

User's Guide  
for the  
**CRATE**  
**KX-220**



## Stereo Keyboard Amplifier

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# CRATE KX-220 Stereo Keyboard Amplifier

## Congratulations!






You are now the proud owner of one of the most versatile keyboard amplifiers available, the Crate KX-220 Four Channel Stereo Keyboard Amplifier. This incredible unit features Crate's legendary performance and high quality construction in a rugged and easy to operate package.

Your KX-220 is proudly made in America, using only the best components. Extensive testing and Crate's Five-Year Warranty assure you that your new amplifier is the absolute best it can be. In order to get the most out of it, we strongly urge you to read this manual before using the amplifier.

And **thank you** for choosing 

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| 92   | 6  | 100   | 2  | 110                            | 1/2                       |                                |                           |                                |                           |    |   |    |   |     |   |    |   |     |   |     |     |    |   |     |         |     |             |
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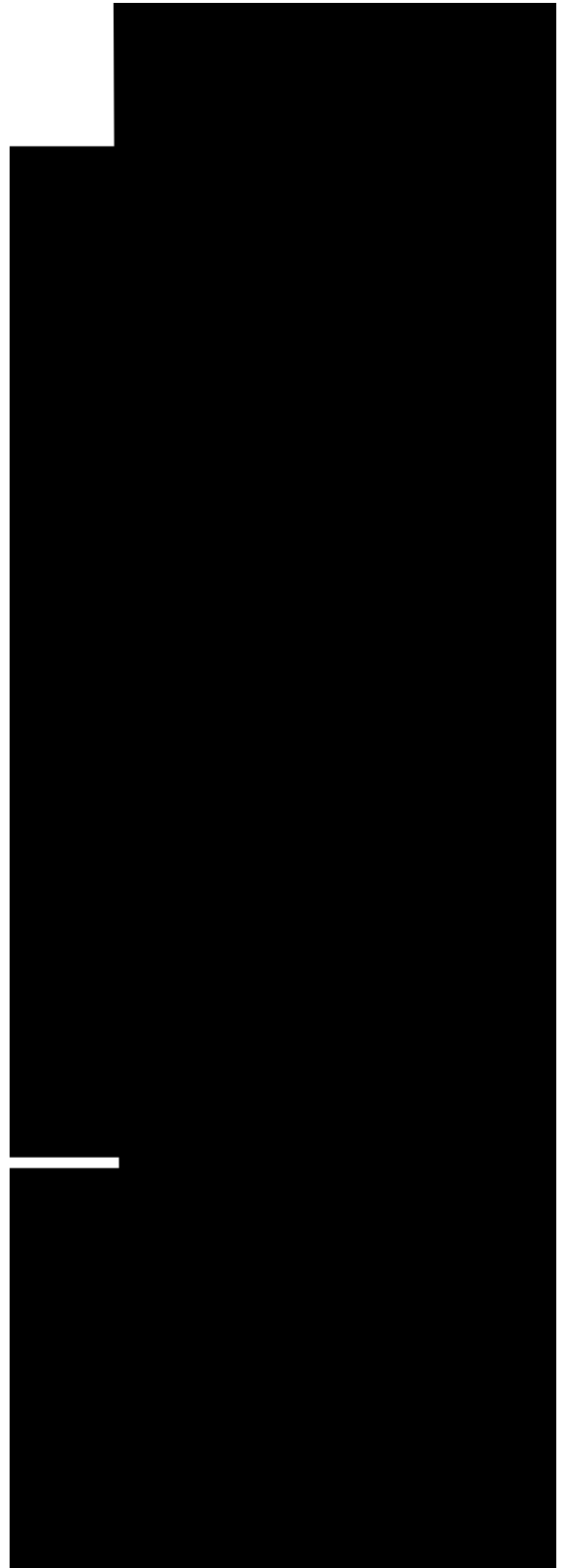
## **Features:**

Below are some of the outstanding features which set the KX-220 in a class by itself. Additional information on these features can be found throughout the remainder of this manual.

- Complete stereo circuitry all the way to the internal power amplifier
- Four separate input channels, each with its own level, pan and reverb/effect send controls
- Three stereo line level channels, each with 1/4" left and right/mono input jacks
- One "dual mono" channel, with a 1/4" instrument and an XLR microphone input jack, plus a two band EQ
- Line out select switches (channels 3 and 4) – keeps those channels out of the external mix if desired
- Eight band stereo graphic EQ for total tone control
- Master level, effects return, reverb return, and line out level controls
- Internal spring reverb
- Stereo effects loop for external effects
- Stereo line out jacks for connecting to a mixing board, recording unit, or PA system
- Stereo preamp out jacks for connecting to additional amplifiers
- Power amp in jack (use two KX-220's for total stereo performance)
- Built in power amp limiter for clean sound at full output
- Rugged construction and easily accessed controls
- Removable casters for greater mobility
- Crate's exclusive Five Year Warranty (where applicable)

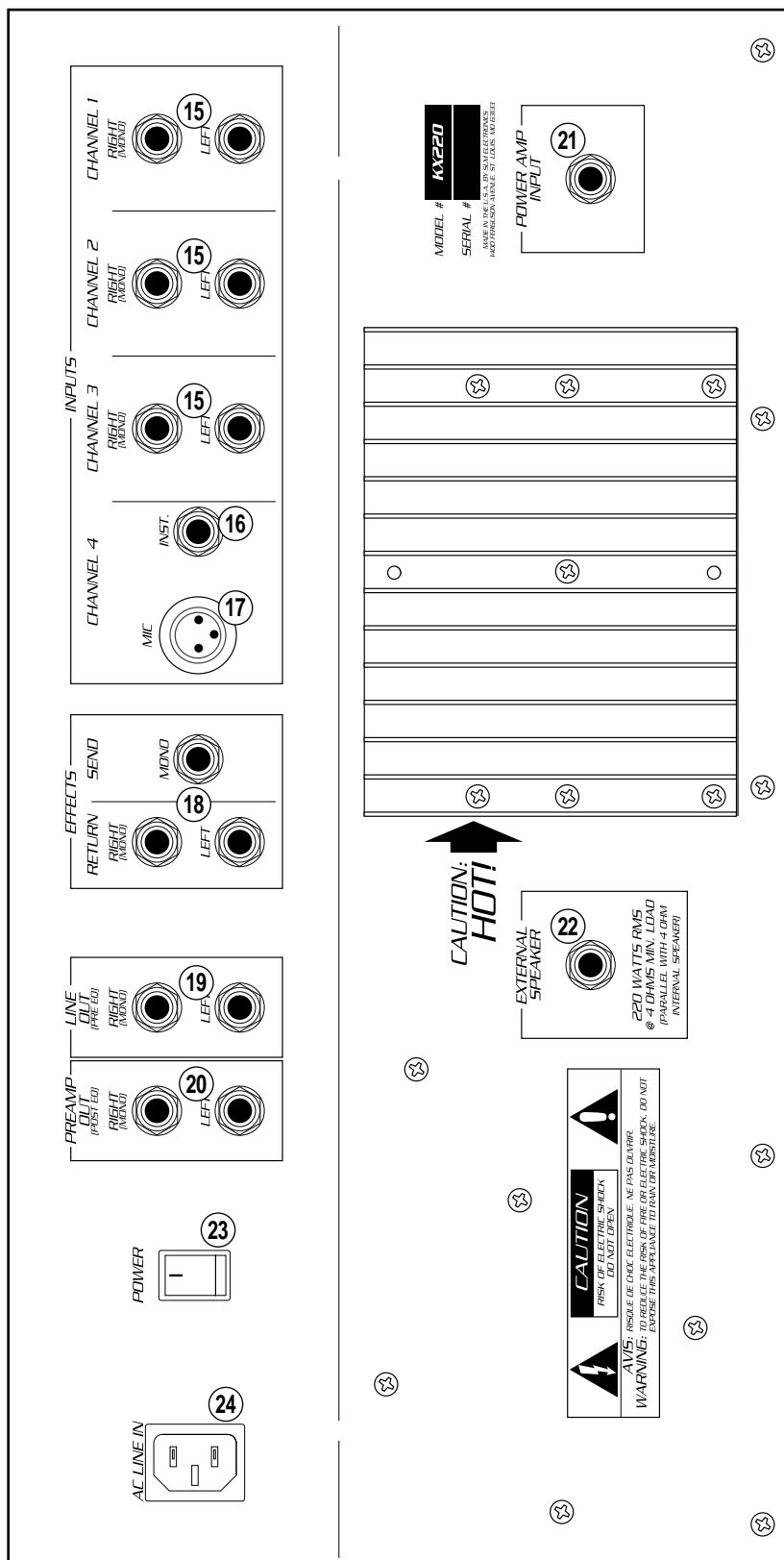
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## The Top Panel:



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## The Rear Panel:



**15: Input Jacks (channel 1–3):** Connection of an instrument, drum machine, tape deck channel, microphone or other high impedance (balanced or unbalanced) line level signal with 1/4" plug can be made here. For stereo inputs use the right/mono jack for the right channel input and the left jack for the left channel input. For two mono inputs into one channel, use the right/mono jack for one and the left jack for the other. For a single mono input into one channel, use the right/mono jack only.

**16: Instrument Input Jack (channel 4):** Connection of an instrument (such as a bass guitar) can be made here.

**17: Microphone Input Jack (channel 4):** Connection of a low impedance microphone can be made here. This XLR jack carries +16 volts phantom power on pins 2 and 3.

**18: Effects Loop:** Connection of an external effects unit can be made here. Plug a signal cable from the amplifier's send jack to the unit's input jack. Plug another cable (or, for stereo effects, a pair of cables) from the effect unit's output jack(s) to the amplifier's return jack(s). (Mono effects connect into the jack labeled right/mono.) The level of the effects can be controlled by the channel rev/eff send controls (#3) and the effects return control (#11).

**19: Line Out Jacks:** These pre-eq jacks allow connection to a mixing board, recording unit, or house PA system. (These are non-balanced output jacks.)

**20: Preamp Out Jacks:** These post-eq jacks allow connection to an external power amp. When a plug is inserted into the left preamp out jack, the amplifier's left channel signal is interrupted from its internal power amp and is routed only through the jack. This allows you to achieve a true stereo output if you connect your main KX-220's left preamp out jack to a second KX-220's power amp input jack (see #21).

**21: Power Amp Input Jack:** Connection directly into the KX-220's internal power amplifier is possible through this jack. The amp will ignore any other input signals, all control settings and any external effects, and will only amplify the signal sent into the power amp input jack.

**22: External Speaker Jack:** Connection to an extension speaker cabinet can be made here. The extension cabinet must have a minimum impedance of 4 ohms. This jack is in parallel with the internal speakers and using this jack does not disconnect them.

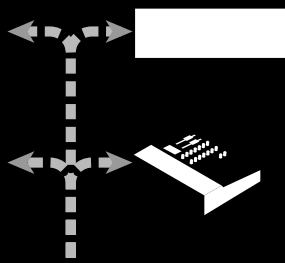
**23: Power Switch:** Turns the amplifier on (I) and off.

**24: AC Line In:** Connect the AC power cord here. Be sure the cord is properly plugged into a safely wired, grounded 120 volt, 60Hz AC power outlet before use. (If your amplifier was purchased outside the United States, refer to the rear panel for power ratings.) **For your safety, never attempt to defeat the ground connection on this cord.**

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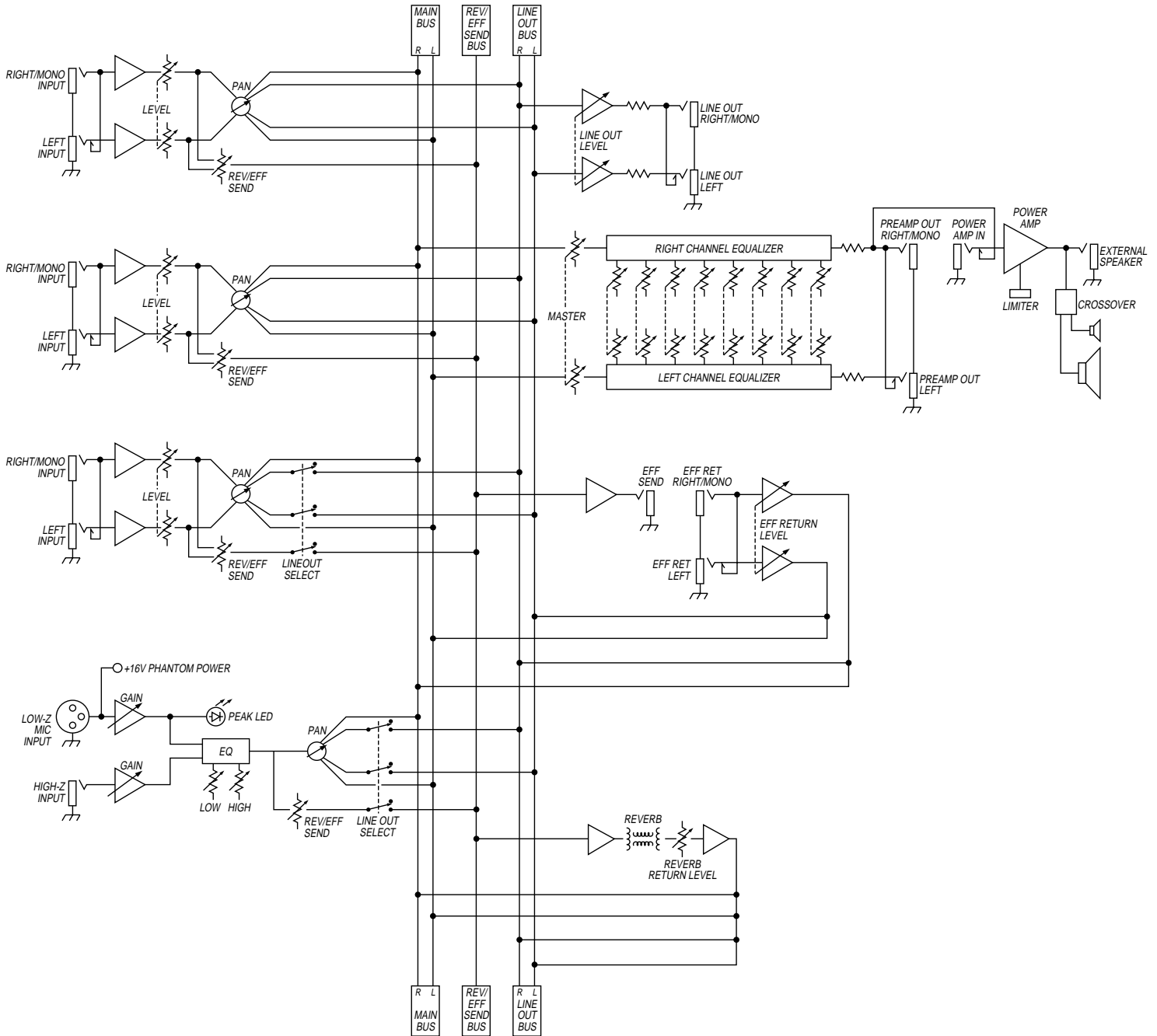
## Sample Hookup Diagram:

In the diagram below, the two mono keyboards are both connected into channel 1. The channel 1 pan control lets you adjust the relative level between the two signals. The metronome plugged into channel 3 may be heard through the amplifier but *not* the house sound system if the line out select switch is pressed in. A stereo effects device has been connected to the effects loop, although a mono device can also be used. An additional KX-220 has been connected to the left channel preamp out jack, to achieve a true stereo output.



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## System Block Diagram:



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## Technical Specifications

|                          |  |  |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Output Power Rating      |  | 160 watts RMS minimum @5% THD @ 4 ohm internal speaker<br>220 watts RMS with 4 ohm extension speaker   |
| Maximum Signal Accepted  | Channels 1,2,&3<br>Channel 4<br>Effects Return | Right/mono / Left: 6 volts peak to peak<br>Instrument: 28 volts peak to peak; Microphone: 4 volts peak to peak<br>Right/mono: 27 volts peak to peak; Left: 27 volts peak to peak |
| Nominal Input Impedance  | Channels 1,2,&3<br>Channel 4                   | Right/mono / Left: 22k ohm<br>Instrument: 220k ohm; Microphone: 600 ohm  |
| Gain                     | Channels 1,2,&3<br>Channel 4<br>Power Amp      | Right/mono / Left: 30dB<br>Instrument: 37dB; Microphone: 64dB<br>36dB  |
| Channel 4 EQ             |  | Low: $\pm 10$ dB @ 50Hz; High: $\pm 10$ dB @ 10kHz   |
| Master EQ                |  | $\pm 12$ dB @ 40Hz, 100Hz, 225Hz, 625Hz, 1.6kHz, 4kHz, 8kHz, 16kHz   |
| Line Out/Line In Levels  |  | 1 volt RMS typical   |
| Input Power Requirements |  | 120 VAC, 60Hz, 205VA<br>100/110 VAC, 50/60Hz, 205VA<br>230 VAC, 50/60Hz, 205VA   |
| Limiter Range            |  | 20dB, maximum distortion 1%  |
| Speaker Specifications   | Low Frequency<br>High Frequency                | 15" Crate Custom Design, 2.5" voice coil, 56 oz. magnet<br>4"x4" Bullet Horn, 1" voice coil, replaceable phenolic diaphragm,<br>8 oz. magnet                                     |
| Size and Weight          |  | 20.5" H* x 20.5" W x 17.5" D; 73 lbs (*add 1.5" for casters)   |

*Due to ongoing product development and improvement, the specifications contained herein are subject to change without notice.*

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