



# PH-301

## OPERATING MANUAL

**NOTE:**

Before installing your new PH-301, please read this manual carefully as it will inform you of the PH-301's specifications, proper installation procedures and operation procedures. Also included in this manual are guidelines on how to properly service and care for your new PH-301.

## PH 301 INTRODUCTION

It took over three years of painstaking research, engineering, listening, and refining, before Cary was ready to release the PH-301. But now that it's here, even the most demanding record enthusiasts will realize this exotic unit is dedicated to nothing short of incomparable vinyl playback.

The PH-301 is an all-vacuum tube design utilizing three 12AU7 and two 12AX7 dual triodes. The RIAA equalization curve is derived from a passive RC circuit located between the two gain stages. The PH-301 is supplied with a separate power supply to ensure an extremely quiet operation. It is perfectly matched to any of the high-end Cary integrated amplifiers or pre-amplifiers.

The PH-301 is finished with the beauty and detail that Cary Audio Design is famous for. With its gleaming chrome plated chassis and black anodized front plate, you know immediately it belongs in the Cary family of high-end audio products.

For the analog lover the PH-301 is a magical blend of art and technology that will add to your music listening enjoyment hour after hour. Experience the PH-301, experience what vacuum tubes can do to low output moving coil playback. We believe it will change the way you listen to music. *Forever.*

## SPECIFICATIONS

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| DIMENSIONS:            | 3"H x 7.5"W x 13"D  |
| WEIGHT:                | 16 lbs.   |
| INPUT IMPEDANCE:       | MM - 47 K OHMS<br>MC - 10 K TO 68K adjustable                                       |
| OUTPUT IMPEDANCE:      | 450 OHMS  |
| INPUT TERMINATION:     | FEMALE RCA TYPE   |
| OUTPUT CONNECTION:     | FEMALE RCA TYPE   |
| AC POWER REQUIREMENTS: | 117/234 VOLTS 50-60 HZ  |
| POWER CONSUMPTION:     | 15 WATTS  |
| TUBE COMPLIMENT:       | 2 - 12AU7 MC GAIN STAGE<br>2 - 12AX7 RIAA EQUALIZER<br>1 - 5814 BUFFER OUTPUT STAGE |
| HUM AND NOISE:         | -76dB   |
| EQUALIZATION CURVE:    | RIAA CURVE +/- .5dB   |
| CIRCUIT TYPE:          | SINGLE-ENDED CLASS A  |
| RESISTORS:             | 1% METAL FILM   |
| GAIN MM:               | 42dB  |
| MC:                    | 60dB  |
| CAPACITORS:            | POLYPROPYLENE   |
| POWER TRANSFORMER:     | 1 EI LAMINATE, 200% DUTY CYCLE  |
| WARM-UP TIME:          | 3 MINUTES   |
| BREAK-IN TIME:         | 100 HOURS   |
| FINISH:                | Black anodized face plate with chrome plate/stainless steel chassis.                |

## INSTALLATION

- Step 1:** Plug the male connector of the PH 301 into the female connector of the PH 301 power pack. Be sure to line up the pins.
- Step 2:** Plug turntable output connectors into respective left and right inputs and connect turntable ground wire to the ground post on the rear of the chassis.
- Step 3:** Flip the switch, located on the rear of the PH-301, in the direction of the corresponding input (MM or MC).
- Step 4:** Plug interconnects into respective left and right outputs and route to the auxiliary inputs on the rear of a pre-amp or integrated amplifier.
- Step 5:** After completing steps 1-4, flip the switch on the power pack down. Plug in the AC power cord and then flip the switch up. You are now ready to listen.

### **WARNING**

**DO NOT PLAY YOUR NEW PH-301 WITH THE BOTTOM COVER REMOVED  
BECAUSE VOLTAGES CONTAINED INSIDE MAY BE LETHAL!!!!**

## UNPACKING

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

Carefully remove your new PH-301 from its packing carton, and examine it closely for signs of shipping damage. It is recommended to save all original packing cartons to protect your amplifier from damage should you wish to store it or ship it for after-sales service.

## WARRANTY CARD

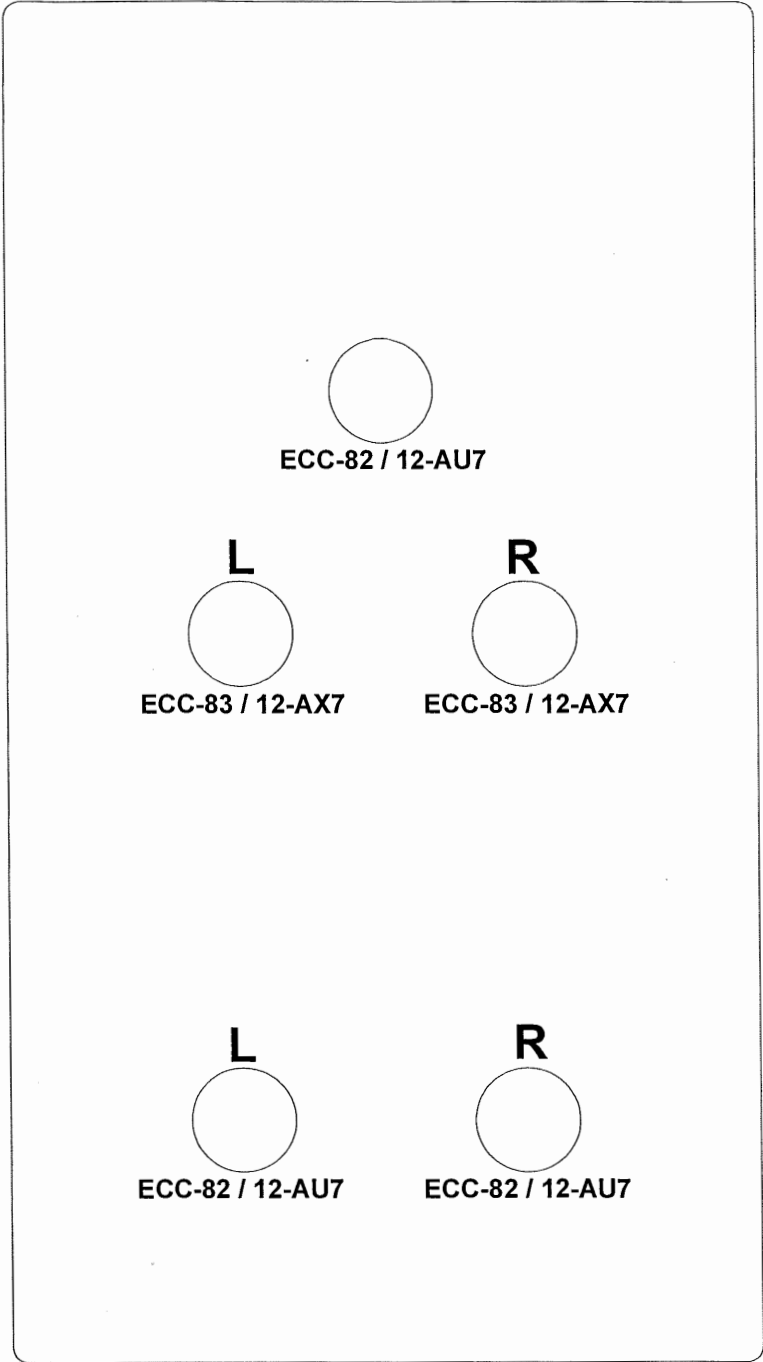
Fill out the enclosed warranty registration card and return it to Cary Audio Design, Inc. within 10 days of original purchase. Keep your original sales slip with the packing cartons should you ever need it for reference. Failure to register warranty will limit the warranty to one year.

### **BREAK-IN PERIOD**

The tubes and capacitors take approximately 100 hours of music playing to fully settle in for peak performance. The PH-301 will seem sterile or thin sounding right out of the box. After the first couple of hours you will notice increased depth and tighter bass. This break-in period defies all engineering theory, but is true with most audio amplifiers.

### **WARNING**

**MAKE SURE PH-301 IS UNPLUGGED FROM POWER PACK BEFORE  
SERVICING.**



**PH-301 Tube Placement Sheet**

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

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- (2) Misuse, abuse, neglect or improper installation.
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