

Fx70 Digital Rotor Cabinet Simulator

- Very accurate simulation of various "rotating speaker" cabinets, in stereo
- Realistic room simulations can be added
- All performance parameters fully editable and programmable—including distortion, acceleration, crossover frequency, equalization, rotational and stop direction, and many more
- MIDI controllable
- 24-bit signal processing for perfect simulation and >90-dB dynamic range and <0.03% THD
- Three-year parts-and-labor warranty

SPECIFICATIONS

Conditions:

1. 0 dBu = 0.775 volts rms.
2. 120-volt ac line voltage unless otherwise noted.
3. Output levels measured with +4-dBu input at 1,000 Hz, with input level switch in the line position and input control full clockwise.

OVERALL SPECIFICATIONS

Frequency Response (direct):

20-20,000 Hz, +0/-1 dB

Frequency Response (effect):

20-20,000 Hz, +0/-3 dB

Data Format:

16-bit linear analog to digital and digital to analog; internal 24-bit processing

Total Harmonic Distortion,

Direct:

<0.003%

Effect:

<0.03%

Signal-to-Noise Ratio,

Direct:

>104 dB

Effect:

>90 dB

Channel Configuration:

Mono or stereo signals accepted; stereo signal is processed through a single converter in the digital-to-analog conversion stage and then reprocessed

Channel Separation:

>80 dB

Front-Panel Controls (see Figure 2):

Input and output level controls; 11 parameter select buttons; three buttons to control rotor simulation speed; endless rotary encoder; power switch

Front-Panel Displays (see Figure 2):

Seven-segment LED input-signal meter, switchable to read average, peak or peak hold; LED's over each of 11 parameter buttons to show function active; two-character numeric LED display to show parameter values; four LED's that are grouped to show rotor speed for the bass and treble rotors; single LED's for stop, slow and fast speed

Grounding:

Ground-lift switch disconnects ground from chassis to eliminate hum

Chassis Construction:

Painted steel

Colors,

Front Panel:

Gray with white nomenclature

Top and Sides:

Gray

Input and Bottom Panel:

Black with white nomenclature

Power Requirements:

90-250 volts, 50-60 Hz ac, switches automatically, 15 watts maximum

Overall Dimensions (see Figure 1),

Height:

43.6 mm (1.72 in.)

Width:

483 mm (19.0 in.)

Depth:

225 mm (8.86 in.)

Net Weight:

3.5 kg (7.7 lb)

Shipping Weight:

5.0 kg (11 lb)

INPUT SPECIFICATIONS

Rated Input Voltage,

Line:

1.23 volts (+4 dBu)

Instrument:

390 mV (-6 dBu)

Maximum Input Voltage,

Line:

9 V (+21 dBu)

Instrument:

390 mV (-6 dBu)

Input Impedance,

Line:

10 kilohms

Instrument:

500 kilohms

Input Connectors (see Figure 2):

Two 1/4-inch phone plugs with Hi/Lo range switch

OUTPUT SPECIFICATIONS

Rated Output Voltage,

High Range:

2.45 volts (+10 dBu)

Low Range:

730 millivolts (-0.5 dBu)

Maximum Output Voltage:

9 volts (+21 dBu)

Rated Output Impedance:

120 ohms

Output Connectors (see Figure 2):

Two 1/4-inch phone plugs with Hi/Lo range switch

MIDI Connectors:

In; out; through

DESCRIPTION

The Electro-Voice Fx70 is a high-quality digital signal processor designed to create very realistic simulations of the rotary speaker system sound. The Fx70 was created by first measuring every characteristic of the original rotary speaker's performance—such as different frequency responses, rotor speeds, distortion, start-up and decay times, and many more—

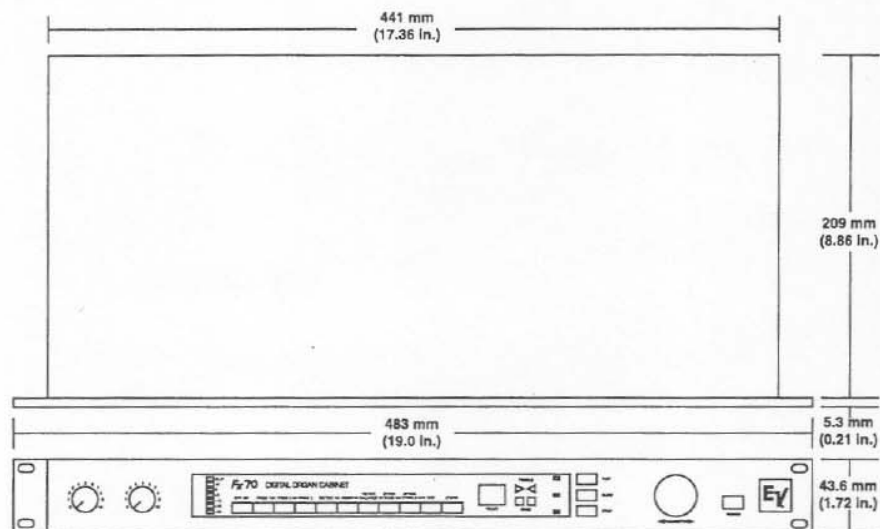


FIGURE 2 — Fx70 Front and Rear Panels

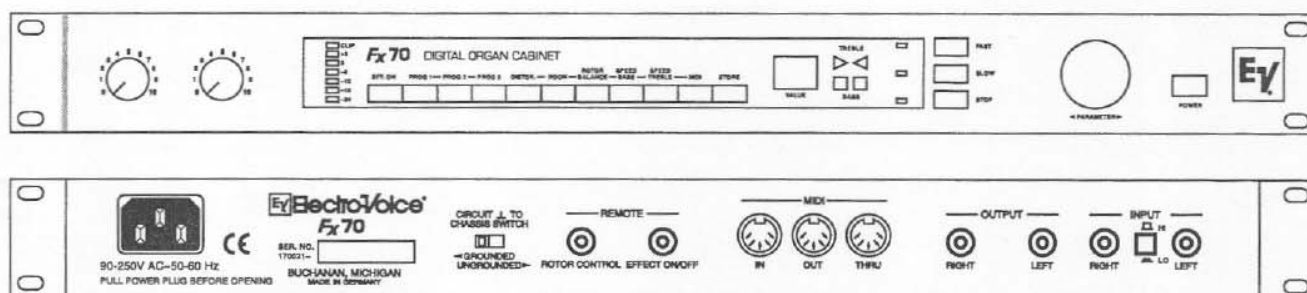
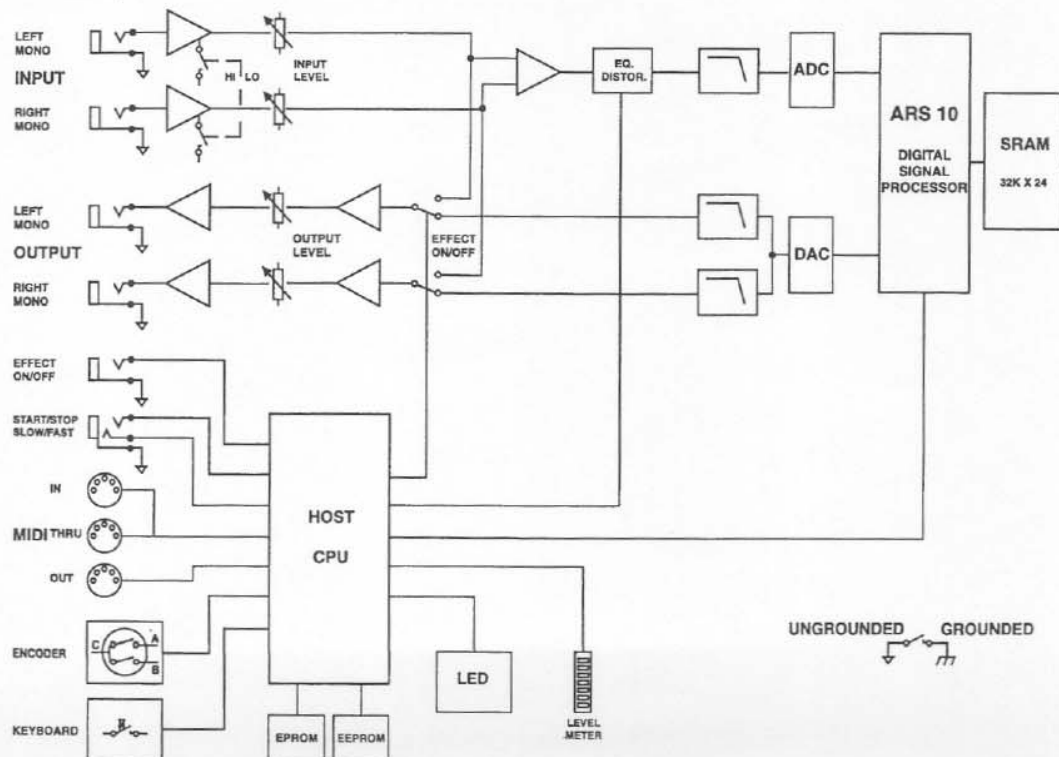


FIGURE 3 — Fx70 Block Diagram



LIST OF OPTIONS		
GENERAL	FUNCTION 00	= ADDITIONAL FACTORY PRESETS
	PARAMETER 01	= DISTORTION
	PARAMETER 02	= ROOM
	PARAMETER 03	= ROTOR-BALANCE
	PARAMETER 04	= SPEED-BASS
	PARAMETER 05	= SPEED-TREBLE
MECHANICAL	PARAMETER 06	= SLOW-FAST RATIO BASS
	PARAMETER 07	= SLOW-FAST RATIO TREBLE
	PARAMETER 08	= SPEED-UP BASS
	PARAMETER 09	= SPEED-UP TREBLE
	PARAMETER 10	= SPEED-REDUCE BASS
	PARAMETER 11	= SPEED-REDUCE TREBLE
	PARAMETER 12	= ROTATE-DIRECTION BASS
	PARAMETER 13	= ROTATE-DIRECTION TREBLE
COLORED CABINET	PARAMETER 14	= FAST-VIBRATO-BASS
	PARAMETER 15	= FAST-VIBRATO-TREBLE
	PARAMETER 16	= SLOW-VIBRATO-BASS
	PARAMETER 17	= SLOW-VIBRATO-TREBLE
	PARAMETER 18	= LIVENESS-BASS
	PARAMETER 19	= LIVENESS-TREBLE
	PARAMETER 20	= CONTOUR BASS
	PARAMETER 21	= CONTOUR TREBLE
	PARAMETER 22	= PANORAMA BASS
	PARAMETER 23	= PANORAMA TREBLE
	PARAMETER 24	= ROOM-SIZE
FREQUENCY RESPONSE	PARAMETER 25	= CROSSOVER-FREQUENCY
	PARAMETER 26	= ACTIVE-EQ BASS 40 Hz
	PARAMETER 27	= ACTIVE-EQ TREBLE 12 kHz
	PARAMETER 28	= ACTIVE-EQ BAND 125 Hz
	PARAMETER 29	= ACTIVE-EQ BAND 300 Hz
	PARAMETER 30	= ACTIVE-EQ BAND 800 Hz
	PARAMETER 31	= ACTIVE-EQ BAND 1.5 kHz
	PARAMETER 32	= PASSIVE-EQ BASS
	PARAMETER 33	= PASSIVE-EQ MID
	PARAMETER 34	= PASSIVE-EQ TREBLE
OUT-CONTROL	PARAMETER 35	= OUTPUT-LEVEL
	PARAMETER 36	= STOP-DIRECTION
	PARAMETER 37	= POSITION-CONTROL-BASS
	PARAMETER 38	= POSITION-CONTROL-TREBLE
	PARAMETER 39	= SPEED-CONTROL-BASS
	PARAMETER 40	= SPEED-CONTROL-TREBLE
	PARAMETER 41	= PEAKHOLD-TIME
	PARAMETER 42	= SYSEX-REMOTE-CONTROL

TABLE 1 — Fx70 List of Options

using extremely precise measuring techniques. Our ARS-10 proprietary 24-bit digital processor was then incorporated into the Fx70 design to calculate algorithms identical to the original performance. The result is a near-perfect simulation of the original sound, in stereo.

In addition to its realistic rotary speaker simulations, the Fx70 can add room simulations to any program. The room-simulation feature calculates the reflections of the rotating speakers from the walls and adds this to the overall effect, making it much more realistic than blending in random reverb programs.

The Fx70 offers complete control of every facet of rotary speaker performance. On its front panel are 11 buttons which give the user instant access to the most-used parameters. These include three buttons for recall of favorite pro-

grams and buttons for rotor balance, bass speed, treble speed, room simulations and distortion.

There is also an "option mode" which is accessed by pushing the bass and treble speed buttons simultaneously and holding them down for three seconds. In the option mode, 42 different parameters and 13 factory presets can be accessed by an endless rotary encoder and the parameter number viewed on the two-digit LED window on the front panel (see Table 1 for a list of options and Table 2 for a list of presets). Alterations of the parameters can be stored in one of the three program memory locations.

Four LED's show the "speed" of the rotary speakers. The Fx70 is also equipped with MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface). The unit has in/out/through sockets for integration into a

LIST OF FACTORY PRESETS (FUNCTION 00)		
PRESET 01	=	"Classic Rotor"
PRESET 02	=	"Ambience Cabinet"
PRESET 03	=	"Rock Organ"
PRESET 04	=	"CLS 222"
PRESET 05	=	"Spacious CSL"
PRESET 06	=	"Church Organ"
PRESET 07	=	"Damaged Cabinet"
PRESET 08	=	"Singing Sax"
PRESET 09	=	"Honky Tonk Piano"
PRESET 10	=	"Jazz Organ"
PRESET 11	=	"Sweet Guitar"
PRESET 12	=	"Walking Bass"
PRESET 13	=	"Happy Music"

TABLE 2 — Fx70 List of Factory Presets (Function 00)

MIDI system, and all programs and parameters are changeable by a keyboard, sequencer or controller via MIDI. There are also MIDI editor programs available which allow easy editing via a computer.

Another unique feature of the Fx70 is its MIDI-learn function. The unit can be programmed to learn MIDI commands by simply pressing the MIDI button, engaging the parameter you want to change, using a MIDI control device such as a keyboard modulation wheel, and telling the unit to store the command.

The power supply of the Fx70 adapts automatically to any voltage/frequency from 90-250 volts, 50 or 60 Hz. This helps keep "brownouts" from affecting its performance during stage use. The rear-mounted IEC connector allows easy adaption to any type of ac socket. A separate ground-lift switch ensures that any chassis-induced ac hum can be eliminated. The Fx70 mounts in one EIA/IEC rack space.

The Fx70 front and rear panels are shown in Figure 2. The block diagram is shown in Figure 3.

ARCHITECTS' AND ENGINEERS' SPECIFICATIONS

The effects processor shall be a high-quality multi-effects device capable of realistically recreating every facet of a rotary speaker system's sound including room effects. The effects processor shall have 11 electronic, two-position push-button controls that allow access to the most-used parameters, including three different simulation programs, and can be used to access 42 different performance parameters and 13 various preset cabinet simulations. The unit shall have switches to select "fast," "slow" and "stop" rotor speed and four LED's to allow the user to visually monitor the simulated rotor speed. The effects processor shall have stereo inputs switchable from line level (input voltage 1.23 (+4 dBu), 10-kilohm impedance) to instrument level (input voltage 390 mV (-6 dBu), 500-kilohm impedance). Both outputs shall be switchable from high (output voltage 2.45 V (+10 dBu) to low (730 mV (-0.5 dBu)). The maximum output voltage shall be 9 V (+21 dBu) with an output impedance of 120 ohms. Input and output connectors shall be unbalanced

1/4-inch phone jacks. The unit shall have a MIDI interface and all parameters shall be addressable and editable via MIDI. The unit shall have a MIDI-learn function capable of learning a command from a keyboard, sequencer or other MIDI controller. The unit shall have a switched-mode power supply for operation at voltages from 90 V to 250 V, 50 to 60 Hz, without adjustments. The power consumption shall be 15 watts maximum. The unit shall be manufactured in accordance with all safety classes and fulfill all applicable interference suppression approvals (FCC, VDE and IEC specifications). The unit shall be rack mountable in one EIA/IEC standard rack space. Dimensions shall be 43.6 mm (1.72 in.) x 483 mm (19.0 in.) x 225 mm (8.86 in.) hwd. Net weight shall be 3.5 kg (7.7 lb).

The effects unit shall be the Electro-Voice Fx70.

UNIFORM LIMITED WARRANTY

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

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