

# Manual 002 Tube Preamplifier & Phonostage

English



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### Introduction

Carefully read this manual before using the product. Use this manual to correctly setup your audio equipment. All the functions and abilities of this product will be described in the next pages.

#### **Guarantee**

All Van de Leur Audio products are built with extreme care. When encountering a problem with this product, read the trouble shooting pages to solve your problem. Contact your supplier for further support or questions.

Van de Leur Audio products are sold with a five-year warranty (tubes excluded). Warranty is void when conducting changes to products.

## Safety

The amplifier complies to the directives 2006/95/EG and 2004/108/EG and has the  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{E}$  marking.

Do not open the amplifier. The amplifier contains AC parts that may pose a threat to your health. Use the amplifier solely for indoor entertainment purposes.

Always connect the amplifier to a grounded electrical outlet. The amplifier is only suitable for use on a mains voltage of 230 volts/50 Hz. Use the provided net cord. Grounding the amplifier is safe and ensures ultimate audio experience.

Please switch off the amplifier when not used for an extended period of time. Use the switch on the rear panel.

## **Environmental warning**

This product contains components that are harmful to the environment and components that are recyclable. When disposing of this product, pay attention to the local laws and guidelines.

## **Unboxing**

Always check the packaging for external damage. In the event of damage, please contact your supplier. Open the box at the top. Do not use sharp tools to cut the box or tape as you might damage the product. Do not dispose of the box, as your product can only be shipped safe in it. Carefully lift the product out of the box.

## Installation

Check the amplifier for any visible damage. In the event of damage to the amplifier, contact your supplier. Make sure the amplifier is plugged into a 230 volts/50 Hz mains supply. Ensure that there is enough ventilation room. Avoid contact with liquids. Do not install the amplifier next to sources of interference or heat.



### First use

Before first use, ensure volume control is fully turned to the left and that the power switch on the rear is set to off (O). Connect the pre amplifier to a power amplifier (like Van de Leur Audio 402) and connect all audio sources. All connections on the amplifier are unbalanced (cinch) plugs. Use high quality cables for optimal safety and audio performance.

After connecting all the sources, connect the amplifier to your power source. Make sure the power connection is solid and can not be disconnected accidental. Switch the power on with the switch on the rear panel (position I). The LED on the front will light RED. Touch the power button on the front to power on the amplifier. The LED will turn LIGHT BLUE during start up. After approximately 30 seconds, the amplifier will be active and the LED will turn BLUE.

LED RED – Power is connected, amplifier is turned off.

LED LIGHT BLUE – Amplifier is powering on, start up phase, no audible sound.

LED BLUE – Amplifier is fully powered on.

## **Front panel**

**Volume** is controlled by the large knob on the front panel. Turn it to the right to increase volume. Turn it to the left to decrease volume. You can also use the provided remote control to control volume.

**Balance** is controlled by the smaller knob next to the volume control. Use this to correct small balance issues in your setup. The stereo focus will shift according to the position of the knob.

**Input selection** is controlled with the far most right selector. Turn the knob to the right input to enable audible sound from this input.

- **P** Phonostage playback (both MM/MC)
- 2, 3, 4 and 5 Line inputs corresponding to similar named inputs rear panel
- **D** Direct out (home theatre pass through)

**Power switch** is operated by touch. Firmly press your finger on the button to switch on or off.

**Headphones** can be plugged in to the left headphone socket indicated: Phones. Use jack plug. Output is switched off when operating in headphone playback.

## **Rear panel**

**Power socket** IEC connector. Use this socket to connect your amplifier to mains. The compartment underneath the input contains a fuse, including a spare fuse. Do not open this compartment while having the amplifier connected to mains. Remove the power cord before opening this compartment.

**Power switch** is located next to the IEC connector, use switch to fully turn off power.



**Power amplifier output** is indicated by AMP. Pay attention to left and rights channels indicated by L & R on top of the outputs.

**Recorder output** is indicated by REC. This output skips volume control. Use to connect amplifier to a recording device.

**Direct out** is located underneath the power outputs labelled by: DIRECT OUT. Use this input to connect a second preamplifier or processor to your setup.

**Inputs 2-5** are used to connect line-level inputs devices like a CD player or other audio device. Do not connect turntable/record players to this inputs.

**Phono input** is located to the left. Use the MM or MC input according to the used cartridge. Switch the selector to the right position (MM/MC). Use the screw on the amplifier to connect your turntable to GROUNDS.

## **Phono stage**

The phono stage is prepared for both MM and MC cartridges. It is possible to adapt the circuitry of MC to the according cartridge. Inform at your supplier for possibilities. Always use the grounds connector on the rear panel to ensure optimal audio performance. When not correctly connected noise and buzz can arise.

Warning: do not connect MM cartridges to MC input.

## **Direct out / Home theatre pass through**

It is possible to connect a second preamplifier or audio processor to the 002. Connect your second device to the DIRECT OUT input and switch the input selector to D. The signal will be transferred directly to AMP OUT, without volume control or any modification. This feature enables you to use your power amplifier on multiple sources. Make sure the 002 is turned on, pass through will not function when switched off.

## **Switching ON/OFF**

Although the pre amplifier is protected against wrongful use, please pay attention to the following rules.

Always first switch your preamplifier on and wait till the LED lights BLUE. After this, switch on the rest of your equipment. Reverse this order when switching off.

When not using the amplifier for an extended period of time, switch off the amplifier with the switch on the rear panel (position O).



#### **Remote control**

Use the remote control to control volume from distance. The remote contains two buttons. The upper one increases volume, the lower one reduces volume. The LED on the remote indicates correct functioning. When the amplifier does not respond on button press and the LED does not light up, the battery needs to be replaced.

To replace the battery, carefully remove the bottom cover by removing the four screw with a Philips head screwdriver. Carefully remove the battery from the container and replace it with a battery of the same type (CR2032). After replacement, replace the cover and firmly tighten the four screws.

The remote operates by infrared (IR). When using the remote, make sure the front of the remote points to the IR receiver on the amplifier, which is located on top of the POWER button. When the LED lights up, but the amplifier does not respond, move the remote closer to the amplifier and ensure IR visibility.



## **Troubleshooting**

## No LED glow from front panel power switch.

The LED of the power switch located at the front panel doesn't illuminate.

- Make sure the power cord is connected properly to an active power source.
- The fuse is broken. Replace the fuse with the spare fuse located in the compartment underneath the power inlet. Make sure the amplifier is switched off and that the power cord has been removed. If the cause of the broken fuse is not clear, contact your supplier. (please check p. 4)

### No audible sound

The amplifier has been switched on, but there is no audible sound.

- Ensure the LED of the front power switch is illuminated blue. If red, touch the switch to switch the amplifier on. The LED should be illuminated blue.
  - Ensure all other equipment is functioning correctly.
  - Ensure the input selector is switched to the right input.
  - Ensure that the amplifier is switched on when using Direct Out.
    - Ensure the phono input selector on the rear is correctly set.
      - Volume is fully turned to the left.

## Interfering noise

When correctly installed, the amplifier should be quiet when not receiving audio signal. It can occur that audible interference or ground loops can be heard. These sound like hums, crackles or beeps.

- Check all the cables. Use high quality shielded cables and connect as advised by your supplier.
  - Ensure ground connection. Always proper ground the amplifier.
  - Remove sources of interference next to the equipment and cables.
- Avoid groundloops. They occur when connected devices do not use the same ground point.
   Try to detach unnecessary equipment.

## **Remote control does not function**

The amplifier does not respond to the remote control.

- Ensure the battery of the remote is in good condition.
- Ensure the IR received of the amplifier is visible to the IR transmitter of the remote.
  - Ensure the amplifier is fully switched on (BLUE LED).
  - When still not functioning, fully switch off the amplifier for five minutes.

## Other issues and troubleshooting

Contact your supplier or Van de Leur Audio for all questions or problems related to troubleshooting. Check Vandeleuraudio.com for up to date contact information.



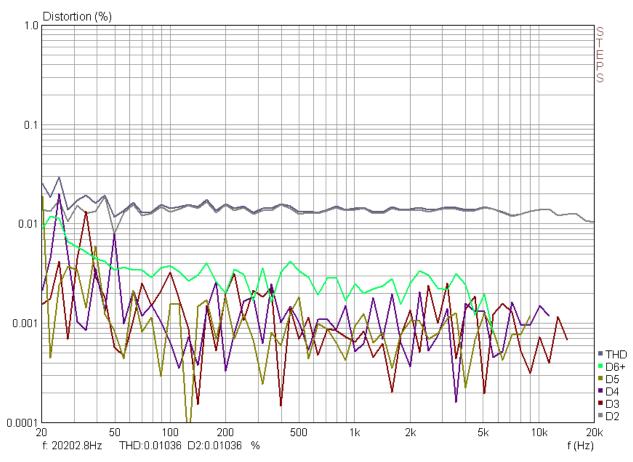
# Specifications Van de Leur Audio 002

Case	Full aluminum	
Knobs	Chrome knobs	
	Touch (piezo) on/off switch	
Connections back panel (*):	Record player (MM element en MC	
	element). Selected by switch back panel	
	4 x line level for CD player, DAC etc.	
	Direct out for integration of video	
	processor (home theatre/digital audio	
	processor)	
	Recording device	
(*) all connections unbalanced	Power amplifier	
Connection front panel	Headphone	
MC connection	Applied with Vanderveen MC10 step up	
	transformers. Internal resistance element	
	en load resistance can be optimized in	
	conjunction with the step up transformers	
	for optimal results. Adaption by dealer or	
	Van de Leur Audio.	
Guarantee	5 years. Guarantee on vacuum tubes	
	limited to 1 year.	

Vacuum tubes	2 x E88CC (6922), 4 x ECC81 (12AT7)	
Frequency response	2Hz – 80 kHz	
Amplification	2,4 x	
Output resistance	1,4 kΩ	
Input resistance	100 kΩ	
MM input	4,7 mV / 474 Ω	
MC input	0,47 mV / adjustable. Max. load	
	resistance 344 ohm.	
Headphone	Min. 30Ω	
Power consumption	40 Watt / 230V 50Hz	
Weight	10,6 kg	



# Graph: Total harmonic distortion (THD)





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## **Tube replacement**

Vacuum tubes will wear over time. This is normal and doesn't signal any malfunctions. Symptoms of wear can be audible sounds, like 'whistling' and high volume audible noise.

To replace the tubes, fully switch off the amplifier and remove the power cable. Pause for ten minutes, in order for the amplifier to fully discharge and thus prevent unwanted electrical discharge.

Remove the cover of the amplifier by removing the 6 visible screws. Use a matching 2,5mm Allan key.

Ensure that the tubes have cooled before touching them. Otherwise, they may cause burn injuries. The amplifier has been fitted with 6 vacuum tubes. Two E88CC in the front, for the line stage. Four ECC81 in the back for the phono stage. Only replace the tubes with ones of the same type.

Do not touch the tubes with bear hands; always use a piece of cloth to prevent direct contact. Pull the tube out of its socket by pulling straight up. Do not bend or twist the tube. It may require some effort as tubes fit tightly into their sockets. Replace the tube by placing it in the same socket. Check for the right position of the pins underneath the tube. Do not use any force as it may cause damage.

Put the cover back on the amplifier when you are done with replacing the tubes and connect the amplifier back to its power source.

## Phono stage MC adaption (dealer only)

The MC (moving coil) stage can be adapted to the used cartridge. This can cause a major improvement in sound quality. The adaption requires soldering, solely to be done by professionals. Note: MM (moving magnet) does not require adaption.

## **Load impedance**

Check the specifications of the used MC cartridge on load impedance. The phonostage can be adjusted up to a load of 344 Ohm, after which no adaption is required.

The load impedance of the MC cartridge can be adapted on the phono stage by adding two resistors on the input circuit board, which is mounted on the rear panel. The resistors must be soldered on the soldering islands located next to the MC10 step up transformers. Note: there are no resistors mounted after delivery (unless specified). Use metal film resistors of 0.25 watt or precision wire wound resistors for ultimate result. Solder the right value resistor according to the table or formula indicated underneath.



## Available values:

Load impedance	Rin (= resistor to be placed)	Rin according to
(Ohm)		E12 reeks
344 and higher	None	
300	2345	2k2
250	915	1k2 + 3k9 parallel
200	478	470
150	267	270
50	58.5	56 + 2.7 in series
30	32.9	33
20	21.2	22
10	10.3	15 + 33 parallel

Calculate other values by using the following formula: Rin = (344 \* load impedance) / (344 - load impedance). Example: (344 \* 150) / 344-150) = 267 Ohm

## Moving coil resistance / internal wire resistance

If the moving coil resistance of the MC cartridge is lower than 20 Ohm (check specifications), another adjustment of the phono stage is recommended. This adaption prevents the 'ringing effect'. There need to be placed two resistors and two capacitors for this adaption. Solely to be done by professionals.

The soldering islands are located next to the MC10 step up transformers and to the left of the input selector. One between input 3 and 4 of the right channel and the other between input 4 and 5 of the right channel.

Solely use 0.25 watt metal film resistors and mica capacitors and put the two in series according to the table underneath.

Internal resistance cartridge (Ohm)	Rc (to be placed resistor)	Cc (to be placed capacitor)
3	15k	150 pF
5	18k	120 pF
10	18k	100 pF
15	47k	47 pF
20 and higher	none	none