KENWOOD

CD-RECEIVER

KDC-229 KDC-129 KDC-129S

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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Scan Play Random Play

AWARNING

To prevent injury or fire, take the following precautions:

• To prevent a short circuit, never put or leave any metallic objects (such as coins or metal tools) inside the unit

ACAUTION

To prevent damage to the machine, take the following precautions:

- Make sure to ground the unit to a negative 12V DC power supply.
- Do not install the unit in a spot exposed to direct sunlight or excessive heat or humidity. Also avoid places with too much dust or the possibility of water splashing.
- Do not set the removed faceplate or the faceplate case in areas exposed to direct sunlight, excessive heat or humidity. Also avoid places with too much dust or the possibility of water splashing.
- To prevent deterioration, do not touch the terminals of the unit or faceplate with your fingers.
- Do not subject the faceplate to excessive shock, as it is a piece of precision equipment.
- When replacing a fuse, only use a new one with the prescribed rating. Using a fuse with the wrong rating may cause your unit to malfunction.
- Do not use your own screws. Use only the screws provided. If you use the wrong screws, you could damage the unit.

Attach the panel while you are on the vehicle

The panel lock arm will be appeared when the panel is removed. Therefore, the panel must be attached during the driving.

Do Not Load 8 cm (3 in.) CDs in the CD

If you try to load a 8 cm (3 in.) CD with its adapter into the unit, the adapter might separate from the CD and damage the unit.

Lens Fogging

Right after you turn on the car heater in cold weather, dew or condensation may form on the lens in the CD player of the unit. Called lens fogging, CDs may be impossible to play. In such a situation, remove the disc and wait for the condensation to evaporate. If the unit still does not operate normally after a while, consult your Kenwood dealer

Notes

- · If you experience problems during installation, consult your Kenwood dealer.
- If the unit fails to operate properly, press the Reset button. The unit returns to factory settings when the Reset button is pressed.



• The illustrations of the display and the panel appearing in this manual are examples used to explain more clearly how the controls are used. Therefore, what appears on the display in the illustrations may differ from what appears on the display on the actual equipment, and some of the illustrations on the display may represent something impossible in actual operation.

Cleaning the Unit

If the faceplate of this unit is stained, wipe it with a dry soft cloth such as a silicon cloth. If the faceplate is stained badly, wipe the stain off with a cloth moistened with neutral cleaner, then wipe neutral detergent off.



 Applying spray cleaner directly to the unit may affect its mechanical parts. Wiping the faceplate with a hard cloth or using a volatile liquid such as thinner or alcohol may scratch the surface or erases characters.

Cleaning the Faceplate Terminals

If the terminals on the unit or faceplate get dirty, wipe them with a dry, soft cloth.

The marking of products using lasers (Except for some areas)

CLASS 1 LASER PRODUCT

The label is attached to the chassis/case and savs that the component uses laser beams that have been classified as Class 1. It means that the unit is utilizing laser beams that are of a weaker class. There is no danger of hazardous radiation outside the unit

Handling CDs

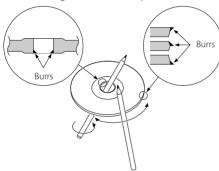
• Don't touch the recording surface of the CD.



- CD-R and CD-RW are easier to damage than a normal music CD. Use a CD-R or a CD-RW after reading the caution items on the package etc.
- Don't stick tape etc. on the CD. Also, don't use a CD with tape stuck on it.

When using a new CD

If the CD center hole or outside rim has burrs, use it after removing them with a ball pen etc.

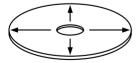


CD accessories

Don't use disc type accessories.

CD cleaning

Clean from the center of the disc and move outward.



Removing CDs

When removing CDs from this unit pull them out horizontally.

CDs that can't be used

CDs that aren't round can't be used.





- CDs with coloring on the recording surface or that are dirty can't be used.
- This unit can only play the CDs with

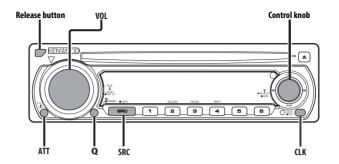


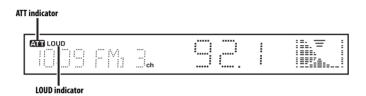
It may not correctly play discs which do not have the mark.

• A CD-R or CD-RW that hasn't been finalized can't be played. (For the finalization process refer to your CD-R/CD-RW writing software, and your CD-R/CD-RW recorder instruction manual.)

CD storage

- Don't place them in direct sunlight (On the seat or dashboard etc.) and where the temperature is
- · Store CDs in their cases.





Power

Turning ON the Power

Press the [SRC] button.

Turning OFF the Power

Press the [SRC] button for at least 1 second.

Selecting the Source

Press the [SRC] button.

Source required	Display	
Tuner	"TUnE"	
CD	"CD"	
Standby (Illumination only mode)	"STBY"	

Volume

Increasing Volume

Turn the [VOL] knob clockwise.

Decreasing Volume

Turn the [VOL] knob counterclockwise.

Attenuator

Turning the volume down quickly.

Press the [ATT] button.

Each time the button is pressed, the Attenuator turns ON and OFF.

When it's ON, the "ATT" indicator blinks.

System Q

You can recall the best sound setting preset for different types of music.

1 Select the source to set Press the [SRC] button.

2 Select the Sound type Press the [O] button.

Each time the button is pressed, the sound setting switches.

Sound setting	Display
Natural	"FLAT"
Rock	"ROCK"
Pops	"POPS"
Easy	"EASY"
Top 40	"TP40"
Jazz	"JAzz"



- "USER": The values set on the <Audio Control> (page 7). When the System Q setting is changed, the Bass, Middle, and Treble set in audio control replace the System Q values.
- Each setting value is changed with the <Speaker Setting> (page 8).

First, select the speaker type with the Speaker setting.

Audio Control

- 1 Select the source for adjustment Press the [SRC] button.
- 2 Enter Audio Control mode Press the [VOL] knob.
- 3 Select the Audio item for adjustment Press the [VOL] knob.

Each time the knob is pressed, the items that can be adjusted switch as shown below.

4 Adjust the Audio item Turn the [VOL] knob.

Adjustment Item	Display	Range
Bass level	"BAS"	-8 +8
Middle level	"MID"	-8 +8
Treble level	"TRE"	-8 +8
Balance	"BL"	Left 15 — Right 15
Fader	"FD"	Rear 15 — Front 15

5 Exit Audio Control mode Press any button.

Press the button which is not [VOL] knob and [ATT] button.

Audio Setup

Setting the Sound system, such as Volume offset and Loudness

- 1 Select the source for adjustment Press the [SRC] button.
- 2 Enter Audio Setup mode Press the [VOL] knob for at least 1 second.
- 3 Select the Audio Setup item for adjustment Press the [VOL] knob.

Fach time the knob is pressed, the items that can be adjusted switch as shown below.

4 Adjust the Audio setup item Turn the [VOL] knob.

Adjustment Item	Display	Range	
Volume offset	"V-0F"	-8 ± 0	
Loudness	"LOUD"	ON/OFF	



- Volume offset: Fach source's volume can be set as a difference from the basic volume.
- Loudness: Compensating for low and high tones during low volume. When it's ON, "LOUD" indicator is ON.
- 5 Exit Audio Setup mode Press the [VOL] knob for at least 1 second.

Speaker Setting

Fine-tuning so that the System Q value is optimal when setting the speaker type.

1 Enter Standby

Press the [SRC] button.

Select the "STBY" display.

2 Enter Speaker Setting mode Press the [VOL] knob.

3 Select the Speaker type Turn the [VOL] knob.

Each time the knob is turned, the setting switches as shown below.

Speaker type	Display	
OFF	"SP-F"	
For 5 & 4 in. speaker	"SP-5"	
For 6 & 6x9 in. speaker	"SP-6"	
For the OEM speaker	"SP-0"	

4 Exit Speaker Setting mode Press the [VOL] knob.

Clock Display

Press the [CLK] button.

Each time the button is pressed, the clock display turns ON and OFF.

Adjusting Clock

1 Enter Standby

Press the [SRC] button.

Select the "STBY" display.

2 Select the clock display Press the [CLK] button.

3 Enter clock adjustment mode

Press the [CLK] button for at least 2 seconds.

The clock display blinks.

4 Adjust the hours

Push the Control knob to [FM] or [AM].

Adjust the minutes

Push the Control knob to [I◀◀] or [▶▶I].

5 Exit clock adjustment mode Press the [CLK] button.

Dimmer Control

You can change the unit's display to dimmer.

Press the [ATT] button for at least 1 second.

Each time the button is pressed for 1 second, the Dimmer contol turns ON and OFF. When it's ON, "on DI" is displayed.

DSI (Disabled System Indicator)

A red indicator will blink on the unit after the faceplate is removed, warning potential thieves.

1 Turn the power OFF

Press the [SRC] button for at least 1 second.

2 Set the DSI

While pressing the [1] and [3] button, press the [SRC] button.

Release your fingers from the button after the display is appeared.

Each time the step 1 and 2 operations are done, the DSI turns ON and OFF.

Theft Deterrent Faceplate

The faceplate of the unit can be detached and taken with you, helping to deter theft.

Removing the Faceplate

Press the Release button

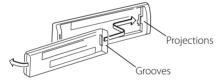
The faceplate is unlocked, allowing you to detach



- · The faceplate is a precision piece of equipment and can be damaged by shocks or jolts. For that reason, keep the faceplate in its special storage case while detached.
- Do not expose the faceplate or its storage case to direct sunlight or excessive heat or humidity. Also avoid places with too much dust or the possibility of water splashing.

Reattaching the Faceplate

1 Align the projections on the unit with the grooves on the faceplate.



2 Push the faceplate in until it clicks.

The faceplate is locked in place, allowing you to use the unit.

TEL Mute

The audio system automatically mutes when a call comes in.

When a call comes in

"CALL" is displayed.

The audio system pauses.

Listening to the audio during a call

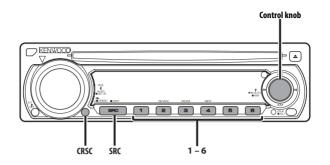
Press the [SRC] button.

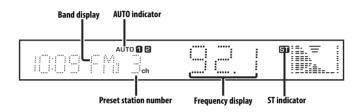
The "CALL" display disappears and the audio system comes back ON.

When the call ends

Hang up the phone.

The "CALL" display disappears and the audio system comes back ON.





Tuning

Selecting the station.

1 Select tuner source Press the [SRC] button.

Select the "TUnE" display.

2 Select the band Push the Control knob to [FM] or [AM].

Each time the knob is pushed to [FM], it switches between the FM1, FM2, and FM3 bands.

3 Tune up or down band Push the Control knob to [◄◄] or [▶▶1].



· During reception of stereo stations the "ST" indicator is ON.

Tuning Mode

Choose the tuning mode.

Press the control knob.

Each time the knob is pressed, the Tuning mode switches as shown below.

Tuning mode	Display	Operation
Auto seek	"AUTO 1" indicator	Automatic search for a station.
Preset station seek	"AUTO 2" indicator	Search in order of the stations in the Preset memory.
Manual	_	Normal manual tuning control.

Station Preset Memory

Putting the station in the memory.

- 1 Select the band Push the Control knob to [FM] or [AM].
- 2 Select the frequency to put in the memory Push the Control knob to [I◄◄] or [▶▶I].
- 3 Put the frequency in the memory Press the desired [1] — [6] button for at least 2 seconds.

The preset number display blinks 1 time. On each band, 1 station can be put in the memory on each [1] — [6] button.

Auto Memory Entry

Putting stations with good reception in the memory automatically.

- 1 Select the band for Auto Memory Entry Push the control knob to [FM] or [AM].
- 2 Open Auto Memory Entry Press the Control knob for at least 2 seconds.

When 6 stations that can be received are put in the memory Auto Memory Entry closes.

Preset Tuning

Calling up the stations in the memory.

- 1 Select the band Push the Control knob to [FM] or [AM].
- 2 Call up the station Press the desired [1] — [6] button.

CRSC (Clean Reception System Circuit)

Temporarily have reception switched from stereo to mono to reduce multi-path noise when listening to the FM station.

Press the [CRSC] button for at least 1 second.

Each time the button is pressed, CRSC turns ON. and OFF

When it's ON, "on CRSC" is displayed.

Frequency Step Setting

Changing the tuning frequency step. The original setting is FM band 50 kHz, and AM band 9 kHz.

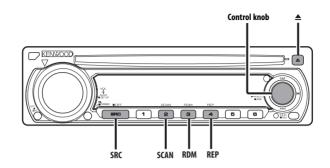
- 1 Turn the power OFF Press the [SRC] button for at least 1 second.
- 2 Switch the frequency step While pressing the [1] and [5] button, press the [SRC] button.

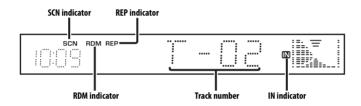
Release your fingers from the button after the display is appeared.

The frequency step changes to FM band 200 kHz, and AM band 10 kHz.



- · When the same operation is repeated, it returns to the original setting.
- When the frequency step is switched, the frequencies in the memory are deleted.





Playing CD

When a disc is inserted

Press the [SRC] button.

Select the "CD" display.



· When a CD is inserted, the "IN" indicator is ON.

Pause and play

Press the control knob.

Each time the knob is pressed, it pauses and plays.

Eiect the CD

Press the [▲] button.

Fast Forwarding and Reversing

Fast Forwarding

Hold down on [►►I] of the Control knob.

Release your finger to play the disc at that point.

Reversina

Hold down on [◄◄] of the Control knob.

Release your finger to play the disc at that point.

Track Search

Selecting the song you want to hear.

Push the Control knob to [I◀◀] or [▶▶I].

Track Repeat

Replaying the song you're listening to.

Press the [REP] button.

Each time the button is pressed, the Track Repeat turns ON and OFF.

When it's ON, the "REP" indicator is ON.

Scan Play

Playing the first part of each song on the disc you are listening to and searching for the song you want to listen to.

1 Start Scan Play

Press the [SCAN] button.

"SCN" indicator is ON.

2 Release it when the song you want to listen to is played

Press the [SCAN] button.

Random Play

Playing all the songs on the disc in random order.

Press the [RDM] button.

Each time the button is pressed, Random Play turns ON and OFF.

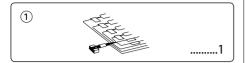
When it's ON, the "RDM" indicator is ON.



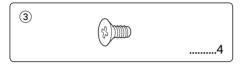
 When the Control knob is pushed to [►►I], the next song select starts.

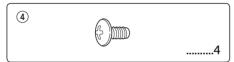
Accessories/Installation Procedure

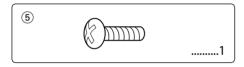
Accessories











Installation Procedure

- 1. To prevent a short circuit, remove the key from the ignition and disconnect the

 battery.
- 2. Make the proper input and output wire connections for each unit.
- 3. Connect the speaker wires of the wiring harness.
- 4. Connect the wiring harness wires in the following order: ground, battery, ignition.
- 5. Connect the wiring harness connector to the unit.
- 6. Install the unit in your car.
- 7. Reconnect the

 battery.
- 8. Press the reset button.

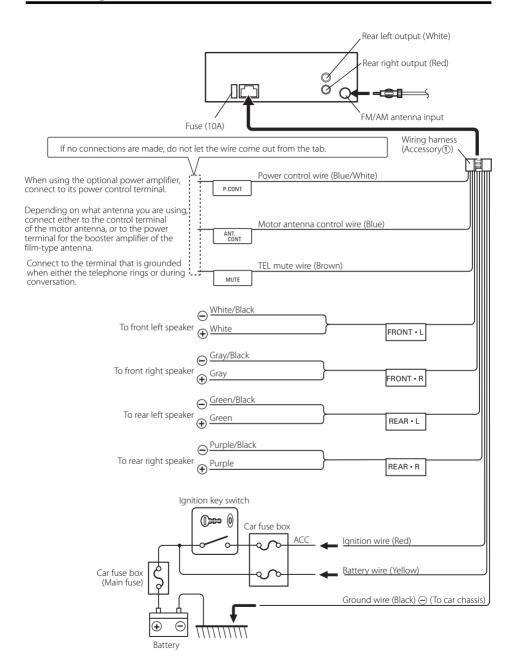
AWARNING

If you connect the ignition wire (red) and the battery wire (yellow) to the car chassis (ground), you may cause a short circuit, that in turn may start a fire. Always connect those wires to the power source running through the fuse box.



- If the power is not turned ON (or it is ON, but will be OFF) immediately), the speaker wire may have a short-circuit or touched the chasis of the vehicle and the protection function may have been activated. Therefore, the speaker wire should be checked.
- If your car's ignition does not have an ACC position. connect the ignition wires to a power source that can be turned on and off with the ignition key. If you connect the ignition wire to a power source with a constant voltage supply, as with battery wires, the battery may die.
- · If the console has a lid, make sure to install the unit so that the faceplate will not hit the lid when closing and openina.
- If the fuse blows, first make sure the wires aren't touching to cause a short circuit, then replace the old fuse with one with the same rating.
- Insulate unconnected wires with vinvl tape or other similar material. To prevent a short circuit, do not remove the caps on the ends of the unconnected wires or the terminals
- Connect the speaker wires correctly to the terminals to which they correspond. The unit may be damaged or fail to work if you share the \bigcirc wires or ground them to any metal part in the car.
- · When only two speakers are being connected to the system, connect the connectors either to both the front output terminals or to both the rear output terminals (do not mix front and rear). For example, if you connect the (+) connector of the left speaker to a front output terminal, do not connect the

 connector to a rear output terminal.
- After the unit is installed, check whether the brake lamps. blinkers, wipers, etc. on the car are working properly.
- · Mount the unit so that the mounting angle is 30° or less.



non-Japanese cars

Metal mounting strap (commercially available) Firewall or metal support Bend the tabs of the mounting sleeve with a screwdriver or similar utensil and attach it in place. Self-tapping screw (commercially available)

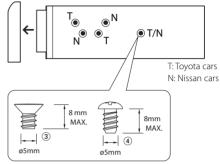


Screw (M4X8) (commercially available)

· Make sure that the unit is installed securely in place. If the unit is unstable, it may malfunction (for example, the sound may skip).

Japanese cars

- **1** Refer to the section < Removing the hard rubber frame> (page 18) and then remove the hard rubber frame.
- **2** Align the holes in the unit (two locations on each side) with the vehicle mounting bracket and secure the unit with the accessory screws.



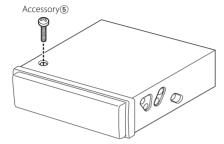
Accessory(3)...for Nissan car Accessory 4 ... for Toyota car



- During installation, do not use any screws except for those provided. The use of different screws might result in damage to the main unit.
- · Damage may occur if a screwdriver or similar tool is used with excessive force during the installations.

Screwing the Faceplate on the Unit

If you want to fasten the faceplate to the main unit so that it does not fall off, screw in the provided screws in the holes shown below.

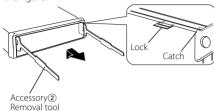




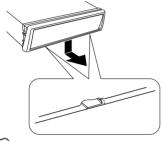
Never insert the screw in any other screw hole than the one specified. If you screw them in another hole, it will contact and may cause damage to the mechanical parts inside the unit.

Removing the hard rubber frame

1 Engage the catch pins on the removal tool and remove the two locks on the upper level. Upper the frame and pull it forward as shown in the figure.



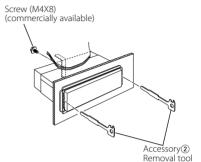
2 When the upper level is removed, remove the lower two locations



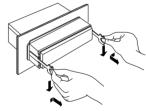
· The frame can be removed from the bottom side in the same manner.

Removing the Unit

- **1** Refer to the section < Removing the hard rubber frame> (page 18) and then remove the hard rubber frame.
- **2** Remove the screw (M4 \times 8) on the back panel.
- **3** Insert the two removal tools deeply into the slots on each side, as shown.

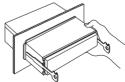


4 Lower the removal tool toward the bottom, and pull out the unit halfway while pressing towards the inside.





- Be careful to avoid injury from the catch pins on the removal tool.
- **5** Pull the unit all the way out with your hands, being careful not to drop it.



Troubleshooting Guide

What might seem to be a malfunction in your unit may just be the result of slight misoperation or miswiring. Before calling service, first check the following table for possible problems.

General

? The power does not turn ON.

- The fuse has blown.
 - After checking for short circuits in the wires. replace the fuse with one with the same
- The speaker wire has a short-circuit or touches the chassis of the vehicle, and then the protection function is activated
 - Wire or insulate the speaker cable properly and press the reset button.

? There's a source you can't switch.

- ✓ There's no media inserted.
 - Set the media you want to listen to. If there's no media in this unit, you can't switch to each

? The memory is erased when the ignition is turned OFF.

- ✓ The ignition and battery wire are incorrectly connected.
 - Connect the wire correctly, referring to the section on <Connecting Wires to Terminals>.

? The TEL mute function does not work.

The TEL mute wire is not connected properly. Connect the wire correctly, referring to the section on <Connecting Wires to Terminals>.

? The TEL mute function turns ON even though the TEL mute wire is not connected.

- ✓ The TEL mute wire is touching a metal part of the
 - Pull the TEL mute wire away from the metal part of the car.

? Even if Loudness is turned ON, high-pitched tone isn't compensated for.

- Tuner source is selected.
 - High-pitched tone isn't compensated for when in Tuner source.

? No sound can be heard, or the volume is low.

- ✓ The fader or balance settings are set all the way to one side
 - Center the fader and balance settings.
- ✓ The input/output wires or wiring harness are connected incorrectly.
 - Reconnect the input/output wires or the wiring harness correctly. See the section on <Connecting Wires to Terminals>.
- The values of Volume offset are low.
 - Turn up the Volume offset, referring to the section on <Audio Setup> (page 7).

? The sound quality is poor or distorted.

- ✓ One of the speaker wires is being pinched by a screw in the car.
 - Check the speaker wiring.
- The speakers are not wired correctly.
 - Reconnect the speaker wires so that each output terminal is connected to a different speaker.

Tuner source

? Radio reception is poor.

- ✓ The car antenna is not extended.
 - Pull the antenna out all the way.
 - The antenna control wire is not connected.
 - Connect the wire correctly, referring to the section on <Connecting Wires to Terminals>.

Disc source

? The specified disc does not play, but another one plays instead.

- ✓ The specified CD is guite dirty.
 - Clean the CD.
- ✓ The disc is loaded in a different slot from that specified.
 - Eject the disc magazine and check the number for the specified disc.
- The disc is severely scratched.
 - Try another disc instead.

? A CD ejects as soon as it is loaded.

- ✓ The CD is quite dirty.
 - Clean the CD, referring to the CD cleaning of the section on <About CDs> (page 5).

? Can't remove disc.

- ✓ The cause is that more than 10 minutes has. elapsed since the vehicle ACC switch was turned OFF
 - The disc can only be removed within 10 minutes of the ACC switch being turned OFF. If more than 10 minutes has elapsed, turn the ACC switch ON again and press the Eject button.

? The disc won't insert.

- ✓ There's already another disc inserted.
 - Press the [▲] button and remove the disc.

? Direct Search can't be done.

- ✔ Another function is ON.
 - Turn Random Play or other functions OFF.

? Track Search can't be done.

- ✔ For the discs/folders first or last song.
 - For each disc/folder, Track Search can't be done in the backward direction for the first song or in the forward direction for the last song.

Troubleshooting Guide

The messages shown below display your systems condition.

E-04: The CD is quite dirty. The CD is upside-

down. The CD is scratched a lot.

Clean the CD and load it correctly.

E-99: The unit is malfunctioning for some reason.

Press the reset button on the unit. If the "E-99" code does not disappear, consult

your nearest service center.

IN (Blink): The CD player section is not operating

properly.

Reinsert the CD. If the CD cannot be ejected or the display continues to flash even when the CD has been properly reinserted, please switch off the power and consult your nearest service center.

Specifications

Specifications subject to change without notice.

FM tuner section

Frequency range

(50 kHz space): 87.5 MHz - 108.0 MHz

(200 kHz space): 87.9 MHz - 107.9 MHz

Usable sensitivity (S/N = 30dB) : 9.3dBf (0.8 μV /75 Ω)

Ouieting Sensitivity (S/N = 50dB)

: 15.2dBf (1.6 μ V $^{\prime}/75 \Omega$)

Frequency response (±3.0 dB)

: 30 Hz - 15 kHz

Signal to Noise ratio (MONO)

: 70 dB

Selectivity (±400 kHz)

: ≥ 80 ďB

Stereo separation (1 kHz)

: 40 dB

AM tuner section

Frequency range

(9 kHz space): 531 kHz - 1611 kHz (10 kHz space): 530 kHz - 1700 kHz

Usable sensitivity (S/N = 20dB)

: 28 dBu (25 uV)

CD player section

Laser diode

: GaAlAs

Digital filter (D/A)

: 8 Times Over Sampling

D/A Converter

: 1 Bit

Spindle speed

: 500 – 200 rpm (CLV)

Wow & Flutter

: Below Measurable Limit

Frequency response (±1 dB)

: 10 Hz - 20 kHz

Total harmonic distortion (1 kHz)

: 0.01 %

Signal to Noise ratio (1 kHz)

: 93 dB

Dynamic range

: 93 dB

Channel separation

: 85 dB

Audio section

Maximum output power KDC-229: 50 W x 4

KDC-129/129S: 45 W x 4

Full Bandwidth Power (at less than 1% THD)

: 22 W x 4

Tone action

Bass: 100 Hz ±10 dB Middle · 1 kHz +10 dB Treble: 10 kHz +10 dB

Preout level / Load (during disc play)

: 2000 mV/10 kΩ Preout impedance

: ≤600 Ω

General

Operating voltage (11 – 16V allowable)

: 14.4 V

Current consumption

: 10 A

Installation Size (W x H x D)

: 182 x 53 x 155 mm

Weight

: 1.4 kg

