# PIONER®



SOLID STATE STEREO AMPLIFIER

54-500

MODEL

CAUTION

Before connecting the line cord to the wall socket, carefully read and follow the instructions described below, to assure the safety of your unit.

Model SA-500 is set for 240V operation when shipped.
 If this unit is used in a different line-voltage area, read and follow "LINE VOLTAGE SELECTION AND FUSE" on page 1. Be sure that the line voltage setting on your unit agrees with the line voltage in your area and that the fuse installed in your unit is a proper one.

## INSTALLATION. OPERATING AND SERVICE MANUAL

including PARTS LIST, CIRCUIT DIAGRAMS, AND MOUNTING TEMPLATE.

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#### FEATURES OF SA-500 \_\_\_

#### SUPERIOR FREQUENCY RESPONSE:

By the use of all silicon transistors, a flat frequency response with low distortion factor is obtained from bass to treble.

#### COMPACT BUT VERSATILE:

In addition to the terminals for connection of a record player, tuner and tape recorder, two sets of terminals are provided for connection of auxiliary inputs to permit reproduction of all kinds of program sources.

#### STABLE CIRCUIT DESIGN:

Separate printed-circuit boards are used for individual unit blocks in order to stabilize operation and minimize the possibility of faults.

#### VARIOUS ACCESSORY DEVICES:

A mode/tape monitor switch, loudness switch and loudspeaker switch are provided for higher performance.

#### • DESIGN NEWLY DEVELOPED BY PIONEER:

A product of PIONEER's new model series, designed for both luxurious appearance and operational convenience. Also, an AM/FM stereo tuner designed to match the SA-500 in appearance is available separately.

## INSTALLATION OF SA-500 \_\_\_\_

#### SELECT THE PLACE OF INSTALLATION CON-SIDERING THE FOLLOWING

- Avoid a place exposed to direct sunlight, near a space heater or other heat-generating equipment, or poorly ventilated.
- Avoid a dusty or humid place.
- Avoid a place that is unstable or frequently incurs vibration.

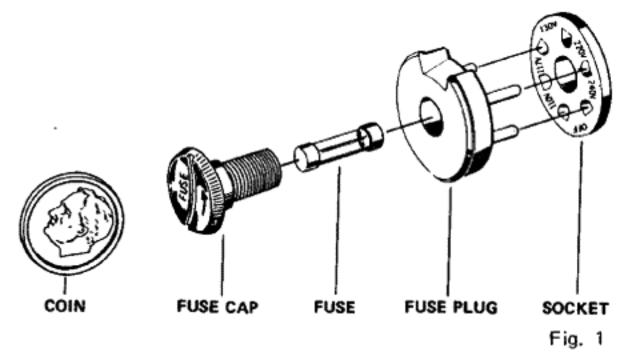
## LINE VOLTAGE SELECTION AND FUSE

In order to remove the fuse, turn the fuse cap located on the line voltage selector switch in the direction indicated by an arrow. Then remove the fuse plug from the unit. Put the fuse plug back so that the proper line voltage marking can be seen through the cut in the edge of the plug.

Whenever the set position of the selector switch is changed, check the rating of the fuse. A 0.5-ampere fuse is to be used for either 220V or 240V operation and a 1-ampere fuse for any of 110V, 117V, or I30V operation. If the rating of the fuse is proper, install the fuse in the fuse cap.

#### •REPLACING OF FUSE

When the fuse is blown, remove the fuse cap and replace the fuse with a new one.



Take off the fuse cap by turning it with a coin, in the direction indicated by the arrow.



### COMPOSITION OF A STEREO SYSTEM

 The SA-500 is a combination of stereo preamplifier and power amplifier. Combined with a loudspeaker system, record player, AM/FM stereo tuner and tape deck, which are separately available, a stereo system can be composed simply and easily.

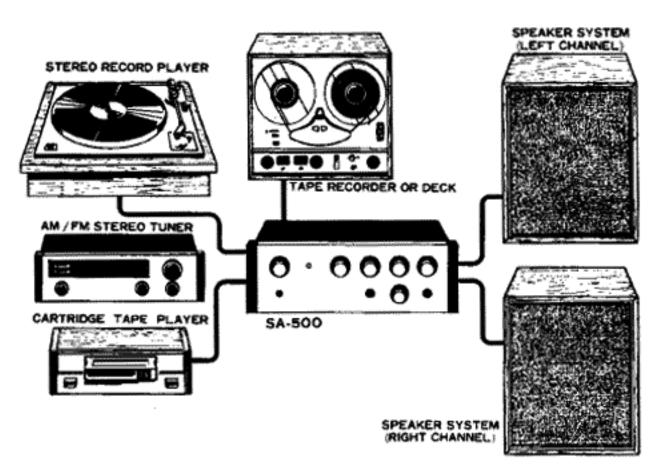


Fig. 2

# COMPONENTS TO BE COMBINED WITH SA-500 INTO STEREO SYSTEM

- Various models of loudspeaker systems, record players,
   AM/FM stereo tuners and tape decks are sold by
   PIONEER. By selecting the desired ones from among them and connecting them to the SA-500, a high-performance stereo system can be composed.
- When selecting the components to be used with the SA-500.

#### a. LOUDSPEAKER SYSTEM:

Select a loudspeaker system which has an impedance within 4 to  $16\Omega$ , a comparatively high efficiency (high sensitivity), and excellent characteristics. The cabinet of loudspeaker system comes in two types: Bass reflex type and closed type. Also, by the composition of loudspeakers, there are full-range type, two-way type, three-way and other type loudspeaker systems. Select one which emits sound of your taste.

#### **b. RECORD PLAYER**

Select a record player equipped with a moving magnet (MM) cartridge. If you have a record player with a moving coil (MC) cartridge, it may be connected to the SA-500 by using a head amplifier or matching transformer for that cartridge.

#### c. TUNER

Select a tuner having excellent characteristics and high stability. For better reception of FM stereo radio programs, it is recommended to install a separate FM radio broadcast receiving antenna of high performance.

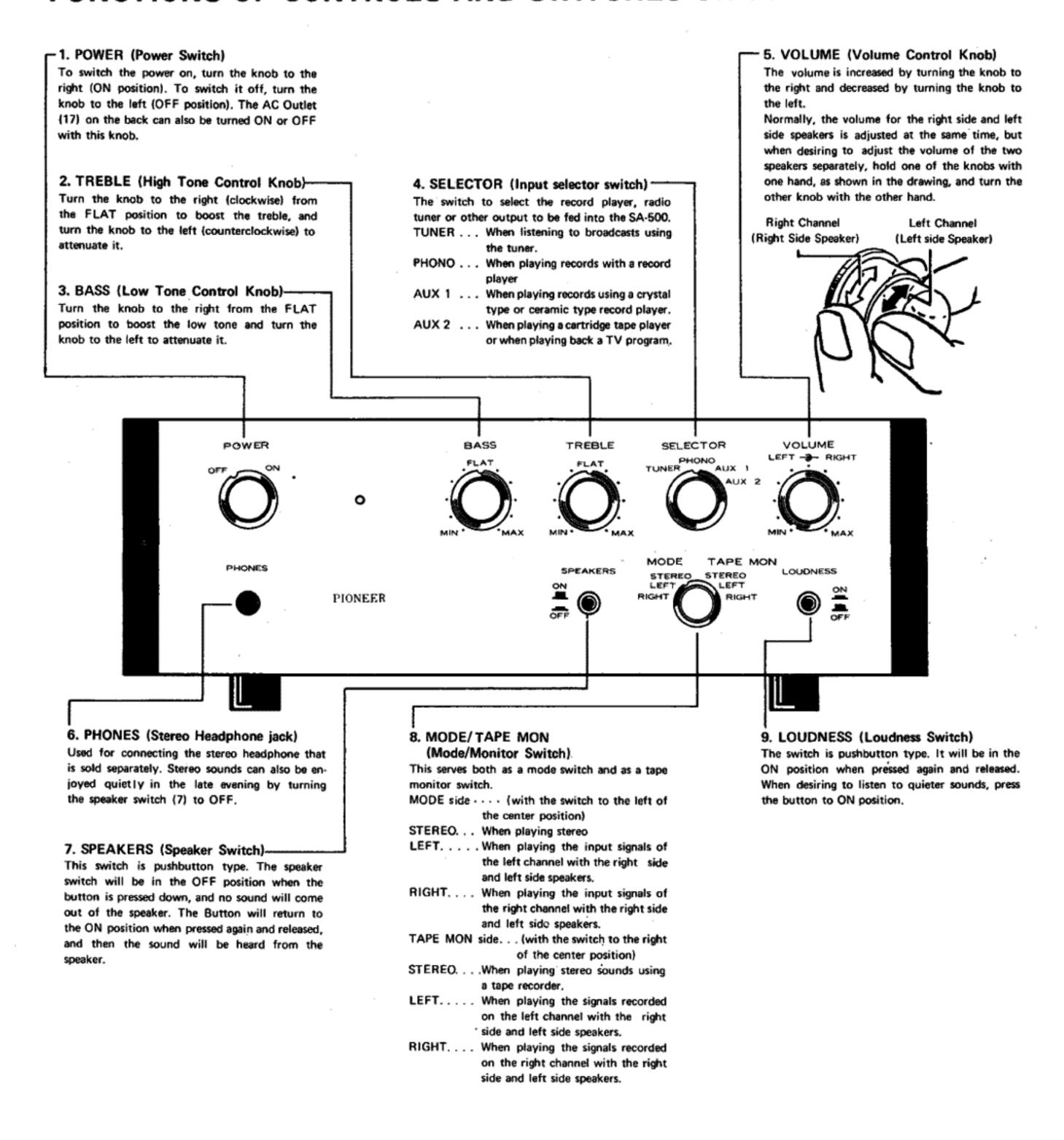
#### d. TAPE DECK

Some tape decks do not contain recording and playback preamplifiers. Select a tape deck having such preamplifiers built-in.

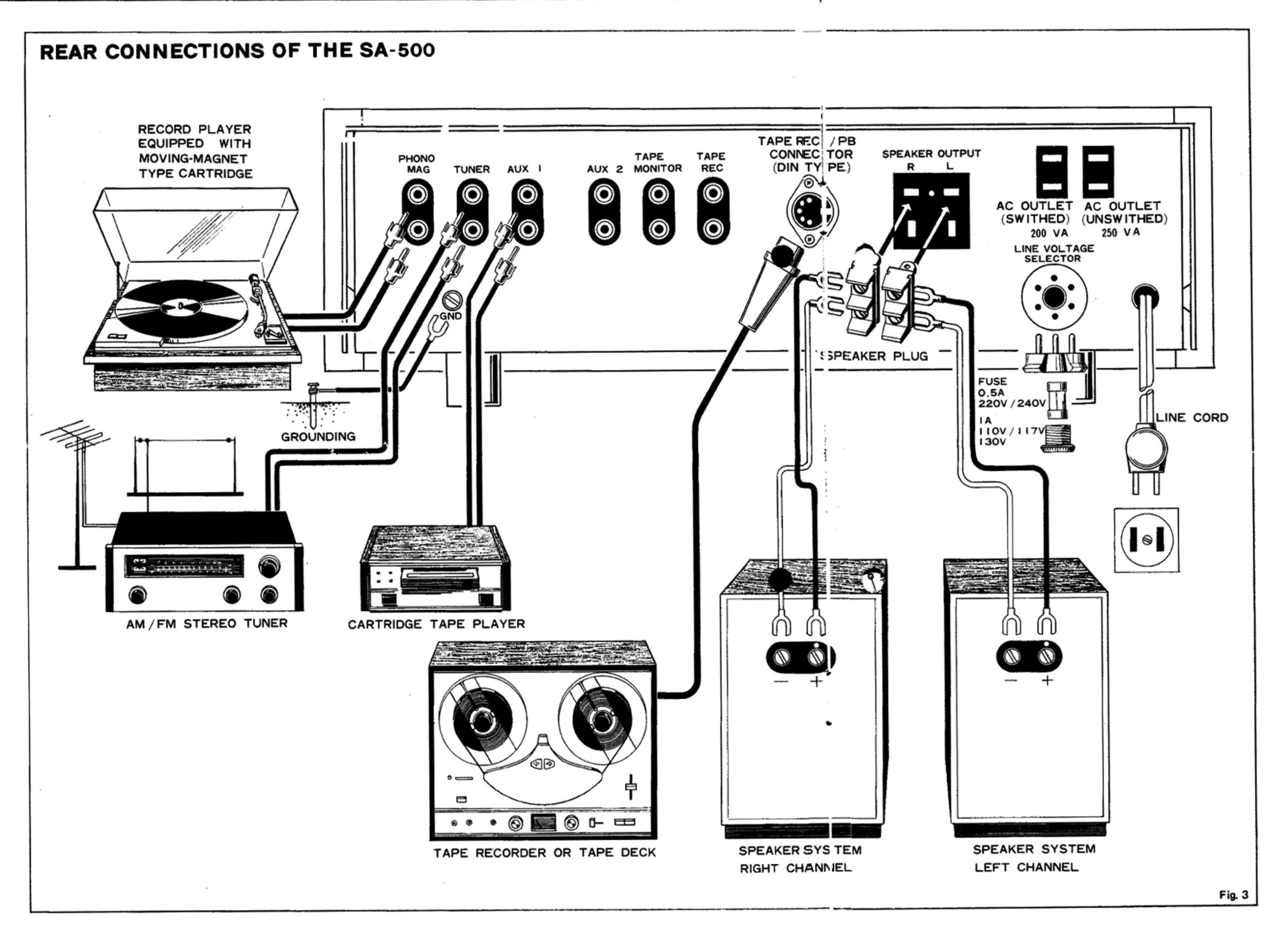
## LISTENING ROOM

When components are installed and connected, operate them and listen to the sound reproduced. The tone of reproduced sound is much affected by the size of the room and the arrangement of furniture therein. Sound is apt to fill the room when the ceiling is low and the floor is made of hard material, or when the room has a small depth and there is a hard wall opposite the loudspeakers. The condition of the former can be much improved by laying a rug on the floor; that of the latter, by hanging a thick and wavy curtain. It is also effective to reflect the sound diffusely by varying the arrangement of the furniture.

## **FUNCTIONS OF CONTROLS AND SWITCHES ON FRONT PANEL**







## CONNECTION AND INSTALLATION OF LOUDSPEAKER SYSTEM

- Connect the leads of the loudspeaker systems as shown in Fig. 4 to the loudspeaker connecting plugs contained in the accessories bag. The plug has two prongs: One is positive (+) and the other is negative (-). Correctly connect loudspeaker terminals to the terminals of the plug as illustrated below. When the plugs are connected to the loudspeaker systems, insert them into the SPEAKER OUTPUT terminals (16) on the rear of the SA-500. To the terminals marked R, connect the loudspeaker system for the right channel; to the terminals marked L, connect the loudspeaker system for the left channel.
- The stereo effect is maximum when the listener is at the vertex of the regular trainingle whose base is the line connecting right and left loudspeaker systems to each other (approx. 3.3 feet/1 m to 8.3 feet/2.5 m apart). The heights of both loudspeaker systems should be nearly equal to each other. If they are much different, the stereo effect will be deteriorated.

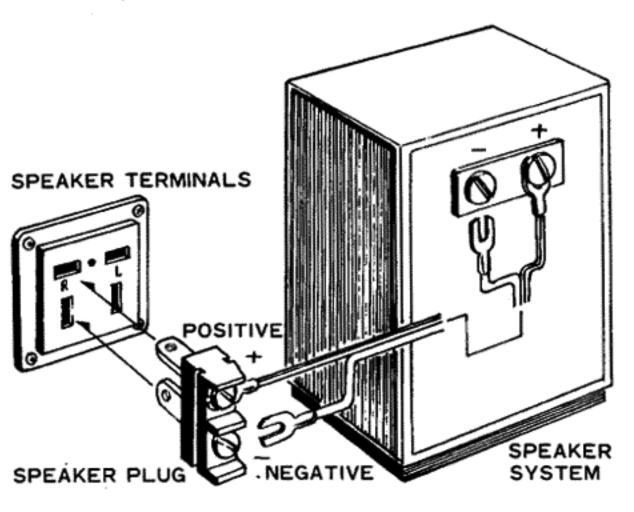
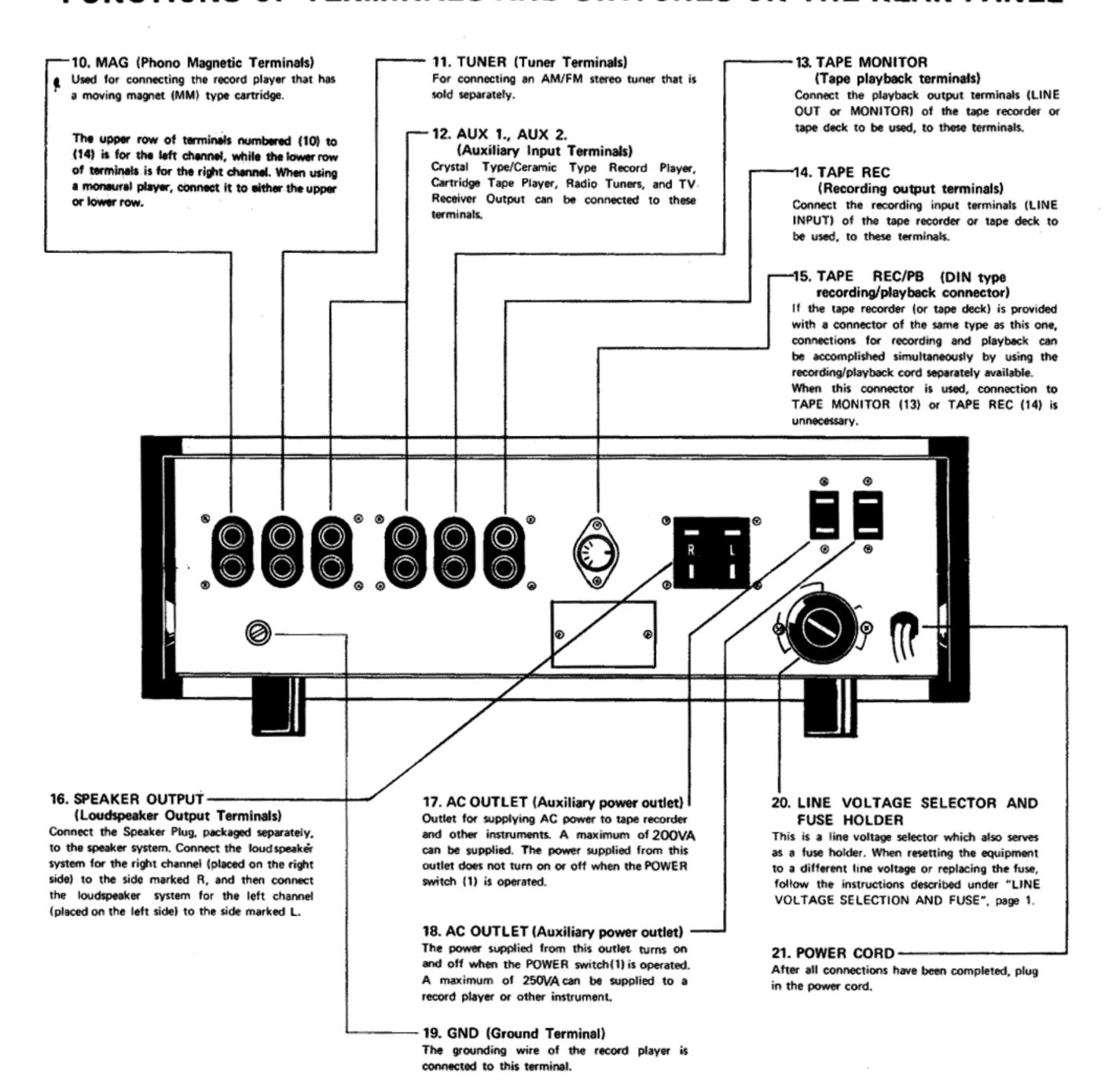


Fig. 4



## FUNCTIONS OF TERMINALS AND SWITCHES ON THE REAR PANEL



## CONNECTION AND OPERATION OF RECORD PLAYER

#### CONNECTION

- a. Connect the output cords of the record player to the MAG terminals (10) on the rear of the SA-500. The upper terminal is for the left channel; the lower terminal is for the right channel. Securely connect the left-channel output cord of the record player to the upper terminal, and the right-channel output cord to the lower terminal. If the plugs provided on the output cords of the record player do not fit the terminals of the SA-500, replace them with the pin plugs contained in the accessories bag.
- b. If the record player to be used is ceramic or crystal type, connect it to the AUX 1 terminals (12). In case of a monaural record player, it may be connected to either the upper or lower one of the terminals.

#### **OPERATION**

- a. Set the VOLUME control (5) to the MINimum position.(Fig. 5-A)
- b. Set the SELECTOR switch (4) to PHONO position. (Fig. 5-B)

NOTE: When using a record player with ceramic or crystal cartridge, set the knob to AUX 1.

- c. Set the MODE/TAPE MON switch (8) to the MODE STEREO (left-hand side) position. (Fig. 5-C)
- d. Confirm that the SPEAKERS pushbutton switch (7) is in the On position (the button is projecting).
- e. Turn On the POWER switch (1) (by rotating the knob clockwise).
- f. Operate the record player and play a record. Set the sound volume and tone quality as desired by using the VOLUME (5), BASS (3) and TREBLE (2) controls, and LOUDNESS switch (9).

Α

В

C

VOLUME



SELECTOR



MODE | TAPE MON



Fig. 5

## CONNECTION OF TUNER AND RECEPTION OF RADIO PROGRAM

#### CONNECTION

- a. Connect the output cord of tuner to the TUNER terminals (11). If the tuner is monaural, connect its output to either one of the upper or lower terminals.
- b. When using two tuners, connect the output of the second tuner to the AUX 1 (12) or AUX 2 (12) terminals.

#### RECEPTION OF RADIO PROGRAM

- a. Set the SELECTOR switch (4) to the TUNER position.
- b. Select a desired station by operating the tuner.
- Operation of other controls and switches is identical with that for using a record player.



#### CONNECTION AND OPERATION OF CARTRIDGE TAPE PLAYER

- Connect the output cord of cartridge tape player to the AUX 1 (12) or AUX 2 (12) terminals.
- b. Set the SELECTOR switch (4) to the AUX 1 or AUX 2 position corresponding to the terminals to which the tape player is connected.
- Operation of other controls and switches is identical with that for using a record player.

#### CONNECTION AND OPERATION OF TAPE RECORDER OR TAPE DECK

#### CONNECTION

- a. If the tape recorder or tape deck to be used is equipped with a record/playback connector (DIN type), connect it to the TAPE REC/PB connector (15) of the SA-500 by using the record/playback cord separately available.
- b. If the tape recorder or tape deck is not equipped with the DIN type connector, connect it to the SA-500 as follows:

#### 1. CONNECTION FOR RECORDING

Connect the recording input terminals (line input) of the tape recorder or tape deck to the TAPE REC terminals (14) of the SA-500 with high-quality shielded wires. The upper one of the TAPE REC terminals is for the left channel; the lower one is for the right channel. When using a monaural tape recorder or tape deck, connect it to either upper or lower one of the terminals.

#### 2. CONNECTION FOR PLAYBACK

Connect the playback output terminals (line output or tape monitor) of the tape recorder or tape deck to the TAPE MONITOR terminals (13) of the SA-500. The connecting procedure is similar to that for recording.

#### RECORDING OPERATION

a. The same signal as that supplied to the loudspeakers always exists at the TAPE REC terminals (14) of SA-500. Operate the SA-500 according to the instructions under "Connection and operation of record player - Operation" or "Connection of tuner and reception of radio program - Reception of radio program."

The VOLUME (5), BASS (3) and TREBLE (2) controls of the SA-500 are ineffective for controlling the sound to be recorded. Use controls provided on the tape recorder or tape deck.

#### PLAYBACK OPERATION

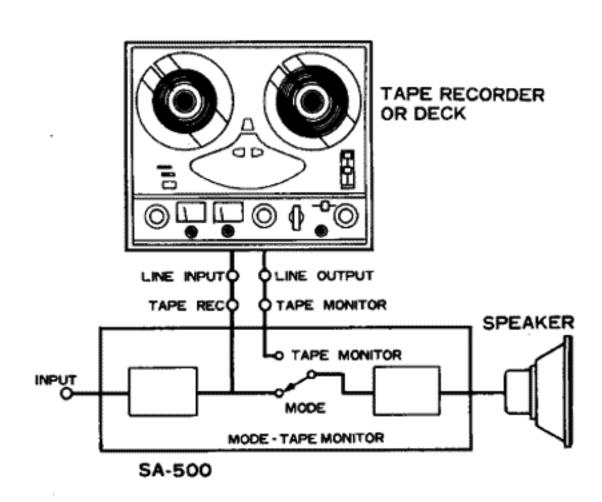
- a. Set the MODE-TAPE MON switch (8) to the TAPE MON STEREO (right-hand side) position. When playing back a monaural-recorded tape or when using a monaural tape recorder or tape deck, set the switch to the TAPE MON LEFT or RIGHT position.
- Deration of other controls and switches is similar to that for using a record player.

NOTE: For tape playback only, the SELECTOR switch (4) may be in any one of the positions.

#### TAPE MONITOR

#### (CHECK OF RECORDING CONDITION)

If the tape recorder or tape deck to be used is provided with a tape monitor device, recording condition can be monitored by connecting it to the SA-500 for recording and playback and changing over the MODE-TAPE MON switch from the MODE side (left-hand side) to a position on the TAPE MON side (right-hand side) while making the recording.



#### SPECIFICATIONS OF THE MODEL SA-500

AUDIO SECTION

Circuitry Single ended push pull

Music Power Output  $4\Omega$  44 watts total (H.D. 0.5%, IHF rating)

 $8\Omega$  36 watts total (H.D. 0.5%, IHF rating)

Continuous Power

(each channel driven)  $8\Omega$  13W/13W (H.D. 0.5%, 1kHz)

Continuous Power 4Ω 12W + 12W (H.D. 0.5%, 1kHz)

(both channels driven)  $8\Omega$  10W +10W (H.D. 0.5%, 1kHz)

Harmonic Distortion

Less than 0.5% (at 1 kHz rated output)

+ 1 dP from 20 Hz to 50 kHz (over all)

Frequency Response ± 1 dB, from 20 Hz to 50 kHz (over-all)

Power Bandwidth 20 Hz to 40 kHz (AUX) Damping Factor 40 /8Ω (at 1 kHz)

Hum & Noise (at rated output) MAG: better than 75 dB AUX: better than 90 dB

Input Impedance and Audio Sensitivity MAGnetic PHONO: 2.4 mv. 47 kΩ (1 kHz)

(for rated output) TUNER: 193 mv. 100 kΩ (1 kHz)

TAPE MONITOR: 193 mv. 100 k $\Omega$  (1 kHz)
AUXiliary: 193 mv. 100 k $\Omega$  (1 kHz)

Output Terminals and Jacks Speakers: 4 to 16 ohms

Stereo headphones jack, Simultaneous tape Recording jacks, equipped with

TAPE MONITOR switch, Tape recording/playback jack (DIN type)

Equalization Curves PHONO: RIAA

Tone Controls (each channel) BASS: boost 13 dB, cut 13.5 dB (at 50 Hz)

TREBLE: boost 8 dB, cut 11 dB (at 10 kHz)

Loudness Contour Switchable to ON-OFF boost 12 dB at 50 Hz, boost 5.5 dB at 10 kHz, with

VOLUME control set at -40 dB

POWER SUPPLY, ETC.

Line Requirements 110, 117, 130, 220, 240 volts, (switchable), 50 - 60 Hz,

65 VA, 55 watts. (max) 15 VA, 12 watts (min)

Dimensions Overall 13", 330 mm (width)

4-5/8", 118 mm (height) 12-5/16", 313 mm (depth)

Weight Without package 13 lbs. 6 kg

with package 17 lbs. 7.7 kg

The specifications listed above, styling, design are subject to change without notice.



## PARTS LIST OF SA-500 \_\_\_\_\_

#### CAPACITORS

IN  $\mu \text{F}$ , 10% TOLERANCE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED P: $\mu \mu \text{F}$ 

Symbol	Description				Part	No.
C <sub>5</sub>	Mylar	0.1		50V		
C <sub>6</sub>	*	*				
C7	Electrolytic	1000				
C8	*	470		35V		
C9	Ceramic	0.01	+80%	D.C1.4kV		
C10	В	,,,		19		_

#### RESISTORS

IN  $\Omega$ , 10% TOLERANCE,  $\pm$ W UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED K:K $\Omega$ , M:M $\Omega$ 

Symbol	Description			Part	No.
Rı	Carbon film	100K			
R <sub>2</sub>	<i>w</i>	"			
R <sub>3</sub>		150K			
R4	,	-			
R <sub>7</sub>	*	100			
R8	*				
R9	"	1.8K			

#### DIODES

Symbol	Description	Part	No.
D <sub>2</sub>	SE-05-02		
D2	*		

## SWITCHES

Symbol	Description	Part No.
Sı	Input Selector	S13-028-A
S <sub>2</sub>	Mode Selector	S16-038-C
S4	Speakers switch	S31-018-0
S5-	Power Switch	S11-016-A
S6	Line Voltage Selector	S11-018-0

## **TRANSFORMERS**

Symbol	Description	Part No.
Тз	Power Transformer	T52-141-0

## POTENTIOMETER

Symbol	Description	Part No.
VRı	250KΩ Dual, Volume Control	C87-021-0

## COMPOUND PART

Symbol	Description	Part No.
	for REC terminal	W52-004-0

#### MISCELLANEOUS

	Symbol	Description	Part No.	
1				

HEAD AMP Unit W15-0	32.0
CONTROL AMP Unit W15-03	33.0
MAIN AMP Unit W15-0	55-0
PUSH SWITCH Unit W15-0	75-0
Front Panel M21-2	93-A
Metal Cover M33-1	17-0
Screw, to fix Metal Cover B11-0	05-A
Knob, Volume (L.) A 12-1	51-0
Knob, Volume (R) A 12-1	50-0
Knob, for Selector, Mode, Bass, and Treble A 12-1.	20-A
Knob, for Balance A 12-1	44-0
Pilot Lamp E22-0	06-0
Pilot Lamp socket K42-0	03-0
Lense, for Pilot Lamp A 62-0	45-0
Fuse 0.5A E.21-0	07.0
Fuse 1A E 21.0	04-0
Headphone jack K 72-0	21 ·B
Connector 5P(DIN type) K93-0	03-B
Terminal 6p K21-0	13-C
Spare AC Outlet K82-0	)7∙B
Plug, for Speaker K72-00	)7.B

## HEAD AMP UNIT (W15-032) CAPACITORS

Symbol	Description				Part No.
C <sub>1</sub>	Electrolytic	10		10V	
C <sub>2</sub>		, ,	]	"	
C <sub>3</sub>	Ceramic	30p		50V	
C4	,	,,,			
C <sub>5</sub>		100P		*	
C <sub>6</sub>		, ,		,,	
C7	Electrolytic	0.47		,,	
Cs				,,	
C9		33		6٧	
C10	•	,,		,,	
C11	Mylar	0.01	±20%	50V	
C12		,		*	
C13	,	0.003		"	
C14	•	*		,,	
C15	Electrolytic	100		35V	
C16		*		,,,	}

#### RESISTORS

Symbol	Description		Part No.
R <sub>1</sub>	Carbon film	1K	
R <sub>2</sub>	,		
R <sub>3</sub>	*	150K	
R4	,	, ,	1 1
Rs	*	180K	
R6	"	"	
R <sub>7</sub>	,	120K	
Rs	•	"	
R <sub>9</sub>	,	390	
R10	*	"	
Rii	*	470K	
R12	*	"	
R13	*	15K	
R14	*	"	
R15	,	2.7K	

R16	Carbon film	• •	1
R17	"	330K	
R18	*		
R19	*	27K	
R20	"	"	
R21	*	56K	
R22	*	"	
R23	,,	2.2K	
R24	. "	#	

## **TRANSISTORS**

Symbol	Description	Part No.
Q1	2SC871 Transistor	
Q2 -	<i>N</i>	
Qз	2SC870 Transistor	
Q4	#	

## CONTROL AMP UNIT (W15-033)

## CAPACITORS

Symbol	Description				Part No.
C <sub>1</sub>	Electrolytic	0.47		50V	
Cı	*	, ,,			,
Cı	Cerami c	10p		*	
C4	"			"	
C <sub>5</sub>	Electrolytic	100		3V	
C <sub>6</sub>	*	*			
C7	"	2.2		35 V	
Cs	,,			"	
C9	Mylar	0.003	± 20%	50V	
C 10	,,	"	,,	"	
C11	"	0.01	,,	"	
C 12	,,	"	,,	,,	
C 13	. "	, u	,,	,,	
C 14	"	,	,,	"	
C 15	#	0.1	' #	,,	
C 16	,,		,,	n	
C 17	Electrolytic	47		35V	
C 18	N	,,		*	

## RESISTORS

Symbol	Description	-	Part No.
Rı	Carbon film	470K	
R <sub>2</sub>	,,		
Rз	w	220K	1
R4		-	
R <sub>5</sub>	w	22K	
R <sub>6</sub>	,,		1
R <sub>7</sub>	,	68K	
Rs	,,		
R9	#	8.2K	
R 10	,,	"	
R11	, y	1K	
R 12	ø	"	
R13		100K	
R14	w	-	
R 15	"	10h	

R16	Carbon film	10K		
R17	"	2.7K		
R 18	*	,,		
R 19	*	4.7K		
R 20	"	"		
R 21	*	1.5K		
R22	"	. 14		

## **TRANSISTORS**

Symbol	Description	Part No.
Q1	2SC870 Transistor	
Q2	,,	

## **POTENTIOMETERS**

Symbol	Description	Part No.
VR <sub>2</sub>	100K dual Bass control	C82-040-0
VR₃	100K dual Treble control	,,

# MAIN AMP UNIT (W15-055) CAPACITORS

Symbol	Description				Part No.
Cı	Electrolytic	3.3		25V	
C <sub>2</sub>	"	ar .		#	
C3	Ceramic	100P	'	50V	
Ç4	"	"		,,	
Cs	Electrolytic	3.3		25V	
C <sub>6</sub>	"	,,		*	
C7	,,	47		#	
Св	. "	**		*	
C9	"	22		*	
C 10	*	#		"	
C 11	Caramic	100P		50V	
C 12	rr ·	N		,,	
C 13	Electrolytic	100		37	
C 14	"	**			
C 15	"	1000		25 V	
C 16	rr .	,,,		.,	
C 17	Mylar	0.05	± 20%	50V	
Cıs	"	<b>#</b> ,	"	,	

## RESISTORS

Symbol	Description		Part No.
_R1	Corbon film	3.3K	
R <sub>2</sub>		"	
Rз		100K	
R4		"	
R <sub>5</sub>		1M	
R <sub>6</sub>		"	
R <sub>7</sub>		150	
Ra		"	
R <sub>9</sub>		4.7K	
R <sub>10</sub>		"	
Rıı		10K	
R 12			
R13		4.7K	
R14		"	



R15	Carbon film	47K	
R16	,		
R17	*	1.5K	
Ris	•		1 1 1
Ris	"	3.9K	
R <sub>20</sub>	"		
R21	*	150	
R 22	•		
R 23	*	120	
R24	,		
R 25	•	220	1 1 1
R 26	,	"	
R27	,	22	
R 28	,		
R29		220	1 1
R30	,	,,	1 1
R31	Wire wound	0.5	2W
R32	,,	"	•
R33	*		
R34	,		
R 35	Carbon film	33K	
R36			
R37	,,	15K	
R38	, ,		
R39		10	
R40		-	

1	Сз	Mylar	0.022	50V	
	C4	,		*	

#### RESISTORS

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Symbol	· Description				Part No.
Rı	Carbon film	15K			
R2	*	"		1	

## SWITCH

Symbol	Description	Part No.
Sı	Push switch	S31-018-0

## DIODES AND TRANSISTORS

Symbol	Description		No.
Dı	SV-3A Vari-stor		der jon ( dec n seight
D <sub>2</sub>	*		
THt	22D45 Thermistor		
TH <sub>2</sub>	*	1	
Q1	2SC458LG Transistor	1	
Q2	#		
Q3	2SC734Y		
Q4			
Q5	2SC734P	1	
Q6	*	İ	
Q7	2SA561P		
Q8	#		
Q9	2SD 130		
Qıo	*		
Q11	*		
Q12	<i>w</i>	1	

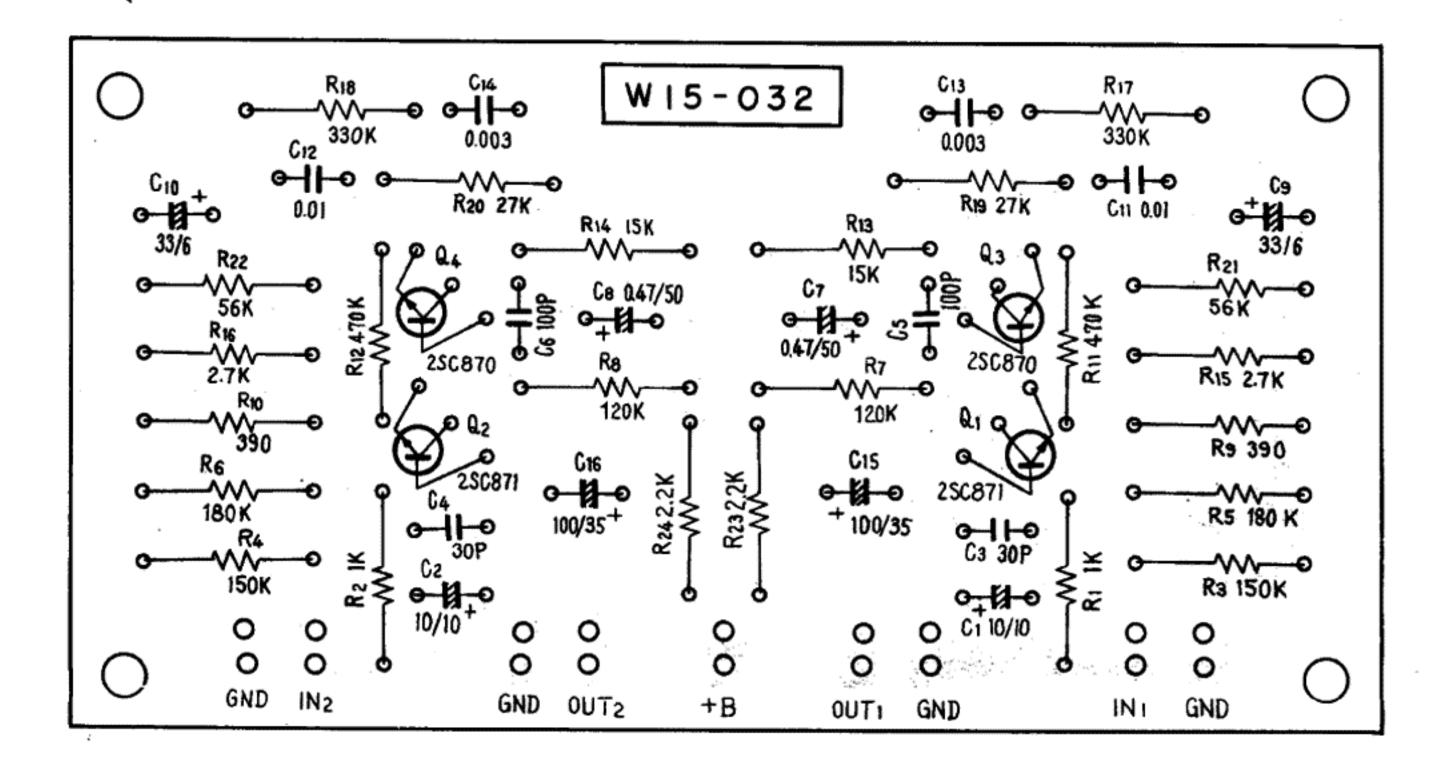
## **POTENTIOMETERS**

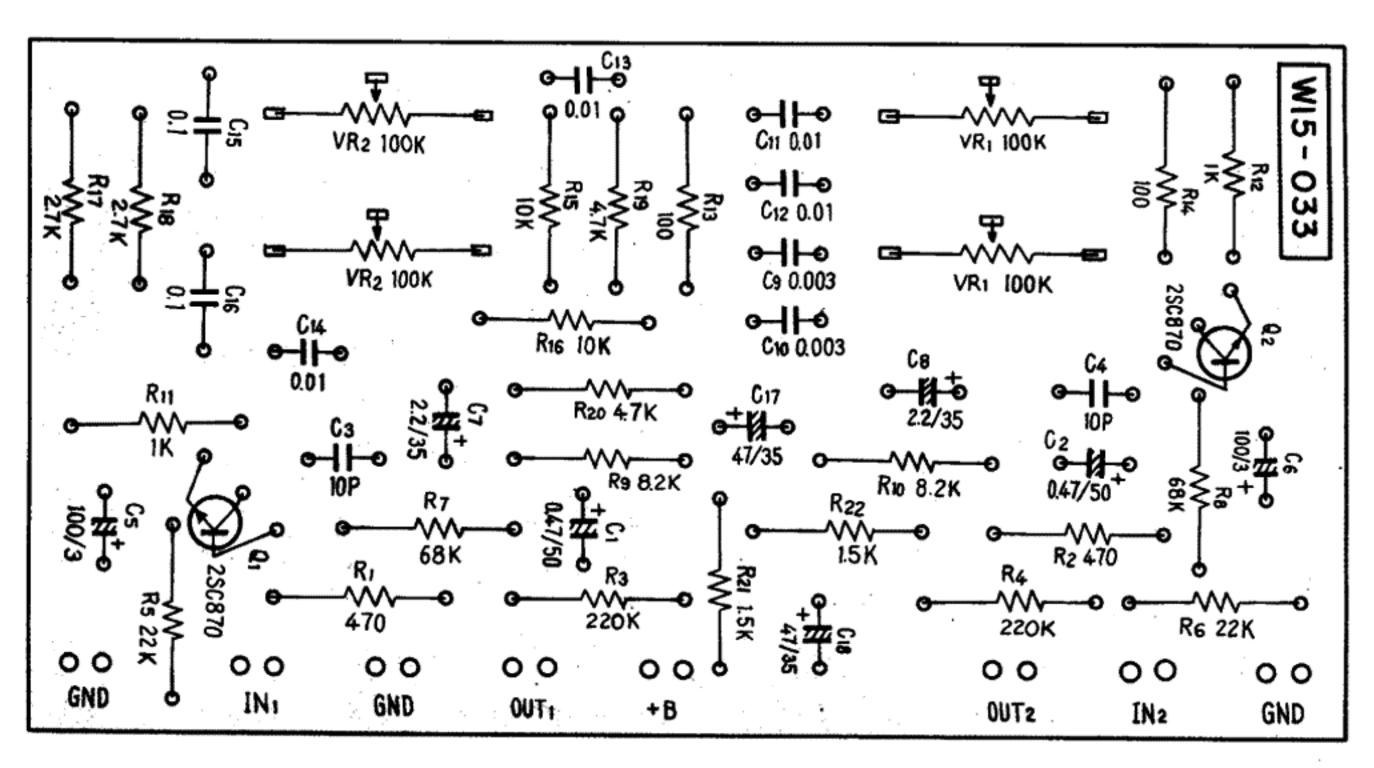
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VR <sub>1</sub>	30KΩ(B) Semi-fixed	C92-024-B
VR <sub>2</sub>	*	-
VR <sub>3</sub>	100Ω(B) Semi-fixed	C92-032-C
VR4	*	"

## PUSH SWITCH UNIT (W15-075) CAPACITORS

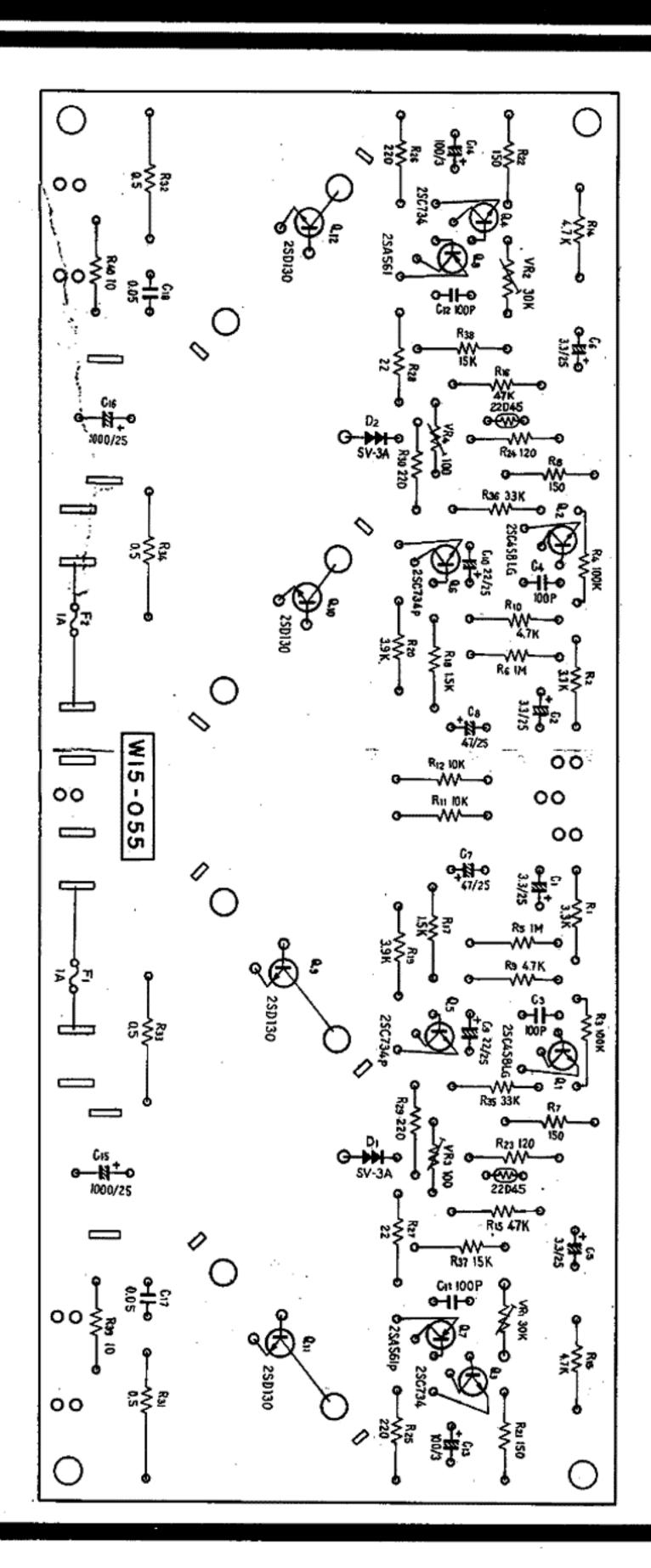
Symb	Description			Part No.
Cı	Ceramic	15p	50V	
C2	"	"	"	

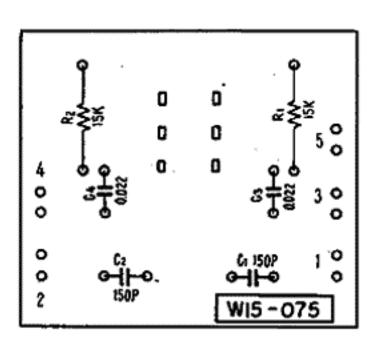
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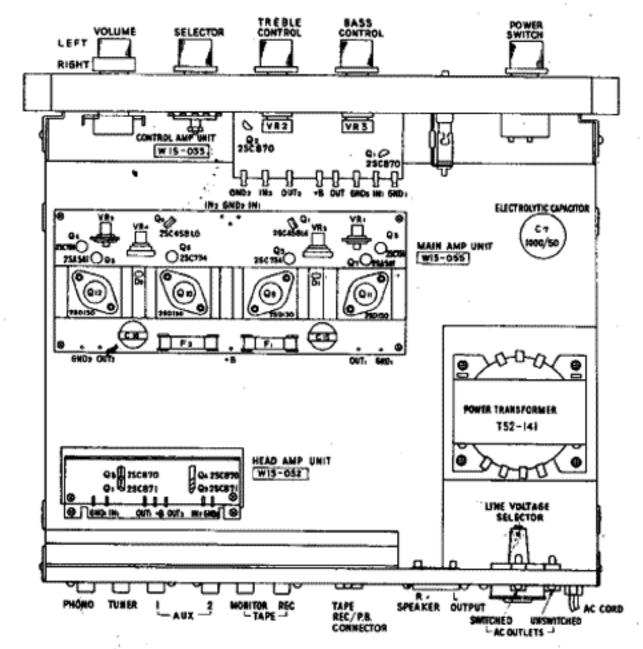




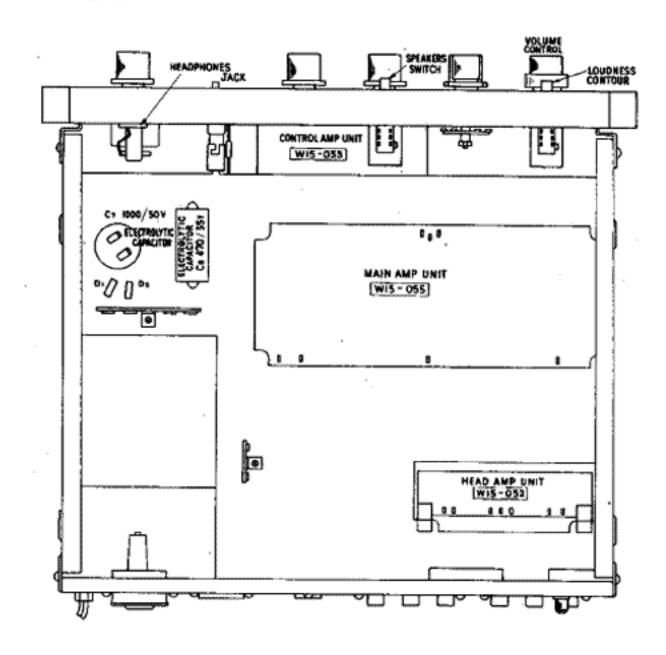


#### PARTS LAYOUT

## TOP VIEW



#### BOTTOM VIEW



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