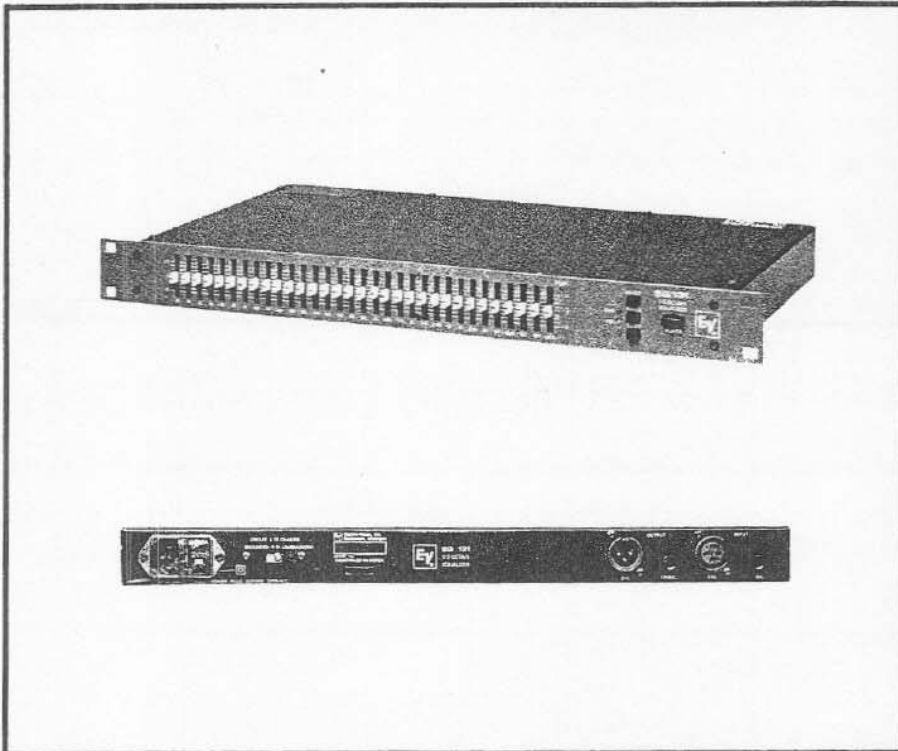


Electro-Voice®



EQ-131

Graphic Equalizer

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Conditions:

1. 0dBu = 0.775 volts rms.
2. 120 volt ac line input voltage maintained for all tests unless noted.

Frequency Response at Unity Gain, High-Pass Filter Disengaged:

20 Hz - 20,000 Hz \pm 1 dB

Total Harmonic Distortion at Unity Gain, 20 - 20,000 Hz, 0 dBu Output:

<0.01%

Noise at Unity Gain:

>97 dBm A-weighted

Front-Panel Controls:

31 center-detent boost/cut slide controls; level control with center detent; low-cut select switch; range select switch; EQ-on switch

LED Indicators:

Peak output level; 6- or 12-dB range and EQ on

Chassis Construction:

Painted steel

Colors:

Gray front panel with white nomenclature; black top, sides, rear and bottom.

Mounting:

Standard 19-in. rack, 1.73 in. high, 9.24 in. deep behind mount

Supplied Accessories:

Power cord; one package of mounting screws; one package of rubber feet; one decal and fuse for 230 V ac operation; owner's manual and service information.

Operating Environment:

Up to 50° C (122° F)

Power Requirements:

110 or 220 V ac, 50/60 Hz, 18 watts

Overall Dimensions (see Figure 1):

44 mm (1.73 in.) high;
483 mm (19.0 in.) wide;
235 mm (9.24 in.) deep

Net Weight:

3.4 kg (11.5 lb)

INPUT SPECIFICATIONS

Type:

Electronically balanced

Impedance,

Unbalanced:

22,000 ohms

Balanced:

44,000 ohms

Maximum Input Level at Unity Gain:

+20 dBu (7.75 V rms)

Connectors,

Type:

Parallel female 3-pin XLR-type and 1/4-in. phone jack TRS, balanced or unbalanced

XLR-type Connector Format (IEC Standard 268):

Pin 1 shield;

Pin 2 high;

Pin 3 low

OUTPUT SPECIFICATIONS

Type:

Electronically balanced XLR-type

Unbalanced 1/4-inch

Impedance,

Balanced:

120 ohms

Unbalanced:

60 ohms

Maximum Output Level:

+20 dBu

FILTER SPECIFICATIONS

Type:

Variable Q active filter set

Center Frequencies (31 bands on ISO one-third-octave centers):

20, 25, 32, 40, 50, 63, 80, 100, 125, 160,

200, 250, 315, 400, 500, 630, 800, 1,000, 1,250, 1,600, 2,000, 2,500, 3,150, 4,000, 5,000, 6,300, 8,000, 10,000, 12,500, 16,000 and 20,000 Hz

Maximum Boost/Cut

12 dB

Infrasonic Low-Cut Filter,

Corner Frequency (3 dB down):

43 Hz

Slope:

18 dB per octave

DESCRIPTION

The Electro-Voice EQ-131 is a boost and cut 1/3-octave graphic equalizer whose primary use is for tuning the overall frequency response of a sound reinforcement system, both to increase gain-before-feedback and to compensate for the deficiencies in the acoustic environment and the sound system.

FEATURES

The variable-Q active filter sets used in the EQ-131 allow effective equalization with few problematic side effects. As Figure 1 illustrates, the filter characteristics vary with the amount of boost or cut used. At low control settings, the filter Q is very wide. As the control is boosted or cut, the filter Q narrows so that there is minimum interaction between adjacent frequency bands. The filter response is designed to affect a 1/3-octave range. Many graphic equalizer designs have filters in which the Q, or sharpness of the filter, varies depending on the amount of boost or cut used. In most cases, the Q is very low when small corrections are set and the affected frequency range goes beyond even the adjacent filter controls. In these designs, when a large amount of boost or cut is used, the filter skirt spreads out and

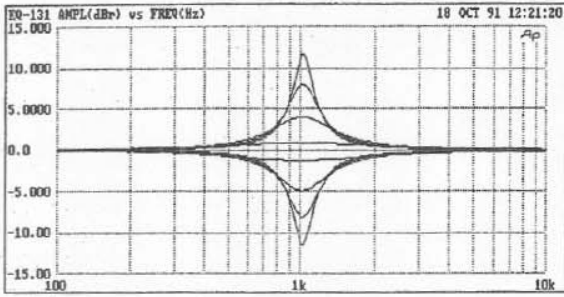


FIGURE 1

Filter Characteristics at 1,000 Hz (± 12 dB)

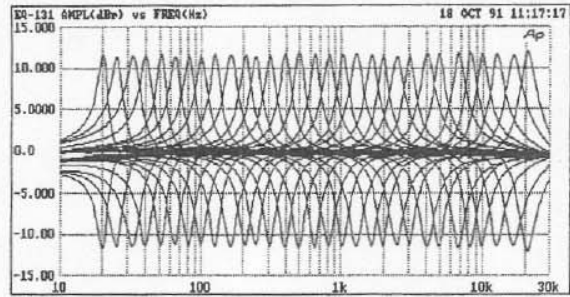


FIGURE 2

± 12 dB control settings

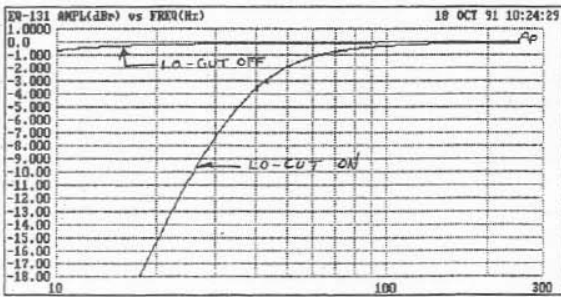


FIGURE 3

Lo-Cut filter roll-off characteristics

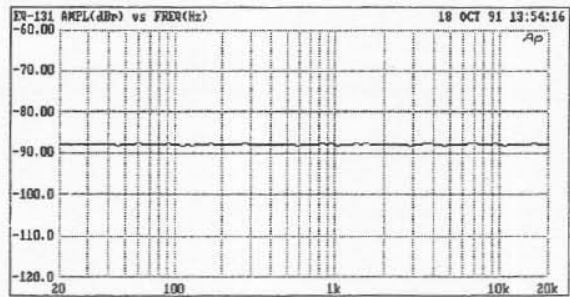


FIGURE 4

EQ on, 12 dB range, ground switch "grounded"

influences a larger frequency range so that adjacent controls must be readjusted

Each of the 31 $1/3$ -octave filters provides 12 dB of boost or cut at ISO frequencies 20 through 20,000 Hz. The faders have a positive detent in the center, flat-response position.

The gain control also has a center detent at unity gain. It should be adjusted so that the adjacent peak LED rarely or never lights. This will help achieve maximum possible signal-to-noise ratio.

The infrasonic low-cut filter, with a 43-Hz corner frequency and a slope of 18 dB per octave, is engaged by the front-panel Lo-Cut switch. For most applications, the filter should be engaged. Most professional speaker systems have little output below 45 Hz. At best, driving them in this range wastes amplifier power, and can result in excessive, ultra-low-frequency cone motion which distorts the output in the reproduced frequency range and, most seriously, could damage the speaker from excessive cone motion or "bottoming."

The range select switch allows selection of either 6 or 12 dB of boost and cut. The 6-dB range will allow more control selectivity while the 12-dB range allows for greater range of adjustment.

The EQ-131 has a IEC connector to allow compatibility with ac connections anywhere. The integral fuseholder also doubles as the voltage selector to allow for operation anywhere in the world.

ARCHITECTS' AND ENGINEERS' SPECIFICATIONS

The equalizer shall have 31 filters centered at the ISO standard $1/3$ -octave frequencies between 20 and 20,000 Hz. The filters shall provide either 6 or 12 dB of boost or cut and be set by 22 5-mm linear controls. The front panel shall have the following controls: a gain control that is continuously variable from -12 dB to +12 dB from unity gain, a high-pass filter with a slope of 18 dB per octave and a corner frequency of 43 Hz, a range switch to select either 6 or 12 dB of boost or cut from the filters, an EQ-on switch to put the filters in

the signal path and an on/off switch.

The rear panel shall have the input and output connectors, a ground-lift switch and a IEC connector with an integral fuse holder that allows voltage selection by the way it is inserted.

The input and output of the equalizer shall be accessible via 3-pin XLR-type and $1/4$ -inch TRS phone jacks located on the rear of the unit. The input shall be actively balanced. The output shall be balanced on the 3-pin XLR-type plug.

The equalizer shall meet or exceed the following performance specifications: frequency response at unity gain, ± 1 dB 20 - 20,000 Hz, total harmonic distortion less than 0.01%, 20 - 20,000 Hz at 0 dBu, a noise level of less than -97 dBu, gain of ± 6 dB or ± 12 dB, balanced-input impedance of 44,000 ohms, output impedance of 120 ohms, a maximum input level of +20 dBu at unity gain, a maximum output level of 20 dBu into loads greater than or equal to 600 ohms.

The equalizer shall operate on 120 V / 240 V ac, 50/60 Hz, and consume less than 18 watts. The unit shall be operable over the temperature range as high as 50 degrees Centigrade or 122 degrees Fahrenheit. The chassis shall be steel with a gray front panel and black top, bottom, sides and back with white nomenclature. The chassis shall occupy one rack space in a standard 19-inch rack (height 1.73 inches, depth 9.24 inches, width 19 inches). The weight shall be 7 lbs (3.4 kg). The equalizer shall have a three-year parts and labor warranty. The equalizer shall be the Electro-Voice EQ-131.

WARRANTY (Limited)

Electro-Voice products are guaranteed against malfunction due to defects in materials or workmanship for a specified period, as noted in the individual product-line statement(s) below, or in the individual product data sheet or owner's manual, beginning with the date of original purchase. If such malfunction occurs during the specified period, the product will be repaired or replaced (at our option) without charge. The product will be returned to the customer prepaid. Exclusions and Limitations. The

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