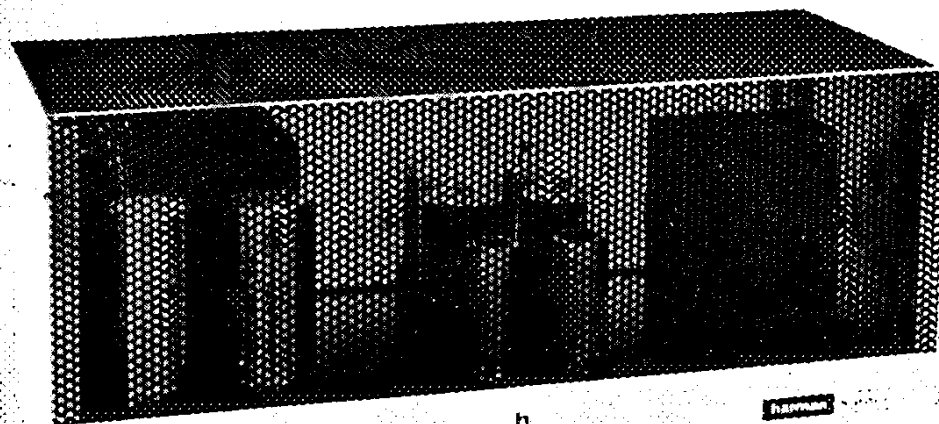


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**MODEL HK-250**

**STEREOPHONIC POWER AMPLIFIER**

## **INSTRUCTION MANUAL**

It is essential you read this instruction booklet carefully before installing your high fidelity system. You have invested in an extremely fine electronic instrument into which many excellent engineering developments have been incorporated, and each is important for the proper operation of your system. This booklet has been written in simple non-technical language and if you will take time to read it first before doing anything else, you will find it simple to obtain optimum performance from your Harman-Kardon Model HK-250 Stereophonic Power Amplifier.

Be sure to keep this booklet available at all times. It contains indispensable technical and service information.



*This is the Harman-Kardon Stereo Symbol. It is your assurance of superb stereo performance.*

## UNPACKING

g the HK250, inspect it carefully for signs of transit damage. ted to many inspections and tests prior to final packing, and l be in perfect condition. If damage is visible, notify your e unit was shipped to you, notify the transportation company

tents of the carton thoroughly and inspect the folds of the fore discarding it. Your package should contain the following

Stereophonic Power Amplifier.

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## WARRANTY POLICY

o completely fill in your warranty card and mail it to the fac- to protect your rights under warranty. The warranty cards or reference and should you require information on the use of it, or repair service, we will be able to immediately identify quickly.

ecessary to receive factory authorization before returning a air either to the factory or to an authorized station. Repairs an an Express Prepaid basis. A letter describing the exact diffi- sed with the unit.

## WARRANTY

ch Model HK250 to be free from defects in material and normal use and service, and in accordance with the condi- set forth, for a period of 1 year from date of delivery to the and agree to replace or repair any part or parts, with the which are under the manufacturer's 90 day warranty, returned year, with transportation prepaid and which our examination satisfaction to have been thus defective. This warranty does or, nor is it applicable to any instrument which shall have ered in any way so as in our judgment to affect its stability or n has been subject to neglect, misuse, abuse, negligence or has had the serial number altered, effaced, or removed. aranty apply to any instrument which has been connected e accordance with instructions furnished by us.

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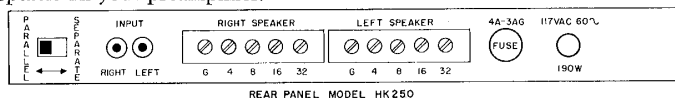
## USIN MODEL HK250 AS A STEREOPHONIC POWER AMPLIFIER INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

### Ventilation:

The unit is well ventilated in itself, but sufficient space must be allowed around it to permit proper air flow. Install the amplifier in a manner to allow for unrestricted circulation. Do not place objects on the cage or in the immediate vicinity of the instrument. Reducing the air flow will result in sharply reduced component and tube life.

### Power Requirements:

Plug the AC line cord (117 volts, 50 or 60 cycles) into the convenience AC receptacle on your preamplifier.



### Connecting Your Speakers:

Your two speakers should be matched if possible to obtain optimum results and should be placed approximately 8 to 15 feet apart against one wall of your listening room. Corner placement is also quite acceptable. Facing the speakers straight out or slanting them slightly will depend on your room size, acoustic effect and where you will be seated for listening. It may be necessary to experiment with speaker placement until best results are obtained.

Use any type wire to connect your speakers. Lamp cord is excellent and may be easily dressed around the molding for an inconspicuous and neat installation.

### Normal Stereo Speaker Arrangement:

Connect one lead from the left speaker to the 16 ohm terminal on the LEFT SPEAKER OUTPUT STRIP and the other lead to the G terminal on the same strip. Now connect one of the leads from the right speaker to the 16 ohm terminal on the RIGHT SPEAKER OUTPUT STRIP and the other lead to the G terminal on the same strip. (See Diagram A) The output terminals used should be those marked with the same impedance as the speakers. The illustration is for 16 ohm speakers. If you are using 8 ohm speakers connect to the 8 ohm SPEAKER output terminals rather than to the 16 ohm terminals. NOTE: For this method of operation the PARALLEL-SEPARATE switch must remain in the SEPARATE position.

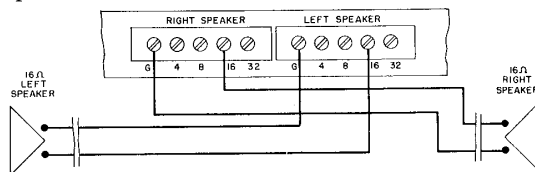


Diagram A

### Connecting the HK250 To Your Stereo Preamplifiers:

Connect two shielded leads, one to the LEFT and one to the RIGHT INPUTS on the HK250. Now connect the other ends of these leads to the Audio Outputs on your stereo preamplifier.

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### Speaker:

Two 32 ohm speaker terminals together. Connect your speaker to 16 ohm terminals if your speaker has a nominal impedance of 16 ohms. If you have an 8 ohm speaker, strap the 16 ohm terminals together and connect speaker leads to G and 16. NOTE: The PARALLEL-SEPARATE switch on the rear panel must remain in the PARALLEL position for proper operation.

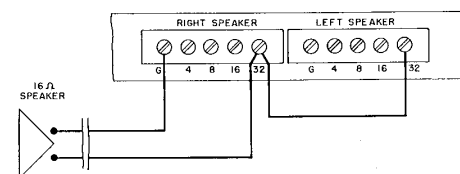


Diagram B

### Model HK250 To Your Monaural Preamplifier:

Connect a shielded lead between either the LEFT or RIGHT INPUT on the rear of the preamplifier and the Audio Output on your preamplifier.

## ADJUSTMENTS

### Output Balance Controls:

The OUTPUT BALANCE controls for LEFT and RIGHT channels are located on the top of the chassis between the output tubes. These controls are factory set for minimum distortion and should not be readjusted unless output tubes are changed.

Set the LEFT and RIGHT OUTPUT BALANCE control for minimum hum in your speaker system. If the hum level is inaudible, set the controls to the exact mid-position. For critical adjustment the control should be checked with a modulation distortion meter for minimum IM.

### Noise:

In a high fidelity installation, hum may be caused by the interconnection of the tuner, amplifier, and speaker, as a result of the cables and different grounding. The best way to eliminate this problem is to first disconnect everything from the amplifier, and listen for hum. If the hum persists, make the adjustments described above. Try reversing the amplifier power plug in the record player. If hum appears, try reversing the record player plug, and try connecting a wire from the record player chassis to the amplifier chassis. In this way, connect the tuner, tape deck and other devices to the amplifier chassis.

Hum may be picked up by defective interconnecting cables, and by power cables running too close to power cables.

## MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

### Fuse:

In the event of a potentially damaging failure of tubes or components, the Model HK250 is protected by a 4 ampere, type 3AG fuse, located on the rear of the unit. If this fuse is blown, it should be replaced only with one of the same rating. Replacing with a fuse of higher rating will not protect the amplifier, and may result in severe damage, which will not be covered by the factory warranty.

### Routine Maintenance:

Due to the conservative design and high quality components of the Model HK250, no routine maintenance other than yearly tube checking is advised. Occasional resetting of the output balance adjustments, following the procedure described above, will keep the unit operating at peak efficiency. These adjustments should certainly be made after any tube replacement.

### Repair:

Only the most qualified service technician should be employed, as special equipment and training is required to properly service a high fidelity amplifier. This manual contains information of great value to the repairman, and should be kept available.

Factory Warranty Stations are maintained in most major cities. For the address of the nearest one, or for any other information relating to your Harman-Kardon products, write to the attention of the Customer Service Department, Harman-Kardon, Inc., 520 Main St., Westbury, N. Y. Be sure to include the model and serial number of the set in question. A short description of your complete installation is often of help in answering your questions.

## LIST OF REPLACEABLE PARTS

| H-K Part No. | Description                         | List Price |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| ES771372     | SPD Slide Switch                    | .45        |
| RVCOM2569    | Balance Control 100 ohm             | .80        |
| FT2382665    | Power Transformer                   | 21.25      |
| FT2382666    | Output Transformer                  | 18.25      |
| JE2382669    | 20MFD/450V, 150MFD/50V Electrolytic | 2.10       |
| JE2382720    | 125MFD/250 V Electrolytic           | 2.00       |
| Z2382924     | Silicon Diode .5 Amp/300V           | 3.50       |



## SPECIFICATIONS

### Audio:

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|---------------------------|--|
| Circuits:                 | Two 6L6GB's self biased, tetrode connected in push-pull per channel.   |
| Output Level Per Channel: | 25 watts at less than 1% harmonic distortion.<br>20 watts at less than 0.5% harmonic distortion.<br>5 watts at less than 0.2% harmonic distortion.<br>20 watts at less than 2% intermodulation distortion.<br>Harmonic distortion readings at 1000 c.p.s.; Intermodulation distortion readings at 60/6000 c.p.s.: 4:1; All at 16 ohm load—120 volts A.C. |
| Special Feature:          | Power amplifiers may be parallel for 50 watt monaural operation by throwing special switch and strapping speaker terminals.  |
| Peak Power Output:        | 50 watts per channel. 100 watts when strapped.   |
| Output Impedance:         | 4, 8, 16 and 32 ohms per channel.<br>2, 4, 8 and 16 ohms when strapped.  |
| Frequency Response:       | $\pm 0.5$ db 15-30,000 c.p.s. at 1 watt.<br>$\pm 1.0$ db 20-20,000 c.p.s. at 20 watts.   |
| Damping Factor:           | 8 (individual channels or when strapped).  |
| Hum:                      | 95 db below 20 watts.  |
| Cross Talk:               | Better than 60 db.   |
| Sensitivity:              | 1.5 volts.   |

### Overall Specifications:

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|--------------------|--|
| Chassis Controls:  | (Total 2) Output tube balance control left and right channels. |
| Receptacles:       | 2 input (May be strapped with switch on top of chassis).       |
| Switch:            | (Input) Separate/Parallel.                                     |
| Fuse:              | Externally Accessible.   |
| Tube Complement:   | (Total 6) 4—6L6GB, 2—6CG7, 4 Silicon Diode Rectifiers.         |
| Dimensions:        | 15" W. x 6" H. x 7" D.   |
| Power Consumption: | 190 watts.   |
| Shipping Weight:   | 30 lbs.  |