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# **FCC Information**

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.

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- Move the unit away from the equipment that is receiving interference.
- Plug the unit into a different wall outlet so that the unit and the equipment receiving interference are on different branch circuits.

If these measures do not eliminate the interference, please consult your dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for additional suggestions. Also, the Federal Communications Commission has prepared a helpful booklet, "How To Identify and Resolve Radio TV Interference Problems." This booklet is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Please specify stock number 004-000-00345-4 when ordering copies.

This product complies with DHHS Rules 21 CFR Subchapter J. Applicable at the date of manufacture.

# **Technical Specification**

Product: Dolby Digital Audio video receiver Brand: RCA Model: RT2380 / RT2380BK

## **Electrical current consumption**

Power Supply: 120V ~ 60Hz Power consumption: 135 Watts

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# For Your Safety

The AC power plug is polarized (one blade is wider than the other) and only fits into AC power outlets one way. If the plug won't go into the outlet completely, turn the plug over and try to insert it the other



way. If it still won't fit, contact a

qualified electrician to change the outlet, or use a different one. Do not attempt to bypass this safety feature.

### CAUTION: TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK, MATCH WIDE BLADE OF PLUG TO WIDE SLOT, FULLY INSERT.

# For Your Records

In the event that service should be required, you may need both the model number and the serial number. In the space below, record the date and place of purchase, and the serial number: Model No.

Remote Control No. Date of Purchase Place of Purchase Serial No.

# **Service Information**

This product should be serviced only by those specially trained in appropriate servicing techniques. For instructions on how to obtain service, refer to the warranty included in this Guide



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# **Unpacking the Receiver**

You should receive the following items:



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## **Inserting Batteries into Remote Control**

Insert two "AAA" (R03) batteries according to the + and - signs in the battery compartment. To use the remote control, point it directly at your receiver.

Install batteries as follows:

- 1. Remove battery compartment door by applying thumb pressure on battery door and then lift the door out and off the cabinet.
- 2. Insert 2 AAA batteries in the compartment and replace the compartment door.

## Set up and Maintenance of the Receiver

Provide spaces for sufficient ventilation as indicated:

# to cm/4" 10 cm/4" 4" 4" 5 cm/ 2" Side View Side View

- Do not connect to the AC power cords until all connections are completed.
- Do not use your set immediately after transferring it from a cold place to a warm place: there is risk of condensation.
- Do not expose your set to water and excessively high temperatures.
- After having disconnected your set, clean the case with a soft cloth, or with a slightly damp leather chamois. Never use strong solvents.

## Protect your Components from Overheating

- Do not block ventilation holes in any component. Arrange the components so that air can circulate freely.
- Do not stack components directly on top of each other.
- Do not place the unit near other components that generate heat such as heating vents.
- Allow adequate ventilation when placing your components in a stand.
- Place an amplifier near the top shelf of the stand so heated air rising from it will not affect other components. If you have a satellite receiver, you should place it on the top shelf.

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# **Connecting to Audio-Visual Components**





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## **Digital Connections**

# Read instructions carefully when connecting components to the receiver.

Digital In Jacks can accept Dolby Digital (AC-3) or PCM signals when compatible components are connected.



# **TV** Connections

TVs with RF input may need a RF modulator (not included) for inputting audio / video signals.



The diagram shown above may varies from your actual RF modulator, please refer to your RF modulator manual.

# HINT

- For FM reception, extend antenna to its full length.
  - For AM reception, rotate the antenna horizontally to get better reception.

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They must be hooked up in order to receive clear reception.

The AM and FM antennas connect to the AM and FM

**Connecting the Antennas** 

terminals on the system's back panel.

## AM Loop Antenna and FM Indoor Antenna

- 1. Uncoil the Antenna wire and locate the base end of the AM antenna.
- 2. Press down on the Antenna tab to open the terminal.
- 3. Inert the antenna wires into the terminal and release the tabs to secure the wires in place.



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## **Connecting the Speakers**



## **Speakers**

There are 6 speakers equipped with the unit (2 front, 1 center, 2 rear, 1 subwoofer). In order to enjoy good surround effects, all six speakers need to be connected to the receiver.

At least two front speakers (left and right) are required. For better sound quality, Center speaker, rear speakers and Subwoofer should also be connected. Adding center and rear speakers will enhance surround effects. Adding a Subwoofer will increase bass response.

If you want to enjoy the full sound range, use the subwoofer with the speakers to maintain adequate bass signal.

### **Speaker wires**

1 for each speaker, is needed for connection. Twist the stripped ends of speaker cord about 2/3 inch (15 mm). Press down on the tab to open the terminal and insert the wire. Release tab to lock wire in the terminal.

### **Antenna and Speaker Wire Connection**





Push terminal tab down to insert wire.

Release tab to lock wire in the terminal.

NOTE: Make sure the insulation is completely removed from the ends of the Antenna and speaker wires at all connection points.

To ease speaker connections, the speaker wires and the terminals are color-coded.

- White/Grey Striped (Front Left Speaker),
- Red/Grev Striped (Front Right Speaker),
- Green/Grey Striped (Center Speaker)
- Blue/Grey Striped (Rear Left Speaker).
- Grey/Grey Striped (Rear Right Speaker).
- Purple/Grey Striped (Subwoofer)

Connect the L, R speakers at the back of the speakers to the corresponding color on the receiver. Do the same for center (with green/black terminal), rear speaker and the subwoofer (with purple/black terminal).

### Speaker Polarity

When connecting the speakers, make sure the polarities ("+" speaker wire to "+" on the receiver) of speaker wires and terminals are matched. If the wires are reversed, the sound will be distorted and will lack bass ("out of phase" effect).

## **Connecting the Subwoofer**

Connect the subwoofer with the speaker wire (purple/black) provided.

This receiver offers a high flexibility for user to use a large variety of speakers and subwoofer. For more information please refer to section "Fine Setting of the Speakers" in "Advanced Sound Control" on page 20.



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## Positioning your speaker

## (1) Left, Right (Front Speakers)

They carry primarily music and sound effects

## (2) Center

In surround mode, the center speaker carries much of the dialogue as well as music and effects. It should be set between the left and right speakers.

## (3) Surround (Rear Speakers)

Their overall sound balance should be as close as possible to the front speakers. Proper placement is vital to establish an evenly distributed sound field.

## (4) Subwoofer

A subwoofer is designed to reproduce powerful low bass effects (explosions, the rumble of spaceships, etc.) which dramatically heightens involvement with the action on the screen. It is therefore recommended to connect subwoofers when small speakers are used.

## **Magnetic shielding**

Speakers placed less than two feet from the TV set must be magnetically shielded in order to prevent picture distortion. Front and center speakers provided with this unit are magnetically shielded to protect your TV sepatas

It is not recommended to place the rear speakers near the TV set.



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## Front Speaker Placement

Even if you can't duplicate this ideal home theater setup exactly, the suggestions for speaker placement that follow will help you get good results.

### Alignment

Align the center speaker evenly with (A), or slightly behind (B), the left and right speakers, but not ahead of EN them.





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# **Advanced Setting**

## Angle

Placing the left and right speakers to form a 45-degree angle with your favorite viewing position will duplicate the soundtrack mixer's perspective.



## Height

The three speakers should be as close as possible to the same height. This often requires placing the center speaker directly atop (A) or beneath (B) the TV set.



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## **Preferred surround placement**

## Location

If possible, place surround speakers to either side of the listening area, not behind it.



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## Height

If space permits, install surrounds 2-3 feet above viewers. This helps to minimize localization effects.



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## Aiming

Aiming surrounds straight across the room, not down at viewers, helps create a more open, spacious surround sound field.



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# Advanced Setting Alternative Surround Placement Rear wall

If rear wall mounting is the only choice, aim the speakers at each other (A), towards the front (B) or even towards the sidewalls (C, D). Experiment with placement until surround sounds seem to envelop you, rather than coming from behind you.



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## No adjacent walls

Surrounds can go on stands facing each other to approximate the preferred sidewall mounting (A), or to the sides or rear of the viewing area aimed upwards. In the latter case, they can go right on the floor, or preferably, a few feet off the floor such as on end tables (B).





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## Test Tone / Channel balance

### **Channel balance**

Your receiver is equipped with a test signal generator for balancing the channels. As the signal "travels" from channel to channel, adjust the level controls until each channel plays at the same loudness level.



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## Level adjustment & surround channel level expectation

Even though you adjust the surround channel to be as loud as the others on the test signal, you'll find that on actual program material the surround channel is usuallyaS much lower than the front. Don't be tempted to readjust the surround level; program producers use surround mostly for subtle atmospheric and ambience, and only rarely for special effects. A good surround mix doesn't call attention to itself; if it did, it would soon become distracting.

# NOTE

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## **Connecting for Power**

Make sure you connect all your other electronic components and the speakers before plugging your receiver into the outlet. Plug the power cord in the wall outlet, matching the wide blade of the plug with the wide slot in the outlet. Be sure to insert the plug completely.



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## **Using Headphones**

To listen privately through your audio system, use the PHONES jack on the receiver. However, make sure you turn down the volume before you put on the headphones. Increase the volume to the desired level after headphones are in place.



Once headphones are connected, "HEADPHONE DOWN MIX 2 CHANNEL" will scroll on display. This feature automatically converts multi-channel speaker outputs to 2 channel stereo for your listening pleasure.

## Hearing Comfort & Well-Being

- Do not play your headset at a high volume. Hearing experts advise against continuous extended play.
- If you experience a ringing in your ears, reduce volume or discontinue use.

# **Factory Setting**

The unit is preset to the following settings when you first power the receiver up right out of the box: Function = TUNER

Volume setting = 25Bass & treble = 0 dBEQ - FLAT

Speaker settings: Center, surr = YES Subwoofer = STRONG

DRC = OFF

# NOTE

STRONG SUBWOOFER setting makes the output level of subwoofer speaker to be stronger than normal Dolby setting. Adjust the SUBWOOFER setting by pressing the SUBWOOFER key to achieve the best bass performance.

## **Reset to Factory Settings**

WARNING

All preset radio stations and surround sound setting will be lost after factory setting is restored.

You may restore factory setting with the following procedures:

1. Enter SAT mode.

2. Press PRESET UP, PRESET DOWN, SOURCE UP to reset the unit.

All preset stations will reset to FM87.5MHz and all receiver settings restore to default settings as described above.

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# **Receiver Controls**



### 1. ON/STANDBY

Turns the unit on and off. When the system is turned on, the unit will go to the mode it was in before powered off.

### 2. Display

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Displays current status of the receiver.

## 3. SUBWOOFER

Selects among subwoofer sound level. (SOFT SUBWOOFER, BALANCED SUBWOOFER, STRONG SUBWOOFER, POWERFUL SUBWOOFER)

### 4. SOURCE Buttons

Selects sound source. (DVD, Tuner, Tape, VCR, CD, TV and SAT)

### 5. SURROUND Buttons

Selects digital sound processor. (DOLBY PL II MOVIE, STEREO, DISCO, STADIUM, THEATER, JAZZ CLUB, ARENA, 3 STEREO, DOLBY PL EMULATION, DOLBY PL II MUSIC)

### 6. PRESET Buttons

Selects preset station in Tuner mode.

### 7. VOLUME

Increases and decreases volume level

### 8. PHONES

Plug your headphones (not supplied) into it for your private enjoyment. Speakers will be off when phones are inserted.

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## **Remote Control**

Please be sure you have inserted the batteries into the remote control (see relevant section on page 3.) You can test it by pressing any button.



#### 1. ON•OFF

Turns the receiver and other auxiliary components on and off. (see page 14 "Using the Remote to Control Additional Components").

#### 2. Source Buttons

Selects various audio/ video sources.

3. VOL + / VOL - (Volume Buttons) Adjusts the volume level.

#### 4. CH+ / CH- (Channel Buttons)

Selects programmed stations in TUNER mode.

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### 5. MUTE

Mutes all audio output.

#### 6. GO BACK / ST•MONO

Selects between Stereo and Mono sound in Tuner mode.

#### 7. Adjustment Buttons

- Press the Left or Right buttons to select among setting items in setup mode: SLEEP, DIMMER, SPEAKER DISTANCE, SPEAKER SETUP, and audio input source (ANALOG, **OPTICAL / COAXIAL)**
- Press the Up or Down buttons to adjust the values when the display shows the setup you want to change.

#### 8. SURROUND

Selects among surround sound settings: DOLBY PL II EMULATION, DOLBY PL II MUSIC, DOLBY PL II MOVIE STEREO, DISCO, STADIUM, THEATER, JAZZ CLUB, ARENA, 3 STEREO.

#### 9. EQUALIZER

Selects among preset equalizer modes. (only available in stereo mode)

#### 10 NIGHT

Selects among Night mode options (DRC OFF, SOFT and ON) which compresses the volume difference between normal voices and sounds such as explosions. (Available only during Dolby digital signal playback)

#### **11. LEVEL**

Speaker LEVEL setting and Test tone. Refer to "Advanced Sound Control" on pg. 20 for details.

#### **12. SUBWOOFER**

Selects among subwoofer output level (SOFT SUBWOOFER, BALANCED SUBWOOFER, STRONG SUBWOOFER, POWERFUL SUBWOOFER).

#### **13. Number Buttons**

Directly access a preset station in Tuner mode.

#### 14. SETUP

Enters Setup mode. Use the Left and Right adjustment buttons to select among setup options. (SLEEP, DIMMER, FRONT SPK DISTANCE, CENTER SPK DISTANCE, SURROUND SPK DISTANCE, CENTER SPK ON/OFF, SURROUND SPK ON/OFF, DIGITAL INPUT).

# **15. Operation Buttons** In TUNER mode:

 Press the TUNER - and TUNER + keys to tune down or up the radio frequency.

• Press SAVE to activate the preset station saving and press to confirm preset station settings.

 PLAY, RECORD, STOP and PAUSE keys are only for easy control of external devices that are connected to your receiver such as CD, VCR, DVD, TAPE, etc.. The remote control currently operates most Thomson, RCA and GE products.

# NOTE

The remote control button CLEAR, MENU and GUIDE do not function for this receiver but can be used to control other RCA and Thomson products.

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# Display

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## DVD / VCR / SAT / TUNER / TAPE / CD / TV

• An arrow points to the current source mode.

## D Digital

• Dolby Digital audio input for signal format.

Pro Logic II

• Dolby Pro Logic II audio output format.

## FM / AM

• Radio band indicator in Tuner mode.

## ST

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• Tuner stereo signal detected.

## **OPT12**

• Optical digital input detected.

## COAX

• Coaxial digital input detected.

## TUNED

• Tuner station detected.



- Speaker Icons.
  - L Front left speaker
  - C Center speaker
  - R Front right speaker
  - LS Left surround (rear) speaker RS - Right surround (rear) speaker
  - LFE Subwoofer speaker

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• Unit in Sleep mode.

## MEMORY

• Unit is in Tuner Preset Station mode.

## KHz / MHz

• Tuner frequency unit.



## Switching the unit on and off

 To switch on the receiver, press the STANDBY/ON button on the main unit once, or the ON•OFF button on the remote control.



 Standby: when the receiver is in tuner mode, press the STANDBY/ON button once to enter standby mode.

On the remote control, press the **ON**•**OFF** button twice within 2 seconds if the receiver is not in Tuner source mode to enter standby mode.

To avoid entering standby mode when powering up the unit, do not press the **ON•OFF** button twice within 2 seconds.

 The receiver draws a small amount of electricity when in standby mode. Unplugging the unit from the wall socket will stop the draw.

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## Selection of Audio/Video source

When one of the source button is pressed, the audio and video input corresponding to the name will be activated.

The receiver acts as a switching device between all the sources that are plugged into it.



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### Example 1:

If you have connected a DVD player to the DVD input (audio + video) on the receiver, press the **SOURCE** buttons on the main unit repeatedly until DVD is selected or press **DVD•6CH** on the remote control to receive the sounds and images transmitted by the DVD.



### Example 2:

Based on the example 1, the DVD is playing , if a VCR is connected to the VCR input (audio + video) of the receiver, press the **SOURCE** buttons on the main unit repeatedly until VCR is selected or press **AUX 1 (VCR)** on the remote control. The image and sound from the VCR source will replace the DVD.



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You can connect up to 6 audio/video sources to this amplifier:

Source button	Corresponding connector
(receiver front panel)	(receiver back panel)
- DVD	DVD IN (audio / video)
- SAT	SAT IN (audio / video)
- TV	TV IN (audio only)
- VCR	VCR IN/OUT (audio / video)
- CD	CD IN (audio only)
- TAPE	TAPE IN/OUT (audio only)
- FM/AM	built-in

An arrow points to the source name selected shown on the display.

Example: Press **DVD** to select DVD as the source to the amplifier.

# NOTE

- 1. Your receiver has a built in tuner. Just connect the appropriate antenna to the back of the receiver and you will be able to listen to radio stations. (See details in Tuner section)
- 2. Other sources can be connected to the above standard source. Example: you can connect a LD into the DVD inputs.
- 3. Refer to the "Connecting To Audio-Visual Components" section for details on connection.

# Using the Remote to Control Additional Components

You can use your remote to control most of RCA branded VCRs, satellites, cable boxes or TVs. Press the corresponding source button on the remote control to operate options on other components.



# NOTE

The remote control can only operate RCA brand products.

## **Volume Punchthrough**

NOTE

Volume punchthrough can be done in all non-Tuner modes.

By default, the VOL+/VOL- and MUTE buttons will only control the receiver, regardless which mode (TV, VCR, etc) the receiver is in.

By programming the volume punchthrough function, you can also control the volume of the TV.

# NOTE

Controlling the TV volume can be done in any non-Tuner modes.

To activate the volume punchthrough function, follow the procedures below:

- 1. Press and hold the **VOL-** button.
- While holding down the VOL- button, press one of the source buttons to select the source where you want to control TV volume at. (DVD, TV, VCR or SAT•CABLE)
- 3. Continue holding down the **VOL-** button and press the **TV** button once.

4. Release all buttons.

You should now be able to control TV volume and mute at the selected device.

# HINT

To return to controlling receiver volume and mute again, follow the steps above but press TUNER instead of TV in step 3.

# HINT

If batteries are removed from the battery compartment of the remote control, the volume and mute control in all source modes will be the receiver volume and mute conrol except in TV mode.

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## Using the receiver to play a source

After having properly connected a source (DVD, CD, VCR) to the receiver, you can partly control them through the receiver.

## Playing a DVD with the receiver

1. Connect a DVD player to the receiver (see connecting your receiver for details).

# NOTE

To play Dolby Digital sound, the source must be connected to the receiver via the optical or coaxial terminal

- 2. Press ON/STANDBY on the main unit or press **ON•OFF** on the remote control to switch on the receiver.
- 3. Press the SOURCE buttons on the main unit or DVD•6 CH on the remote control to select the DVD source
- 4. Switch ON the DVD player and start playback.
- 5. Switch ON your TV.

- 6. Select the appropriate A/V channel on the TV (refer
- to your TV manual for details) until the image from the DVD player is displayed.

# **Operating your Receiver**

7. Set the sound Mode if needed (see "Advanced sound control" for details).

#### **Example 1:**

To play Dolby Prologic II Movie sound Press the SURROUND buttons until "Dolby PL II MOVIE" appears on the Display and all of the speaker" icons light up.

#### **Example 2:**

LD: You may need to select a different Audio Channel on your LD (refer to your LD player manual).

8. Adjust the volume knob accordingly.

# NOTE

To receive VCR signal for recording, you must connect analog output from DVD/CD/SAT/TV to the analog input of the receiver.

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## **Operating the Radio**

The receiver has a built-in tuner that allows for AM/FM radio function.

## **Manual tuning**

- 1. Connect the FM and AM antenna accordingly (see "Connecting the Antenna" on page 5 section for details)
- 2. Press **ON/STANDBY** on the main unit or **ON•OFF** on the remote control to switch on the receiver.



3. Press the **SOURCE** buttons on the main unit until the tuner mode is selected or press **TUNER** on the remote control.



4. To select between FM and AM band, press the **TUNER** button repeatedly.



5. Tune to a station by pressing **TUNER -** or **TUNER +** repeatedly until the desired station is found.



## Automatic Tuning

Press and hold **TUNER -** or **TUNER +** for about one second to activate the automatic SEARCH function. The receiver will automatically tune frequencies until it finds a station.



# NOTE

- If there is interference, move the location of the antenna until the optimal sound is heard. TV and other electronic devices could be the cause of interferences so try to position the antenna away from them.
- 2. Weak signal can affect the "auto Search function". Adjust the antenna for better reception and for a more efficient search.

Select a sound effect if needed by pressing the **SURROUND** button. (see "Advance sound section" for details).



## **Selecting Mono or Stereo Sound**

Press the **ST•MONO** button on the remote control to toggle between mono and stereo sound in FM tuner mode (when available).





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Storing radio stations

The receiver can store up to 40 radio stations in memory. You can enter every single radio station yourself or the receiver can store all available radio stations automatically in an ascending order.

### Automatic preset storing : (FM only)

 In Tuner mode, select the FM band by pressing **TUNER** on the remote control.



2. Press and hold the **TUNER** button on the remote control for 3 seconds. "MEMORY" will be displayed in red and will blink during the automatic storing process.

Radio frequencies will be scanned and radio stations will be stored automatically. When all available radio stations are stored or if all 40 memory locations are full, the auto preset will stop.

# NOTE

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A Weak signal can affect the "Automatic Preset Storing function" efficiency. Adjust the antenna for the best reception, and a more efficient search.

### **Manual preset**

- 1. Select FM or AM band by pressing TUNER repeatedly.
- 2. Tune to the radio station to be stored. (see "Manual tuning" on page 16 above for details)

 Press the SAVE button on the remote control.
 "MEMORY" will flash and a preset number will be shown on the display.

4. While MEMORY is still

flashing on the display,

press CH 🖛 or CH 🍽

on the remote control to select the desired preset memory location.



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- 5. Press the **SAVE** button on the remote control to store frequency in selected preset location.
- 6. Repeat steps 1-5 to store other frequencies.

### **Retrieving preset stations**

- 1. Press **TUNER** on the remote control to select tuner mode.
- Press the **PRESET** buttons on the main unit or the **CH** 
   I or **CH** ► buttons on the remote control to select the preset station.



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# **Advanced Sound Control**

## Sound Enhancement Systems

This receiver is equipped with several built-in sound enhancement systems.

### **Dolby Digital**

The Dolby Digital mode lets you enjoy full digital surround from software processed in the Dolby Digital format. Dolby Digital provides better sound quality and more powerful presence than conventional Dolby Surround.

This unit is equipped with Dolby Digital 5.1-channel so that you can enjoy enhanced full digital surround sound. Being different from Dolby Pro Logic in which only four channels (Front Left, Front Right, Centre and Rear ) are used, the new system provides stereo separation of the rear speakers (Rear-Right, Rear-Left ). These 5 channels, together with the subwoofer channel for bass sounds (counted as 0.1 channel ), constitute as 5.1-Channel ( or 6 Channels ) Input for Dolby Digital that brings you the most sophisticated sound enjoyment.

## **Dolby Pro Logic II**

The Pro Logic II mode uses the built-in circuit to steer the Left, Center, Right and Surround left and right channel audio signals and uses all five speakers to play both stereo and Dolby Pro Logic program source, such as TV and VCR. Dolby Pro Logic II includes Dolby Pro Logic II Movie, Dolby Pro Logic II Music and Dolby Pro Logic Emulation.

You can use this mode with any stereo program source (such as VCR/SAT) to enjoy multi-channel sound experience.



## **Dolby 3 Stereo**

The 3 Stereo mode will redirect the Surround signals to the front left and right speakers when only the front and center speakers are used.



### **Stereo**

The Stereo mode uses the two main channel outputs from the front speakers. Use this mode if you have connected the front speakers only.

## DSP (Digital Sound Processor)

These digital sound effects resemble sounds in a real environment such as (DISCO / STADIUM / THEATER / JAZZ CLUB / ARENA). DSP automatically converts analog audio signals to digital ones which enables you to adjust the sound without degrading the sound quality. Different modes will give you different feels of size and types of listening environment.

## **Night Mode**

By using Dynamic Range Control technology, you can enjoy enhanced Dolby Digital sound quality at night without interrupting your roommates or neighbors. Night Mode will compress the difference between normal voices and sounds such as explosions, while still enjoying a Dolby Digital enable component (DVD, SAT). Night Mode can be activated by pressing the **NIGHT** button on the remote control. DRC OFF (Default) appears on the display. While DRC OFF (Default) is still on the display, continue to press the **NIGHT** button to toggle and select the desired night mode. There are three modes (DRC OFF, SOFT, ON) for you to choose the extents of compression.

# NOTE

Night mode is available only with Dolby Digital playback.

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# Advanced Sound Control

### Input Signal Setting

The receiver defaults to the most convenient settings for your easiest use (see table).

With "Dynamic Bass Amplified System" (dBas), the discrete amplifier is located in the receiver so the subwoofer keeps the power needed to reproduce powerful effects.

Dynamic Bass Amplified System (dBas)

4 settings are available: SOFT, BALANCED, STRONG and POWERFUL.

Press the **SUBWOOFER** button to toggle the subwoofer (dBas) effects level according to your needs.



## Fine Setting of the Components

The receiver can be directly turned on by pressing the **DVD•6CH / SAT•CABLE / TV / CD•TAPE / VCR / TUNER** buttons on the remote control, which also selects the best surround sound mode. The default surround modes for different components are listed in the table below. If you decide to change the surround mode, you can press the **SURROUND** button repeatedly to toggle among the different surround mode choices and select<sup>ta</sup>St the one you want.

DOLBY PL II MUSIC => DOLBY PL EMULATION => 3 STEREO => ARENA => JAZZ CLUB => THEATER => STADIUM => DISCO => STEREO => DOLBY PL II MOVIE

Source/ Input	If Digital Input (optical or coaxial) is selected	If Analog Input is selected
DVD	Dolby Digital	PRO LOGIC
SAT	Dolby Digital	PRO LOGIC
VCR	N/A	PRO LOGIC
TV	Dolby Digital	PRO LOGIC
CD	STEREO	STEREO
TAPE	N/A	STEREO
TUNER	N/A	STEREO

The receiver will keep the last selection in memory.

# NOTE

If linear PCM source (CD), format will be Dolby Prologic even with Digital Input.

If your connection is different from the default setting, 1. Select the source

- 2. Press the **SETUP** button to show setup options.
- 3. Press the Left or Right adjustment buttons until ANALOG is displayed.
- Press the Up or Down arrow buttons to select among optical/ coaxial/ analog to match your connection. Your selection will be stored automatically.

The selected source and input source will be displayed on the display as long as they are active, except for some temporary change of display (e.g. adjusting volume).

## **Digital Input**

Select this setting to play digital signals from a DVD, CD, LD player, SAT or TV.

SOURCE	DEFAULT INPUT (as seen on display)
SAT	Analog (SAT/ ANL)
DVD	Analog (DVD/ ANL)
CD	Analog (CD/ ANL)
VCR	Analog (VCR/ ANL)
FM/AM	Built-in Tuner
TAPE	Analog (TAPE/ ANL)
TV	Analog (TV / ANL)

# NOTE

Digital input is only available for DVD, SAT, CD and TV

## Analog Input

Select this setting to play analog signals from a cassette deck, VCR or turntable.

SOURCE	AVAILABLE INPUT
SAT	Analog / Optical / Coaxial
DVD	Analog / Optical / Coaxial
CD	Analog / Optical / Coaxial
VCR	Analog / - / -
TAPE	Analog / - / -
TV	Analog / Optical / -

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# **Advanced Sound Control**

## Fine Setting of the Speakers

All the basic settings have already been pre-set for the speakers included in the box.

Also, to make the surround sound more effective and suit the acoustic conditions in your listening room, you may need to delay the signal coming from some of the speakers. Channel delay compensates for center or surround speakers that are closer to the listening position than the front speakers. You can make use of the **SETUP** button to adjust the speakers' relative loudness.

## **Testing Speaker Loudness**

You can listen to the loudness of the individual speakers.

1. Press and hold **LEVEL** on the remote control. A short noise will be heard in the speakers one by one. The speaker having the noise at that moment will be shown in the display.



2. To adjust the volume level of the test tone, turn the **VOLUME** knob or press the **VOL Up** or **DOWN** buttons on the remote control to adjust the master volume (if necessary).



Press **LEVEL** again and press the Up or Down buttons to adjust the individual channel noise level.



## **Adjust Individual Speaker Volume**

- 1. To adjust individual speaker volume level, press the **LEVEL** key on the remote control.
- 2. Continue to press the **LEVEL** button on the remote control to select the channel to be adjusted, then press the Up or Down buttons to adjust the level.

You can adjust the master volume level by turning the **VOLUME** knob or press the **VOL UP** or **DOWN** buttons on the remote control.

## Advanced Setting Factory defaulted Advance setting indication from VFD

The receiver has defaulted the following distances:



Front speakers (FRNT)	15 ft
Center speaker (CNTR)	15 ft
Rear speaker (SURR)	10 ft



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### **Speaker Configurations**

You can also change the setup of the speakers.
Use a subwoofer to enjoy optimum sound.
Speaker distance: For optimum surround experience measure the distance between the speaker and your favorite listening position.

1. Press the **SETUP** button to show setup options.



2. Press the Left or Right adjustment buttons until the speaker you want to change is displayed.

3. Press the Up or Down

the speaker settings.

Your selection will be

stored automatically.

arrow buttons to change



4. Repeat step 2 and 3 to set up the next speaker

 When set up is done, wait for 5 seconds to automatically save your settings or press any key to save your selection and set up mode.

# **Advance Sound Control**

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By default, the Center and Surround Speakers are set to YES. If you decide not to use them, set the ones you do not intend to use to NO so the sound performance is not affected.

### **Displaying Program Formats**



When a digital source starts playing, the receiver automatically switches to the proper surround mode and provides setting information via the speaker icons located on the right-hand side of the display.

It is important to note, however, that not all Dolby Digital sources are encoded with the full complement of five channels plus LFE\*. Speaker icons show how many and which speaker you have enabled (See "Fine Setting of the Speakers") and the letters inside the speaker icons show which channel is present in the source information. For example, the diagram shown means you have all five speakers and subwoofer enabled and the digital sources you played have five channels plus LFE complemented.

\* LFE stands for Low Frequency Effect. The indication "LFE" appears if the digital source contains LFE information. In this case, the bass signal will be delivered to the subwoofer, offering more dynamic deep bass sound effects. If the letter is flashing, the signal is either too weak or just gone.

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# Troubleshooting Tips

## **Troubleshooting Tips**

## **Receiver/Tuner Operation**

### ST indicator is off.

- Adjust the antenna.
- Press **GO BACK/ST.MONO** button to insure you are not outputting in mono.

### The signal is Mono. Severe hum or noise.

- The signal is too weak. Connect an external antenna.
- Adjust Antenna
- Reposition Antenna away from any electronics.

### There is interference to FM reception.

• Turn off other electrical units (e.g. DVD, CD player) near the receiver.

## **Remote Control Operation**

### The remote control does not operate the unit.

- Another source mode is selected on the remote. Press the correct Source Button.
- No batteries installed. (included with your system) Install the batteries before attempting to operate the remote. Be sure to match the + and - ends of each battery to the symbols shown in the remote battery compartment.
- The batteries are weak. Replace all batteries.
- The remote is not pointed at the remote control sensor on the main unit or there is an obstacle between the remote and the main unit.
- The remote control is too far from the main unit, move closer.

### **Remote loses Programmed codes.**

• Weak batteries, replace batteries.

### Remote forgets what source was selected.

• Weak batteries, replace batteries.

### General

### No audio.

- Make sure the speakers are connected.
- Check the input connections.
- Check the power cord connections.
- Make sure the MUTE signal on the front panel is off.
- Make sure the digital setting (optical, coaxial or analog) is correct.
- Check that the headphone is not inserted.

### No audio from one channel.

- Check the speaker level setting.
- Check the speaker wire or external source cable connections.

### Noise occurs when the TV is turned on.

• The TV is too close to the audio system.

### Specific instruments sound displaced.

- Check the connections between the receiver and the speakers if the sound does not match the video.
- Check if the video and audio cable are correctly inserted.

# TAPE OUT and REC OUT do not operate in VCR mode.

- Check to make sure analog input signal is connected from the signal source to the analog input jacks.
- In VCR mode, VCR OUT will be muted.
- In TAPE mode, TAPE OUT will be muted.

### **Cleaning the Exterior**

Disconnect the system from AC power before cleaning the exterior of the system with a soft dust cloth, or with a slightly damp leather chamois. Never use strong solvents.



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# Care and Maintenance

Disconnect the audio system from the power source before performing any maintenance.

## Cleaning

Clean the exterior of the system using a soft dust cloth.

## Important battery information

- Remove the batteries to avoid leakage if you do not use your remote control for more than one month.
- Discard leaky batteries immediately as leaking batteries may cause skin burns or other personal injuries.
- Dispose of batteries in the proper manner, according to provincial and local regulations.
- Any battery may leak electrolyte if mixed with a different battery type, if inserted incorrectly, if all batteries are not replaced at the same time, if disposed of in fire, or if an attempt is made to charge a battery not intended to be recharged.

## Safety precautions

- Never open the cabinet under any circumstances. Any repairs or internal adjustments should be made only by a trained technician.
- Never operate this product with the cabinet removed.
- Do not touch the player with wet hands. If any liquid enters the player cabinet, take the player to a trained technician for inspection.
- The apparatus shall not be exposed to dripping and splashing.

## Headset safety

- Do not play your headset at a high volume. Hearing experts warn against extended high-volume play.
- If you experience a ringing in your ears, reduce volume or discontinue use.
- You should use extreme caution or temporarily discontinue use in potentially hazardous situations.
- Even if your headset is an open-air type designed to let you hear outside sounds, don't turn up the volume so high that you are unable to hear what is around you.

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### Equipment Specifications: AMPLIFIER SECTION:

RMS Output Power: Dolby Digital Mode with 10% Total Harmonic Distortion Front and Rear Channels: 55 Watts each Channel (1KHz, 6 Ohm)

Center Channel: 90 Watts (1KHz, 3 Ohm) Subwoofer Channel: 90 Watts (100Hz, 3 Ohm) Total RMS Output Power, Dolby Digital mode : 400 W

FTC Output Power: Dolby Digital Mode with 10% Total Harmonic Distortion

Front Channels (L and R ): 45 Watts per Channel (1KHz, 6 Ohm)

Rear Channels (L and R): 45 Watts per Channel (1KHz, 6 Ohm)

Center Channel: 90 Watts (1KHz, 3 Ohm) Subwoofer Channel: 90 Watts (80Hz, 3 Ohm) Total FTC Output Power, Dolby Digital mode: 360 Watts

Muting Attenuation: 65dB

Frequency Response: 20kHz /-3dB, 1kHz ref. Subwoofer Frequency Response: 10 Hz / -3db, 80Hz ref. Signal to Noise Ratio: 65dB (Dolby digital mode) Video Signal to Noise Ratio from 40 dB to 60dB

### VIDEO SECTION:

Input ( Sensitivity/ Impedance ):1Vp-p/ 75ohm Output (Level/ Impedance): 1Vp-p/ 75 ohm Frequency Response: 10Hz to 6MHz at +/- 3dB

### AM TUNER SECTION:

Frequency Response: 2kHz +/-6dB, 1kHz ref. Usable Sensitivity: 800uV/m @ S/N 20dB Signal to Noise: 38dB IF Rejection: 35dB

### **FM TUNER SECTION:**

Frequency Response: 15kHz +/-3dB, 1kHz ref. Quieting: 24dBu Signal to Noise: 60dB(stereo) / 65dB(mono) IF Rejection: 50dB

## Dimensions (H x W x D inch) :

Unit - 3.7 x 16.9 x 14 Front and Surround Speakers - 6.1 x 3.1x 3.5 Center Speaker - 2.7 x 9.8 x 33.3 Subwoofer - 12.4 x 6.3 x 14

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# Limited Warranty (U.S.)

#### What your warranty covers:

• Defects in materials or workmanship.

#### For how long after your purchase:

• One year from date of purchase for labor and parts

• The warranty period for rental units begins with the first rental or 45 days from date of shipment to the rental firm, whichever comes first.

#### What we will do:

• Pay any Authorized RCA Audio Service Center the labor charges to repair your unit.

• Pay any Authorized RCA Audio Service Center for the new or, at our option, refurbished replacement parts required to repair your unit.

#### How you get service:

• Take your unit to any Authorized RCA Audio Service Center. To identify your nearest Authorized RCA Audio Service Center, ask your dealer, look in the Yellow Pages, or call 1-800-336-1900.

• Show the Authorized Service Center Representative your evidence of purchase date or first rental.

• Pick up your unit when repairs are completed.

• Proof of purchase in the form of a bill of sale or

receipted invoice which is evidence that the product is within the

warranty period must be presented to obtain warranty service. For rental firms, proof of first rental is also required.

### What your warranty does not cover:

• Customer instruction. (Your Owner's Manual describes how to install, adjust, and operate your unit. Any additional information should be obtained from your dealer.)

- · Installation and related adjustments.
- Signal reception problems not caused by your unit.
- Damage from misuse or neglect.
- Cleaning of audio heads.
- Batteries.

• A unit that has been modified or incorporated into other products or is used for institutional or other commercial purposes.

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