Series 800B User Manual

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1.00 SERIES 800B				
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Assembled/Wired by	• • • •			
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OPTIONS - SPECIFY				
ALTERATIONS TO SPEC.				
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DESPATCH KIT REQUIRED

1.01 SYSTEM MEASUREMENTS

1. Channel Line Input to Mix Output

CHANNEL	THD (Ref 1kHz,	+12dBv)	Frequency Response	
f			20Hz	20kHz
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2. Channel LIne Input to Auxiliary Output

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3. Channel Line Input to Control Room Outputs

CONTROL ROOM OUTPUT THD (Ref 1kHz, +12dBv) Left (Via PFL) 0.0 용 0.0 કૃ Right (Via PFL)

4. Channel Line Input to Studio Output (Via all groups)

THD (Ref 1kHz, +12dBv) 0.0 Left કૃ Right 0.0 용

5. Crosstalk (at 10kHz)

STUDIO OUTPUT

Stereo Mix dBv Channel to Channel dBv dBv Mute

6. Mix Noise (DIN Audio, all channels and groups at unity gain)

Mix Left dBv Mix Right dBv

7. Power Supply

OUTPUT	RIPPLE & N	OISE	VOLTAGE
+17V Audio -17V Audio	-	dBv dBv	Volts Volts
+24V Logic	-	dBv	Volts
+48V Phantom	-	đBv	Volts
+7.5 Logic -7.5 Logic		dBv dBv	Volts Volts

NOTES

0dBv = 0.775 Volt 0dBV = 1.000 Volt

The constraints and conditions under which the above performance figures have been measured are configured so as to ensure that all signal paths are within specification, with a minimum of separate tests. Many are therfore recorded via very long signal paths or under worst case conditions.

The results should not, therefore, be taken as representative of typical published specifications, which would normally be conducted under standard operative conditions.

PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS

DISTORTION

Mic pre-amp, -30dBu in, +4dBu out 40Hz:0.01 1kHz:0.01

18kHz:0.05 IMD:0.02

Channel line in to mix out, +4dBu in, +4dBu out

40Hz:0.01 1kHz:0.01

18kHz:0.05 IMD:0.02

CROSSTALK

Line in through pan control to stereo mix bus

40Hz:-64dB 1kHz:-63dB

18kHz:-55dB

Adjacent channel

40Hz:-100dB 1kHz:-95dB

18kHz:-85dB

NOISE

Equivalent input ref of 2000hm -127.5dBu Mix noise; 32 inputs routed to mix at unity gain

-80dB (DIN audio)

INPUT IMPEDANCE

Mic input 2kOhm (5kOhm with pad)

Line input 10kOhm

OUTPUT IMPEDANCE

Any output <750hm

OUTPUT CAPABILITY

Any group or mix into 6000hm +21dBu

GAIN

Max mic 75dB Max line 40dB

FREQUENCY RESPONSE

Mic input at 35dB gain to mix 20Hz:-2dB 1kHz:0dB

20kHz:-0.5dB

Line input at unity gain to mix 20Hz:-1.5dB 1kHz:0dB

20kHz:-0.5dB

PHASE RESPONSE

Line input to mix output 25Hz:+30° 1kHz:0°

20kHz:-20°

DIMENSIONS

16 inputs 42.5"x29.5"x12.5"

24 inputs (108x75x31.75cm) 54.2"x29.5"x12.5"

(138x75x31.75cm) 32 inputs 66"x29.5"x12.5"

(168x75x31.75cm)

40 inputs 77.8"x29.5"x12.5" (198x75x31.75cm)

. NB: 0dBu=0.775Vrms.

SERIES 800B CONSOLE DESCRIPTION

The Soundcraft Series 800B console is designed to cater for both the small studio, (up to 8-track), and for public applications. Six input module types are available to cater for the needs of the various situations as well as two output module types and two master modules.

Key features on the desk include semi-parametric equalisation, up to eight auxiliary sends and dedicated mix outputs, (left and right). Eight effects returns are available on the effects return module and an 8-way matrix system is available. All balanced inputs and outputs use an electronic transformerless design to ensure low inherent noise.

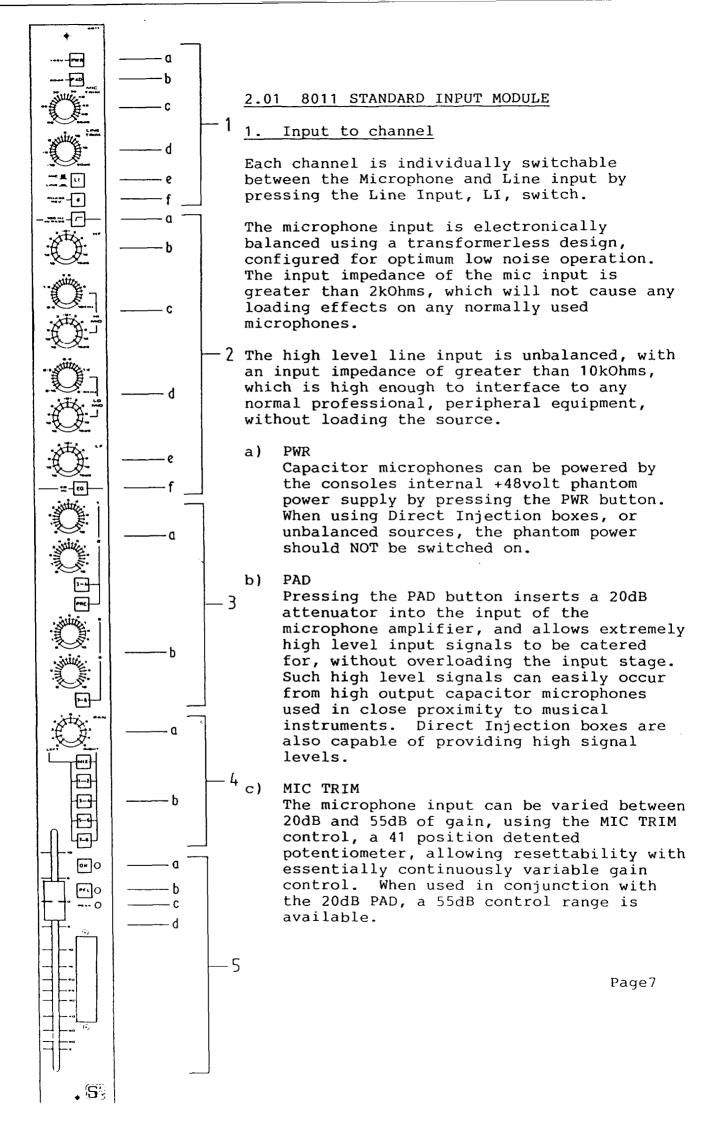
The use of electronic balancing reduces the degradation of signal quality which is introduced by more conventional transformer coupled designs, ensuring superior transient response, minimal phase shift and excellent common mode rejection even at high frequencies.

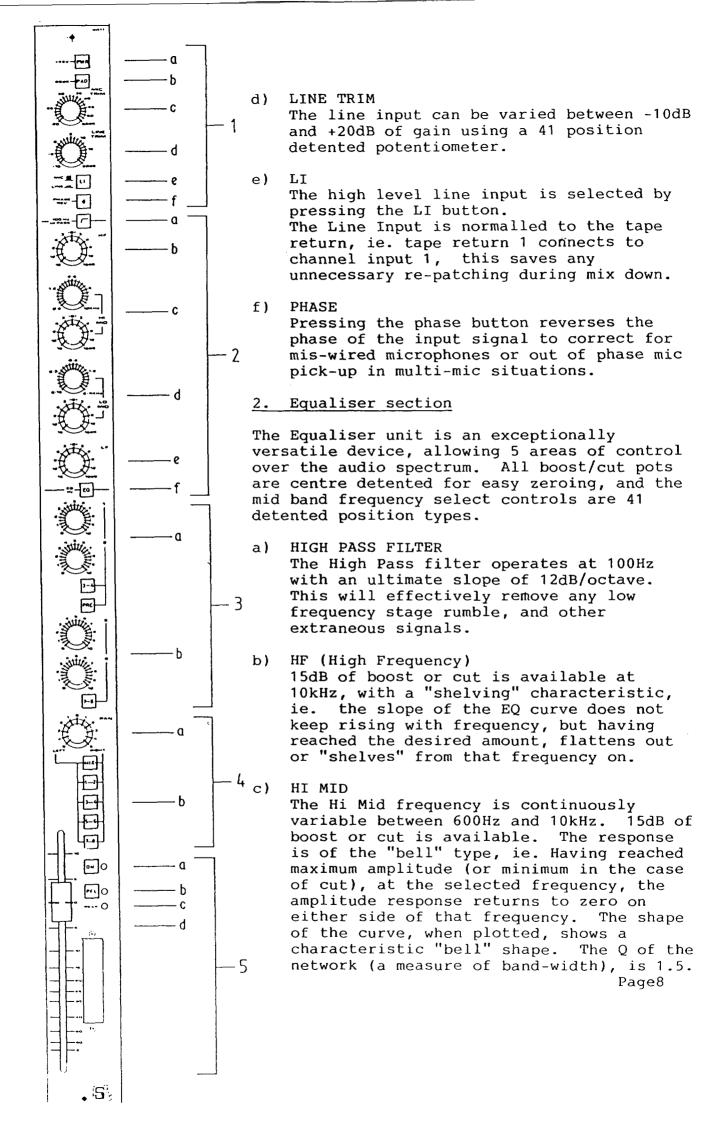
Metering on the Series 800B is in the form of 8 VU meters which may read group or matrix output or effects input, depending on the output module used, and 2 VU meters to read the Mix output or any soloed signal.

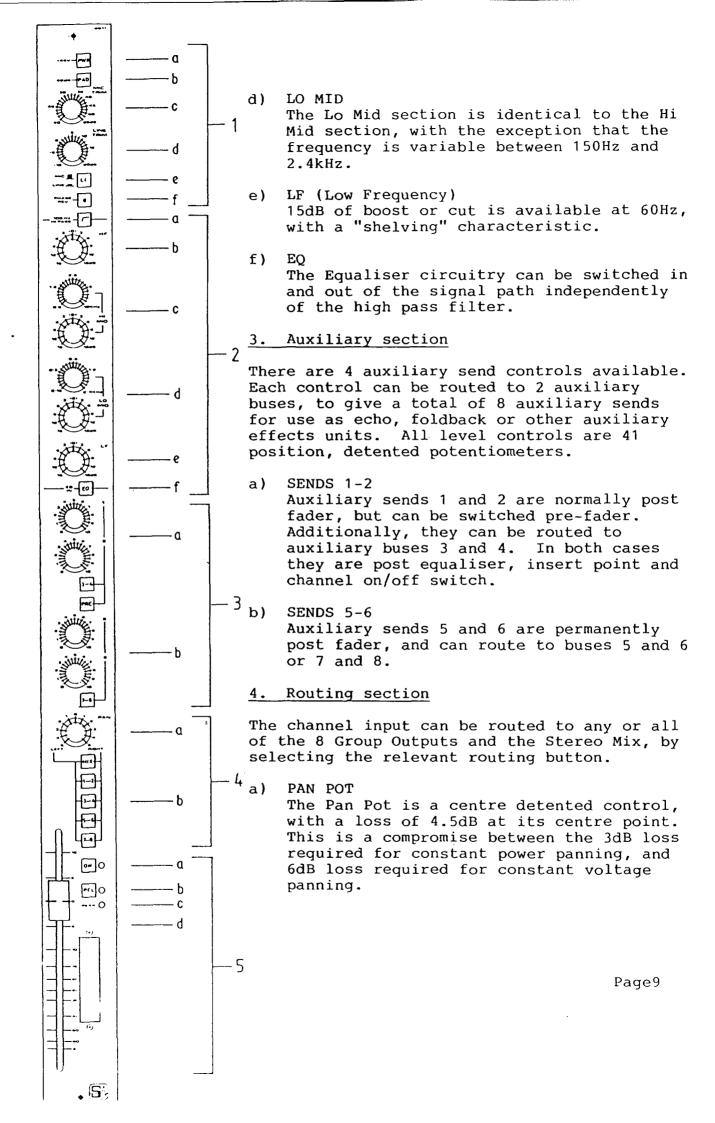
Being modular in construction the Series 800B is easy to dismantle making any neccessary maintenance extremely straight-forward, even when on the road.

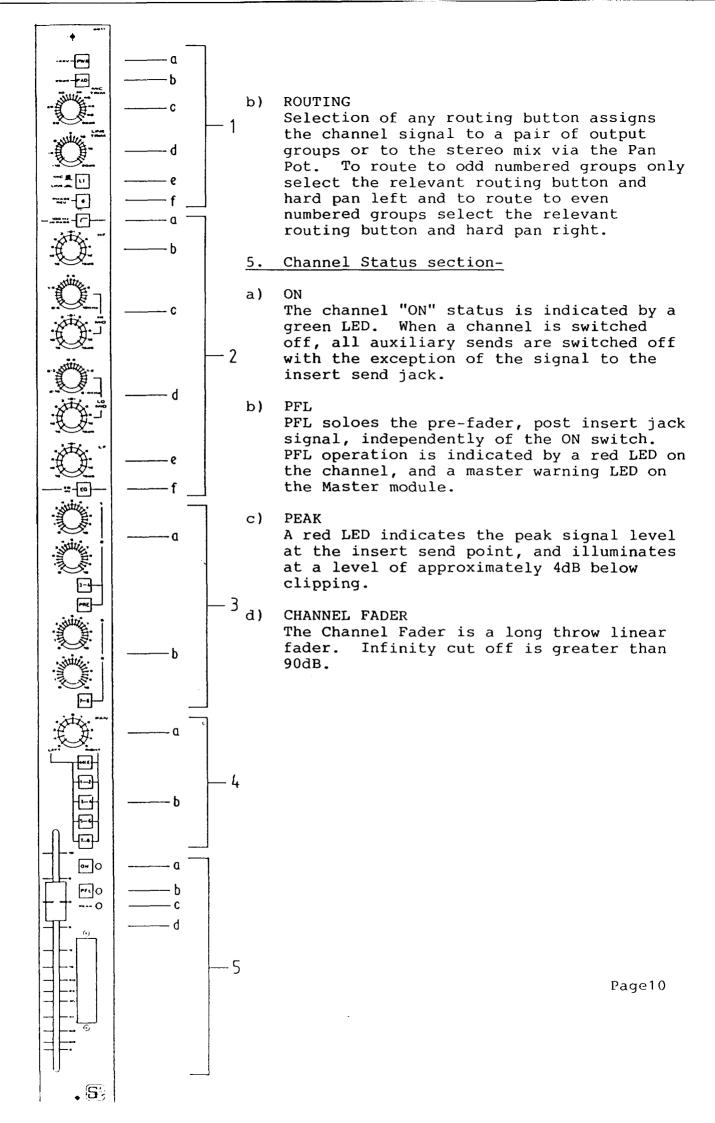
The power supply is a 19" rack mounted unit supplying the console with 17volts positive and negative rails and a +48volt rail for phantom power of microphones.

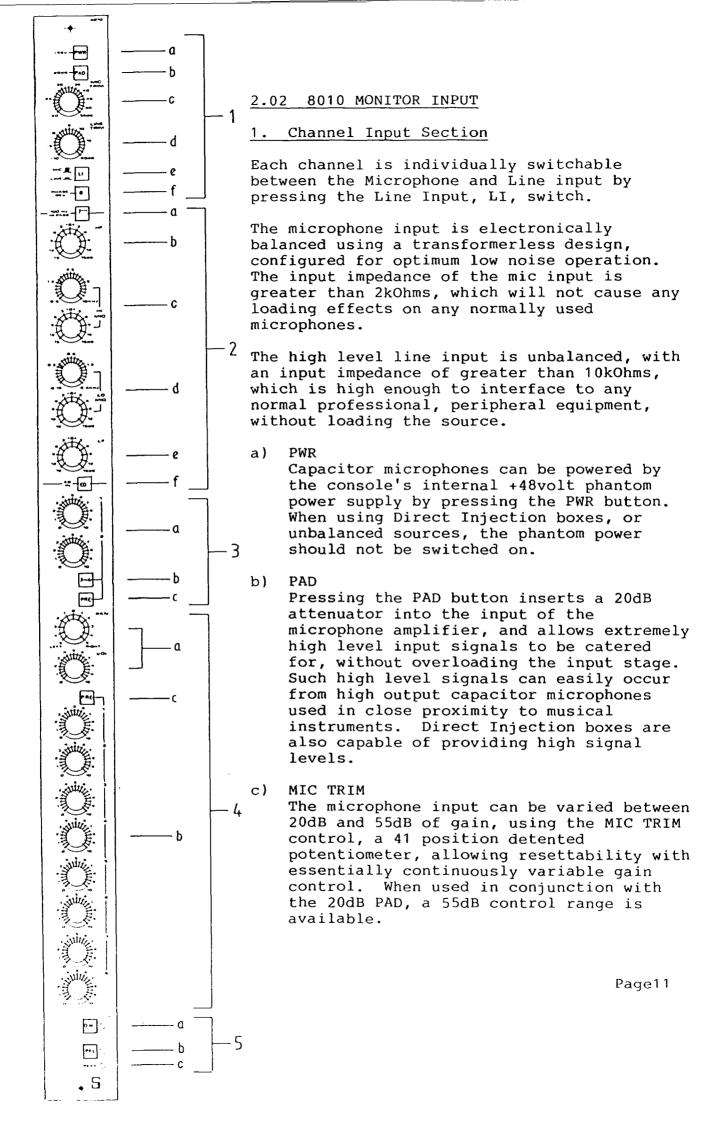
Later models with more than 32 input channels will have a larger power supply that differs slightly to the Standard power supply.

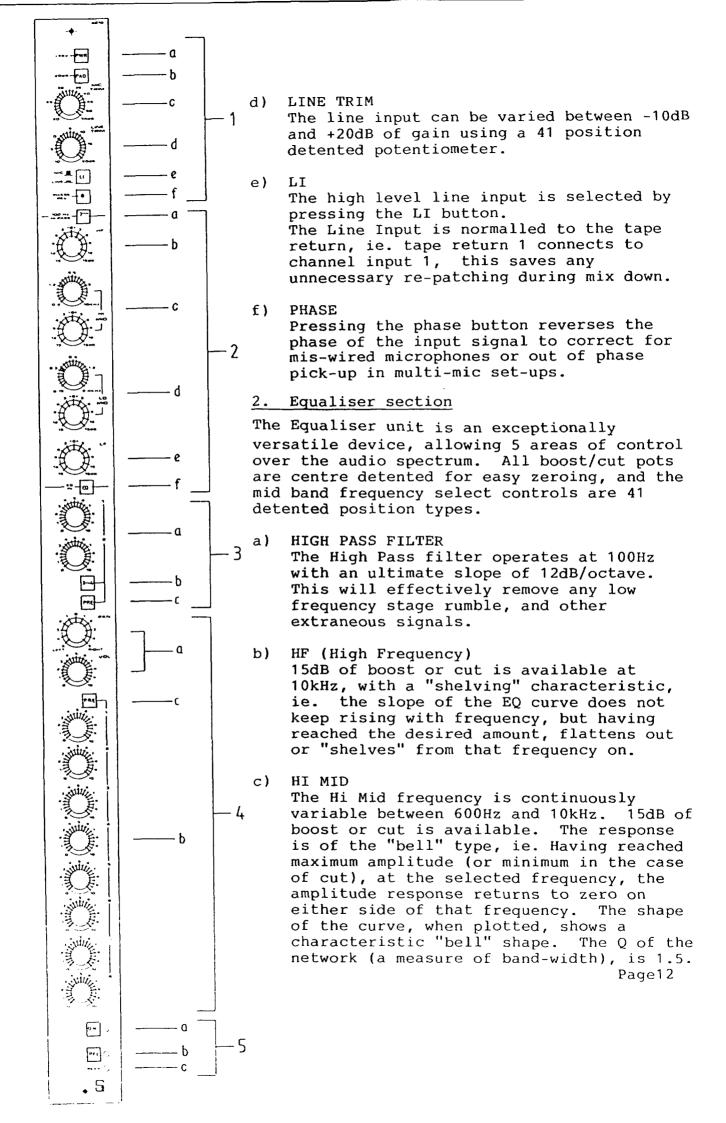


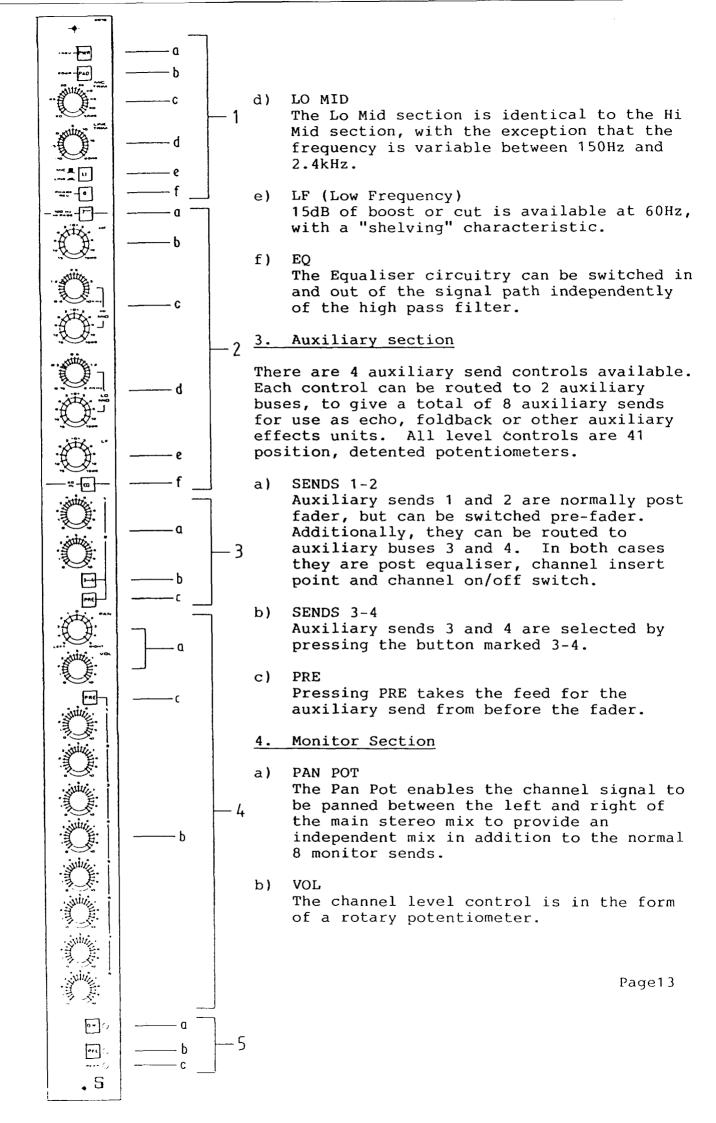


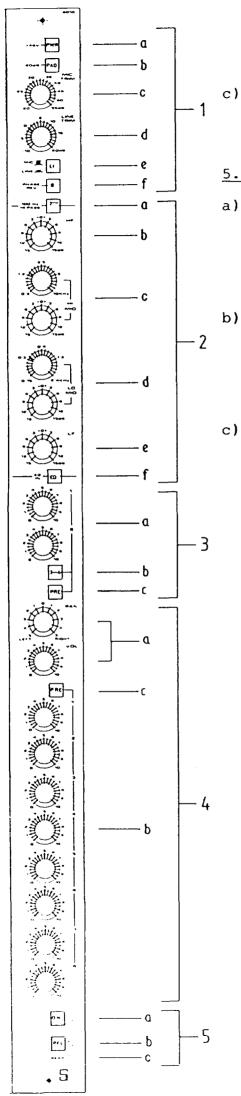












) PRE

The 8 monitor sends are nomally post channel level control, but can be selected pre-fader for independent operation.

5. Channel status section

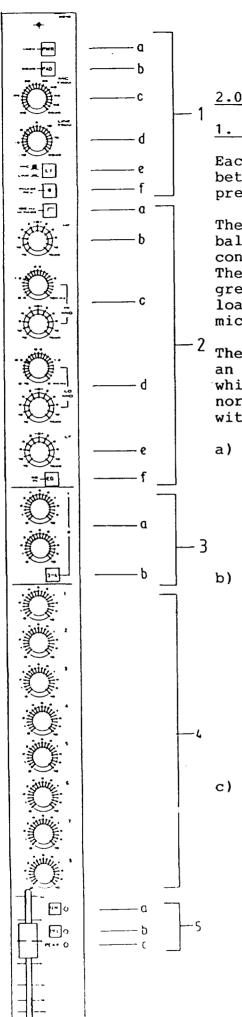
a) ON

The channel ON mode is indicated by a green LED. When a channel is switched off, all auxiliary sends are also switched off, with the exception of the signal to the insert send jack.

b) PFL (Pre-fade Listen) PFL soloes the pre-fader, post insert jack signal, independently of the ON switch. PFL operation is indicated by a red LED on the channel, and a master warning LED on the Master module.

c) PEAK

A red LED indicates the peak signal level at the output of the equaliser, and illuminates at a level of 4dB below clipping.



2.03 8019 MONITOR INPUT

1. Channel Input Section

Each channel is individually switchable between the Microphone and Line input by pressing the Line Input, LI, switch.

The microphone input is electronically balanced using a transformerless design, configured for optimum low noise operation. The input impedance of the mic input is greater than 2kOhms, which will not cause any loading effects on any normally used microphones.

The high level line input is unbalanced, with an input impedance of greater than 10kOhms, which is high enough to interface to any normal professional, peripheral equipment, without loading the source.

a) PWR

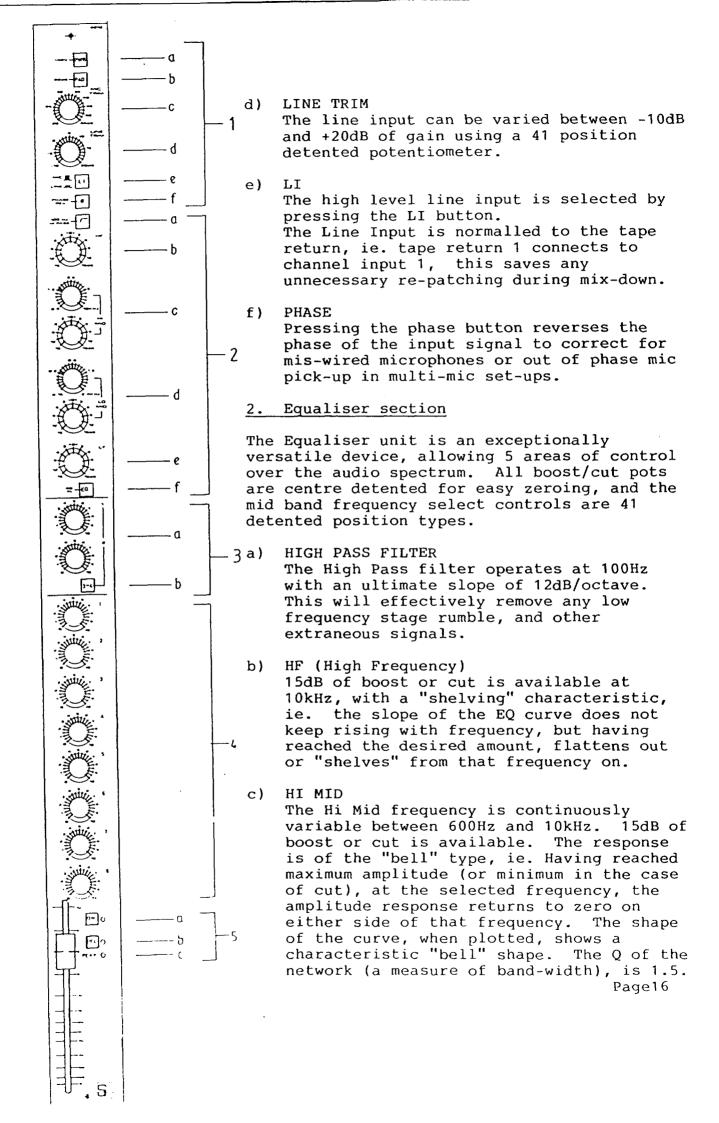
Capacitor microphones can be powered by the console's internal +48volt phantom power supply by pressing the PWR button. When using Direct Injection boxes, or unbalanced sources, the phantom power should not be switched on.

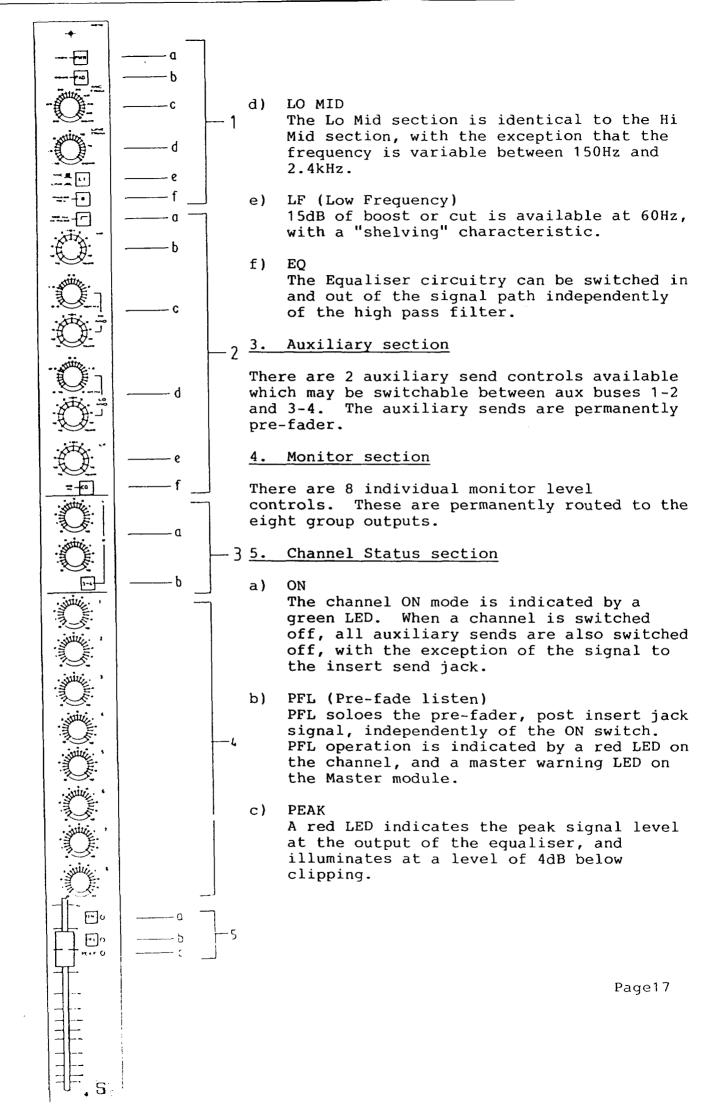
) PAD

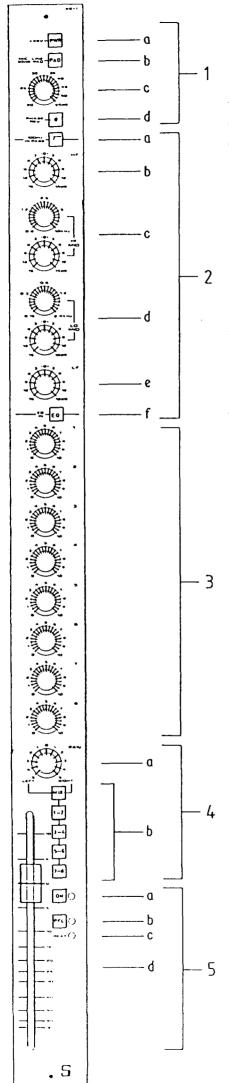
Pressing the PAD button inserts a 20dB attenuator into the input of the microphone amplifier, and allows extremely high level input signals to be catered for, without overloading the input stage. Such high level signals can easily occur from high output capacitor microphones used in close proximity to musical instruments. Direct Injection boxes are also capable of providing high signal levels.

c) MIC TRIM

The microphone input can be varied between 20dB and 55dB of gain, using the MIC TRIM control, a 41 position detented potentiometer, allowing resettability with essentially continuously variable gain control. When used in conjunction with the 20dB PAD, a 55dB control range is available.







2.04 8017 PA INPUT MODULE

The 8017 PA input module has been specifically designed for use in "front of house" PA applications. The input is electronically balanced, and can be used with either microphone or line level input signals if the 30dB input attenuator is switched into the circuit. Interface to the channel is via the microphone input XLR connector on the rear panel. The associated line input jack is not connected with this model.

1) Input to Channel

The microphone/line input is electronically balanced, using a transformerless design, configured for optimum low noise operation.

The input impedance is greater than 2kOhms, which will not cause any loading effects on any normally used microphone. When the 30dB pad is inserted, the input impedance is greater than 5kOhms, which is high enough to interface to any normal professional peripheral equipment, without loading the source.

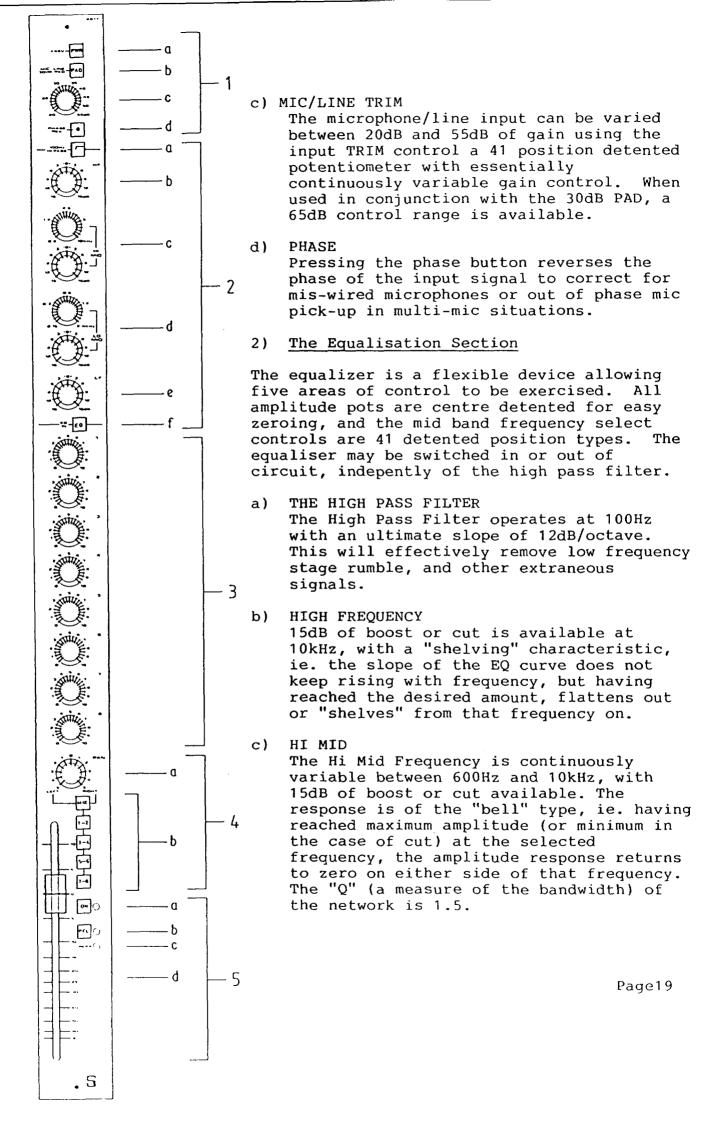
a) PWR

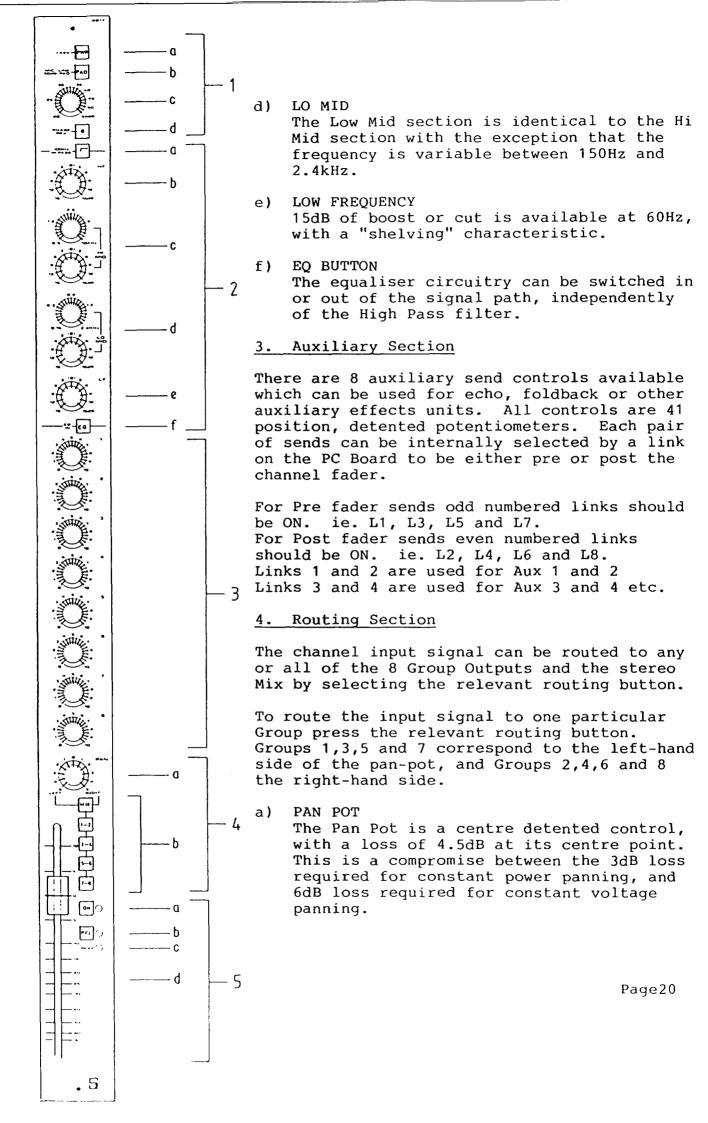
Pressing the PWR button enables capacitor microphones to be powered by the console's internal 48Volt Phantom Power supply.

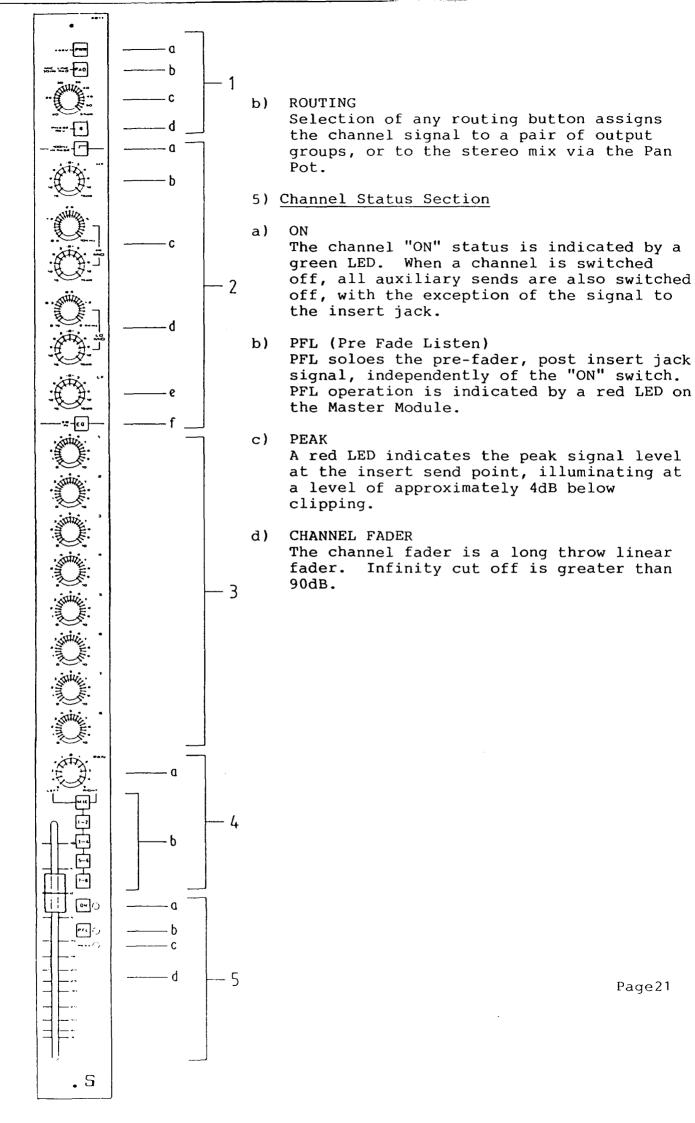
CAUTION: It is not advisable to use a Direct Injection box when the Phantom Power is on.

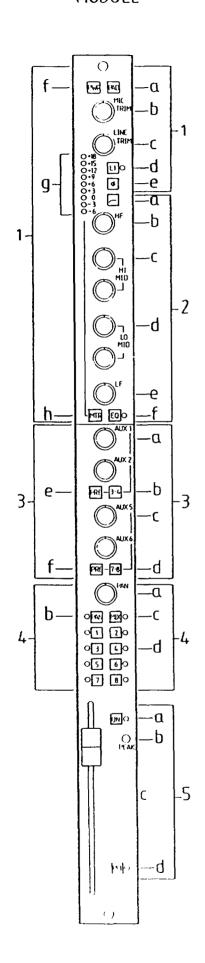
b) PAD (MIC/LINE SELECT)

Pressing the PAD button inserts a 30dB attenuator into the input of the microphone amplifier, and allows line level input signals to be catered for, without overloading the input stage. High level signals can also occur from high output capacitor microphones used in close proximity to musical instruments. Direct injection boxes are also capable of providing high signal levels.









2.05 OPTIONAL THEATRE INPUT MODULE

1) Channel Input Section

The channel can be operated in either Microphone or Line input modes.

The Microphone Input is an electronically balanced transformerless design, configured for optimum low noise performance.

The Microphone Input impedance is greater than 2kOhms, which will not cause any loading effects on any normally used microphone.

The high level Line Input is unbalanced, with an input impedance of greater than 10kOhms, which is high enough to interface to any normal professional peripheral equipment, without loading the source.

a) PAD

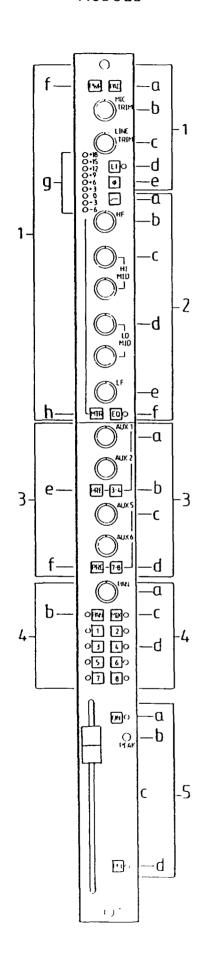
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b) MIC TRIM

The Microphone Input can be varied between 20dB and 55dB of gain, using the MIC TRIM control, a 41 position detented potentiometer, allowing resettability with essentially continuously variable gain control. Used in conjunction with the 20dB PAD, a 55dB control range is available.

c) LINE TRIM

The Line Input gain can be varied between -10dB and +20dB using a detented potentiometer.



- d) LI (Line Input) The high level Line Input is selected by pressing the LI button.
- e) (Phase)
 Pressing the Phase button will invert the phase on the input to correct for any input mismatch.
- f) PWR
 Capacitor microphones can be powered by
 the internal +48 volt phantom power supply
 by pressing the PWR button. When using
 Direct Injection boxes, or unbalanced
 sources, the phantom power supply should
 not be switched on.
- g) INPUT METER This meter, comprising of discrete LEDs, has a PPM characteristic and will indicate the input level as selected by the Mic/Line switch. The LEDs are coloured as follows:-

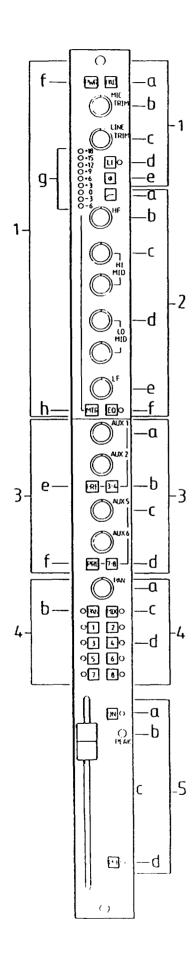
-6dB to 0dB - GREEN +3dB to +9dB - AMBER +12dB to +18dB - RED

h) MTR
 Pressing this will place the input meter
 into the signal flow.

2. Equaliser Section

The Equaliser is an exceptionally versatile unit, allowing 5 areas of control over the audio spectrum. All amplitude pots are centre detented for easy zeroing, and the Mid-band frequency select controls are 41 position detented potentiometers.

a) (High Pass Filter) The high pass filter operates at 100 Hz with an ultimate slope of 12dB/Octave. This will effectively remove low frequency stage rumble, and other extraneous signals.



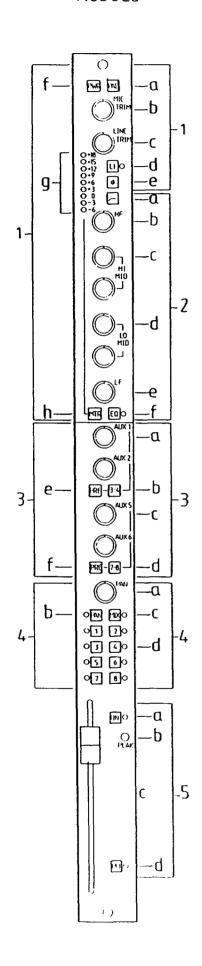
- b) HF (High Frequency)
 15dB of boost or cut is available at
 10kHz, with a "shelving" characteristic,
 ie. the slope of the EQ curve does not
 keep rising with frequency but having
 reached the desired amount, flattens out
 or "shelves" from that frequency on.
- c) HI MID

 The Hi Mid Frequency is continuously variable between 600Hz and 10kHz. 15dB of boost or cut is available. The response is a "bell" type, ie. having reached maximum amplitude (or minimum in the case of cut) at the selected frequency, the amplitude response returns to zero on either side of that frequency. The shape of the curve, when plotted shows a characteristic "bell" shape. The Q of the network (a measure of bandwidth) is 1.5.
- d) LO MID
 The Lo Mid is identical to the Hi Mid
 section, with the exception that the
 frequency is variable between 150Hz and
 2.4kHz.
- e) LF (Low Frequency) 15dB of boost or cut is available at 60Hz, with a "shelving" characteristic.
- f) EQ The Equaliser circuitry can be switched in or out of the signal path, independently of the high pass filter.

3.Auxiliary Section

There are 4 Auxiliary send controls available. Each control can be routed to 2 auxiliary mix buses, to give a total of 8 auxiliary sends for use as echo, foldback or other auxiliary effects units. All controls are 41 position, detented potentiometers.

a) SENDS 1 and 2 Auxiliary sends 1 and 2 are normally post-fader, but can be switched Pre-fader by pressing the appropriate PRE button. In both cases they are post equaliser, channel insert point, and channel on/off switch.

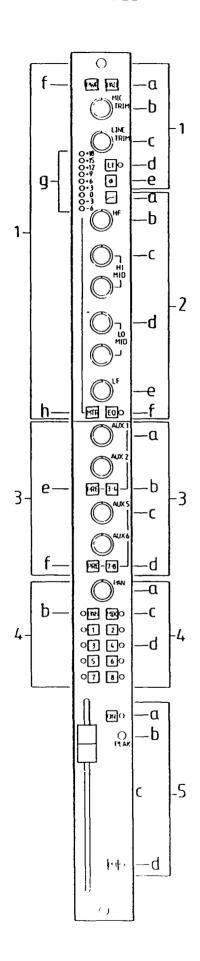


- b) SENDS 3 and 4 Auxiliary sends 1 and 2 may be routed to auxiliary buses 3 and 4 by pressing the 3-4 button.
- c) SENDS 5 and 6
 As with Aux 1 and 2 above, Auxiliary sends
 5 and 6 are normally post-fader but may be
 switched to Pre-fader by pressing the
 appropriate PRE button.
- d) SENDS 7 and 8 Auxiliary sends 5 and 6 may be routed to auxiliary buses 7 and 8 by pressing the 7-8 button.
- e) PRE (1-4)
 Aux 1-2 or Aux 3-4 may be switched to
 Pre-fader, (but post EQ, insert point and
 channel on/off switch), by pressing the
 relevant PRE button.
- f) PRE (5-8)
 Aux 5-6 or Aux 7-8 may be switched to
 Pre-fader by selecting the relevant PRE
 button as above.

4. Routing Section

The channel input signal can be routed to any or all of the 8 Group Outputs and the Stereo Mix, by selecting the relevant routing button.

- a) PAN POT
 The Pan Pot is a centre detented control,
 with a loss of 4.5dB at its centre point.
 This is a compromise between the 3dB loss
 required for constant power panning, and
 6dB loss required for constant voltage
 panning.
- b) PAN
 The Pan control may be placed in the signal path by pressing the PAN button.
 When the Pan control is not in the signal path any signal routed via the MIX button appears at equal level both Left and Right.



c) MIX

By selecting Mix the signal is routed directly to the stereo Mix Bus. If the Pan Pot is selected then the signal is routed via the Pan Pot, if the Pan Pot has not been selected then equal amounts of signal appear Left and Right.

d) GROUPS 1 - 8 The signal may be routed to any of Groups 1 - 8 by selecting the appropriate routing button.

When PAN is selected the Group routing is also fed via the Pan Pot. Panning left will feed Groups 1,3,5 & 7 and panning right will feed Groups 2,4,6 & 8.

5. Channel Status Section

a) ON

The channel ON status is indicated by a green LED. When a channel is switched off, all auxiliary sends are also switched off, with the exception of the signal to the insert send jack.

b) PEAK

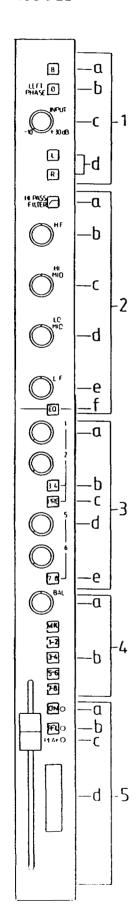
A red LED indicates the peak signal level at the insert send point, and illuminates at a level of approximately 4dB below clipping.

c) CHANNEL FADER

The Channel Fader is a long throw linear device. Infinity cut off is greater than 90dB.

d) PFL (Pre-fade Listen) PFL soloes the pre-fader, post insert jack signal, independently of the ON switch. PFL operation is indicated by a red LED on the channel, and master warning LED on the Master Module.

S800B STEREO INPUT MODULE



2.06 8022 OPTIONAL STEREO INPUT MODULE

The optional stereo input module is available in blocks of 4.

1. Channel Input Section

The Channel can be operated using either Line Input A OR Line Input B OR both. Both Line Inputs are balanced, with an input impedance of greater than 10kOhms, which is high enough to interface to any normal professional peripheral equipment without loading the source.

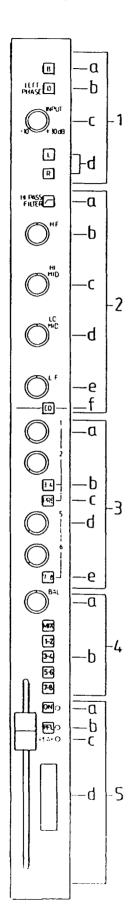
- a) B Line Input B may be selected by pressing the button marked B.
- b) (Phase) Pressing the Phase button will invert the phase on the left-hand input only to correct for any input mismatch.
- c) INPUT GAIN The Input Gain can be varied between -10dB and +30dB of gain using the Gain Trim control.
- d) L & R.i. With both these switches out the module works in stereo mode.
 - ii. With either L or R switched in, both channels of the module are fed by either the left or right input.
 - iii. With both switches pressed, both channels of the module are fed by a mono sum of the left and right input.

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 ie. the slope of the EQ curve does not
 keep rising with frequency, but having
 reached the desired amount, flattens out
 or "shelves" from that frequency on.
- c) HI MID

 15dB of boost or cut is available at 2kHz,
 with a "bell" characteristic, ie. having
 reached maximum amplitude, (or minimum in
 the case of cut) the amplitude response
 returns to zero on either side of the
 frequency. The shape of the curve, when
 plotted shows a characteristic "bell"
 shape. The Q of the net-work (a measure
 of bandwidth) is 1.5.
- d) LO MID The Lo Mid section is identical to the Hi Mid section, with the exception that the frequency is 300Hz.
- e) LF (Low Frequency) 15dB of boost or cut is available at 60Hz, with a "shelving" characteristic.
- f) EQ The Equaliser circuitry can be switched in and out of the signal path, independently of the high pass filter.

3. Auxiliary Section

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a) SENDS 1 and 2
Auxiliary sends 1 and 2 are normally post-fader, but can be switched Pre-fader by pressing the appropriate PRE button.
In both cases they are post equaliser.
Auxiliaries 1 and 2 can be selected mono or stereo and dependent/independent of the channel mute by push-on links.