# CAD-805 SIGNATURE

Single-Ended, Mono Block Amplifier

#### **OPERATING MANUAL**

Before installing your new CAD-805, please read this manual carefully as it will inform you of the CAD-805's specifications, proper installation and operation procedures. Also included in this manual are guidelines on how to properly service and care for your new CAD-805.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Operating the CAD-805 mono-block 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 operating your new CAD-805 amplifier.

#### 1.1 Caution Terms

When the following cautionary terms are used in this manual, these definitions apply:

WARNING: Electrical hazard! Misuse or failure to follow instructions properly

may result in personal injury or death!

CAUTION: No risk or personal injury; however, misuse or failure to follow

instructions may result in damage to equipment.

NOTE: No risk of personal injury or equipment damage; however, misuse or

failure to follow instructions may prevent proper performance to the

equipment.

#### 1.2 Specifications

This section describes the basic specifications of the CAD-805 at the time of printing. Specifications are subject to change without notice or obligation.

**POWER OUTPUT:** 

50W Class A, Single-Ended

FEEDBACK:

Zero

**FREQUENCY RESPONSE:** 

20 to 20 kHz  $\pm$  .5dB

**DIMENSIONS:** 

10"H x 12-1/4"W x 24"D

INPUT POWER REQUIREMENTS: 100, 110, 117, 220, 240, / 50-60Hz

**NET WEIGHT:** 

80 lbs.

POWER CONSUMPTION:

230 watts - OPERATE, 76 watts - STANDBY

SHIPPING WEIGHT:

105 lbs.

**INPUT IMPEDANCE:** 

150,000 ohms

**OUTPUT IMPEDANCE:** 

4, 8 and 16 ohms

**NOISE:** 

80dB below rated output

SENSITIVITY:

.75 volt for full output

**COUPLING CAPACITORS:** 

oil filled

**POWER SUPPLY CAPACITORS:** 

4-1500 MFD @ 450V

TRANSFORMERS:

1-EI laminated core power transformer

1-special air-gap output transformer 200% duty cycle on all transformers

TUBE COMPLIMENT:

2-6SN7 per mono-block

1-300B per mono-block 1-211 per mono-block

WARM-UP TIME:

5 minutes

**BREAK-IN PERIOD:** 

100 hours of music playing time

FINISH:

textured black

AC CORD:

3 conductor shielded and detachable

#### 1.3 Front Panel Features

**EYE TUBE:** 

Indicates approximate power output. When the eye is completely closed

the amplifier is at full output.

1.4
Top Panel Features

OFF-ON ROCKER

SWITCH:

Turns AC power on in the rear position. All filaments should light at

this point.

STAND BY SWITCH:

Turns high voltage for the 211 on in the rear position.

FEEDBACK LEVEL:

Adjusts the level of feedback from 0 to 10dB

FEEDBACK OUTPUT:

Selects output for feedback when feedback level is above zero.

This should be set on the output in use 4,8 or 16 ohm.

The feedback output and level controls are non-functional in the signature model. The design was intended to be purely zero feedback.

#### 1.5 Rear Apron Features

**INPUT:** 

Signal input connection via shielded interconnect cable

**OUTPUT**:

Three 5-way copper binding posts provide output to the speaker

system (4, 8 or 16 ohm).

**FUSE:** 

AC power fuse. Never replace with any other valve than 3

AMP SLOW BLOW! 250 VOLT!

**TUBE FUSE:** 

Never replace with any other fuse than 1/2 amp

**FAST BLOW!** 

#### INSTALLATION

This section describes the unpacking and installation procedures for the CAD-805 amplifier.

#### 2.1 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-805 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.

#### 2.2 Warranty Card

If you were the original purchaser of this unit and you purchased it in the United States, you should fill out the enclosed warranty registration card and return it to Cary Audio Design within 10 days of your purchase. Cary Audio Design also suggests that you keep your original packing cartons in case you need to ship the unit. Warranty restrictions apply. Consult the warranty section of this manual for details.

#### 2.3 CAD-805 Placement

The CAD-805 is designed for use inside homes. It must be protected from the elements and temperature extremes. For example, avoid placing the unit in extremely hot locations such as near radiators or other heating units. Its location among the user's audio components is not critical; however, certain precautions must be taken.

#### 2.4 Power Requirements

The CAD-805 is designed to operate from house current mains. The design voltage is 117 VAC at 50/60Hz (Foreign units 234 VAC at 50/60Hz).

#### 2.5 Cables

The speaker cables from the output posts of the CAD-805 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-805. 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.

#### 2.6 Interconnects

Signal input connect is made via the input jack on the rear of the CAD-805 located next to the output binding posts. The interconnect cables from t he 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.

#### **OPERATION**

Your new CAD-805 is ready for operation after the speaker, interconnect cables and three tubes have been installed. See pages 8 and 9 for tube positions. **FAILURE TO INSTALL TUBES CORRECTLY WILL DAMAGE THE UNIT.** 

#### 3.1 Off-On Power Switch

Simply push the AC rocker switch toward the rear of the "ON" position. All of the tubes will light.

#### 3.2 Stand-By Switch

Push the switch toward the rear of the unit to operate. The high voltage will come up and the eye tube will light. Warming up the tubes before applying high voltage will extend the life of the tubes over a long period of time.

#### 3.3 Bias Adjustment

The bias adjustment at the rear of the chassis is for the 300B tube only. It is factory preset, but it is recommended to check when units are first installed or when installing new 300B's.

#### 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-805s 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.

#### **SERVICE AND CARE**

The CAD-805 chassis may be cleaned with a soft towel and Windex® (or a similar window cleaner. The frequency of cleaning will be governed by the number of hours the CAD-805 is operated and by operating environmental cleanliness.

#### 4.1 Tube Replacement

If it becomes necessary to replace the tubes in the CAD-805, the same brand should be used. A new tube kit is available from Cary Audio Design. Although tube life varies depending on the nature and degree of use. Under normal operating condition for home use, the 211 output tube and the 300B driver tube should last many years in the CAD-805. The 6SN7 input tubes should last even longer.

WARNING
Make sure amplifier is unplugged from AC mains

#### 4.2 Factory Service

Careful consideration has been given to the design of your CAD-805 to keep maintenance problems to a minimum; however, it is possible that some problems may arise which cannot be cured by tube substitution. After reading the Troubleshooting Guide at the end of this manual, we suggest that you contact our Customer Service Department at phone number (919) 481-4494 to describe your problem in detail. Do not return the CAD-805 to the factory without a Return Authorization Number from the Customer Service Department. Cary Audio Design 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.

#### **Non-Warranty Repairs**

Cary Audio Design will provide repair service for its products charging on a time and expense basis for the repairs.

#### WARNINGS

Make no attempt to put the CAD-805 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 to the preamplifier.

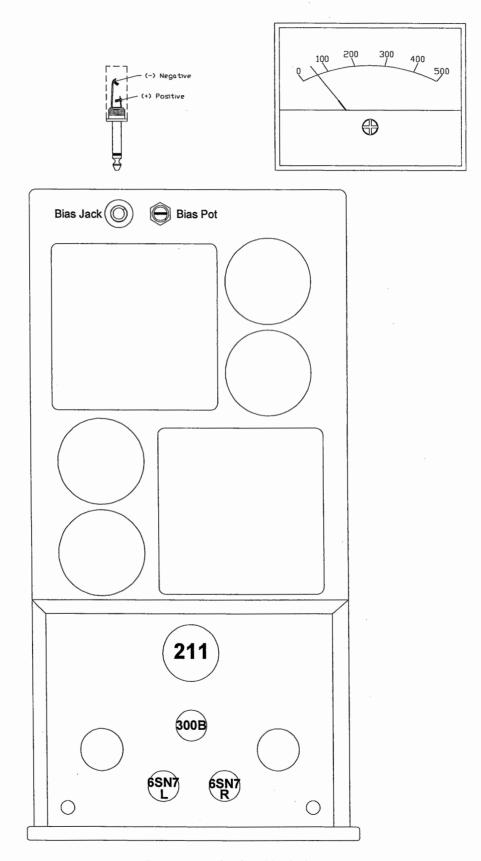
#### CAUTIONS

Never remove/insert AC plug when the unit is on or the AC power switch is in the "ON" position

Obstruction of the top portion of the CAD-805 will result in tubes overheating

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### CAD - 805 Signature Bias Adjustment

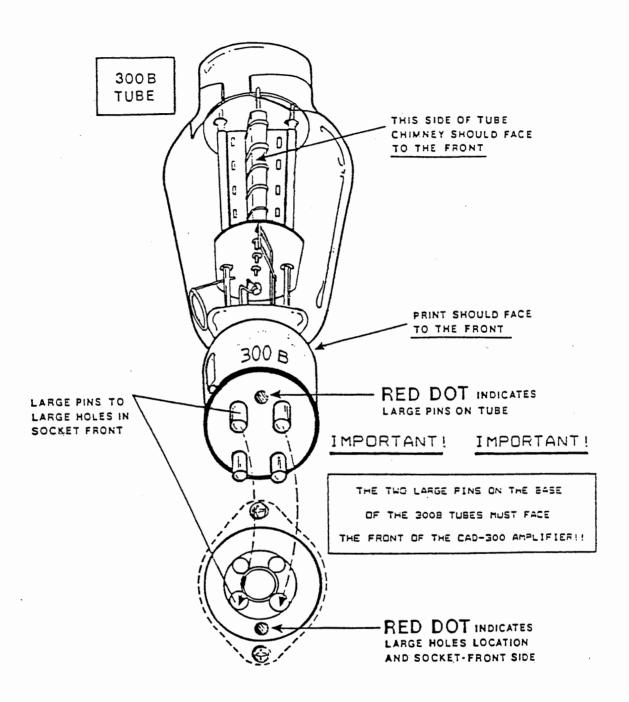


Insert meter plug into bias jack.

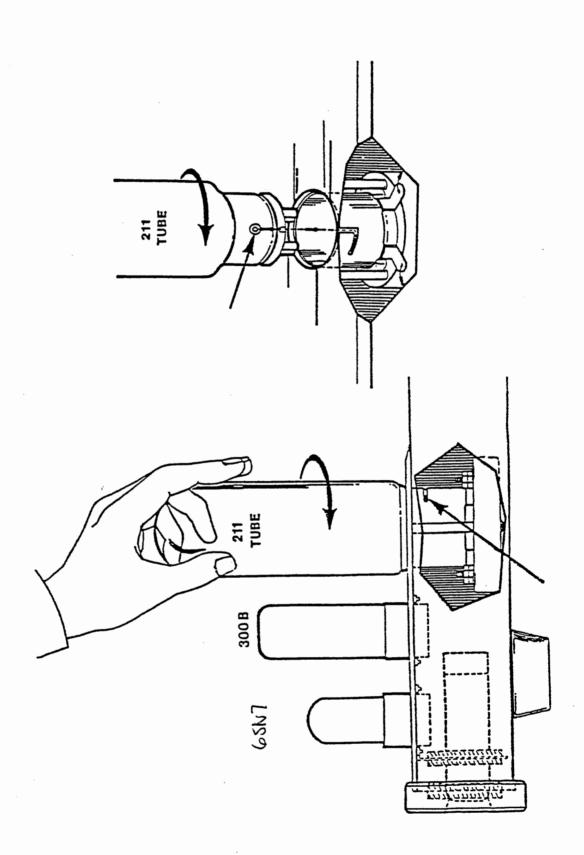
Adjust for 60mA reading on VOM or DC current meter.

Readjust to 60mA after after 805 is warmed up for 10 minutes. Remove plug and enjoy the music!

Note: Bias is factory preset; Bias should be reset when installing replacement 300B tubes.



AMPLIFIER FRONT



## CAD-805 TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

SYMPTOM	CAUSE	REMEDY
Hum or "Buzzing" through speakers	<ul> <li>Ground loop</li> <li>300B tube with high plate current</li> <li>Intermittant or poor connection of interconnect ground</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>-Install 2-pin adapter on A.C. cord to float the ground.</li> <li>- Check bias of 300B. If high, readjust to proper bias setting.</li> <li>- Replace interconnect.</li> </ul>
"Popping or "Spitting" noise through the speaker	- Noisy tube	-If noise is in one channel, swap one section of tubes at a time until the noise swaps channels. Replace noisy tube.  -Check bias of output tubes. If high or fluctuating rap idly, replace output tube.
AC fuse blows	-Line voltage surge	-Replace fuse.
Tube fuse blows	-Shorted 211 tube	-Replace tube.

## NOTES

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During the warranty period, Cary Audio Design or an authorized Cary Audio Design 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:
  - (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 Design 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.

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