APHEX DRIVE

This controls the amount of drive to the Aphex side chain. It should be set so the red/oreen level indicator is green, flashing red on signal peaks. The effect is level dependent and sufficient drive is necessary for proper harmonic generation.

THNING

Sets the corner frequency of the high pass network between 700 Hz and 7KHz, Initial setting should be 12 o'clock. A lower setting is suggested for bandwidth limited mediums. A most effective setting may also depend on the program material (e.g.-voice overs, a setting tuned to maximize intelligibility on voices.

DAMPING

Adjusts the dampion ratio of the side chain filter network giving somewhat of an equali: ing effect. CCW produces a flatter, more eve response, while CW will result in a brighter. peakier sound. The overall effect will be somewhat interactive with the tuning control A 12 o'clock setting is suggested for initial set up

TIMBRE The most subtle yet useful control, Timbre varies the spectral quality of the generated harmonics. Pure even (ccw) are warm, round

and musical. Pure odd (cw) are sharper and

will greatly enhance the percussive edges o

the harmonic structure of the particular tracks being processed and how prominent the tracks are within the mix. This control will be finally set more by "feel" than by listening. LIMITER

Because the generated harmonics are level dependent, high signal peaks may cause 'splashiness'. To prevent this, the Limiter is used on the side chain only. The level at which the Limited is engaged is set by Threshold, T-Release sets the release time of the Limiter from fast CCW to slower CW. If the Limiter Is used only to prevent 'splash' T-Release should be set at approximately 11 o'clock. Lengthening the release will cause the Limiter to act more like a compressor,

allowing greater amounts of side chain to be added back into the output. This will concentrate the brightness effect but may tend to diminish overall transparency.

Sets the amount of Aphex side chain output

added back into the total output. CCW is pure

source, moving clockwise adds more effect.

which eliminates source so that the output is

only the side chain. The latter position would

be used for external mixing (e.g.-echo sends/

returns)

LIMIT L.E.D.

At the full CW position there is a clickstop

DRIVE LEVEL

Attenuates the level of the total output from unity gain (cal position) to -20dB

(green/red) L.E.D. Shows drive level to Aphex

side chain

LEVEL.

PEAK L.E.D.

PEAK

PEAK

Lights when output is 2dB below clipping level.

IN OUT SWITCH Disables side chain for instant comparison between processed and upprocessed signal.

ON-OFF SWITCH AC power to unit

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VU PK

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COMPLETE CONTROL OF ENHANCEMENT PARAMETERS

FLEXIBILITY TO COMPLI-MENT ANY PROGRAM MATERIAL

MOST ADVANCED ELEC-TRONIC COMPONENTRY

FAST, ACCURATE ELECTRONIC METERING

EASILY INTERFACED WITH ANY SYSTEM

The Aphex Aural Exciter has become a standard in the music industry and has been used for years on thousands of albums, movies, broadcast productions. commercials and concerts. The Aural Exciter is now accepted as a unique method to achieve clarity, definition and dimensionality in reproduction of sound. The program material literally "opens up", possessing more detail and intelligibility, as well as greater apparent frequency and dynamic range. The sound quality is less subject to degradation through the various generations and transmissions from production to final consumer.

The Aphex Aural Exciter achieves these effects by creating a signal composed of frequency dependent phase shift, amplitude dependent harmonics, and mixing this signal with the original.

In any natural acoustic environment a listener will hear the primary signal as well as slightly delayed, low level reflections. The phase shifted signal, when mixed back into the original signal, provides a simulation of these reflections, thus generating more natural ambient information. Because the phase shift creates time delays too short to be perceived as an echo or reverb, it is perceived as an increase in the impulse

duration. Tests have shown that listener: presented with two signals of equal amplitude and different duration will perceive the signal with longer duration as louder.

The Fletcher-Munson curves show that a listener with normal hearing is most sensitive to changes in the 3 to 5 KHz range. This range is critical for directio perception and intelligibility. Since the Aural Exciter is especially effective in that frequency range, the increase in detail and presence, due to the Aural Exciter, is most dramatic.

The only way a listener can differentiate between instruments is through overtones. The louder the fundamental the greater the amount of these overtones. The Aural Exciter generates harmonics in the same manner. The harmonic structure of each instrument is thus strengthened, allowing it to stand out from the other instruments.

An equalizer can only cut or boost a parti cular section of the audio spectrum. Therefore, if an equalizer is used to brighten the high end, all the noise and distortion will increase also. The high end of the input to the Aural Exciter can be rolled off and the Aural Exciter will

generate a brighter, cleaner, more natural hiah end.

Another important difference between the Aural Exciter and other processing equipment is, the Aural Exciter will not induce listener fatigue the way large amounts of equalization or other processing will.

In summary, the total effect of the Aural Exciter is directed towards a sound closer to the original acoustic event.

STUDIO USE

Aphex processing gives the best results and the greatest flexibility in mixdown applications, but can also be used in tracking and mastering.

It is best used in a foldback configuration similar to echo or other external effects, where channel sends can be individually mixed. If separate monitor, echo or cue sends are not available, the mix or stereo busses can be used with reduced flexibility in a "blanketing" effect. It sounds best if the Aural Exciter pan follows the original track pan. This is easiest if two post-fader sends are used to Aural Exciter channels A and B.

The send levels must be high enough for proper harmonic generation. The return faders should then be set 10 to 20 dB below the main signal according to the desired effect. The effect is addictive, and discretion is advised so that the unit is not overused.

SOUND ENFORCEMENT

The Aural Exciter can be used with most public address systems in the same manner as studio equipment. If separate echo or monitor sends are not available, the unit can be connected in series between the mixer and power amp. In this situation, the Aural Exciter mix would be introduced into the chain in the mix pot.

Appex processing is especially useful in reverberant balls or balls that have "dead spots". It will spread the sound more evenly without adding any level to the total mix. The unit's ability to bring voices and instruments out makes it especially useful for monitor mixing, without increasing feedback.

FILM AND VIDEO USE

The Aural Exciter has been used on many videotape and motion picture productions to enhance the soundtrack by recapaturing the live feeling often lost or impaired in location takes It is unique in its ability to sharpen dialogue, making voices more intelligible while retaining their natural quality. The looping process often required to complete a film or video work is greatly aided by the use of the unit as the Aural Exciter allows the engineering to tie the loop sound much more closely to the live sound. The effect is maintained in transfer from magnetic tape to optical and kept intact through duplication.

Video and film audio are both bandwidth limited and compressed. The Aphex II is especially useful in creating the perception of higher frequencies and greater dynamics, thus bringing more presence and clarity to the final product.

LEVELS

For best results, establishing correct levels is important. For that purpose, the dynamic range is internally selectable to maximize signal to noise ratio for any particular reference level. Metering reference level is selectable for 0 VU = 0, +4, +8 dBm. cr user definable position.

APHEX II CIRCUIT DIAGRAMS & LAYOUTS

SIGNAL PATH & PROCESSING CIRCUITS

(1) SIGNAL LATING	1.0000000000000000000000000000000000000	
U	Group 200	Balanced Instrumentation type Input Amplifier Input Level Selection (+27, +24, +21dB or option) Calibration Trimmers - VTF Meter Input Level Feed
	Group 300	Side Chain Circuit - Highpass Filter - Tuning Damping - External Sidechain Access & Reference Drive Control - Drive (Green-Red) Detector Feed Timbre Control (Odd/Even Harmonics)
DRAWING No 81010	Group 400	VCA Circuit – Bias Trimmer Proof Operate In/Out Circuit Remote Ax In/Out Opto Isolator
	Group 500	Limit Detector Circuit Threshold Control - T-Release Control Limit LED Indication Feed
	Group T-600	Output Circuits - Ax Solo/Mix Switching Ax Solo/Mix Switching & Ax Level Control Total Output Level Control and Calibration Trimmer Output Level Select (+27, +24, +21dB or option) Output Amplificr - Balanced Floating Transformer Peak LED Indication Feed - VTF Meter Ax Feed VTF Meter Output Level Feed
	Group E-600	Transformerless Output Option
METER & INDIC	ATOR CIRCUITS	
DRAWING	Group 700	Peak LED Indicator Circuit Limit LED Indicator Circuit
No 81012	Group 800	VTF Meter (Signal Level) Meter Circuits Meter Source Select (Input/Ax/Output) Meter Calibration - VU/Peak Mode Selection
	Group 900	Ax Drive LED Indicator Circuit (Green-Red) Green-Red Threshold Trimmer
POWER SUPPLY	Y	
	Group 100	Line Input - Fuse - RF Filter - Voltage Selector

DRAWING No 81011	Group 100	Line Input - Fuse - RF Filter - Voltage Selector Power Transformers - Rectifiers Bipolar Audio Supply - Bipolar Meter Supply VTF Meter Supplies (+18VDC, +32VDC, +2.7VAC)
•		Power Distribution Header Pin-number Delegation

PC BOARDS & PARTS LAYOUT 4 DRAWING No 81015

Audio Board - Power Board - Meter Board

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THE SCHEMATIC IN DRAWING NO. 81010 IS ARRANGED BY FUNCTION GROUPS WITH IDENTIFYING COMPONENT NUMBERS GROUPS (200 THROUGH 600). THE SAME SYSTEM IS ALSO USED IN THIS LISTING AND ON PC BOARDS.

APHEX II BROADCAST AND STUDIO VERSIONS DIFFER IN SOME COMPONENT IMPLEMENTATION AND VALUES. SUFFIXES 'B' AND 'S' RESPECTIVELY DESIGNATE SUCH COMPONENTS.

FOR FUNCTION/COMPONENT GROUPS 100, 700, 800, AND 900, SEE RESPECTIVE DOCUMENTATION.

;500	300	400	500	600	
INPUT	SIDE CHAIN	SIDE CHAIN VCA		SUMMING and OUTPUT	



CAPACITORS

C203 22uf/25v C204,205 39pf C206 22uf/25v C207,208 39pf C209 10pf C209,2115 20pf C211B 15pf VC201 trimmer 2-10pf	C3015, 3028 .01uf C303, 304 .13uf C305 20pf C306 22uf/23V C307 20pf C308 15pf C309 20pf	C401 .1uf C402 3ppi C403 10pi C404 20pi C405 2bul/25V C406 22ul/25V C407 tantalum C408 20pf C409B, 410B feedtrough 100pr	C501 1 5uf C502 20pr C503 30pr C504 10pr C505 tantalum 2,2uf C506 tantalum 2,2uf C507 20pr	C601 22uf/25v C602 .21uf C603 20pf C604 20pf C605 100pf C606 100pf C607 686 C610 330uf/25v C611 20pf C612 613 C613 23uf/16v C6146 330uf/25v C616B 1000pf
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SEMICONDUCTORS

LF353	1C301,302,303 D301,302		IC401,402 IC403 IC404 IC405 opto isolator D401,402	1537A	1C501, 502, 503 D501 - 508 Q501	LF353 1N914B MJE171	IC601 IC602 D601 - 608 Q601, 603 Q602, 604	LF353 LF351 1N914B MJE181 MJE171
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INDUCTORS TRANSFORMERS

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T201 (Jensen)	JE-11P-9	}			T601	(Jensen)	JE-123-AL

CAPACITORS: DECOUPLING CAPACITORS ARE NOT SHOWN IN THE SCHEMATIC OR LISTED ABOVE.

JUMPERS: J201, J301 AND J601 ARE USER-ADJUSTABLE LEVEL-SET ACCOMODATIONS.

SWITCH: SWITCH SW60I IS PART OF "AX-MIX" LEVEL CONTROL POTENTIOMETER VR601.

I/O BOARD-LOCATED RF-FILTER COMPONENTS ARE FOUND ONLY IN BROADCAST MODELS AND CARRY 'B' SUFFIX ABOVE. RF FILTERS:

THE SCHEMATIC IN DRAWING NO. 81012 ILLUSTRATES COMPONENT LOCATIONS AND CIRCUITRY INTERFACE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN RESPECTIVE PC BOARDS.

COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS ARE ARRANGED IN FUNCTION GROUPS 100, 800 AND 500 RESPECTIVELY, WHERE GROUP NUMBERS BELOW +947000 - 749, ETC.) DESIGNATE COMPONENTS LOCATED ON AUDIO PC BOARDS 'A' OR 'B' WHILE GROUP NUMBERS IN THE -50, -50 PARTS SERVICE AUDIO CHANNEL 'A', -60 ON THE COMMON METER BOARD -30 PARTS SERVICE AUDIO CHANNEL 'A', -60 PARTS CHANNEL 'B' AND -70 DESIGNATIONS ARE COMMON FOR BOTH.

700	800	900	
PEAK/LIMIT LEDS	V.T.F. METERS	GREEN-RED INDICATION	

RESISTORS

R701	1 KO	R801 th 809 100K0 R901	1 KO
R702,703,704	39KO	R610 82K0 R902	36 KO
R705	150KO	R811 56K0 R903	12 60
R706	1 K 0	R812 39K0 R904	56KO
R707	12 K0	R813 user definable • R905	1K6
R708	15K0	R814 1K0 R906	150K0
R709	3960	R815 27K0 R907	15K0
R710	150K0	R816 47K0 R908,909	1 K0
R711	1 KO	R817 18K0 R910	150R
R712	39KÛ	R818 user definable * R911	150K0
		R819 150R R912	1K0
R751, 752, 753, 754	620R	R913	150R
R761, 762, 763, 764	620R	R851,852,853 100KD	
		R861,862,863 100K0 R951,961	165
		R854,864 200K0 R952,953,954	20K0
		R855,865 36K0 R962,963,964	2010
		R856,866 68K0 R955,965	620R
		R857,867 150R R956,966	330R
		R871 7K5 VR901 trimmer	
			1K
	1	R873.874 100K0	
		R875 620R	
		VR851,852 trimmer 50K	
		VR861,862 trimmer 50K	
		VR871 trimmer 1K	

CAPACITORS

C701 C702, 703, 704, 705	10pf -	C801,802,803 C804,805,806	. 15uf . 10uf (M)	C901,902	. 1uf (M)
		C807,808	20pf	C951,961	20pf
(M) monolithic (T) tantalum		C851,861 C852,853,862,863 C854,864	. 15uf 10uf 1. 5uf (T)		
		C871,872,873	. luf (M)		

SEMICONDUCTORS

D701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706	1N914	D851,852,861,862 871,872,873	1N914	D901,902 951,952,961,96	1N914 2
IC701 IC702	LF353N LM1458	IC801 IC851,852	LF353N LM1458	IC901 IC902,951	LF353N LM1458
Q751,752,761,762	2N3903 npn	Q801,802,803 851,852,861,862	2N5486 fet	Q951,961 Q952,962	2N3902 npi 2N3905 pnj
LED751,761 LED752,762	HLMP2300 rd HLMP2400 ye	LED871,872,873 874,875	HLMP2500 gr	LED951,961	AX 27-005 gr-rd

RESISTORS:	ALL VALUES ARE OHMS (R) AND K-OHMS (K); FIXED RESISTORS ARE 1/4 WATT, 5%
V.T.F. METER:	VACUUM TUBE FLORESCENT DUAL CHANNEL ASSEMBLY, NIPPON-KIKI LB-100-14C10A

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JUMPERS: J601 AND J802 ARE USER ADJUSTABLE LEVEL-SET ACCOMODATIONS ALCO PJ-1

SWITCHES: SW51: SPST TOGGLE: SW871: SP 3-WAY TOGGLE: SW872: DPST TOGGLE.

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A. "Dyna-Set" Jumpers

The Aphex II Aural Exciter operates at an internal clipping level of +21 dBv. To accommodate systems operating at other levels, Dyna-Set allows the user to optimize the gain structure of the Aphex II for best signal-to-noise performance as well as selecting any Ovu reference point for metering ease. The calibration tag on the rear of the unit shows where it was set at the factory. Should the levels need to be changed, it can be done as follows:

- J.201 Input Select Set this jumper for the maximum level expected from your signal source. Fixed options are +21, +24 or +27 dBv (0dBv = 0.775v) other levels may be accomodated by choosing the appropriate value for position R215, and putting the selector in the *position.
- 2. J.601 Output Level Select This is normally set to correlate with J201 "input level", in all units with balanced outputs. For units with <u>single-ended</u> transformerless outputs the jumper must be set to read 6 dB <u>higher</u> than the actual intended output level. For example, to set +21 dBv output level, the jumper will be set at the +27 position.

In cases where the desired max output is <u>lower</u> than the preselected values, (i.e. ± 10 dBv), R609 can be removed and replaced by a pair of resistors in positions R610 and 611 to pad the output (and attendant noise) to the appropriate level.

3. "Meter Refs" J.801 and J802 correlate internal clipping and VU settings to the user's system. Set J801 to match J301. Set J802 to match user's choice of VU reference. R818 may be chosen to match a non-standard reference. Standard settable references are Ø, +4, and +8 dBv = ØVU.

In semi-pro or consumer applications where $\emptyset VU = -10 dBv$ and clipping + 10dBv, use the $\emptyset VU = \emptyset dBv$ position since the meter sensing point occurs before the signal level is padded and sent to the putput. 4. "External Ref" J301 sets the sidechain input headroom to minimize noisegain at a given operating level. The '0' position allows about 20 dB of headroom above your selected OVU level (see sec. 3, "meter ref").

In situations using already processed material, the headroom (and noise) can be lowered by moving the jumper to the +4 or +8 positions, giving 16 or 12 dB of headroom, respectively. Conversely, the * position can be used for increased headroom, if necessary.

B. Calibrating the Aphex II

Once the Dyna-Set jumpers have been set, minimal calibration adjusts will fine trim the entire unit.

- 1. Unity Gain and Meter Calibration
 - a. Make sure test equipment input is loaded with the same impedance as the circuit in which unit is to be used (600 or correct bridging impedance).
 - b. Set-Up:

Meter Ballistics: "VU" Meter Select: "Out" In/Out (Proof/Operate): "Out" or "Proof" Output Level: "Cal" (Max. cw) Ax Mix: Anyplace but "solo" All Other Controls: Does not matter

Meter Trimmer Locations: See Figure-



PROCEDURE:

- With: no signal, adjust Meter Ø Null Adj. Trimmer VR871 for no display. This is a "Ø centering" type of adjust.
- 2. Apply signal to CH.B at chosen \emptyset VU

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3. Adjust Output Cal trim VR603 for exactly unity gain. (This is why the correct load is essential. There is sufficient reserve gain to bring the unit into cal with a 600 load if used.)

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- 4. Adjust CH B cal VR861 so meter barely reads " \emptyset ".
- 5. Switch Meter Ballistics selector to "PK" and adjust CH B PK cal VR862 as in step 4.
- Repeat steps 2 5 for CH A, using VR851 and VR852 for VU and PK respectively.

2. Red/Green "Drive" Led Calibration

Note: Since this circuit is calibrated to internal levels, it will not usually need recalibration unless an IC in this circuit or a power supply regulator is replaced. Even then, change will be non-critical (± .5dB).

> Set-Up: "Drive" : Min. (Full ccw) "Tuning": Min. "" "Damping": Min. ""

Procedure:

- 1. Insert signal at about OVU into input. >2kHz
- 2. Place probe at test point TP301.
- 3. Adjust "Drive" (VR303) for +6dBv at this point.
- Note: This is a measured value ref 0 dBv = 0.775 volts, not +6VU)
- 4. Adjust Red/Green Threshold trimmer VR901 so that Drive LED just goes from green to red.
- Reduce signal about 12dB. LED should go from green to off at approximately this setting (o 12 to 13dB "window" between off and red is correct.

3 D.C. Offset trim on VCA:

(Harmonics and Limiting function, section #400)

SET-UP: In/Out (Proof/Operate) switch: "Out" (Proof) all Filter Controls: Full ccw (min) EQUIPMENT: Shielded Probe Noise (low pass) filter Scope - 10Mv sensitivity min.

NOTE:

An appropriate noise filter can be made with a fixture which puts this filter in line with the probe at the scope input:



PROCEDURE:

- 1. Place probe at TP401 (VCA output).
- With scope on 10mv/division scale D.C. with no signal adjust vertical center of scope so trace is centered.
- 3. Switch "IN/OUT" switch to "In" (OPERATE) and adjust VR401 so that trace centers at same location as previously noted.
- 4. Repeat until no difference is seen between IN and OUT conditions. [±] 1Mv adjust is easily achieved. VR401 will only affect circuit output when circuit is in "IN" (OPERATE) mode.

Once unit is burned in, D.C. drift is not normally a problem. Readjustment usually becomes necessary only if a power supply regulator or 1C401, 402, or 403 is replaced.
