## **EXPANDING THE PME-40X SYSTEM**

New Korg modules will be continually added to the PME-40X system to expand your sound possibilities. Korg's unique Ext Selector module allows you to patch additional effects into the console, eliminating



switch popping and the effects of loading. The Ext Selector uses the latest Input/Output buffering circuitry for

stable signal levels and optimum signal matching. Two instruments can be switched via the Ext Selector, insuring quiet performance.

The ultimate way to expand your PME-40X system is to gang two consoles together to double the amount of effects available. Because the Korg system is so quiet, you can use up to eight effects at a time with no excess noise or loading - a claim no other competitive unit can make.

### KORG REINVENTS EFFECTS

The PME-40X's convenience, performance and flexibility is solid proof that Korg has reinvented the art of signal processing. And even with its total lack of design "compromises," we couldn't say that we've reinvented effects if the PME-40X didn't truly sound better. But it does.



## SPECIFICATIONS PME-40X CONSOLE

 Input Impedance: 1MΩ = Output Impedance: 1KΩ ■ Residual Noise: -108dBm, IHF-A, ALL PASS ■ Frequency Response: 20Hz-20KHz, +0/-1.5dB +0dB ALL PASS Power Consumption: 8.5W MAX (KFL-402 X 2, KCH-301 X 2) 

 Power Supply: Local AC Voltage
 Dimensions: 369.5(W) X 56.0(H) X
 190.5 (D)mm.
 Weight: 1.8Kg Excl. effects

 units

#### KCO-101 COMPRESSOR

 Nonclip Maximum Input Level: +3dBm/at 1 kHz Maximum Output Level: -8dBm/at 1 kHz Maximum Compression Ratio: 39dB/ at 1 KHz, • Operation Characteristics: INPUT Range -40 dBm to +3dBm, OUTPUT Range -12dBm to -8dBm at 1 kHz (SENSITIVITY 10) Attack Time: 5 msec Release Time 1 sec to 100 msec . Noise Level: -102dBm equivalent input noise, IHF-A

#### KGE-201 GRAPHIC EQ

 Maximum Input Level: +8dBm FLAT/UNITY, at 1 KHz 
 Maximum Output Level: +8dBm FLAT/UNITY, at 1 kHz 
 Center Frequencies: 100Hz, 200Hz, 400Hz, 800Hz, 1.6KHz, 3.2KHz, 6.4KHz 
Control Range: ±15dB Level Control: ±15dB
Residual Noise Level: -100dBm, IHF-A, FLAT/UNITY.

#### NOTICE

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the product sold from the manufacturer's/ distributor's warrantee and liability.

## **KOD-101 OVERDRIVE**

Maximum Output Level: 5V P-P/at 1 kHz

 Gain Control: 43dB MAX/at 1 kHz, TONE 10 Tone Control: -5dB to +0dB/at 1kHz. TONE 0-10 Noise Level: -110dBm equivalent input noise, IHF-A

#### KCH-301 CHORUS

 Maximum Input Level: +6dBm/at 1 kHz Maximum Output Level: +6dBm/at 1 kHz
 Delay Time: 1.5 msec to 5 msec • Modulation Speed: 0.2Hz to 8 Hz • Noise Level:

-100dBm equivalent input noise, IHF-A.

#### KAD-301 ANALOG DELAY

 Maximum Input Level: +8dBm/at 1 kHz
 Maximum Output Level: +12dBm/at 1 kHz Delay Time: 20-300 msec
 Noise Level

-100dBm equivalent input noise, IHF-A (at max. delay time) KNG-101 NOISE GATE

Maximum Input Level: +3dBm/at 250Hz Maximum Output Level: +4.5dBm at 250Hz
 Noise Level: -98dBm (Gate On) IHF-A

104dBm (Gate Off) equivalent input noise Attack Time: 1 msec 

 Release Time: 30
 msec-2 sec 
 Gate Threshold Level: 0-31mV

 RMS (-28dBm) at 250Hz . Frequency Re-

sponse: 20Hz to 20kHz +0/-3dB

Any Korg product not sold with a warrantee card or carrying a serial number disqualifies

This requirement is for your own protection and safety.

#### **KPH-401 PHASER**

 Maximum Input Level: +4dBm/at 1 kHz Maximum Output Level: +8dBm/at 1 kHz Noise Level: -100dBm equivalent input noise, IHF-A • Number of Shift Stages: 4 Angle of Phase Shift: 720° Modulation Speed: 0.06Hz-10Hz

#### **KDI-101 DISTORTION**

 Maximum Output Level: 0.8V P – P/at 1 kHz, TONE 10 • Gain Control 48 dB MAX/at 1 kHz, TONE 10 • Tone Control: PEAK 2.5kHz/ TONE 10 PEAK 360Hz/TONE 0 . Noise level: 108dBm equivalent input noise, IHF-A.

#### **KFL-401 FLANGER**

Maximum Input Level; +6dBm/at 1 kHz
 Maximum Output Level; +6dBm/at 1 kHz
 Delay Time: 1 msec to 12 msec\*
 Mod-ulation Speed: 0.03Hz to 11 Hz
 Feedback: -100% to 0 to +100%
 Noise Level: +100dBm equivalent input noise, IHF-A.

#### **KES-101 EXT SELECTOR**

• Return Input Impedance:  $1M\Omega$  • Send Output Impedance:  $1K\Omega$  • Maximum Input Level: +8dBm • Maximum Output Level: +8dBm • Residual Noise Level: -104dBm, IHF-A

 Frequency Response: 20Hz to 20kHz, +0 -3dB

**KFB-001 FILLER BOX** 

 Filler Boxes are used to fill empty spaces in the Pedalboard when there are fewer than four Korg Professional Modular Effects modules installed in the system.







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## THE KORG PME-40X: THE FIRST EFFECTS SYSTEM WITH NO COMPROMISES

# **NO COMPROMISES IN SOUND, FLEXIBILITY AND EASE OF USE**

#### KORG MAKES A GOOD THING BETTER

The introduction of effects pedals injected a whole new spectrum of tone colors and textures into the music-making process. Effects pedals soon evolved into "effects chains," pedalboards, sophisticated rack processors and multieffects units. And even though problems like inferior sound quality, excessive noise and messy cabling were generally improved upon, each type of effects system suffered from compromises in one area or another.

Because of our experience with high technology in the field of musical instruments, we were able to isolate these problems. We then set out to design a no-compromise synthesis of what's right about all other existing (and non-existing) signal processing systems.

#### THE PME-40X SYSTEM SOLVES PROBLEMS OTHERS CAN'T

The built-in design intelligence of the new Korg Professional Modular Effects System eliminates "traditional" drawbacks other systems are still trying to work around. For the first time, you get a combination of all the features you've been looking for: The PME-40X console is compact, rugged and light, weighing in at 2.5 kgs (5.5 lbs) with four modules. Korg's easily interchangeable effects modules give you set-up flexibility you can't get from rack-mountable multi-effects units with predetermined effects combinations. The PME-40X's convenient and easy to use floor-mounted con-

sole provides silent electronic switching and eliminates messy connections. The technically advanced circuitry in Korg's effects modules means the best-sounding versions of today's most popular effects. And the PME-40X system will be constantly updated with new effects modules.

#### A FLOOR-MOUNTED CONSOLE HAS ADVANTAGES OVER RACK-MOUNT UNITS

The entire PME-40X system sets up on the floor in front of you, within easy reach. You don't have to walk back and forth to a rack unit because our system



is entirely self-contained. And the PME-40X's unique design makes it much more cost-effective than rack devices. Our greatly improved buffering circuitry combined with a Signal Bypass function that directs the signal flow only



level or tone and a rich, undiluted "dry" signal. The console holds up to four modules at a time. You can also patch in effects you already own by using Korg's Ext Selector module. The PME-40X's AC powering feature results in a wider dy-

means no loss of

namic range so you can use the system with a variety of guitars, keyboards and other electronic instruments. The All Pass switch lets you "save" pre-selected effects combinations and instantly switch them on. The modules slide quickly and easily into the console on a special track system so you can set up the exact order of effects you're looking for.

#### KORG EFFECTS MODULES MAKE PEDALS OBSOLETE

Korg's effects modules sound better than existing effects pedals because we use the most up-to-date circuitry and construction techniques. All of the technology in each module is concentrated specifically on the effect itself, since powering and buffering is handled by the PME-40X console. Each module features special shielding and a reinforced metal sub chassis for the utmost in quiet performance and durability.



## THE KORG PROFESSIONAL MODULAR EFFECTS SYSTEM

KCO-101 COMPRESSOR

The Korg Compressor produces remarka bly long, full-sounding sustain with total clarity and no distortion. An Attack control adjusts the compression at the beginning of each note and the



Sensitivity control determines the length of sustain. You can use a smooth attack and soft compression for mellow chords with detail or fluid soloing. Or you can combine a hard attack with low sensitivity for punchy guitar leads and funk riffing.

#### **KOD-101 OVERDRIVE**

The Korg Overdrive module closely recreates the rich harmonic distortion of an overdriven tube amplifier. A special amplitude limiting circuit clips the waveform without changing its initial attack characteristics so you can get warm, musical distortion without losing

the special nuances of your picking technique. Increasing the Drive control boosts preamp circuit gain for the extra sustain to generate feedback in front of your speakers.



#### **KAD-301 ANALOG DELAY**

The full gamut of time delay effects from short, single repeat "rockabilly" echo to deeper hall echo sounds are instantly available with the Korg Analog Delay module. A delay range of 20 to 300 milliseconds means a wide-ranging effect which goes from a subtle doubling sound to exceptionally long echoes. The Feedback control is used to recycle more delay into the circuit for multiple repeats and unusual delay effects. The Effect Level control varies the balance

between the dry and the delayed signal. The PME-40X's stereo outs in tandem with the Analog Delay can be routed to either two input channels or two amps to produce sweeping panoramic effects.

#### KCH-301 STEREO CHORUS

Delivering a colorful vet noiseless chorus effect (without companding), the Korg Stereo Chorus module features a Manual control which fine-tunes the exact tonal range where the effect occurs image.

#### **KFL-401 STEREO FLANGER**

provides both positive and negative regeneration and creates a more metallic sound at higher settings. In the console's fourth position, the Stereo Flanger can be used with stereo outs to create three-dimensional

#### **KDI-101 DISTORTION**

active Tone control. The adjustable Output Level determines the final volume balance. The Distortion module isn't just limited to guitars and can be used with synthesizers to produce a realistic "Sweep Sync" effect for fat lead line sounds.



to make the sound thicker or brighter. Depth and Speed controls vary the intensity and rate of chorus modulation. The Stereo Chorus can be employed to provide inverted in-phase and out-ofphase stereo outputs when the unit is used in the fourth position of the console. Running the console's stereo outputs to two different channels or amps gives you a fuller, more spacious stereo

The Stereo Flanger module was designed for the widest possible variety of effects and can deliver chorus, doubling and percussive, metallic flanging

sounds. Depth and Speed controls vary degree and rate of timbral variation and the Manual control determines the center frequency around which those variations occur. The Feedback control



flanging and stereo panning effects.

The Korg Distortion module was designed for those who prefer a harderedged, buzzing distortion sound. A variable high gain preamp produces a rich harmonic waveform that can be made much harder or softer with a full-range



## KGE-201 GRAPHIC EQ

Unique to multi-ef fects units, the Korg Graphic EQ module can be slotted anywhere into the PME-40X console so that you can selectively boost or cut critical frequencies in your



sound. A seven band graphic equalizer provides specific control to change critical frequencies in your sound without noise or affecting adjacent frequencies. Center frequencies are placed in one octave increments from 100 Hz to 6.4 kHz. For most applications, the Graphic EQ is essentially a practical and versatile tone control system with 15 dB of boost or cut in each band. The EQ module can add extra tonal effects, especially in conjunction with other modules in the PME-40-X system. It is also used to compensate for sudden peaks or drop-outs in the frequency response of your instrument, amplifier or

room acoustics.

#### KNG-101 NOISE GATE

Special filtering circuitry means the Korg Noise Gate module can eliminate any unwanted noise from your instrument's sig-



nal. The Threshold control determines the level at which the "gate" circuitry is activated. A Release Time control adjusts the rate at which the sound is cut off from a subtle slope to a sudden stop. The Noise Gate makes an already quiet effects system so silent it easily meets the most demanding recording studio criteria.

#### **KPH-401 PHASER**

The Korg Phaser module gives new life to an important and colorful sound effect. This Four-Stage phaser produces a thicker, more satisfying sound

than any unit of its type. Depth and Speed controls vary the intensity and modulation rate. A Manual control determines the center frequency of the effect and works together with the Feedback control for a one-



of-a-kind, fat phasing sound.