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The FP42 is a 4-input, 2-output, compact, self-contained stereo mixer for applications in broadcasting, recording and sound reinforcement. The high-reliability FP42 integrates all the operating features of a professional stereo mixer in a single unit—small and lightweight enough for location use, but with the reliability of a studio console.

FEATURES

- Wide, flat frequency response, low distortion, and high output level
- Reliable operation under all temperature and humidity conditions
- Protected against RF interference and damage from input overload and shorted outputs
- Four transformer-coupled XLR inputs, each microphone-line switchable with low-cut filters and cueing function
- Full-separation pan pots with center detent on each input for precise spatial positioning
- Phantom power for condenser microphone operation
- Built-in tone oscillator permits level checking and line testing
- Left- and right-channel transformer-coupled XLR outputs, with microphone-line and mono-stereo switches
- Parallel stereo headphone jacks (1/4-inch and mini) with level control
- Left and right mix bus jacks
- Active, feedback-type input gain controls for high-level input signals without input attenuators
- Adjustable-threshold limiter with left- and right-channel peak indicators
- VU meters with range switch and battery check function
- Left- and right-channel master level controls and ganged headphone level control
- Powered by ac (120 or 240V—internally selectable) or built-in battery pack
- Low battery drain provides up to 10 hours operation under normal conditions
- Noiseless and automatic switchover to and from battery power
- Rugged, durable construction
- Compact and lightweight for field use and transporting
- Rack-mountable with accessory rack mount kit
- Listed by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.; listed by Canadian Standards Association as Certified

CONTROLS AND CONNECTIONS

Power Off/On Switch: applies power to the FP42 circuitry.

Channel Level/Cue Rotary Controls: adjust individual input channel signal levels. Each channel can be cued by pulling the control knob outward, rotating the knob to the desired level, and pushing the knob inward to activate the channel.

Lo Cut Filter Slide Switches: reduce unwanted low-frequency signals such as wind noise by 6 dB per octave at 150 Hz.

Pan L-R Rotary Controls: assign each input channel signal to the left (L) or right (R) output channel, or equally to each output channel (center detent).

Master Rotary Control: determines mixed output level at left (L) and right (R) output connectors. The control is “clutched”: both channel levels can be set simultaneously, or the left (inner knob) or right (outer knob) channel can be set individually. The control also sets the tone oscillator level when the Tone Osc switch is turned on.

Mono/Stereo Slide Switch: selects either monophonic output signals (both left and right output connectors carry the same signal) or stereo operation (input channel signals are assigned to left or right output channels depending on Pan control positions).

Limiter In/Out Slide Switch: activates fast-acting, peak-responding limiter circuit to cut overload distortion during loud program intervals without affecting normal program levels.

Peak/Limiter LEDs: indicate limiter operation with the limiter in, and indicate approaching program overload with the limiter out. The LEDs are activated by the shortest transient peak, but remain on long enough to provide easy recognition.

L and R VU Meters: indicate 0 VU with a +4 dBm output (recommended for normal use to provide approximately 14 dB headroom from operating level to clipping level). Rear-panel VU Range +4/+8 slide switch permits changing to 0 VU = +8 dBm. The VU meters are lit during ac operation only; therefore, the illumination serves as a visual alarm if the ac is interrupted and the unit has automatically switched to battery operation.

Batt Check Momentary Push-button Switch: operates in conjunction with the left-channel VU meter to indicate battery condition. With the Power switch on and the switch depressed, a new set of batteries will give about a +2 VU indication. Battery condition is good if the reading is above 0 VU; a lower reading means that new batteries are required for proper operation.

Tone Osc Off/On Slide Switch: provides a highly stable, low-distortion 1-kilohertz tone for line tests and level checks. The tone signal level is controlled by the Master Level control. The tone signal appears on both the line and microphone outputs, as well as the Headphones and Mix Bus connectors. The tone oscillator should be switched off when not in use.

Headphones 1/4-inch Stereo Phone Jack and Miniature 3.5 mm Stereo Phone Jack: permit monitoring mixer output through most stereo headphones. The Headphones rotary control adjusts

the output level of both left and right channels. Note that the headphones output level is high enough for use as an auxiliary unbalanced line feed to drive a tape deck or a power amplifier.

Input 1–4 XLR Connectors: are balanced, professional, three-pin audio connectors. Pins 2 and 3 are “hot,” and pin 1 is ground. For microphone operation, the Input Mic/Line switches must be in the Mic position; for line level inputs, the switches must be in the Line position. Phantom Off/On Slide Switch: controls the application of phantom power for condenser microphones to all inputs. With the switch on and Input Mic/Line switches in the Mic position, +30 Vdc is applied to pins 2 and 3 of each input connector. Series current-limiting resistance is 3.3 kilohms for each input. When using other than Shure condenser microphones, verify that the voltage and resistance requirements are compatible.

Output L and R XLR Connectors: are professional, three-pin audio connectors for connection to either low-impedance microphone or line-level inputs of power amplifiers, mixers, or other signal-processing equipment. The Output Mic/Line switch selects either microphone- or line-level output signals.

Mix Bus L and R Phono Pin Jacks: provide direct access to the left and right output channel mixing buses. This facilitates stacking or “multing” FP42s to achieve additional input capacity without losing any inputs. With two FP42s connected at their mix bus jacks, for example, the left and right mix buses of each unit are directly connected, providing two independent (ganged) master gain controls and two isolated line amplifiers with eight individually controlled inputs. Since the buses are directly connected, a 6 db drop in the gain of each output channel will occur, and the master or input controls must be increased to compensate.

INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

Battery Operation

In addition to 120- or 240-volt ac operation, the FP42 can be operated from an internal battery pack. Current drain is typically 32 mA at +4 dBm output level. Battery operation is recommended for remote, on-location operation, and as an emergency backup source in case of ac power failure.

Access to the battery compartment is through the bottom of the chassis. Three 9-volt transistor radio batteries power the FP42 at full rated output. Use alkaline batteries for maximum life. Battery life is approximately 10 hours at +4 dBm continuous use. Note that phantom power loading will increase battery drain.

With batteries in the battery compartment, the FP42 will automatically and silently switch to battery operation should the ac voltage fall below a suitable level.

Battery condition can be determined by using the Batt Check switch on the front panel. With the FP42 power switch on, activate the Batt Check switch, and observe the VU meter. A new set of batteries will give about a +2 VU indication. Battery condition is good if the reading is above 0 VU; a lower reading means that new batteries are required for proper operation. (Note that the FP42 power switch must be turned on to check battery condition.)

Connections

Connect the signal sources to the three-socket XLR Input connectors and set the Mic/Line switches for the proper level. Connect the three-pin XLR Output L and R connectors to low-impedance microphone or line-level inputs of power amplifiers, mixers, VTRs, etc. Set the Output Mic/Line switch for the appropriate signal level.

If desired, connect additional FP42s or other mixers using the Mix Bus phono pin jacks. A common ground connection can be established using the rear-panel Ground binding post.

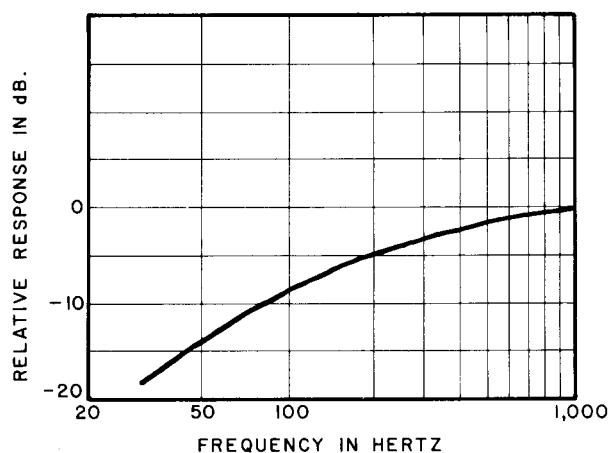
Connect the line cord to a 120 Vac +10%, 50/60 Hz source if the FP42 is to be ac-operated. If 240-volt ac operation is desired, refer to the Service section.

Adjustments

Turn the Power switch to the On position (VU meters will light in ac operation). Turn the Phantom switch on if non-battery-operated condenser microphones are to be used with the FP42. (Caution: Do not turn the Phantom switch on when using unbalanced low-impedance microphones; objectionable hum will result.) Note that phantom power cannot be applied to the inputs with the Mic/Line switches in the Line position; if line-level condenser microphones (such as Shure’s SM82) are to be operated on phantom power, contact Shure’s Customer Services Department for modification instructions.

Turn the Limiter switch to Out. For each input channel, apply an input signal and rotate the associated Pan control to assign the signal to the left or right output channel as desired. Adjust the Channel Level control for each channel so that the VU meter needles move with the audio signals in the 0 VU to –20 VU range, with occasional movement into the 0 VU to +3 VU (red) area. With the limiter out, the red Peak/Limiter LEDs will flicker as the signal level approaches clipping.

If desired, activate the Lo Cut Filter switches above the Channel Level controls. The filter action will help reduce wind noise and undesirable low-frequency signals such as from condenser microphones or turntable rumble (see Figure 1).



LO-CUT FILTER ACTION

FIGURE 1

Note that each input Channel Level control has a cueing capability. To cue a channel while the other channels are carrying program material, pull the desired channel Level control outward to the cue position. This removes that channel from the mixing circuitry and routes it only to the Headphones jacks. Adjust the Headphones level control to a comfortable listening level, and adjust the cued channel Level control for a proper mixing level. Restore the cued signal to the program mix by pushing the Channel Level control inward.

The limiter circuit is activated by the Limiter switch. With the switch set to In, mixer output is limited to the preset threshold level of +14 dBm. Increasing the Channel Level or Master gain controls increases the average output and the amount of limiting. To adjust the limiter threshold, refer to the Service section.

With the limiter circuit in, the Peak/Limiter LEDs light to show limiter action. The LEDs respond much faster than VU meters and are activated by extremely short transient peaks, but remain on long enough for easy recognition.

VU Meter

The VU meters are factory-calibrated for use with a 600-ohm terminated line. The VU Range switch on the rear panel selects either a +4 or +8 dBm output at 0 VU meter indication. (This switch changes the meter indication but does not change the actual output level.) Microphone output levels are 50 dB below line output. The +4 range

is recommended for normal use to provide approximately 14 dB of headroom from operating level to clipping level.

The VU meters are illuminated by a single cartridge-type, 6.3V incandescent lamp, operating well under its normal rating for a life expectancy of greater than 10,000 hours. The lamp is only lit for ac operation. Consequently, the illumination serves as a visual alarm if the ac is interrupted and the unit has switched to battery operation.

The VU meters are connected on the primary side of the output transformer to assure protection from any dc level on a telephone line.

Telephone interconnection

When using the FP42 connected directly to a telephone line, check to see whether the telephone company requires an interface coupler between the FP42 and the telephone line. If a coupler is required, make certain the coupler selected and the wiring arrangement are in compliance with local telephone company regulations. Connect the telephone line to the left or right Output connector and turn the Pan controls so that the entire output signal is on the telephone-connected output, or switch to mono operation.

Telephone Line Surge Protection

When using the FP42 connected directly to a telephone line subject to lightning-induced voltage surges, the following part (commercially available) can be installed across the output terminals to provide additional protection for output circuit components: Metal Oxide Varistor, General Electric Co., Type No. V22ZA1.

SPECIFICATIONS

Frequency Response (ref 1 kHz)

30 to 20,000 Hz, +1, -3 dB

Voltage Gain (at 1 kHz)

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INPUT	OUTPUT				
	LINE	MICROPHONE	MIX BUS	PHONES	PHONES (CUE)
Mic	90 dB	40 dB	25 dB	100 dB	85 dB
Line	40 dB	-10 dB	-25 dB	50 dB	35 dB
Mix Bus	55 dB	5 dB	-	62 dB	-

Inputs

INPUT	IMPEDANCE (at 1 kHz)		INPUT CLIPPING LEVEL (at 1 kHz)
	FOR USE WITH	ACTUAL	
Mic	19-600 ohms	1k	-40 to -5 dBV*
Line	Less than 10k	66k	+10 to +45 dBV*
Mix Bus	3.5k	3.5k	0 dBV

*Dependent on input control setting.

Outputs

OUTPUT	IMPEDANCE (at 1 kHz)		OUTPUT CLIPPING LEVEL (at 1 kHz)
	FOR USE WITH	ACTUAL	
Mic	150 ohms	<1 ohm	-33 dBV min. across 150 ohms
Line	600 ohms	185 ohms	+18 dBm min. across 600 ohms
Mix Bus	3.5k	3.5k	-15 dBV min. across 3.5k
Headphones	8-2000 ohms	100 ohms	+6 dBV min. across 200 ohms

Noise

Equivalent Input Noise: -129 dBV (low-impedance microphone, 150 ohms, 300 to 20,000 Hz) into 600-ohm load at full gain

Equivalent Input Hum and Noise: -127 dBV (low-impedance microphone, 150 ohms, 20 to 20,000 Hz) into 600-ohm load at full gain

Output Noise: -70 dBV maximum (output control full counter-clockwise [off]), -55 dBV maximum (output control full clockwise [on]) (input control down, 300 to 20,000 Hz)

Output Hum and Noise: -62 dBV maximum (output control down), -53 dBV max. (output control up, input control down, 20 to 20,000 Hz)

Distortion

0.4% or less THD, 30 to 20,000 Hz at +15 dBm output; 0.5% or less IM distortion at +15 dBm output into 600 ohms

Common Mode Rejection

65 dB minimum with input of -20 dBV at 100 Hz

Control Interaction

Less than 1 dB with any control combination

Overload and Shorting Protection

Shorting outputs, even for prolonged periods, will cause no damage; microphone input will not be damaged by signals up to 3V

Separation (left and right outputs)

40 dB minimum at 10 kHz; 50 dB minimum at 1 kHz

Low-Cut Filters

6 dB per octave rolloff at 150 Hz

Limiter

Threshold: Adjustable, +8 to +14 dBm

Attack Time: 3 msec typical

Recovery Time: 500 msec typical

Peak/Limiter Indicators

Limiter out: lights 6 dB below clipping

Limiter in: lights at onset of limiter action

Phase

All outputs in phase with all inputs. Pin 2 is "high" with respect to pin 3; pin 1 is ground. Tip of mix bus jack in phase with pin 3. Tip and ring of headphone jacks in phase with pin 2 of left and right outputs, respectively.

Tone Oscillator

1 kHz; +18 dBm maximum at both outputs with Master level full up

Phantom Power

30 Vdc nominal, 3.3k series resistance, automatically disabled with input switch in Line position

Operating Voltage

Ac Operation: 120 or 240 Vac ±10% (internally selectable), 50/60 Hz, 6W

Dc Operation: 27 Vdc nominal at 30 mA typical no-signal, 32 mA typical at 0 VU (+4 dBm) output; 21.5 Vdc minimum; battery life approximately 10 hours with alkaline batteries at +4 dBm output in continuous use; three 9-volt batteries, type NEDA 1604A

Temperature Range

Operating: -18° to 57° C (0° to 135° F)

Storage: -29° to 71° C (-20° to 160° F)

Dimensions

79.5 mm H x 310 mm W x 230 mm D

(3-1/8 in. x 12-7/32 in. x 9-1/16 in.)

Weight

Net: 2.95 kg (6 lb 8 oz)

Packaged: 3.45 kg (7 lb 10 oz)

Certifications

Listed by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.; listed by Canadian Standards Association as Certified

ACCESSORIES

The Model A16R Rack Panel Kit consists of a 19 in. x 3-1/2 in. (483 mm x 89 mm) precut rack panel and necessary hardware for rack-mounting the FP42 with its cover in place and end caps removed in a standard 19" (483 mm) rack panel.

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