

McIntosh

Owner's Manual



PREAMPLIFIER
FM TUNER

MX 114

STEREO

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The McIntosh "will to perfection" requires that we probe constantly into the unknown to bring the performance of our electronic equipment closer to perfection than ever before. This requires a constant and relentless search for low noise, broad band conservative design with an ever lower distortion factor. This is not required of ordinary equipment of average designs. It is, for us, a costly but worthwhile scientific and engineering effort. Our continuing research benefits our customers with the almost complete lack of obsolescence and the most reliable equipment ever made. It also means the lowest long-range cost to you. Nearly all of the McIntosh equipment ever made is still useable, or in use, though it may have been made twenty years ago.

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Your purchase of a McIntosh instrument shows that you are a careful discriminating buyer. One who is interested in quality performance, quality engineering, quality manufacturing, and long trouble-free equipment life. You can protect your investment by spending a few minutes reading this owner's manual.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The MX 114 combines in one unit an extremely low-distortion preamplifier with a highly sensitive FM multiplex tuner. The INPUT SELECTOR gives you a choice of five different program sources.

The McIntosh MX 114 is a beautifully engineered tuner/control center for the finest stereo sound systems.

The MX 114 is completely solid state, with the exception of the tuning indicator. The solid state devices used in the MX 114 are products of the latest technology of solid state physics.

The extreme care in manufacturing, in layout design and in quality control promises the usual McIntosh extra values of reliability, performance, and long life.

Other values added to this tuner are: careful control of circuit constants during testing, very high sensitivity and excellent spurious response rejection.

Every desirable feature of a tuner and preamplifier is included in this design. FM interstation noise suppression (muting), tuning indicator, FM multiplex indicator, individual channel bass and treble controls and electronic phase switch have all been engineered into the MX 114.

The McIntosh designed PANLOC system is the first professional installation technique to be used on stereo instruments. The PANLOC system gives you ease of installation, operation and maintenance.

By releasing the PANLOC buttons on the front panel, you can slide the MX 114 out of its mounting until the second latch engages. The top mounted controls for interstation noise suppression (muting), phase switching and front panel lighting are now available.

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

FM SECTION:

The FM consists of two separate modular sections:

A THE RF SECTION:

This section houses the complete FM front-end.

The FM circuit employs three junction field effect transistors, two of which form the very high frequency amplifier in a series-fed "cascode" type circuit, giving maximum gain at minimum thermal noise.

This VHF amplifier is preceded by a double-tuned circuit and is followed by a mixer circuit employing the third junction field effect transistor and a single-tuned circuit.

The FM local oscillator is designed for minimum response to temperature variations, making automatic frequency control unnecessary. The drift rate is less than 10 parts per megahertz per degree centigrade.

The RF circuits of the MX 114 are completely shielded and exceed the FCC requirements for suppression of oscillator radiation.

Either a 300 ohm or 75 ohm antenna may be used with the MX 114.

A VHF television antenna which is suitable for FM reception can be connected to the MX 114. For maximum performance we recommend a good FM yagi or log-periodic antenna with rotator.

B THE FM-IF AND DETECTOR SECTION:

This section employs two integrated circuit devices, each capable of amplifying the intermediate frequency signal from the mixer by a thousand times (60 db). Lumped selectivity in the form of two sets of quadruple-tuned bandpass filters insure good intermediate frequency skirt selectivity.

The tuned circuits that make up the bandpass filters are designed for electrical stability and for electrical and mechanical resistance to shock and vibration.

"Hard" limiting is accomplished by the use of the two integrated circuits. The limiting is complete at very low levels of input signals.

A phase or Foster-Seeley discriminator is used as the FM detector, and is designed for extremely low harmonic distortion in the recovered output signal. With the "Hard" limiting properties of the preceding two stages a low capture ratio is obtained.

FM STEREO MULTIPLEX SECTION:

The multiplex section uses a special McIntosh developed detecting circuit. A particular advantage of this circuit is the elimination of the critical adjustments necessary with commonly used matrixing circuits. This circuit detects the L—R

sidebands and automatically matrixes the recovered information with the L + R main carrier signal to yield the left and right program output with maximum separation.

The 19KC pilot signal is filtered from the composite stereo input signal, amplified by a special limiting amplifier, doubled to the 38KC carrier frequency, and then amplified again by a limiting amplifier. The composite signal minus the 19KC pilot is combined with the 38KC carrier signal and fed to the special detector circuit mentioned above. Balanced full wave detectors are used to cancel the 38KC components in the output.

A three section phase linear sharp cut off filter rejects SCA interference without destroying stereo separation.

FM muting, automatic FM stereo switching, and an FM stereo indicator are also part of the multiplex section. The FM muting operates by detecting ultra-sonic noise which is present when tuning between stations or when receiving a weak station. The FM muting operates equally well, of course, when receiving mono or stereo stations. The automatic FM stereo switching activates the stereo multiplex circuits when receiving FM stereo. On mono FM stations this circuit is inactive and therefore maximum signal to noise ratio is assured at all times.

The FM stereo indicator is lit when the tuning dial pointer crosses a station broadcasting FM stereo. The light does not indicate when tuning between the stations.

TUNING MECHANISM and DIAL DRIVE:

In the MX 114, a new type of mechanical tuning assembly gives smooth flywheel tuning.

By controlling the relationship of mass and mechanical resistance, and by dividing the workloads in the dial drive system, it becomes nearly impossible to detect any backlash. Yet, the entire dial drive is a model of mechanical stability.

For increased tuning accuracy, a section of the dial pointer is illuminated.



PHONO PREAMPLIFIER

There are three transistors in each channel of the phono preamplifier. The output of the third transistor is connected by a negative feedback loop to the emitter of the input transistor. The feedback loop reduces noise and distortion. It also provides precision RIAA frequency compensation required for magnetic phonograph cartridges. Feedback remains in effect even at 20 Hz, where gain is highest. The negative feedback also provides a low output impedance for the tape output.

Phono input overload is virtually impossible. For example, at 1000 Hz, the phono input can accept 150 millivolts of signal without overload. Ten millivolts of signal at the phono input at 1000 Hz will produce 1.2 volts at the tape output. More than adequate for recording on tape.

The selector switch connects either the output of the phono amplifier, the FM tuner section or a high level input to the main preamplifier.

The high level input impedance is 250,000 ohms. The high level input feeds directly to the volume control. A loudness contour circuit is connected to a tap on the volume control to provide loudness compensation. Compensation can be switched in or out. The high level signal then feeds to a pair of transistors connected as high gain amplifiers.

In the left channel the second transistor is connected in a balanced output arrangement allowing the left be in phase or to be phase reversed. This circuit provides equal amplitude signals so that the output level does not change when the

used around this pair of transistors to reduce noise and distortion. The negative feedback provides the low impedance needed to drive the highly selective filter networks which follow.

The filter networks can be switched in or out. The high-frequency filter network reduces treble response above 5000 Hz. The low-frequency filter reduces bass response below 50 Hz. The slope of the filters is selected for maximum rejection of commonly encountered noise. Careful design keeps the loss of usable program material to a minimum.

The output from the filter circuits is fed into the balance control. The output of the balance control drives the first stage of the tone control section. The remaining two transistors are connected as a high-gain amplifier stage. The high-gain of this stage is used to advantage for the tone control negative feedback circuits. Negative feedback in the tone control circuits assures low distortion and accurate shape on the tone-control response curves. Negative feedback is maintained at all frequencies, even with the tone controls turned to full boost. Overall distortion is low at all frequencies including frequencies where maximum boost occurs. The negative feedback also provides the low impedance output required for the main preamplifier outputs.

CENTER CHANNEL AMPLIFIER

The L + R amplifier consists of a single transistor connected as a voltage amplifier. Negative feedback is used around the voltage amplifier to maintain low distortion and provide a low impedance for the center channel output.

POWER SUPPLY:

The power supply of the MX 114 has received very special design attention.

Two separate rectifier circuits are used. First, a full-wave rectifier supplies D.C. to all audio circuits. The second full-wave rectifier supplies D.C. to all tuner and multiplex-decoder circuits.

Both power supplies are very elaborate in design. Specially selected transistors and their associated circuits have been designed to form two voltage regulators. The regulators use electronic filtering to insure the lowest possible background hum level, maximum stability, and extremely good regulation.



MX 114

SPECIFICATIONS

FM

USABLE SENSITIVITY: Better than 2.5 microvolts at 100% modulation (± 75 kHz deviation) for less than 3% total noise and harmonic distortion (IHF)

FREQUENCY RESPONSE: ± 1 dB (from 20 Hz to 20,000 Hz with standard de-emphasis and 19,000 Hz pilot filter)

HARMONIC DISTORTION: Mono, less than 0.5% at 100% modulation ± 75 kHz deviation

IMAGE REJECTION: Better than 80 dB at 100 MHz better than 70 dB at 105 MHz

SPURIOUS REJECTION; Better than 100 dB

CAPTURE RATIO: Better than 1.8 dB

DRIFT: Less than 25,000 Hz

HUM AND NOISE: Better than 65 db below 100% modulation

TUNING INDICATOR: Electron Ray for simple accurate center of channel tuning

STEREO INDICATOR: Stereo light activated by 19 kHz carrier only

PREAMPLIFIER SPECIFICATIONS

FREQUENCY RESPONSE: ± 0.5 db 20 to 20,000 Hz

DISTORTION: Less than 0.1% at 2.5 volts output, 20 to 20,000 HZ

INPUT SENSITIVITY AND IMPEDANCE: PHONO 1 and PHONO 2: 2 millivolts at 47,000 ohms for 2.5 volts output

AUX TAPE: .25 volts at 250,000 ohms for 2.5 volts output

HUM AND NOISE: PHONO 1 and PHONO 2: 70 dB below 10 millivolt input: equivalent to less than 3 microvolts at the input terminals

AUX-TAPE: 85 dB below rated output

OUTPUT: MAIN: 2.5 volts with rated input. Up to 10 volts can be developed without distortion

TAPE: 2.5 volts with rated input
L+ Ft: 2.0 volts with rated Input

OUTPUT IMPEDANCE: MAIN: 200 ohms, designed to operate into 47,000 ohms or more

TAPE OUTPUT: About 200 ohms, designed to operate into 47,000 ohms or more
(L + R): About 1,200 ohms, designed to operate into 47,000 ohms or more

SEMICONDUCTOR COMPLEMENT:

3 Field Effect Transistors

26 Silicon Planar Transistors

3 Integrated Circuits and Monolithic Amplifier

13 Signal Diodes

2 Zener Diodes

4 Rectifiers

1 Tuning Indicator — 6HU6

POWER REQUIREMENTS: 117/125 volts, 50.60 Hz, 30 watts.

MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS

SIZE: Front panel: 16 inches wide by $5\frac{1}{16}$ inches high;
Chassis: 15 inches wide by 13 inches deep, including PANLOC shelf and back panel connectors; Knob Clearance: $1\frac{1}{2}$ Inches in front of mounting panel

WEIGHT: 24 pounds net, 36 pounds in shipping carton

FINISH: Front panel: Anodized gold and black with special gold/teal panel nomenclature illumination

CHASSIS: Chrome and black

MOUNTING: McIntosh developed professional PANLOC

FACILITIES

BASS CONTROL: -20 dB to + 16 dB at 20 Hz. Clutch coupled controls for independent adjustment of each channel

TREBLE CONTROLS: ± 20 dB at 20,000 Hz. Clutch coupled controls for independent adjustment of each channel

LOUDNESS: Flat response, or compensated for low listening levels

BALANCE: When program material is out of balance, rotation of the balance control returns the program to natural balance

VOLUME CONTROL: Precision "tracked" to -60 dB so that proper stereo balance is maintained. AC ON/OFF switch is coupled with the volume control

TAPE MONITOR SWITCH: Push button; compares recorded tape with program source while recording

VOLTAGE AMPLIFICATION:

AUX, TAPE

To MAIN output 20 dB

To TAPE output 0 dB

PHONO 1, PHONO 2

To MAIN output 62 dB

To TAPE output 42 dB

AC OUTLETS:

1 unswitched (Red)

2 switched

LF FILTER: Flat, or roll-off below 50 Hz, 6 dB per octave, down 12 dB at 20 Hz

HF FILTER: Flat, or roll-off above 5 kHz, 6 dB per octave, down 12 dB at 20,000 Hz

INPUT SELECTOR: 6 positions: AUX (auxiliary or spare), TAPE, AM, FM, PHONO 1, and PHONO 2

MODE SELECTOR: Pushbutton, STEREO, or MONO

SECONDARY CONTROLS

PHASE CONTROL: Electronically reverse phase in the left channel to correct "out of phase" program sources

MUTING ADJUST: Modifies the noise rejection threshold

DIAL SCALE INTENSITY: Modifies the briteness of the illumination of the front panel

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INPUT SELECTOR

AUX: Any program source requiring flat amplification is connected to the AUX jacks on the back panel.

TAPE: The output of a tape recorder with its own electronics is connected to the TAPE jacks on the back panel.

FM: For listening to the FM section of the MX 114.

PHONO 1: The output of a record player or turntable is connected to the PHONO 1 jacks on the back panel.

PHONO 2: The output of another record player or turntable is connected to the PHONO 2 jacks on the back panel.

TREBLE: Modifies the high frequency program material to suit your taste. The right channel is the large knob, the left channel is the small knob.

BASS: Modifies the low frequency program material to suit your taste. The right channel is the large knob, the left channel is the small knob.

BALANCE: Adjusts for equal loudness in each channel when the program source has unequal channel-to-channel volume.

VOLUME ON/OFF: Turns the MX 114 "ON" and adjusts loudness of the sound.

PUSHBUTTONS:

MODE SELECTOR: Push IN for MONO; OUT for STEREO.

HF: Push IN: Reduces high frequencies to suppress unwanted record noise, etc.; OUT: Flat response.

LF: Push IN: Reduces low frequencies to suppress unwanted rumble; OUT: Flat response.

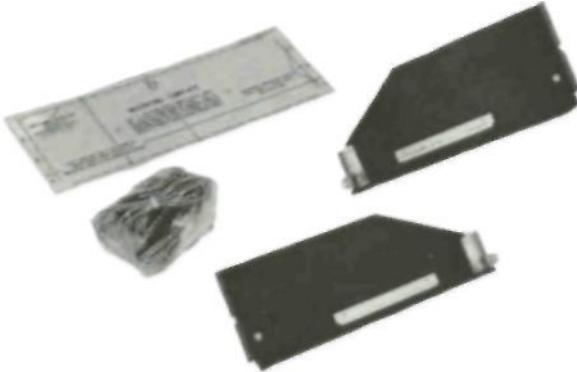
TAPE: Push IN: Monitor the recorded program from the tape. Push OUT: Hear the program that is being recorded.

MUTING: in the IN position the muting is turned on. Weak stations that may not override noise and interference are suppressed by the muting to the OUT position, the muting is turned off. This allows conventional FM tuning with the noise and interference present. Use this position to tune weak or noisy stations.

LOUDNESS: Push IN: Adjusts bass as volume is reduced to compensate for average hearing losses at low volume.

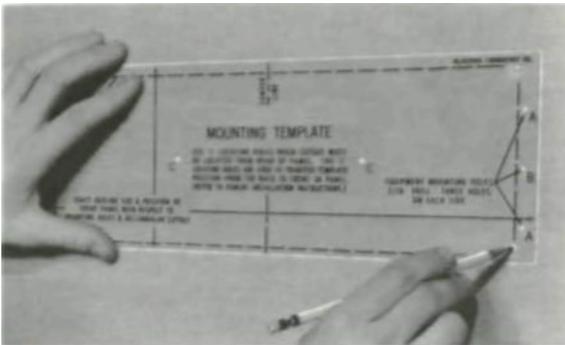
INSTALLATION IN A CABINET

To prepare the MX 114 (or installation remove the plastic protective covering. Turn the MX 114 upside down so that it rests on its top on the shipping pallet. Remove the four plastic feet fastened to the bottom of the chassis.



Next place the mounting brackets, the parts bag and the mounting template for easy accessibility.

The professional mounting design eliminates the need for any shelf or bracket to support the MX 114. It is completely supported by its own mounting brackets.



Position the plastic mounting template over the area of the cabinet panel to be cut out for installation.

The design of the mounting template allows you to position or locate the cutout from the front or rear of the panel to which the instrument is to be mounted.

If the cutout is to be located from the rear of the panel, the following steps will help you.

On the back of the cabinet panel, scribe a vertical centerline through the exact center of the area in which the cutout is to be made.

Place the template against the back of the panel and match the template centerline with the centerline on the cabinet panel.

Make sure that there is at least $\frac{1}{4}$ inch clearance between the bottom of the dashed line of the cutout area on the template and any shelf or brace below the proposed cutout.

Mark the two locating holes ("C" holes on the mounting template).

Drill the two locating holes. Be certain the drill is perpendicular to the panel.

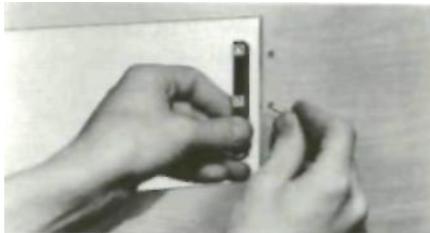
Now position the template on the front of the panel by aligning the "C" locating holes on the template with the drill holes.

With the template in place against the cabinet panel, mark the "A" and "B" drill holes and the four small holes that identify corners of the cutout. Join the corner marks with a pencil. The edge of the template can be used as a straight edge.

IMPORTANT: DRILL THE 6 HOLES BEFORE MAKING THE CUTOUT

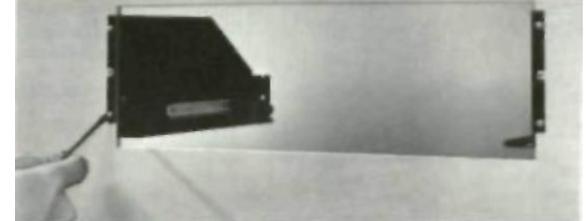
Accurately drill the three holes on each side of the cutout area with a $\frac{3}{16}$ inch drill.

With the saw on the **INSIDE OF THE PENCIL LINES** carefully cut out the rectangular opening.



Secure the mounting strips to the rear of the cabinet panel using two screws from the hardware package.

Insert the screws in the center holes of the cabinet panel ("B" holes on the template) and tighten. The screw head should pull into the wood slightly. (Use two $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long screws for panels under $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, or two $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch long screws for panels $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick and larger.)



Attach the mounting brackets to the cabinet panel using four screws.

Place the template over the mounting screws. The mounting screws should be centered in the "A" and "B" holes on the template. The sides of the mounting brackets should match the vertical dash lines on the template. If necessary, loosen the screws and push the brackets into alignment and retighten.

Insert the power cord through the opening. Carefully slide the MX 114 into the opening so the rails on the bottom of the equipment slide in the track of the mounting brackets. Continue to slide the instrument until the front panel is against the cabinet panel.

At the bottom front corners of the PANLOC instruments are the PANLOC buttons.

After a PANLOC Instrument has been installed, depressing the PANLOC buttons will lock the instrument firmly in the installation. Depressing the PANLOC button a second time (as with a ball-point pen) will release the instrument. You can then slide the instrument forward to the inspection-adjustment position.

Depressing the Inspection-adjustment position latches will allow the instrument to be slid completely out of the installation.

VERTICAL INSTALLATION

In the hardware packet are two helical springs. Fasten the springs to the small flanges at the rear of the PANLOC brackets. The flange has a notch and a hole to mount the spring. The springs assist in the removal of vertically mounted PANLOC equipment.

DO NOT USE THE SPRINGS ON HORIZONTALLY MOUNTED EQUIPMENT.

CONNECTING THE MX114

CONNECTING A RECORD PLAYER TO PHONO 1

Connect the "left" channel to the "upper" PH 1 input jack.

Connect the "right" channel to the "lower" PH 1 input jack.

PHONO 2 position is used if two record players are used in a system. Connect the "left" channel to the "upper" PH 2 input jack. Connect the "right" channel to the "lower" PH 2 input jack.

CONNECTING A TAPE RECORDER TO RECORD

Connect the MX 114 output jacks marked TAPE to the high level inputs of the tape recorder.

CONNECTING A TAPE RECORDER FOR PLAYBACK

Connect the "left" channel recorder output to the "upper" TAPE 1 input jack.

Connect the "right" channel recorder output to the "lower" TAPE 1 input jack.

CONNECTING THE MX 114 TO POWER AMPLIFIERS

Connect the output jacks marked MAIN to the input of a stereo power amplifier. The upper jack is connected to the LEFT amplifier input jack. The lower jack is connected to the right amplifier input jack.

The output impedance at the MAIN output is 200 ohms. Longer cables than are normally supplied can be connected between the MX 114 and the

amplifiers. The length of the cable is limited by the capacity of the cable.

The total capacity must not exceed 1000 pF. For instance: cables with a capacity of 25 pF per foot may be 40 feet long; 13.5 pF per foot cable may be 75 feet long. The input impedance of the amplifiers should be 47,000 ohms or greater.

CONNECTING AN FM ANTENNA

Monophonic installations that are satisfactory on an indoor antenna may require the use of an outdoor antenna for equivalent results. Satisfactory stereo requires about 10 times as much signal from the antenna.

With the MX 114 one of three antenna systems can be used: (1) the indoor dipole supplied with the MX 112, (2) an outdoor FM antenna, or (3) a VHF-TV antenna. In fringe areas best results will probably be obtained with the use of an outdoor FM antenna. In many areas the indoor dipole antenna may be satisfactory. The use of a VHF-TV antenna is also effective in many installations.

CONNECTING AN INDOOR DIPOLE ANTENNA

The flexible folded dipole antenna (300 ohm) supplied with the MX 114 is for indoor use in urban or high strength signal areas.

Connect the two leads from the dipole to the terminals marked FM ANT (red). The flexibility of the thin flat wire assembly permits it to be placed under a rug, tacked behind the stereo . . . or, placed in any other convenient loca-

tion. In some cases, it may be necessary to "position" the antenna for best signal reception. This should be done before it is permanently located or tacked down.

CONNECTING AN OUTDOOR FM ANTENNA

An outdoor antenna is recommended for optimum performance in all areas. In fringe (outlying) areas, best results will be obtained with a highly directional FM antenna used in conjunction with a rotator. Rotate the antenna until the best reception is obtained. Connect the 300 ohm antenna to the terminals marked FM ANT (red).

CONNECTING A 75 OHM COAXIAL ANTENNA

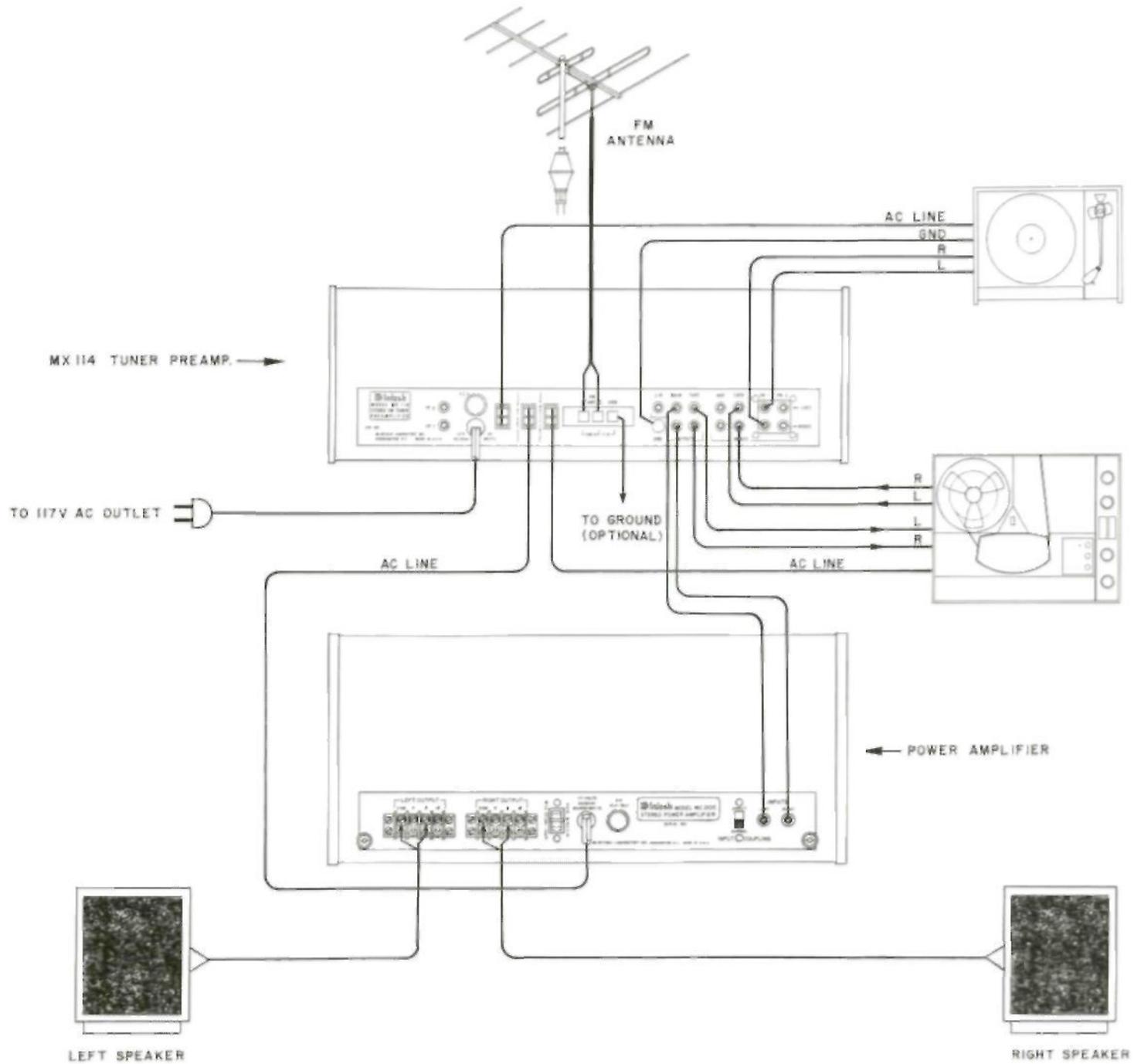
An unbalanced 75 ohm antenna can be connected to the MX 114 with coaxial cable. Connect the center conductor to the left FM ANT (Red) connector. The shield is connected to the GND (black) connector.

The McIntosh designed balun matches the 75 ohm input to the tuner for optimum performance.

AC OUTLETS

There are 2 black AC outlets and one red AC outlet. The power to the black AC outlets is controlled by the front panel switch. Use these outlets for a tuner, tape recorder, etc. The red receptacle is on at all times. Use the red outlet for a turntable or record changer. The turntable is protected by this arrangement. It is necessary to turn off the turntable or record changer with its own AC switch.

CONNECTING THE MX114



USING THE FRONT PANEL CONTROLS

INPUT SELECTOR

INPUT SELECTOR: Selects any one of six program sources:

AUX: Any high level program source requiring flat amplification, such as a television set, is connected to the input stage of the MX 114 in the AUX position. The gain is 20 dB to the MAIN outputs. The gain is 0 dB to the TAPE outputs.

TAPE: Any self-contained tape machine (tape machine having its own playback preamplifier) is connected to the high level input stage of the MX 114 in the TAPE position. Has flat amplification. The gain is 20 dB to the MAIN outputs. The gain is 0 dB to the TAPE outputs.

FM: Connects the FM tuner portion of the MX 114 to the output jacks.

PHONO 1: Connects the back panel jacks (PH 1) to the MX 114. The amplification has been compensated for magnetic phono cartridges. The gain is 62 dB to the MAIN outputs and 42 dB to the TAPE outputs. The input impedance is 47,000 ohms.

PHONO 2: Connects the back panel jacks (PH 2) to the MX 114. The amplification has been compensated for magnetic phono cartridges. The gain is 62 dB to the MAIN output and 42 dB to the TAPE outputs. The input impedance is 47,000 ohms.

BASS

The BASS is a concentric control. The large outer knob controls the low frequency response in the right channel. The small center knob controls the low frequency response in the left channel.

The two knobs are friction coupled. This permits them to be adjusted together or independently. Clockwise rotation increases lows and counterclockwise decreases lows. Position the control to the center position for flat response.

TREBLE

The TREBLE is a concentric control. The outer knob controls the high frequency response in the right channel. The small center knob controls the high frequency response in the left channel. The two knobs are friction coupled. This permits them to be adjusted together or independently. Clockwise rotation increases highs and counterclockwise decreases highs. Flat is the center position.

BALANCE

The BALANCE control adjusts for unequal volume in either the left or right channels. The volume of each channel can be varied relative to each other without affecting their combined loudness

LEFT . . . turning the control to the left accents the left channel by reducing the right channel output.

RIGHT . . . turning the control to the right accents the right channel by reducing the left channel output.

VOLUME ON/OFF

Turning the VOLUME totally counterclockwise turns the MX 114 OFF. The VOLUME control regulates the loudness in both channels. The VOLUME control has been precision tracked through out the listening range (0 to -65dB) for accurate stereo balance.



PUSHBUTTONS

MODE SELECTOR: STEREO: The left channel is heard from the left loudspeaker and the right channel is heard from the right loudspeaker.

MONO (L + R): The left and right channels are added together and are heard from both loudspeakers.

LF FILTER: With the push button pushed in the low frequency response is attenuated below 50 Hz. The slope is 6 dB per octave. Use of the LF filter reduces unwanted low frequency noise such as rumble. With the push button released, the response of the MX 114 is flat.

HF FILTER: With the push button pushed IN the high frequency response is attenuated above 5 kHz. The slope is 6 dB per octave. Use of the HF filter reduces unwanted high frequency noise like hiss or scratch. With push button released, the response of the MX 114 is flat

TAPE: The TAPE push button is used to monitor tape as it is being recorded. With the push button IN, the recorded tape is

heard. Release the button and the program being recorded is heard. Instantaneous comparison of recorded material and the program source is provided by the use of the TAPE push button.

IMPORTANT: When the MX 114 is operated with the TAPE push button in the IN position, signal from any other source will not be heard from the loudspeakers. When not in use make sure the push button is in the "OUT" position.

MUTING: Muting suppresses the background noise and hiss normally heard between stations. With the control in the IN position the muting is turned on. Weak stations that may not override noise and interference are also suppressed by the muting. In the OUT position, the muting is fumed off. This allows conventional FM tuning with the noise and interference present. Use this position to tune weak or noisy stations.

LOUD: When the volume is reduced, the music will seem to lose much of its bass

and some of its treble. This effect is due to the sensitivity characteristic of human hearing. The response of the human ear to bass and treble pitch decreases more rapidly than its response to notes centered in the mid-tonal range. The LOUD control automatically provides the correct amount of bass and treble boost required to compensate for this change in response of the human ear at low-loudness levels. The LOUD converts the volume control to a loudness compensated control. Use the LOUD IN to listen at low volume and still hear full-frequency range.

PANLOC

McIntosh developed PANLOC mounting brings professional installation technique to stereo. Depressing the PANLOC buttons (as with a ball point pen) will release the instrument. It can then be slid forward to the "adjustment" position. In the "adjust" position the top panel controls PHASE, MUTING and DIAL SCALE INTENSITY can be adjusted.

BALANCING YOUR STEREO

The performance and enjoyment of a stereo system is greatly increased when the system is properly balanced. Three of the factors that effect proper stereo balance are:

1. Balance of the entire system.
2. Proper phase in both channels.
3. Equal program loudness.

SYSTEM BALANCE

The balance of the stereo system is affected by many things including room acoustics, furniture placement, room shape, small differences in loudspeakers, etc.

TO ADJUST PHASE

1. Set the MODE switch to MONO.
2. Stand about 10 feet in front of and midway between the loudspeakers. The sound should appear to come from directly in front of you. Have someone switch the PHASE switch. If the sound is not directly in front of you with the PHASE switch in the 0 NORMAL position, reverse the leads on one loudspeaker. When the sound comes from the midpoint between the speakers they are in PHASE.

TO BALANCE LOUDNESS

1. Set the MODE to MONO.
2. Play a familiar recording.
3. Turn the BALANCE control to the 12 o'clock position.
4. While the program is playing, stand between the two loudspeakers. Listen to see if there is a difference in loudness from either speaker. Balance the system by adjusting the controls on



the power amplifiers. Next, set the MODE selector to STEREO. If there is then a difference, turn the BALANCE control toward the speaker that is not as loud. Do this until you find that point where the sound is equally loud from both speakers.

USING YOUR STEREO

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LISTENING TO A STEREO RECORD

1. Turn the INPUT SELECTOR to PHONO 1 or PHONO 2, whichever is connected to the record player you wish to hear.
2. Make certain the MODE PUSHBUTTON is in the OUT or STEREO position.
3. Adjust the VOLUME control to desired volume.

LISTENING TO A MONOPHONIC RECORD

1. Turn the INPUT SELECTOR to PHONO 1 or PHONO 2, whichever is connected to the record player you wish to hear.
2. Push the MODE pushbutton IN to MONO.
3. Adjust the VOLUME control to desired volume.

LISTENING TO A STEREO TAPE RECORDER

The TAPE input is used:

1. Turn the INPUT SELECTOR to TAPE.
2. Set the MODE pushbutton to STEREO or MONO, depending on the program on the tape.
3. Adjust the VOLUME control to desired volume.

To monitor while recording, the tape recorder must have separate record and playback heads. The TAPE pushbutton permits monitoring the tape recordings while in the process of recording. When the TAPE pushbutton is in the IN position it will play the sound from the tape as it passes the playback head, a moment after it is recorded. The recording process continues as usual. When the TAPE pushbutton is in the OUT position the program being recorded is heard.

LISTENING TO FM or FM STEREO

1. Turn the INPUT SELECTOR to FM.
2. Adjust the volume to a comfortable level.
3. Rotate the tuning knob to the station of your choice.

The MX 114 uses a new McIntosh developed automatic mono-stereo switching circuit. The switching is electronic without switching clicks or transients.

The circuit switches smoothly and silently when the 19KC multiplex carrier is present. When the STEREO indicator is lit, the station is broadcasting a 19KC carrier. This signal causes the automatic circuit to switch the MX 114 to stereo. If a station is broadcasting monophonic FM program, the STEREO indicator will remain off and the tuner will automatically switch to mono. The ultrasonic muting circuit suppresses all noise between stations. It suppresses all weaker stations not strong enough to override the background noise.

The muting threshold setting determines the strength of the signal which can be heard with muting in operation. The muting threshold is carefully adjusted to optimum at the factory. Casual adjustment of the muting threshold is not recommended.

While tuning you may notice that the tuning indicator will show a station yet no program is heard from the speakers. The muting circuit in the tuner is rejecting the station because there is objectionable noise with the weak signal from the station. Push the MUTING pushbutton to the OUT position and the station will be heard. Most programs that can be tuned in this manner are of poor quality due to interfering noise.

Your MX 114 stereo preamplifier FM tuner will give you many years of pleasant and satisfactory performance. If you have any questions concerning operation or maintenance please contact the dealer from whom you purchased this instrument or: —

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McIntosh Laboratory Incorporated guarantees this equipment to be capable of performance as advertised. We also guarantee the mechanical and electrical workmanship and components of this equipment to be free of defects for a period of 90 days from date of purchase. This guarantee does not extend to components damaged by improper use nor does it extend to transportation to and from the factory.

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3. The application for the contract must be filled out completely.
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5. To receive free service, the contract must be presented to the factory authorized service agency, when the equipment is presented for repair.

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