted or clipping.	Is the level appropriate for the input signal?	Use the [LINE-MIC] knob to set the optimum level.
The [REC] button is not pushed in.	Is the write-protection tab on the cassette tape broken?	Place a strip of scotch tape over the broken tab.
The sound cannot be heard through the headphones.	Is the [LINE OUT/PHONES] knob turned up?	Turn the [LINE OUT/PHONES] knob.
You cannot record to a desired track.	Is the [REC TRACK] selector set correctly?	Set the [REC TRACK] selector repeatedly until the desired track is selected.

Maintenance

* Cleaning the exterior

For normal cleaning, use a dry cloth.
For stubborn dirt, moisten a cloth in diluted detergent, wring it out firmly, and wipe the dirt off. Then polish with a dry cloth.
Never use solvents such as alcohol, thinner or benzene, since these will damage the printing and finish of the exterior.

* Cleaning the head

As the X-12 is used, the record/playback head will become coated with oxide residue from the tapes. If this residue is allowed to build up, recordings will contain more noise, and dropouts may occur during playback.
To prevent this, regular cleaning is important. Use a commercially available cleaning kit etc. to clean the head. If cleaning the head does not restore the sound quality, it is possible that the head is worn. Contact an authorized Fostex service station for repair.

* Cleaning the pinch roller and capstan

The capstan and pinch roller are important parts that hold the tape and move it along at the correct speed. As with the head, these parts can also become dirty with oxide residue and dust, which will cause increased wow or flutter,

or even damage the tape by pulling it out of the cassette. Since cassette tape is very thin, it is especially dangerous to use a cassette deck with dirty pinch rollers. As with the head, it is important to always keep these parts clean. Clean them using a cotton swab or gauze soaked in cleaning solution or isopropyl alcohol. Never use organic solvents such as lacquer thinner, since this will severely damage the pinch rollers.

* Demagnetizing the head

After long periods of use, the head begins to develop a magnetic field in addition to the oxide residue described above. This can also occur if a magnet or a magnetized object (scissors, etc.) is allowed to come near the head or touch it. If the head or capstans become magnetized, frequency response will be degraded and noise will increase.

In extreme cases, noise can be created on previously recorded tapes that you playback, rendering them useless. Once a month or so, you should use a demagnetizer (head eraser) to demagnetize the head. Carefully read and follow the instructions included with your demagnetizer, and do not allow it to come near recorded tapes.

Specifications

INPUT

Connector (x1) : ϕ 6mm PHONE jack
 Input Impedance : 20k Ω or higher
 Reference Input Level : -50dBV ~ -10dBV
 (adjustable with the GAIN knob)

LINE OUT (L, R)

Connector (x2) : RCA pin jack
 Output Load Impedance: 10k Ω or higher
 Reference Output Level : -10dBV

PHONES

Connector (x1) : ϕ 6mm STEREO PHONE jack
 Output Load Impedance: 16 Ω or higher
 Maximum Output : 10mW (at 32 Ω)

Recording Tape : Less than C-90
 (TYPE II/HIGH position)

Record Tracks : 4 tracks, one direction

Tape Speed : 4.76cm/s

Frequency Response

Mixer section : 20Hz ~ 20kHz
 Recorder section : 40Hz ~ 10kHz

Heads

Rec/Play : 4-track, 4-channel recording/playback
 Erase : 4-track, 4-channel erase

Power Supply

: Fostex AC Adaptor, AD-12A
 DC12V (12 ~ 16V), 8W

Weight

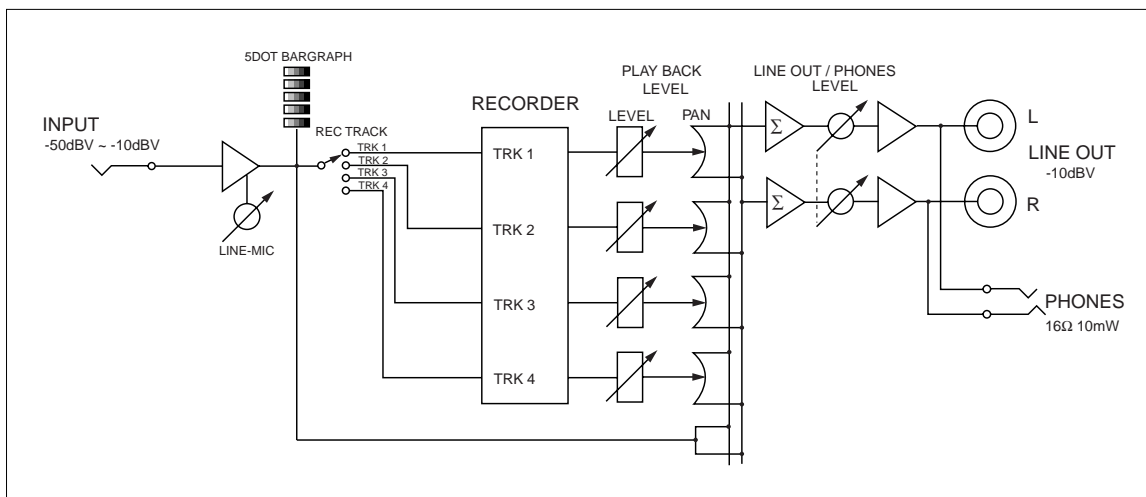
: Approx. 1.1kg (excluding the AC adaptor)

Dimensions (mm) : 275 (W) x 68 (H) x 177 (D)

Accessories : Owner's manual x1, AC adaptor x1

* Specifications and appearance are subject to change without notice for product improvement.

Block Diagram



Accessories (option)

<p>T-5</p>  <p>Specifications Type: Semi-Open/Dynamic type Freq. Response: 20~20,000Hz Output Impedance: 44Ω Sensitivity: 96dB (dB/mW) Rated Input: 30mW Maximum Input: 100mW Sound Pressure Level: 116dB Weight: Approx. 220g Cable Length: 2.5m</p>	<p>T-20RP</p>  <p>Specifications Type: Semi-Open/RP Dynamic Freq. Response: 20~25,000Hz Output Impedance: 50Ω Sensitivity: 96dB (dB/mW) Rated Input: 10mW Maximum Input: 200mW Sound Pressure Level: 119dB Weight: Approx. 340g Cable Length: 3.0m</p>
<p>T-7</p>  <p>Specifications Type: Semi-Open/Dynamic type Freq. Response: 20~20,000Hz Output Impedance: 77Ω Sensitivity: 98dB (dB/mW) Rated Input: 23mW Maximum Input: 100mW Sound Pressure Level: 118dB Weight: Approx. 230g Cable Length: 2.5m</p>	<p>T-40RP</p>  <p>Specifications Type: Semi-Open/RP Dynamic Freq. Response: 25~25,000Hz Output Impedance: 50Ω Sensitivity: 93dB (dB/mW) Rated Input: 10mW Maximum Input: 200mW Sound Pressure Level: 116dB Weight: Approx. 360g Cable Length: 3.0m</p>
<p>M321</p>  <p>Specifications Type: Uni-direction/Dynamic type Freq. Response: 90~16,000Hz Output Impedance: 500Ω Sensitivity: -56dB (0dB=1V/Pa) Connector: 3 Pin Cannon type Weight: Approx. 240g Cable Length: 5.0m Dimensions: ø55 x 169mm</p>	<p>M521</p>  <p>Specifications Type: Uni-direction/Dynamic type Freq. Response: 60~16,000Hz Output Impedance: 500Ω Sensitivity: -54dB (0dB=1V/Pa) Connector: 3 Pin Cannon type Weight: Approx. 285g Cable Length: 5.0m Dimensions: ø54 x 168mm</p>

Declaration of EC Directive

This equipment is compatible with the EMC Directive (89/336/EEC) - Directive on approximation of member nation's ordinance concerning the electromagnetic compatibility and with the Low Voltage Directive (73/23/EEC) - Directive on approximation of member nation's ordinance concerning electric equipment designed to be used within the specified voltage range.

The Affect of Immunity on This Equipment

The affect of the European specification EN50082-1 (coexistence of electromagnetic waves - common immunity specification) on this equipment are as shown below.

* In the electrical fast transient / burst requirements, radiated electromagnetic field requirements and static electricity discharging environment, this could be affected by generation of noise in some cases.

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