

This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.



This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

LIMITED WARRANTY

Your Carvin product is guaranteed against failure for 1 YEAR unless otherwise stated. Carvin will service and supply all parts at no charge to the customer providing the unit is under warranty. Shipping costs are the responsibility of the customer. CARVIN DOES NOT PAY FOR PARTS OR SERVICING OTHER THAN OUR OWN. A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL INVOICE IS REQUIRED TO VERIFY YOUR WARRANTY. Carvin assumes no responsibility for horn drivers or speakers damaged by this unit. This warranty does not cover, and no liability is assumed, for damage due to: natural disasters, accidents, abuse, loss of parts, lack of reasonable care, incorrect use, or failure to follow instructions. This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties, expressed or implied. No representative or person is authorized to represent or assume for Carvin any liability in connection with the sale or servicing of Carvin products. CARVIN SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.

When RETURNING merchandise to the factory, you may call for a return authorization number. Describe in writing each problem. If your unit is out of warranty, you will be charged the current FLAT RATE for parts and labor to bring your unit up to factory specifications.

MAINTAINING YOUR EQUIPMENT

Avoid spilling liquids or allowing any other foreign matter inside the unit. The panel of your unit can be wiped from time to time with a dry or slightly damp cloth in order to remove dust and bring back the new look. As with all pro gear, avoid prolonged use in caustic environments (salt air). When used in such an environment, be sure the amplifier is adequately protected by rack, covers, etc..

IMPORTANT! FOR YOUR PROTECTION, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

WATER AND MOISTURE: Appliance should not be used near water (near a bathtub, washbowl, kitchen sink, laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool, etc.). Care should be taken so that objects do not fall and liquids are not spilled into the enclosure through openings.

POWER SOURCES: The product should be connected to a power supply only of the type described in the operating instructions or as marked on the appliance.

GROUNDING OR POLARIZATION: Precautions should be taken so that the grounding or polarization is not defeated.

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, paying particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the appliance.

SERVICING: The user should not attempt to service the appliance beyond that described in the operating instructions. All other servicing should be referred to qualified service personnel.

FUSING: If your unit is equipped with a fuse receptacle, replace only with the same type fuse. Refer to replacement text on the unit for correct fuse type.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS (EUROPEAN)

The conductors in the AC power cord are colored in accordance with the following code. **GREEN & YELLOW—Earth BLUE—Neutral BROWN—Live**
U.K. MAIN PLUG WARNING: A molded main plug that has been cut off from the cord is unsafe. NEVER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU INSERT A DAMAGED OR CUT MAIN PLUG INTO A POWER SOCKET.



REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL! THIS UNIT CONTAINS HIGH VOLTAGE INSIDE!

REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST FOR R600

80-40628 R600 Driver & Output	PART #	DESCRIPTION	QTY	80-40628 R600 Driver & Output	PART #	DESCRIPTION	QTY							
A1	5532 Op Amp	60-55320	C312	Capacitor Mylar, 0.047µF, 100V	46-47312	P3	Pot. 16, B50K, D-shaft, Vert. 15mm	71-16501	R45	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10065	R224	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 4.7K	50-47035
A3	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C313	Capacitor Electrolytic, 10µF, 63V	47-10061	P4	Pot. 16, B50K, D-shaft, Vert. 15mm	71-16501	R46	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 100K	50-10055	R225	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2.2K	50-22035
A5	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C315	Capacitor Mylar, 0.047µF, 100V	46-47312	P5	Pot. 16, B50K, D-shaft, Vert. 15mm	71-16501	R47	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 100K	50-10055	R226	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 1K	50-10035
A6	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C316	Capacitor Mylar, 0.047µF, 100V	46-47312	P6	Pot. 16, B50K, D-shaft, Vert. 15mm	71-16501	R48	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 100K	50-10055	R227	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 680Ω	50-68025
A7	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C317	Capacitor Electrolytic, 1000µF, 63V	46-47312	P7	Pot. 16, B50K, D-shaft, Vert. 15mm	71-16501	R49	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 100Ω	50-10025	R228	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2.2K	50-22035
A8	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C318	Capacitor Electrolytic, 170µF, 25V	47-47125	P8	Pot. 16, B50K, D-shaft, Vert. 15mm	71-16501	R50	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 100Ω	50-10025	R229	Resistor 5W, ±5%, 0.22Ω	55-02205
A9	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C415	Capacitor Ceramic, 270pF, 500V	45-27052	P9	Pot. 16, 15CS0K2, D-shaft, Vert. 15mm	72-16503	R51	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10065	R230	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 150Ω	50-15025
A10	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C416	Capacitor Ceramic, 56pF, 500V	45-56652	P10	Pot. 16, B50K, D-shaft, Vert. 15mm	71-16501	R53	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10045	R231	Resistor 1/2W, ±5%, 4.7Ω	52-47005
A11	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C417	Capacitor Mylar, 250µF, 500V	46-57152	P11	Pot. 16, B50K, D-shaft, Vert. 15mm	71-16501	R54	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10045	R232	Resistor 5W, ±5%, 0.22Ω	55-02205
A12	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C418	Capacitor Electrolytic, 100µF, 63V	47-10061	P12	Pot. 16, B50K, D-shaft, Vert. 15mm	71-16501	R55	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 100Ω	50-10025	R233	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2.2K	50-22035
A13	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C419	Capacitor Mylar, 0.01µF, 100V	46-10312	P13	Fader B10K C30m15	71-10331	R56	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10045	R234	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 0.22Ω	55-02205
A14	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C420	Capacitor Mylar, 0.001µF, 100V	46-10212	P14	Fader B10K C30m15	71-10331	R57	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2.2K	50-22035	R235	Resistor 5W, ±5%, 0.22Ω	55-02205
A15	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C501	Capacitor Electrolytic, 1000µF, 63V	42-10363	P15	Fader B10K C30m15	71-10331	R58	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2.2K	50-22035	R236	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 15K	50-15045
A16	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C502	Capacitor Electrolytic, 1000µF, 63V	42-10363	P16	Fader B10K C30m15	71-10331	R59	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 100Ω	50-10025	R237	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 100K	50-10055
A17	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C503	Capacitor Electrolytic, 1000µF, 35V	47-10235	P17	Fader B10K C30m15	71-10331	R60	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10045	R238	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 100K	50-10055
A18	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C504	Capacitor Electrolytic, 1000µF, 35V	47-10235	P18	Fader B10K C30m15	71-10331	R61	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 33K	50-33045	R239	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 100K	50-10055
A19	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C505	Capacitor Mylar, 0.047µF, 100V	46-47312	P19	Fader B10K C30m15	71-10331	R62	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 33K	50-33045	R240	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 33K	50-33045
A20	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C506	Capacitor Mylar, 0.047µF, 100V	46-47312	P20	Fader B10K C30m15	71-10331	R63	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 33K	50-33045	R241	NU	
A300	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C507	Capacitor Electrolytic, 220µF, 50V	47-22151	P21	Fader B10K C30m15	71-10331	R64	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 1M	50-10065	R242	NU	
A301	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C517	Capacitor Electrolytic, 470µF, 25V	47-47125	P22	Pot. 16, 15CS0K2, D-shaft, Vert. 15mm	72-16503	R65	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 1M	50-10065	R243	Resistor 5W, ±5%, 5Ω	55-05025
A302	4558 Op Amp	60-45580	C520	Capacitor Electrolytic, 220µF, 50V	47-22151	P101	Pot. Trimmer 500Ω, Vert.	71-24500	R66	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10045	R244	Resistor 2W, ±5%, 10Ω	54-10015
A400	5532 Op Amp	60-55320	C572	Capacitor Electrolytic, 47µF, 63V	47-47061	P201	Pot. Trimmer 500Ω, Vert.	71-24500	R67	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10045	R245	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 100Ω	50-10035
BR1	Diode Bridge Rectifier	60-35041	D1	LED, small Red	60-75320	Q1	Transistor, Darlington NPN, MPSA14	60-00014	R68	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10045	R250	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 39K	50-39045
C1	Capacitor, Mylar, 0.0068µF, 100V	46-68212	D2	Diode, 1N914, Hi Speed	61-19140	Q2	J175, TO-92, JFET-Channel	60-17500	R69	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2.4K	50-24035	R306	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 39K	50-39045
C2	Capacitor, Ceramic, 120pF, 500V	45-12152	D3	LED, small Green	60-75320	Q3	J175, TO-92, JFET-Channel	60-17500	R70	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2.4K	50-24035	R307	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 470K	50-47055
C3	Capacitor, Ceramic, 120pF, 500V	45-12152	D4	LED, small Red	60-75320	O101	Transistor, TIP31C NPN, 3A 100V	60-31000	R71	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 1.8K	50-18035	R308	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 470K	50-47055
C4	Capacitor, Mylar, 0.1µF, 100V	46-10412	D5	LED, small Yellow	60-75320	O5	J175, TO-92, JFET-Channel	60-17500	R72	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 1.8K	50-18035	R309	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 22K	50-22045
C5	Capacitor, Electrolytic, 100µF, 63V	47-10061	D9	Diode, 1N914, Hi Speed	61-19140	O7	Transistor, Darlington NPN, MPSA14	60-00014	R73	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 1.8K	50-18035	R310	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 22K	50-22045
C6	Capacitor, Ceramic, 39pF, 500V	45-39052	D10	LED, small Red	60-75320	O8	Transistor, Darlington NPN, MPSA14	60-00014	R74	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 300K	50-30055	R311	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 20K	50-20045
C7	Capacitor, Mylar, 0.047µF, 100V	46-47312	D11	LED, small Red	60-75320	O102	Transistor, TIP31C NPN, 3A 100V	60-31000	R75	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2.2K	50-22035	R312	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 6.8K	50-68035
C8	Capacitor, Ceramic, 56pF, 500V	45-56152	D12	Diode, 1N4003, 1A 200V	61-40030	O102	Transistor, MPS4402 PNP, 100V	60-00042	R76	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 20K	50-20055	R313	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 100K	50-10055
C9	Capacitor, Mylar, 0.1µF, 100V	46-10412	D13	Diode, 1N914, Hi Speed	61-19140	O103	Transistor, 2N2907, HV PNP, 1.0W	60-00092	R77	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2.4K	50-24035	R314	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 20K	50-20045
C10	Capacitor, Electrolytic, 100µF, 63V	47-10061	D14	Diode, 1N914, Hi Speed	61-19140	O104	Transistor, MJE15033 PNP, 3A 100V	60-15033	R78	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 300K	50-30055	R315	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10045
C11	Capacitor, Ceramic, 56pF, 500V	45-56152	D15	LED, small Red	60-75320	O105	Transistor, MJE15033 PNP, 3A 100V	60-15033	R79	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2K	50-20035	R316	NU	
C12	Capacitor, Electrolytic, 100µF, 63V	46-47312	D16	LED, small Red	60-75320	O106	Transistor, TIP31C NPN, 3A 100V	60-31000	R80	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2.2K	50-22035	R317	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 22K	50-22045
C13	Capacitor, Mylar, 0.0022µF, 100V	46-22212	D17	Diode, 1N4003, 1A 200V	61-40030	O107	Transistor, MJE1199 NPN, 200W	60-21194	R81	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2.2K	50-22035	R318	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 1K	50-10035
C14	Capacitor, Electrolytic, 100µF, 63V	46-47312	D18	Diode, 1N4003, 1A 200V	61-40030	O108	Transistor, MJE1199 PNP, 200W	60-21194	R82	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 360K	50-36055	R319	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10045
C15	Capacitor, Mylar, 0.047µF, 100V	46-47312	D203	LED, small Red	60-75320	O109	NU		R83	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2.2K	50-22035	R320	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10045
C16	Capacitor, Mylar, 0.0033µF, 100V	46-33212	D204	LED, small Red	60-75320	O110	Transistor, MJE1199 PNP, 200W	60-21194	R84	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 100K	50-10065	R321	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 27K	50-27045
C17	Capacitor, Mylar, 0.0033µF, 100V	46-33212	D205	Diode, 1N4003, 1A 200V	61-40030	O111	Transistor, MJE1199 PNP, 200W	60-21194	R85	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2.2K	50-22035	R322	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 5.6K	50-56035
C18	Capacitor, Ceramic, 39pF, 500V	45-39052	D206	Diode, 1N4003, 1A 200V	61-40030	O112	NU		R86	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 150K	50-15055	R323	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 470K	50-47055
C19	Capacitor, Ceramic, 120pF, 500V	45-12152	D207	Diode, 1N4003, 1A 200V	61-40030	O114	Transistor, 2N5400 PNP	60-54000	R87	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10045	R324	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10045
C20	Capacitor, Mylar, 0.022µF, 100V	46-22212	D209	Diode, 1N4003, 1A 200V	61-40030	O202	Transistor, MPS4402 NPN, HV 1.0W	60-00042	R88	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10045	R325	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2.2K	50-22035
C21	Capacitor, Mylar, 0.0033µF, 100V	46-33212	D209	Diode, 1N4003, 1A 200V	61-40030	O203	Transistor, 2N2907, HV PNP, 1.0W	60-00092	R89	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 33K	50-33045	R326	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 4.7K	50-47035
C22	Capacitor, Mylar, 0.0033µF, 100V	46-33212	D210	Diode, 1N4003, 1A 200V	61-40030	O204	Transistor, MJE15033 PNP, 3A 100V	60-15033	R90	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10065	R327	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2.2K	50-22035
C23	Capacitor, Mylar, 0.047µF, 100V	46-47312	D310	Diode, 1N4003, 1A 200V	61-40030	O205	Transistor, MJE15033 PNP, 3A 100V	60-15033	R91	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 1M	50-10065	R328	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 220Ω	50-22025
C31	Capacitor, Mylar, 0.047µF, 100V	46-47312	D311	Diode, 1N4003, 1A 200V	61-40030	O206	Transistor, TIP31C NPN, 3A 100V	60-31000	R92	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 2.2K	50-22035	R329	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10045
C32	Capacitor, Ceramic, 120pF, 500V	45-12152	D404	LED, small Red	60-75320	O207	Transistor, MJE1199 NPN, 200W	60-21194	R93	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10045	R330	Resistor 1/4W, ±5%, 10K	50-10045
C33	Capacitor, Mylar, 0.01µF, 100V	46-1031												



Congratulations on your decision to purchase the new Red Line Series bass amp. The Red line Series of products represent Carvin's commitment to producing the state of the art in professional bass technology. All Red Line amplifiers offer a hybrid 12AX7 tube pre-amp which gives the player a choice of a clean or vintage sound at the turn of a knob. The light-weight and compact design is complemented by heavy duty construction perfectly suited for the rigors of road use. This manual covers the R600 and R1000 head, "Cyclops" and "Red Eye" (combo) amplifiers.

GETTING STARTED QUICKLY

If you are like most players, you probably want to plug in your new amp and get started playing right away. However, with a sophisticated amp like the R600/R1000, the setup must be right or you will experience unsatisfactory results. Before you start, be sure your amp is plugged into the correct AC voltage.

1. Plug your bass guitar into the ACTIVE (bass with preamp) or PASSIVE (bass with no battery) input jack. With your bass full on and playing hard, be sure the CLIP led next to the input jacks is not flashing (very dim flashing is OK) or preamp distortion will result. Use the ACTIVE input if your instrument continues to cause clipping.
2. The INPUT GAIN control should be set at its center "0" position. The master AMP 1 & 2 and VOLUME levels should be set at their center "5" position. If these settings are too loud, then bring all three down proportionally. However, the GAIN control should be kept at "0" for the best signal to noise performance. Note, the GAIN control does not turn the guitar off.
3. Set the COMPRESSOR & GATE to their off position. Read about their function later.
4. Set the LOW, MID SWEEP and HIGH tone controls to their off center "0" position. Adjust later after you are more familiar with the amp.
5. Set the 9 EQ bands to their "0" center positions and adjust later if needed. The EQ switch can also be used to defeat the EQ.
6. Set the guitar's level about 1/2 and turn the master VOLUME OFF. Now, turn the amp ON and gradually raise the master VOLUME (set the input GAIN at "0" & the AMP 1 & 2 at "5"). Re-adjust the guitar and these masters according to the desired volume. If you require full output, then raise these master controls to 10. Never try to get full power by pushing the input GAIN control to its maximum and keeping the master AMP 1 & 2 and VOLUME below 5.
7. Your tone shaping should start with the PRE-SHAPE filters. You can use the tone controls and the 9-band graphic EQ as more tone variation is required. It is not recommended to add a lot of bass if the pre-shape bass filter is used especially at high levels because early clipping can occur. Use moderation when dialing in tone.
8. Use the built-in COMPRESSOR to limit peaks. This will help you to get more power from your amp.
9. Biamping the CYCLOPS combo or any large bass stacks requires careful balancing of the AMP 1 & 2 controls. These amp controls power the woofer and midrange/tweeter independently. Double check to see that the speaker's components are plugged into the correct amp jacks. If the cables are reversed (feeding the wrong speakers), or the BRIDGE switch is inadvertently pushed in, or the front BIAMP switch or X-OVER frequency is incorrectly set, your amp will not perform correctly. Carefully checking these items will help prevent service calls.
10. Need more power? Even though the R600/R1000 is a powerful amp, adding more speakers is the only way for substantially more output. Every time you double your speakers, your acoustic output goes up by a factor of four. This is far more efficient than trying to add 4 times the power especially when speakers become less efficient when driving them harder. Bridging your amp into a 4 ohm system will give you more output. However, use caution because speakers can be damaged from its high output.

Hopefully, this will help you get started. Have fun exploring the many new features and sounds of the R600/R1000. Take your time because your new amp has a lot of potential if properly setup!

RECEIVING INSPECTION—read before getting started

INSPECT YOUR UNIT FOR ANY DAMAGE which may have occurred during shipping. If any damage is found, please notify the shipping company and CARVIN immediately.

SAVE THE CARTON & ALL PACKING MATERIALS. In the event you have to re-ship your unit, always use the original carton and packing material. This will provide the best possible protection during shipment. CARVIN and the shipping company are not liable for any damage caused by improper packing.

SAVE YOUR INVOICE. It will be required for warranty service if needed in the future.

SHIPMENT SHORTAGE. If you find items missing, they may have been shipped separately. Please allow several days for the rest of your order to arrive before inquiring.

RECORD THE SERIAL NUMBER on the enclosed warranty card or below on this manual for your records. Keep your portion of the card and return the portion with your name and comments to us.

DESIGNED FOR TOURING

Every R600 is made from heavy-duty 16 gauge steel that is galvanized before being painted to prevent rust. All internal cabling is neatly tied and harnessed. Every circuit card is MIL SPEC, double-sided, through-hole plated, fire retardant FR-4 glass epoxy. This insures that the solder flows on the top, bottom and through each hole of every component, preventing components from shaking loose. Toroid transformers are used as they are the engineer's choice for greater power supply current while reducing weight and magnetic "hum" fields.

R600/R1000 RED LINE SPECIFICATIONS:

Output Power	R600	R1000
8Ω	175/175w	225/225w
4Ω	250/250w	350/350w
2Ω	300/300w	500/500w
8Ω Bridged	500w	700w
4Ω Bridged	600w	1000w
THD < 1%		
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Input Impedance (passive input)	1MΩ	
(active input)	200k Ω	
Pre-Shape EQ.	Low Boost: +8dB @ 80Hz Mid Shift: 250 Hz or 475 Hz @ -12dB Hi Boost: +7dB @ 6kHz	
Main EQ.	Low ±12dB @ 100Hz Mid Sweep ±12dB @ 200Hz-2kHz High ±12dB @ 8kHz	
Graphic EQ Freq.	50, 80, 125, 250, 500, 800, 1.3k, 2.6k, 5k	
Compressor	Variable Threshold Range (-10dB to -35dB) Variable Ratio Range (1.3 to 1) to (5 to 1)	
Noise Gate	Variable Threshold Range off to -30dB	
Crossover	12dB per Octave Sweepable 200Hz to 2kHz	
Dimensions	3 1/2" High x 19" Wide x 10" Deep	
Shipping Weight with SV2 Duratuff II™ cabinet	R600: 30 lbs.	R1000:36 lbs
Warranty	One year parts and labor unless otherwise state	

For your records, you may wish to record the following information.

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FRONT PANEL CONTROLS

1. INPUT GROUP

Two 1/4" phone jacks are provided to accommodate both passive and active instruments. The **PASSIVE** input is to be used with bass guitars with standard high impedance pickups. The high impedance input offers 8db more gain than the **ACTIVE** input jack. The **ACTIVE** input is to be used with instruments that contain active electronics. The **INPUT GAIN** knob is used to set the input level, and the **BLEND** knob controls how much signal is mixed through the **12AX7** vacuum tube. With your bass full on and the blend control set to the **TUBE** position, you are able to get mild vintage tube distortion. The red **CLIP** LED indicates when the input is close to clipping. To avoid clipping, reduce the bass level, **GAIN** knob or use the **ACTIVE** input jack.

2. PRE-SHAPE EQ

The **PRE-SHAPE EQ** is useful for dialing up a certain sound quickly and easily. The **LOW BOOST** switch provides a 8dB boost at just under 80Hz. This is useful for adding some depth to the bottom end without bringing up the lower midrange. The **MID SHIFT** switch offers two different scooped mid selections. In the **IN** position the amp has a 12dB cut at 250Hz. Depressing this button raises the cut frequency to 475Hz. The **HI BOOST** switch offers a 6dB boost at 6kHz. This can provide good high frequency compensation when using only 15" or 18" speakers.

3. MAIN EQ TONE CONTROLS

The main EQ tone controls consists of a low shelving control, a sweep midrange control and a high shelving control. The **LOW** control provides the overall shaping of the low frequencies. The action of this control has been carefully matched to the response of the bass guitar. The **MID SWEEP** controls perform as a semiparametric EQ over the mid frequency range. The **MID GAIN** knob provides a boosting or cutting action at a relatively narrow band of frequencies. When the **EQ GAIN** knob of the **MID SWEEP** controls is set to "0" the mid sweep will have no effect. To boost or cut a specific frequency rotate the **MIDGAIN** knob clockwise (right) or counter clockwise (left) respectively. The **FREQ** control knob is used to select the center frequency where the boosting or cutting will occur. The best way to become familiar with the **MID SWEEP** control is to set the **MID GAIN** knob at either full cut or full boost and rotate the **FREQ** knob over its range of frequencies. Listen to the results and experiment with different levels. The **MID SWEEP EQ** is a powerful sound shaping tool which usually requires some practice to get the best results. The **HIGH** control knob is designed to cut or boost the high frequencies of the bass guitar. Boosting with this control is useful for bringing up the very highest harmonics of the bass, which is especially useful when slapping or popping. Note: boosting the high frequencies can result in increased hiss, especially when using tweeters. This is normal.

4. COMPRESSOR

The **COMPRESSOR** of the Red Line Series amps is designed to limit the peaks so the volume level is more constant. This allows greater power to your speakers preventing the power amps from clipping. The R600/R1000 two knob compressor with **THRESHOLD** and **RATIO** controls is more flexible and precise than a single control unit. The user can dial up the exact amount of compression desired and at what level they want the compression to begin. The **THRESHOLD** control knob sets the point where the compressor kicks in. In the **OFF** position the compressor has no effect on the sound. Rotating this control in the clockwise direction lowers the level where the compressor turns on. The compressor indicator LED shows when this threshold is obtained, thus showing when the compressor is on. The **RATIO** knob is used to set the

amount of compression once the threshold has been reached. When this knob is swept all the way counter clockwise (left) the unit is set for a mild compression. As the knob is rotated clockwise (right) the compression ratio increases. The range of available compression ratios is 1.3 to 1 in the full counter clockwise position and 5 to 1 in the full clockwise position. The compressor is interactive with the input gain knob and the volume knobs on the bass guitar itself. Lowering the volume feeding the compressor will reduce the amount of compression and raising it will result in more compression. To get a tight limiting sound which is often nice for slap style playing, set the **RATIO** control to the full clockwise position and bring up the **THRESHOLD** knob until the desired reduction is realized.

5. NOISE GATE

The noise **GATE** reduces the noise caused by the bass pickups. To use the **GATE**, mute the strings with your hand and raise the **THRESHOLD** control knob until the amp's noise is turned off and the red LED illuminates. The **GATE** will turn the amp on as the bass is played. The noise gate senses the guitar. This allows the **INPUT GAIN** and **MASTER VOLUMES** to be adjusted independently of the gate setting. Only your guitar affects the setting.

6. ELECTRONIC X-OVER

The electronic **X-OVER** is used to set the amp for a bi-amped configuration. When the **BI-AMP / FULL RANGE** selector switch is in the **OUT** position, the amp is in the bi-amp mode. To select the crossover frequency, rotate the **FREQ** control knob until the desired frequency is obtained (800 Hz is recommended). A bi-amped system allows the user greater control over the high and low frequencies of their stage rig. This allows speakers designed for specific frequencies to be utilized to their fullest potential.

7. GRAPHIC EQ/EFFECTS LOOP

The nine band graphic EQ has been designed with the center frequencies most requested by professional bass players. This EQ can be used to fine tune the tonal content of the amps output. Since the graphic EQ is controllable with either the optional **FS22** footswitch or the **EQ** switch on the front panel, it can be used to develop a second sound from the amp. Musicians that play more than one bass on stage will find this useful to get the sounds they desire out of each of their instruments. The footswitch selectable graphic EQ can also be useful during passages of a song when the bass needs to punch through the mix. A green LED indicator located along side of the EQ signifies when the graphic EQ is working in the amp.

The yellow effect loop LED labeled **EFF LOOP** indicates when the effects loop is turned on. Note: the **EQ** switch on the front panel overrides the **SELECT** switch on the footswitch. So when the graphic EQ is off on the front panel it cannot be turned on with the footswitch.

8. OUTPUT GROUP (AMP CONTROLS, BIAMPING & JACKS)

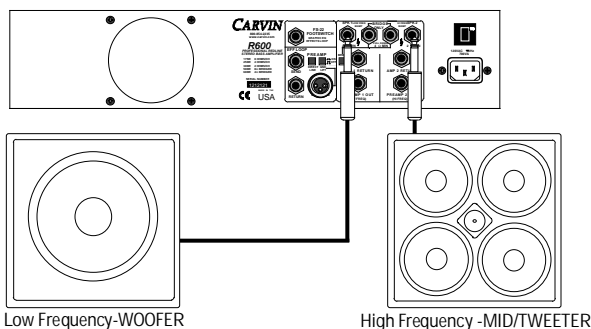
The output group determines how the Red Line amplifier interfaces with other gear and speakers. The master **VOLUME** control sets the overall volume level of the amp. The **POWER AMP CONTROL 1 & 2** knobs control the final volume to the individual amps. These are used to balance the low and high cabinets when bi-amping or stereo signals. To set the balance in a bi-amped rig, bring up the **AMP 1 (LOW FREQ)** knob until the desired volume level is reached. Now bring up the **AMP 2 (HIGH FREQ)** knob until the desired balance between the lows and highs is met. If the **VOLUME** control is at its maximum position and more volume is needed,



SPEAKER CONNECTIONS

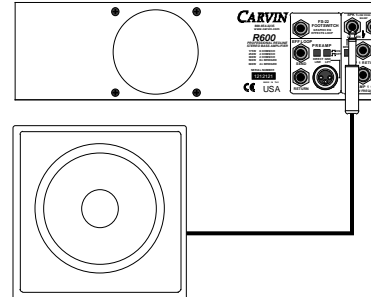
R600/R1000 BI-AMP HOOK UP

The R600/R1000 bass amp contains two separate (stereo) power amplifiers. This makes it possible to run a full Bi-amped rig directly off of your R600/R1000. The **AMP 1 (LOW FREQ)** 1/4" output jack should be connected to a low frequency speaker cabinet, usually a 15" or 18" speaker. The **AMP 2 (HIGH FREQ)** 1/4" output jack should be connected to a set of mid/high frequency drivers, often a 4x10 box with a tweeter. The crossover selector switch must be set to the **BI-AMP (out)** position in order to engage the internal electronic crossover. The crossover frequency is set by rotating the **X-OVER** knob on the front panel, 800 Hz is recommended. The mix of the low and high frequency volume levels are set with the **AMP 1** and **AMP 2 POWER AMP CONTROL** knobs.



FULL RANGE MODE:

If only one speaker is being used (or multiple full range speakers), connect it to the **AMP 1** or the **AMP 2** output jacks. The internal crossover switch should be set to the **FULL RANGE** mode (IN), since it will not be used in this application.



increase both **POWER AMP CONTROL 1 & 2** knobs by the same amount, so that the mix is unchanged. These knobs can also be used to set the level of two full range speakers. So one speaker can be used as a monitor for the guitar player or drummer and the other speaker as the main bass cabinet. A front panel mounted **PHONES** jack is provided for practicing or as a place to hook up a tuner. Use high quality headphones with an impedance greater than 100Ω when connecting to this jack. The phones jack does not interrupt the amplifiers output so a tuner can be left plugged into this jack while playing. When using a Tip / Sleeve (mono) cable to attach gear such as a tuner to the phones jack, insert the cable to the first click of the jack.

9. POWER / PROTECT RESET

ON / OFF switch and power indicator LED. Push the upper portion of the power switch to turn the amplifier on. If the power indicator LED is on but no sound is coming out of the speakers, the amp may have gone into one of its protection modes. To reset the amp, turn the power off for one minute and then turn the amp back on. If the problem persists check for a bad speaker cable, damaged speaker or blocked rear fan intake.

REAR PANEL CONTROLS

10. COOLING VENTS

These vents are for cooling the internal power amplifiers. Provide a minimum of 3" of clearance for adequate ventilation. Blocking the air flow through these vents will cause the amp to thermally protect and turn the speaker relays off. If this happens clear the obstruction first, keep the power on and turn the guitar volume down allowing the amp to cool. The amp will engage the speaker relays when cooling conditions return to normal.

11. EFFECTS LOOP

The **EFF LOOP** send and return jacks are used to connect external effects into the Red Line's signal chain. The loop is located after the main EQ, compressor and noise gate and before the graphic EQ. To use the effects loop, connect the "**SND**" jack to the input of the effects unit and connect the "**RTN**" jack to the output of the effects unit. The effects loop can be turned on and off by using the **FS22** footswitch. When the footswitch is not connected, the loop will default to the ON position. The status of the effects loop is indicated on the front panel by a yellow LED marked "**EFF LOOP**".

12. PREAMP / DIRECT OUT XLR

The **PREAMP XLR** is a balanced output that can be configured in a number of different ways. The **LINE / DIR** switch is used to select a pre or post pre amp feed. In the "**LINE**" position, the feed is post the preamp section of the Red Line amp and contains all of the signal processing and effects that are being used. The "**DIR**" position is a direct feed off of the bass guitar and is similar to using a D.I. box at the input jack. A ground lift switch is also available on the preamp out XLR jack. Set this switch for the lowest noise when using this output. When the **GND / LIFT** switch is depressed, the signal ground is lifted from this jack thus eliminating any ground loops between the Red Line preamp out and the gear it is feeding.

13. PREAMP OUT JACKS (HI FREQ & LOW FREQ)

The **PREAMP 1 & 2 OUT** jacks add a lot of interconnection flexibility to the Red Line bass amp. These jacks can be used to drive additional power amplifiers or to drive stereo or frequency selective effects. When the amp is operating in Bi-amp mode, the **LOW FREQ** jack contains only the low frequency material and the **HI FREQ** jack contains only the high frequency material, as determined by the **X-OVER FREQ** selector knob on the front panel. When the amp is operating in full range mode, both output jacks contain the same full range signal. Use the front **AMP 1 & 2** controls for level adjustments.

14. STEREO RETURN JACKS

The **STEREO RETURN** jacks are to be used as stereo effects returns or as an AMP PATCHjack. These jacks can be used to patch external gear to the internal power amps of the Red Line amps. These jacks can also be utilized in conjunction with the pre-amp out jacks as a full stereo effects loop.

15. FOOTSWITCH

Connect the optional **FS22** footswitch to remotely control the nine band graphic EQ and the effects loop. The first button on the **FS22** marked **SELECT** turns the graphic EQ on and off, and the second button marked **REVERB / EFFECTS** turns the effects loop on and off. Any standard footswitch with a stereo plug will work.

16. SPEAKER OUTPUTS

The R600/R1000 amp contains two 1/4" speaker output connectors, one for each amp. The **AMP 1 (LOW FREQ)** jack corresponds to the **AMP 1 (LOW FREQ)** knob on the front panel. The **AMP 2 (HIGH FREQ)** jack corresponds to the **AMP 2 (HIGH FREQ)** knob on the front panel. Multiple speakers can be attached to each of the speaker output jacks so long as the total impedance is not below 2Ω per jack.

17. BRIDGE SPEAKER OUTPUTS

The R600 produces 600 watts (bridged mono) into a 4Ω load or 500 watts into an 8Ω load. The R1000 produces 1000 watts (bridged mono) into a 4Ω load or 700 watts into an 8Ω load. To activate, push the **BRIDGE** switch in and plug the speakers into the **BRIDGE ONLY** jacks.

18. AC CIRCUIT BREAKER

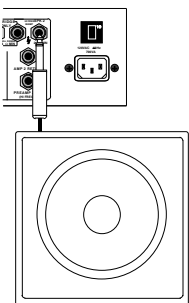
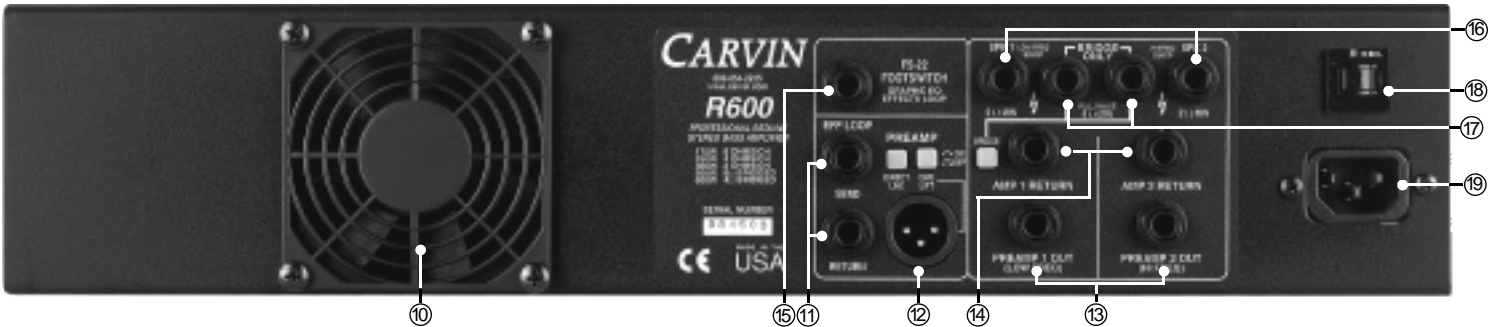
A circuit breaker is provided so that you will never have to replace the fuse. Occasionally the circuit breaker on your amp may have to be reset if high AC voltage surges are present or if the amp is used with excessive loads. Simply push the button to reset.

19. AC LINE CORD

All Red Line Series bass amplifiers are supplied with detachable three conductor line cords. Make sure the cord is securely inserted into the back of the unit. Never defeat the grounding pin of the AC line cord as it is there for your own protection. If you must plug into a two prong outlet use a quality 3 to 2 prong grounded adapter.

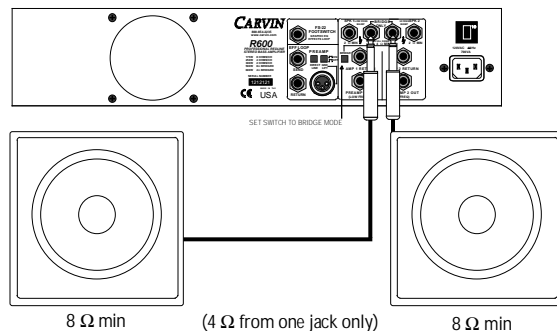
20. SPEAKER SYSTEM / TWEETERS

Speaker systems such as the RL410T or RL210T that have tweeters with L-Pad controls should be adjusted correctly. Be conservative or excess noise will result.



BRIDGED MODE

Bridge the two power amps by pushing in the **BRIDGE** switch. Use the **BRIDGE ONLY** output jacks to connect your speakers. Caution must be used or damage could result to your speakers because of excess power. The minimum impedance from these two jacks are 8Ω from each jack or 4Ω from one jack. Lower impedance will cause the amp to go into protect mode. Reset by turning amp off for 1 minute and on again.



HELPFUL HINTS

- 1) **POOR BIAMP SOUND:** The speaker cables from AMP 1 (woofers) and AMP2 (tweeters) have been reversed or AMP 1 and 2 level controls are not balanced or the X-OVER has been set at an incorrect frequency (set at 800 Hz).
- 2) **NO SOUND FROM AMPS 1 & 2:** The rear **BRIDGE** switch has been inadvertently pushed in or speakers plugged into wrong jacks.
- 3) **NO HIGH FREQUENCIES:** Tweeters or midrange drivers have been damaged or blown from overpowering.
- 4) **WEAK BASS:** The speaker systems could be wired out of phase to each other. To correct, reverse the wires on one speaker connector only and your bass response will improve.
- 5) **DIR XLR HUM:** Try switching the **GND LIFT** switch IN or OUT (depending on your use). If hum is not eliminated, then use a 600Ω line input transformer cutting the input ground on the connectors (Pin 3). This isolates the input ground from the AC power ground eliminating a system ground loop.
- 6) **REAR CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPS:** High AC voltage surges may be present. Reset the breaker by pushing the protruding button.