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This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna. Locate the antenna more than 30 feet away from the equipment and connect it to the receiver using a shield cable.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

WARNING: Only peripherals complying with the FCC class B limits may be attached to this equipment.

Changes or modifications made to this equipment, not expressly approved by us or parties authorized by us could void the user’s authority to operate the equipment. This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

There are two categories of Safety Instructions included in this manual:

- Product Warnings, (i.e., what must never be done to assure avoiding those hazards that could cause bodily injury or property damage); and
- User Directions (i.e., what must always be done to assure the safe use of your device).

The Safety Instructions contained in this manual have been categorized in accordance with the seriousness of the potential hazards through the use of Signal Words. Those Signal Words, and their intended meanings, are as follows:

DANGER: Indicates that a failure to observe the Safety Instructions could result in death or catastrophic bodily injury.

WARNING: Indicates that a failure to observe the Safety Instructions could result in serious bodily injury.

CAUTION: Indicates that a failure to observe the Safety Instructions could result in minor bodily injury or property damage.

NOTE: Designates important information that relates to activities and/or conditions that might result in loss of data and/or damage to your device.

Safe Use and Operation of Your Device

This equipment emits stray RF energy and will interfere with the reception of signals by airborne electronic navigational devices or medical devices. Do not operate this equipment near any sensitive medical devices.

WARNING: Use only grounded AC power cords.

DANGER: If NuForce equipment and all other equipments connected to it do not have AC ground, higher than usual amount of radio frequency emission could occur.

Always immediately disconnect the power to the equipment in the event the device emits an unusual odor or sound or generates smoke.

WARNING: Never attempt to disassemble, repair or make any modification to your device. Disassembly, modification or any attempt at repair could cause bodily injury or property damage, as well as damage to the device itself.

WARNING: Your device is not a toy. Never allow children to play with your device. Misuse, rough or improper handling of your device by children could result in serious bodily injury for any of the enumerated safety warnings in this manual. In addition, always keep all accessories and components out of the reach of small children as small parts might present a choking hazard. Seek immediate medical attention if choking occurs or if any small part has been swallowed.

CAUTION: Never raise the sound volume level too high when using your device with earphones. An excessive sound volume level could cause damage to your hearing.

WARNING: To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose the unit to moisture or water.

Do not allow foreign objects to get into the enclosure. If the unit is exposed to moisture, or a foreign object gets into the enclosure, immediately disconnect the power cord from the wall. Take the unit to a qualified service person for inspection and necessary repairs.

Read all the instructions before connecting or operating the component.

Keep this manual so you can refer to these safety instructions.

Heed all warnings and safety information in these instructions and on the product itself. Follow all operating instructions.

Do not use this unit near water.

You must allow a minimum 10 cm or 4 inches of unobstructed clearance around the unit. Do not place the unit on a bed, sofa, rug, or similar surface that could block the ventilation openings. If the unit is placed in a bookcase or cabinet, there must be ventilation of the cabinet to allow proper cooling. Keep the component away from radiators, heat registers, stoves, or any other appliance that produces heat.

The unit must be connected to a power supply only of the type and voltage specified on the rear panel.

Connect the component to the power outlet only with the supplied power supply cable or an exact equivalent. Do not modify the supplied cable.

Do not route the power cord where it will be crushed, pinched, bent, exposed to heat, or damaged in any way. Pay particular attention to the power cord at the plug and where the cord exits the back of the unit.

The power cord should be unplugged from the wall outlet during a lightning storm or if the unit is to be left unused for a long period of time.

Immediately stop using the component and have it inspected and/or serviced by a qualified service agency if:

- The power supply cord or plug has been damaged.

- Objects have fallen or liquid has been spilled into the unit.
- The unit has been exposed to rain.
- The unit shows signs of improper operation
- The unit has been dropped or damaged in any way

Read Me First

Congratulations! You have purchased a remarkable preamplifier. Audiophiles who want to experience the P-9's full potential should allow for the break-in period all high-quality audio components require. With your volume control set to a typical listening level, a 75-hour break-in is recommended, typically achieved by playing discs. The power amp does not need to be on.

For optimum performance, we suggest placing the P-9's two boxes next to each other.

WARNING! Connect the provided 15-pin DC and control cable between the two boxes *before* applying AC.

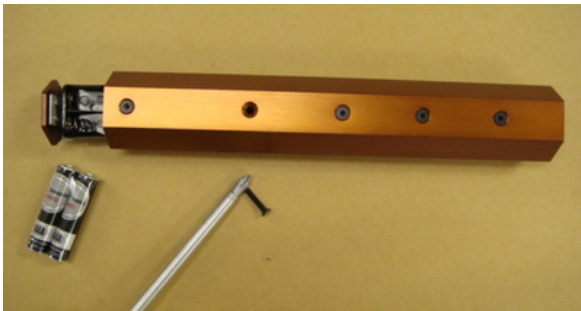
WARNING! Use only a grounded AC power cord. Always turn on the preamp before turning on the power amp. When powering off, turn off the power amp first.

WARNING! Do not connect or disconnect the RCA input or output cables when the P-9 is in the ON position.

WARNING! AC Input - Every NuForce P-9 is shipped with a specific AC voltage setting: 100VAC, 117VAC, and 230VAC within a tolerance of +/- 10%. The units are not designed for universal AC application. Note: Nuforce cannot assume responsibility for damage resulting from incompatible AC voltages.

Installing Batteries in Nuforce P-9 Remote Control

Batteries are not pre-installed with the P-9 because of tighten air-cargo security measures. To install batteries, remove the only Philips head screw (2nd screw from the left as shown below) on the P-9 remote control and slide out the base plate. Please use a #3 Philips head screwdriver to prevent stripping the screw.



Quick Set-up Instructions

Connect the 15-Pin Control cable between the Control Box and Audio Box.

Connect a source component (CD player, for example) to Input 1. Connect the Pre-Out RCA or XLR interconnects to your amplifier's inputs. Make sure that the On/Off switch is in the **Off** position before inserting the provided AC cord into the AC wall outlet.

For the P-9's initial turn-on, be sure to follow these two steps:

- Turn on the power supply to P-9 by setting the rear-panel AC On/Off switch to **On**. The Control Box's front-panel LCM (liquid crystal display module) will light up briefly with the message **Nuforce Initialization**. After the initialization process is completed, the display will go blank.
- Push and hold the Input Selection knob (left knob) for about one second, or press the remote's **ON** button to activate the P-9.

Always turn the P-9 on or off using either the Input Selection knob on the Control Box or the remote control. Even when the P-9 is in the off position, its line-stage remains powered for thermal optimization.

Use the remote (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) or the Input Selection knob to select each input.

Turn the Control Box's Volume knob clockwise to increase volume and counterclockwise to reduce volume. You will notice that the Analog Box's motorized Volume knob moves in the same direction. The user can therefore adjust volume with the Analog Box's Volume knob. The P-9's unique design memorizes volume levels whether it's been set with the remote's logic volume or physical Volume knobs.

To turn the P-9 off, depress and hold the Input Selection knob for about one second. The P-9 will turn itself off while retaining the selected input and volume level. **Note:** The memory retention feature will not work if the rear panel On/Off switch is used to turn the P-9 off.

Functions



Figure 1 shows the Analog Box sitting on top of the Control Box.



Figure 2 shows the connectors.

The Control Box's front-panel:

Input Selection knob (left knob) - Push it in to turn P-9 On or Off. Turn the knob to select Inputs 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5.

Volume knob (right knob) - Turn the Volume knob clockwise to increase volume.

Mute - Push the Volume Knob in for one second to mute the P-9. Any key/action will un-mute P-9..

Memory Retention - After the P-9 is initially powered up, use the Input Selection knob or remote control to turn the P-9 off so that the P-9's memory retains the last selected input and volume setting.

The Control Box's rear-panel:

Control - Use the provided 15-pin cable to connect the DC voltage and logic control between the Control and Audio boxes. Please note, this 15-pin cable cannot be replaced by a standard VGA cable. (Nuforce utilized all 15-pins; standard VGA cables do not).

Trigger In and Trigger Out - A 12V DC trigger connected to the Trigger In turns on the P-9. The Trigger Out sends a 12V trigger signal whenever the P-9 is turned on or off with the logical control, remote, or Input knob.

The Analog Box's front controls:

Mechanical Volume knob - In cases where the Analog box needs to be located at a significant distance from the Control box, we have provided as a convenience, a second manual volume control. The **Dual-Drive** mechanism tracks the mechanical volume knob and stores the level in the P-9's memory.

The Analog Box's rear connectors:

Control - This connector accepts the Control Box's control and DC cable.

Inputs 1-5 - These line-level inputs are for use with various source components, such as a CD player. Input 5 (see below) operates as a standard line-level input when the P-9 is active and behaves as a pass-through when the P-9 is off.



Bypass (Input 5) - Power-off Bypass: input 5 is directly routed to the outputs whenever the P-9 is in the off position. This facilitates integration with another device with its own volume control, such as a home-theater processor.

Pre Out, RCA - Volume-controlled line-level outputs.

Balanced Outputs - Balanced XLR output interconnects for use with amplifiers having balanced inputs. For bi-amp applications, both outputs (RCA and XLR) can be used simultaneously.

DIM - This feature is turned off as Factory default. To enable/disable DIM, press 'On' then '1'. Display will show 'DIM=ON' when enabled, 'DIM=OFF' when disabled. When DIM=ON, display's backlight will be turned off when there is no activity after 10 seconds. Any activities (adj. volume, input, etc) will turn-on the backlight display. However, turning the analog volume pot can not turn on the display's backlight.

Remote Control:

The P-9 includes a simple remote control with the following functions:

Off - Turns off the P-9 while retaining the input and volume settings.

On - Turns the P-9 On.

Input Selection - Each push of the button will switch the P-9 to the next input.

Mute - Mutes volume. Turn or push any knob to un-mute.

Up - Volume increases.

Down - Volume decreases.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 - Direct input access.

Note: A universal remote can be programmed to operate the P-9.

The NuForce P-9 Preamplifier

NuForce's breakthrough P-9 Preamplifier is a low-noise, high-performance audio component housed in two discrete boxes. One contains three power supplies and microprocessor control logic; the other, an analog volume control, input selection relays and ultra-sensitive analog circuits. The boxes are similar in appearance to our Reference 9 Series power amplifiers.

The P-9 features a **Dual-Drive** control mechanism. Changes in volume is achieved via a full-function, custom-designed remote control interfacing with a digital volume control, or a manual Alps volume potentiometer. A microprocessor drives the high-performance Alps motorized pot in the analog chassis. A communication protocol feeds back the volume level to the microprocessor in order to synchronize level settings on the digital volume indicator and Alps volume pot. The P-9's volume control is ultimately analog. As a convenience feature, the digital volume control acts only as an interface with the remote. Built-in memory stores the last-used input selection and volume level.

The heart of the P9 features an all-discrete, precision amplifier module employing ultra-low-noise, monolithic dual JFETs, specially selected VMOS FETs and very flat hFE bipolar transistors in a dual-cascode design with a driven shield to reduce capacitive loading on the final voltage amp. These features combine to achieve a 5MHz power bandwidth with a S/N ratio in excess of 100dB, and a better than 120-dB dynamic range. The P-9's exceptionally stable gain circuit has no capacitors or DC-servos in its signal path.

In laying out our design, we paid particular attention to isolation from external influences. To avoid sudden thermal drift or signal-related heating, the amp modules operate within heavy copper shields with internal thermal insulation. Each amp module has a self-contained shunt regulator to increase its isolation from the power supplies. Further, each module is fed from a separate isolated floating current source to further isolate the amp chain from potential ground-system noise. The control system sends DC only to the relays and the potentiometer's motor. No logic circuitry with the attendant noise of clocks and fast edges contaminates the analog section's low-level signals. The P-9's overall isolation achieves a remarkably low noise floor while providing the convenience and ease of remote-control operation.

For the audiophile who wants to integrate a home theater system into an uncompromising audio system, the P-9 offers a novel bypass system connecting the main speakers' power amps to the AV processor or AV receiver amp's output, thus allowing for a seamless transition to THX multi-channel surround with bass management. This feature enables integration without the need for hands-on intervention. All that's needed is a processor or receiver's 12V trigger source.

Feature Summary:

- Two-box design
- Small 8-½" half-rack chassis
- Ultra low noise $1nV/\sqrt{Hz}$ JFETs
- Custom-made Alps motorized high-performance volume control
- Full microprocessor control with memory retention

- Dual-Drive volume mechanism
- No capacitors or DC-servo in the signal path
- Three discrete power supplies
- High-performance HT bypass integration
- Individual audio channels shielded with heavy copper and thermal barriers.
- Solid stainless steel back connector panel forming a solid signal ground reference

Specifications:

- Inputs: 5 RCA (including Home Theater bypass input)
- Outputs: 1 RCA, 1 XLR (XLR output is unbalanced)
- THD+N at 1kHz = 0.0004% at 20-20kHz = 0.003% at DC to 1MHz: < 0.05 %
- S/N = 100dB at 20-20kHz S/N > 90dB at DC to 1MHz
- Frequency Response at 20-20kHz = +0.02dB/-0dB at DC to 1Mhz = +0.5dB/-0dB at DC-2.5 MHz +0/-3dB
- Maximum output: 7V RMS
- Phase shift = 0
- Input impedance = 10K ohm
- Output impedance = 100 ohm
- Dimensions: 1.75”H x 8.5”W x 16”D
- Weight: 13 lbs (for Analog and Control boxes)
- Power 120V 60Hz (100V and 240V models available)

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