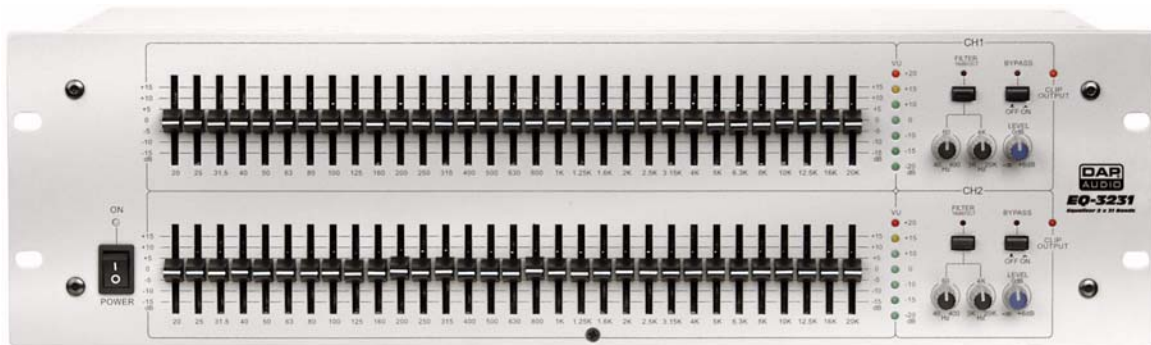




# EQ-3231

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## WARNING



**FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, PLEASE READ THIS USER MANUAL CAREFULLY  
BEFORE YOUR INITIAL START-UP!**

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Every person involved with the installation, operation and maintenance of this system has to:

- be qualified
- follow the instructions of this manual



Before you initial start-up, please make sure that there is no damage caused by transportation. Should there be any, consult your dealer and do not use the system.

To maintain perfect condition and to ensure a safe operation, it is absolutely necessary for the user to follow the safety instructions and warning notes written in this manual.

Please consider that damages caused by manual modifications to the system are not subject to warranty.

This system contains no user-serviceable parts. Refer servicing to qualified technicians only.

### **IMPORTANT:**

*The manufacturer will not accept liability for any resulting damages caused by the non-observance of this manual or any unauthorized modification to the system.*

- Never let the power-cord come into contact with other cables! Handle the power-cord and all connections with the mains with particular caution!
- Never remove warning or informative labels from the unit.
- Never use anything to cover the ground contact.
- Do not insert objects into air vents.
- Do not connect this system to a dimmerpack.
- Do not switch the system on and off in short intervals, as this would reduce the system's life.
- Do not open this device. Risk: hazardous radiation exposure.
- Do not run the output of any amplifier channel, back into another channel's input.
- Do not connect (parallel or series) an amplifier output with any other amplifier output.
- Only use system indoor, avoid contact with water or other liquids.
- Avoid flames and do not put close to flammable liquids or gases.
- Always disconnect power from the mains, when system is not used. Only handle the power-cord by the plug. Never pull out the plug by tugging the power-cord.
- Make sure you don't use the wrong kind of cables or defective cables.
- Make sure that the signals into the mixer are balanced, otherwise hum could be created.
- Make sure you use DI boxes to balance unbalanced signals; All incoming signals should be clear.
- Make sure that the available voltage is not higher than stated on the rear panel.

- Make sure that the power-cord is never crimped or damaged. Check the system and the power-cord from time to time.
- Always operate the unit with the AC ground wire connected to the electrical system ground.
- Connecting amplifier outputs to oscilloscopes or other test equipment, while the amplifier is in bridged mode, may damage both the amplifier and test equipment.
- Do not drive the inputs with a signal level bigger, than required to drive the equipment to full output.
- In system setup, the amplifier's output power must be 50%-100% more than the loaded loudspeakers rated power.
- Please turn off the power switch, when changing the power cord or signal cable, or select the input mode switch.
- In typical use, Please set the volume to 0dB position.
- Sometimes, when you want to send one signal to more than one amplifier, you should use a signal distributor.
- Extreme frequency boosts in connection with a high input signal level may lead to overdriving your equipment. Should this occur, it is necessary to reduce the input signal level by using the INPUT control.
- To emphasize a frequency range, you don't necessarily have to move its respective sliding control upward; try lowering surrounding frequency ranges instead. This way, you avoid causing the next piece of equipment in your sound path to overdrive. You also preserve valuable dynamic reserve ("headroom")
- For replacement use fuses of same type and rating only.
- Prevent distortion! Make sure that all components connected to the EQ-3231 have sufficient power ratings. Otherwise distortion will be generated because the components are operated at their limits.
- Avoid ground loops! Always be sure to connect the power amps and the mixing console to the same electrical circuit to ensure the same phase!
- If system is dropped or struck, disconnect mains power supply immediately. Have a qualified engineer inspect for safety before operating.
- If the system has been exposed to drastic temperature fluctuation (e.g. after transportation), do not switch it on immediately. The arising condensation water might damage your system. Leave the system switched off until it has reached room temperature.
- Repairs, servicing and electric connection must be carried out by a qualified technician.
- WARRANTY: Till one year after date of purchase.

## **OPERATING DETERMINATIONS**

If this system is operated in any other way, than the one described in this manual, the product may suffer damages and the warranty becomes void.

Any other operation may lead to dangers like short-circuit, burns, electric shock, etc.

You endanger your own safety and the safety of others!

*Improper installation can cause serious damage to people and property !*

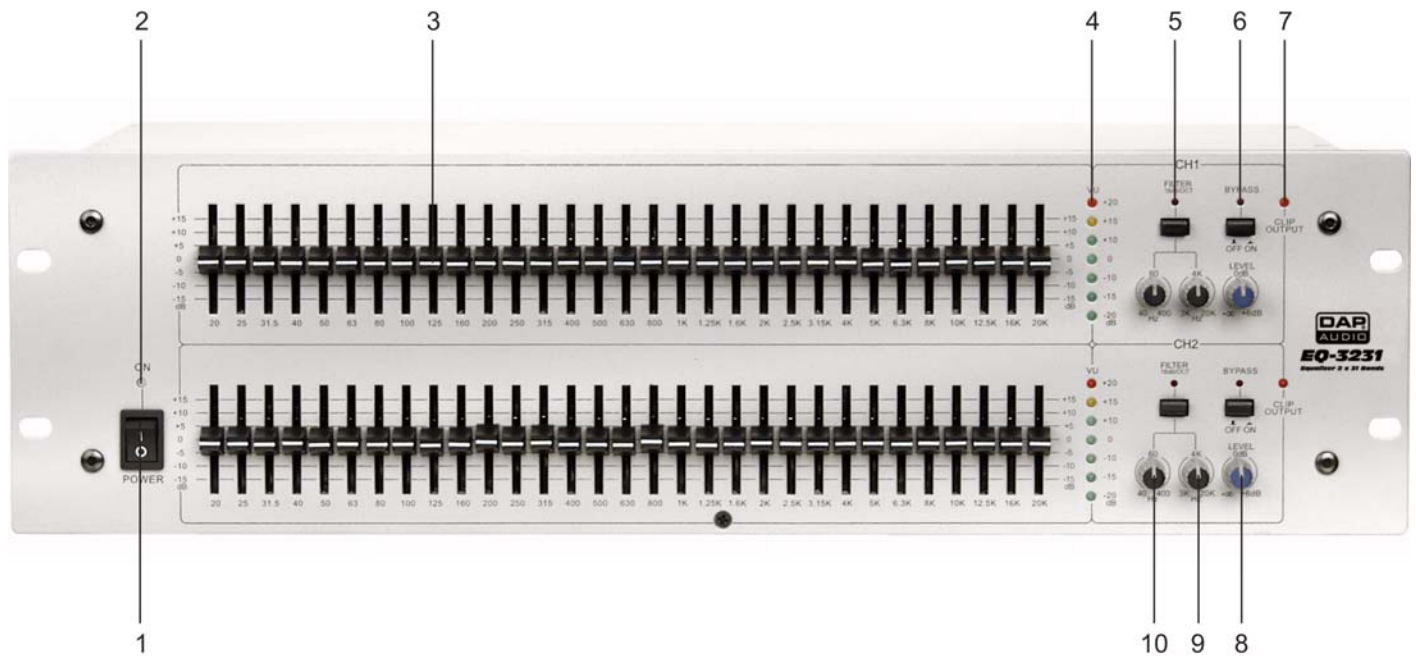
# Description of the device

## Features

The EQ-3231 is a professional equalizer:

- 2x XLR Input and 2x XLR Output
- Low Cut Filter LED
- Bypass LED
- Output Signal VU Meter
- 40 - 400 Hz variable Hi-pass filter, 18 dB / Oct.
- 3 KHz – 20 KHz variable Low-pass filter, 18 dB / Oct.
- Input Level Control

## Overview



1. Power Switch  
Use this button to switch your equalizer on.
2. "POWER" Indicator  
This indicator lights when the equalizer is switched on.
3. Increase / Reduce Fader  
Of the 31 bands, each fader controls each band increase / reduce filter signal level. The maximum increase / reduce of its central frequency is  $\pm 15$  dB. When the signal level has been adjusted, the curve of the attenuator is the EQ's frequency response.  
NOTE: When adjusting, the level between neighboring frequency points, there should not be a wide discrepancy, it usually doesn't exceed 3 dB.
4. Output Signal VU Meter  
This meter is a multi-step LED; The green LED shows  $-20$ ,  $-15$ ,  $-10$ ,  $0$ ,  $+10$ dB, orange LED shows  $+15$ dB and red LED shows  $+20$ dB. The accurate level indication allows you to monitor the output signal level at anytime and match it with back-step equipment.
5. Filter  
If you push the "Filter" button, it connects to the filter. You can adjust the cut-off frequency of the high cut / low-pass (9) or low cut / high-pass (10) filter. The range is fully adjustable from

3Khz – 20 Khz (9) or 40 - 400Hz (10). You can use it as a variable subsonic filter and a low frequency filter.

#### 6. Bypass Button

When you press this button, all the adjustments you made with the faders are unavailable, except the input gain control. It is convenient for the soundman to compare the signal before and after equalizing. The circuit bypasses the signal directly from the input channel through relay to the output channel. The indicator lights when the BY PASS function is available.

#### 7. Output Clip LED

This LED indicates whether the output signal is clipped or not. When the LED flashes once in a while, indicating the signal is sometimes clipped. When the LED frequently flashes, the signal is clipped often. You should reduce the input, to the point the LED is not flashing anymore.

#### 8. Input Level Control

This control allows you to adjust the input level from  $-\infty$  to +6dB.

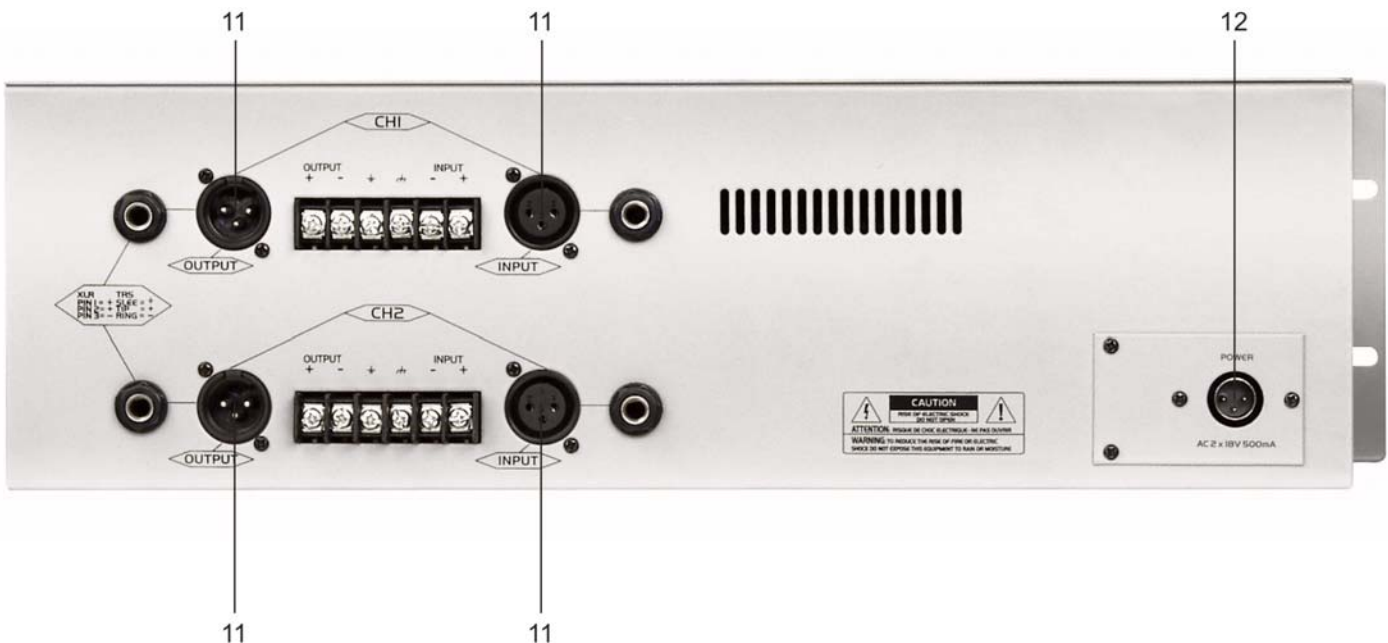
NOTE: Too much adjustment can distort the signal.

#### 9. High Cut Control

If you push the “Filter” button, it connects to the filter. You can adjust the cut-off frequency of the high cut / low-pass filter. The range is fully adjustable from 3 KHz-20 KHz. You can use it as a variable subsonic filter and a low frequency filter.

#### 10. Low Cut Control

If you push the “Filter” button, it connects to the filter. You can adjust the cut-off frequency of the low cut / high-pass filter. The range is fully adjustable from 40-400Hz. You can use it as a variable subsonic filter and a low frequency filter.



### EQ-3231 DESCRIPTION REAR PANEL:

#### 11. Input / Output Connector - 1/4" Stereo Jack (Balanced)

The 1/4" stereo jack connector is balanced and wired as Tip=+, Sleeve=Ground, Ring= -.

The XLR input connector is balanced and wired as Pin 1=Ground, Pin 2=+, Pin 3= -.

NOTE: Only one of these sockets can be used for audio connection at the same time.

#### 12. Remote Power Supply Input Socket

This is the remote AC power supply input socket for the EQ-3231. It is a special three cores socket.

The model for this power supply adapter is “YH-18A-1000”. In order to make your EQ-3231 work in a stable and safe condition, please use this special power supply adapter we provide.

## Installation

Remove all packing materials from the EQ-3231. Check that all foam and plastic padding is removed. Screw the equipment into a 19" rack. Connect all cables.

**Always disconnect from electric mains power supply before cleaning or servicing.**

**Damages caused by non-observance are not subject to warranty.**

## Set Up and Operation

Before plugging the unit in, always make sure that the power supply matches the product specification voltage. Do not attempt to operate a 120V specification product on 240V power, or vice versa.

Install this device on a flat surface, not bending or curved.

Do not supply power before all components of the system are set up and connected properly.

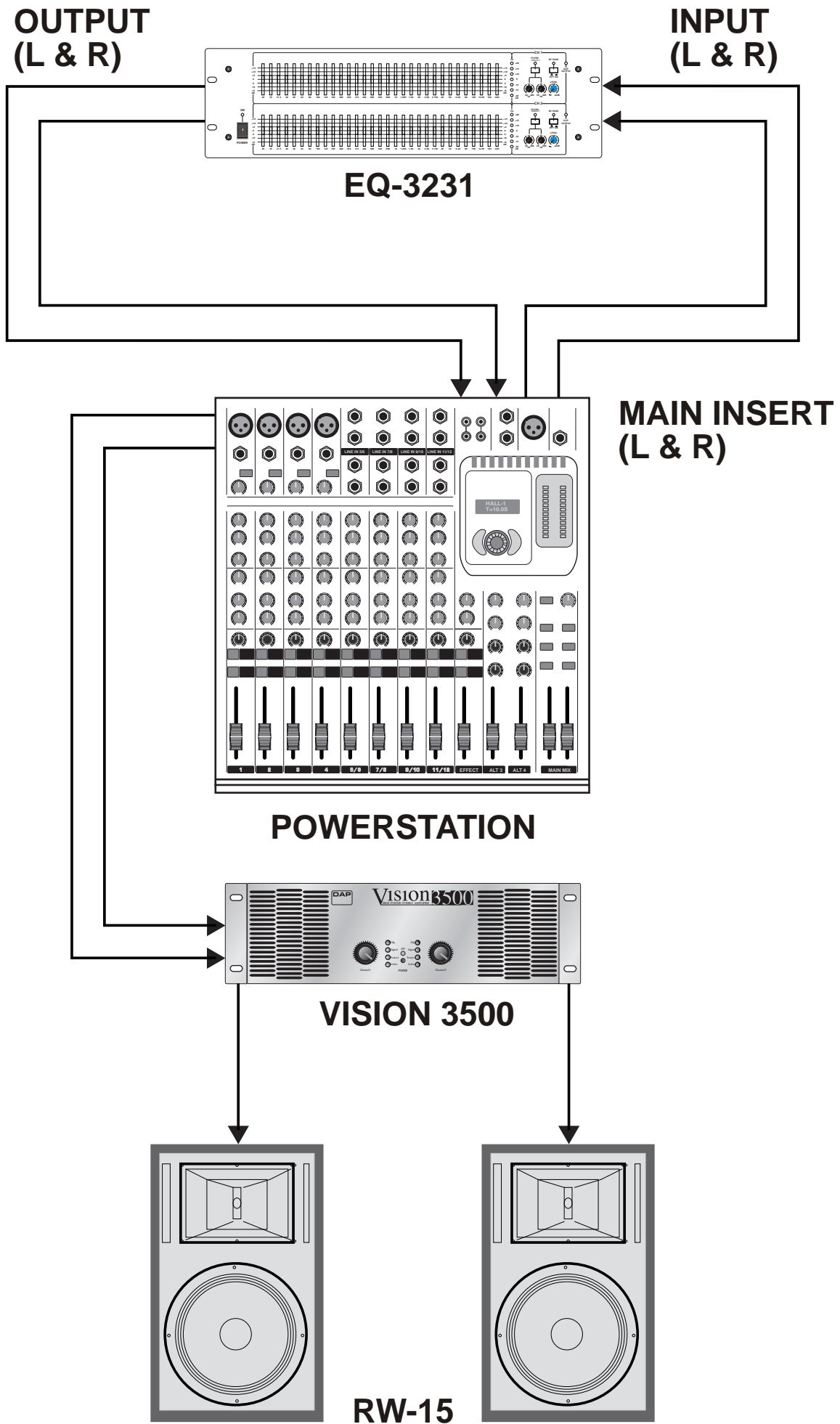
If you want to filtrate a frequency below 40 Hz, you have to use the "FILTER" button.

Don't adjust two neighboring frequency points, which are far away from each other. Otherwise, it will result in a frequency deflection.

For example: If 1 KHz is increased + 15 dB, and 1.6 KHz is reduced to -15 dB. In fact, a frequency of 800 Hz - 1.25 KHz is increased 15 dB and a frequency of 1.6 KHz - 2.5 KHz is reduced 15 dB. This is a phenomenon of an equalizer.

On the next page you will find an example how to connect the equalizer to your equipment.





## **Maintenance**

The EQ-3231 equalizer requires almost no maintenance. However, you should keep the unit clean. Disconnect the mains power supply, and then wipe the cover with a damp cloth. Do not immerse in liquid. Keep connections clean. Disconnect electric power, and then wipe the audio connections with a damp cloth. Make sure connections are thoroughly dry before linking equipment or supplying electric power.

## **Troubleshooting**

### **Dap Audio EQ-3231**

This troubleshooting guide is meant to help solve simple problems.

If a problem occurs, carry out the steps below in sequence until a solution is found. Once the unit operates properly, do not carry out following steps.

- 1.** If the device does not operate properly, unplug the device.
- 2.** Check the power from the wall, all cables etc.
- 3.** If all of the above appears to be O.K., plug the unit in again.
- 4.** If you are unable to determine the cause of the problem, do not open the equalizer, as this may damage the unit and the warranty will become void.
- 5.** Return the equalizer to your Dap Audio dealer.

## Product Specifications

Model: DAP Audio EQ-3231

Power: AC2x 18V 500mA

S / N Rate: > 95dB

Frequency response: 20Hz – 20Khz (+/- 0.3dB)

THD %: <0.01%

Central frequency filter: 2 step filter

Precision of the central frequency: < +/- 1.5%)

Filter of input: Variable filter

The max increase / reduce of the frequency: +/- 15dB

Dynamic range: 118dB

Input gain:  $-\infty$  ~+6dB

Indicator: Power, Output VU, Low Cut Filter, Clip Output, By Pass

Input impedance: Balanced 20K $\Omega$  / Unbalanced 10K $\Omega$

Output impedance: Balanced 200 $\Omega$  / Unbalanced 100 $\Omega$

Input connector: XLR (1=G, 2=+, 3=-), TRS (Tip +)

Output connector: XLR (1=G, 2=+, 3=-), TRS (Tip +)

Dimensions : 483 x 173 x 89 mm (LxWxH)

Weight : 3 kg

Design and product specifications are subject to change without prior notice.





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