

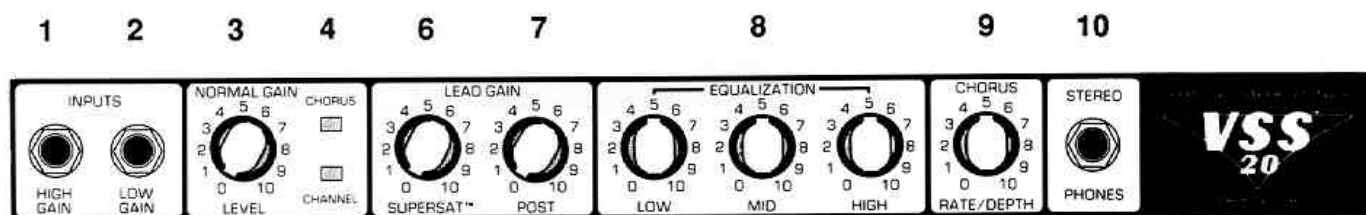
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VSS™ 20



WARNING: TO PREVENT ELECTRICAL SHOCK OR FIRE HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPLIANCE TO RAIN OR MOISTURE. BEFORE USING THIS APPLIANCE, READ THE OPERATING GUIDE FOR FURTHER WARNINGS.



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FRONT PANEL

High Gain Input (1):

Used for most electric guitars. It is 6 dB louder than the Low Gain input.

Low Gain Input (2):

Provided for instruments that have extremely high outputs, which can result in overdriving (distorting) the High Gain input. If both inputs are used simultaneously, the output levels are the same (both are Low Gain).

Level (3):

Controls the volume level of the normal channel and is not affected by the SuperSat or Post Gain controls.

Chorus Select Switch (4):

Is used to activate/defeat the chorus circuit. To activate the circuit, depress the switch to its "in" position

Operation Note:

Chorus activation may also be accomplished by the optional remote footswitch. If remote selection is desired, the chorus select switch must be in the "in" (activated) position.

Channel Select Switch (5):

Allows selection of the lead or normal channel. The "in" position of the switch selects the lead channel and the "out" position selects normal.

NOTE: Channel selection may also be accomplished by the remote footswitch. If remote selection is desired the channel switch must be in the "in" (lead) position.

SUPERSAT® (6)

(Built Under U.S. Patent #4,811,401)

A transistor simulation of tube distortion (soft clipping). To activate the SuperSat® effect, lead channel must be activated.

Post Gain (7):

Controls the overall volume level of the lead channel. The final level adjustment should be made after the desired sound has been achieved.

Low, Mid, & High EQ (8):

Passive tone controls that regulate the low, mid and high frequencies, respectively.

Rate/Depth Control (9):

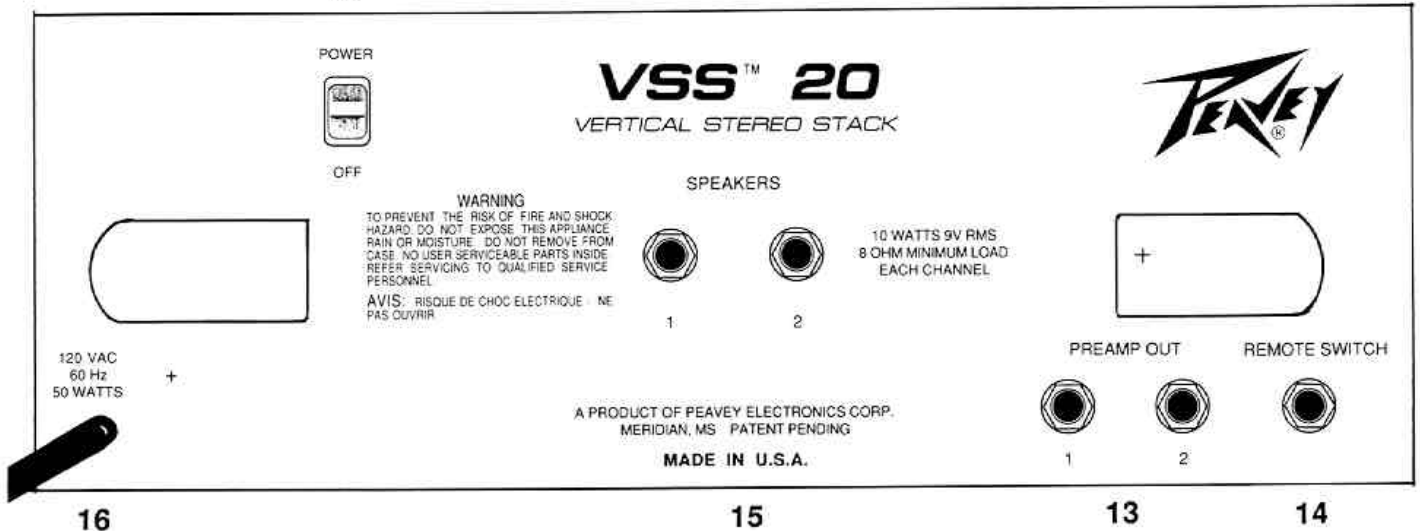
Simultaneously controls the sweep rate (frequency) and depth (intensity) of the chorus effect. Rotating clockwise increases the rate and decreases the depth of the chorus effect.

Stereo Headphone Jack (10):

Provided for use with any stereo headset. One channel of the headphones will deliver signals processed by the chorus circuit. The other side will deliver only "dry" (unprocessed) signals. Use of a monaural headset is not recommended.

Power LED (11):

Illuminates when AC power is being supplied to the amp.



REAR PANEL

Power Switch (12):

Depress the switch to the "On" position. The red pilot light (LED) will illuminate indicating power is being supplied to the unit.

Preamp Out (13):

The preamp output can be used to route the amplified signal to a mixing console, tape recorder, etc. Connect the preamp output, using a shielded cable, to an input of the tape recorder, mixer, etc. This patch does not affect the operation of the amplifier.

Operation Note:

If only one preamp out jack is used, the output is a monaural (mixed) chorus output. If both preamp out jacks are used, the outputs are stereo chorus outputs.

Remote Switch Jack (14):

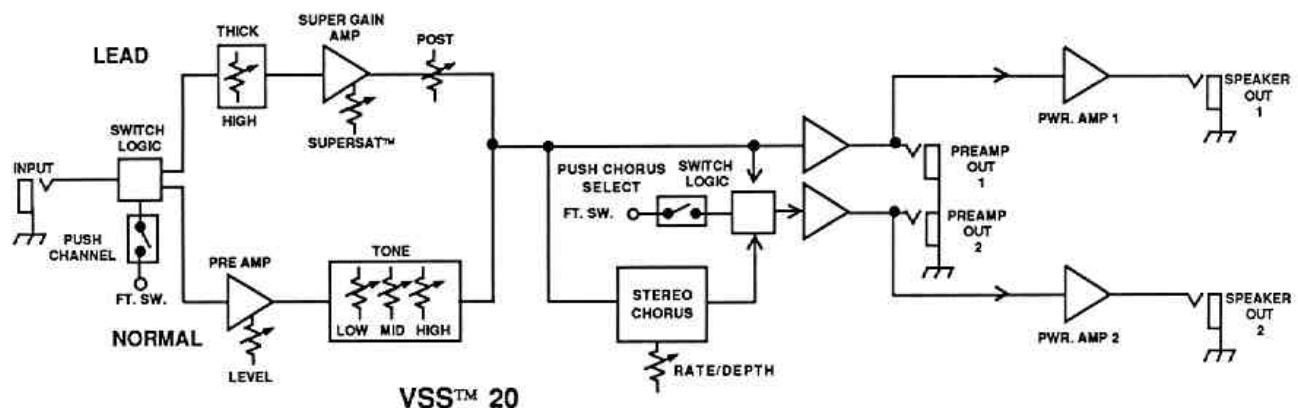
Provided for the connection of the optional remote footswitch. Footswitch is used to select the lead or normal channels and activate/defeat chorus. When using remote footswitch, always insert the plug fully (second click) to insure proper operation.

External Speaker Jacks (15):

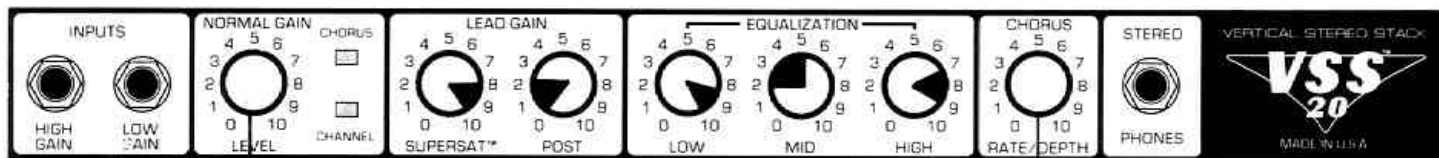
Provided for connection of external speakers. Minimum impedance is 8 ohms per channel.

Line Cord (120V products only) (16):

For your safety, we have incorporated a 3-wire line (mains) cable with proper grounding facilities. It is not advisable to remove the ground pin under any circumstances. If it is necessary to use the equipment without proper grounding facilities, suitable grounding adaptors should be used. Less noise and greatly reduced shock hazard exists when the unit is operated with the proper grounded receptacles.



THIS BLOCK DIAGRAM SHOWS THE SIGNAL PATH WITHIN THE AMPLIFIER. IN ORDER TO THOROUGHLY UNDERSTAND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE AMPLIFIER, PLEASE STUDY THE BLOCK DIAGRAM CAREFULLY.

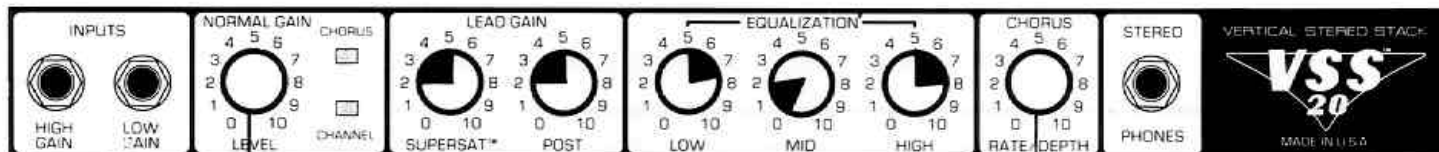


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**LEAD
HEAVY
DISTORTION**

**CLEAN
RHYTHM**

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**MEDIUM
DISTORTION**

COUNTRY

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TONE SETTINGS

These settings are given as a general guide only. You may find it desirable to change them to better suit your personal playing style and situation.

VSS™ 20 SPECIFICATIONS

POWER AMPLIFIER SECTION:

10 W RMS per channel into 8 ohms

POWER @ CLIPPING: (Typically)

(5% THD, 1 kHz, 120 VAC line)

10 W RMS per channel into 8 ohms

TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION:

Less than 0.3%, 100 mW to 7 W RMS,

60 Hz to 10 kHz, 8 ohms

Typically below 0.2%

POWER CONSUMPTION:

50 watts, 50/60 Hz, 120 VAC

PREAMP SECTION:

The following specs are measured @ 1 kHz with the controls preset as follows:

Chorus Select (Off/Out)

Channel Select (Norm/Out)

SuperSat™ @ 0

Post Gain @ 10

Low & High EQ @ 10

Mid EQ @ 0

Rate/Depth @ 0

NOMINAL LEVELS ARE WITH NORMAL GAIN LEVEL @ 5

MINIMUM LEVELS ARE WITH NORMAL GAIN LEVEL @ 10

PREAMP HIGH GAIN INPUT:

Impedance: High Z, 220K Ohms

Nominal Input Level: -20 dBV, 100 mV RMS

Minimum Input Level: -30 dBV, 30 mV RMS

Maximum Input Level: 0 dBV, 1 V RMS

PREAMP LOW GAIN INPUT:

Impedance: High Z, 44K Ohms

Nominal Input Level: -14 dBV, 200 mV RMS

Minimum Input Level: -24 dBV, 60 mV RMS

Maximum Input Level: +6 dBV, 2 V RMS

PREAMP OUTPUTS (1 & 2):

Load Impedance: 10 K ohms or greater

Nominal Output: 0 dBV, 1 V RMS

(Switching jacks, outputs bridged (summed) if only one output is patched; stereo if both are patched.)

HEAD-PHONE OUTPUT:

Load Impedance: 4 ohms per channel or greater

Nominal Power Output: 100 mW per channel into 4 ohms

(Stereo jack, stereo signal, disconnects internal speakers when phone plug is inserted)

SYSTEM HUM & NOISE @ NOMINAL INPUT LEVEL:

(20 Hz to 20 kHz unweighted)

66 dB below rated power

EQUALIZATION:

Special Low, Mid & High passive type EQ

Automatic Thick EQ when lead channel selected

EXTERNAL FOOTSWITCH FUNCTION:

Lead Channel Defeat (when selected with button)

Chorus Defeat (when selected with button)

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THIS LIMITED WARRANTY VALID ONLY WHEN PURCHASED AND REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA. ALL EXPORTED PRODUCTS ARE SUBJECT TO WARRANTY AND SERVICES TO BE SPECIFIED AND PROVIDED BY THE AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTOR FOR EACH COUNTRY.

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ONE-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY/REMEDY

PEAVEY ELECTRONICS CORPORATION ("PEAVEY") warrants this product, EXCEPT for covers, footswitches, patchcords, tubes and meters, to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from date of purchase, PROVIDED, however that this limited warranty is extended only to the original retail purchaser and is subject to the conditions, exclusions and limitations hereinafter set forth:

PEAVEY 90-DAY LIMITED WARRANTY ON TUBES AND METERS

If this product contains tubes or meters, Peavey warrants the tubes or meters contained in the product to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of ninety (90) days from date of purchase; PROVIDED, however, that this limited warranty is extended only to the original retail purchaser and is also subject to the conditions, exclusions and limitations hereinafter set forth.

CONDITIONS, EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF LIMITED WARRANTIES

These limited warranties shall be void and of no effect if:

- The first purchase of the product is for the purpose of resale; or
- The original retail purchase is not made from an AUTHORIZED PEAVEY DEALER; or
- The product has been damaged by accident or unreasonable use, neglect, improper service or maintenance, or other causes not arising out of defects in material or workmanship; or
- The serial number affixed to the product is altered, defaced or removed.

In the event of a defect in material and/or workmanship covered by this limited warranty, Peavey will:

- In the case of tubes or meters, replace the defective component without charge;
- In other covered cases (i.e., cases involving anything other than covers, footswitches, patchcords, tubes or meters), repair the defect in material or workmanship or replace the product, at Peavey's option;

and provided, however, that, in any case, all costs of shipping, if necessary, are paid by you, the purchaser.

THE WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD SHOULD BE ACCURATELY COMPLETED AND MAILED TO AND RECEIVED BY PEAVEY WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF YOUR PURCHASE.

In order to obtain service under these warranties, you must:

- Bring the defective item to any AUTHORIZED PEAVEY DEALER or AUTHORIZED PEAVEY SERVICE CENTER and present therewith the ORIGINAL PROOF OF PURCHASE supplied to you by the AUTHORIZED PEAVEY DEALER in connection with your purchase from him of this product.
If the DEALER or SERVICE CENTER is unable to provide the necessary warranty service you will be directed to the nearest other PEAVEY AUTHORIZED DEALER or AUTHORIZED PEAVEY SERVICE CENTER which can provide such service.

OR

- Ship the defective item, prepaid, to:

PEAVEY ELECTRONICS CORPORATION
International Service Center
Highway 80 East
MERIDIAN, MS 39301

including therewith a complete, detailed description of the problem, together with a legible copy of the original PROOF OF PURCHASE and a complete return address. Upon Peavey's receipt of these items:

If the defect is remedied under these limited warranties and the other terms and conditions expressed herein have been complied with, Peavey will provide the necessary warranty service to repair or replace the product and will return it, FREIGHT COLLECT, to you, the purchaser.

Peavey's liability to the purchaser for damages from any cause whatsoever and regardless of the form of action, including negligence, is limited to the actual damages up to the greater of \$500.00 or an amount equal to the purchase price of the product that caused the damage or that is the subject of or is directly related to the cause of action. Such purchase price will be that in effect for the specific product when the cause of action arose. This limitation of liability will not apply to claims for personal injury or damage to real property or tangible personal property allegedly caused by Peavey's negligence. Peavey does not assume liability for personal injury or property damage arising out of or caused by a non-Peavey alteration or attachment, nor does Peavey assume any responsibility for damage to interconnected non-Peavey equipment that may result from the normal functioning and maintenance of the Peavey equipment.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL PEAVEY BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOST PROFITS, LOST SAVINGS, ANY INCIDENTAL DAMAGES OR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE USE OR INABILITY TO USE THE PRODUCT, EVEN IF PEAVEY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

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Your remedies for breach of these warranties are limited to those remedies provided herein and Peavey Electronics Corporation gives this limited warranty only with respect to equipment purchased in the United States of America.

INSTRUCTIONS — WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD

1. Mail the completed WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD to:

PEAVEY ELECTRONICS CORPORATION
POST OFFICE BOX 2898
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI 39302-2898

- a. Keep the PROOF OF PURCHASE. In the event warranty service is required during the warranty period, you will need this document. **There will be no identification card issued by Peavey Electronics Corporation.**
2. IMPORTANCE OF WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARDS AND NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES OF ADDRESS:
 - a. Completion and mailing of WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARDS — Should notification become necessary for any condition that may require correction, the REGISTRATION CARD will help ensure that you are contacted and properly notified.
 - b. Notice of address changes — If you move from the address shown on the WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD, you should notify Peavey of the change of address so as to facilitate your receipt of any bulletins or other forms of notification which may become necessary in connection with any condition that may require dissemination of information or correction.
 3. You may contact Peavey directly by telephoning (601) 483-5365.
 4. Please have the Peavey product name and serial number available when communicating with Peavey Customer Service.

DANGER

EXPOSURE TO EXTREMELY HIGH NOISE LEVELS MAY CAUSE A PERMANENT HEARING LOSS. INDIVIDUALS VARY CONSIDERABLY IN SUSCEPTIBILITY TO NOISE INDUCED HEARING LOSS, BUT NEARLY EVERYONE WILL LOSE SOME HEARING IF EXPOSED TO SUFFICIENTLY INTENSE NOISE FOR A SUFFICIENT TIME.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) HAS SPECIFIED THE FOLLOWING PERMISSIBLE NOISE LEVEL EXPOSURES:

DURATION PER DAY IN HOURS	SOUND LEVEL dBA, SLOW RESPONSE
8	90
6	92
4	95
3	97
2	100
1½	102
1	105
½	110
¼ or less	115

ACCORDING TO OSHA, ANY EXPOSURE IN EXCESS OF THE ABOVE PERMISSIBLE LIMITS COULD RESULT IN SOME HEARING LOSS.

EAR PLUGS OR PROTECTORS IN THE EAR CANALS OR OVER THE EARS MUST BE WORN WHEN OPERATING THIS AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM IN ORDER TO PREVENT A PERMANENT HEARING LOSS IF EXPOSURE IS IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITS AS SET FORTH ABOVE. TO INSURE AGAINST POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS EXPOSURE TO HIGH SOUND PRESSURE LEVELS, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL PERSONS EXPOSED TO EQUIPMENT CAPABLE OF PRODUCING HIGH SOUND PRESSURE LEVELS SUCH AS THIS AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM BE PROTECTED BY HEARING PROTECTORS WHILE THIS UNIT IS IN OPERATION.

CAUTION

THIS AMPLIFIER HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE POWER RESERVE FOR PLAYING MODERN MUSIC WHICH MAY REQUIRE OCCASIONAL PEAK POWER. TO HANDLE OCCASIONAL PEAK POWER, ADEQUATE POWER "HEADROOM" HAS BEEN DESIGNED INTO THIS SYSTEM. EXTENDED OPERATION AT ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM POWER LEVELS IS NOT RECOMMENDED SINCE THIS COULD DAMAGE THE ASSOCIATED LOUDSPEAKER SYSTEM. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT **MAXIMUM POWER** CAN BE OBTAINED WITH VERY LOW SETTINGS OF THE **GAIN** CONTROLS IF THE INPUT SIGNAL IS VERY STRONG.

1. Read all safety and operating instructions before using this product.
2. All safety and operating instructions should be retained for future reference.
3. Obey all cautions in the operating instructions and on the back of the unit.
4. All operating instructions should be followed.
5. This product should not be used near water, i.e. a bathtub, sink, swimming pool, wet basement, etc.
6. This product should be located so that its position does not interfere with its proper ventilation. It should not be placed flat against a wall or placed in a built-in enclosure that will impede the flow of cooling air.
7. This product should not be placed near a source of heat such as a stove, radiator or another heat producing amplifier.
8. Connect only to a power supply of the type marked on the unit adjacent to the power supply cord.
9. Never break off the ground pin on the power supply cord. For more information on grounding write for our free booklet "Shock Hazard and Grounding."
10. Power supply cords should always be handled carefully. Never walk or place equipment on power supply cords. Periodically check cords for cuts or signs of stress, especially at the plug and the point where the cord exits the unit.
11. The power supply cord should be unplugged when the unit is to be unused for long periods of time.
12. If this product is to be mounted in an equipment rack, rear support should be provided.
13. Metal parts can be cleaned with a damp rag. The vinyl covering used on some units can be cleaned with a damp rag, or an ammonia based household cleaner if necessary.
14. Care should be taken so that objects do not fall and liquids are not spilled into the unit through the ventilation holes or any other openings.
15. This unit should be checked by a qualified service technician if:
 - A. The power supply cord or plug has been damaged.
 - B. Anything has fallen or been spilled into the unit.
 - C. The unit does not operate correctly.
 - D. The unit has been dropped or the enclosure damaged.
16. The user should not attempt to service this equipment. All service work should be done by a qualified service technician.



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