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## **User Guide** and Reference Manual

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY ITEMS FOR U.S.A. & CANADA MODEL ONLY

## NOTE:

This CD player uses a semiconductor laser. It is recommended for use in a room at the following temperature: 41°F - 95°F / 5°C - 35°C

#### WARNING:

TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS CD PLAYER TO WATER OR MOISTURE

#### **CAUTION:**

- Handle the power supply cord carefully. Do not damage or deform; it may cause electric shock or malfunction when used. Hold plug attachment when removing from wall outlet. Do not pull on the cord.
- To avoid electric shock, do not open the top cover when the unit is plugged in. If problems occur with the unit, call your local American Audio® dealer.
- Do not place metal objects or spill liquid inside the CD player. Electric shock or malfunction may occur.



## **CAUTION**

Do not open - risk of electric shock



CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE THE COVER RACK. THERE ARE NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE REFER SERVICE TO YOUR AUTHORIZED American Audio DEALER.



The lightning flash with an arrow triangular symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of non insulated "dangerous voltage" within the products enclosure, and may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock.



The exclamation point triangular symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the user manual accompanying the CD player.

#### CAUTION

TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT USE THIS (POLARIZED) PLUG WITH AN EXTENSION CORD, RECEPTACLE OR OTHER OUTLET UNLESS THE BLADES CAN BE CAREFULLY INSERTED TO PREVENT BLADE EXPOSURE

#### **CAUTION:**

USE OF CONTROLS OR ADJUSTMENTS OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED HEREIN MAY RESULT IN HAZARDOUS RADIATION EXPOSURE

THE COMPACT DISC PLAYER SHOULD NOT BE ADJUSTED OR REPAIRED BY ANYONE EXCEPT PROPERLY QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

## NOTE:

This unit may cause interference to radio and television reception.

Please carefully read and understand the instructions in this manual thoroughly before attempting to operate this unit. These instructions contain important safety information regarding the use and maintenance of this unit. Take special care to follow all warning symbols and labels both on the unit and printed in this manual. Also, Please keep this manual with the unit, for future reference.

CAUTION: TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT USE THIS (POLARIZED) PLUG WITH AN EXTENSION CORD, RECEPTACLE, OR OTHER TYPE OF ELECTRICAL OUTLET UNLESS THE WIDE BLADES CAN BE CAREFULLY INSERTED INTO A MATCHING WIDE SLOT.

ATTENTION: POUR PREVENIR LES CHOCS ELECTRIQUES NE PAS UTILISER CETTE FICHE POLARISEE AVEC UN PROLONGATEUR, UNE PRISE DE COURANT OU UNE AUTRE SORTIE DE COURANT, SAUF SI LES LAMES PEUVENT ETRE INSEREES A FOND SANS EN LAISSER AUCUNE PARTIE A DECOUVERT.

## **ELECTRICAL PRECAUTIONS**



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.

## CAUTION RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT OPEN

CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE THE COVER (OR BACK). THERE ARE NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE REFER SERVICE TO YOUR AUTHORIZED AMERICAN AUDIO® SERVICE TECHNICIAN.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- READ INSTRUCTIONS All the safety and operating instructions should be read before the product is operated.
- RETAIN INSTRUCTIONS The safety and operating instructions should be retained for future reference.

  HEED WARNINGS All warnings on the product and
- in the operating instructions should be adhered to. FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS All operating and use instructions should be followed.
- CLEANING The product should be cleaned only with a polishing cloth or a soft dry cloth. Never clean with furniture wax, benzine, insecticides or other volatile liquids since they may corrode the cabinet.
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  ATTACHMENTS Do not use attachments not recommended by the product manufacturer as they may cause hazards.
- WATER AND MOISTURE Do not use this product near water — for example, near a bathtub, wash bowl, kitchen sink, orlaundry tub; in a wet basement; or near a swimming pool; and the like.
- ACCESSORIES Do not place this product on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table. The product may fall, causing serious injury to a child or adult, and serious damage to the product. Use only with a cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table recommended by the manufacturer, or sold with the product. Any mounting of the product should follow the manufacturer's instructions, and should use a mounting accessory recommended by the manufacturer.

  CART A product and cart combination should be
- CART A product and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops, excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause the product and cart combination to overturn.



- VENTILATION Slots and openings in the cabinet are provided for ventilation and to ensure reliable operation of the product and to protect it from overheating, and these openings must not be blocked or covered. The openings should never be blocked by placing the product on a bed, sofa, rug, or other similar surface. This product should not be placed in a built-in installation such as a bookcase or rack unless proper ventilation is provided or the manufacturer's instructions have been adhered to.
- POWER SOURCES —This product should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power supply to your home, consult your product dealer or local power company.
- LOCATION The appliance should be installed in a stable location.
- NONUSE PERIODS The power cord of the appliance should be unplugged from the outlet when left unused for a long period of time.

#### **GROUNDING OR POLARIZATION**

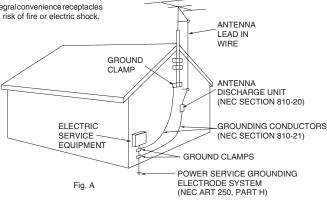
- If this product is equipped with a polarized alternating current line plug (a plug having one blade wider than the other), it will fit into the outlet only one way. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug fully into the outlet, try reversing the plug. If the plug should still fail to fit, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized plug.
- If this product is equipped with a three-wire grounding type plug, a plug having a third (grounding) pin, it will only fit into a grounding type power outlet. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug into the outlet, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety ourpose of the grounding type plug.
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  POWER-CORD PROTECTION Power-supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the product.
- OUTDOOR ANTENNA GROUNDING If an outside antenna or cable system is connected to the product, be sure the antenna or cable system is grounded so as to provide some protection against voltage surges and built-up static charges. Article 810 of the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA70, provides information with regard to proper grounding of the mast and supporting structure, grounding of the lead-in wire to an antenna discharge unit, size of grounding conductors, location of antenna-discharge unit, connection to grounding electrodes, and requirements for the grounding electrode. See Figure
- LIGHTNING For added protection for this product during a lightning storm, or when it is left unattended and unused for long periods of time, unplug it from the wall outlet and disconnect the antenna or cable system. This will prevent damage to the product due to lightning and power-line surges.
- POWER LINES—An outside antenna system should not be located in the vicinity of overhead power lines or other electric light or power circuits, or where it can fall into such power lines or circuits. When installing an outside antenna system, extreme care should be taken to keep from touching such power lines or circuits as contact with them might be fatal.
- OVERLOADING Do not overload wall outlets, extension cords, or integral convenience receptacles as this can result in a risk of fire or electric shock.

- OBJECT AND LIQUID ENTRY Never push objects of any kind into this product through openings as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short-out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock. Never spill liquid of any kind on the product
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  SERVICING Do not attempt to service this product yourself as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage or other hazards. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- DAMAGE REQUIRING SERVICE Unplug this product from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:
- When the power-supply cord or plug is damaged.
- If liquid has been spilled, or objects have fallen into the product.
- If the product has been exposed to rain or water.
- If the product does not operate normally by following the operating instructions. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions as an improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the product to its normal operation.
- If the product has been dropped or damaged in any way.
- When the product exhibits a distinct change in performance — this indicates a need for service.
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- REPLACEMENT PARTS -- When replacement parts are required, be sure the service technician has used replacement parts specified by the manufacturer or have the same characteristics as the original part. Unauthorized substitutions may result in fire, electric shock. or other hazards.
- SAFETY CHECK Upon completion of any service or repairs to this product, ask the service technician to perform safety checks to determine that the product is in proper operating condition.
- WALL OR CEILING MOUNTING The product should not be mounted to a wall or ceiling.

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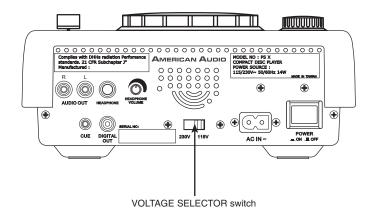
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## **SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

- Read Instructions All the safety and operating instructions should be read before the CD Player is operated. The safety and operating instructions should be saved for future reference.
- Heed Warnings All warnings on the CD Player and in the operating instructions should be adhered to.
- 5. Water and Moisture The player should not be used near water for example, near a bath tub, kitchen sink, laundry tub, in a wet basement or near a swimming pool, etc.
- 6. Ventilation The CD Player should be situated so that its location or position does not interfere with its proper ventilation. For example, the CD player should not be situated on a bed, sofa, rug, or similar surface that may block the ventilation openings; or, placed in a built-in installation, such as a bookcase or cabinet that may impede the flow of air through the ventilation openings.
- 7. Heat The CD player should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other appliances (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- Power Sources The CD player should be connected to a power supply only of the type described in the operating instructions or as marked on the CD Player.
- 14. Servicing The user should not attempt to service the CD Player beyond that described in the operating instructions. All other servicing should be referred to qualified service personnel. The Player should be serviced by qualified service personnel when:
  - A. The power-supply cord or the plug has been damaged.
  - B. Objects have fallen, or liquid has been spilled into the CD Player.
  - C. The CD Player has been exposed to rain or water.
  - D. The CD Player does not appear to operate normally or exhibits a marked change in performance.

## **Line Voltage Selection**

- The desired voltage may be set with the VOLTAGE SELECTOR switch on the rear panel (using a flat head screw driver).
- Do not force the VOLTAGE SELECTOR switch as this may cause damage
- If the VOLTAGE SELECTOR switch does not move smoothly, please contact a qualified service technician.



The serial and model number for this unit is located on the rear panel. Please write down the numbers here and retain for future reference.

Model No
Serial No
Purchase Notes:
Date of Purchase
Dealer Name
Dealer Address
Dealer Phone

## UNPACKING

Every PSX<sup>TM</sup> has been thoroughly tested and has been shipped in perfect operating condition. Carefully check the shipping carton for damage that may have occurred during shipping. If the carton appears to be damaged, carefully inspect your CD player for any damage and be sure all equipment necessary to operate the CD player has arrived intact. In the event damage has been found or parts are missing, please contact our toll free customer support number for further instructions. Please do not return the CD player to your dealer without first contacting customer support.

#### INTRODUCTION

#### Introduction:

Congratulations and thank you for purchasing the American Audio® PSX<sup>™</sup> CD player. This CD player is a representation of American Audio's continuing commitment to produce the best and highest quality audio products possible at an affordable price. Please read and understand this manual completely before attempting to operate your new CD player. This booklet contains important information concerning the proper and safe operation of your new CD player.

## **Customer Support:**

American Audio® provides a toll free customer support line, to provide set up help and answer any question should you encounter problems during your initial set up or operation. You may also visit us on the web at www.americandj.com for any comments or suggestions. Service Hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

Voice: (800) 322-6337 Fax: (323) 582-2610

E-mail: support@americandj.com

**Caution!** There are no user serviceable parts inside this CD player. Do not attempt any repairs yourself, without being instructed to do so by an authorized American Audio service technician. Doing so will void your manufactures warranty. In the unlikely event your CD player may require service, please contact American Audio® customer support.

Do not discard the packing carton in the trash. Please recycle when ever possible.

## **SET-UP PRECAUTIONS**

Please be sure to make any connections before plugging the CD player in to an electrical outlet. All fader and volume controls should be set to zero or minimum position, before the CD player is switched on. If the CD player has been exposed to drastic temperature fluctuation (e.g. after transportation), do not switch on the CD player immediately. The arising condensation of water might damage your device. Leave the device switched off until it has reached room temperature.

## Operating Determinations:

- When installing this CD player, please make sure that the device is not exposed or will not be exposed to extreme heat, moisture or dust!
- Do not operate the CD player in extremely hot (more than 30°/100°F) or extremely cold (less than 5°C/40°F) surroundings.
- Keep the unit out of direct sunlight and away from heaters.
- Operate the CD player only after becoming familiar with its' functions. Do not permit operation by persons not qualified for operating the unit. Most damages are the result of unprofessional operation.

## **MAIN FEATURES**

- 8 times over sampling 1 bit D/A converter
- Auto cue
- 1/75th second frame search
- Real time cue ("Cue on the Fly")
- 4 different speed scan (2 Forward/2 Reverse)
- Pitch display
- Digital RCA coaxial output
- Large bright Digital Screen can be viewed from wide angles.
- Fader "Q" Start Control (a)
- Seamless Loop (uninterrupted loop playback)
- Sampler (Forward & Reverse Sampling)
- Bop Effect (b)
- Flip-Flop (Relay Playback) (c)
- Adjustable Pitch Percentages: +/-8%, +/-12% or +/-16%
- Jog Wheel Pitch Bend +/-100%
- Memory Backup, Defaults to last setting (d)
- Instant Start within 10 ms (sound is produced immediately when the PLAY button is pressed)
- 3 Programmable Cue (Flash Start) Buttons
- Slot Loading Drive No more Transport Tray
- 384 programmable Cue Points (128 x 3) (e)
- (a) FADER "Q" START CONTROL: This feature is used in conjunction with most American Audio® and American DJ® audio mixers that also feature "Fader Q Start" control. For best results use this feature with two (2) PSX™ players. Connect your PSX's as described in the set-up section of this manual. After set-up is completed load your players. By moving the mixer's crossfader from left to right you can start and pause your PSX™ playback functions. For Example, when using two (2) PSX™ players and a Fader "Q" Start mixer, if your mixer's crossfader is all the way to the left (player one is playing, player two is in cue or pause mode), and you move the fader at least 20% to the right, player two (2) will begin to play and player one (1) will return to cue mode. When the crossfader is to the right, and you move it 20% to the left, player one (1) will begin to play and player two (2) will return to its' cue point. You can create great effects similar to scratching with this feature. After storing cue points on each side of the CD player, different songs or samples may quickly be recalled by moving the mixer crossfader back and forth. New cue points can be easily selected on the PSX™ player (see setting cue points page 13). "Q" Start control is easy to use and mastering this feature will help you create amazing effects with your music. Note: For proper "Q" Start operation be sure your mixers "Hamster" setting are set to 1/2 (Normal Setting).
- (b) BOP EFFECT: The Bop Effect button serves two features. First, it is a stutter effect, creating a sound similar to a sampler. Second, it will return to the last Cue point in memory instantly. This will allow you to create great effects. To create the BOP Effect, see BOP Effect on page 15.
- (c) FLIP-FLOP: This feature is used in conjunction with American Audio® mixers that also feature Fader "Q" Start. For FLIP-FLOP results you must use two (2) PSX™ players. Connect your PSX's as described in the set-up section of this manual. This feature will start the next player once one (1) player has ended. For example, if player one (1) is playing a disc and it ends, player two (2) will instantly begin to play. You may set FLIP-FLOP to play track to track or disc to disc. For more information on this feature, see FLIP-FLOP™ on page 18.
- (d) MEMORY BACKUP: The PSX<sup>™</sup> has a five (5) year memory back-up, that will save your setting in case the power supply is accidentally disconnected. PSX<sup>™</sup> will remember your last setting (repeat, SGL, CTN, and effect parameters) even if you disconnect your main power. The PSX<sup>™</sup> will store your cue points in memory if you accidentally eject a disc or shut off the power. To store your settings into memory hold down the MEMORY BUTTON (7) for 5 seconds.
- (e) PROGRAMMABLE CUE POINTS: The PSX<sup>™</sup> has three Flash Start Buttons (8). 128 Cue points can be stored in each of the *FLASH START BUTTONS* (6), for a total of 384. These cue points can be stored into the unit's internal memory and may be recalled at any time. See setting "Cue Points" on page 16

## **SET-UP**

#### 1. Checking the Contents

Be sure your PSX™ was shipped with the following:

- 1) PSX™ Professional CD player.
- 2) Operating instructions (this booklet).
- 3) One (1) set of RCA cables.
- 4) One (1) 1/8" mini plug.
- 5) Warranty card.

#### 2. Installing the Units

Place your unit on a flat surface or mount it in a flat surface case

#### 3. Connections

- 1) Be sure the power is disconnected.
- 2) Connect the included RCA cable from your PSX<sup>™</sup> outputs to the inputs on your mixer.
- 3) Use the supplied 1/8" mini plug cable to connect your PSX™ to a mini jack connection (A or B) on a compatible American Audio® or American DJ® "Fader Q Start" mixer. (This will enable the Fader "Q" Start function See Fader "Q" start control page 8)

#### **CAUTION:**

- Be sure to use the supplied mono 1/8" control cables. Using other types of cable may result in unit damage
- To avoid sever damage to the unit, be sure the power is off when making connections to the unit.

#### **CAUTION:**

• The player will work normally when the main unit is mounted with the front panel within 15 degrees of the vertical plane If the unit is tilted excessively, disks may not be loaded or unloaded properly. (Figure 1)



Figure 1

#### **CAUTION:**

• The LCD is designed to be clearly visible within the angles shown in **Figure 2**. Mount the control unit so that the visual angle is within this range.

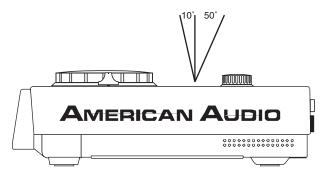
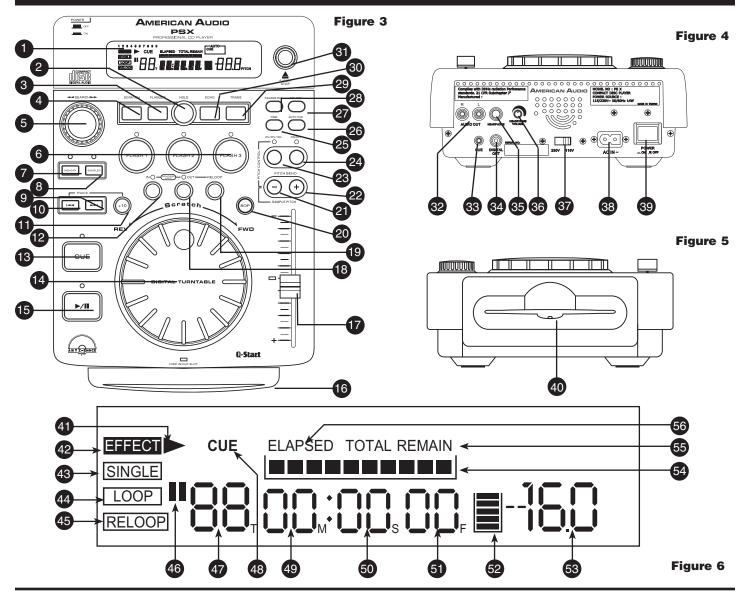


Figure 2

## **GENERAL FUNCTIONS AND CONTROLS**



## A. TOP UNIT CONTROLS (FIGURE 3)

- 1. LCD DISPLAY This high quality LCD display indicates all the functions, as they are occurring. This display is viewable at several comfortable angles (see page 4). The display ICONS will be explained in the section D.
- **2. HOLD BUTTON** This button allows you to set and lock any new parameters you set to the effects. This button will glow bright blue when the hold function is activated. If the hold function is not selected any changes to the effect parameters will be momentary.
- **3. FLANGER EFFECT -** This button is used to activate and deactivate the FLANGER effect. See built-in effects on page 22.

- **4. SCRATCH BUTTON** This button is used to activate and deactivate the Scratch effect. See built-in effects on page 21.
- **5. SEARCH WHEEL -** This wheel has four forward and four reverse speed positions allowing you to quickly scan through tracks. The more you turn the wheel in either direction, the faster your search.
- **6. FLASH BUTTONS 1-3 -** These button are used to store either three (3) cue points or three (3) samples. Each Flash Button can store either a sample or a cue point.
- **7. MEMORY BUTTON** This button allows you to program up to 3 cue points or three samples in to the three *FLASH BUTTONS* (6). The samples

## **GENERAL FUNCTIONS AND CONTROLS (Cont.)**

or cue point can then be recalled at any time even when the disk has been removed and replaced at a later time.

- **8. SAMPLER BUTTON** This is used to activate the sampler function. When this function is activated a created sample will play in a continuos loop mode.
- 9. TRACK BUTTON This buttons is used to select a track. Tapping this button will forward skip to the next track, holding down this button will rapidly forward skip through the tracks.
- **10.** TRACK BUTTON This buttons is used to select a track. Tapping this button will back skip on track, holding down this button will rapidly BACK SKIP through the tracks.
- 11. + 10 This button instantly advances the track selection by 10. For example if the unit is cued on track one, pressing this button will instantly advance to and cue track 11. If the button is pressed once more the unit will advance to and cue track 21.
- **12. SEAMLESS LOOP IN BUTTON -** "CUE ON THE FLY" This function allows you to set a CUE POINT (see CUE POINT page 11) without music interruption ("on the fly"). This button also sets the starting point of a seamless loop (see SEAMLESS LOOP).
- 13. CUE Pressing the CUE button during play-back immediately pauses playback and returns the track to the last set cue point (see setting a CUE POINT, page 13). The red CUE LED will glow when the unit is in cue mode The LED will also flash every time a new CUE POINT is set. The CUE button can be held down to momentarily play the CD. When you release the CUE button it instantly returns to the CUE POINT. You can also tap the CUE button to create a BOP EFFECT (for definition of BOP EFFECT, see page 5).
- 14. JOG WHEEL This wheel has two functions.
- **A.** The jog wheel will act as a frame search control when the CD is in pause or cue mode, allowing you to set a cue point.
- **B.** The wheel also works as a pitch bend during

- playback. Turning the wheel clockwise will increase the pitch percentage up to 100%, and turning the wheel in the counter-clockwise direction will decrease the pitch percentage down to -100%. The pitch bend will be determined on how long you turn the jog wheel continuously.
- **15.PLAY/PAUSE BUTTON** Each press of the PLAY/PAUSE BUTTON causes the operation to change from play to pause or from pause to play. While in play mode the green play LED will glow, and while in pause mode the green play LED will flash.
- **16. TRANSPORT SLOT -** Trayless Design! A disc is loaded the same as a car CD player, simply insert the disc in to the slot and the unit will automatically load the disc in to the drive mechanism. **Never attempt to force a disc into the slot when the power is turned off.**
- 17. PITCH SLIDER This slider is used to adjust the playback pitch percentage. The slider is a set adjustment and will remain set until the pitch slider is moved or the pitch function has been turned off. This adjustment can be made with or without a disk in the drive. The pitch adjustment will remain even if a disc has been remove and will reflect on any other disc loaded into the player. That is to say, if you set a +2% pitch on one disc, remove that disc and insert another, that disc too will have a +2% pitch. The amount of pitch being applied will be displayed in the *LCD* (1).
- **18.OUT BUTTON -** This button is used to set the ending point of a loop. A loop is started by pressing the *IN BUTTON (12)*, pressing the OUT BUTTON set the loop ending point. The loop will continue to play until the OUT BUTTON is pressed once again.
- 19. RELOOP BUTTON If a SEAMLESS LOOP has been made (see setting a SEAMLESS LOOP on page 11), but the CD Player is not actively in SEAMLESS LOOP mode (a loop is not playing), pressing the RELOOP BUTTON will instantly reactivate the SEAMLESS LOOP mode. To exit loop, press the OUT BUTTON (18). LOOP and

## **GENERAL FUNCTIONS AND CONTROLS (Cont.)**

- RELOOP will appear in the *LCD DISPLAY (1)* when the RELOOP function is available.
- **20. BOP -** During play mode, pressing the BOP button will instantly return play to the last set cue point without interruption of music. Use this function to create a stutter effect.
- 21.(-) PITCH BEND BUTTON The (-) pitch bend function creates a momentary "Slow Down" in the CD's BPM's (Beats per minute) while it is playing. This will allow you to match the beats between two playing CD's or other playing music source. Remember, this is a momentary function. When you remove your finger from the pitch button, the BPM's will automatically return to PITCH SLIDERS (17) pitch value Holding down this button will give a maximum of +100% pitch. Use this function to slow to another playing music source. Be sure to notice that this function is a momentary pitch adjustment, for a more precise adjustment use the PITCH SLIDER (17) to match the BPM's with another playing music source.
- **22.**(+) **PITCH BEND BUTTON** The (+) pitch bend function creates a momentary "BUMP" in the CD's BPM's (Beats per minute) while it is playing. This will allow you to match the beats between two playing CD's or any other music source. Remember, this is a momentary function. When you remove your finger from this button, the BPM's will automatically return to *PITCH SLIDERS* (17) selected pitch. Holding down this button will give a maximum of +100% pitch.
- 23. PITCH PERCENTAGE BUTTON This button will change the pitch percentage the PITCH SLIDER (17) will react to. The pitch percentage can be changed between 8%, 12%, and 16%. 8% will allow the least amount of pitch manipulation and 16% will allow the most amount of pitch manipulation. To adjust to the different values tap this button at any time. The LED above the PITCH PERCENTAGE BUTTON (23) will indicate which pitch percentage mode you are in, glowing green for 8%, glowing orange for 12%, or glowing red for 16%. Note, the Pitch Function must be activated (Pitch On/Off) to get a LED reading.

- **24. PITCH ON/OFF BUTTON** This button is used to turn the *PITCH SLIDER (17)* function on and off. The PITCH BUTTON's LED will indicate the pitch function has been activated.
- **25.TIME MODE** The TIME button will switch the time value described in the *TIME METER* between ELAPSED PLAYING TIME, TRACK REMAINING TIME, and TOTAL REMAINING TIME.
- **26. AUTO CUE FUNCTION -** This button activates the Auto Cue function. The Auto Cue function allows the unit to automatically cue a track when a CD is inserted, therefore allowing a track to start instantly.
- **27. SGL/CTN** This function allows you to choose between single track play or continuous track play (all tracks in order). This function also operates in PROGRAM and FLIP FLOP modes.
- **28. PARAMETERS -** This button activates the parameters mode. You use the parameters mode to adjust and customize your effects settings.
- **29. TRANS EFFECT -** This button is used to activate and deactivate the TRANS effect. See built-in effects on page 22.
- **30. ECHO EFFECT -** This button is used to activate and deactivate the ECHO effect. See built-in effects on page 22.
- **31. EJECT/STOP FUNCTION -** This button has two functions. Pressing this button once will stop CD playback, pressing this once more will eject the CD. The CD may also be ejected while the unit is in playback mode by pressing and holding down this button for five seconds, this is to prevent accidentally ejecting the disc when in play mode.

## **B. REAR PANEL (FIGURE 4)**

- **32.AUDIO OUT R & L -** Audio out signals. Connect stereo RCA cable from AUDIO OUT to a mixer's line input.
- 33. CUE MINI JACK Connect the supplied miniplug from CUE jack on the rear of your unit to a compatible American Audio® mixer's CONTROL out. This feature is only available on American

## **GENERAL FUNCTIONS AND CONTROLS (Cont.)**

Audio's "Q" series mixers.

- **34. DIGITAL OUT -** Use this connection to create near perfect copies of your disc to a Mini disc, CD-R, or any other digital recording device.
- **35. HEADPHONE MONITOR -** Use this stereo jack to connect a pair of headphones.
- **36. HEADPHONE VOLUME CONTROL** This knob will control the volume output level of the *HEADPHONE JACK (35).*
- **37. VOLTAGE SELECTOR** Because power supplies vary from location to location we have incorporated a selectable power supply. This switch can select a voltage input of 115V or 230V. Always disconnect the power plug before changing the voltage.
- **38.POWER CONNECTOR -** This connection is used to connect your main power. Be sure that your local power matches the unit's required power.
- **39.POWER SWITCH -** This switch is used to turn your unit's power on and off.

## **C. FRONT PANEL (FIGURE 5)**

**40. CD SLOT POWER INDICATOR -** This is the main power LED. This extremely bright Indigo LED will also aid in locating the CD slot in dark and club situations.

## D. LCD DISPLAY (FIGURE 6)

- **41. PLAY INDICATOR -** This indicator will glow when the unit is in play mode.
- **42. EFFECT INDICATOR -** This will glow when any of the four built-in effects are selected.
- **43. SINGLE INDICATOR** This indicates that the CD drive is in single play mode, the track will play once and return to CUE mode. If the single indicator is not on the unit is in continuous mode In continuous mode the drive will play all the remaining tracks on the disc. Once the remaining tracks have ended the unit will return to cue mode
- **44. LOOP** This icon will flash when you are in loop mode. This icon will glow when a loop has been created but is not actively playing.

- **45. RELOOP INDICATOR -** Appears when LOOP is engaged or ready to be engaged.
- **46. PAUSE INDICATOR -** This indicator will glow when the drive is in pause mode.
- **47.TRACK INDICATOR -** This indicator describes which track is currently cued or is playing.
- **48.CUE INDICATOR** This indicator will glow when the unit is in CUE or mode and will flash every time a new CUE POINT is set.
- 49, 50, 51. TIME METERS These indicators will detail the current Minutes, Seconds, and Frames. The meter will display either the elapse, total, or remaining time of a track or the entire disc. The display time will depend on the selected time function. The selected time function will be displayed above the TIME METER as TOTAL REMAIN (55), REMAIN (55) OR ELAPSE (56).
- **52. MEMORY BUCKET INDICATOR -** This indicates serves two functions. The red bucket outline details the cue memory status, a full bucket outline indicates the cue memory is full. The five bars in the memory bucket detail the anti-shock memory state. Each bar indicates 2 second of digital anti-shock
- **53. PITCH METER -** This meter will display either the pitch percentage applied by the *PITCH SLIDER (17)*.
- **54.TIME BAR INDICATOR** This bar gives a visual approximation of a track's or disc's time This bar will begin to flash when a track is ending. The flashing bar is great reminder, that time is running out to get that next track ready to go.
- **55. TOTAL/REMAIN INDICATOR** When TOTAL is indicated in the *LCD DISPLAY* (1) the *TIME DESCRIBED* (49, 50, & 51) in the *LCD* will define the total disc remaining time. When REMAIN is indicated in the *LCD DISPLAY* (1) the *TIME DESCRIBED* (49, 50, & 51) in the *LCD* will define the current track's remaining time.
- **56.ELAPSE INDICATOR -** When this indicator is on it will define the time displayed in the *TIME METER (49, 50, & 51)* as the current track's elapse time.

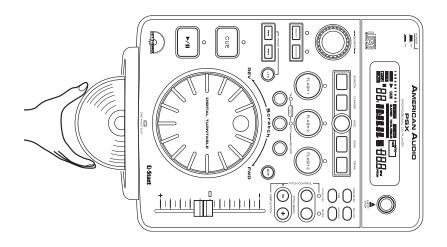
## **BASIC OPERATIONS**

#### 1. LOADING/EJECTING DISCS

The PSX<sup>™</sup> can only play regular 5 inch CDs. 3 inch, odd shaped, and oval CDs are not compatible. When loading a CD into the player always hold the disc by it edge (see Figure 7). Load the disc label side up and slide it in the disc slot. Never touch the signal surface (the glossy side). To remove a disc from the slot press the *EJECT/STOP BUTTON (31)*, see Figure 8.

#### **CAUTION:**

- NEVER attempt to insert any other objects beside 5" CD in the disc slot.
- **NEVER** attempt to insert more than one disc at a time. Doing so may result in sever damage to your unit.
- **DO NOT** force a disc into the slot when the power is off, this may damage the drive system.



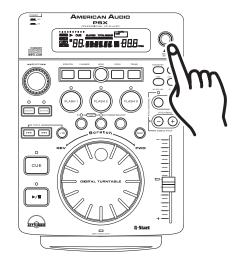
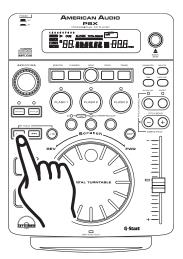


Figure 7: When inserting a disc always hold the disc by it edges and load the disc label side up.

Figure 8

## 2. SELECTING TRACKS

Select a desired track by using either of the two TRACK BUTTONS (9 & 10). Tapping the TRACK BUTTONS (9 & 10) once will select either the next higher or lower track. You may hold down the TRACK BUTTONS (9 & 10) to change tracks continuously at a faster speed. If you are using the TRACK BUTTONS (9 & 10) to select a new track during playback (a track is already in play mode) the new track you selected will immediately begin playback as soon as the search operation is completed.



**Figure 9:** When inserting a disc always hold the disc by it edges and load the disc label side up.

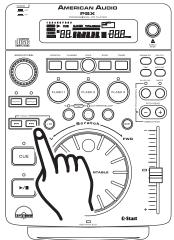


Figure 10: When inserting a disc always hold the disc by it edges and load the disc label side up.

## 3. STARTING PLAYBACK - Figure 11

Insert an audio CD as describe on page 12 (LOADING/EJECTING DISCS). Pressing the PLAY/PAUSE BUTTON (15) with an audio CD inserted will immediately start playback. The PLAY (41) indicator will glow as soon as playback begins. The point at which playback starts (cue point) will automatically be stored in the memory as the cue point. The unit will return to this cue point (the point at which playback started) when the CUE BUTTON (13) or the BOP BUTTON (20) is pressed.

#### 4. AUTO CUE

Press the AUTO CUE BUTTON (26) to engage the Auto Cue function. This function will automatically set a cue point to the first audio source when a CD is inserted. The first set cue point will always be the beginning of track 1. If a new track is selected before the PLAY BUTTON (15) is pressed, a new CUE POINT will be set to reflect the new starting point.

## 5. STOPPING PLAYBACK - Figures 11 & 12

Stopping playback will not stop the drive mechanism, but merely pause or cue the track, this functions allows the unit to begin play instantly. The drive mechanism will only stop if a disc is ejected or the unit has gone in to sleep mode. There are two ways to stop (pause) playback:

- 1) Press the *PLAY/PAUSE BUTTON* (15) during playback. This will pause playback at the exact same point the *PLAY/PAUSE BUTTON* (15) was pressed.
- 2) Press the CUE BUTTON (13) during playback. This will pause playback and return the track to the last set cue point.

#### 6. PAUSING - Figure 11

This function pauses playback at the exact same point the *PLAY/PAUSE BUTTON* (15) was pressed. Pressing the *PLAY/PAUSE BUTTON* (15) will switch between play and pause modes. When the unit is in pause mode the *PAUSE INDICATOR* (46) in the *LCD DISPLAY* (1) will glow. The green *PLAY/PAUSE BUTTON* (15) LED will also begin to flash repeatedly.

## 7. FRAME SEARCH

This feature allows you to scroll through a track frame by frame, allowing you to find and set a starting cue, sample, or loop point. To use the scroll function you must first be in Pause Mode (see section 5) or Cue Mode (see section 7). Once you are in Pause or Cue mode, turn the *JOG WHEEL (14)* to scroll through the track (Figure 13). Turning the wheel in a clockwise direction will advance the frame search and turning the wheel in a counter-clockwise direction rewinds the frame search. When you use the *JOG WHEEL (14)* the monitor (headphone level) function allows you to here what you are scrolling through. Once you reach your desired starting point you can set a cue (starting) point by pressing the *PLAY/PAUSE BUTTON (15)* as in Figure 11. Pressing the *CUE BUTTON (10)* as in Figure 12 will now return you to the point you just set.



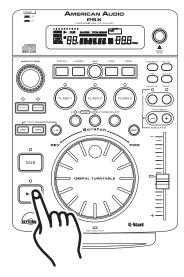


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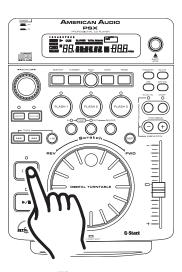
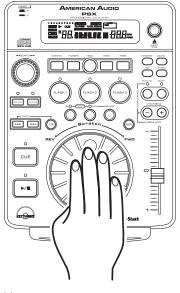


Figure 12



## 8. SCANNING (FAST FORWARD / FAST REVERSE)

This function gives you a fast search through a disk or track. Turn the SEARCH WHEEL (5) in clockwise direction for fast forward or turn the wheel counterclockwise for fast reverse. You can scan in four different forward and four different reverse speeds depending on how much you rotate the wheel.

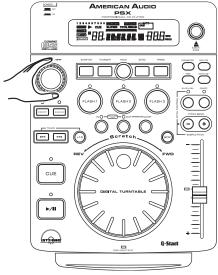


Figure 14

## 9. SETTING and STORING a CUE POINT:

## Setting A Cue Point:

A cue point is the exact point playback will begin when the *PLAY/PAUSE* (15) is pressed. You may set your cue points anywhere on a disc or in a track. You may set up to four independent cue points per disk. Three cue points are stored in the *FLASH BUTTONS 1-3* (6) and one is shared by the *IN BUTTON* (12), BOP BUTTON (20) and the CUE BUTTON (13). There are two (2) ways to set and create a CUE point as detailed in figures 15 and 16

1) You may press the *IN BUTTON* (12) on the fly (while the disc is playing). This will set a CUE Point without music interruption. Pressing the *CUE BUTTON* (13) will now return you to the same point that you pressed the *IN BUTTON* (12). You may now store this CUE Point in any of the *FLASH BUTTONS* 1-3 (6). Pressing the *CUE BUTTON* (13), BOP BUTTON (20) or the *IN BUTTON* (12) will now return you to this exact point.

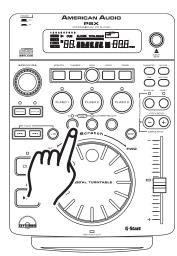
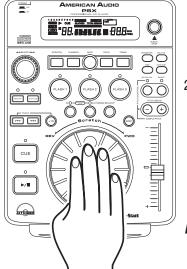


Figure 15



2) You may also use the *JOG WHEEL (14)* to set a cue point. While a disc is in PAUSE or CUE mode, use the *JOG WHEEL (14)* to scroll through a track to find your desired starting point. Once you have found your desired position press the *PLAY BUTTON (15)* to set your cue point. Pressing the *CUE BUTTON (13)* or the *IN BUTTON (12)* will now return you to this exact point.

Figure 16

## Storing A Cue Point:

Once you have set your CUE Point by one of the two means listed on page 14, you may store your cue point in one of the *FLASH BUTTONS* (6). Once you store this cue point in memory you may recall it at any time and you may even recall if the disc has been remove or power had been disconnected. You may store a maximum of three cue points per a disc and maximum of 384 cue points can saved in unit's memory. The *MEMORY BUCKET* (52) in the *LCD DISPLAY* (1) will approximate the available memory. Either a CUE POINT or a SAMPLE (See creating a sample loop on page 17) can be stored into a *FLASH BUTTON* (6), not both. *To Store a cue point:* 

1) Create a Cue Point by one of the two means listed on page 14. Press the MEMORY BUTTON (12), as in Figure 17. The red Memory Cue LED will glow indicating the store memory function has been activated. You may now press any one of the three FLASH BUTTONS (6) to store your cue point into memory (Figure 18). After pressing one of the FLASH BUTTONS (6), the corresponding Flash Button LED will flash briefly. The LED on the above the Flash Button (6) will remain lit indicating either a sample or cue point is stored in memory. The red Memory LED will turn off.

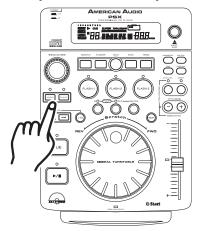


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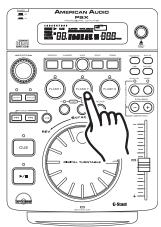
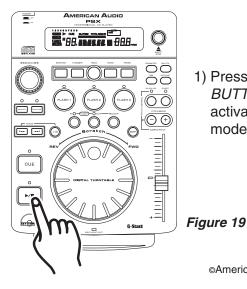


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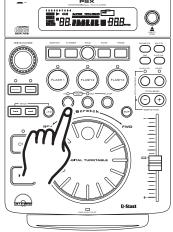
2) Repeat the above steps to store up to three Cue Points. Once all your three cue points have been stored you may access them at any time. During playback the cue points will instantly start playback from that point without any music interruption. Please note in order to access these cue point, the disc used to create the cue points must be in the drive.

#### 10. CREATING AND PLAYING A SEAMLESS LOOP

A seamless loop is a sound loop that plays continuously without sound interruption. You can use this loop to create dramatic effect in your mixing. This loop has no time limit and you could actually loop the entire length of disc. You create a seamless loop between two continuous points of a disc.



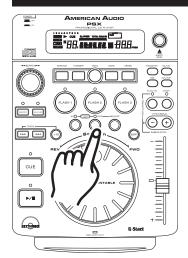
Press PLAY/PAUSE
 BUTTON (15) to
 activate playback
 mode



2) Press the *IN BUTTON* (12). This will set the starting point of the SEAMLESS LOOP. The *IN BUTTON* (12) LED will light.

Figure 20

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3) Press the OUT BUTTON (18) to set the ending point for your SEAMLESS LOOP (Figure 13). The IN BUTTON (12) and OUT BUTTON (18) LEDs will immediately begin to flash rapidly, indicating the SEAMLESS LOOP mode has been activated.

**LCD LOOP INDICATORS** - During a seamless loop, the *LOOP (44)* and *RELOOP (45) INDICATORS* will turn on in the *LCD DISPLAY (1)* indication a loop is active.

Figure 21

**EXITING A LOOP** - To exit a SEAMLESS LOOP, press the *OUT BUTTON (18)*. The *IN BUTTON (12)* and *OUT BUTTON (18)* LEDs will remain on, but will stop flashing. Music playback will resume normal play (Figure 13). The *IN BUTTON (12)* and *OUT BUTTON (18)* LEDs will remain on to remind you that a loop is stored in memory.

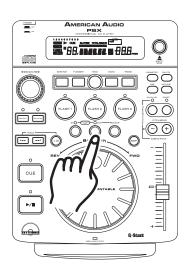
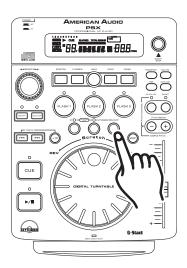


Figure 22



**REPLAY LOOP** - The *RELOOP* (19) function allows you to return to your stored loop at any time. The *IN BUTTON* (12) and *OUT BUTTON* (18) LEDs will indicate a loop is stored in memory, and may be played at any time. To replay the loop, press the *RELOOP BUTTON* (19). The *IN BUTTON* (12) and *OUT BUTTON* (18) LEDs will again begin to flash indicating SEAMLESS LOOP mode has been activated (Figure 14) and your stored loop will immediately begin to play.

Figure 23

#### 11. EDITING A LOOP:

Please note: Only the ending point of the loop may be edited. You may make your loop shorter or longer. Before you can edit your seamless loop you obviously must first have created a seamless loop to edit. If you haven't created a SEAMLESS LOOP, follow the instructions in step 10 to create a loop. If a SEAMLESS LOOP has already been created, press the *RELOOP BUTTON (19)* to activate your SEAMLESS LOOP (Figure 23) if it is not already activated. To edit your seamless loop's ending point:

- 1) Press the *OUT BUTTON (18)* to return to normal play from the loops cue point. (Figure 20). This will disengage the SEAMLESS LOOP mode and allows you to edit the loops ending point.
- 2) Press the OUT BUTTON (18) again when you reach your new ending point (Figure 21).
  - FOR A SHORTER LOOP: Press the OUT BUTTON (18) at sooner point in the track (Figure 21).
  - FOR LONGER LOOP: Press the OUT BUTTON (14) at later point in the track (Figure 21).

## 12. Using the Built In Sampler:

Your PSX™ comes with a built in sampler. You may store up to three samples on the three *FLASH BUTTON* (6) (Once again please note you may only store either a CUE POINT or a SAMPLE into a *FLASH BUTTON* (6), not both). Your sample can be a maximum of 7 seconds in length. A sample can be recalled while a CD is playing, or while the CD drive is in PAUSE MODE. You may play your sample at anytime without music interruption. If you play your sample when the unit is already in playback mode you sample will over lap the current music source. You can also play your sample once or in a continuous loop. As with cue points you may store approximately 384 (128 x 3) samples in a drives memory (depending on available memory). The *MEMORY BUCKET* (52) on the *LCD DISPLAY* (1) will approximate the remaining memory.

## To create a sample:

1) Initialize a loop (see creating a seamless loop on page 15). If your loop is longer than 6.5 seconds it can not be stored as a sample and will stored as a Cue Point.

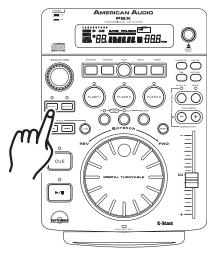


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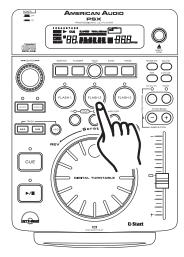


Figure 25

- 2) Press the **MEMORY BUTTON (7)**. The **MEMORY CUE BUTTON (1)** Red LED will
- 3) Select one of the three  $\ensuremath{\text{\textbf{FLASH}}}$   $\ensuremath{\text{\textbf{BUTTON}}}$
- (6) you wish to store your loop in and press
- glow indicating memory is ready to be stored. that button.
  4) The red *MEMORY BUTTON (7)* LED will turn off, when your sample is locked into memory.
  - into memory.
  - 5) At this point your sample has been stored into memory. The original loop you used to create the sample will remain playing until the *OUT BUTTON (18)* is pressed (Figure 26).

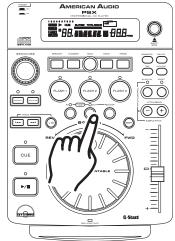
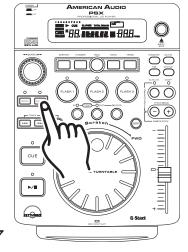


Figure 26

6) Your sample can now be recalled at any time even when the unit is in PAUSE MODE. To recall the sample be sure the sample function is on, by pressing the *SAMPLE BUTTON* (8) until the red sample button LED turns on. To play your sample in a continuos loop leave the sample function on. To play your sample just once, turn the sample function off immediately after initiating your sample. With the sample function on the sample will continue to play until the sample function is turned off.



7) Important Notice: If you try to activate your sample without turning the sample function on, the Flash button (6) will act as cue points!

Figure 27

#### 17. PITCH BENDING:

## Changing the Sample Parameters:

Changing the sample parameters allows you to change the sample's volume and pitch. The parameters values for both the pitch and volume settings range from 00:00 to 20:00, 00:00 being the lowest value. A higher value will increase the pitch percentage or volume. It's important to understand that the pitch value is basic a speed adjustment and has nothing to do tonal quality. The values can be either a momentary change or set adjustment. The sample values are changed in three easy steps, while in sample playback mode:

## Changing the Sample Parameters - Step 1:

While a sample is playing tap the *PARAMETERS BUTTON (28)*. One tap will display 5P 10 00 in the *LCD DISPLAY (1)*. If you tap the *PARAMETERS BUTTON (28)* again, 5V 10 00 will read out in the *LCD DISPLAY (1)*. 5P will signify the pitch percentage and 5V will signify the sample volume. 10 00 is your default setting - Normal playback. Any adjustments will be based on this default setting.

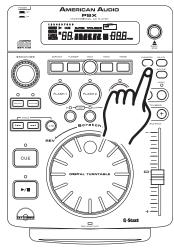
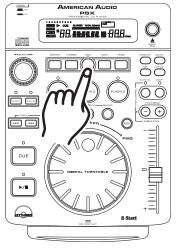


Figure 28



## Changing the Sample Parameters - Step 2:

Hold Function - This mode will allow you to save and lock your parameter adjustments, if the hold function is not activated all your parameter adjustments will be momentary. Once you are in the parameters mode you can begin to make your adjustments.

Figure 29

## Changing the Sample Parameters - Step 3:

Use the JOG WHEEL (14) to change your selected parameters. Turning the wheel in a clockwise rotation will increase your parameters - this will wither increase the volume or increase the pitch. Turning the wheel in a counter-clockwise direction will decrease the parameters value, either decreasing the volume or decreasing the pitch. If you engaged the HOLD BUTTON (2) in the previous step, you would now turn the hold function off to save your settings.

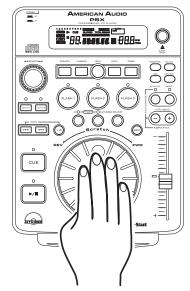
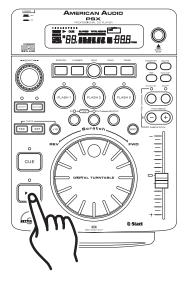


Figure 30

## 13. Creating a BOP Effect:

The Bop Effect is a stutter effect that is similar to turntable scratching. You can use this effect to create tricks in your mixing. Creating a BOP effect is a simple process:



1) Press the *PLAY/PAUSE BUTTON* (15) so music is playing (Figure 31).

Figure 31

2) Press the *IN BUTTON (12)* (Figure 32) at the point you want your BOP to take place.

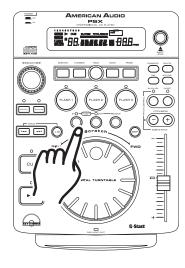
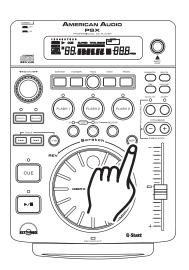


Figure 32



3) Now tap the *BOP BUTTON (20)*. It will produce a stutter effect as quickly as you tap on the *BOP BUTTON (20)*. See Figure 34.

Figure 33

4) When you discontinue the BOP effect normal playback will resume from the point you initial started your BOP.

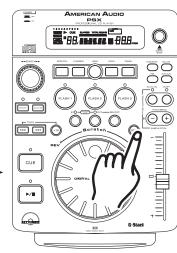


Figure 34

## 14. FLASH START BUTTONS (6):

These button are used to store your samples and cue points. Only a sample or a cue point can be stored into each of these three banks. When a sample is stored in to these banks you may use the sample starting point as a cue point. The *FLASH BUTTONS* instantly recall and play any of your stored samples or cue points without interrupting music playback. When in sample mode, (see "Using the Built-In Sampler" on page 17) and during playback, pressing any of the *FLASH BUTTONS* (6) that stores a sample, will immediately begin to play that sample without interruption of music. If the unit is in sample mode and the drive is not in playback mode, pressing any of the *FLASH BUTTONS* (6) that stores a sample, will immediately begin to play that sample.

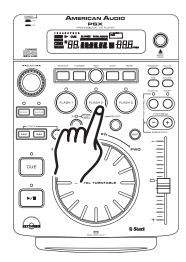
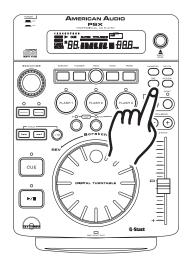


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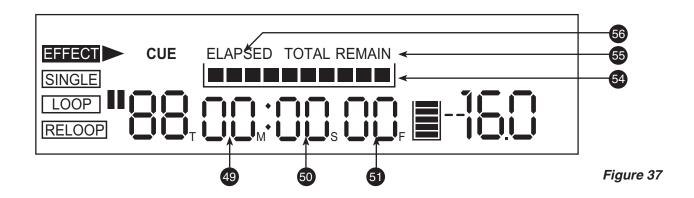
## 15. CHANGING THE TIME DISPLAY (49, 50, & 51)/TIME BAR (54):

DURING NORMAL PLAYBACK, pressing the *TIME BUTTON (25)*, will change the time display information (49, 50, 51, 55, & 57) in the *LCD (1)* see figure 35. The following is a break down of the time settings and their definitions:

- 1) *ELAPSED* (56) This describes the time in the LCD (49, 50, & 51) as the current TRACKS Elapse running time.
- 2) **REMAIN** (55) This describes the time in the LCD (49, 50, & 51) as the current TRACKS remaining running time.
- 3) **TOTAL REMAIN** (55) This describes the time in the LCD (49, 50, & 51) as the disc total remaining running time.

Figure 36

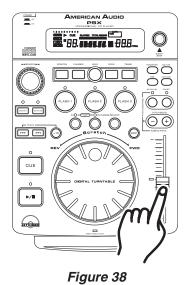
**TIME BAR INDICATOR** - Details the time defined in the *TIME METER (49, 50, & 51)* as a visual bar icon. As with the *TIME METER (49, 50, & 51)* this bar is also dependent on the selected time function [TOTAL REMAIN (55), REMAIN (55) OR ELAPSE (56)]. This bar will begin to flash when a track is ending regardless of which time function you are in. Use the flashing bar as a visual reminder that a track is ending.



## **PITCH ADJUSTMENTS**

#### **PITCH ADJUSTMENTS:**

The different pitch adjustments allow a track's or a loop's playback speed to be manipulated. This speed manipulations is commonly used to beat match between two or more music sources such as a turntable or another CD played. The playback speed may be increased or decreased by a factor of +/-100. The next section details the different pitch manipulation schemes.



#### 1. PITCH SLIDER:

This function will increase or decrease the tracks playback speed or "PITCH." The maximum pitch percentage manipulation in this function is +/-16%. The PITCH SLIDER (17) is used to decrease or increase the playback pitch. If the slider is move up (towards the top of the unit) the pitch will decrease, if the slider is moved down (towards the bottom of the unit) the pitch will increase. The PITCH SLIDER (17) adjustment can be changed to range from +/-8%, +/-12%, or +/-16% (See changing "PITCH SLIDER PERCENTAGE RANGE" on the next page). This pitch adjustments will effect normal playback and loops only when the Pitch On/Off Button (24) is turned on. The pitch adjustments will not effect your samples.

**Activating the Pitch Slider (17):** To activate the *PITCH SLIDER (17)* you must turn on the pitch adjustment function. Press the *ON/OFF BUTTON (24)* located in the pitch control section of the unit. The *ON/OFF BUTTON (24)* LED will glow when the function is activated. If the pitch function is not activated the *PITCH SLIDER (17)* will not function.

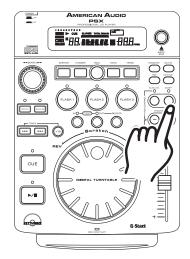
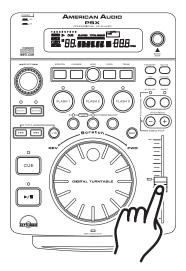


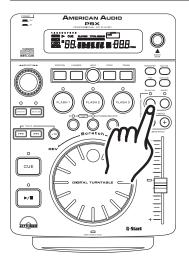
Figure 39



**Using the Pitch Slider (17):** Be sure the pitch function has been engaged as described above. To use the pitch slider (17) slide the slider up and down. Down will increase the pitch and up will decrease the pitch. When the slider is in the center position, a green LED just left of the slider will glow. When this slider is glowing there is zero pitch being applied to the track, regardless if the pitch function is on or off.

Figure 40

## **PITCH ADJUSTMENTS**



Adjusting the Pitch Slider's Range (17): You may change the pitch slider's (17) operating range. To change the operating range be sure the pitch function is turned on, see figure 39. The pitch percentage can be changed between +/-8%, +/-12%, and +/-16%. 8% will allow the least amount of pitch manipulation and 16% will allow the most amount of pitch manipulation. To adjust to the different values tap the 8% 12% 16% BUTTON (23). The LED above the PITCH PERCENTAGE BUTTON (23) will indicate which pitch percentage mode you are in by, glowing green for 8%, glowing orange for 12%, or glowing red for 16%. Note, the pitch percentage must be activated to get a LED reading.

Figure 41

#### 2. PITCH BENDING:

Unlike the *PITCH SLIDER (17)* adjustment this function will momentarily increase or decrease a tracks speed during playback. There are two ways to operate this function with the (-) & (+) *PITCH BUTTONS (21 & 22)* or with the *JOG WHEEL (14)*. The maximum pitch bend percentage allowed is +/- 100%. The pitch bend function will work in conjunction with the *PITCH SLIDER (17)* pitch setting. For example, if the *PITCH SLIDER (17)* is set to a 2% pitch gain the pitch bending process will begin at 2% and will continue to the maximum of +/- 100%.

## NOTE: A -100% pitch manipulation will stop playback entirely.

Holding down or tapping on the (-) PITCH BEND BUTTON (21) will provide a slow down in the playback pitch.

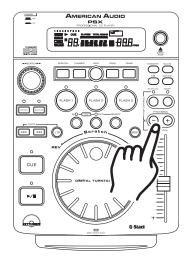


Figure 42

Holding down or tapping on the (+) PITCH BEND BUTTON (22) will provide a speed bump in the playback pitch.

Figure 42

## PITCH BEND BUTTONS (21 & 22):

The (+) PITCH BEND BUTTON (22) will increase track playback speed and the (-) PITCH BEND BUTTON (21) will decrease track playback speed. The extent to which the speed changes is proportionate to the amount of time the button is pressed. For example, if the (+) PITCH BEND BUTTON (22) is held down continuously as in figure 43, the disc speed will increases and will continue to increase until reaches a maximum of 100% speed gain. When you release the (+) PITCH BEND BUTTON (22) the disc speed will automatically return to it's previous set speed.

## **PITCH ADJUSTMENTS**

## JOG WHEEL (14):

The *JOG WHEEL* will temporarily bend the pitch if a track is in playback mode Rotating the wheel in a clockwise direction will increase your track pitch and rotating the wheel in a counter-clockwise direction will slow your track pitch. The speed you rotate the *JOG WHEEL* will determine pitch bend percentage (%). For example, if the *JOG WHEEL* is continuously turned in a counter-clockwise direction the playback speed will steadily decreases and will continue to decrease until playback reaches a maximum of -100% and playback stops entirely. When you stop turning the *JOG WHEEL* the disc speed will automatically return to it's previous set speed.

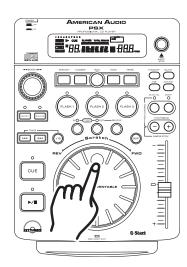
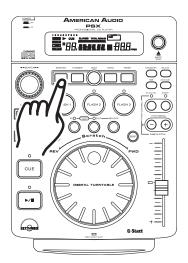


Figure 44

## **BUILT-IN EFFECTS**

The PSX<sup>TM</sup> comes with five built in effects. These effects can be used one at a time or you may choose to overlap the effects and use up to four at a time. The Built-in effects include Scratch, Flanger, Echo, Robot, and Transform. Up to four effects may run at the same time. When any of the effects are activated, the *EFFECT* (42) icon will display in the *LCD* (1). You can choose to use the effects with their default setting or you may choose to customized each effect by changing the parameters. The parameters values for all the effects will range. Some effects will have more adjustable parameters than others. The parameters have two adjustable values, PR (Parameter Ratio) and PV (Parameter volume). *All parameters will be reset to there default values when power is shut off!* 



**SCRATCH EFFECT:** The Scratch effect simulates real time turntable scratching. Pressing *SCRATCH BUTTON (4)* will activate the scratch effect (figure 45). When the Scratch Effect is activated the *SCRATCH BUTTON (4)* will glow. Once the Scratch Effect has been activated the *JOG WHEEL (14)* may be used in the same fashion a turntable platter is used. Use the *JOG WHEEL (14)* to simulate the scratch motion on a turntable platter and to manipulate playback.

Figure 45

**FLANGER EFFECT:** The flanger effect distorts the output signal and creates an effect similar to frequencies phasing in and out of each other. The FLANGER Effect has two adjustable parameters, Parameter Time (PT) and Parameter Ratio (PR). The PT will adjust the Flanger Mode and The PR will adjust the Flanger Frequency Range (see "Parameters" in the next section).

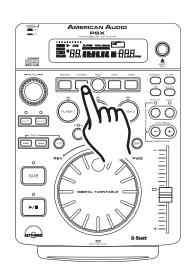


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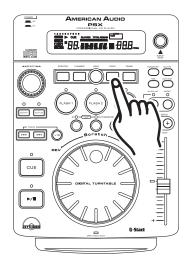


Figure 47

**ECHO EFFECT:** The ECHO effect adds an echo to your output signal. The ECHO Effect has two adjustable parameters, Parameter Time (PT) and Parameter Ratio (PR). The PR will adjust the length of the echo (drop off time), and the PT will adjust the echo gap length (see "Parameters" in the next section).

**ROBOT EFFECT:** The ROBOT effect distorts the output to simulates a sci-fi robot voice. The ROBOT effect is activated in the ECHO parameters (see "Parameters" in the next section). To activate the ROBOT effect select the ECHO effect. After the Echo effect is activated enter the Parameters menu and turn the *HOLD (2)* function on. Set the (PT) value to 0010. After "PT" value has been set, tap the *PARAMETER BUTTON (28)* again to enter into "PR" values menu. Now use turn the *JOG WHEEL (14)* back and forth to create the effect.

## **BUILT-IN EFFECTS**

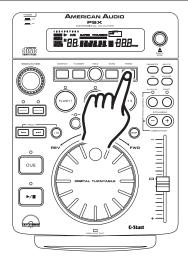


Figure 48

**TRANS EFFECT:** The TRANS effect simulates a real-time mixer transformer effect. Pressing *TRANS BUTTON (29)* will activate the "Transformer" effect (figure 48). When the "Transformer" effect is activated the *TRANS BUTTON (29)* will glow.

**TRANS EFFECT:** The TRANS Effect has two adjustable parameters, Parameter Time and Parameter Ratio. The PT will adjust the Trans Speed and The PR will adjust the Trans Audio Length. The lower the PT value the faster the TRANS effect (PT 0500 = 1/2 second, PT 1000 = 1 second).

#### **PARAMETERS:**

Most the effects have adjustable parameters. The parameters change the way the effect will react. To enter the parameters menu for any of the effects, press the *PARAMETER BUTTON (28)* as in figure 49. When the parameter mode is selected the time display in the *LCD (1)* will change to indicate the parameters. Some effects have more adjustable parameter than others. Pressing the *PARAMETER BUTTON (28)* more than once will advance you to the next parameter adjustment, if there are no other adjustable parameters pressing the *PARAMETER BUTTON (28)* will exit the parameters menu and return the *LCD (1)* to the time display.

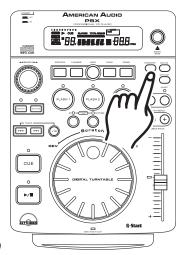
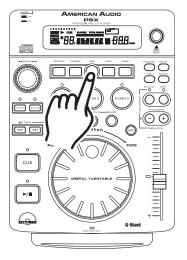


Figure 49



**HOLD BUTTON:** Use the HOLD BUTTON (2) to lock your customized parameters. If the hold button is not activated any changes to your parameters will be momentary. To activate the hold function press the HOLD BUTTON (2) as in figure 50. When the hold function becomes activated, the hold button will begin to glow blue.

Figure 50

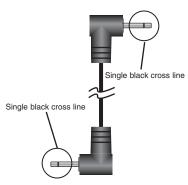
## FLIP -FLOP™

#### FLIP-FLOP™

This feature is kind of "auto pilot". When you are using two PSX<sup>™</sup> players and an American Audio® "Q" Deck<sup>™</sup> mixer, you can have one player begin playback when the other ends. You can "Flip -Flop<sup>™</sup>" single tracks, the entire disc, or a combination of the two.

## To FLIP-FLOP™ single tracks:

- 1) Connect your system as described in the set up section on page 7.
- 2) Set your American Audio® "Q" Deck™ mixer's crossfader to the center position.
- 3) Set your two PSX<sup>™</sup> to playback in single mode, SINGLE (43) should be indicated in the LCD (1).
- 4) Load your two PSX™ with audio disc.
- 5) After they have both cued, press the *PLAY/PAUSE BUTTON (15)* on one of your drive to begin playback.
- 6) After the first player's single track has ended the second player's track will immediately begin playback.
- 7) FLIP-FLOP™ will continue until you stop it or power is interrupted.



**Mono Mini Plug** 

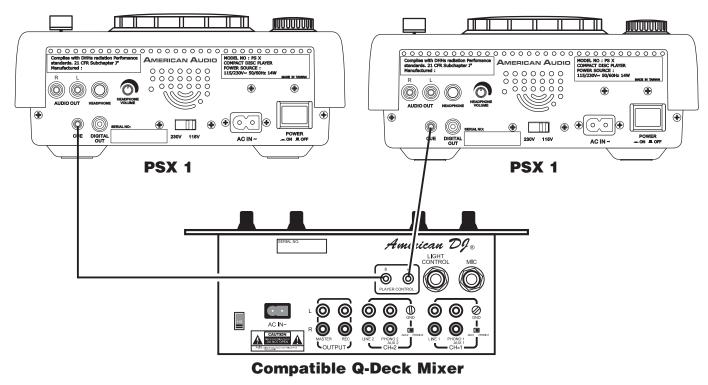
#### To Flip-Flop entire CDs:

Be sure your drives are both in continuous play mode, make sure SINGLE MODE (43) does not appear in the LCD'S (1) of both players. Follow all directions for single track FLIP -FLOP<sup>TM</sup> above. When one player's disc ends the other player will immediately begin playback.

**Note:** You may combine FLIP -FLOP<sup>TM</sup> single and continuously playback modes by selecting either single or continuous playback on your units.

Connecting your PSX<sup>™</sup> to an American Audio® or an American DJ® "Q" Deck<sup>™</sup> mixer for "Flip Flop<sup>™</sup>" control: Be sure to connect 1/8" mono mini plugs from the control connection on the rear your PSX<sup>™</sup> to the 1/8" control jack on the rear of American Audio® "Q" series mixer. That's it, you'll be set for FLIP-FLOP.<sup>™</sup>

Sample "Q" Start Set-Up. This set-up will allow "Q" start functions and Flip-Flop™ function to operate. Be sure to use 1/8" mono mini plugs only.



## **WARRANTY**

## **WARRANTY INFORMATION:**

The PSX<sup>™</sup> carries a TWO year (730 days) limited warranty. This warranty covers parts and labor. Please fill out the enclosed warranty card to validate your purchase and warranty. All returned service items whether under warranty or not, must be freight pre-paid and accompany a return authorization (R.A.) number. If the unit is under warranty, you must provide a copy of your proof of purchase invoice. Please contact American Audio<sub>®</sub> customer support at (800) 322-6337 for a R.A. number. All package not displaying a R.A. number on the outside of the package will be returned to the shipper.

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## **SPECIFICATIONS**

**GENERAL** Model: American Audio® PSX™ - Professional Compact Disc Player

Slot loading, digital compact disc audio player. Type:

Disc type:

Standard size compact discs only (5 in / 12 cm discs) 3 1/4" ~ 4 1/2" H x 8 1/2" W x 10 3/8" L (217.5 mm x 81.8 mm x 306 mm) Dimensions:

Installation: Place on flat surface or mount in flat case

4 1/2 Lbs. / 1 3/4 Kgs AC 115/230V, 50/60Hz 14W Weight: Power supply:

Power consumption:

5 to 35°C 25 to 85% Environmental conditions: Operational temperature: (41 to 95°F)

Operational humidity: (no condensation)

Storage temperaturé: -20 to 60°C (4 to 140°F)

Connecting RCA Cable (2 sets for left and right channels) Control 1/8" miniplug type (3 feet)

#### **AUDIO SECTION**

Accessories:

Quantization: 16 bit linear per channel Sampling rate: 44.1 kHz at normal pitch

8 times Over sampling rate: D/A conversion 16 bit

+/- 1 dB 20 Hz to 20,000 KHz Frequency response:

2.0V +/- 1dB Output level: Load impedance: 47k ohm or more

## AUDIO CHARACTERISTICS (TEST DISC: TCD-782, LOAD=47Kohm)

NOMINAL	LIMIT	CONDITION
2.0Vrms+/-1dB	2.0V+/-1dB	1KHz,0dB
0.5dB	1.0dB	1KHz,0dB
+/-0.5dB	+/-1.0dB	20Hz-20KHz,0dB
+/-2.5dB	+/-3dB	16KHz, -20dB
82dB	75dB	1KHz,ÓdB
0.02%	0.025%	1KHz,0dB
84dB	75dB	1KHz.0dB
10mW	8mW	1KHz,THD=10%
	2.0Vrms+/-1dB 0.5dB +/-0.5dB +/-2.5dB 82dB 0.02% 84dB	2.0Vrms+/-1dB

NOTE: \* With 20KHz low pass filter.

#### SEARCHING TIME (TEST DISC: TCD-792)

ITEM	NOMINAL	LIMITS	CONDITION
Short access time Long access time	1.7sec 3sec	4sec 6sec	Play next track Track 1 ->Track 20 Track 20 ->Track 1

#### **PLAYABILITY**

ITEM	NOMINAL	LIMIT	CONDITION
Interruption	1000um	700um	TCD-725
Black dot	1000um	600um	TCD-725
Finger prints	75um	65um	TCD-725
Eccentricity	210um	140um	TCD-712,713 NO TRACK JUMP
Vertical deviation	1mm	0.54mm	TCD-731R

## PICK-UP

System Object lens drive system optical pick-up

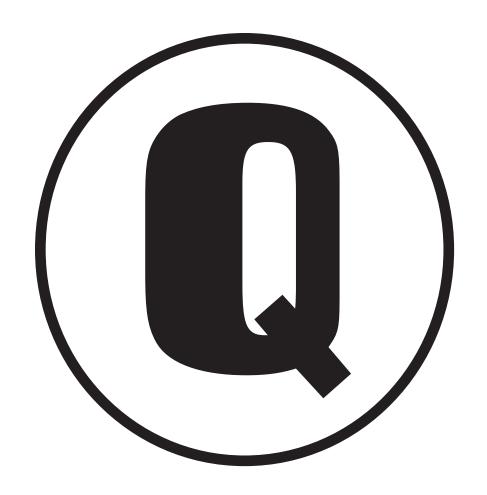
Object lens drive system 2 dimensional parallel drive Tracking detection 3 spot beam detection Optical source Semiconductor laser

Wave length 780nm

#### **NOTES:**

The specifications are subject to change to any improvement by negotiations in advance. The parts are subject to change to any improvement within the range of the specifications.







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