



ECD2

Compact Disc Player

Owners Manual





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Introducing the Perreaux ECD2 Compact Disc Player

Congratulations on your Perreaux ECD2 purchase. To realise the full potential of your unit you need to appreciate all aspects of its operation.

Before installing the ECD2 into your system, read the entire manual carefully. Endeavor to understand every detail by familiarising yourself with the controls and features as you read. You will find it easier to install using the relevant sections of this manual as a reference.

We have attempted to explain every feature and operational facet clearly and concisely. In the event that something is still unclear to you, your Perreaux dealer will be happy to assist you further.

Read this manual, install your unit correctly and realise the sonic significance of your investment in Perreaux.

Perreaux products are designed to provide the utmost in sonic realism and electronic reliability with a functional yet elegant appearance that reflects the care and craftsmanship applied during all stages of construction.

Features at a Glance

- Rugged build quality
- Multiple regulated power supplies
- Dual 20-bit Burr Brown DAC
- HDCD decoding
- High speed processing with 96kHz over-sampling
- Digital output
- Full function infrared remote control

To maintain the consistently high quality that you expect from us, and we expect from ourselves, Perreaux products are handcrafted.

We maintain the human-link throughout, from design and construction, through to the ultimate test, your music, your system, your ears.

Because we too listen to our products, we know that with your Perreaux you will discover many more of the musical secrets we strive to reveal.

From all of us at Perreaux Industries Limited, thank you for choosing the Perreaux ECD2 compact disc player.

Important Safety Instructions

Note: All safety and operation instructions should be read carefully before the ECD2 is operated. Keep the Owners Manual in a safe place for future reference.

- The ECD2 should not be used near water, for example near a bathtub, kitchen sink, in a wet basement, near a swimming pool, etc.
- The ECD2 should be rack mounted only in a heavy-duty rack or stand that is recommended for audio equipment use.
- Mounting to a wall or ceiling should be via a heavy-duty bracket or shelf designed for audio equipment use.
- The ECD2 should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, stoves, or other appliances that produce excessive amounts of heat.
- DO NOT place the ECD2 directly onto carpeted surfaces.
- Avoid exposing the ECD2 to extremely high or low temperatures.
- The ECD2 should be connected to a mains power supply only of the type described in the operating instructions, or as marked on the rear of the unit.
- DO NOT disconnect the mains earth from the system.
- The mains power supply cord should be routed so that it is not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed on or against it.
- The power cord of the ECD2 should be unplugged from the mains outlet when the unit is to be left unused for long periods or when attempting to connect or disconnect cables and before cleaning your unit.
- Care should be taken so that objects and/or liquids do not accidentally fall inside the ECD2.
- Please keep electrical equipment out of reach of children.
- Please unplug sensitive electronic equipment during electrical storms.
- Please replace any fuse with the value and type specified.
- Avoid operating the ECD2 with the cover removed.
- DO NOT bypass any fuse.
- DO NOT attempt to repair the ECD2. In the event of a problem, please contact your Perreaux dealer.

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Unpacking and Placement

Unpacking Procedure

The ECD2 is packaged for maximum protection. Please carefully read the instructions below before proceeding to unpack the unit. Be extremely careful.

- Inspect both ends of the cardboard box and open at the end without the central staple by slitting the reinforced tape at either side.
- Fold back the flaps and tip the package on end and the inner box will slide out.
- Lay the inner box down flat and upright, open it conventionally by separating the top tray from the bottom.
- The product can now be removed from the bottom packaging. This will be easier if you have someone to help you by holding the base of the box.
- Alternately, the bottom tray and player could be tipped upside down and the bottom packaging removed. If opened in this manner, please ensure that you turn the contents over again.

Note: Be very careful to secure the unit if you are planning to flip the package upside down.

- Remove the two white polystyrene protectors off either side of the player , leaving the black material covering.
- Pull back the material and remove the protective black tissue from the front panel.

The player is now unpacked and ready for further installation.

Note: Please retain all packaging material for future transport.

Box Contents

- 1 x ECD2 Compact disc player
- 1 x ECD2 Product manual
- 1 x Perreux remote control
- 2 x AAA batteries
- 1 x Detachable AC power cord

Placing Your ECD2

The ECD2 should generally be placed close to your amplifier, keeping the interconnect cabling short.

If you are like us, the first thing you will want to do is to play your favourite piece of music through your new ECD2. The following instructions are written to enable you to achieve this as quickly as possible. These are not comprehensive instructions, but are designed to enable you to play music now!

Note: Please take the time to read the ECD2 manual thoroughly as it incorporates many features, which will enhance its operation.

Placement

Best results will be achieved when placed on a solid surface. DO NOT place on a carpeted floor or cover the player!

Turn off associated components

This minimises the potential to damage any other components when connecting your ECD2 into the system.

Connect ECD2 to amplifier

Connect the output of the ECD2 to the un-balanced (RCA) inputs at the rear of your amplifier.

Note: Try to keep all interconnect cables as far from loudspeaker cables as possible and well away from all AC mains leads.

Switch on ECD2

After checking the supply voltage compatibility with the voltage rating on the ECD2 rear panel, insert the power cord-set supplied into the rear of the unit and into the wall. Switch on the socket at the wall and power up the ECD2 by depressing the switch on the front panel.

Switch on your amplifier

Make sure your amplifier is connected to the mains and switch it on.

Insert your favourite CD

Open the disc drawer by pressing the 'O/C' button and insert your favourite CD.

Press 'PLAY' on the ECD2

Increase the volume

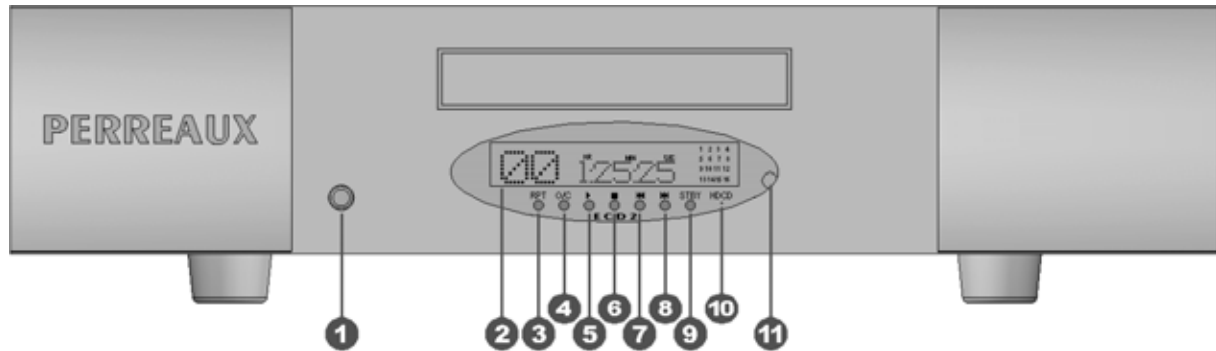
Slowly increase the volume control of your amplifier to achieve a comfortable listening level.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Now that you have achieved your first objective, sit back, relax and please read the rest of the manual at your own pace, in your favourite armchair, whilst sipping a hot cup of coffee. You'll find the whole experience much more pleasurable whilst listening to music.

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Front Panel Functions



1 Power Switch

Depress this switch to turn power ON. Depress the switch again to turn the unit OFF.

2 Vacuum Fluorescent Display

Display provides information regarding the status of the ECD2 and track/time information for the disc being played.

3 'RPT' Button

Allows you to repeat the current track or the entire disc continuously until the feature is cancelled by pressing the RPT button or pressing '■'. The RPT button steps sequentially through the available options. Pressing the button once repeats the current track, displaying REPEAT 1 in the display. Pressing a second time repeats the entire disc, displaying REPEAT ALL in the display. Press a third time to cancel the REPEAT function.

Note: The REPEAT function is automatically cancelled when the disc drawer is opened.

4 'O/C' Button

When the disc drawer is closed, pressing this button opens the drawer. To close the drawer, press the button again. Pressing '▶' or lightly pushing on the drawer itself can also close the drawer. This can also be performed via the remote control.

When the drawer is open, the display reads 'OPEN'. When it is closed with no disc, the display reads 'NO DISC'. When the drawer closes with a disc inserted, the display will show the number of tracks and the total time of the disc.

5 '▶' Button

Press this button to start playing the disc. If the disc drawer is open, it will close automatically. The number of the track being played and the and the elapsed time will be shown in the display, along with the PLAY indicator.

6 '■' Button

This button stops a disc that is playing and resets the player, i.e. if play is resumed, the disc will start over from the first track.

7 '◀◀' Button

Pressing this button returns to the beginning of the current track. Pressing twice quickly in succession returns to the beginning of the previous track. The new track number is shown in the display.

8 '▶▶' Button

Pressing this button advances to the beginning of the next track. The new track number is shown in the display.

9 'STBY' Button

This button puts the ECD2 into STANDBY mode, as indicated by the green standby light. The display goes dark and the unit will not operate.

10 HD CD Indicator

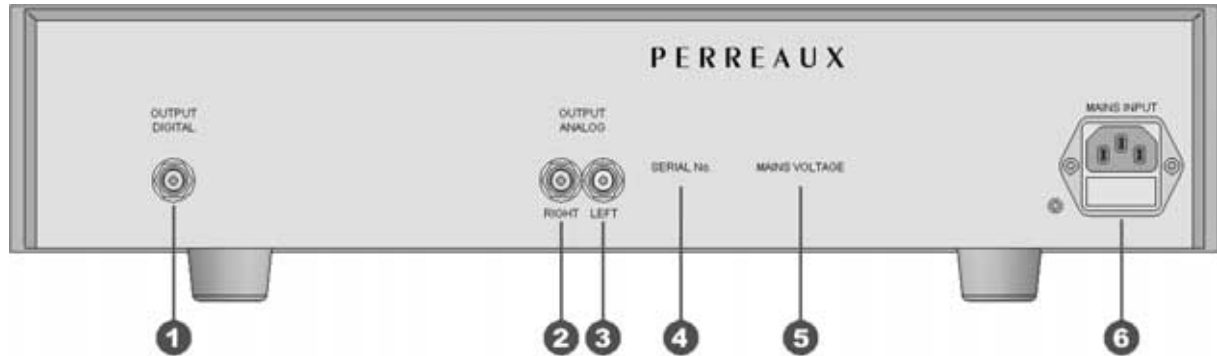
This light will illuminate to indicate that an HD CD encoded disc is being played.

11 IR Sensor

This is the infrared sensor to receive commands transmitted from the remote control.

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Rear Panel Functions



Caution! Please make all changes at minimum volume setting. Only increase the volume after the connections have been made.

1 Digital Output

Using a standard 75Ω coax digital cable with RCA termination, connect the digital output to the coax digital input on the external D/A converter.

These high quality gold plated sockets are highly conductive, corrosion resistant, and provide less potential for corrosion induced distortion.

Refer to Chapter 13 “Specifications” for more details.

2 3 Analog Output

Standard single-ended outputs (RCA) supplying analog signals to the source inputs of an audio preamplifier, integrated amplifier or receiver.

Using quality audio interconnect cables, connect the left channel output of the ECD2 to the left channel input on the preamplifier or other component and the right channel output to the right channel input on the preamplifier or other component.

Refer to Chapter 13 “Specifications” for more details.

4 Serial Number

The serial number is unique to your ECD2. Please record this number and store it in a safe place. For any service related enquiry, please be prepared to quote the product serial number to Perreaux personnel or their service representative.

5 Input Voltage and Fuse Rating

Input Voltage

It is important that the ECD2 be operated from the correct AC mains voltage. This unit is factory set for the voltage applicable to the original country of destination.



The ECD2 will operate satisfactorily within a voltage variation of up to $\pm 5\%$ of that voltage at which the unit has been set.

If you require the voltage setting to be altered, e.g. relocation to another area, city or country, or extraordinarily high or low voltages, please contact your Perreaux dealer. Qualified service personnel can only perform this modification.

Caution! Never attempt to connect the unit to the incorrect voltage. Severe damage can result from applying incorrect voltage to the unit.

Fuse Rating

The fuse rating displayed here, refers to the rating of the mains inlet fuse.

For more information on fuse ratings, please refer to Chapter 13 "Specifications".

Caution! Never replace the fuses with any other ratings other than the one specified.

6 AC Mains Input and Fuse

AC Mains Input

An IEC-standard mains input is provided at the rear of the unit. The AC cord set is removable, allowing you to upgrade to a cord set of your preference.

Caution! Prior to connection to the AC mains, please check the voltage label on the rear panel to ensure that your unit conforms to the power supply in your area. Never attempt to connect the unit to the incorrect voltage. Severe damage can result from applying incorrect voltage to the unit.

Mains Fuse

The ECD2 is equipped with a user serviceable AC mains fuse. In the event of fuse failure, always replace with the same type and value fuse. Remember, fuses do not usually blow without a reason. Any doubts about fuse failure should be conveyed directly to your Perreaux dealer.

For more information on fuse ratings, please refer to Chapter 13 "Specifications".


Caution! This is the ONLY user accessible fuse.
Never replace the fuses with any other ratings other than the one specified on the rear panel.
Always ensure your ECD2 is disconnected from the mains supply before attempting to change the mains fuse.

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Remote Control Functions

The ECD2 comes supplied with a 29 button Perreaux Universal infrared remote control.

The remote control uses 2 x AAA batteries and may be changed by sliding forward the plastic cover located on the bottom of the remote.

Note: Press the white  button on the remote to select the code-set required to control the ECD2.

The ECD2 uses the following functions:

Open/Close

When the disc drawer is closed, pressing this button, labeled O/C, opens the drawer. To close the drawer, press the button again.

When the drawer is open, the display reads 'OPEN'. When it is closed with no disc, the display reads 'NO DISC'. When the drawer closes with a disc inserted, the display will show the number of tracks and the total time of the disc.

Program



Pressing this button, labeled PROG, allows you to memorise as many as 20 tracks on the current disc for playback in a specific order. For example, you could instruct the ECD2 to play track 6, followed by track 10, followed by track 2. To begin a program:

- Insert a disc and close the drawer. The ECD2 will read the contents of the disc.
- Press the PROG button on the remote control. The PROGRAM indicator will show on the display, along with 'P:00' indicating that the unit is waiting for the first track to be memorised.
- Enter the first track number using the DIRECT ACCESS buttons. Your selection will be memorised automatically and the display will change to 'P:01', indicating that one track has been memorised. Continue entering the rest of your selections using the DIRECT ACCESS buttons.

Note: There is no need to press the PROG button, as each selection is memorised as it is entered.


Once you have memorised a play list, the ECD2 remains in PROGRAM mode until the disc drawer is opened or the STOP button is pressed twice in succession. If you press the PLAY button, the memorised program will play instead of the entire disc, starting with the first selection in the memorised list.





Search Backward / **Search Forward**

These buttons, labeled  and , fast reverse or fast forward through the currently playing disc as long as they are pressed.

Direct Access

These numeric buttons are used to directly access a track from the remote control instead of stepping through using the TRACK buttons.

The first ten tracks on a disc can be selected by pressing the corresponding button on the remote control. For example, to play the eighth track, press .

When accessing track numbers greater than 10, press  followed by the track number. For example, to select track 15, press  followed by  and .

The number of the selected track will appear on the display.

There is also a four by four matrix of track numbers (1 – 16) at the right side of the display. This indicates all of the tracks on the disc. If there are more than 16, all of the digits will illuminate, accompanied by the word OVER, regardless of which track is playing. This matrix is independent of the main numeric area of the display, which will always indicate the currently playing track, even if above 16.

The DIRECT ACCESS buttons may also be used to memorise tracks in PROGRAM mode.

Track Forward / **Track Backward**

These buttons are used to select tracks on the disc. When a disc is playing, pressing the TRACK forward button advances to the beginning of the next track. Pressing the TRACK backward button returns to the beginning of the current track. Pressing twice quickly in succession returns to the beginning of the previous track.

Play

Press the PLAY button to start playing the disc. If the disc drawer is open, it will close automatically. The number of the track being played and the elapsed time will be shown in the display, along with the PLAY indicator. Normally, the disc will start playing with the first track. However, you can select a different track using the TRACK buttons or the DIRECT ACCESS buttons before pressing PLAY to start playing a different selection.

Pause

This button is used to temporarily suspend play. The disc continues to spin and play will be resumed from the current position. The PAUSE indicator will show in the display. To resume playing the disc, press the PAUSE button again or press the PLAY button.



Stop

This button stops a disc that is playing and resets the player, i.e. if play is resumed, the disc will start over from the first track. Pressing the STOP button twice in quick succession cancels any programmed selections.



Random

This instructs the ECD2 to play tracks from the entire disc in random order. Once all of the selections have been played once, the disc will stop playing, unless the REPEAT function is utilised, in which case the random play will continue until the STOP button is pressed. When the RANDOM feature is in use, the word RANDOM is shown in the display.

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Special Design Philosophies

Minimalist Design

Perreux has been designing and manufacturing only the highest quality audio componentry for more than a quarter of a century. Technology has continued to evolve rapidly over that time and our knowledge and application of design, materials and manufacturing techniques has advanced in tandem with this. Today's Perreux range comes closer to fulfilling our shared vision than at any other time in the past.

To follow is a discussion on some of Perreux design philosophies that have been incorporated into the entire range.

Leading British architect, John Pawson, writes:

“The Minimum can be defined as the perfection that an object achieves when it is no longer possible to improve it by subtraction. This is the quality that an object has when every component, every detail, and every junction has been reduced or condensed to the essentials. It is the result of the omission of the inessentials”.

Perreux has historically embraced the minimalist ethic from an audio design perspective only. The concept of “less equating to more” has been at the heart of all Perreux audio designs for more than a quarter of a century.

Minimalist Electronics

We wish to maximise the quality of your listening pleasure by keeping the componentry and signal path as uncluttered, short and clean possible. All components in the signal path, even those of the highest quality have an effect on the signal, thereby altering the quality of the reproduction in some way. Our aim is to recreate in its entirety, the original performance by not adding or subtracting anything, irrespective of the source.

Minimalist User Interface

We carefully study the user interface and par down the number of buttons and associated clutter leaving just the essential and no more. How tempting it has been over the years to loose sight of our core values as technology or trends have made it possible. That is one of the reasons why our older products still have such a high resale value today. The user interface has and always will remain simple, free from adornments, clean and uncluttered.

Minimalist Aesthetics

Our products appeal to those who seek the ultimate in audio exclusivity, namely the perfect blend of “form and function”.

“Form and function” are both tough masters. That is why our amplifier heat sinks are not hidden, but instead feature prominently in all our designs. We make no excuses for producing some of the most distinctive high-end audio products on the planet. We let “form and function” blend together in perfect harmony. This surely is the essence of true minimalist utilisation.

Minimalism in a Wider Context

John Pawson writes:

“Clearly simplicity has dimensions to it that go beyond the purely aesthetic: it can be seen as the reflection of some innate, inner quality, or the pursuit of philosophical or literary insight into the nature of harmony, reason, and truth”.

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Special Design Features

Rugged Build Quality

Mechanical strength has been a hallmark of Perreaux products since the company first started production back in 1974. The concept behind the physical design and construction is that each structural member should contribute to both rigidity and performance.

Multiple Regulated Power Supplies

There is a separate regulated power supply for each section of the CD player. One positive supply and one negative supply for the sensitive analog output stage, another one for the DAC section, another for the clock generation of the DAC section and a further supply for the microcontroller and display. The advantage of this is that there is complete isolation from stage to stage, ensuring the analog section is completely free from digital noise.

Dual 20-bit Burr Brown DAC

The ECD2's precision transport is backed up by Burr Brown's PCM1732 digital to analog converter, featuring HDCD decoding. The dual 20-bit, multi-level Delta-Sigma operation with 8x oversampling ensures the ECD2 will deliver a high level of audio performance.

HDCD[®] Decoding

High Definition Compatible Digital™ (HDCD[®]) is an encoding technique that allows a CD to have greater dynamic range, focused 3D soundstage, reduced distortion, and increased detail. When playing HDCD encoded discs, the ECD2 can reproduce as much as 20-bit dynamic range. HDCD discs are identified by an HDCD logo on the package.

No user action is required to play an HDCD encoded disc. The player automatically senses HDCD encoding and enables the necessary circuitry. The HDCD indicator on the front panel will light to indicate that an HDCD disc is being played.

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Maximising System Potential

Interconnects and Speaker Cables

An often-ignored area in high fidelity systems is the cabling connecting the various components. Interconnect leads should be high quality cable with substantial terminations. Gold plate is inherently resistant to corrosion, and an excellent conductor. The presence of corrosion induces distortion and poor conductivity will seriously interfere with sound quality. Terminations must plug snugly into sockets to maintain maximum conductivity and to avoid annoying earthing problems.

Speaker cabling is equally critical. Use only solidly constructed cable of high purity copper or silver content. Again, gold plated terminations are recommended, of the spade or banana plug type. Use cables of equal length and as short as possible to maintain uniform electrical resistance at the lowest possible level. If your amplifier is closer to one of your speakers than the other, avoid coiling the longer lead as this can create inductance, with the potential of reduced high frequency performance. Keep all connections clean, firm and tight. The traditional adage that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link most certainly applies to audio systems.

Positioning Ancillary Equipment

Positioning of your source equipment (tuner, video, disc, tape, record, decks) is important. To avoid airborne frequency peaks, place them well away from your loudspeakers and not in the corners of your listening area.

Final Thoughts

High fidelity systems are an investment deserving of careful thought and personal time. Your preferences, priorities and constraints will dictate the parameters of your purchase, your ears will tell you what is the right choice for you. Our experience tells us that the bitterness of dissatisfaction lingers long after the fragrance of cheap price is forgotten, hence our use of the term – investment.

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Care and Maintenance

The ECD2 has been designed to provide many years of trouble free enjoyment.

Note: Please switch the unit off and remove the cord-set from the rear of the amplifier before attempting to clean your ECD2 in the manner described below.

Never apply liquid directly to the ECD2.

Never use abrasives.

Never rub in a circular motion.

Cover The cover features a durable, high quality powder-coat finish. To remove finger marks and dirt, lightly rub the surface with a soft cloth.

If the dirt is not removed, dip your cloth in a mild solution of soap and water, squeeze excess moisture from it and then gently reapply to the surface.

Stubborn dirt may be removed by the application of a small quantity of methylated spirits, applied directly to the cleaning cloth only and reworking the effected area.

Front Panel Black Powder-coat Finish

The front panel is finished in the same durable powder coat as the cover and can be cleaned in a similar manner, as described above.

Chrome Finish

To remove finger marks and dirt on chrome finishes, lightly rub the surface with a soft cloth containing a very small quantity of isopropyl alcohol (methylated spirits) on it.



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Warranty Information and Obtaining Service

1 Year Limited Warranty

The Perreaux ECD2 is warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use to the original purchaser for a period of 1-year (365) days from the date of purchase from an authorised dealer or distributor.

3 Year Extended Warranty

To extend the warranty on your Perreaux ECD2 to three (3) years from date of purchase, please return a fully completed warranty registration form along with a copy of the original receipt of purchase to:

Perreaux Industries Ltd
PO Box 47413
Ponsonby
Auckland
New Zealand

For the Extended Warranty Registration Form, please refer to Chapter 11.

Warranty Transfer

Perreaux Industries Ltd may, at its discretion, allow the warranty on this product to be transferred. Please contact Perreaux on info@perreaux.com requesting a transfer.

Information on the ECD2 Warranty

If during the warranty period the Perreaux ECD2 exhibits defects in materials and/or workmanship, it will be repaired or replaced, at our option, without charge for either parts or labour. The warranty does not apply to any unit that has been misused, abused or altered.

Any unit that is not performing satisfactorily may be returned to the factory in Auckland, New Zealand for evaluation. Return authorisation must first be obtained by either calling or writing to Perreaux prior to shipping the unit. Perreaux Industries Ltd and its authorised distributors and dealers shall not be held liable for any freight or insurance charges. Freight and insurance charges to and from the Perreaux factory will be the sole responsibility of the owner of the unit.

There is no other express warranty on the ECD2. Neither this warranty nor any other warranty, express or implied, including any implied warranties of merchantability of fitness, shall extend beyond the warranty period. No responsibility is assumed for any incidental or consequential damages.

Obtaining Service

In the event that you are experiencing difficulty with the ECD2, please as a first step, follow the faultfinding procedures in Chapter 12. If after following this procedure, you require further assistance, please contact your Perreaux dealer.



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Extended Warranty Registration Form

Please complete this form and either fax, mail or scan and e-mail it to Perreux Industries Ltd.

Fax: +64 9 815 5981

Mail: Perreux Industries Ltd
PO Box 47 413
Ponsonby
Auckland
New Zealand

E-mail: info@perreux.com

Alternatively, complete the online Warranty Registration Form on our website
– www.perreux.com.



3 Year Extended Warranty Form



Name:

Address:

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Faultfinding Your System

Cause and Elimination of Hum

Hum is a particularly annoying form of noise in any high fidelity system and at some time has been experienced by many of us.

Hum may result from a number of different situations and to make matters worse maybe caused by a seemingly illogical combination of circumstances.

One or more of three specific causes creates hum in the system.

Induced Hum

Hum can be induced into the system from one or more sources and is generally associated with the radiation of noise from one system into another.

Hum and noise can be radiated from any object or system involving AC voltage and current such as power supplies in amplifiers, motors, switching equipment etc. All of these may be found in your hi-fi system or within your own home.

Hum may be induced into any part of the system, so there are no specific instructions that can be given which will offer a guaranteed cure. A good practice to adopt is to keep low-level signal equipment such as phono systems, tuners etc. well away from high-level signal equipment such as power amplifiers. Alternatively, careful designs must be employed to negate these effects on low-level signal equipment. Another good practice to adopt is to keep all signal leads away from power leads.

The practice of neatly tying excess leads together for a tidy looking installation should be resisted, as this could be the cause of induced hum in the system.

Earth Loops

Earth loops are a particularly annoying cause of hum in the system. Earth loops are created by mains frequency current flowing in the screen of signal leads and becomes apparent with the lack of adequate earthing between the various pieces of equipment making up the hi-fi system. This is further compounded by the fact that the equipment earthing considerations vary between different manufacturers and countries.

Perreux products used with equipment manufactured by other manufacturers may cause an earth loop situation, but Perreux products used with other Perreux products will not cause an earth loop situation provided the following precautions are observed:

- The entire hi-fi system must be connected to the same mains/line power outlet. This will ensure that each piece of the system shares the same earth or ground. This rule applies to all installations of all brands of equipment. A preamplifier or power amplifier may be operated from an extension cord plugged into the same mains/line outlet.

- When a piece of equipment is supplied with a three pin mains/line supply lead all three pins must be connected in the correct fashion - see your dealer if in doubt.
- Check all interconnecting signal leads for good connections, both internal connections and firm contact with the sockets. While the centre pin may make firm contact, it is very important that the outer contact is also firm.
- Never remove the earth/ground wire from the mains/line supply of any piece of equipment. This could be hazardous.

Broken Earth Connections

This is a common cause of hum and noise in the system. In many instances, the only way to eliminate the possibility of hum problems arising through a broken earth connection somewhere in the system is to physically check every connection.

Identifying and Isolating Problems

When experiencing a problem, such as one channel not working, or a noise in one channel, it is good practice to adopt a method of isolating the problem to a specific item or area. This practice will assist in diagnosing, curing, or at least advising your technician of the problem and result in a saving of time, money and perhaps frustration.

A logical approach to isolating the probable cause of the problem is to start at the loudspeakers and work back to the music source, eliminating each piece of equipment in turn.

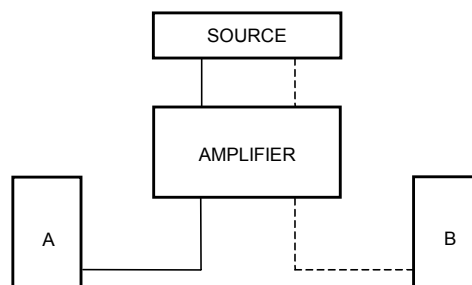
Caution!

Observe precautions regarding volume control settings. Please make all changes at minimum volume setting. Only increase the volume after the connections have been made.

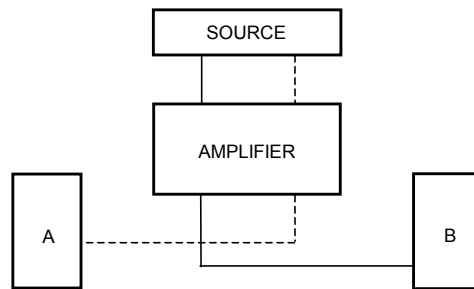
Check that the entire system is connected in the proper manner and that the mains/line supply is connected and switched on.

For clarity during this section, we have labeled one loudspeaker 'A' and the other loudspeaker 'B'. In this example, loudspeaker 'A' appears faulty.

Initial system connections



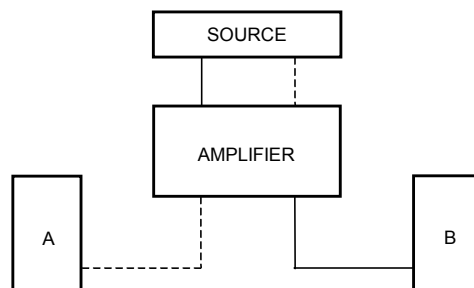
Step 1 – Loudspeakers



Change the loudspeaker leads from one loudspeaker to the other. If the fault remains in loudspeaker 'A', then loudspeaker 'A' is at fault, go no further.

If the fault now appears in loudspeaker 'B' then the problem lies further up the line. Move on to step 2.

Step 2 – Loudspeaker Leads



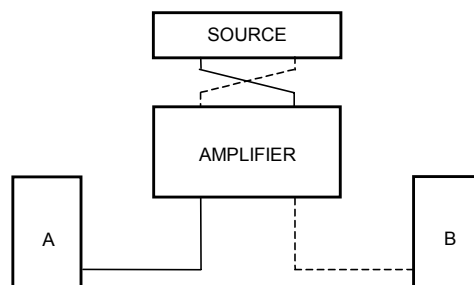
Change the loudspeaker leads completely from left channel to right and from right channel to left by now swapping them at the amplifier output. If the fault now appears in loudspeaker 'B', then that loudspeaker lead is at fault, go no further.

If the fault appears in loudspeaker 'A' then loudspeaker leads are OK. Move on to step 3.

Caution!

Restore the loudspeaker leads to their original connections at both ends.

Step 3a – Inputs (Channels)



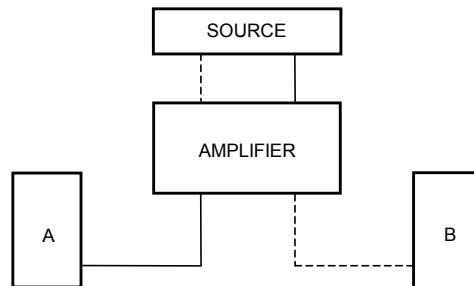
Change the input plugs on the rear of your amplifier, as follows: Change each input source in turn by swapping the plugs left to right and right to left. If the fault changes to loudspeaker 'B' on any one of the selected inputs, then that particular input source is possibly at fault. Move on to step 3b.

If the fault stays in loudspeaker 'A', then it is probable that the fault may exist within the amplifier.

Caution!

Changing of any connectors must be carried out at a minimum volume setting. Only increase the volume after the connections have been changed.

Step 3b – Inputs (Interconnects)



Change the interconnect leads completely from left channel to right and from right channel to left by now swapping them at the source component's output. If the fault stays in loudspeaker 'B', then the interconnect lead is at fault, go no further.

If the fault appears in loudspeaker 'A', then the interconnect lead is OK.

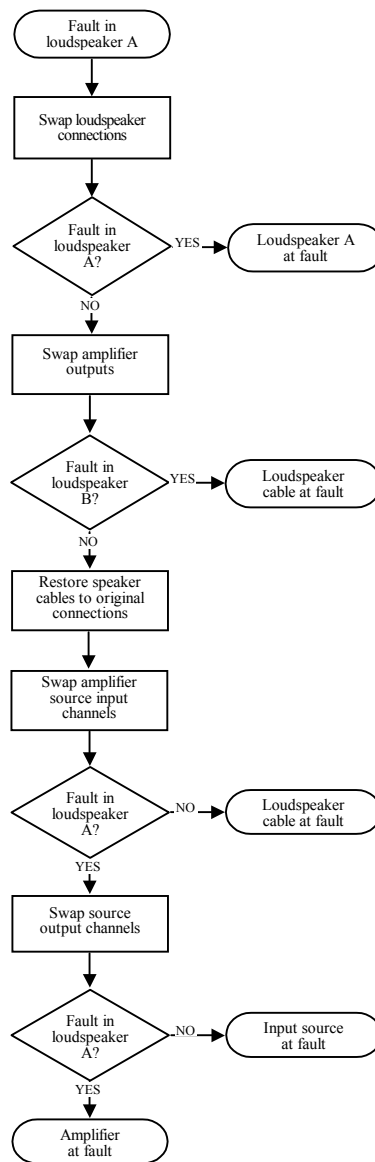
Caution!

Changing of any connectors must be carried out at a minimum volume setting. Only increase the volume after the connections have been changed.

Should the fault prove to be in the amplifier it will be necessary to determine where the fault actually lies. Most of this has been done, for instance, you now know what input/s and what channel is affected. This information will assist your Perreux dealer or service person when or if any service is required.

If the apparent fault is noise in one or both channels and has been localised to the amplifier, it will be necessary to determine whether or not the noise increases with the volume control; whether or not the noise exists when no input at all is connected to the amplifier; and what type of sound the noise is. For example, low frequency humming noise or high frequency hissing noise. This information will also assist your service person in making repairs or adjustments.

Faultfinding Flowchart



Specifications In Brief

The ECD2 specifications are detailed in brief and then subsequently in more detail. In the detailed version, we attempt to explain the significance of each specification.

The correlation between published specifications and sonic quality can be unreliable. A list of numbers reveals virtually nothing. All technical measurements must be subject to qualitative as well as quantitative interpretation. Measurements of the ECD2 reveal excellent results by any standards. Tested at 115V and 230V after a 10 minute warm up period.

Audio Section

Analog Output

Rated Output: 2.0V_{RMS}

Output Impedance: 100Ω

Digital Output

Rated Output: 0.5V_{p-p}

Load Impedance: 75Ω

Frequency Response: 20Hz to 20kHz, ±0.5dB

Total Harmonic Distortion (THD+N)

Rated Output: 0.004% @ 1kHz

Signal to Noise Ratio

Rated Output: >105dB

Dynamic Range: 100dB

Channel Separation: 110dB @ 1kHz

Digital to Analog Converters: Dual 20-bit

Digital Filter: 8x oversampling

Power Consumption: 20W

Audio Connections

Audio Outputs

Analog: 1 pair RCA line level

Digital: 75Ω coax RCA

Other Connections

1 x IEC AC mains input receptacle

Mains Input Voltage

100V, 110V, 120V, 220V, 230V or 240V AC at 50Hz or 60Hz

(Set within the ECD2 at time of manufacture)

Dimensions

Width 425mm (16.7")

Height 88mm (3.5")

Depth 315mm (12.4")

(not including feet, terminals and handles)



Specifications Explained

Fuse Ratings

Mains input fuse

- 100 – 125V: 2SB slow blow 0.5A
- 200 – 250V: 2SB slow blow 0.5A
(user serviceable)

Weight

- Net: 7.0kg (15.4lb)
(CD player only)
- Gross: 10.0kg (22.0lb)
(CD player, accessories and packing material)

Analog Rated Output 2.0V_{RMS}

This is the reference output level to which other specifications, such as signal to noise ratio and total harmonic distortion, are referred.

Analog Output Impedance 100Ω

Output Impedance indicates the ability of the unit to drive the Line Level Output. The low impedance of the ECD2 means that it will drive any combination of cable configuration (length, capacitance, etc.) and component impedance with ease whilst maintaining signal integrity.

Digital Output 0.5V_{p-p}

Indicates the peak-to-peak voltage of the signal from the digital output.

Digital Load Impedance 75Ω

Specifies the load impedance required for the coaxial digital interconnect.

Frequency Response 20Hz to 20kHz, ±0.5dB

Describes the frequency range where the amplitude or strength of the output signal deviates from the source material by no more than 0.5dB

Total Harmonic Distortion (THD+N) 0.004% @ 1kHz

Total Harmonic Distortion + Noise is the percentage of output signal which is made up of frequencies added due to harmonics of the fundamental frequency and noise.

Signal to Noise Ratio..... >105dB

The ratio of desired signal to noise signals present in the output. This figure is referenced to the rated output of the CD player, taking into full account all potentially annoying hum components.

Dynamic Range >100dB

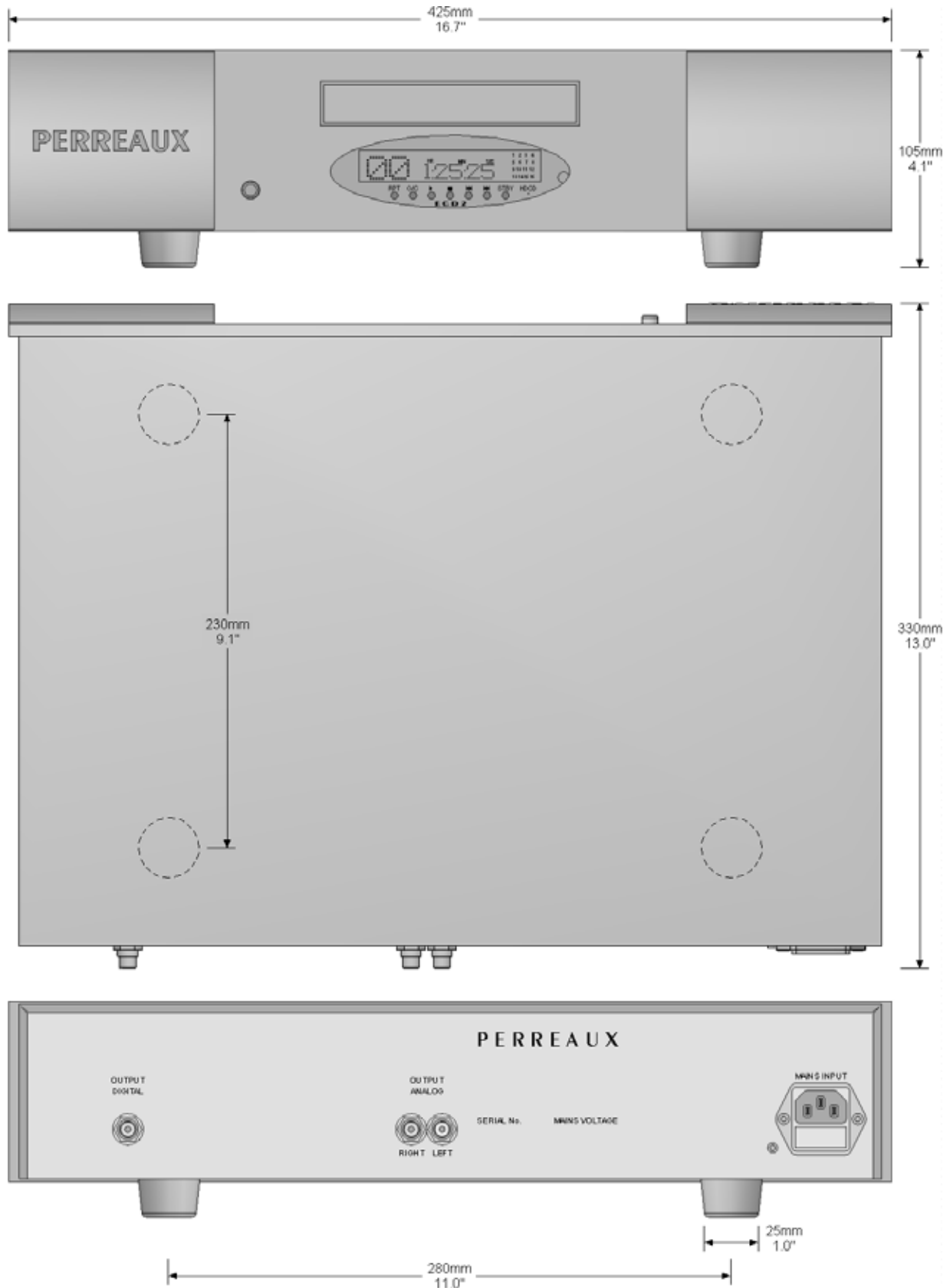
The difference between the loudest and quietest portions of a signal. Due to the increased dynamic range offered by HDCD encoding, this specification must be greater than the 96dB limit inherent in the standard 16-bit CD format.

Channel Separation..... 110dB @ 1kHz

Refers to the immunity of a signal from one channel leaking to the other channel. The higher the value, the better the isolation of the two channels.

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Physical Dimensions





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