

Cary Audio Design, Inc.

CAD-300SSE **Operating Manual**

Note:

Before installing your new CAD 300SSE, please read this manual carefully as it will inform you of the specifications, proper installation procedures and operation procedures. Also included in this manual are guidelines on how to properly service and care for your new CAD 300SSE.

SPECIFICATIONS AND FEATURES

Operating the CAD-300SSE mono-bloc amplifier is a simple procedure since each unit is designed for long term stability in virtually any home operating situation. Therefore, if the unit is operated outside the parameters outlined in this owner's manual, damage may result. Please read this manual carefully before putting your new Cary Audio Design 300SSE in operation.

The following definitions are applicable to this manual. These definitions must be followed explicitly..

WARNING: ELECTRICAL HAZARD! MISUSE OR FAILURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS PROPERLY MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH!

CAUTION: No risk of personal injury; however, misuse or failure to follow instructions may result in damage of equipment.

NOTE: No risk of personal injury or equipment damage; however, misuse or failure to follow instructions may prevent proper performance of the equipment.

1.2 Specifications

DIMENSIONS: 9"H x 18"W x 13"D

WEIGHT: 65 lbs

CIRCUIT TYPE: Parallel Single Ended Amplification in Class A

POWER OUTPUT: 4/8 ohms = 20 Watts per channel

INPUT SENSITIVITY: .75 volts for full output

INPUT IMPEDANCE: 100,000 ohms

NOISE AND HUM: 90dB below rated output

FREQUENCY RESPONSE: (at 15 watt output): 20 Hz to 20,000Hz +0-0.75dB

TRANSFORMERS: 1-EI laminated core power transformer
2 -Special air gap output transformer
200% duty cycle on all transformers

TUBES: 4-12AX7, 4-300B Triode output, 2-CV378 Rectifier tubes

RESISTORS: 1% metal film

CAPACITORS: oil filled

POWER SUPPLY CAPACITORS: 4-1200 MFD @ 450VDC

AC CORD: 3 conductor shielded

AC POWER REQUIREMENTS: 117 volts AC 50/60Hz
200 volts AC 50/60Hz

WARM-UP TIME: 3 minutes

BREAK-IN PERIOD: 100 hours of music playing time

FINISH: Nickel chrome plated stainless steel

1.2 Front Panel Features

AC POWER: Turn AC power on and off

FUNCTION: Standby-operate switch. Turns B+ on when switched to operate.

1.3 Rear Apron Features

INPUT: Signal input connection via shielded interconnect cable

OUTPUTS: The 5-way binding posts provide the output to the speaker system.

AC: 3 conductor shielded power cord to AC power mains

FUSE: AC power fuse. Never replace with any other valve than 2 AMP SLOW BLOW!
250 VOLT!

CAUTION

Equipment damage may occur with
improper fuses.

CAUTION

Use of any other protection fuse can damage unit.

CAUTION

Never remove/insert AC line cord when the unit is in the ON position.

INSTALLATION AND UNPACKING

This section describes the unpacking and installation procedures for the CAD-300SSE.

2.2 Unpacking

All shipping containers have been specially designed to protect their contents and special care has been taken to prevent damage under normal shipping conditions. Mishandling should be evident upon inspection of the shipping container. If damage is found after visual inspection, take care not to destroy the evidence. If necessary, document the damage with photographs and contact the transport carrier immediately.

Carefully remove your new CAD-300SSE from its packing carton and examine it closely for signs of shipping damage. It is recommended to save all original packing cartons to protect your preamplifier from damage should you wish to store it or ship it for after-sales service.

2.3 Warranty Card

Fill out the enclosed warranty registration card and return to Cary Audio Design within 10 days of your purchase. Cary Audio Designs also suggests that you keep your original packing cartons in case you need to ship the unit. **Failure to register warranty will limit the warranty to one year.**

2.4 Amplifier Placement

In general, the location of your new CAD-300SSE amplifier is not critical. The best placement in your system is near the speaker system with short lengths of speaker cables. Certain precautions must be taken to ensure optimum performance. Avoid extremely hot locations such as near radiators or other heating units. Keep the top of the CAD-300SSE clear of books, paper or other equipment to protect against overheating.

2.5 Power Requirements

The CAD-300SSE is designed to operate from house current mains. The design voltage is 117 VAC at 50/60Hz. (Foreign units 234 VAC at 50/60Hz).

2.6 Cables

The speaker cable from the output posts of the CAD-300SSE to the speaker system can be any convenient length your set-up requires. Select speaker cables of sufficient size to preserve the outstanding performance capabilities of your CAD-300SSE. Heavy gauge #16 wire is suitable for distances up to 10 feet; #12 for 25 feet. Most audio dealers will have proper speaker cable in stock for this purpose.

2.7 Options

INPUT TUBES:	RCA 12AX7"s	- \$37.50
	GE 5751	- \$24.00
RECTIFIERS:	CV378	- \$28.00
	5U4GB	- \$20.00

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Signal input connection is made via the input jacks on the rear of the CAD-300SSE located next to the output binding posts. The interconnect cables from the output of the preamplifier can be any convenient length your set-up requires. The choice of a high quality interconnect cable is important. Once again, your audio dealer will have the proper cables in stock for this purpose.

3.1 Operation

Your new CAD-300SSE is ready for operation after the speaker, interconnect cables and the tubes have been installed. To install the 300B tube, refer to page 8 of this manual and read instructions carefully. See page 9 for tube positions.

3.2 AC On Power Switch

Simply turn the AC rocker switch to the ON position (the BLUE LED will light). Observe that all tubes are lit (filaments).

3.3 Stand-By Switch

This is a most convenient feature on the CAD-300SSE amplifier. This switch is located on the front of the amplifier. In the "OPR" position, the amplifier is ready to operate. In the "SBY" position (provided the front panel AC switch is in the "on" position), only the tube filaments are operating. You may wish to leave your CAD-300SSE amp turned on in the stand-by mode 24 hours a day. When you wish to listen to music, simply flip the stand-by switch to the "OPR" position. Under these conditions the CAD-300SSE is always warmed up and ready for peak performance.

3.4 Break In Period

The tubes, capacitors and output transformers take approximately 100 hours of music playing to fully settle in for peak performance. The CAD-300SSE may seem sterile or thin sounding right out of the box. After the first couple of hours you will notice increased depth and tighter bass. This break in period defies all engineering theory, but is true with most audio amplifiers.

3.5 Bias Adjustment

Refer to page 9 of this manual for instructions of adjusting bias. The bias is factory pre-set, but an adjustment potentiometer is provided for checking the bias (recommended every 6 months) and when new tubes are installed.

WARNING

Improper setting of bias will result in damage to output tubes

SERVICE AND CARE

WARNING

Make sure the amplifier is unplugged from AC Mains

4.1 CAD-300SSE Care and Cleaning

The chassis of the CAD-300SSE may be cleaned with a soft towel and Windex (or similar window cleaner). The frequency of cleaning will be governed by how many hours the CAD-300SSE is operated and by operating environmental cleanliness.

4.2 Tube Replacement

If it becomes necessary to replace the tubes in the CAD-300SSE amplifier, a matched set of tubes of the same brand should be used. A new tube kit is available from Cary Audio Design, Inc. You should get years of operation from the output tubes with everyday usage.

4.3 Factory Service

Careful consideration has been given to the design of your CAD-300SSE to keep maintenance problems to a minimum; however, it is possible that some problems may arise which cannot be cured by tube substitution. At this point we suggest that you contact our Customer Service Department at **919-481-4494** to describe your problem in detail. Do not return the CAD-300SSE to the factory without a return authorization number from the Customer Service Department. Cary Audio Design, Inc. will assume no responsibility if the transportation company refuses to pay damage claim due to your improper packing or lack of insurance should the unit be lost in shipment.

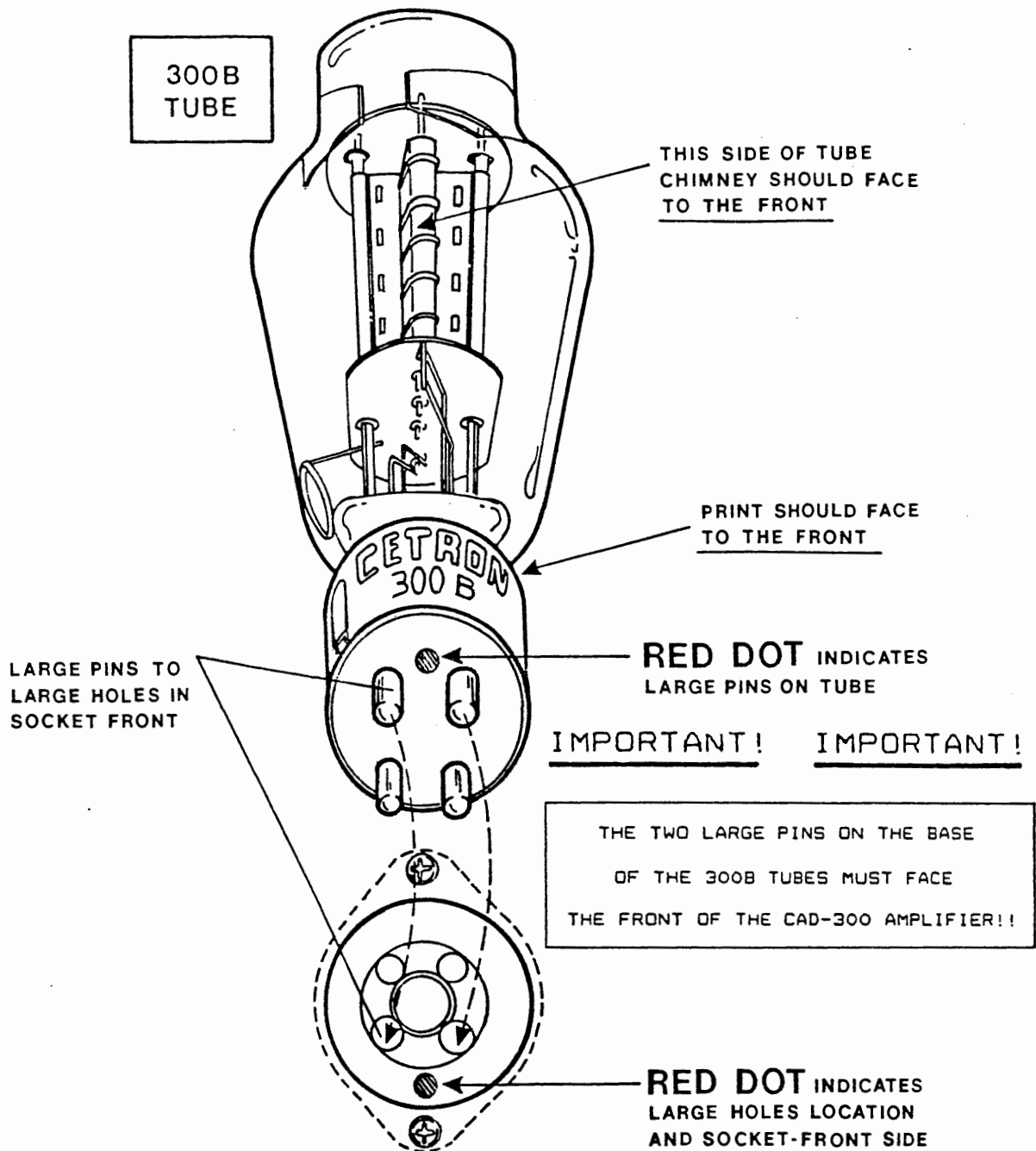
WARNINGS

Make no attempt to put the CAD-300SSE in service outside of the cabinet - contact with high voltages found in the unit can be fatal!!!

Completely remove AC power plug from the wall and allow 30 minutes for the high voltage capacitors to discharge through bleeder resistors before attempting to change tubes or clean the inside of the amplifier.

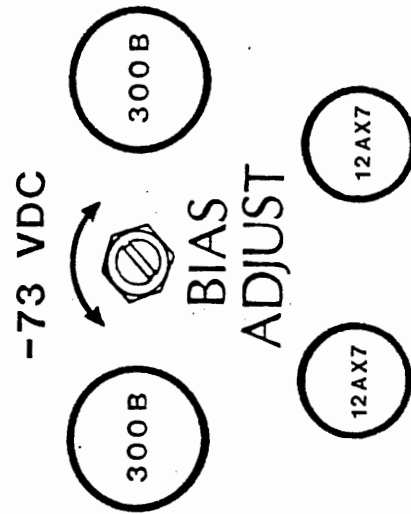
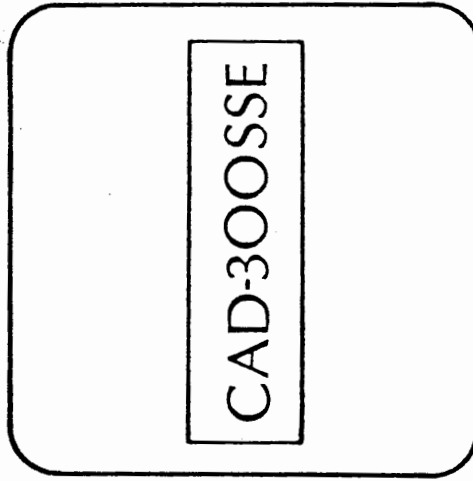
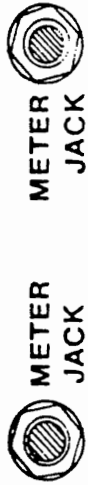
CAUTION

Never remove/insert AC line cord when the unit is in the ON position. Obstruction of the top portion of the CAD-300SSE will result in tubes overheating.



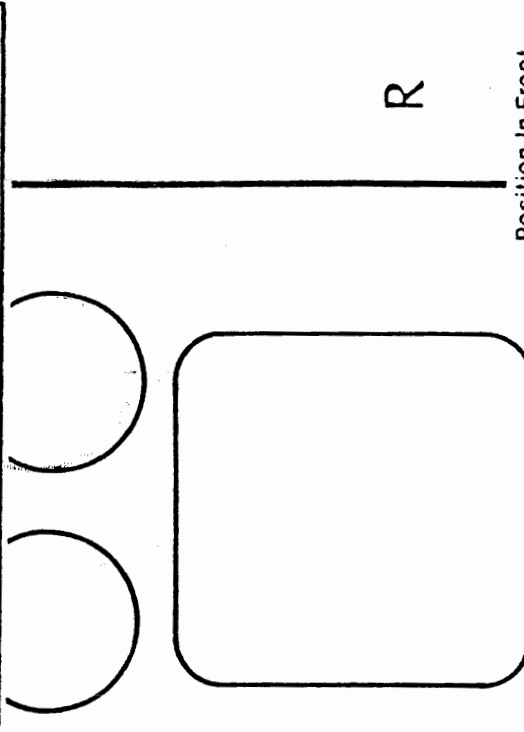
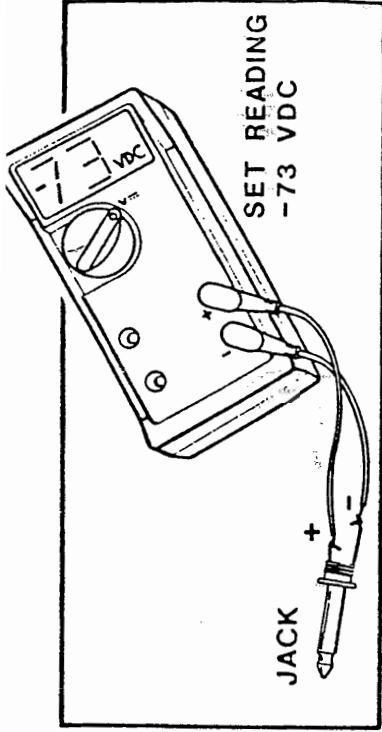
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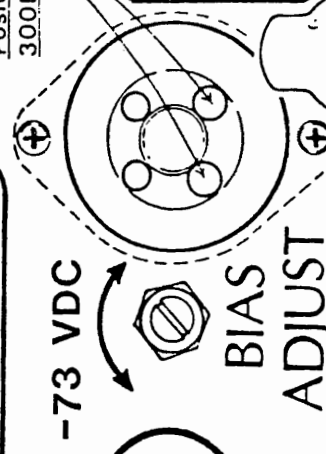
THE TWO LARGE PINS ON THE BASE
OF THE 300B TUBES MUST FACE
THE FRONT OF THE CAD-300 AMPLIFIER!!



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Position In Front
300B-Large Pins



TUBE
300B

SIDE PIN
SHOULD
FACE REAR

LARGE
PINS
POSITION
TO FRONT

FRONT - PINS

REAR - PINS

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UNITED STATES LIMITED WARRANTY

Cary Audio Designs warrants to the original United States purchaser for use in the United States, that this product shall be free from defects in material (except tubes and AF output transistors) or workmanship for three (3) years from the date of the original purchase.

During the warranty period, Cary Audio Design or an authorized Cary Audio Designs service facility will provide free of charge both parts (except tubes and AF output transistors) and labor necessary to correct defects in material or workmanship.

To obtain such warranty service, the original purchaser must:

- (1) Complete and send in the warranty Registration Card.
- (2) Notify Cary Audio Designs as soon as possible after the discovery of a possible defect, of:
 - (a) The model number and serial number;
 - (b) The identity of the seller and the approximate date of purchase;
 - (c) A detailed description of the problem, including details on the electrical connection in the associated equipment and the list of such equipment.
- (3) Deliver the product to Cary Audio Designs or the nearest authorized service facility, or ship the same in its original container or equivalent, fully insured and the shipping charges prepaid.

Correct maintenance, repair and use are important to obtain performance from this product. Therefore, carefully read the Instruction Manual. This warranty does not apply to any defect that Cary Audio Designs in its sole discretion determines is due:

- (1) Improper maintenance or repair, including the installation of parts or accessories that does not conform to the quality and the specifications of the original parts.
- (2) Misuse, abuse, neglect or improper installation.
- (3) Accidental or incidental damage.

WARRANTY DISCLAIMER

Except for the express warranties stated herein, Cary Audio Designs disclaims all other warranties including, without limitation, all implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.

EXCLUSIVE REMEDY

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the purchaser's exclusive remedy for any breach of warranty, express or implied, is limited to the repair or replacement of the defective unit or the refund of the purchase price, at the option of Cary Audio Design. Under no circumstances is Cary Audio Design liable for incidental or consequential damages. Any implied warranties imposed by law terminate one (1) year from the date of purchase.

FOREIGN PURCHASERS

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The foregoing constitutes Cary Audio Design's entire obligation with respect to this product, and the original purchaser and any user or owner shall have no other claim for incidental or consequential damages. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation and exclusion may not apply to you

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