



INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Pro-Ject Tube Box E

Dear music lover,

thank you for purchasing a Pro-Ject Audio Systems phono amplifier.

In order to achieve maximum performance and reliability you should study these instructions for use carefully.



Warning of a hazard for the user, the unit or possible misuse.



Important notice.

Safety instructions

AC outlet voltages vary from country to country. Before connecting to the mains, make sure that the voltage in your area meets the voltage requirements printed on the power supply.



The power supply is used to disconnect the unit from the mains. Make sure that the power supply is easily accessible at all times. Never handle the device, the power supply while your hands are wet or damp.

Avoid letting liquids enter the device or the power supply. Never place any item containing liquid, such as a flower vase on or near the device. Never spill any liquid on the device or the power supply. Never place any naked flame sources, such as lighted candles on or near the device. The product shall not be used in damp or wet locations, next to a bathtub, sink, swimming pool or any other similar conditions.

Settings

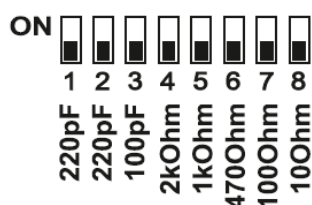
Use the dip switches at the bottom of the unit to set input capacitance and input impedance. Please set both channels equally.

To find out which type your cartridge is please consult the literature accompanying your cartridge.

The literature for cartridges should also specify the correct input impedance (low-output MC cartridges) and the correct input capacitance (high-output MC and MM cartridges), into which the cartridge is designed to work. If in doubt please consult your dealer.



To alter settings the unit must be disconnected from the power supply and the amplifier.



Setting for MM and high output MC cartridges

47pF is basic is the lowest fixed setting. DIP switches 1, 2 and 3 add more capacitance

input capacitance 147pF	(1-OFF, 2-OFF, 3-ON)
input capacitance 267pF	(1-OFF, 2-ON, 3-OFF)
input capacitance 367pF	(1-ON, 2-OFF, 3-ON)
input capacitance 487pF	(1-ON, 2-ON, 3-OFF)
input capacitance 587pF	(1-ON, 2-ON, 3-ON)

DIP switches 4-8 set to OFF represents a value of 47kohms.

Setting for MC cartridges

Input capacitance is irrelevant for low-output MC cartridges

input impedance 10ohms	(4-OFF, 5-OFF, 6-OFF, 7-OFF, 8-ON)
input impedance 100ohms	(4-OFF, 5-OFF, 6-OFF, 7-ON, 8-OFF)
input impedance 470ohms	(4-OFF, 5-OFF, 6-ON, 7-OFF, 8-OFF)
input impedance 1kohms	(4-OFF, 5-ON, 6-OFF, 7-OFF, 8-OFF)
input impedance 2kohms	(4-ON, 5-OFF, 6-OFF, 7-OFF, 8-OFF)

(Combinations are also possible)

Examples of typical settings

Ortofon 2M Red (MM)

input capacitance 147pF, input impedance 47kohms

3-ON

rest- OFF

Ortofon X5-MC (High-Output MC)

input capacitance 367pF, input impedance 47kohms

1,3-ON

rest- OFF

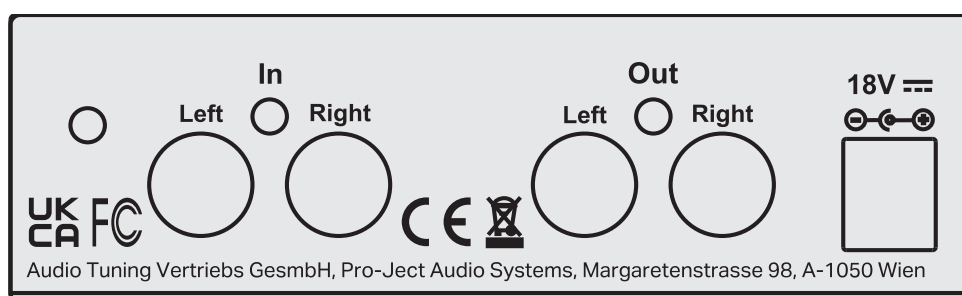
Ortofon Rondo Red (Low-Output MC)

input impedance 10ohms, Input capacitance is irrelevant for low-output MC cartridges

8-ON

rest- OFF

Connectors



Make all connections whilst the phono amplifier is disconnected from the power supply.

Take care to connect the left and right channels correctly. The right channel is usually marked red, the left channel black or white.



*Do not connect the phono amplifier's output to a phono input (sometimes labelled **gram**, **disc** or **RIAA**) on the amplifier.*

Never use any other power supply than the one supplied with the unit.

Connecting the record player

Connect the tonearm signal lead to the **In** of the phono amplifier. The earthing wire may be connected to the screw terminal if you encounter hum problems when using the record player.

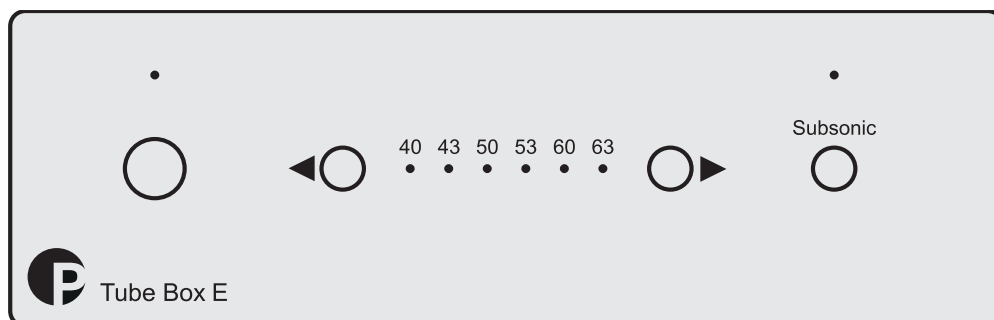
Connection to the amplifier

Connect the **Out** of the phono amplifier to a line input (such as **AUX**, **CD**, **Tuner**, **Tape** or **Video**) on your amplifier.

Mains power connection

Connect the low voltage plug from the power supply to the **Power 18V DC** socket of the phono amplifier before connecting the power supply to the mains.

Front panel controls



Stand-By

The button on the left side of a front panel of the unit turns the unit on or returns it to standby mode. The blue LED above the stand-by push button shows that the unit is switched on.

Gain setting

Buttons marked with ◀ and ▶ set gain of the amplifier. Selected value is indicated by LED. Possible settings are 40, 43, 50, 53, 60 and 63dB.

Subsonic

The button on the right side of a front panel turns on and off subsonic filter. The blue LED above the button is illuminated when it's on.

Technical specifications Pro-Ject Tube Box E

^A Typical for low output MC cartridges, ^B typical for MM or high output MC cartridges

* Input capacitance is irrelevant for low-output MC cartridges

Tubes:	2 x ECC83 (12AX 7A)
Input impedance:	10ohms, 100ohms, 1kohm, 2kohms ^A
Input capacitance/impedance:	47pF, 147pF, 267pF, 367pF, 487pF and 587pF*/47kohms ^B Together with other input impedance settings without any influence!
Input gain:	40dB, 43dB ^B ; 50dB, 53dB and 60dB, 63dB ^A
Noise floor:	77dB (A weighted) at 40dB input gain 65dB (A weighted) at 50 dB and 63dB input gain
THD:	<0,03% at 40dB input gain <0,07% at 50dB and 63dB input gain
RIAA-equalisation curve accuracy:	20Hz - 20kHz / max. 0,5dB
Subsonic filter:	at 20Hz with 18dB/octave
Input:	1 pair RCA/phono sockets
Line-level output:	1 pair RCA/phono sockets
Outboard power supply:	18V/1.000mA DC, suitable for your country's mains supply
Power consumption:	470mA DC, <1W in standby
Dimensions W x H x D (D with sockets):	103 x 73 x 119 (131)mm
Weight:	450g without power supply

Potential incorrect use and fault conditions

No signal on one or both channels:

No connection between player and phono amplifier or amplifier. This could be due to a faulty plug, broken wire or solder joint or simply loose plug/socket connection.

Strong hum:

No earth connection from cartridge or arm, or arm cable to phono amplifier, or earth loop.

Output too quiet or too loud, or distorted:

Input gain incorrectly set - input overloading or insufficiently amplified.

Should you encounter a problem which you are not able to alleviate or identify, please contact your dealer for further advice. Only if the problem cannot be resolved there, the unit should be sent to the responsible distributor in your country.

Service

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Warranty



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declare under our whole responsibility that the products:

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to which this declaration relates is in conformity with the following harmonized standards for:

LVD: STN EN 62368-1:2018
EMCD: EN 55032:2015
EMCD: EN 55035:2017

following the provisions of EC directives as follows:

LVD: 2014/35/EU
EMCD: 2014/30/EU

and the EC regulation 1275/2008 and its framework directive 2009/125/EC for energy related products (ErP) according to the test performed under the following technical standard

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