





USER MANUAL



Electromagnetic and safety compliances

- This product complies with the European Electromagnetic Compatibility Directives 89/336/EEC & 92/31/EEC and the European Low Voltage Directives 73/23/EEC & 93/68/EEC.
- In accordance with the provisions of Council Directive 89/336/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility, this product is in conformity with the following specifications:
 - NEN-EN 55103-1: Electromagnetic compatibility. Product family standard for audio, video, audio-visual entertainment lighting control equipment for professional use. Part 1: Emission. (September 1995) NEN-EN 55103-2 Electromagnetic compatibility. Product family standard for audio, video, audio-visual entertainment lighting control equipment for professional use. Part 2: Immunity. (September 1995)
- This product is designed to comply with the following standards:

UL 60950 3rd edition (2000) standard

TUV EN 60950: 1992+A1+A2+A3+A4+A11 (1997) standard

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT

- 1) For your own safety please read the user manual before operating or connecting the unit.
- 2) The user manual must be in possession of the owner of the unit. This manual must be kept in a safe place for future reference.
- 3) The unit must be connected to a mains power supply with appropriate grounding. This is necessary for the optimal working of the unit and to assure the safety of the user.
- Always handle the power cord by the plug, do not pull the cord. Do not use damaged power cord or plug. Damaged power cords or plugs can cause fire or create a shock hazard.
- 5) Do not open the unit. There are no serviceable parts inside. Only qualified service technicians can service the unit.
- 6) Do not expose to rain or water. Do not spill liquid or insert objects inside the unit. Rain, water or liquid such as cosmetics as well as metal may cause electric shocks, which can result in fire or shock hazard. If anything gets inside, immediately unplug the power cord.
- 7) If the unit is not used for a longer period (more than one day), it is recommended to disconnect the unit from the power supply. Switching off the power switch does not completely isolate the unit.
- 8) **WARNING!** The sound and intensity volume of this product can be very strong and, if not used properly or if used in close proximity, can cause temporary or permanent damage to one's hearing, perhaps even deafness. Use with caution and common sense.

INSTALLATION OF THE UNIT

- 1) The set can be used in every position.
- 2) Do not place the set into direct sunlight or in a warm, humid or dusty place. The operating environment temperature should be between +5°C and +35°C. The relative humidity of the air should not exceed 85%.
- 3) Always place the unit in a well ventilated area.
- 4) To avoid disturbances, do not place the set near disturbing equipment such as transmitters, cell phones, electrical motors.
- 5) Avoid dust e.g. cigarette ashes on the unit. Also avoid smoke e.g. smoke machines or cigarettes from entering the unit. Smoke will accelerate wear on the electronic circuits, potentiometers and faders of the unit.
- 6) Do not place heavy or sharp objects on the unit as these can damage the knobs, switches, LEDs.
- 7) Manipulate the console with care. Avoid abrupt movements of the controls.
- 8) If the unit has to be transported, please use the original packaging or use an fitting flight case. Avoid shocks.

CLEANING OF THE UNIT

- 1) Do not use chemical products or solvents to clean the set. To clean the unit, it is best to use a soft brush or a dry lint-free cloth.
- 2) Do not apply contact spray or other products in the faders as these products can damage the faders.

Congratulations with the purchase of a **RODEC – SHERMAN RESTYLER**! You are the owner of a top-line audio restyle unit capable of outstanding performance in combination with other high-grade systems.

The RODEC – SHERMAN RESTYLER is the result of great collaboration between two high-end analogue Belgian manufacturers!

This unique masterpiece is no regular effects unit or filter bank ... it's a one of a kind "RESTYLER"

The Restyler redefines the dynamic, punch, groove and sound of your music, instrument or musical production.

It can be used by deejays, musicians, producers, remixers & musical passionates worldwide.

This user manual will guide you through the setup of the Restyler and will describe in detail all connectors, controls and operational features of the equipment.

Further information about this dynamic filtering sound processor can be found on our websites:

http://www.rodec.com and http://www.sherman.be

For questions, more information or service needs of your Restyler, contact the distributor or service center in your country. RODEC and SHERMAN possess a widely branched network of distributors and service centers worldwide. The distributor list can be found on our websites.

Please mention serial number, date and place of purchase for all matters concerning service.

MODEL RESTYLER SERIAL NUMBER (on the back of the set)

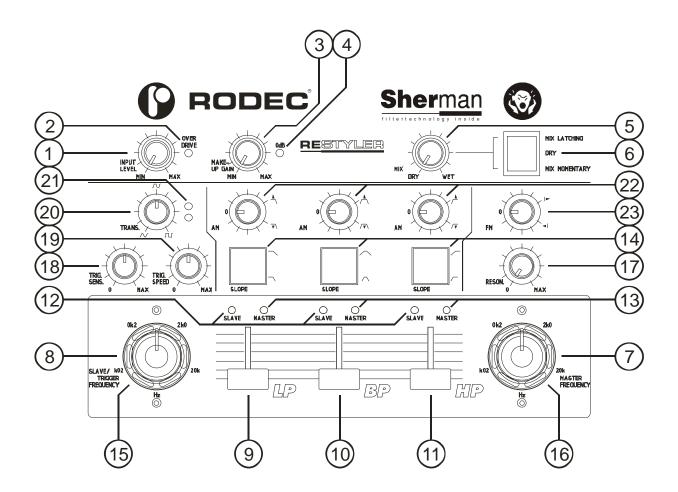
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Front panel with controls



1) Input level potentiometer

With this control the input level audio processor can be set.

2) Over drive LED

When this LED doesn't light up, the sound is clean (un-distorted). At the moment this LED lights up the sound becomes distorted. The Restyler contains a soft distortion system, so even if the sound is slightly distorted, it still sounds comfortable.

3) Make-up gain potentiometer

With this control the amount of amplification of the output signal of the audio processor can be set.

4) **0dB LED**

This LED lights up at 0dB level of the output signal of the audio processor.

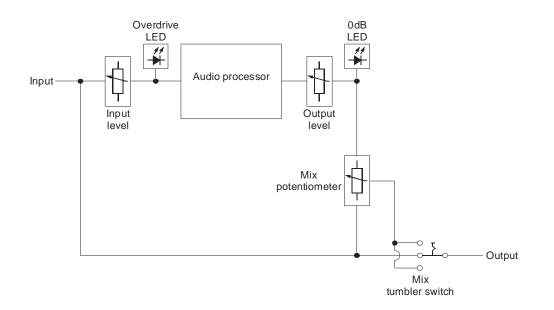
5) **Mix potentiometer**

With this knob the proportion between un-processed signal and restyled signal can be set. When turned completely to the left, only the normal un-processed signal will come

at the output. When turned completely to the right only the processed signal will be audible. This switch works in cooperation with the mix tumbler switch (6).

6) **Mix tumbler switch**

This switch turns the audio processor on an off. In the middle position the un– processed signal will be audible. In the up or down position the mix set with the mix potentiometer (5) with appear at the output.



7) Master frequency potentiometer

This knob sets the master cut-off frequency at which the built-in filters work.

8) Slave/trigger frequency potentiometer

This control has two functions; first it defines the operating-frequency of the band-pass filter which triggers the envelope follower. Secondly it sets, in some situations depending on the position of the slope-switches (14), the slave cut-off frequency at which the built-in filters work.

9) Low pass fader

With this fader the amount of low pass signal can be set.

10) Band pass fader

With this fader the amount of band pass signal can be set.

11) High pass fader

With this fader the amount of high pass signal can be set.

12) Slave frequency guiding LEDs

These LEDs visualize the effective levels with their eventual modulation. These LEDs also light up when the slave frequency potentiometer (8) is most effective. In closed fader position the corresponding LED still lights weakly, to indicate what frequency potentiometer will be significant when the fader is opened.

13) Master frequency guiding LEDs

These LEDs visualize the effective levels with their eventual modulation. These LEDs also light up when the master frequency potentiometer (7) is most effective. In closed fader position the corresponding LED still lights weakly, to indicate what frequency potentiometer will be significant when the fader is opened.

14) Slope switches

These switches set the slope of the filters and also set the modes in which the audio processor works.

15) Slave/trigger frequency indication ring

When this ring lights up totally green, the slave/trigger frequency potentiometer (8) sets the trigger frequency only. When this ring lights up green and blue, the slave/trigger frequency potentiometer (8) sets the trigger frequency and the slave filter frequency.

16) Master frequency indication ring

When there is no frequency modulation (23) this ring will be blue (static). When the frequency modulation is activated, the intensity of the LED's will follow the modulation.

17) Resonance potentiometer

With this potentiometer it is possible to create a resonance peak at the frequency set by the master frequency potentiometer (7). By turning this potentiometer more clockwise the Restyler starts to oscillate at the frequency set by the master frequency potentiometer (7).

<u>ATTENTION:</u> This oscillation can damage speaker systems or human hearing. So please be careful by using this control.

18) **Trigger sensitivity**

This control sets the input level of the trigger system.

19) Trigger speed

This control sets the reaction time of the trigger system. When this control is set more clockwise the trigger acts faster, more counter clockwise the trigger will be delayed.

20) Trigger transition

Turning this potentiometer more counter clockwise the trigger system will follow the contours (envelope) of the music signal smoothly. When the potentiometer is turned more clockwise the transitions between positive and negative trigger signal become more abrupt because the trigger signal becomes more a square wave.

21) Trigger indication LED's

These LEDs display the trigger signal. When the above LED lights up, there is a positive trigger. When the below LED lights up there is a negative trigger.

22) Amplitude modulation potentiometers

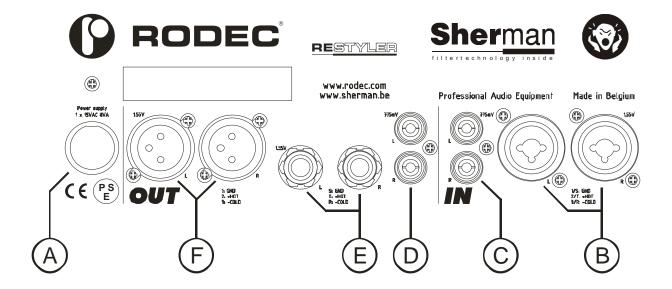
With these potentiometers in center position there is no amplitude modulation. When turned clockwise the respective (low pass, band pass or high pass) volume will be modulated positively (positive trigger signal gives more volume and negative trigger signal will give less volume). Turned counter clockwise the volumes will be modulated

negatively (positive trigger will give less volume and negative trigger will give more volume).

23) Frequency modulation potentiometer

With this potentiometer in center position there is no frequency modulation. When turned clockwise the master filter frequency will be modulated positively (positive trigger signal will increase the filter frequency and a negative trigger signal will decrease the filter frequency). Turned counter clockwise the master filter frequency will be modulated negatively (positive trigger will decrease the frequency and negative trigger will increase the frequency).

Back panel with connectors



A) **Power inlet**

Inlet to connect the power transformer. Use only the power transformer included with the Restyler.

B) Symmetrical input

Symmetrical input, with XLR-JACK combination connector, to connect a synthesizer, drum-computer, sample-machine, sound-module, guitar, output of a mixing panel, etc..

C) Asymmetrical analogue input

Input with RCA connectors, to connect the output signal of CD-players, mixing panels, etc.

D) Asymmetrical analogue output

Analogue asymmetrical output on RCA connectors, to connect the input of a power amplifier, a mixing panel, a recording-machine, etc..

E) Symmetrical analogue output

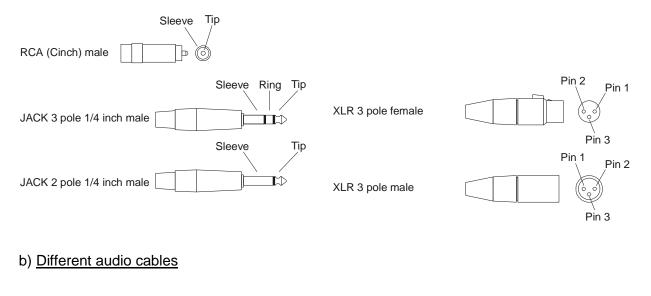
Symmetrical output on JACK connectors, to connect the input of an audio mixing panel, a power amplifier, an effects-machine, etc..

F) **Symmetrical master output 1 (optional order number 94 002 0028)** Symmetrical output on XLR connectors, to connect the input of an audio mixing panel, a power amplifier, an effects-machine, etc..

Note: Please use signal cables with a length not exceeding 1 meter for the inputs and the outputs.

Cable configurations

a) Different audio connectors



1) Asymmetrical RCA cable:



Used for connections between: CD-player, MD-player/recorder, Vinyl turntable, DVDplayer/recorder, amplifier, etc and mixing panel. For connections of analogue signals, you need 2 of these cables for stereo

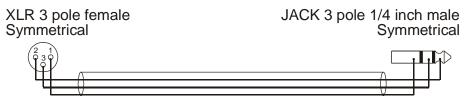
2) Symmetrical XLR cable:

XLR 3 pole female Symmetrical	XLR 3 pole male Symmetrical

Used for connections between: microphone, amplifier, equalizer, loudspeaker-processor, limiter, etc and mixing panel.

For connections of analogue signals, you need 2 of these cables for stereo

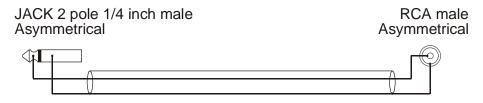
3) Symmetrical XLR female to JACK 3pole male cable:



Used for connections between: microphone, amplifier, loudspeaker-processor, etc and mixing panel.

For stereo connections, you need 2 of these cables

4) Asymmetrical JACK 2 pole male to RCA male cable:



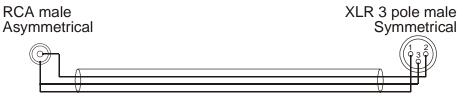
Used for connections between: electronic musical instrument, synthesizer, sampler, effects-machine, amplifier, recorder, etc and mixing panel. For stereo connections, you need 2 of these cables

5) Symmetrical XLR female to asymmetrical RCA male cable:



Used for connections between: professional CD-player, professional MD-player, sampler, effects-machine, etc and mixing panel. For stereo connections, you need 2 of these cables

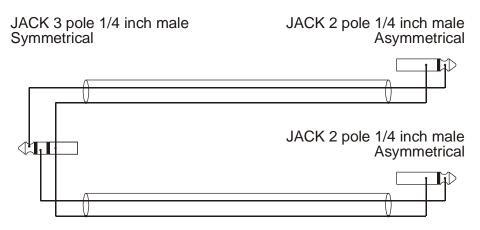
- 6) Asymmetrical RCA male to symmetrical XLR male cable:



Used for connections between: professional recorder, sampler, effects-machine, amplifier, etc and mixing panel.

For stereo connections, you need 2 of these cables.

7) JACK 3 pole 1/4 inch male to 2 times JACK 2 pole 1/4 inch male (Y-split) cable:



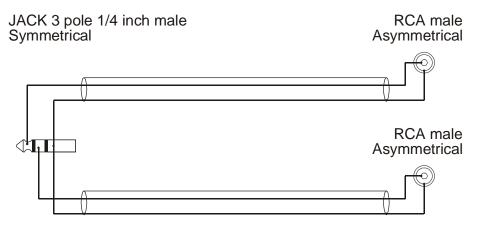
Used for connections between: effects-machine, audio-filter, delay-loop, etc and mixing panel.

For stereo connections, you need 2 of these cables.

The upper 2 pole JACK is the signal send cable, this has to be connected to the input of the effects-machine.

The lower 2 pole JACK is the signal return cable, this has to be connected to the output of the effects-machine.

8) JACK 3 pole 1/4 inch male to 2 times RCA male (Y-split) cable:



Used for connections between: effects-machine, audio-filter, delay-loop, etc and mixing panel.

For stereo connections, you need 2 of these cables

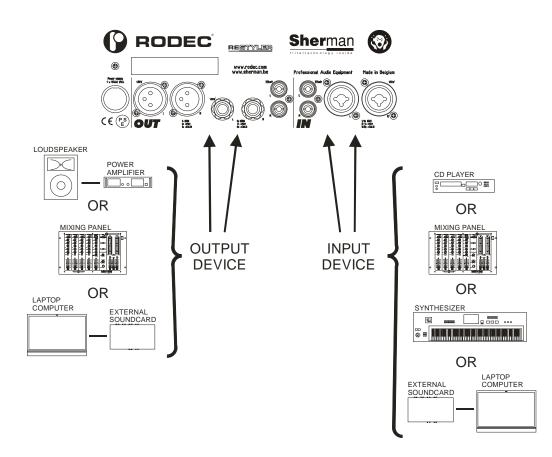
The upper RCA is the signal send cable, this has to be connected to the input of the effects-machine.

The lower RCA is the signal return cable, this has to be connected to the output of the effects-machine.

Operating instructions

For correct operation of the Restyler please follow the instructions below.

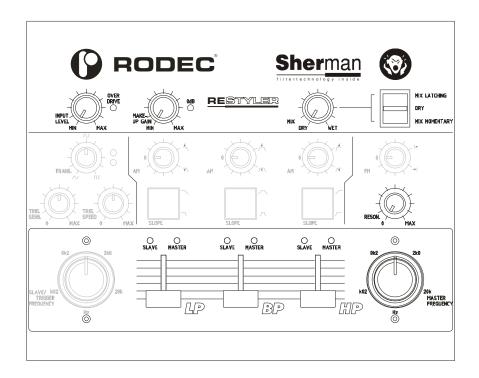
Ensure all equipment is turned off **before** connecting anything to the Restyler. Connect an audio signal to the input of the Restyler and connect the output of the Restyler to the input of a mixing panel, amplifier, effects machine, computer-soundcard, etc.. When everything is connected, turn on the different audio units, first all the units and at last the amplifiers. Because the Restyler has no power-switch, it has to be turned on and off by connecting the mains power connector to the mains net or by a mains switch.



Due to different experience of Restyler-users, we divided the operating instructions in 3 categories: Basic use, Advanced use and Expert use.

A) Basic use (Single frequency mode)

Please start here when you have never used a Restyler or similar analog units. Start by placing the actuators in the position as shown on the drawing below. The slope switches (14) must be activated so they light up. In basic use the grey indicated buttons on the drawing will not be used, so please keep them during use of the Restyler in the position shown.



- Turn on the audio source connected to the input of the Restyler. Turn the input level button (1) clockwise till the over drive LED (2) lights up sometimes. When the overdrive LED lights up, the signal in the Restyler starts to distort. So when you like to keep the signal clean (undistorted), be sure the input level stays low. If you like a distorted sound, you can turn the input level (1) more clockwise.
- 2) Place the mix tumbler switch (6) on the upper (Mix latching) position and the mix potentiometer (5) fully clockwise on "wet" position.
- 3) Now the Restyler can be used as low-pass filter, band-pass filter or high-pass filter.

These different filters work as follows:

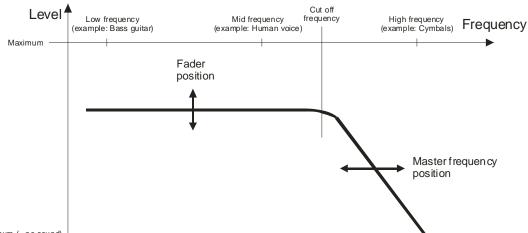
- Low pass filter: All signals with frequency lower as the frequency set by the master frequency potentiometer (7) will pass through, all the signals with frequency higher as the frequency set by the master frequency potentiometer (7) will be suppressed.

- Band pass filter: All signals around (bandwidth 1 oktave) the frequency set by the master frequency potentiometer (7) will pass through, all signals with higher or lower frequency as the frequency set by the master frequency potentiometer (7) will be suppressed.

- High pass filter: All signals with frequency higher as the frequency set by the master frequency potentiometer (7) will pass through, all the signals with frequency lower as the frequency set by the master frequency potentiometer (7) will be suppressed.

 To use the Restyler as low pass filter, turn the master frequency potentiometer (7) full clockwise, slide up the low pass fader (9) till middle position (you can feel the center click).

Then turn the make-up gain potentiometer (3) open till the 0dB LED (4) lights up. Then you can filter the sound by turning the master frequency potentiometer (7) counter clockwise.

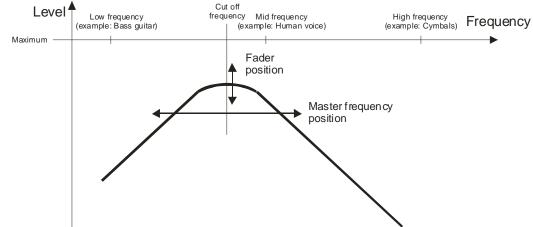


Minimum (= no sound)

In the example above, the low frequencies and the mid frequencies will pass trough (these are lower than the frequency set by the master frequency potentiometer (7)) and the high frequencies will be attenuated (these are higher than the frequency set by the master frequency potentiometer (7)).

5) To use the Restyler as bandpass filter, turn the master frequency potentiometer (7) in center position, slide up the band pass fader (10) till middle position (you can feel the center click).

Then turn the make-up gain potentiometer (3) open till the 0dB LED (4) lights up. Then you can filter the sound by turning the master frequency potentiometer (7) counter clockwise or clockwise.

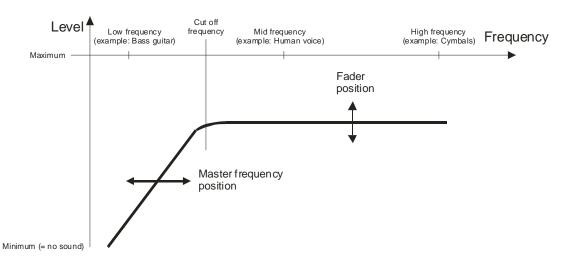


Minimum (= no sound)

In the example above, the mid frequencies will pass trough (these are around the frequency set by the master frequency potentiometer (7)) and the low and high frequencies will be attenuated (these are lower and higher than the frequency set by the master frequency potentiometer (7)).

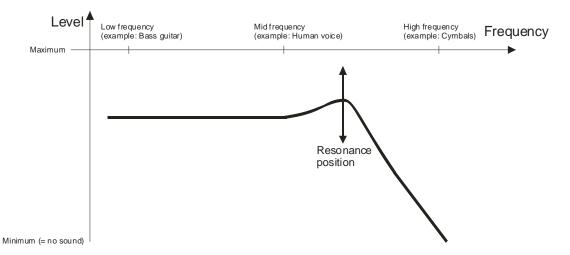
6) To use the Restyler as high pass filter, turn the master frequency potentiometer (7) fully counter clockwise, slide up the high pass fader (11) till middle position (you can feel the center click).

Then turn the make-up gain potentiometer (3) open till the 0dB LED (4) lights up. Then you can filter the sound by turning the master frequency potentiometer (7) clockwise.



In the example above, the low frequencies will be attenuated (these are lower than the frequency set by the master frequency potentiometer (7)) and the mid and high frequencies will pass trough (these are higher than the frequency set by the master frequency potentiometer (7)).

7) You can accentuate the cut-off frequency by turning the resonance potentiometer (17) more clockwise.

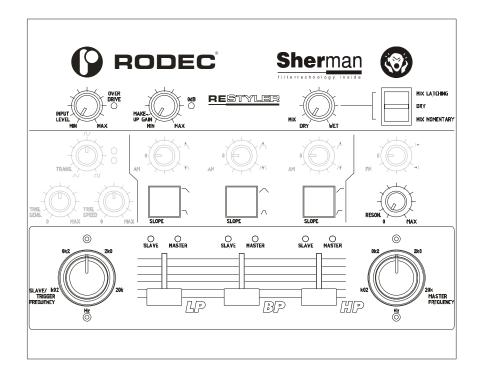


At a certain position of this potentiometer the Restyler will start to oscillate, this means the Restyler will create sound of his own at the frequency set by the master frequency potentiometer (7).

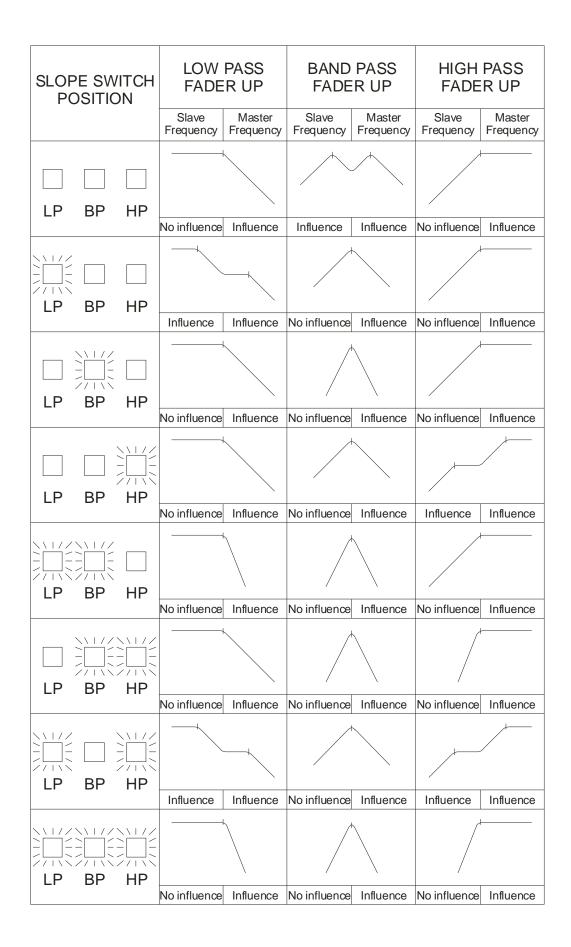
<u>ATTENTION:</u> This oscillation can damage speaker systems or human hearing. So please be careful by using this control.

B) Advanced use (Dual frequency mode)

If you are familiar with the basic use, you can explore further possibilities of the Restyler here. Start by placing all actuators in the position as shown on the drawing below. In advanced use the grey indicated buttons on the drawing will not be used, so please keep them during use of the Restyler in the position shown.



- Turn on the audio source connected to the input of the Restyler. Turn the input level button (1) clockwise till the over drive LED (2) lights up intermittent. When the overdrive LED lights up, the signal in the Restyler starts to distort. So when you like to keep the signal clean (undistorted), be sure the input level stays low. If you like a distorted sound, you can turn the input level (1) more clockwise.
- 2) Place the mix tumbler switch (6) on the upper (Mix latching) position and the mix potentiometer (5) fully clockwise on "wet" position.
- 3) With the 3 slope switches (14) you can create 8 different modes. In some of these modes both (master (7) and slave (8)) frequency potentiometers will have influence on the audio signal, in other modes only the master frequency potentiometer (7) will have influence on the audio signal. By using all of these modes, you can create different filter patterns with different filter slopes, double bandpass peaks, low or high pass in 2 steps, etc., please check the table below.



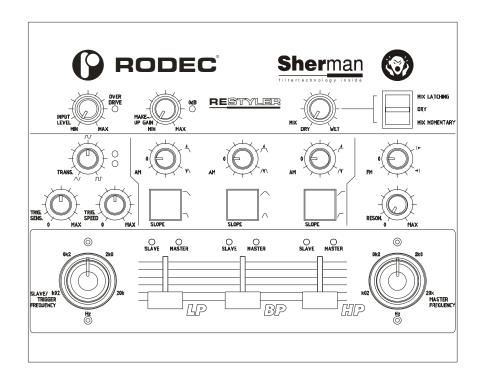
Below we describe, as example, the first two shown modes. The other modes can be distracted from the table above and explained in a similar way.

- In the first mode shown, no switches pressed:
 - You will have a low pass filter with slow slope when you slide up the LPfader (9) (the ideal fader position is at the middle position). In this position only the master frequency potentiometer (7) will determine the cut-frequency. The slave frequency potentiometer (8) will have no influence. This is indicated by the blue Master frequency influence indication LED (13) just above the LP-fader (9).
 - When you slide up only the BP-fader (10), you will have 2 band-pass filter peaks with slow slope. One you can move with the master frequency potentiometer (7) and the other you can move with the slave frequency potentiometer (8). This is indicated by the green slave frequency guiding LED (12) and the blue master frequency guiding LED (13) just above the LP-fader (9).
 - When you only slide up the HP-fader (11), you will have a high pass filter. In this case only the master frequency potentiometer (7) will determine the cut-frequency. This is indicated by the blue Master frequency guiding LED (13) just above the LP-fader (9).
 - When you slide up more than one fader, you will have a combination of the above described filters.
- The second mode shown, LP slope switch (14) activated, both other switches not activated:
 - When you slide up only the LP-fader (9) you will have a low pass filter with 2 steps. The cut frequency of the one step is defined by the position of the master frequency potentiometer (7) and the cut frequency of the other step can be set with the slave frequency potentiometer (8). The green and blue guiding LED (12 and 13) above the LP-fader (9) will indicate which frequency potentiometer will have most influence at that moment. So when the green guiding LED (12) lights up, the slave frequency potentiometer (8) will have most influence and when the blue guiding LED (13) lights up, the master frequency potentiometer (7) will have most influence.
 - When sliding up the BP-fader (10) you become a band pass filter with slow slope. Only the master frequency potentiometer (7) will have influence.
 - By sliding up the HP-fader (11), the Restyler becomes a high pass filter with cut frequency controlled by the master frequency potentiometer (7).
 - Sliding up more than one fader will again create a combination of the above described filters.

In each mode, resonance can be added with the resonance potentiometer (17) on the cut frequency determined by the master frequency potentiometer (7).

C) Experienced use (Dual frequency mode with modulation)

A user who is familiar with analog synthesizers or filter systems can start here. All actuators of the Restyler will be used. Please place to start all buttons in the position as shown on the drawing below.



- 1) To start, select one of the modes as described in point B (Advanced use). Also turn on the audio source, set the input level potentiometer (1), turn the mix potentiometer (5) completely clockwise, put the mix tumbler switch (6) on MIX LATCHING position and turn up the make-up gain potentiometer (3).
- 2) Now you can set the frequency to which the modulation must react with the slave/trigger frequency potentiometer (8). For example if you like the modulation to follow the bass- or kick-drum, the slave/trigger frequency potentiometer (8) must be placed somewhere in the area around 9 o'clock (the line indicator on the knob points horizontally to the left). Keep in mind the range of the frequency potentiometers goes down to 8Hz, so don't try to trigger on a trigger frequency fully counter clockwise or fully clockwise, this probably won't work.

Another example, if you like to trigger on the high-hat (tsssk tsssk tsssk sound) in the music, you must place the slave/trigger frequency potentiometer (8) somewhere in the area around 3 o'clock (the line indicator on the knob points horizontally to the right).

3) When the trigger frequency is set, the sensivity of the trigger signal must be set by turning the trigger sensivity potentiometer (18). Place this potentiometer in a position in which, the wanted rhythm pattern is well visible on the trigger indication LED's (21). These LED's must light up alternately. When only one trigger indication LED (21) lights

up, the trigger sensivity is set too low or too high or the trigger frequency is set to a frequency which is not present in the used music.

4) Now you can turn one of the amplitude modulation potentiometers (22), clockwise for positive modulation or counter clockwise for negative modulation. The amplitude of the associate filter type (LP, BP or HP) will be modulated by the music signal. The modulation is some kind of automatic sliding up and down the fader (9, 10 or 11) according to the rhythm of the music. This modulation changes the sound of the music. To visualize the amplitude modulation, the intensity of the slave frequency guiding LEDs (12) and master frequency guiding LEDs (13) will follow the modulation pattern when modulation is activated.

Do not exaggerate with the modulation depth, the best results are obtained with the modulation depth set around the center position.

- 5) By turning the frequency modulation potentiometer (23) clockwise or counter clockwise, the frequency modulation will be activated. This modulation will follow the trigger pattern set by the slave/trigger frequency potentiometer (8) and trigger sensivity potentiometer (18). Frequency modulation is some kind of automatic turning the master frequency potentiometer (7) according to the rhythm of the music. The intensity of the master frequency indication ring LED's will also follow the trigger pattern during frequency modulation. Again, do not exaggerate with the modulation depth, the best results are obtained with the modulation depth set around the center position.
- 6) By turning the trigger transition potentiometer (20) counter clockwise, the trigger signal will become smoother. By turning clockwise the trigger signal will become more angular. With the trigger speed potentiometer (19) the trigger signal can be delayed. For example if the modulation of the Restyler is tuned to the bass-drum of the music, the trigger signal can be delayed by the trigger speed potentiometer, so the trigger signal will come somewhat later than the bass-drum rhythm. Both functions, transition and speed, will change the color of the sound.

To keep in mind:

- The working of the RESTYLER depends on the used music. A good effect with certain settings of the knobs will work perfect on one type of music but will totally destroy the sound with another piece of music.
- In all user levels a basic rule matters: Practice a lot is the best method to get experienced with the RESTYLER

Options

1) Standard knobs set Restyler

The knobs of a Restyler can be ordered in a set at every authorized RODEC- or SHERMAN dealer. Order code: 94 001 0081

2) Symmetrical output

Symmetrical output unit with two 3-pole male XLR-connectors, can be placed in 2 big holes on the back of the Restyler, without soldering, only a screwdriver needed. Can be ordered at every authorized RODEC- or SHERMAN dealer. Order code: 94 002 0028

Specifications

0dBm = 0.775V RMS

Input levels:

- Asymmetrical (RCA): 50mV to 10V / 100k Ω
- Symmetrical (JACK): 50mV to 10V / 200k Ω
- Symmetrical (XLR): 50mV to 10V / 200k Ω

Output levels:

- Asymmetrical (RCA): 0V to 3.3V/ 150Ω
- Symmetrical (JACK): 0V to $6.6V / 300\Omega$
- Symmetrical (XLR optional): 0V to $6.6V / 600\Omega$

Frequency range master and slave frequency potentiometers: 15Hz - 39kHz

Maximum resonance / oscillation level: +15dBm (on asymm. outputs) +21dBm (on symm. outputs)

Crosstalk left to right: >47dB @ 1kHz

Frequency response: +/- 0.50dB from 20Hz to 20kHz

Power supply voltage: 230VAC Power supply frequency: 50Hz Power consumption: 18.5W Operating temperature: 0°C (32°F) – 40°C (104°F) Operating humidity: 5% - 90% (no condensation)

Mechanical specifications:

Dimensions (W x D x H): 222.0mm (8.74") x 172.0mm (6.77") x 115.0mm (4.53") Packed box dimensions (W x D x H): 250mm (9.84") x 250mm (9.84") x 217mm (8.54") Weight (without transfo): 1.90kg (4.19lbs) Weight (with transfo): 2.60kg (5.73lbs) Packed weight: 3.10kg (6.83lbs)

Explanatory words list

Amplitude: The amplitude is the size or the strength of a vibration. This can be a mechanical vibration, for example a guitar string or the resulting sound wave or from any other cyclical varying appearance in time. Because any waveform always varies in size, the value of the wave will also vary. The amplitude is the value from zero to the maximum hit out or strength of the wave.

AM: Abbreviation of amplitude modulation. With this type of modulation, the amplitude of a signal or the attenuation of a filter will be modulated by another signal.

Analogue signal: (synonym: analog signal) An analogue signal is any time-continuous signal. The amplitude of the signal varies continuously in function of time. Human ears can only hear analogue signals (sounds). Digital sounds must always be converted to analogue signals to make them audible.

Asymmetrical (synonym: unbalanced): An unbalanced line is a transmission line, usually coaxial cable, whose conductors have unequal impedances with respect to ground.

Bandwidth: The bandwidth of an electronic audio-filter is the difference between the upper and lower cutoff frequencies.

Band pass filter: This is a type of audio filter. A band pass filter will let all signals within a certain frequency band pass trough and will attenuate all signals with frequency lower than the lowest cutoff frequency of the filter and also attenuate all signals with frequency higher than the highest cutoff frequency of the filter.

Cutoff frequency: In an analog audio filter, the cutoff frequency is the frequency at which the signal is 3dB attenuated comparing to the original (input) signal.

dB: Abbreviation for decibel (1/10 of a Bel). dB is a logarithmic unit of measurement that expresses the size of a physical quantity relative to a reference level. Its logarithmic nature allows very large or very small ratios to be represented by a convenient number. The decibel is commonly used in acoustics to quantify sound levels relative to some 0dB reference. The reference level is typically set at the threshold of human perception. A reason for using the decibel is that the ear is capable of detecting a very large range of sound pressures.

DJ: Abbreviation for Disc Jockey. A DJ is a person who plays pre-recorded (not live) music, either or not in front of an audience.

Dry signal: Opposite of "Wet signal". This is the signal as it is, without added deformation, effects, tone-manipulation, etc.

Fader: Is a linear potentiometer. Faders are mostly used to increase or decrease in the level of an audio signal. By moving the knob, the volume increases or decreases. A fader can be either analogue whereby a movement of the knob will result in a change of the resistance, or digital where the movement of the knob generates a binary code used to change the volume.

Filter (audio): An audio filter is an electronic circuit which stops or attenuates certain frequencies or frequency bands of the audio spectrum. The other frequencies pass trough unattenuated.

FX: Abbreviation for effects-unit. An effects unit is used to manipulate the sound of music or voice. Some effect units transform the sound completely, others just color the sound picture in a minor way.

Frequency: Frequency is the measurement of the number of occurrences of a repeated event per unit of time. The result is measured in hertz (Hz). A baby can hear tones with frequencies from 20Hz to 20000 Hz (20kHz), but these frequencies become more difficult to hear as people age. When a tone with a frequency of 20Hz is played by a loudspeaker, the loudspeaker will reciprocate 20 times per second.

FM: Abbreviation of frequency modulation. With this type of modulation, the frequency of a signal or cutoff frequency of a filter will be varied by another signal.

High pass filter: This is a type of audio filter. A high pass filter will attenuate all signals with frequency lower than the cutoff frequency of the filter and let all signal with higher frequency than the cutoff frequency pass through.

Hz: Abbreviation of Hertz, named after the German physicist Heinrich Rudolf Hertz. The hertz is the unit of frequency. Its base unit is cycles per second. Each musical note corresponds to a particular frequency which can be measured in hertz.

I/O: Abbreviation for input / output

Insert: An insert is an access point built into the mixing console, allowing the user to add external line level devices into the signal flow.

JACK: It is cylindrical in shape, typically with three contacts (TRS), although sometimes with two (a TS connector) or four (a TRRS connector). TRS stands for Tip, Ring and Sleeve. In audio-systems, it is used to connect headphones, microphones, effects-units, electrical musical instruments, etc.

kHz: Abbreviation of kilo Hertz, is 1000 Hertz (see Hz)

LED: Abbreviation of Light Emitting Diode. Is an electronic component that emits light when an electrical current flows through it.

Low pass filter: This is a type of audio filter. A low pass filter will attenuate all signals with frequency higher than the cutoff frequency of the filter and let all signal with lower frequency than the cutoff frequency pass through.

Line: Line level is a term used to denote the strength of an audio signal used to transmit analogue sound information between audio components such as CD-players, DVD-players, input signals of audio amplifiers, mixing consoles, etc. Sometimes also called AUX (auxiliary) signals.

Modulation: Is the process of varying one waveform in relation to another waveform. The most common types of modulation are amplitude modulation and frequency modulation.

Modulation depth: This parameter defines how much the signal is modulated by another signal. If the modulation depth is 0%, there is no modulation, if the modulation depth is 100%, the signal goes on and off (for amplitude modulation).

Mono: Abbreviation of monaural. Typically there is only one microphone, one loudspeaker, or, in the case of headphones or multiple loudspeakers, they are fed from a common signal path, and in the case of multiple microphones, mixed into a single signal path at some stage.

Mute: If an audio signal is muted, it is turned off or it's volume is turned to a lower level.

Potentiometer: Is an electrical device, which has a user-adjustable resistance. Usually, this is a three-terminal resistor with a sliding contact in the center (the wiper). By moving the wiper, the resistance changes. These changes are used to change the characteristics of the audio signal.

RCA (cinch, tulip): Is a type of electrical connector that is commonly used in the audio/video market. The name "RCA" derives from the Radio Corporation of America, which introduced the design by the early 1940s to allow phonograph players to be connected to amplifiers. Now these connectors are used for connections between amplifiers, CD-players, phono-turntables, etc. For analogue audio you need 2 of these connectors for a stereo signal. For digital audio (S/P DIF) only one connector is needed for a stereo signal. The connectors are colour coded: Left or mono -> White, Right -> Red, S/P DIF -> Orange.

Resonance: In physics, resonance is the tendency of a system to oscillate at larger amplitude at some frequencies than at others. These are known as the system's resonance frequencies (or resonant frequencies). At these frequencies, even small periodic driving forces can produce large amplitude vibrations.

In an electrical (filter) circuit, the resonance is a narrow band of frequencies, around the cutoff frequency where the signal is amplified.

Sound: Sound can be perceived by the sense of hearing. By sound, we commonly mean the vibrations that travel through air and are audible to people. Humans and many animals use their ears to hear sound, but loud sounds and low-frequency sounds can be perceived as vibrations by other parts of the body via the sense of touch. Sound propagates as waves of alternating pressure, causing local regions of compression and rarefaction.

Stereo: Stereophonic sound is the reproduction of sound, using two independent audio channels. Stereophonic sound attempts to create an illusion of location for various instruments within the original recording.

Subsonic signal: This is an audio signal with frequency below 20Hz. This signal is not audible, it only creates air movement that can be felt.

Symmetrical (synonym: Balanced): A balanced line or balanced signal pair is a transmission line consisting of two conductors of the same type, and equal impedance to ground and other circuits. Balanced lines are operated with differential signals, one of which is the inverse of the other. Balanced lines reduce the amount of noise per distance, allowing a longer cable run to be practical. This is because electromagnetic interference will affect both signals the same way. Similarities between the two signals are automatically removed at the end of the transmission path when one signal is subtracted from the other.

THD: Abbreviation of Total Harmonic Distortion. When a signal passes through a non-linear device, additional content is added at the harmonics of the original frequencies. THD is a measurement of the extent of that distortion.

Volume: The amount of audio level. If the volume increases, the audio level will increase, which results in a louder sound.

Wave: A wave is a mode of energy transfer from one place to another, often with little or no permanent displacement of the particles of the medium. Mechanical waves require a medium to transverse the distance, electromagnetic waves can travel through a vacuum.

Wet signal: Opposite of "Dry signal". This is the signal inclusive added deformation, effects, tonemanipulation, etc.

XLR: This is a connector invented by Cannon. Originally the "Cannon X" series, subsequent versions added a Latch ("Cannon XL") and then a Rubber compound surrounding the contacts, which led to the abbreviation XLR. The most common is the 3-pin XLR3, used almost universally as a symmetrical audio connector for high quality microphones and connections between equipment.

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