

Manual

Preface

Good day! We thank you for your trust in our products and congratulate you for the purchase of our phono amplifier «EDISON».

Your new phono stage is based on the know-how we acquired through all our developments and we stand with our name for its quality.

Please study the following pages carefully to guarantee long and enjoyable listening sessions with your «EDISON».

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Unpacking

The Phono amplifier is delivered in a double-carton shipping box. This packaging will protect the phono amplifier and the power supply and will prevent shipping damage. Please keep the packaging and the including protective packaging inlay material to have maximum safety for your «EDISON» on all shipping!

Please find in the top layer of the protective packaging inlay:

- > this manual
- > the Edison phono amplifier
- > the remote control
- > the power supply including the connection cable with a 6-pole plug

In the bottom layer:

- > the granite base for the phono amplifier
- > a bag with 2 adapter plugs from XLR to RCA
- > a power cord

Description

The «EDISON» Phono amplifier is built to increase and equalize the signals from the cartridges of analog record turntables.

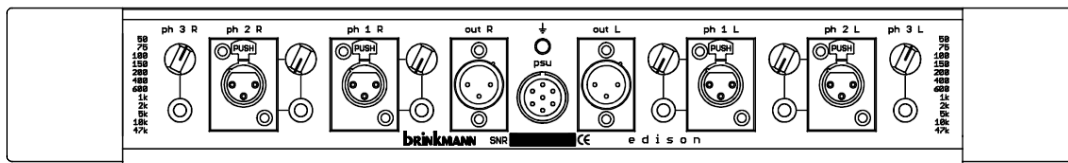
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The PCF803 was developed in the 60s and was used for colour television. The company “Telefunken” in Berlin was known for highest quality and durability of their products and for using the newest technologies for their production.

Each tube contains two systems, a pentode and a triode.

One of the PCF803 is used for the gain stage, the other gives a phase inverter and output driver.

As tubes produce more noise than semiconductors, we add a bipolar transistor stage to the input circuitry which also is used for the gain adjustment.



The back view of the phono amplifier shows three RCA inputs per channel. Each of the inputs is equipped with a rotary switch for adjusting the input resistance.

Two of the three inputs are also equipped with XLR sockets.

The RCA sockets and the pins 2 and 3 of the XLR sockets are connected together, while the inner pin of the RCA is connected to pin 2 of the XLR socket.

The XLR output sockets, the socket for the power cord and the socket for the ground connection are located at the center of the back panel.

The ground connection can be used with all the ground cords of various tonearms / turntables and then be easily plugged in at the back panel.

The front panel shows on the right side the on-off and mute buttons, the input selector and in the middle the display, on the right side the knob for adjusting the gain and two further buttons, one of these switches a transformer in the input signal path, the other is for switching both channels to mono.

Instead of the mono function we also offer a phase inverter function.

Power supply

The power supply has a closed metal case from anodized aluminum; it is connected to the ground connection of the power plug. The power supply should only be connected to the mains with a three-core power cord.

The power supply has a transformer that transforms the mains voltage into different alternating voltages.

One of these alternating voltages is rectified and stabilized at 22 VDC. The output is short circuit proof for a current of 1A and will be shut down by a PTC during short circuit. The other alternating voltages are used in the preamplifier.

It is important to take care that the connection cable with the 6-pole connector will not be damaged or snapped.

Set up and Operation

Set up of the phono amplifier

The weight of the phono amplifier «EDISON» including the granite base is 24 kilograms. Therefore, it is important to have a support of approx. 40 x 45 cm that can easily carry this weight. Please make sure that the phono amplifier is not placed directly next to power supplies or other amplifiers. The power supply of the phono amplifier should be placed as far away from the «EDISON» as possible.

The base of the «EDISON» has full contact to the surface of the granite base, this prevents vibrations in the phono amplifier.

It is possible to use optional feet from other manufacturers between the granite base and the support of the phono amplifier. It is important to take care that optional feet are specified to carry the full weight of the «EDISON» – approx. 24 kg –. Another option could be the use of thin sheets (for example leather or rubber) in patches or for the full surface between the granite base and the support.

There should be 20cm of free space above the phono amplifier to allow a flawless function of the remote control. The IR sensor is located right besides the gain control knob under the top glass plate.

In case there is not enough free space above the phono amplifier, it is possible to place a small upright sheet (about the size of a business card) behind the sensor of the remote control to allow for reflecting the IR impulse to the sensor.

The power supply should also be placed on a resonance free support, for example a small granite base.

Connecting the cables

The phono inputs are located at the left and right side of the rear panel, the XLR outputs are located at the middle of the rear panel. When looked at from the front, the connectors at back are assigned to the respective channel. There three phono inputs, input 1 is directly next to the XLR outputs and input 3 is at the outer side of the rear panel.

The ground connection and the 6-pole connector for the cable of the power supply are located at the middle of the rear panel. The plug of the ground connection can be removed to allow a convenient connection of several ground cords.

The phono inputs have RCA sockets; two inputs (input 1 and input 2) have additional XLR inputs. The RCA sockets and the pins 2 and 3 of the XLR sockets are connected together, while the inner pin of the RCA is connected to pin 2 of the XLR socket.

It is possible to use the RCA connector for further loads like capacitors or additional resistors while the XLR sockets are used for the turntable.

Please keep to the following order when connecting the phono amplifier:

1. connect the signal inputs (RCA or XLR) of the phono amplifier with the turntables or tonearms,
2. connect the ground cords next, make sure that the 4mm plug of the ground connection is plugged into the connector at the rear panel of the phono amplifier,
3. connect the 6-pole plug of the power supply cable to the 6-pole connector in the middle of the rear panel and tighten the cap nut,
4. connect the XLR outputs to the respective inputs of the preamplifier (in case of asymmetrical inputs the XLR-RCA adapters can be used),

5. connect the power supply to the mains (do this as last step!)

The «Edison» phono amplifier usually doesn't need special power conditioning because there is already a power filter integrated in the power supply.

A good connection to the mains without disturbance is beneficial for the «Edison», it is important not to connect the phono amplifier to the same power distributor as for example power amplifiers with irregular power consumption.



Operation

Pushing the “on-off” switch lights up the display and the LED at the „mute“ switch. The „mute“ switch is disabled as long as the display shows „Edison“. During this time the tubes are heated up.

About two minutes later the display shows the previously selected input, the gain for this input in dB, the functions “xfmr” and “mono” if selected, optionally the phase 0° or 180°, whatever has been selected for this input.

By switching to another input all the preselected functions for this next input are shown.

All these functions are stored in a microprocessor when another input is selected, or the unit is switched off. The individual configurations are still stored when the «Edison» is disconnected from the mains and is moved to another place.

„Mute“ and the input selector can also be switched from the remote control.

Optimizing the sound

Some advices to get the «Edison» in its best sound performance range:

The back panel shows the switches for adjusting the resistive load on the inputs. The values are 47k, 10k, 5k, 2k, 1k, 600ohms, 400ohms, 200ohms, 150 ohms 100ohms 75ohms and 50ohms.

These resistive loads will assure that peaks coming from the cartridges are well damped or even a “soft roll off” is preferred.

The adjustments allow for individually loading all cartridges and even for personally preferred sound aspects.

The 47kohms allow for connecting MM cartridges to the «Edison».

Seen from the back the most left position starts with 47kohms, the center position is 400ohms.

The load values will change when the transformer „xfmr“ is switched into the signal path :

47kohm > 10kohm, 10kohm > 5k5ohm, 5kohm > 3k5ohm, 2kohm > 1k7ohm, 1k > 900ohm, the lower values are not affected in a way that needs attention.

As the 47kohm are gone with the transformer in the signal path, no MM cartridges can be used anymore.

On the other hand the use of the transformer gives the inputs a true balanced state, what means that both poles (pin 2 and 3 of the XLR socket) are „hot“, carry signal.

As the RCA sockets carry signal on both inner and outer pole in this state, there may be hum noises, so we recommend taking the XLR sockets for balanced use. Without the use of the transformers the outer pole of the RCA sockets is bound to ground. The XLR sockets can be used in full performance though. Connecting together both ground pins (pin 1) of the XLR cables on the side of the turntable may cause hum problems, so please avoid this.

Maintenance

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Safety

This phono preamplifier had been designed and tested according to the guidelines of EN55013 and EN55020 and it meets the safety requirements of EN60065.

The phono preamplifier «Edison» is only to be used in dry rooms with an average temperature and is only allowed for AC mains 50..60Hz with the voltage given on the power supply casing.

The power supply is only to be connected to a grounded wall socket.

Please connect or disconnect the power supply only when the «Edison» is not connected to the mains.

Please disconnect the «Edison» always from the mains when the amplifier is not used for a longer period of time (during holidays etc.). Never leave the power supply unattended while it is connected to the mains.

Always keep the «Edison» away from wet, heat and open fire! Never expose it to the blazing sun! Never place receptacles with fluids on the preamplifier or its power supply.

Take care of enough room around the power supply (10 cm on each side, 30 cm above); the unit shall not be covered! There is no over temperature sensor inside the power supply.

Cleaning

The power supply and the preamplifier «Edison» are only to be cleaned with a dry brush and a dry cloth (microfiber). Please disconnect from the mains before cleaning.

A cleaning with wet clothes or brushes is not allowed! Liquids will cause short circuitry inside the «Edison».

The glass plate is not allowed to be removed whilst the «Edison» is connected to the mains.

Dangerously high voltages inside, risk of electrical shock!

Warranty

The warranty is only valid when concerning faults of the production or of components used in the phono amplifier. The warranty doesn't cover the shipping to our company for repair purpose and back.

Repairs and changes to the phono amplifier should only be done by **BRINKMANN** Audio GmbH or by specially authorized companies.

The warranty expires after unauthorized changes in the phono amplifier.

The warranty also expires after improper use and wrong connection of the phono amplifier.

Technical Data

inputs:	3 (XLR 2)
distortion / intermodulation:	0,05 / 0,1 %
signal to noise:	69 dbA
bandwidth linear (RIAA):	DC... 250 kHz
max. output signal:	± 8 V
output resistance:	± 1 kOhm
input resistance:	max 47 kOhm
balanced input resistance max:	± 5 kOhm
output phase: (optional)	0° / 180°
span of the gain control:	49... 73dB
power consumption:	35 W
power consumption in stand-by:	< 2 W
size of case «Edison»:	W x H x D 420 x 65 x 310 mm
size of power supply:	W x H x D 120 x 80 x 160 mm
weight incl. power supply:	ca. 12 kg
size granite base:	W x H x D 420 x 30 x 310 mm
weight granite base:	ca. 12 kg

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