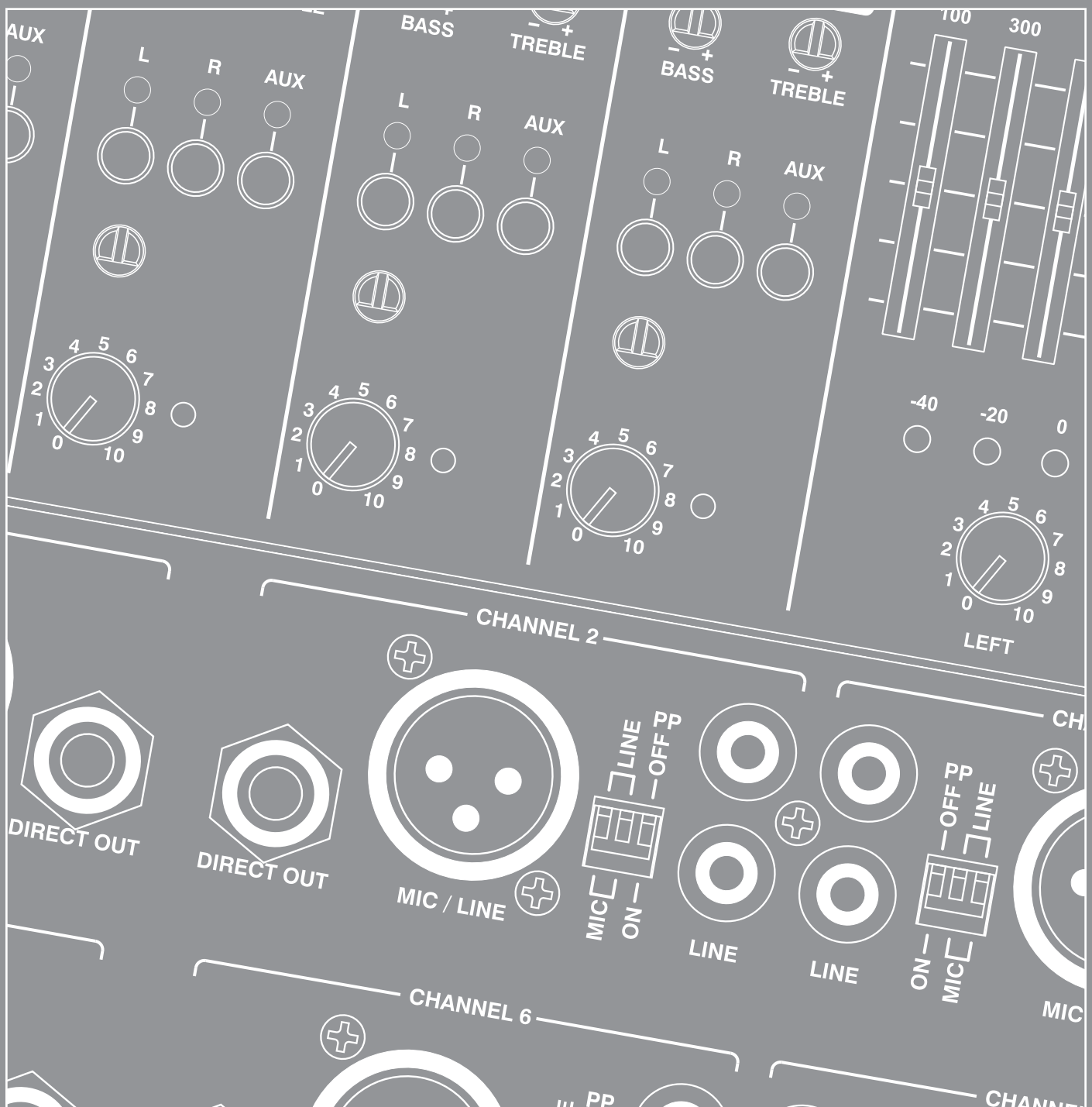


MX883

8 CHANNEL STEREO MIC/LINE MIXER INSTALLATION AND OPERATION MANUAL





IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION



1. Save the carton and packing material even if the equipment has arrived in good condition. Should you ever need to ship the unit, use only the original factory packing.
2. Read all documentation before operating your equipment. Retain all documentation for future reference.
3. Follow all instructions printed on unit chassis for proper operation.
4. Do not spill water or other liquids into or on the unit, or operate the unit while standing in liquid.
5. Make sure power outlets conform to the power requirements listed on the back of the unit.
6. Do not use the unit if the electrical power cord is frayed or broken. The 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 and plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the appliance.
7. Always operate the unit with the AC ground wire connected to the electrical system ground. Precautions should be taken so that the means of grounding of a piece of equipment is not defeated.
8. Mains voltage must be correct and the same as that printed on the rear of the unit. Damage caused by connection to improper AC voltage is not covered by any warranty.
9. Have gain controls on amplifiers turned down during power-up to prevent speaker damage if there are high signal levels at the inputs.
10. Power down & disconnect units from mains voltage before making connections.
11. Never hold a power switch in the "ON" position if it won't stay there itself!
12. Do not use the unit near stoves, heat registers, radiators, or other heat producing devices.
13. Do not block fan intake or exhaust ports. Do not operate equipment on a surface or in an environment which may impede the normal flow of air around the unit, such as a bed, rug, weathersheet, carpet, or completely enclosed rack. If the unit is used in an extremely dusty or smoky environment, the unit should be periodically "blown free" of foreign matter.
14. Do not remove the cover. Removing the cover will expose you to potentially dangerous voltages. There are no user serviceable parts inside.
15. Do not drive the inputs with a signal level greater than that required to drive equipment to full output.
16. Do not connect the inputs / outputs of amplifiers or consoles to any other voltage source, such as a battery, mains source, or power supply, regardless of whether the amplifier or console is turned on or off.
17. Do not run the output of any amplifier channel back into another channel's input. Do not parallel- or series-connect an amplifier output with any other amplifier output. Australian Monitor Inc is not responsible for damage to loudspeakers for any reason.
18. Do not ground any red ("hot") terminal. Never connect a "hot" (red) output to ground or to another "hot" (red) output!
19. Non-use periods. The power cord of equipment should be unplugged from the outlet when left unused for a long period of time.
20. Service Information Equipment should be serviced by qualified service personnel when:
 - A. The power supply cord or the plug has been damaged.
 - B. Objects have fallen, or liquid has been spilled into the equipment
 - C. The equipment has been exposed to rain
 - D. The equipment does not appear to operate normally, or exhibits a marked change in performance
 - E. The equipment has been dropped, or the enclosure damaged.

THIS SAFETY INFORMATION IS OF A GENERAL NATURE AND MAY BE SUPERSEDED BY INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED WITHIN THIS MANUAL

INTRODUCTION AND CONTENTS

The MX883 is a stereo 8 channel audio mixer that operates from 110/230-240 VAC @ 50/60 Hz. The MX883 offers high quality audio performance & a wide array of features in a standard 2 RU size. For table mounting, rubber feet are supplied but these can be removed if rack mounting is intended. There are eight dual purpose inputs consisting of balanced XLR inputs switchable between mic & line level and stereo RCA line level inputs. Each channel also features a line level direct output which can be used to feed additional amplifiers, mixers or recording devices. An internal jumper allows each input to be routed to the direct output either pre or post fader. Each input has front panel trim control, status LED and bass & treble controls. Each input channel can be routed to the left, right or aux output. The left and right outputs have a constant Q 5 band graphic EQ stage. Priority muting is available as an optional addition as is remote VCA master control and tone generation.

The MX883 also features 4 segment LED output metering & the ability to internally switch input 1 to be either pre or post master. With both Headphone out & Record out also available the MX883 is extremely versatile. The MX883 has taken the AMIS heritage of contractor friendly installation product & has added the audio fidelity needed in today's AV contracting market.

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WARNING!

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK
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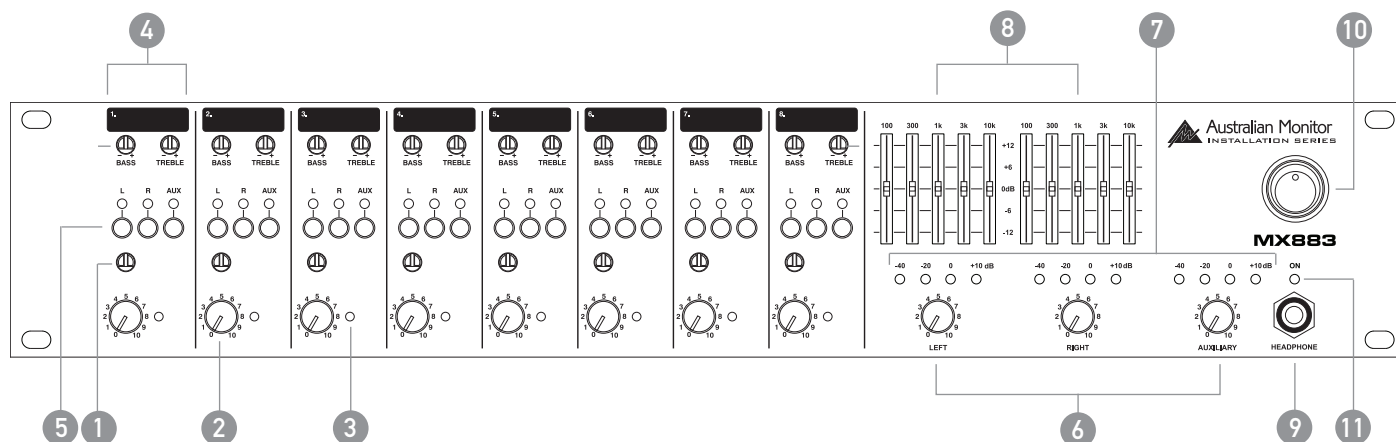


Caution:

This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operational and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

To prevent electric shock do not use this (polarised) plug with an extension cord, receptacle or other outlet unless the blades can be fully inserted to prevent blade exposure. To prevent electric shock, match wide blade of plug to wide slot, fully insert.

FRONT PANEL



1 GAIN TRIM

This control is used to adjust the input gain and affects both the XLR and the RCA inputs. The input gain can be adjusted by +/- 15dB. This allows a wide range of program sources to be set up with optimum gain structure. With the gain trim in the centre position, the boost/cut is set to 0dB. See the block diagram on page 10 for details of the gain structure.

2 LEVEL

Controls the level of the input signal.

3 INPUT STATUS LEDs

Each input has an LED status indicator. The LED is green when there is signal present and red if the signal is approaching clip. If the LED begins to light red this would indicate the internal signal level is 6dB before clip. Note that the front panel level control is post status LED and as such, the status LED is NOT affected by the level control. If an input channel is clipping use the gain control to adjust the correct amount of input level.

4 CHANNEL TONE CONTROLS

Each input has a 2 band EQ.

Bass – +/-12dB 100Hz shelving

Treble – +/-9dB 10kHz shelving

5 BUS SELECT SWITCHES

These switches connect each input to the left, right or aux outputs. The LED above the switch indicates when the channel is being routed to the respective output.

For stereo inputs the left signal only is routed to the left bus, the right signal only is routed to the right bus, and a mono summed signal is sent to the aux bus.

6 LEFT, RIGHT AND AUX MASTER

These pots control the overall mixed output level for the left, right and aux channels respectively.

7 LEFT, RIGHT AND AUX VU DISPLAY

These VU displays indicate output level for the left, right and aux channels respectively.

8 LEFT AND RIGHT GRAPHIC EQ

These 5 band EQ sections are constant Q filters with centers at 100Hz, 300Hz, 1kHz, 3kHz and 10kHz. Each filter has a range of 12dB cut and boost.

9 HEADPHONE

This 1/4" jack socket allows headphones to be used for monitoring. It can be set as pre or post master volume control. It can also be set to listen to the aux output, pre or post aux fader. See "Internal Settings" on page 6. Default factory setting is pre master volume control.

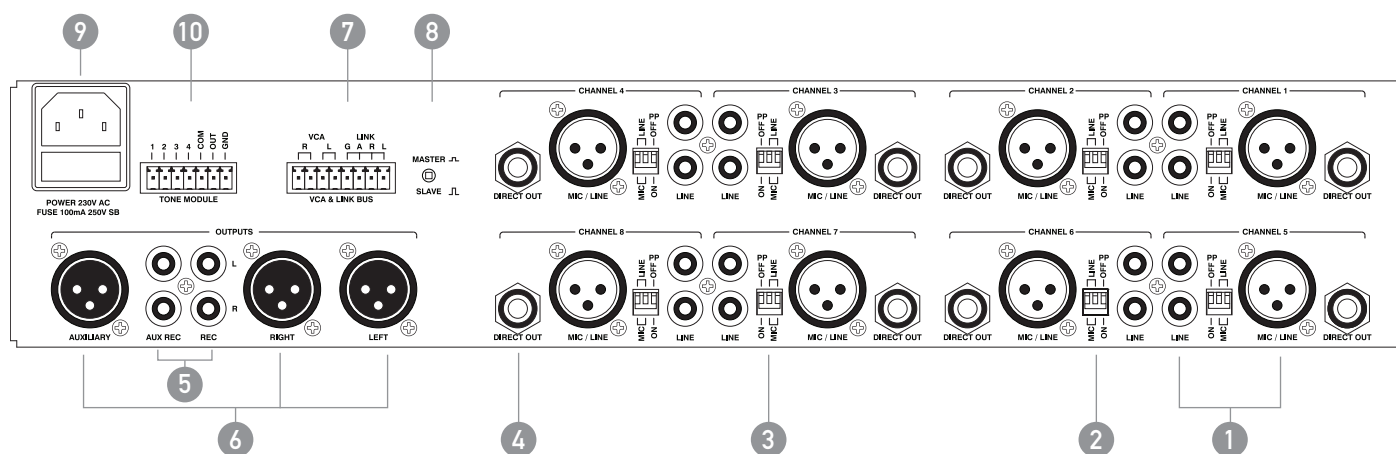
10 POWER SWITCH

This switch switches power from the mains. The up position is on.

11 POWER ON LED

This indicates there is power to the unit.

REAR PANEL



1 CHANNEL INPUTS

Each channel has two inputs:

XLR input - This is a balanced input. It accepts mic or line level signals depending on the adjacent gain switch position. The XLR will also have +15V phantom power if selected on the adjacent switch.

RCA input - This is an unbalanced line level input. The two RCA sockets are stereo, left and right.

2 P/P – PHANTOM POWER

15V phantom power is available for condenser or electret microphones on the XLR input when this switch is in the “ON” position.

3 MIC / LINE

These two switches control the sensitivity of the XLR input. In the “MIC” position the XLR input is suitable for use with microphones; in the “LINE” position the XLR input is suitable for use with a balanced line level signal.

NOTE: Both MIC/LINE switches must be in the same position for correct operation of the balanced input.

NOTE: The MIC/LINE switches only affect the XLR input.

4 DIRECT OUT

A unique feature of the MX883 is the individual direct output available for all 8 channels. The direct outputs are a mono sum of the stereo inputs and XLR input and are accessed via balanced TRS 1/4” sockets for each channel. The level of each output is 0dBu (nominal). The direct outputs are adjustable to be pre or post the channel level control, see the Internal Adjustments.

5 REC OUT & AUX REC OUT

The REC OUT output is on unbalanced RCA connectors. The output is not affected by the MASTER volume control.

6 LEFT, RIGHT AND AUX OUTPUT

The OUTPUT XLR’s provides balanced line level signal of the left, right and aux channels respectively.

NOTE: When wiring the LINE output as unbalanced, Pin2 should be wired as hot and Pin1 should be wired as ground/shield. Do not wire Pin3.

7 LINK BUS

This connector is used for linking two MX883’s together. A short cable (<300mm) connecting pin for pin should be used. When linked all 16 channels will sum together and both master and slave outputs will work independently.

The buses sum pre master level controls, allowing the outputs on either the master or slave unit to be used.

8 MASTER/SLAVE SWITCH

When linking two MX883’s only one mixer should be set to master. The other should be set to slave. When an MX883 is used on its own, this switch should be set to master.

9 IEC MAINS INPUT SOCKET

This is a standard IEC 3 pin socket. It accepts a standard IEC mains cable, provided. The fuse draw contains the mains fuse and a spare. The mains fuse is a time lag (slow blow) HRC 20mm x 5mm ceramic type fuse.

The ratings are:

230V/240V model 100mA

115V model 200mA

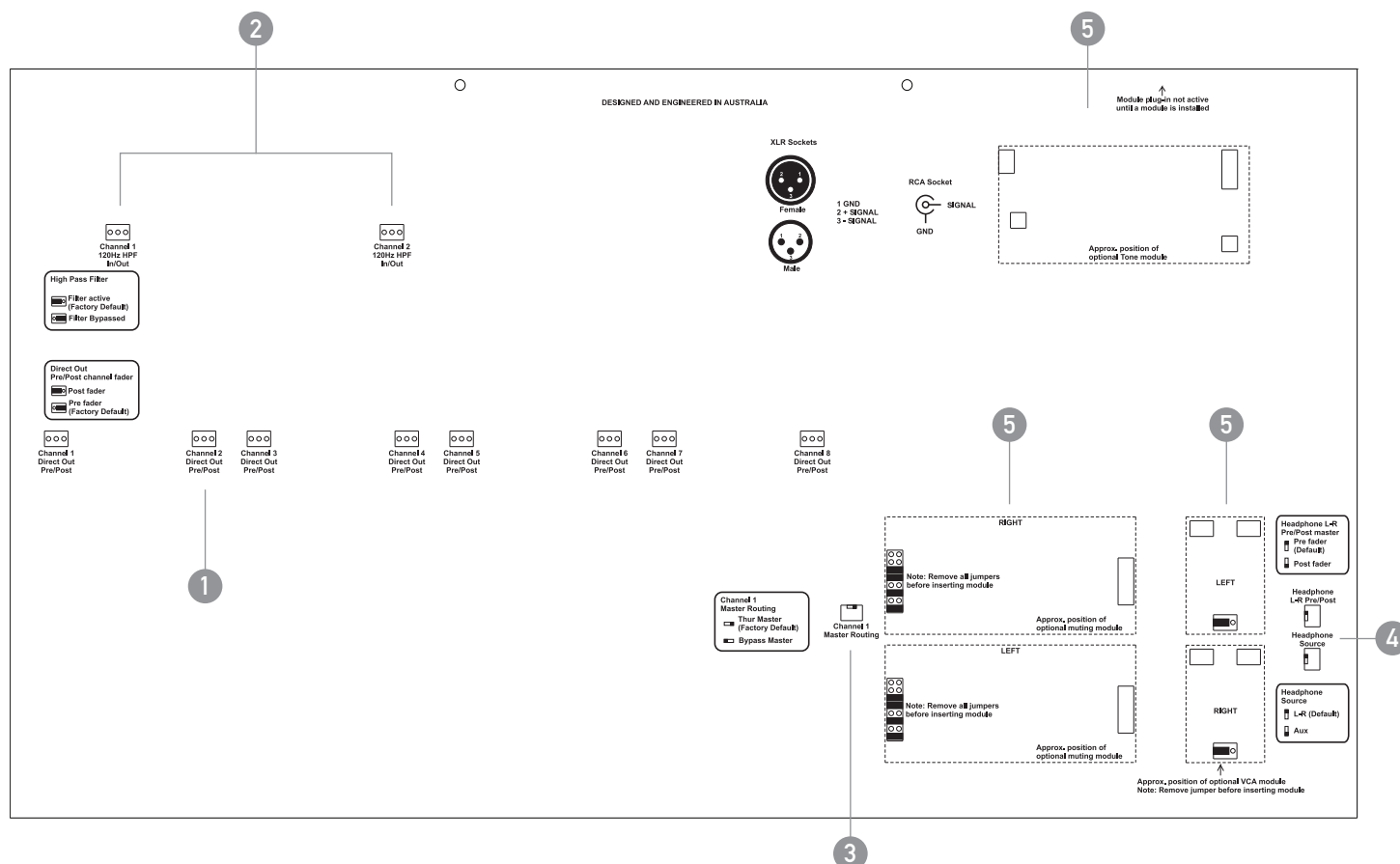
IMPORTANT: Always replace the fuse with one of the same value and type.

NOTE: Always disconnect power to the amplifier before replacing fuses.

10 OPTIONAL MODULE INPUTS

This socket is used with a tone module and/or VCA module.

INTERNAL ADJUSTMENTS



1 CHANNEL DIRECT OUT PRE/POST FADER

The pre or post assignment of the direct output is set via this jumper. This is used to make the Direct Outputs either pre or post channel fader volume. Set to the Channel 1 side the Direct Output is post fader (i.e. the channel fader volume affects the Direct Output). Set to the Channel 8 side the Direct Output is pre fader. The default factory setting is pre fader.

2 CHANNEL 1 AND 2 HPF

Channels 1 and 2 have a 120Hz 24dB/octave high pass filter to remove handling noise and floor rumble. The filter is active by default. The jumpers are located at the back of the unit on the upper board near channels 1 and 2. Move the jumper toward channel 8 to bypass the filter.

3 CHANNEL 1 ROUTING

If channel 1 is being used as a priority input it can be routed so that the master volume does not affect channel 1. The default factory setting is pre master fader meaning the master volume affects channel 1 in the mix. The switch is located near the master pots. Move the switch toward channel 1 to set channel 1 to post master fader.

4 HEADPHONE ROUTING

The headphone level can be routed so that it is affected by the master volume. The default factory setting is pre master fader meaning the master volume does not affect the headphone volume. The switch is located just behind the front panel near the master pot. Move the switch toward the front to set the headphone to post master fader. The headphone can also listen to the aux output. The headphone source switch is below the pre/post switch. Move the switch toward the front to set it to aux. When set to aux the headphone is always post fader.

5 OPTIONAL MODULES

The MX883 can have installed:

- 2 VCA modules for left and right outputs
- Tone Generator module
- 2 Priority Muting modules for left and right outputs

See your local Australian Monitor dealer for more information.

INSTALLATION AND TROUBLESHOOTING

INPUT CONNECTIONS

For wiring balanced in, pin 2 is hot. Unbalanced wiring on the microphone inputs is not recommended. Balanced input wiring (shielded pair cable) is recommended.

Unbalanced RCA wiring should be kept as short as possible. Typically less than 3m.

LINE OUTPUT

The LINE output XLR can be used to connect up to 6 booster amplifiers. Balanced wiring (shielded pair cable) is recommended.

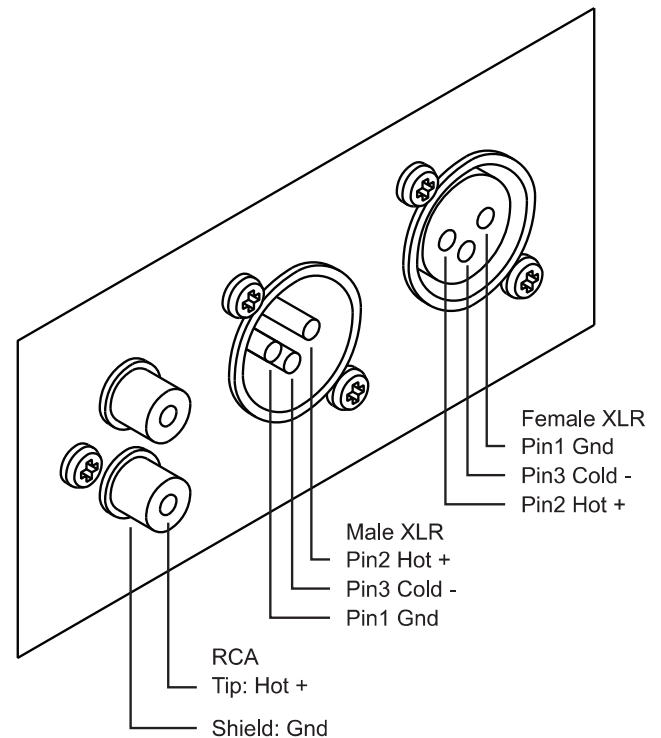
 **NOTE:** When wiring the LINE output as unbalanced, Pin2 should be wired as hot and Pin1 should be wired as ground/shield. Do not wire Pin3.

RECORD OUTPUT

The Record output wiring should be kept as short as possible. Typically less than 3m.

DIRECT OUTPUT

The direct outputs are balanced and should be wired tip hot. When wiring the direct outputs as unbalanced or when using a mono jack the ring and sleeve should be connected together and to the shield.



TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

TROUBLE	LIKELY CAUSE	REMEDY
Power LED not on	Power not reaching unit	Check mains connection Check mains fuse Check power switch is on
Noisy output	Incorrect gain structure	See setup guide
Distorted sound	Input is overloaded	Check MIC/LINE switch Reduce input level at source
	Output is being over driven	Reduce output volume
	Bass control is turned up	Reduce Bass control level
No sound but unit is on	Volume turned down	Check volume controls
Tones and/or VCA control does not work	Module not installed	Purchase optional modules
Condenser microphone does not work	Phantom power not switched on	Switch on phantom power

BASIC SETUP AND OPERATION

The inputs of the MX883 can accommodate a wide range of sources including dynamic microphones, DVD and CD players. The output may be used to drive power (booster) amplifiers, other mixers or mixer amplifiers.

Each installation will require setting the appropriate relative mix of levels between microphones and program. Also consider what the output is driving.

Setting up correct gain structure through the whole system is important to achieve optimal results. The following step by step procedure has been devised to assist during the setup process. When the MX883 was shipped to you from the factory, it was set up in a particular way. In the following procedure it is essential that you are starting from these initial settings.

- + Program Input Gain Controls – half (12 o'clock)
 - + XLR Mic/Line switch – MIC
 - + XLR Phantom power - on
 - + Input Level Controls – off
 - + Output Level Control – off
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CONNECT THE SOURCES

First connect all the required sources to the appropriate input connectors. If the source is a microphone, set the MIC/LINE switches to the "MIC" position. If the source is an electret or condenser microphone, set the phantom switch to the "P/P on" position.

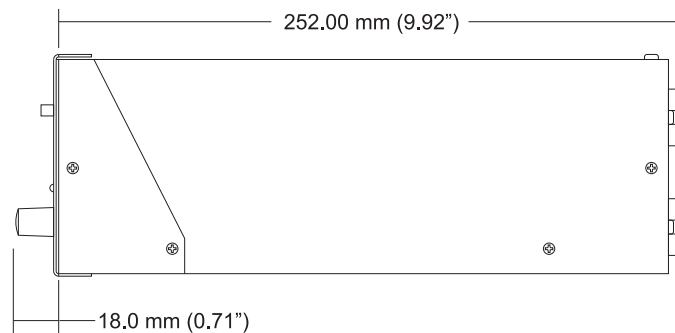
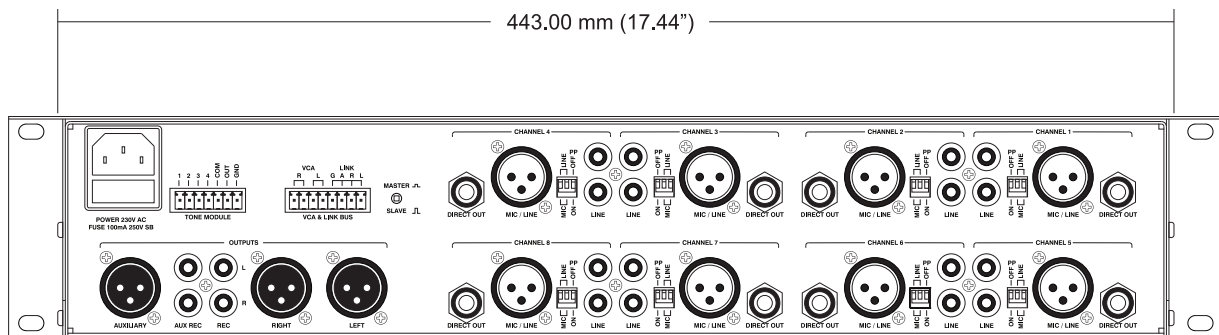
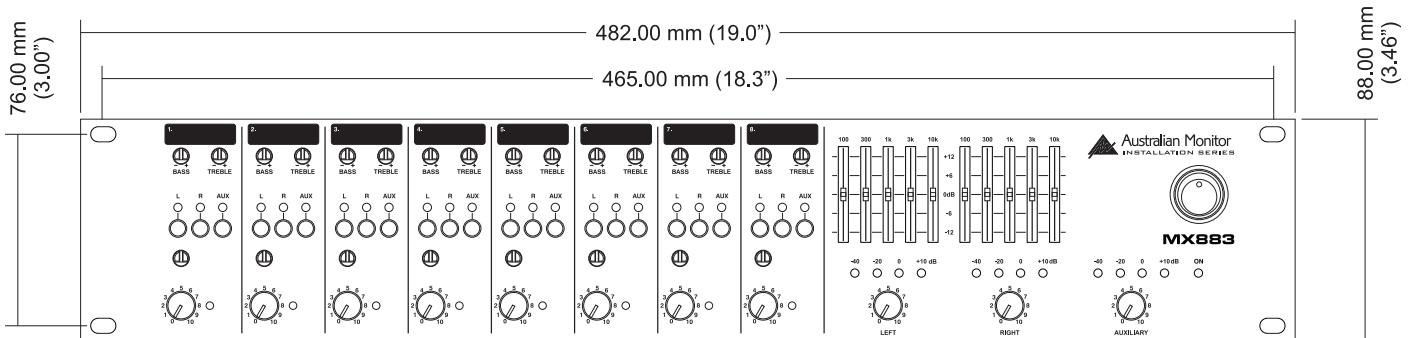
CONNECT THE OUTPUTS

Turn the amplifiers off. Connect the MX883 output to the amplifiers' line level input. Check that the MX883 is on, and then turn on the amplifiers. If the amplifiers have a level control, set them it to a sensitivity of 0dBu. If in doubt, set it to maximum.

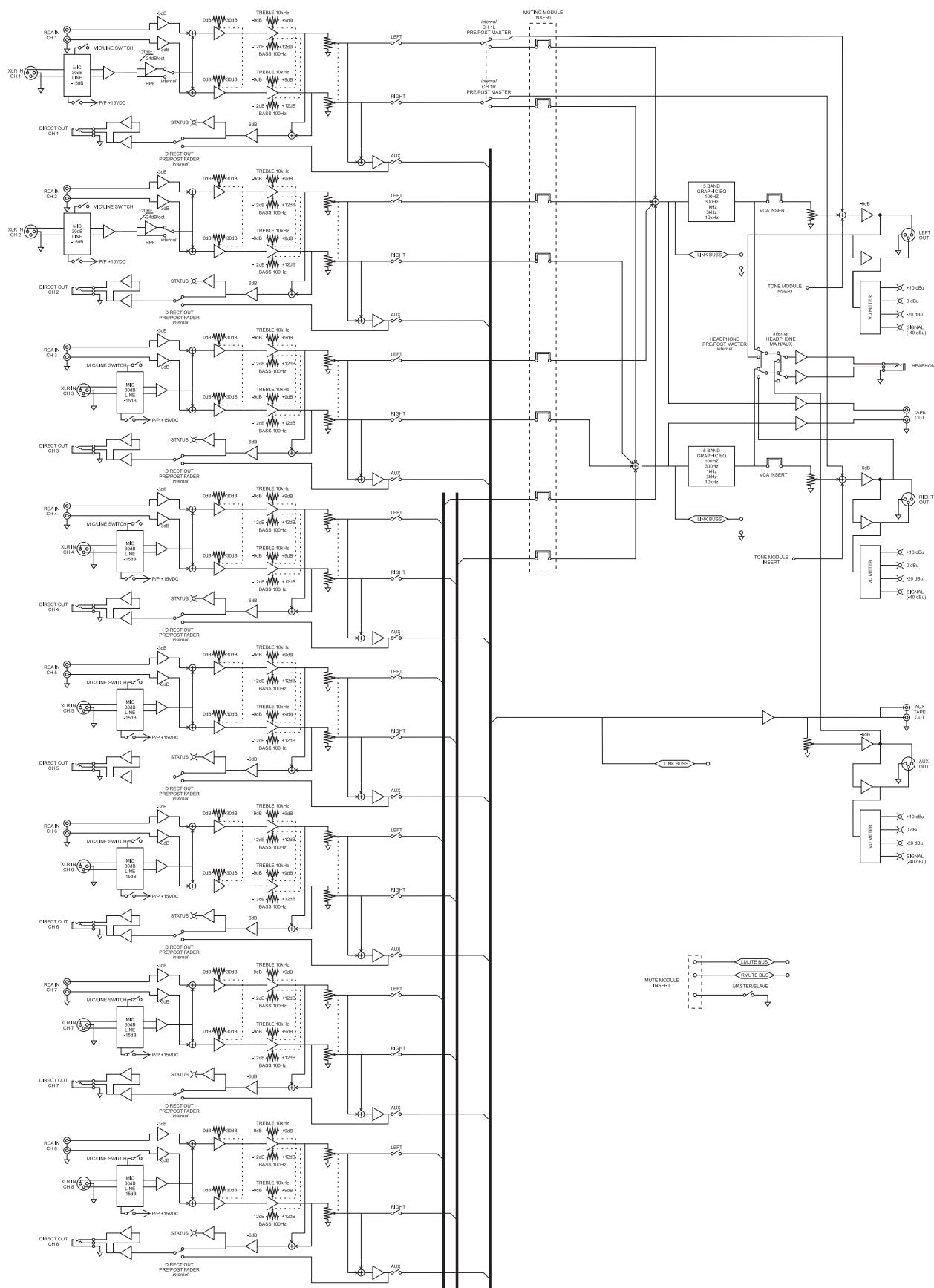
SET THE LEVELS

Turn the input levels up to 5. Turn up the output level until it is at an appropriate level for the listening environment. You will now have to adjust the relative levels of the inputs to achieve a good balance. The aim of these adjustments is to have all level controls at between 3 and 7. This may not be possible however. A good rule of thumb is that input level controls should be higher than the output level controls.

DIMENSIONS



BLOCK DIAGRAM



SPECIFICATIONS

FREQUENCY RESPONSE		20Hz - 20kHz (+0,-3dB)
TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION		< 0.1% @ 1kHz
SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO		> 90dB (all pots at centre position)
CROSSTALK		>70dB
TONE CONTROLS	BASS @ 100HZ	+/- 12dB
	TREBLE @ 10KHZ	+/- 9dB
SENSITIVITY (TRIM IN CENTRE 0dB)		Mic Sens 4.36mV, -45dBu Imp 1k3ohm Line Sens 0.775V, 0dBu Imp >100k RCA 200mV, -12dBu Imp 30kohm
MAX LEVEL IN		XLR mic -9dBu XLR line >30dBu RCA >30dBu
MAX LEVEL OUT		+21dBu
PHANTOM POWER		15V DC
OUTPUTS	MASTER OUT	Nominal Level 0dBu into 1kohm Imp 100ohm
	MONO HEADPHONE OUT	Nom -6dB into 200ohm Imp 10ohm
	MONO REC OUT	Nom -12dB into 10kohm Imp 10kohm
	CHANNEL DIRECT OUT	Nom 0dB into 1kohm Imp 100 ohm
POWER INPUT		AC: 230V/50Hz or 115V/60Hz, 3 pin IEC320-C14 connector
POWER CONSUMPTION (MAX)		30 VA
FUSES	MAINS (115V)	200mA
	MAINS (230V)	100mA
DIMENSIONS H X W X D		88mm x 482mm x 270mm (3.5"x19"x10.6")
SHIPPING DIMENSIONS		170mm x 505mm x 350mm (6.7"x19.9"x13.8")
WEIGHT		Net 4.0kg (8.8lb) Shipping 4.5kg (9.9lb)

