

CONTROL AMPLIFIER **KC-993** INSTRUCTION MANUAL KENWOOD CORPORATION

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## Introduction

Your choice of this product indicates that you are a devotee to excellence in sound reproduction.

We appreciate your patronage and take pride in the long tradition of quality components that our company represents. So that you can get the most out of your unit, we suggest that you take the time to read through this manual before you hook up and operate your system. This will acquaint you with operating features and system-connection considerations so that your listening pleasure will be enhanced right from the start. You will notice that in all aspects of planning, engineering, styling, operating convenience and adaptability we have sought to anticipate your needs and desires.

### Keep this manual handy for future reference.

### For your records

Record the serial number, found on the back of the unit, in the spaces designated on the warranty card, and in the space provided below. Refer to the model and serial numbers whenever you call upon your dealer for information or service on this product.

Model \_ Serial Number\_

#### Unpacking

Unpack the unit carefully and make sure that all accessories are put aside so they will not be lost.

Examine the unit for any possibility of shipping damage. If your unit is damaged or fails to operate, notify your dealer immediately. If your unit was shipped to you directly, notify the shipping company without delay. Only the consignee (the person or company receiving the unit) can file a claim against the carrier for shipping damage.

We recommend that you retain the original carton and packing materials for use should you transport or ship the unit in the future.

### Accessories



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## **Before applying power**

### For the U.S.A. and Canada

### Important!

Units shipped to the U.S.A. and Canada are designed for operation on 120 volts AC only. **CAUTION:** TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT USE THE AC PLUG WITH AN EXTENSION CORD, RECEPTACLE OR OTHER OUTLET UNLESS THE BLADES CAN BE FULLY INSERTED TO PREVENT BLADE EXPOSURE.

### For the United Kingdom

#### Important!

Units shipped to the U.K. are designed for operation on  $\ensuremath{\text{240}}$  volts AC only.

The mains plug must be removed from the wall socket prior to any internal examination.

The wires in this mains lead are coloured in accordance with the following code:

DIUE	Neutra
Brown	Live

The wires in this mains lead must be connected to the terminals in the plug as follows:



### For Australia and Europe

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Un on	its shipped to Australia are designed for operation ly.	on 240 V	AC

Units shipped to Europe are designed for operation on 230 V AC only.

### For other countries

#### Important!

Units shipped to countries other than the above countries are equipped with an AC voltage selector switch on the rear panel. Refer to the following paragraph for the proper setting of this switch.

#### AC voltage selection

This unit operates on 110-120 or 220-240 volts AC. The AC voltage selector switch Type A or Type B on the rear panel is set to the voltage that prevails in the area to which the unit is shipped. Before connecting the power cord to your AC outlet, make sure that the setting position of this switch matches your line voltage. If not, it must be set to your voltage in accordance with the following direction.



## **Safety precautions**

WARNING: TO PREVENT FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPLIANCE TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

	CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK). NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE, REFER SER- VICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.	
THE LIGHTNING FLASH WITH ARROWHEAD SYMBOL, WITHIN AN EQUILATERAL TRIANGLE, IS INTENDED TO ALERT THE USER TO THE PRESENCE OF UNINSULATED "DANGEROUS VOL- TAGE" WITHIN THE PRODUCT'S ENCLOSURE THAT MAY BE OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE TO CONSTITUTE A RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK TO PERSONS.		
USER TO THE I	THE EXCLAMATION POINT WITHIN AN EQUILATERAL TRIANGLE IS INTENDED TO ALERT THE USER TO THE PRESENCE OF IMPORTANT OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE (SERVICING) IN- STRUCTIONS IN THE LITERATURE ACCOMPANYING THE APPLIANCE.	



### A Caution: Read this page carefully to ensure safe operation.

## **IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS**

Please read all of the safety and operating instructions before operating this unit. For best results, follow all warnings placed on the unit and adhere to the operating and use instructions. These safety and operating instructions should be retained for future reference.

- Power sources The unit should be connected to a power supply only of the type described in the operating instructions or as marked on the appliance.
- 2. Power-cord protection Power-supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, pay particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the unit.

Never pull or stretch the cord.



- **3. Grounding or polarization** The precautions should be taken so that the grounding or polarization means of this unit is not defeated.
- Ventilation The unit should be situated so that its location or position does not interfere with its proper ventilation.

To maintain good ventilation, do not put records or a table-cloth on the unit. Place the unit at least 10 cm away from the walls.

Do not use the unit on a bed, sofa, rug or similar surface that may block the ventilation openings.



 Water and moisture – The unit should not be used near water - for example, near a bathtub, washbowl, kitchen sink, laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool, etc.



 Temperature – The unit may not function properly if used at extremely low, or freezing temperatures. The ideal ambient temperature is above +5°C (41°F). 7.Heat – The unit should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other units (including amplifiers) that produce heat.



8. Electric shock – Care should be taken so that objects do not fall and liquid is not spilled into the enclosure through openings. If a metal object, such as a hair pin or a needle, comes into contact with the inside of this unit, a dangerous electric shock may result. For families with children, never permit children to put anything, especially metal, inside this unit.



9. Enclosure removal - Never remove the enclosure. If the internal parts are touched accidentally, a serious electric shock might occur.



10.Magnetic fields - Keep the unit away from sources of magnetic fields such as TV sets, speaker systems, radios, motorized toys or magnetized objects.



11.Cleaning - Do not use volatile solvents such as alcohol, paint thinner, gasoline, or benzine, etc. to clean the cabinet. Use a clean dry cloth.



12.Carts and stands – An appliance and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops, excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause the appliance and cart combination to overturn.



- **13.Nonuse periods** The power cord of the unit should be unplugged from the outlet when left unused for a long period of time.
- 14.Abnormal smell If an abnormal smell or smoke is detected, immediately turn the power OFF and pull out the power cord. Contact your dealer or nearest service center.



- 15.Damage requiring service The unit should be serviced by qualified service personnel when:
   A. The power-supply cord or the plug has been damaged: or
  - **B.** Objects have fallen, or liquid has been spilled into the unit: or
  - C. The unit has been exposed to rain; or

D. The unit does not appear to operate normally or

- exhibits a marked change in performance; or **E.** The unit has been dropped, or the enclosure damaged.
- 16.Servicing The user should not attempt to service the unit beyond that described in the operating instructions. All other servicing should be referred to qualified service personnel.

17.Outdoor antenna grounding – If an outside an tenna is connected to the receiver, be sure the antenna system is grounded so as to provide some protection against voltage surges and built up static charges. Section 810 of the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70, provides information with respect to proper grounding of the mast and supporting structure, grounding of the lead-in wire to an antenna discharge unit, size of grounding conductors, location of antenna-discharge unit, connection to grounding electrodes, and requirements for the grounding electrode. See Figure.



**18.Power lines** – An outdoor antenna should be located away from power lines.

19.AC outlets - Do not connect other audio equipment with a power consumption larger than that specified to the AC outlet on the rear panel. Never connect other electrical units, such as an iron or toaster, to it to prevent fire or electric shock.



#### Notes:

- 1. Item 3 is not required except for grounded or polarized equipment.
- 2. Item 17 and 18 are not required except for units provided with antenna terminals.
- 3. Item 17 complies with UL in the U.S.A.

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## **Controls and indicators**



### STAND BY mode of POWER key

When the power cord of this system is plugged into an AC outlet, the STAND BY indicator lights up regardless of the ON/OFF setting of the POWER switch. This indicates that a small amount of current is being supplied to the unit to back up the memory contents. This mode is referred to as the Stand By mode. While the STAND BY indicator is lit, the power of the system can be switched ON/OFF from the remote control unit.

## System connections

Make connections as shown below. When connecting the related system components, refer also to the instruction manuals of the related components.

Do not plug in the power lead until all connections are completed.



#### Notes:

1. Connect all cords firmly. If connections are loose, there could be loss sound or noise produce.

2. When plugging and unplugging connection cords, be sure to first remove the power cord from the AC outlet. Plugging/unplugging connection

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cords without removal of the power cord can cause malfunctions or damage to the unit. 3. Do not connect up a power source which is larger than that indicated on the socket at the rear of the unit.

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## System control operation

For the system control of KENWOOD system components, connect them using the system control cords as shown in the illustration below.

If the power cords are connected as shown in the illustration, the power of the whole system can be switched ON/OFF from the POWER key on the control amplifier.

(For the audio cord connection, please refer to "System connections".)





### Note:

Do not connect the system control cord to the cassette deck connected to the TAPE 2/ADAPTOR jacks.

### SYSTEM CONTROL Operation

By connecting this unit to other KENWOOD system components equipped with SYSTEM CONTROL terminals, such as a tuner, tape deck, CD player and/or turntable, the following convenient operations will be available.

### Automatic play operation

When starting play with the turntable, tape deck, or CD player connected to this unit, set the INPUT SELECTOR knob to PHONO, TAPE or CD. The turntable, tape deck, or CD player will automatically enter play mode.

In the same way, pressing the Play key of the turntable, tape deck, or CD player will automatically switch the INPUT SELECTOR setting on "this unit to the component on which the Play key is pressed.

#### Synchro recording

To record the sound from the CD player or turntable onto a tape with the tape deck, set the INPUT SELECTOR knob to CD or PHONO and load a CD or record. Set the tape deck to record-pause mode, then press the Play (START) key of the CD player or turntable. The deck.vvill start recording automatically, synchronized with the CD player or turntable starting playing. For more details, refer to the instruction manual of the tape deck.

#### Remote control

When the amplifier, tuner, tape deck, CD player, turntable and surround processor (SS-992, SS-592) are connected via the system control cords, these components can be controlled from the remote control unit supplied with this unit.



1. System control operation of the cassette deck connected to the TAPE 2/ADAPTOR jacks cannot be carried out.

2. If the components connected to this unit are not KENWOOD system components, do not connect anything to the SYSTEM CONTROL terminals.

## **Operating instructions**



### To mute the sound temporarily With the remote control unit only



When the TAPE 2/ADAPTOR selector on the rear panel is set to the TAPE 2 position and the TAPE 2/ADAPTOR key is set to ON, the source selected with the INPUT SELECTOR knob cannot be heard from the speakers. To listen to a source other than cassette deck 2, be sure to set the TAPE 2/ADAPTOR key to OFF.

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INPUT SELECTOR knob

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## Operation of CD DIRECT playback

The digital sound of Compact Disc features an ideal reproduction-characteristics, and the sound quality provided by CD can be reproduced with least degradation by means of the CD direct playback function.



 When the TAPE ZADAPTOR selector on the rear panels set to the ADAPTOR position and the ADAPTOR indicator on the display is lit, the CD DIRECT playback function cannot be carried out.



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### **Operating instructions**



Note:

The input source cannot be changed over while the cassette deck connected to this unit via the system control cord is in the record mode. When it is required to change the input source, put the cassette deck in the stop mode beforehand.

### Recording sound with equalizer effect applied (TAPE 1 only)



## **Operation for components connected to the TAPE 2/ADAPTOR jacks**



## ■Using the surround processor SS-992 or SS-592

By connecting the SS-992 or SS-592 with a system control cord, the remote control unit supplied with this unit can control it.



## Using a component other than the surround processor SS-992 or SS-592

When the TAPE 2/ADAPTOR key is set to the TAPE 2 position, the component connected to the TAPE 2/ADAPTOR jacks will be played regardless of the setting of the INPUT SELECTOR knob. It is advisable to connect a cassette deck.



Note:

When a cassette deck is connected to the TAPE 2/ADAPTOR jacks, be sure to set the TAPE 2/ADAPTOR selector on the rear panel to the TAPE 2 position. If the TAPE 2/ADAPTOR selector is set to the ADAPTOR position, pressing the TAPE 2/ADAPTOR key increases the volume level to the high position automatically and speakers may be damaged.

## Graphic equalizer operation

10 types of equalizer patterns (R1 - R5, M1 - M5) are preset in memory, allowing you to enjoy the sound according to the genre of music.

The 5 equalizer patterns in MANUAL mode can be modified as you prefer. In addition, this unit incorporates an Al equalizer function which automatically selects an equalizer pattern corresponding to the music being played.

## Applying a preset equalizer effect

## Applying a sound effect with the Al equalizer





## Table of preset equalizer patterns

R1 - R5 in the REFERENCE mode	M1 - M5 in the MANUAL mode These preset memories (M1 - M5) are also used to store the equalizer settings you make.
R1 Soft: Reproduces a soft sound appropriate for background music.	M1 Classic clear: Effective for playing classic orchestra music with boosted mid-high frequencies.
R2 Clear: Reproduces a clear and bright sound by attenuating the level of low frequencies.	M2 Classic heavy: Boosts low frequencies. When a rich bass sound is desired for playing classic orchestra music, use this pattern.
R3 Heavy: Effective for playing rock music or jazz fusion music to reproduce a dynamic sound,	M3 Classic scale: Obtains wide acoustics when playing the classic orchestra music.
R4 Scale: Provides wide and dynamic acoustics.	M4 Classic old: Attenuates high frequency noise. Effective for playing sources with noticeable noise such as classic orchestra music recorded many years ago, reproducing agreeable sound.
R5 Movie scale: Reproduces a 'live' atmosphere and dynamic sound when playing the sound of movies which contain excessive high and low frequencies.	M5 Movie normal: Reproduces a "live" atmosphere and dynamic sound when playing the sound of movies.



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Storing a user-created pattern Up to 5 equalizer patterns created by you can be stored in

memory.

### Creating an equalizer pattern

You can create a desired equalizer pattern by operating the equalizer control keys. Observe the graphic equalizer display and listen to the sound compensated with equalizer effect.



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## **Remote control operation**

The provided remote control unit (RC-S0900) can not only be used as the system remote control unit of KENWOOD system components, but also as a "learning" remote control which allows to program the remote control signals of other components and operate various components from a single remote control unit.

The remote control keys can be used in two ways according to the setting of the MODE switch. The majority of the key functions in the AUDIO mode and some of those in the VIDEO mode are the original codes preset at the factory for use in operating KENWOOD components.

AUDIO mode: Can operate KENWOOD system components.

VIDEO mode: Can program remote control signals of other video components to program them.

### Loading batteries



#### Battery replacement

1. If the TRANSMIT indicator will not light up when an operation key is pressed, the batteries may be exhausted. In this case, replace them with new batteries. It is recommended to use alkaline batteries (LR03) with long life.

The programmed contents are not immediately lost when the batteries are removed for replacement. However, they could be lost if the unit is left without batteries for more than 3 minutes. In such a case, the programming should be performed again. The function signals of the nonlearning, or fixed keys are not lost even in this case.

### Operating procedure



 Components connected via the system control cords can also be remote-controlled. In this case, please read the instruction manual supplied with your component.



### Notes:

1. The supplied batteries are intended for use in operation checks. Therefore, their lives may be shorter than ordinary batteries.

2. When the remote-controllable distance gets shorter than before, replace both batteries with new ones.

Matfunction may occur if direct sunlight or the light of a high-frequency lighting fluorescent lamp enters the remote control light sensor. In such
a case, change the system installation position to prevent the malfunction.

### Names of controls (AUDIO mode)



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### Modes

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• Keys masked with make are not usable with the basic system (amplifier, tuner, cassette deck and CD player).

• Keys in the area enclosed by thick lines contain same function signals for the AUDIO and VIDEO modes. These keys can be used in the same way in both modes.

### **Overlay sheet**

The provided overlay sheet offers a convenient way to record and remember the contents programmed under the various operation keys.

Write the programmed key contents on the overlay sheet with an oilbased felt-tipped marker or pencil. To erase, use a conventional eraser.

Before use, be sure to peel the covering sheet.



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### **Remote control operation**

### Programming operation

Remote control signals of other remote control units can be programmed under space keys on this unit. For space keys, refer to "Modes" on the previous page.



### Notes:

- If the optical output level of the other remote control unit is higher, programming may not be carried out correctly. If this occurs, separate this unit and the other remote control unit by a greater distance and perform the programming procedure again.
- If the LEARN/TRANSMIT indicator blinks 4 times during programming, this indicates either that the key being programmed cannot be programmed or that programming has not been performed completely. If this occurs, perform the programming procedure again.
- Remote control functions using signals other than infrared signals or specially-coded signals cannot be programmed. Programming is also impossible when this unit's memory capacity becomes full.
- The LEARN indicator goes out 30 seconds after a programmable key is pressed. After this, programming is impossible. To continue programming, press the programming key again.
- programming, press the programming key again. 5. When two or more programmable keys are pressed at the same time, the key which was pressed last will be programmed.
- Do not program the remote control functions of equipment other than AV components, such as air conditioners, etc.

## To check the programmed contents



# To change the programmed contents

Perform the programming operation again referring to "Programming operation" on the previous page.

 The previously-programmed content is cleared automatically and replaced by the newly-programmed content.

### To clear the entire programmed

### contents

You can clear all of the programmed contents, returning this unit to the initial status.





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## In case of difficulty

What appears to be a malfunction may not always be serious. If your unit should not perform as expected, consult the table below to see if the problem can be corrected before seeking help from your dealer or service representative.

### Amplifier, speakers

Symptom	Cause	Remedy	
Sound is not output.	<ul> <li>The speaker cords are disconnected.</li> <li>The volume is set to the minimum position.</li> <li>The audio cords are disconnected.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Connect them properly referring to "System connections".</li> <li>Adjust the volume to a proper level.</li> <li>Connect them properly.</li> </ul>	
Sound is not output from one of the speakers.	<ul> <li>The speaker cord is disconnected.</li> <li>The BALANCE control is set to an extreme position.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Connect it properly referring to "System connections".</li> <li>Adjust the Left/Right balance.</li> </ul>	
A hum noise is generated when the PHONO input selector key is pressed.	<ul> <li>The audio cord from the turntable is not inserted securely into the PHONO jacks.</li> <li>The turntable is not grounded.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Insert the audio cord plugs securely into the PHONO jacks.</li> <li>Connect the grounding wire to the GND terminal on the rear panel.</li> </ul>	

#### **Remote control unit**

Symptom	Cause	Remedy
Remote control operation is not possible.	<ul> <li>Batteries are exhausted.</li> <li>The audio cords and the system control cords are not connected properly.</li> <li>The remote control unit is too far away from the main system, controlling angle is too large, or there is an obstacle in between.</li> <li>The source component to be operated does not contain the analog disc, tape(s) or CD.</li> <li>An attempt is made to play a tape which is being recorded in the cassette deck.</li> <li>The LEARN/USE switch is set to LEARN.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Replace with new batteries.</li> <li>Connect properly referring to "System connections".</li> <li>Operate the remote control unit within the controllable range.</li> <li>Place an analog disc, tape(s) or CD in the source component to be played.</li> <li>Wait until the recording is completed.</li> <li>Set the LEARN /USE switch to USE.</li> </ul>

Notes:

- This system is microprocessor-controlled, so malfunction may occur due to external noise or interference noise. In such a case, unplug the power cord, plug it and turn power on again.
   Do not use contact cleaners because it could cause a malfunction. Be specially careful against contact cleaners containing oil, for they may
- deform the plastic components.

A Caution: Read this page carefully to ensure safe operation.

## **Specifications**

Frequency responce Input sensitivity/impedance	10 Hz to 50 kHz, 0 dB,3 dB
PHONO	3.0 mV/47 kΩ
TUNER/TAPE/VIDEO	$280 \text{ mV}/47 \text{ k}\Omega$
CD	450 mV/47 kΩ
TAPE 2/ADAPTOR	280 mV/47 kΩ
Signal-to noise ratio (IHF-A)	
PHONO	78 dB for 3.0 mV input
TUNER/TAPE/CD/VIDEO	102 dB
Phono maximum input level	100 mV, T.H.D. 0.5% at 1 kHz
Total harmonic distortion	,
20Hz to 20,000 Hz	0.005% at rated output
Graphic equalizer control	
(60 Hz, 150 Hz, 400 Hz, 1 kHz, 2.4 kHz,	
6 kHz, 15 kHz)	±10 dB
Output voltage and impedance	
Tape REC	280 mV/3.3 kΩ
PRE OUT	1V/1.0 kΩ
General	
Power consumption	20 W
AC outlets	
SWITCHED	For USA and Canada: 2; (Total 780 W, 6.5 A max.)
	For other countries : 2; (Total 480 W)
Dimensions	W: 440 mm (17-5/6")
	H: 99 mm (3-7/8")
	D: 284 mm (11-3/16")
Weight (Net)	3.3 kg (7.3 lb)
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#### Note:

KENWOOD follows a policy of continuous advancements in development. For this reason specifications may be changed without notice.

### For CANADA

DOC REGULATION

"This digital apparatus does not exceed the CLASS B limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus as set out in the radio interference regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications."

#### For the U.S.A. FCC WARNING:

This equipment may generate or use radio frequency energy. Changes or modifications to this equipment may cause harmful interference unless the modifications are expressly approved in the instruction manual. The user could lose the authority to operate this equipment if an unauthorized change or modification is made.

### NOTE:

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment may cause harmful interference to radio communications, if it is not installed and used in accordance with the instructions. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by tuning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures: - Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.

-- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.

-- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.

- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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