

BYOB - Bring-Your-Own-Battery - SERIES

CONGRATULATIONS

You've just become the proud owner of one of the World's finest Phono Stages: the ALTMANN PHONO STAGE.

When people come up to compliment you on your sound, you can smile knowingly ... and hopefully you'll tell them a little about us! This Phono Stage has been designed, tested, improved, tested again and refined to deliver maximum musical performance of any style, in any situation.

FEATURES

Your ALTMANN PHONO STAGE is a virtual-ground 2-stage design with individually adjustable gain as well as adjustable passive RIAA filter. This makes it most versatile with a wide variety of MM/MC cartridges as well as differently sounding vinyl recordings. All adjustments are done via jumpers as they allow for the shortest signal-path.

A stereo-set of connectors is available for individual connection of cartridge loading components of any combination or value. In addition to the above, your ALTMANN PHONO STAGE features a very powerful output section.

VIBRATIONAL OPTIMIZATION

The ALTMANN PHONO STAGE is vibrationally optimized. Unlike other hifi-components that come in all kinds of bad sounding enclosure, your Altmann Phono Stage is tightly fastened on a solid spruce board, which is treated with a unique formulation of natural wood resins.

The idea is simple: „As we cannot prevent subtle vibrations from entering our hifi-system, let's just give them the very best sound-character possible.“

BATTERY POWER & CHARGING

The ALTMANN PHONO STAGE relies on battery-power as it is the only source of clean power. It thus completely avoids many disturbing problems that normally arise with mains powered equipment.

Your ALTMANN PHONO STAGE is designed to be powered by a 12V car battery, which you supply (Bring-Your-Own-Battery). We did all our tests with a „Optima Red-Top“ lead-acid battery, which is also non-spillable. Technically, you can also use a gel-battery, it may, however, sound different.

A car battery is designed to be charged with a car battery charger. You can get that part locally & low cost from almost any car supply shop. **Always DISCONNECT the PHONO STAGE before connecting the charger.**

The blue LED on your ALTMANN PHONO STAGE indicates battery charge. It will light bright with full charge, and will go off, if the battery charge drops below 10 Volts. For best sound quality, please load your battery, when the blue LED goes dim.

BURNING-IN, WARMING-UP & AGEING

Every ALTMANN PHONO STAGE is manufactured on a customs basis after the reception of your order. As it comes fresh, please allow a couple of weeks for burn-in and settlement of the lacquer and wood.

As wood is a living material, it will naturally age ...in a very positive sense. As with any musical instrument, it must be played to develop its sound. The same holds true for your ALTMANN PHONO. The more you play it, the better it gets.
Typical warm-up time is 30 minutes.

GUARANTEE & SAFETY

Every ALTMANN PHONO STAGE is covered by a 5 years guarantee when treated according to the operational instructions: If it fails, I will repair it for free, no other claims possible.

A car battery is a harmless and safe device, as long as you observe the safety precautions printed on the operational instructions. However, if you do any nonsense with it, like shorting the two output poles or your battery with a screwdriver or any other piece of metal or wire, the experience may become very hot and/or explosive and/or acidic. Please treat your battery with the proper respect and keep it out of the reach of children and pets.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD

This is the leading edge of thought, sound, joy and well-being.
The performance standard of your ALTMANN PHONO STAGE is A Performance Standard. Happy listening...



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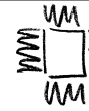
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OPERATIONAL & SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Checklist:

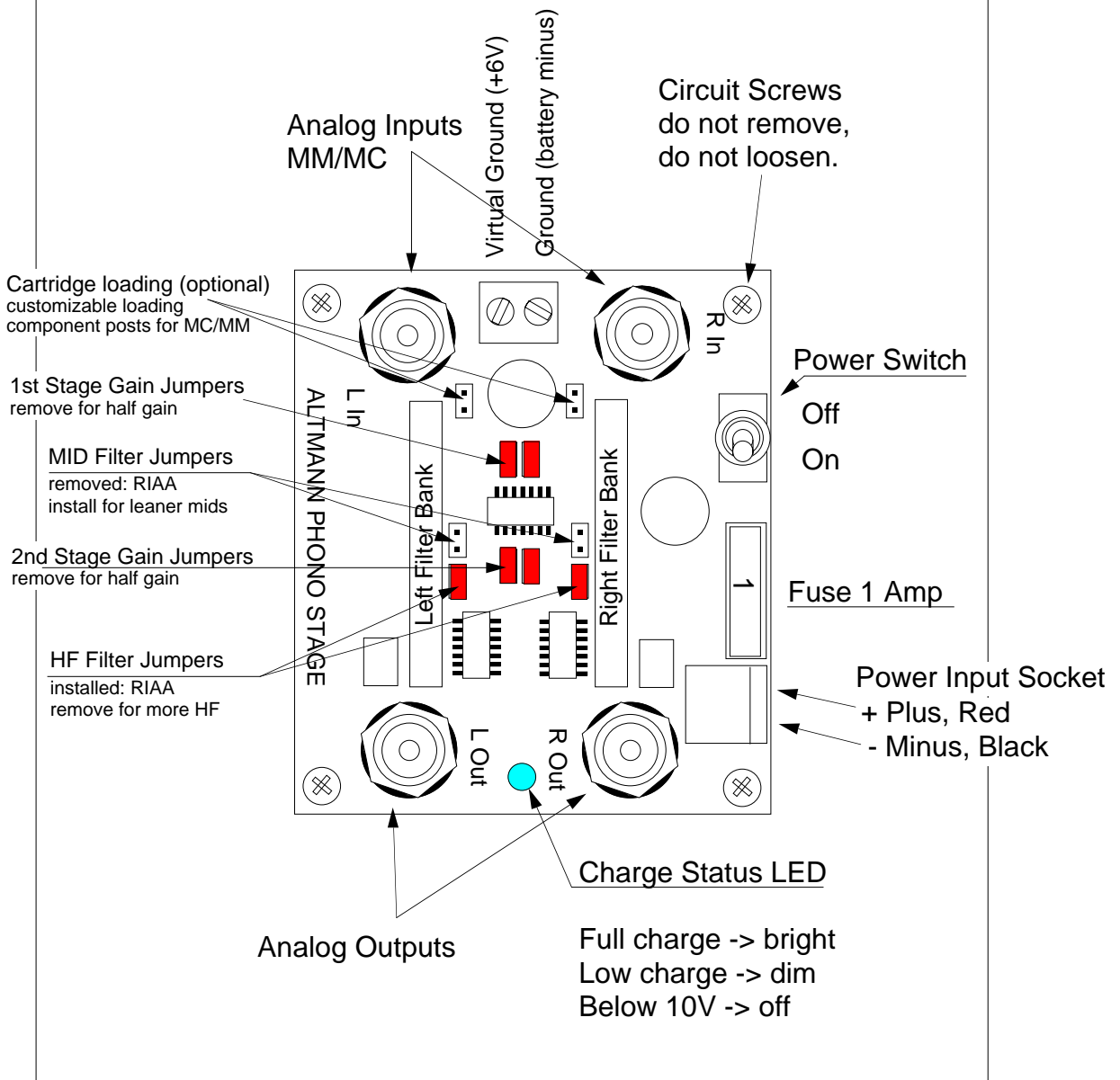
- If you barely know the difference between a plus pole and a minus pole, let someone help you to do the job.
- A car battery is a very powerful device. Please never short circuit the plus and minus poles of your battery, as it may become very hot, or even explode. Keep any metal objects that are not needed for operation away from the battery. Keep the battery out of the reach of children and pets.
- Please use only a 12V car battery. Do **not** use a 24 Volt truck battery.
- Please use only a car battery charger that is designed to charge 12 V car batteries.
- Before connecting a battery charger to the battery, disconnect the power cable from the PHONO STAGE. Reconnect only after disconnecting the battery charger from the battery.
- The blue LED of your ALTMANN PHONO STAGE indicates the battery charge. It lights bright when the battery is fully charged (12V). If it lights dim, the battery charge is about 10..11 Volt. The blue LED goes off, when the battery charge is below 10 Volt. For best sound quality, charge your battery, when the blue LED goes dim.
- Every ALTMANN PHONO STAGE comes with a battery cable, that is tested together with the same unit before shipping, and **is in the right polarity**. The battery cable has a red (+, plus) wire and a black (-, minus, ground) wire. The red wire is connected to the plus battery pole clamp, which has a large pole diameter. The black wire is connected to the minus battery pole clamp, which has a small pole diameter. This way, when connecting the clamps to a standard car battery, you cannot change the polarity since the large pole clamp only fits the large diameter plus-pole of the battery, and vice versa. The other end of the supplied battery cable comes screwed to the byob connector **in the right polarity**, and can only be plugged into the PHONO STAGE with the right polarity. If for any reason polarity is reversed, a input diode will prevent current flow, and protect circuitry. The blue LED will be off.
- Any Altmann BYOB product is sensible to humidity and fluids. If it comes in contact with any fluid (i.e. water, beer, wine, oil, etc.) it may fail. This is not covered by the guarantee.
- Any Altmann BYOB product is sensible to overvoltage. The maximum voltage is 18 Volt. This is especially important, when you charge the battery. Always, before you connect a charger to the battery, disconnect the PHONO STAGE. Reconnect the PHONO STAGE only after having disconnected the charger.
- Do not touch any part of the circuit board with any cable or metal object. When connecting digital input and analog output cables, do not touch any part of the PHONO STAGE except the RCA input plugs. It is good practice, to switch the PHONO STAGE OFF, whenever you want to connect or disconnect something.
- If you remove or loosen any of the screws that fix the circuit to the spruce board, the guarantee is void.
- The ALTMANN PHONO STAGE is a virtual ground 2-stage design with individually adjustable gain and adjustable passive RIAA filter, making it most versatile with a wide variety of MM/MC cartridges as well as differently sounding vinyl records. Adjustments are done via jumpers. See the back of this page for your adjustment options.
- Another stereo set of connectors is available for individual connection of cartridge loading devices.
- There are two different ground connection terminals available for turntable grounding: battery (output) ground and virtual (input) ground (see back of this page). One of them may work better, depending on your tonearm wiring. Do use only one ground connection at a time (do not interconnect both grounds, this will prevent proper operation).

Connection Sequence: All devices OFF, connect turntable and amplifier to your ALTMANN PHONO STAGE. Connect the battery pole clamps of the power cable to the battery. Connect the other end of the power cable to the PHONO STAGES power input socket. Turn volume fully down. Toggle power switch in the ON-position -> blue LED lights up. Turn on amp. Start turntable. Turn volume up a little. Enjoy...



Setting the gain for:

MC / silent cartridges (below 1mV) -> Stage 1 and stage 2 gain jumper installed.
 MM / medium loud pickups (up to 5mV) -> Only stage 2 gain jumpers installed.
 MM / loud cartridges (5..10mV) -> No gain jumpers installed.



Before charging battery, always disconnect PHONO STAGE from battery.