CL–122
Four Band Parametric Equalizer

User Manual

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SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

⚠️ WARNING

Always follow the precautions listed below to avoid any possibility of serious injury or even death from electrical shock, short-circuiting, damages, fire or other hazards. These precautions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Do not expose the instrument to liquids and rain. Do not use it near water or in damp or wet conditions, or place containers on it containing liquids. If any liquid seeps turn off the power and unplug the power cord from the AC outlet.
- Do not put burning items, such as candles, on the unit. A burning item may fall over and cause a fire.
- This instrument contains no user-serviceable parts. Do not open the instrument or attempt to disassemble or modify the internal circuit.
- Never insert or remove an electric plug with wet hands.
- Check the electric plug periodically and remove any dirt or dust which may have accumulated on it.
- Do not place the power cord near heat sources such as heaters or radiators, and do not excessively bend or otherwise damage the cord, place heavy objects on it, or place it in a position where anyone could walk on, trip over, or roll anything over it.

⚠️ CAUTION

Always follow the precautions listed below to avoid any possibility of serious injury or even death from electrical shock, short-circuiting, damages, fire or other hazards. These precautions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Do not connect the instrument to an electrical outlet using a multiple-connector. Doing so can result in lower sound quality, or possibly cause overheating in the outlet itself.
- When removing the electric plug from the instrument or an outlet, hold the plug itself and not the cord. Pulling by the cord can damage it.
- Remove the electric plug from the outlet when the instrument is not to be used for extended periods of time, or during electrical storms.
- Do not place the instrument in an unstable position where it might accidentally fall over.
- Before moving the instrument, remove all connected cables.
- When setting up the product, make sure that the AC outlet you are using is easily accessible. If some trouble or malfunction occurs, immediately turn off the power switch and disconnect the plug from the outlet. Even when the power switch is turned off, electricity is still flowing to the product at the minimum level.
- When you are not using the product for a long time, make sure to unplug the power cord from the wall AC outlet.
- Use only the stand/rack specified for the instrument. When attaching the stand or rack, use the provided screws only. Failure to do so could cause damage to the internal components or result in the instrument falling over.

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This special symbol on the products, packaging, and/or accompanying documents means that used electrical and electronic products should not be mixed with general household waste. For proper treatment, recovery and recycling of old products, please take them to applicable collection points, in accordance with your national legislation and the Directives 2002/96/EC.

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INTRODUCTION

The ARREL Audio CL-122 is an advanced modular 2-channel equalizer conceived to meet the versatility demands of professional recording and mastering engineers. The CL-122 features 4 parametric bands.

Special analog design techniques have been used to obtain a precise control of the sound structure down to the minimum details. The CL-122 is based on Livio Argentini’s patented single-stage parallel filters. This innovative phase coherent EQ design offers the lowest distortion/noise specifications, not available on similar units on the market.

The CL-122 input section provides a continuous input level control in the -10/+10 dB range. A peak level detector (LED) circuit indicates when the output level is -6 dB with respect to the saturation level. The equalizer can be excluded by a true-bypass button (LED indicator).

The filtering section has 4 bands, LO, MID1, MID2, HI. For each band three potentiometer controls are available.

The Emphasis/De-Emphasis control range is ± 14 dB with center detent. The Q is controlled by a potentiometer.

To obtain an outstanding audio quality, no servo amplifiers are used in the CL-122 so

**IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO UNBALANCE THE LINE OUT OF THE CL-122.**

If you need an unbalanced connection for the line out there follow the instructions in APPENDIX A.

The CL-122 is composed by a 2U rack module equipped with the power supply and two separated equalizer modules. Each module is completely independent and can be inspected separately; four screws are used to fix the modules. A chassis of the Classic Series can be configured with different modules of the Classic Series (for example a unit composed by a mic-preamplifier and a single equalizer to implement an advanced channel strip).

The CL-122 is an innovative and flexible equalizer, ready to take its place in any high profile recording, mastering broadcast and live activities

**Housing and Rack Mounting**

The CL-122 has been designed to be compliant with a 2U rack. No specific air conditioning is required for the racks, provided that there is a free flow of air through the rack from front to back and the temperature is maintained in the operating range. Consequently the racks may be stacked.
CL-122 Front Panel Controls and Operations

POWER SUPPLY SWITCH
The CL-122 power-on switch is located in the right region of the front panel. The power on state is indicated by the illumination of the switch (Fig. 1).

INPUT SECTION: GAIN CONTROL
The input section gain control knob is located in the INPUT section of each channel. A continuous level control in the ±10 dB range is obtained by rotating the corresponding knob (Fig. 2).

INPUT SECTION: BY-PASS SWITCH
The equalizer can be excluded by a true-bypass button (red LED indicator). Push the button to bypass the equalizer (red LED on). Push again to insert the equalizer (red LED off) (Fig. 2).

INPUT SECTION: PEAK INDICATOR
A peak level detector (red LED on) circuit indicates when the output level reaches -6 dB with respect to the saturation level (Fig. 2). The red LED on do not means saturation but must be interpreted as a warning indicating you are reaching the saturation level.
EQ SECTION: GENERAL
Each control described in the EQ section is applicable to the four bands (LO, MID1, MID2, HI) of each channel of the stereo equalizer.

EQ SECTION: Q CONTROL KNOB
Turn the Q knob in order to select the required Q value (Fig. 3).

EQ SECTION: GAIN CONTROL KNOB AND SWITCH
Emphasis/De-Emphasis: rotate the dB knob in Anti Clock Wise (ACW)/ Clock Wise (CW) direction to select the gain in the ± 14 dB range (Fig. 3) (center detent potentiometer).

EQ SECTION: FREQUENCY BAND
Turn the Hz knob in order to select the required frequency band (Fig. 3).
APPENDIX A: External connections

FIG. 5 CL-122 external connections
APPENDIX B: Half Front Panel

FIG. 6 CL-122 half front Panel
APPENDIX C: Front Panel

FIG. 7 CL-122 front Panel
APPENDIX D: Back Panel

FIG. 8 CL-122 Back Panel
## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

### CLASSIC SERIES MODULAR CABINET SPECIFICATION

#### MECHANICAL SPECIFICATION

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Construction</th>
<th>19&quot; 2U rack mount metal box</th>
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<tr>
<td>Number of Modules</td>
<td>The Classic Series unit can be factory assembled with one or two Classic Series modules</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dimensions</td>
<td>W 483 mm / 19&quot;, H 88.90 mm /1.75” (1 RU), D 225 mm / 8.86&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>2.8 kg</td>
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#### POWER SUPPLY

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<tr>
<th>Power Supply</th>
<th>Linear Regulator (Balance C Core Transformer)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Operating Voltage</td>
<td>220V 50 Hz/ 110 V 60 Hz on request</td>
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<tr>
<td>Power Consumption</td>
<td>20 W</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rear Panel AC mains</td>
<td>IEC C13 16 A connector, AC mains cord with IEC Schuko 16A.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Output</td>
<td>± 18 VDC 300 mA, 48 VDC 25 mA</td>
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<td>Power switch</td>
<td>Front panel backlighted switch</td>
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### CL 122 AUDIO SPECIFICATION

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<tr>
<th>Input</th>
<th>Electronically balanced, Impedance &gt; 10 KΩ</th>
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<tr>
<td>Channel Gain</td>
<td>Range:-10 to +10 dB</td>
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<tr>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Electronically balanced</td>
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<tr>
<td>Output Level</td>
<td>Level +4dBu, Max +28 dBu</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bandwidth</td>
<td>5 - 200.000 Hz -1dB, perfect square wave up to 20 KHz</td>
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<tr>
<td>Distortion + Noise</td>
<td>&lt;0.005% ( typical 0.001 %)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Filters</td>
<td>LO Frequency Range 20-200 Hz</td>
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<td>MID1 Frequency Range: 100-1000 Hz</td>
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<td>MID2 Frequency Range: 500-5000 Hz</td>
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<td>HI Frequency Range: 2000-20000 Hz</td>
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<td>All the filters are bell shaped</td>
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<td>Front Panel Controls</td>
<td>Left/Right level knob ±10dBu</td>
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<td>True-Bypass button with LED</td>
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<td>Power-On Switch</td>
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<td>Front Panel Equalizer Controls (for each channel)</td>
<td>LO 20-200 Hz</td>
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<td>MID 1 100-1000 Hz</td>
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<td>MID 2 500-5000 Hz</td>
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<td>HI 2000-20000 Hz</td>
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<td>Emphasis/De-Emphasis control knob in the range ± 14 dB for each band, rotary knob with center detent for Q control</td>
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<td>Front Panel Indicators</td>
<td>For each channel</td>
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<td>1 x red LED (By-Pass)</td>
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<td>1 x red LED (Peak Meter)</td>
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<td>Rear Panel Line- Output Connectors</td>
<td>2 x Balanced XLR male</td>
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<td>Rear Panel Line In Connectors</td>
<td>2 x Balanced XLR female</td>
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