Thank you for buying this PIONEER product. Please read through these operating instructions so you will know how to operate your model properly. After you have finished reading the instructions, put them away in a safe place for future reference. In some countries or regions, the shape of the power plug and power outlet may sometimes differ from that shown in the explanatory drawings. However, the method of connecting and operating the unit is the same.

**WARNING:** TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD. DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPLIANCE TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

[For U.S. and Canadian models]
The serial number for this equipment is located on the rear panel. Please write this serial number on your enclosed warranty card and keep it in a secure area. This is for your security.

[For Canadian model]

**CAUTION:** TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT USE THIS (POLARIZED) PLUG WITH AN EXTENSION CORD, RECEPTACLE OR OTHER OUTLET UNLESS THE BLADES CAN BE FULLY INSERTED TO PREVENT BLADE EXPOSURE.

**ATTENTION:** POUR PREVENIR LES CHOCS ELECTRIQUES NE PAS UTILISER CETTE FICHE POLARISEE AVEC UN PROLONGATEUR UNE PRISE DE COURANT OU UNE AUTRE SORTIE DE COURANT, SAUF SI LES LAMES PEUVENT ETRE INSEREEES A FOND SANS EN LAISSER AUCUNE PARTIE A DECOUVERT.

**LINE VOLTAGE SELECTOR SWITCH**

Only multi-voltage models are provided with this switch. U.S., Canadian, European, U.K., and Australian models are not provided with this switch.

Mains voltage in Saudi Arabia are 127 V and 220 V only.

The line voltage selector switch is on the rear panel. Before your model is shipped from the factory, this switch is set to the power requirements of the destination. Check that it is set properly before plugging the power cord into the AC wall socket. If the voltage is not properly set or if you move to an area where the voltage requirements differ, adjust the selector switch as follows.

1. Use a medium-size screwdriver.
2. Insert the screwdriver into the groove on the voltage selector, and adjust so that the tip of the arrow points to the voltage value of your area.

**VOLTAGE SELECTOR**

Medium-size screwdriver

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IMPORTANT

The lightning flash with arrowhead, within an equilateral triangle, 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.

CAUTION: RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT OPEN.

The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert you to the presence of important operating and maintenance ( servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

IMPORTANT

If the apparatus is fitted with AC mains power cord(s), see NEC PANEL FACILITIES for conventional connection of additional Hi-Fi components). Make all connections to the AC outlet(s) and interconnect terminals first. Connect the plug to the wall socket last. (Make sure that the power switch is off.)

FOR USE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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

Blue: Neutral
Brown: Live

As the colours of the wires in the mains lead of this apparatus may not correspond with the coloured marking complying the terminal in your plug please as follows:

The wire which is coloured blue must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter N or coloured green.
The wire which is coloured brown must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter L or coloured red.
Do not connect either wire to the earth terminal of a three pin plug.
Equipment sold in the U.K. is not supplied with a power plug.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

READ INSTRUCTIONS — All the safety and operating instructions should be read before the appliance is operated.
RECORD INSTRUCTIONS — The operating instructions should be retained for future reference.
THE WARNING — All warnings on the appliance and in the operating instructions should be adhered to.
FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS — All operating and use instructions should be followed.
WATER AND MOISTURE — The appliance 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.
LOCATION — The appliance should be installed in a stable location.
WALL OR CEILING MOUNTING — The appliance should not be mounted to a wall or ceiling.
VENTILATION — The appliance should be situated so that its location or position does not interfere with its proper ventilation. For example, the appliance should not be situated on a bed, sofa, rug, or similar surface that may block the ventilation openings; or, placed in a built-in installation, such as a bookcase or cabinet that may impede the flow of air through the ventilation openings.
HEAT — The appliance should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other appliances (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
POWER SOURCES — The appliance should be connected to a power supply only of the type described in the operating instructions or as marked on the appliance.
FUSED-OUTLET PLUG ( USA / CANADA) — Power supply cord 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 appliance.
Polarization — If your purchased product is provided with a polarized power plug, please read the following instructions. This product is equipped with a polarized alternating current plug (a plug having one blade wider than the other). This plug will fit into the power outlet only one way. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug fully into the outlet, turn the plug over and try again. If the plug still doesn't fit, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized plug.
CLEANING — The appliance should be cleaned only with a polishing cloth or a soft dry cloth. Never clean with furniture wax, benzine, insecticides or other volatile liquids since they may corrode the cabinet.

OUTDOOR ANTENNA GROUNDING — If an outside antenna or cable system is connected to the appliance, be sure the antenna or cable system is grounded to provide some protection against voltage surges and built up static charges. In the U.S.A. section 810 of the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70:1984, provides information with respect to proper grounding of the mast and supporting structure, grounding of the lead-in wire to the antenna discharge unit, site of grounding conductors, location of antenna discharge unit, connection to grounding electrodes, and requirements for the grounding electrode. See Fig. A.

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Fig. A
FEATURES

- High-power Output of 40 W + 40 W/Ω (DIN)
  [Model A-110] 30 W + 30 W/Ω (DIN)
- The use of a DIRECT circuit ensures high fidelity playback of consistent frequency characteristics, with maximum clarity. (A-229 only)
- Speaker terminals for two speakers systems are provided. (A-229 only)

INSTALLATION

LOCATION
Install the amplifier in a well-ventilated location where it will not be exposed to high temperature or humidity.

Do not install the amplifier in a location which is exposed to direct rays of the sun, or near to hot appliances or radiators. Excessive heat can adversely affect the cabinet and internal components. Installation of the amplifier in a damp or dusty environment may result in malfunction or accident. (Also avoid installation near cookers etc., where the amplifier may be exposed to smoke from oil, steam or heat.)

POWER-CORD CAUTION
Handle the power cord by the plug. Do not pull out the plug by tugging the cord and never touch the power cord when your hands are wet as this could cause a short circuit or electric shock. Do not place the unit, a piece of furniture, etc., on the power cord, or pinch the cord. Never make a knot in the cord or tie it with other wires. The power cable should be routed in such a way that they are not likely to be stepped on. A damaged power cord can cause fire or give you an electrical shock. Check the power cord regularly. When you find it damaged, ask your nearest PIONEER authorized service center or your dealer for a replacement.

MAINTENANCE OF EXTERNAL SURFACES
- Use a polishing cloth or dry cloth to wipe off dust and dirt.
- When the surfaces are very dirty, wipe with a soft cloth dipped in some neutral cleanser diluted five or six times with water, and wrung out well, and then wipe again with a dry cloth. Do not use furniture wax or cleaners.
- Never use thinners, benzine, insecticide sprays and other chemicals on or near this unit, since these will corrode the surfaces.
CONNECTIONS

1. CD player
2. DAT/Tape decks
3. Adaptor component (graphic equalizer)
4. Speaker system B (R)
5. Speaker system B (L)
6. Speaker system A (R)
7. Speaker system A (L)
8. Turntable
9. Tuner
10. To an AC wall socket.

CONNECTING THE SPEAKER CORDS

1. Strip off the vinyl covering and twist the tip of the wire core.

2. Raise the lever in the direction of the arrow and insert the exposed conductor into the hole.
3. Now return the lever to its original position to secure the cord.

NOTE:
Do not allow any of the cord conductors to protrude from the terminals or touch any other conductors. Malfunctioning or breakdowns may occur when conductors come into contact with each other.

Speaker Impedance
[Model A-229]
- When speaker systems are connected to only SPEAKERS A or SPEAKERS B terminals, such speakers should have rated impedance in the range of 4-16 Ω.
- When speakers are connected to both the A and B terminals, they should have a rated impedance in the range of 8-32 Ω.

[Model A-119]
- The speaker systems used should have a rated impedance in the range of 6 - 16 Ω.

CONNECTING THE INPUT/OUTPUT CORDS

Connect the white plug to the L (left) side, and the red plug to the R (right) side. Be sure to push the plugs securely.

Left channel
White plug

Right channel
Red plug

The INPUT/OUTPUT jacks of this unit are palladium, for high audio quality.

[U.K., models only]

Model A-229 and A-119 can be placed on another component with less depth by changing the position of the rear feet. (However, a minimum depth of 200 mm is required.)

Change the position of the rear feet as follows:
1. Remove the AC plugs, connection cords etc., connected to the amplifier, and turn the unit upside down.
2. Remove the screws holding the rear feet using a (+) screwdriver.
3. Move the rear feet to the holes located towards the center of the unit (see the arrows in the diagram).
4. Secure the feet by tightening the screws removed in step 2 with a (+) screwdriver.

The illustration shows model A-229.
PANEL FACILITIES

[FRENCH PANEL]

The illustration shows model A-229.
Model A-119 is not equipped with (2), (3) and (4).

1. POWER switch/indicator
Press to turn power to the unit ON and OFF.
ON:
Indicator lights.
OFF:
Indicator goes out.

2. INPUT SELECTOR switch
Use to select the playback source.
TUNER:
For AM or FM broadcast reception with a tuner.
PHONO:
For record playback with a turntable.
CD:
For compact disc playback with a CD player.
DAT/TAPE 1:
For playback with a tape deck or digital audio tape deck connected to the DAT/TAPE 1 terminals.

3. VOLUME CONTROL
Use to adjust the volume level.

4. ADPT/TAPE 2 monitor switch/indicator
Use when there is an adaptor component (graphic equalizer, etc.) or tape deck connected to the ADPT/TAPE 2 terminals.
ON:
Indicator goes out when not in use.
OFF:
Indicator lights when using the adaptor component or listening to the tape deck.

NOTE:
- When no connections are made to the ADPT/TAPE 2 terminals, or when they are not in use, be sure to set this switch to the OFF position. (No sound will be heard if it is set to ON position)
- When the DIRECT switch is set to ON, the input to be reproduced is always selected with the INPUT SELECTOR, regardless of whether the ADPT/TAPE 2 indicator lights or not. Furthermore, when the ADPT/TAPE 2 indicator is ON, signals input thorough ADPT/TAPE 2 are output at DAT/TAPE 1 REC OUT. ([A-229 only])
② LOUDNESS switch/indicator
Use when listening at low volume levels.
ON:
The indicator lights: Boosts low and high frequencies to give added
punch to playback even at low volume levels.
OFF:
The indicator goes off: Should normally be left in this position.

③ DIRECT switch/indicator
(A-229 only)
Use this switch when you do not wish to pass the output from input
terminal equipment through the various frequency adjusting circuits
(BASS, TREBLE, BALANCE.)
ON:
The indicator lights: The signals input through the input terminals are
reproduced without passing through the various frequency adjusting
circuits. This results in flat, pure sound which is a more faithful
reproduction of the input source.
OFF:
The indicator goes out: The signal passes through the various frequency
adjusting circuits.

④ BALANCE control
Should normally be left in the center position. Adjust the balance if the
sound is louder from one of the speakers. If the right side is louder, turn
toward the L (left) position and if the left side is louder, turn toward the
R (right) position.

NOTE:
This control does not operate when the DIRECT switch is in the ON
position. (A-229 only)

⑤ TREBLE tone control
Use to adjust the high-frequency tone. The center position is the flat
(normal) position. When turned to the right, high-frequency tone is
emphasized; when turned to the left, high-frequency tone is
demphasized.
NOTE:
This control does not operate when the DIRECT switch is in the ON
position. (A-229 only)

⑥ BASS tone control
Use to adjust the low-frequency tone. The center position is the flat
(normal) position. When turned to the right, low-frequency tone is
emphasized; when turned to the left, low-frequency tone is
demphasized.
NOTE:
This control does not operate when the DIRECT switch is in the ON
position. (A-229 only)

⑦ SPEAKERS B selector switch
(A-229 only)
Use this switch to listen to the speaker systems connected to the
SPEAKERS B terminals.
ON ( ): Depressed position: Sound is heard from the speaker systems.
OFF ( ): Released position: No sound is heard from the speaker systems. Set
to this position when listening with headphones.

⑧ SPEAKERS A selector switch
(A-229 only)
Use this switch to listen to the speaker systems connected to the
SPEAKERS A terminals.
ON ( ): Depressed position: Sound is heard from the speaker systems.
OFF ( ): Released position: No sound is heard from the speaker systems. Set
to this position when listening with headphones.

⑨ PHONES jack
When using headphones, insert the plug into this jack. With model
A-110 the output to the speakers is cut automatically when connecting
headphones.
**AC OUTLETS**

(Not provided on the models for U.K. and Australia.)

AC OUTLETS (SWITCHED)
Power supplied through these outlets is turned on and off by the amplifier's POWER switch. Total electrical power consumption of connected equipment should not exceed 100 W.

AC OUTLET (UNSWITCHED)
Power flows continuously to this outlet, regardless of whether the amplifier is switched ON or OFF. Electrical power consumption of the connected equipment should not exceed 100 W. The equipment should be disconnected by removing the power plug from the wall socket when not in regular use, e.g., when on vacation.

**NOTE:**
Do not connect appliances with high power consumption such as heaters, irons, or television sets to the AC OUTLETS in order to avoid overheating or fire risk.

Connect this cord to an AC wall socket, or the AC outlet of an audio timer.

SPEAKERS A terminals (left channel).
SPEAKERS A terminals (right channel).
Turntable ground terminal (GND).
SPEAKERS terminals (left channel).
SPEAKERS terminals (right channel).
OPERATIONS

BEFORE BEGINNING OPERATIONS
Set the controls and switches as follows: See page 6.
1. Set POWER switch 1 to ON.
2. Press the SPEAKERS A selector switch 9, SPEAKERS B selector switch 10, or both switches. (A-229 only)
3. Set the BALANCE control 7 to the center position.
4. Set the DIRECT switch 8 to OFF. (A-229 only)
5. Set the ADPT/TAPE 2 monitor switch 4 to OFF.

PLAYBACK PROCEDURES
1. Set the INPUT SELECTOR switch 2 to the desired playback source.
   • For reception of an AM/FM broadcast: Set to [TUNER].
   • For playback of a record: Set to [PHONO].
   • For playback of a compact disc: Set to [CD].
   • For playback of a tape: Set to [DAT/TAPE 1].
2. Operate the equipment to begin playback.
3. Adjust playback volume with VOLUME CONTROL 3 on this unit.

RECORDING TAPES:
1. Select the recording equipment with REC SELECTOR switch 5.
2. Begin recording by operating the recording equipment and tape deck.
   • Refer to the operating instructions for your tape deck for proper operating procedures.

COPYING TAPES:
When two decks are used (or when using double cassette deck), you can record the sounds from one deck onto the other.

Application examples:
• To make a tape copy with contents identical to the original tape.
• To edit a recording of an FM broadcast in order to cut out unwanted commercials, recording only desired material onto another tape.

When using two tape decks
1. Load tapes for playback (prerecorded tape) and recording (blank tape) into the respective tape decks.
2. Select the copying direction with the INPUT SELECTOR switch 2 and ADPT/TAPE 2 monitor switch 4.
   • When copying from the tape deck of the DAT/TAPE 1 terminals to the tape deck of the ADPT/TAPE 2 terminals: Set the INPUT SELECTOR switch to DAT/TAPE 1 and ADPT/TAPE 2 monitor switch to OFF.
   • When copying from the tape deck of the ADPT/TAPE 2 terminals to the tape deck of the DAT/TAPE 1 terminals: Set the ADPT/TAPE 2 monitor switch to ON and the INPUT SELECTOR to a position other than DAT/TAPE 1.
3. Operate the tape decks to begin copying.
Set the tape deck with the original (playback) tape to the playback mode, and set the tape deck with the blank tape to the recording mode.

TO USE THE COMPONENT CONNECTED TO THE ADPT/TAPE 2 TERMINALS:
[For an adaptor component]
By connecting a graphic equalizer, source sounds (from records, tapes, AM/FM broadcasts, etc.) can be heard with added sound and tone compensation.

NOTES:
When the DIRECT switch 8 is ON, the adaptor component cannot be used to modify the source sounds. (A-229 only)

1. Set the ADPT/TAPE 2 monitor switch 4 to ON.
2. Play back the source.
3. Operate the adaptor component.

[For a tape deck]
A tape deck connected here can be operated in the same way (recording and playback) as a deck connected to the DAT/TAPE 1 terminals. Also, if two decks are used, you can copy tapes from one deck onto the other (see the section "Copying Tapes")

NOTES:
To play a tape with the tape deck connected to the ADPT/TAPE 2 terminals the DIRECT switch must be set to OFF (A-229 only)

1. Set the ADPT/TAPE 2 monitor switch 4 to ON.
2. Operate the tape deck to perform playback (or recording).

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## TROUBLESHOOTING

Incorrect operations are often mistaken for trouble and malfunctions. If you think that there is something wrong with this component, check the points below. Sometimes the trouble may lie in another component. Investigate the other components and electrical appliances being used. If the trouble cannot be rectified even after exercising the checks listed below, ask your nearest PIONEER authorized service center or your dealer to carry out repair work.

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<td>• Terminals, or connecting cords pin plugs are dirty.</td>
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<td>• The ADPT/TAPE 2 monitor switch ⑤ is set to ON (except when using</td>
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<td>• Both SPEAKERS selector switches are set to &quot;OFF&quot; (A-229 only).</td>
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<td>• The position of the INPUT SELECTOR ② does not match the</td>
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<td>• Operation of tape deck is incorrect.</td>
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<td>• The ADPT/TAPE 2 monitor switch ② is set to ON.</td>
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<td>Cannot perform tape copying.</td>
<td>• The positions of the INPUT SELECTOR switch ② and</td>
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SPECIFICATIONS

[A-229]

Amplifier Section
Continuous power output
(both channels driven at 20 Hz to 20 kHz)**
T.H.D. 0.07 %, 8 Ω .......................... 35 W + 35 W* DIN Continuous power output (both channels driven at 1 kHz)
T.H.D. 1.0 %, 8 Ω .......................... 40 W + 40 W
T.H.D. 1.0 %, 4 Ω .......................... 50 W + 50 W
Dynamic power output (E.I.A. test signal)
4 Ω .................................................................................. 66 W
Total harmonic distortion** .......................... 0.07 %
Input sensitivity/impedance
PHONO (MM) .................................................. 2.5 mV/50 kΩ
CD, TUNER, DAT/TAPE 1, ADPT/TAPE 2 .......... 150 mV/50 kΩ
PHONO overload level
1 kHz, T.H.D. 0.1 % (MM) .......................... 150 mV
Output level/impedance
TAPE REC, ADPTOR OUTPUT ......................... 150 mV/2.2 kΩ
Frequency response
PHONO (MM), 20 Hz to 20 kHz .................. ± 0.5 dB
CD, TUNER, DAT/TAPE 1, ADPT/TAPE 2, 10 Hz to 50 kHz
.................................................. ½ dB*
Tone control (volume control set at −30 dB position)
BASS .................................................................. ± 6 dB (100 Hz)
TREBLE .................................................................. ± 6 dB (10 kHz)
Loudness control (volume control set at −30 dB position)
.................................................................................. + 3 dB (100 Hz)
Signal-to-Noise ratio (IEC short circuit, A network)
PHONO (MM, 5 mV input) ................................ 77 dB*
CD, TUNER, DAT/TAPE 1, ADPT/TAPE 2 .......... 100 dB*
Signal-to-Noise ratio (DIN, continuous power/50 mW)
PHONO (MM) .................................................. 67 dB/61 dB*
CD, TUNER, DAT/TAPE 1, ADPT/TAPE 2 .......... 83 dB/63 dB*

Power Supply/Miscellaneous
Power requirements
U.K., Australian models ......................... a.c. 240V, 50/60 Hz
Other destination models ......................... AC 110V/120 – 127V/220V/240V (switchable), 50/60 Hz
Power Construction .................................................. 330 W
Dimensions (including knobs and other protruding parts)
U.K. model .................................................. 420 (W) x 282 (D) x 103 (H) mm
Australian and other destination models .......................... 420 (W) x 282 (D) x 88 (H) mm
Weight (without package) .................................................. 5.8 kg (12 lb 6 oz)

Accessories
Operating instructions .................................................. 1

NOTE:
Specifications and design subject to possible modification without notice, due to improvements.

* Measured with Tone switch set to ON.
For ADPT/TAPE 2, however, measured with the DIRECT switch set to OFF and the tone and balance controls in center position.

** Measured by Audio Spectrum Analyzer.

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