



MODULAR SYNTHESIZERS

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## Modcan Synthesizer DO's and DON'TS

**Thank you for purchasing Modcan products. Your Synthesizer was built by hand to exacting standards. To get the best long term performance from your system we suggest reading and following the guidelines listed below. Technical support questions can be submitted to [info@modcan.com](mailto:info@modcan.com) or call Modcan at 416-465-5346.**

### **Safety Issues:**

1/ **DON'T** open the power supply compartment. There are no user serviceable parts enclosed. There are components that use dangerous mains level voltage (120V or 230V) within.

2/ **DO** return the synthesizer to Modcan for service in the event that it stops functioning. Individual modules can be returned if the problem is localized to one or two modules.

3/ **DON'T** have the power switched on when rearranging or exchanging modules and preferably don't operate the synth with any module spaces left open.

4/ **Grounding Issues:** Resist the temptation to remove the ground pin from the power cord. This is an UNSAFE connection for electronic equipment. If ground loops are a problem, first try cutting the ground wire connection on one end (not both) of the 1/4" phone cable that connects the output of the synth to your mixer or amplifier. Also try making sure that both the synth and your mixer/amp or other equipment are plugged into the same wall socket, power bar or are at least on the same house circuit. If all else fails contact Modcan for other suggestions.

5/ Obviously, **DON'T** use the synth while in the bath or swimming. Other methods can be used to achieve bubbly sounds during these activities.

### **Operation Issues:**

1/ Power up the synthesizer: switch on synth power first then power up mixer/amplifier. To power down: switch off mixer/amp first (or mute the appropriate channel) and then switch off the synth. The powering down procedure is the more important of the two, as the pop from the output module could possibly damage speakers.

2/ When swapping modules **DON'T** adjust the trim pots on the module circuit boards as these have been set at the factory using precision test equipment for optimized performance.

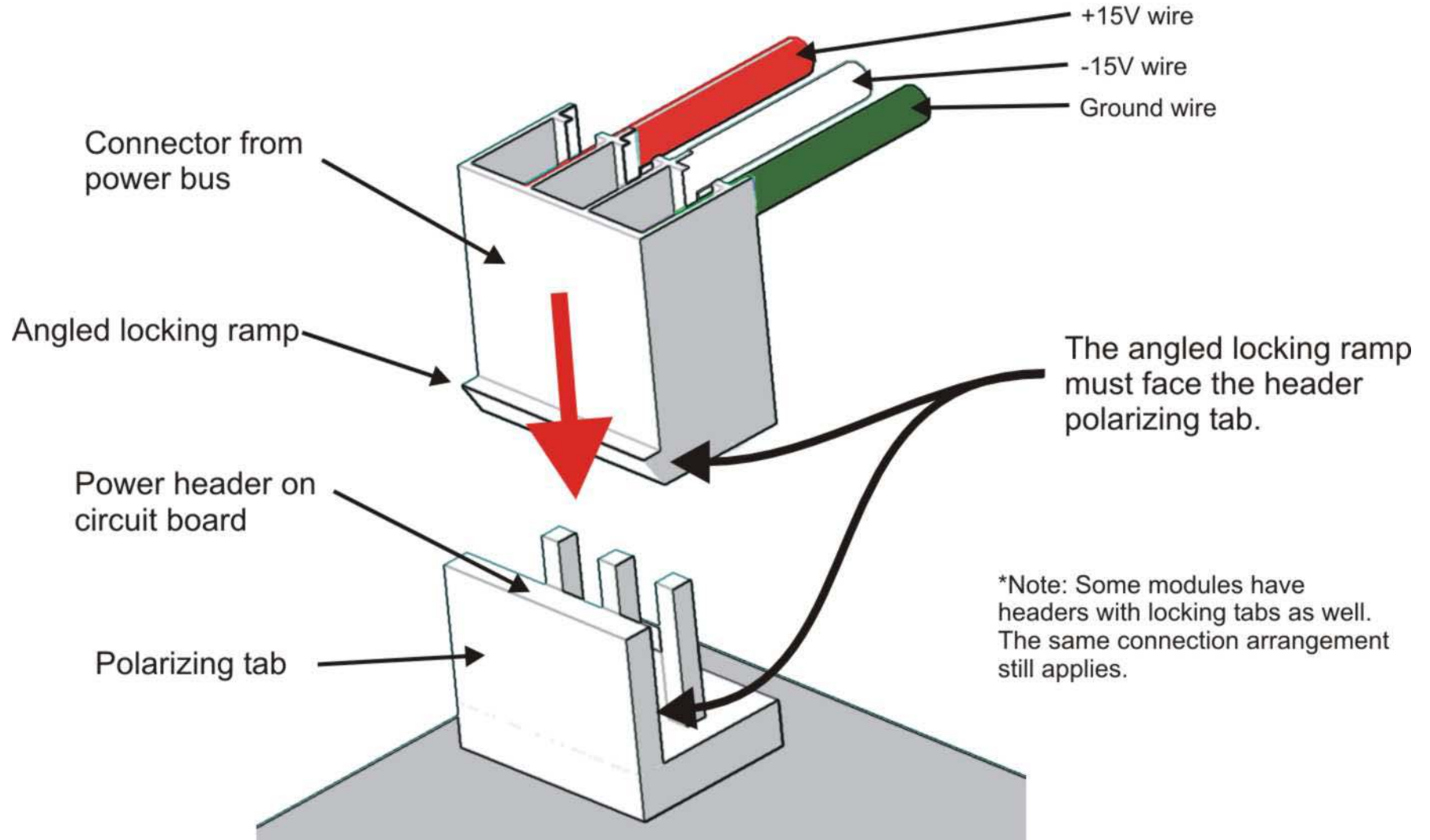
2/ Use a mixer module if you wish to combine 2 or more outputs patched to one input. No damage will result in the short term but prolonged use of parallel output connections could exceed the recommended current specifications of the output opamps. Depending on the types of modules combined, unpredictable or degraded signal performance could result. Connecting several outputs into one input is not considered good patching practice. Connecting one output to many inputs is fine.

4/ The scaling calibration of the Oscillator will need adjustment over the course of time. This is especially true if the ambient temperature of the synths' environment changes radically from season to season. This is a fact of life and no different than a piano or guitar. The procedure for calibration is outlined on the page following the Oscillator operation page.

5/ When installing modules with 1/4" jacks, attach the supplied GREEN wire to the lug where the wall ground attaches to the case, as indicated on the power supply diagram.

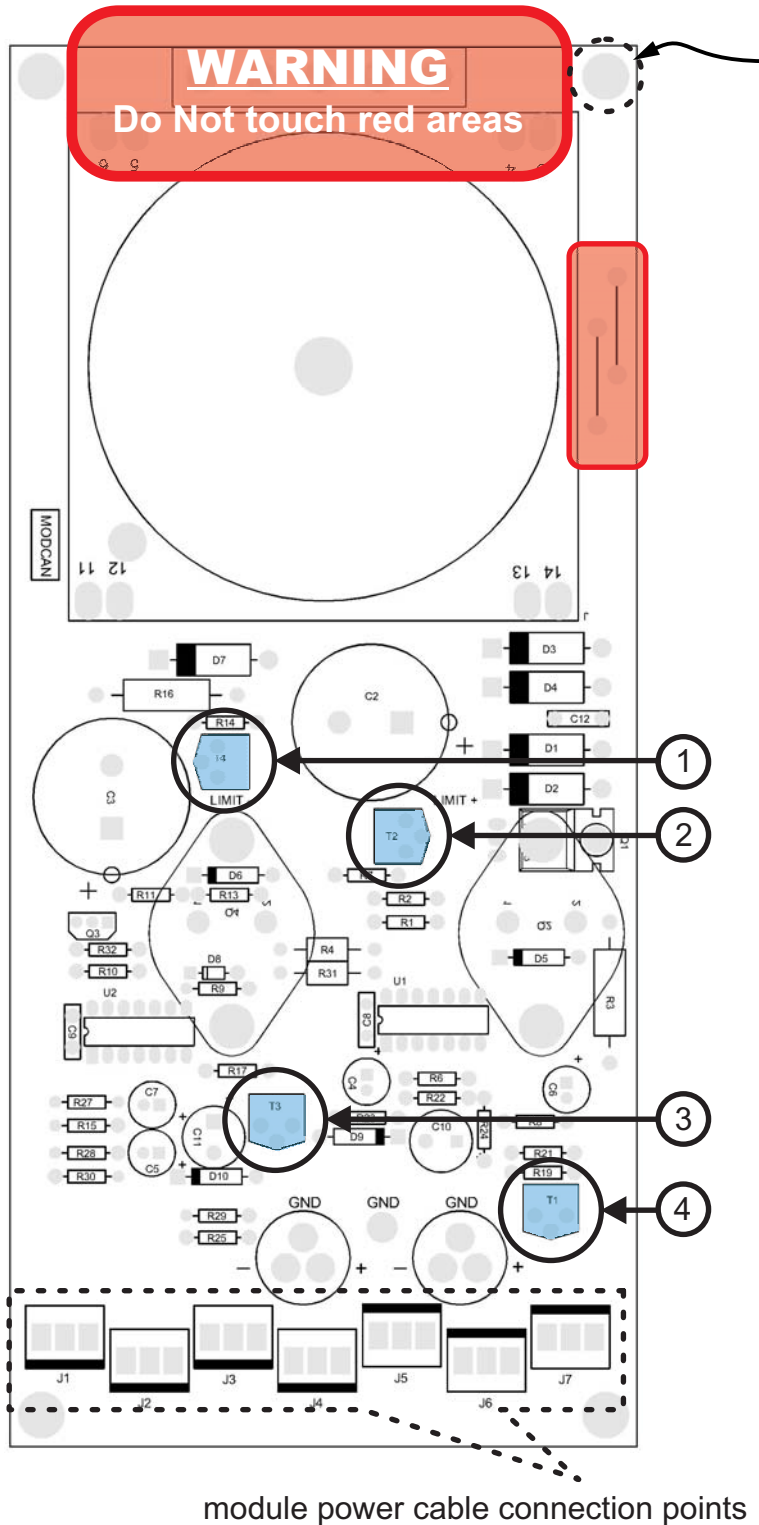
# Important!!! Power Connector Info

If you plug it in backwards you risk the chance of damaging the module



# Power Supply Calibration

**Warning: 115-240V Mains voltage is present.** Please use extreme caution when adjusting the Power Supply. The adjustment trim pots are located on the secondary, low voltage side to minimize contact with the primary high voltage. Please have a qualified technician perform the adjustments if you feel the slightest bit unsure. A good quality DVM is required for accurate adjustment.



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## A good quality Digital Volt Meter is required

Ground connection lug for attaching GREEN wires that are usually found attached to the 1/4" phone jacks that appear on many Modcan VCA type modules.

**Trim 1: -15 Current Limit adjustment trim pot**  
Do not adjust this trim unless instructed by Modcan

**Trim 2: +15 Current Limit adjustment trim pot**  
Do not adjust this trim unless instructed by Modcan

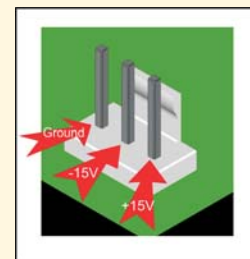
## Output Voltage Calibration

**To prevent damage, disconnect modules from power supply before performing the first step in the calibration procedure**

Using a Digital volt meter (DVM), place black probe tip on a plastic module power connector end (ground pin) where the green wire is connected. Place the DVM Red probe at the contact point where the red wire comes into the connector. There are small slots in the connector where the contact springs are visible. With power on adjust Trim pot (4) till the reading on the DVM is exactly +15.000V, accurate to within +/-3mV.

Keep black probe on the ground pin and move the red probe to the center (white wire) pin. Adjust trim pot (3) till the reading on the DVM is exactly -15.000V, accurate to within +/-3mV.

Install all module in the chassis box and if applicable connect all chassis boxes together with chassis connector cables. Maximum 3 boxes per supply. Power on the system and perform the same steps again as listed above. The objective is to adjust the power supply output voltages while under load.



Power Connector Pin diagram

# Oscillator 01A



**Waveform Outputs:** All wave outputs are available simultaneously. The Saw and Square are DC Offset with a range of 0-5V. The Triangle and Sine are symmetrical AC waveforms with +/- 2.5V output. The Saw and Pulse (square) are richer in harmonics so appear louder than the others. The Sine and Triangle are excellent for bass and mellower type sounds. All waveforms can be used to modulate other modules by patching to the CV inputs.

**Sync Input:** A pulse at this input resets the Oscillator cycle. A square wave at audio frequency will produce the classic hard sync sounds. \*note: the frequency of the master must be less than the slave for sync to work properly.

**Volt Per Octave Input :** conforms to the standard used by most keyboard controllers and midi to cv converters for conventional equal temperament pitch control. 1 Volt change in potential results in 1 octave change in pitch.

**Expo CV In:** DC coupled input for Exponential pitch modulation. The CV AMT panel knob controls the depth of the modulation. Positioning the knob to the left inverts the incoming voltage and to the right the signal is non-inverted.

**FM in:** AC coupled input for Linear Frequency Modulation. Use this input for audio range or high frequency modulation. The input capacitor filters DC so LFO will have little effect. Use this input to minimize the effect of modulation on tuning. The FM DEPTH control knob is the attenuator for this input.

**Pulse Width Amount :** Controls the depth of PW modulation

**Fine adjustment of pitch**

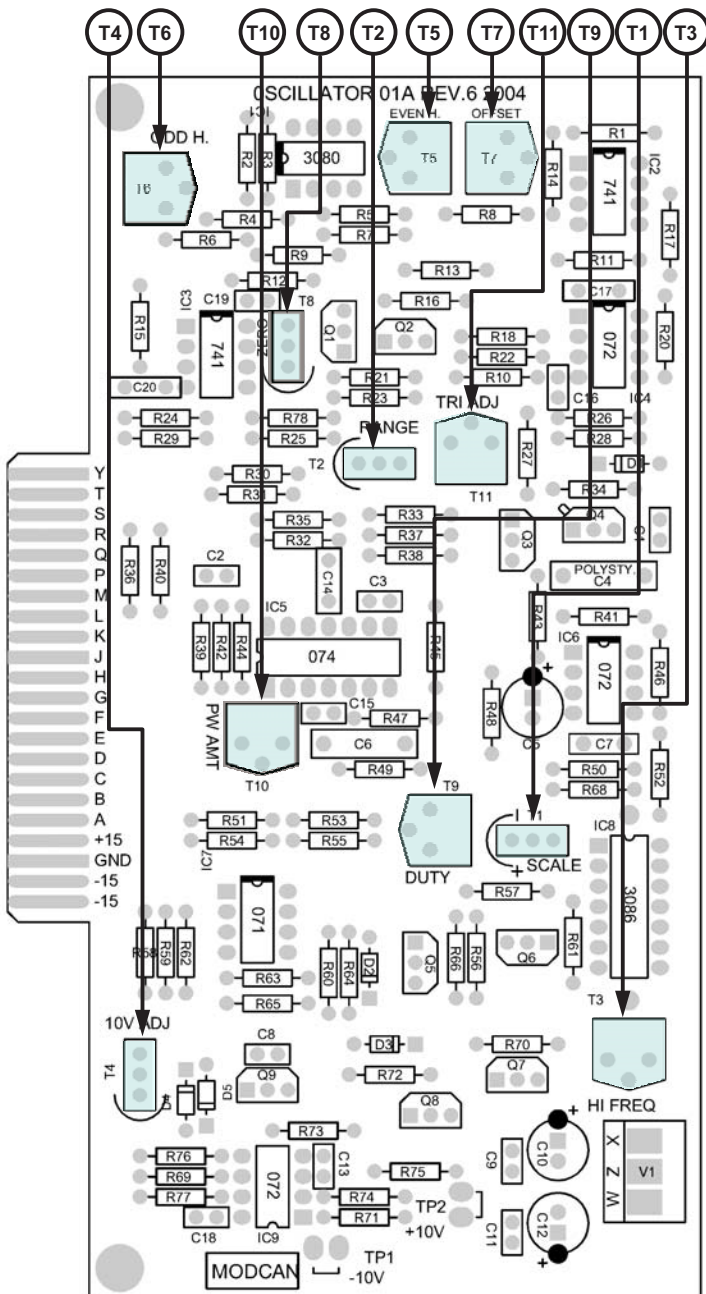
**Initial Pulse Width :** Manually sets width of square wave output

**Coarse adjustment of pitch**

**Hi/Low Switch :** When switched to **LOW** position the oscillator can function as an LFO.

# Oscillator 01A calibration procedure

The Oscillator calibration and scaling procedure is divided into two sections. The first section contains information for general calibration and is best performed by a knowledgeable technician or if you have access to test equipment and your 'feeling lucky'. The second section is for scaling only. Scaling may be required if the module has been subjected to a lot of vibration or has been exposed to wide variations in temperature. Component ageing can also effect scaling. Only perform the following steps if you suspect the Oscillators' performance has diminished from the original specifications.



## Full Calibration (requires test equipment)

**Step 1:** Connect module to appropriate Modcan approved power supply. Adjust trim T4 for exactly +10.000V at Test Point T2. Check for -10V approx. at Tp1.

**Step 2:** Using a scope, view sawtooth output and verify waveform is typical 5V pk-pk output. Approx. 2.5V DC offset.

**Step 3:** Scope the square output, and with Pulse width INI knob fully CCW adjust trim T9 for exactly 50% duty. Check for approx 5.6Vpk-pk output with 2.5V offset.

**Step 4:** Using frequency control knob set oscillator to 5kHz and set PW knob fully CW. Adjust T10 (PW AMT) so that output is 1Vpk-pk on oscilloscope. A Frequency counter is also handy here.

**Step 5:** Set Osc. To 1kHz and scope Triangle output. Adjust T11 (TRI ADJ) for symmetrical wave shape with minimal glitch. Triangle should be approx. +/-2.5V. Measure offset voltage using a DVM. Adjust T8 (Zero) trim for 0V offset.

**Step 6:** Check sine output by ear and with a scope, adjust T6(ODD H.)for best symmetry and least buzzing. Trim T5 (EVEN H.) similarly. Trim T7 (OFFSET) for 0V offset. Sine output should be approx. +/-2.5V.

## Tuning/Scaling

**Step 1:** Connect a MIDI digital keyboard with a basic sine wave patch to a midi to CV converter. patch the MIDI>CV to the Oscillator 1V/Octave input.

**Step 2:** While monitoring both SINE WAVE signals from the midi keyboard and the oscillator being tuned, play the lowest note. Tune the Oscillator to the same frequency as the reference tone using a combination of the COURSE and FINE panel controls. Try and achieve minimum beating between the two.

**Step 3:** Now play an octave above. If there is beating adjust T1 (SCALE) trim pot till a beat free octave is achieved. Adjusting the SCALE trim will effect the overall oscillator frequency so continuous re-tuning of the oscillator to the reference sine wave will be needed. Play two octaves up from the lowest note and again strive for a beat free 2 octave interval. Continue with the 3rd and 4th octaves. At approx 5-6 octaves it can become difficult to obtain perfect tuning. Trim T3 (HI FREQ) can be adjusted to compensate for flat/sharp upper frequencies.

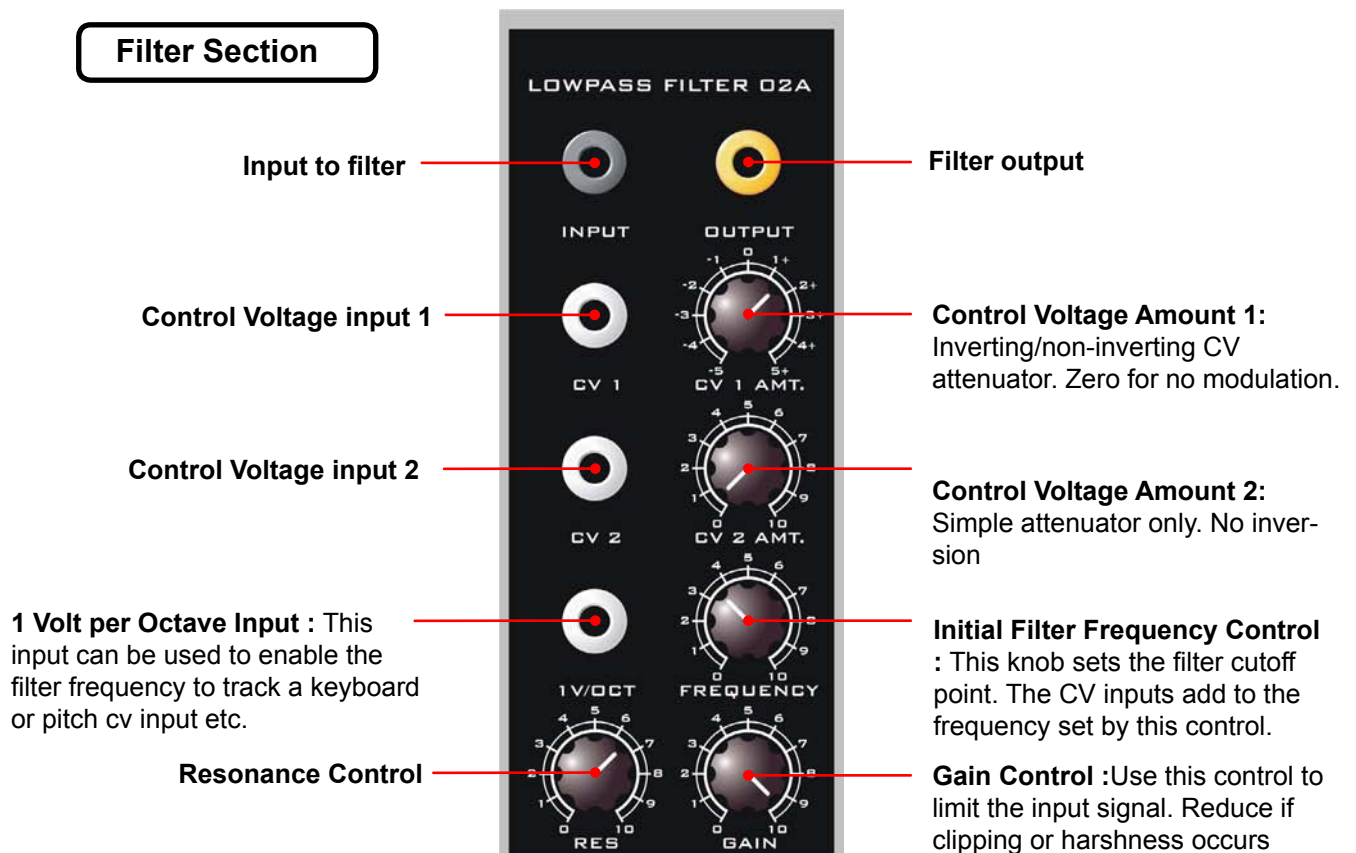
**Step 4:** With COURSE knob fully CCW and FINE at Zero input a constant 3V to the 1v/Oct input. Adjust T2 (RANGE) trim till the oscillator frequency is C-131Hz.



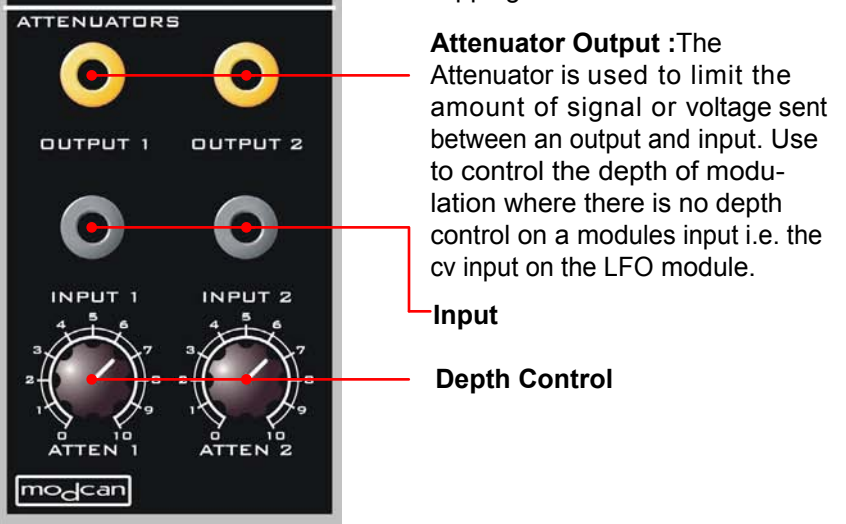
# Low-Pass Filter 02A

The Low-pass filter module is split into two sections. The top section is the filter and the lower section is the Attenuator. This is a separate module that is used in between other modules to limit the depth of control voltages for modulation

## Filter Section



## Attenuator Section



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# Quad LFO 03A

The Quad LFO is 4 simple wide range voltage controlled LFOs on one panel. Each of the four sections works independently of each other and the functions are the same for all four. This module is ideal for general purpose modulation such as sweeping filters, amplitude modulation, etc. The mix output sums all four LFOs together for complex modulation and audio range output.



**Waveform Output** : The wave output is selected by the WAVE switch to the right of the output jack. The choices are Triangle at +/-2.5V and Square 0-5V

**Waveform Select** : Three position switch to select the output wave. In the centre position the output is disconnected and the LFO is removed from the MIX output below.

**Rate Control** : Sets the frequency of the LFO section in conjunction with the CV input to the left.

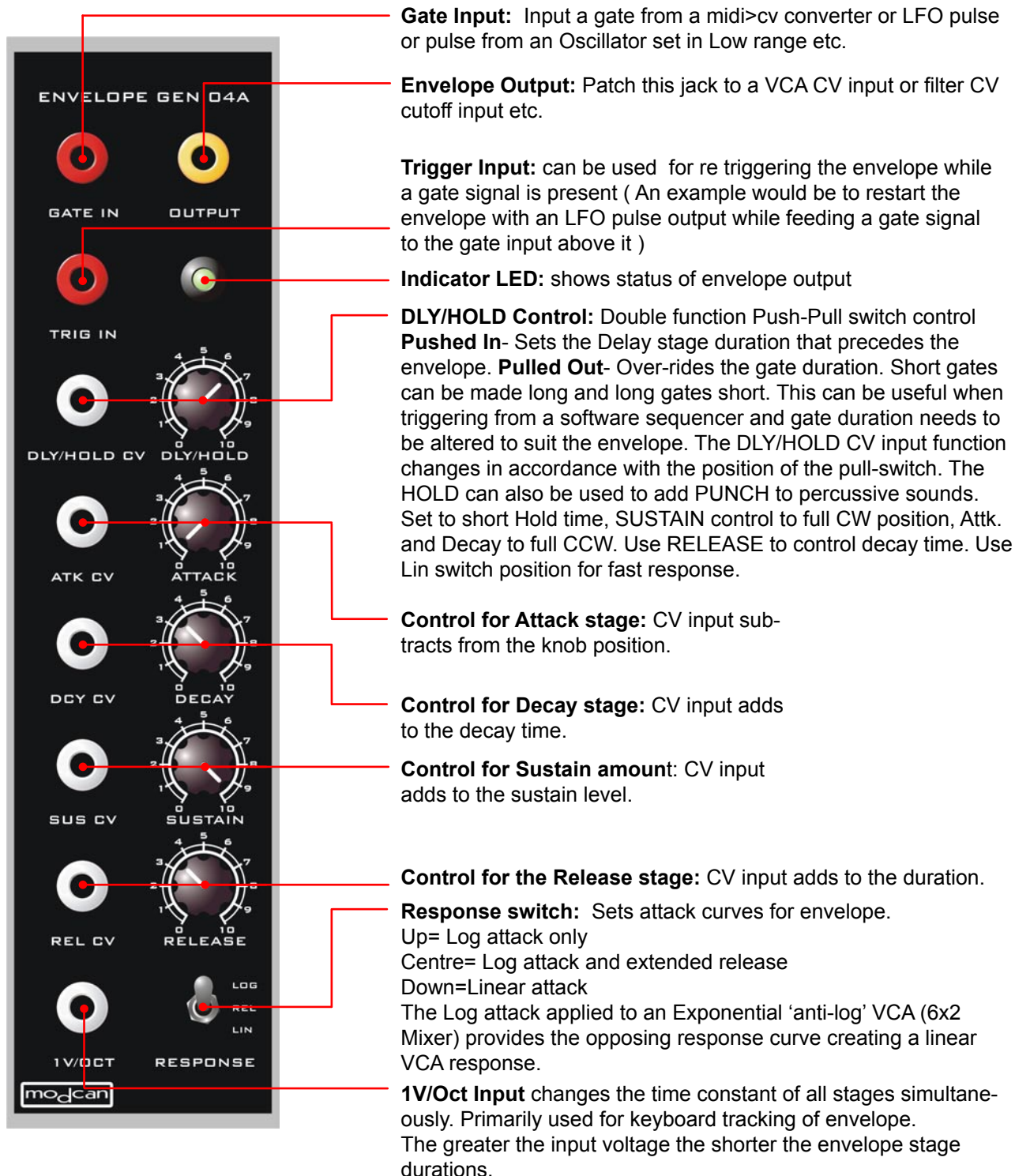
**CV Input** : Control voltage input used to modulate the LFO frequency. The response of this input is 1 Volt per Octave. Tracking the LFO with a keyboard scaled voltage will result in standard semitone intervals.

**Mix Out** : Mix out of all four LFOs. The wave switches in the centre position remove the signal from the mix output. The mix output signal is at a 2:1 ratio to reduce clipping as all outputs are DC coupled. Example: If all 4 LFO were set to Pulse and all waves were high the summed mix output would be 20V (clipping would occur)



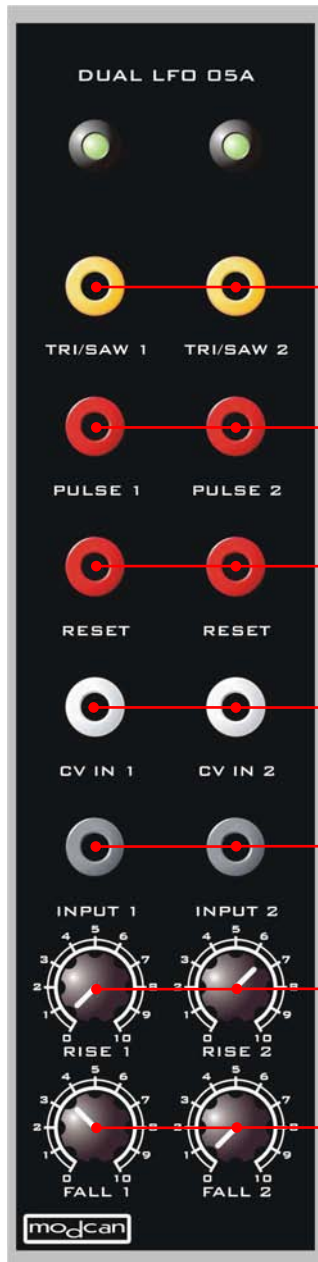
# Envelope Generator 04A

The Envelope Generator is a five stage, voltage controlled contour generator. A new HOLD function has been added to the original design for gate processing.



# Dual LFO 05A

Pull out the RISE control knobs for LFO to cycle



**The Dual LFO Module has multiple modes of operation:**

- 1/ Conventional Low Frequency Oscillator for modulation etc.
- 2/ Audio frequency sound source
- 3/ Simple AR or AD envelope generator
- 4/ VC Lag processor
- 5/ Divide by 'N' Pulse or clock divider
- 6/ Envelope follower
- 7/ A 6db low pass filter. Input an audio signal to one of the gray inputs and adjust the RISE and FALL knobs to adjust the cutoff frequency. The CV inputs enable this to be done under voltage control.

**Triangle to Sawtooth output:** This is also the output for lagged voltages and for envelope out.

**Pulse Wave Output:** Also referred to as a square wave.

The RISE and FALL controls are used to set the width and frequency of the PULSE. If a gate or trigger is applied to the RESET, the PULSE output will become a pulse or clock divider. By adjusting the RISE and FALL controls the divisions can be from 1:1 to 1:50 or more.

**Reset Input:** When using this input make sure RISE knob is pushed in. If a gate or trigger is applied to the RESET the TRI/SAW output can be used as a simple AR envelope with the Attack being controlled by the rise knob and the Decay by the fall knob. Envelope will not re fire till it has reached its' full duration. This makes it possible to use as a pulse divider.

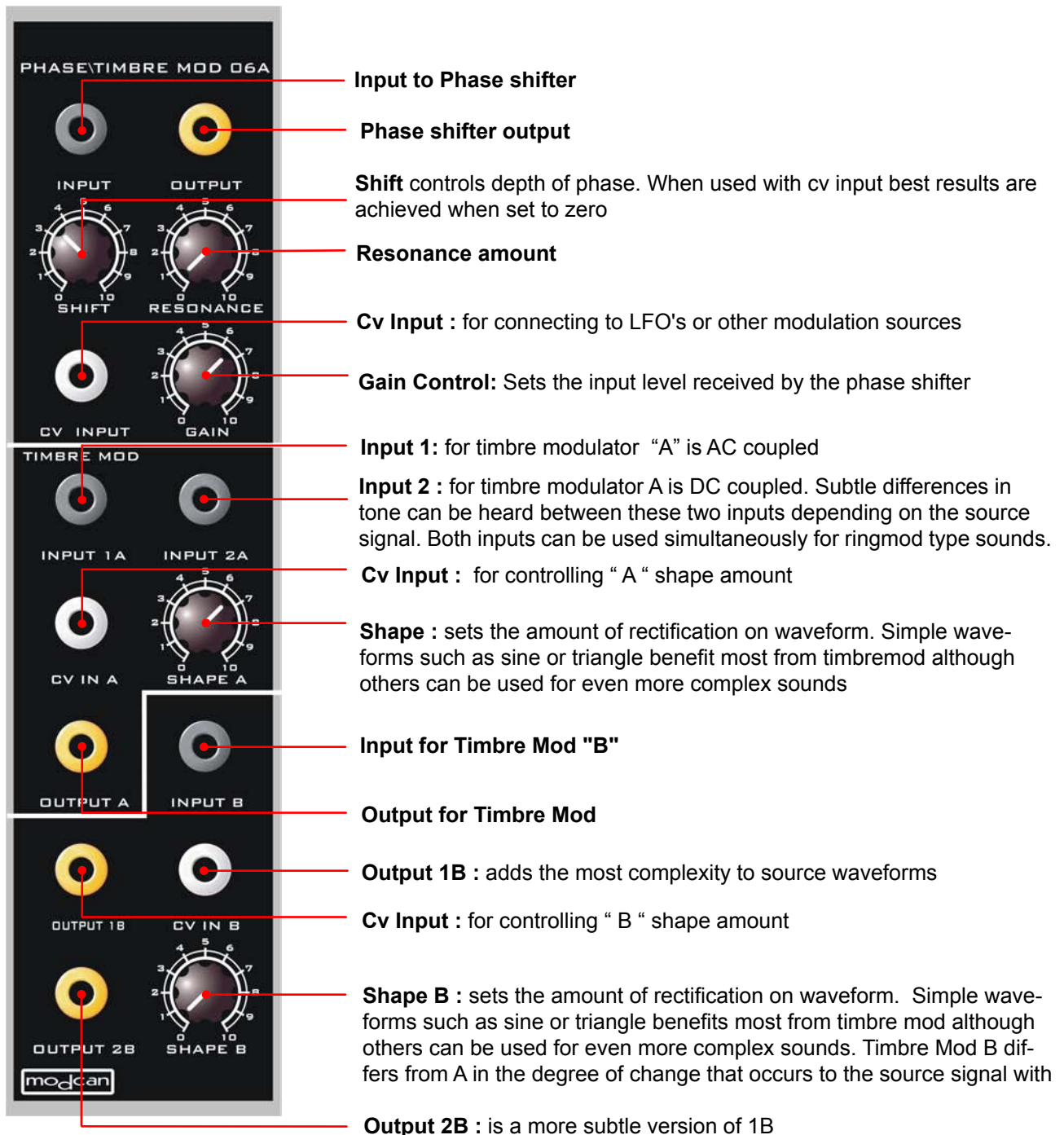
**Control Voltage input:** For external frequency control, best preceded by an attenuator as found at the bottom of the Low pass Filter or the Dual Mixer or X/Y etc. for maximum control

**Inputs:** If a Gate or Trigger is applied here the Tri/saw Outputs can be used as an envelope generator (push RISE knob in for this mode). The difference between using this input instead of the RESET input is that the envelope here will be an AD envelope and will restart with every new trigger whereas with the RESET input the envelope will not restart until it has completed its cycle. Stepped voltage can be lagged or smoothed for portamento effects. Input a stepped voltage here and adjust rise and fall for amount of glide .

**Rise and Fall Controls:** In LFO cycle mode (pull out RISE knobs) these controls set both the frequency and shape of the waveform. When both the rise and fall knobs are set equally the output is a triangle wave. If both knobs are set to different values then the waveform will be either a rising or falling sawtooth wave. For the PULSE output these controls set the duty cycle or width of the Pulse wave.

# Phase\Timbre Mod 06A

**Description: The Phase Shifter / Timbre Modulator** module is divided into two separate sections. The Phase Shifter section is a 6 pole 1080 degree phase shift with resonance and voltage controlled shift. The Timbre mod section adds harmonics to simple waveforms such as sine or triangle or any waveform for that matter. The complexity of the output is related to the source input. The Timbre Mod section is divided into 2 sections but there are 3 different effects from moderate shaping to full out distortion



# NOISE/S&H/RING 07A

Noise Source /Sample and Hold/ Ring Modulation

**White Noise Output** : Filter or Mix with other waveforms to produce percussion sounds and f/x.

**White Noise gain control**

**Random +**: This output has the same function as the one next to it. The only difference is that it outputs only a positive voltage. This is useful with the S&H to control filter cutoff etc.

**Sample & Hold Input** : patch sample voltages from LFO, Osc., Random + Noise etc. This is the source voltage input for the Gate to hold.

**Gate Input** : This is the input for patching to a gate or clock pulse from an LFO etc. The clock speed sets the duration that the sample voltage is held for.

**Smooth CV** : This input is for voltage controlling the smoothing depth

**X Input** : Patch signals from any source to this input. The output will be the sum and difference of the X and Y inputs. Both X and Y inputs must be connected to signal outputs for the Ringmod to work.

**Mix CV**: This input is for voltage control of the mix amount.

**Pink Noise Output**: Pink noise is white noise that has been filtered to emphasize the lower frequency spectrum.

**Pink Noise Gain Control**

**Random +/-**: This output is a +/- random low frequency voltage for use with the Sample and Hold section below. Patch this to the S&H input and the output will swing both positive and negative

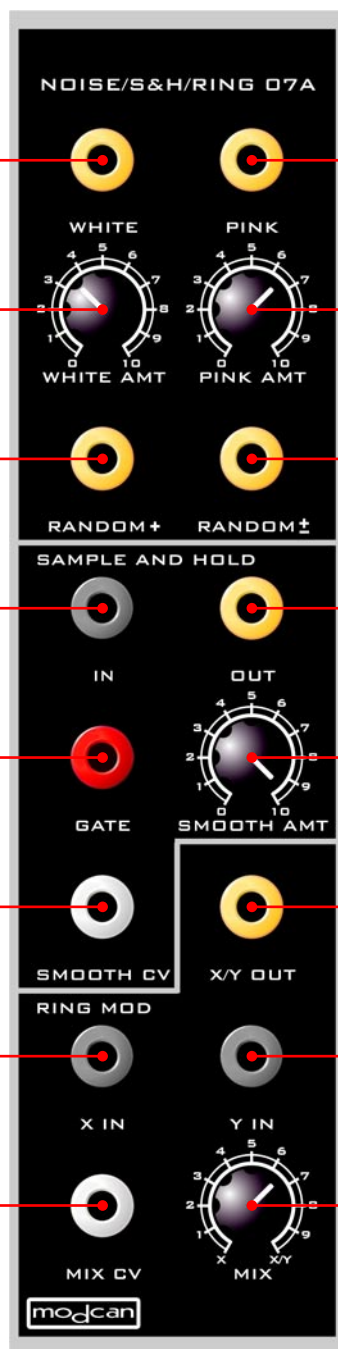
**Sample and Hold Output**

**Smooth AMT** : The setting of this knob controls the amount of lag or portamento between output voltage steps.

**X/Y Output**: This is the Ring Modulator output

**Y Input** : Same as for X input

**Mix**: Control for setting the mix between the X input and the Ring Modulated X/Y signal. This allows the user to mix in some of the original unaffected sound.



# PROCESSOR 08A

The Processor Module is made up of 4 separate utility modules. Each section functions independently and as an isolated circuit.

**Pre-Amp Input:** Connect outputs from drum machines, samplers, guitars, tape decks etc. to this input. The signal from these sources is often at a lower level than Modcan modules prefer so use this module to boost

**Envelope Follower Input:** Send the output from the Pre-amp module above to this input to create voltage envelopes that rise and fall depending on the source signal's amplitude

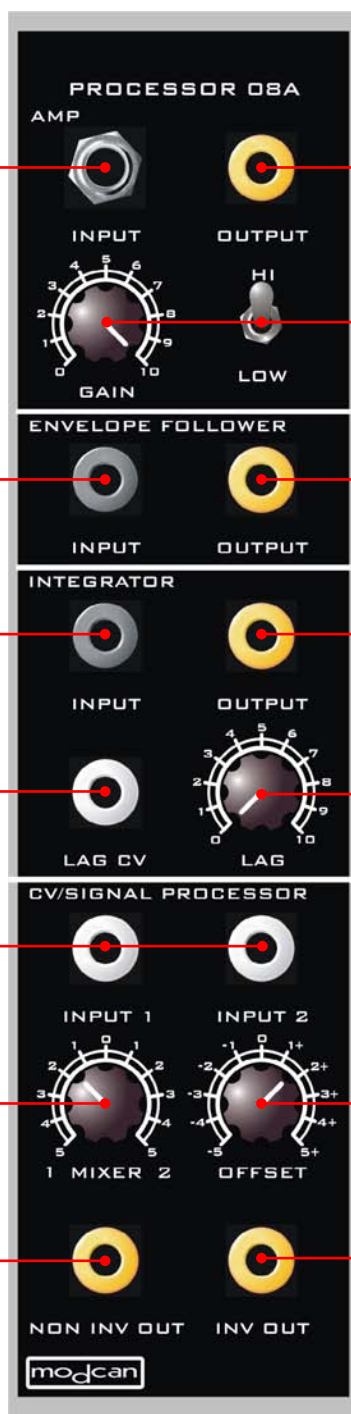
**Integrator Input:** The Integrator, also known as Lag, Slew or Portamento, is used to smooth or glide between abrupt voltage transitions.

**Lag CV:** Control voltage input for lag amount

**CV Mixer inputs**

**Input 1&2 Mix control :** Use this control to mix the inputs 1 and 2

**Non Inverting Output:** Output inversion is follows the input (no inversion)



**Pre-amp Output:** Route this to any input that would normally be used to process signals i.e. filters, Ringmod, Phaser, etc.

**Ratio Selector:** Allows selection between high or low gain boost, which can also be attenuated using the Gain Control Knob .

**Follower Output:** Route output to any control voltage input. Some uses would be opening a filter in time with individual hits in a drum loop or modulating an oscillator's pitch.

**Output:** Route to any control voltage input on another module.

**Lag Control:** Sets the time constant or amount of glide between

**Offset:** Adds or subtracts voltage to the input signal. An example of offset use is when shifting a triangle wave which swings +/- 2.5V so

**Inverting Output:** This output inverts or turns the resulting waveform upside-down. This is useful for inverting envelopes etc.



# Multimode Filter 10A

**High, Low, Band, and Notch Outputs:** Audio outputs for the 4 filter responses, available independently and simultaneously. The filter is a 2 Pole 12db/Oct design with CV Resonance.

**1 Volt per Octave Input:** This input can be used to enable the filter frequency to track a keyboard or pitch cv

**Voltage Control Input 1**

**Voltage Control Input 2**

**Resonance Control Voltage**

**Initial Resonance Amount Control**

**VCA CV Input:** The Multimode 10A has an on board pre-filter VCA that can be used to contour the audio signal before being processed by the filter. Try short attack using an envelope with filter set to full res for filter ringing effects.



**Filter Audio Input**

**Control Voltage Amount 1:** This knob works as an inverting (CCW of zero) or non-inverting (CW of zero) input modulation depth control. Set to zero for no modulation

**Control Voltage Amount 2:** This control is a modulation input attenuator with no inversion.

**Resonance Control Voltage Attenuator**

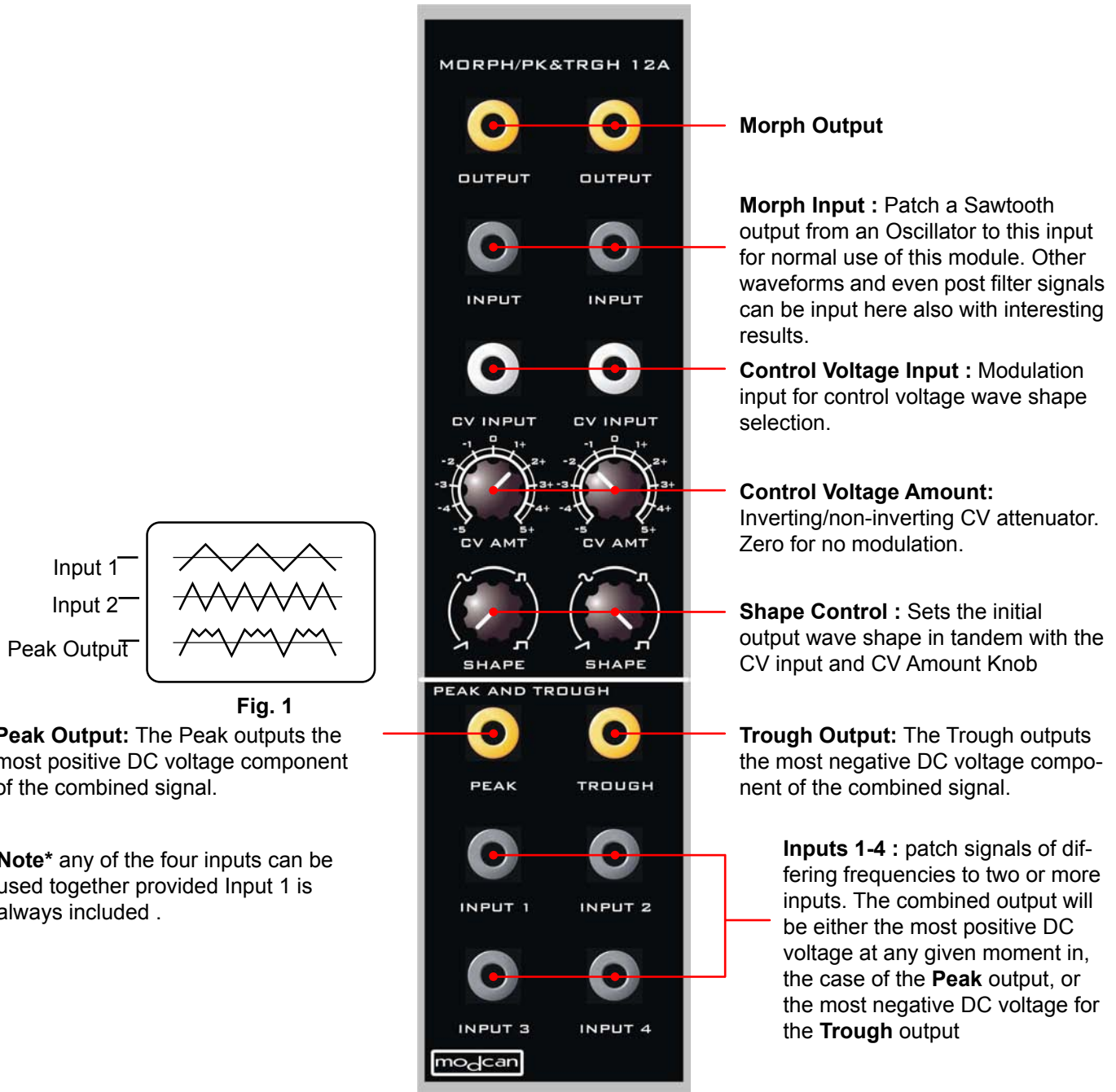
**Initial Filter Frequency Control:** This knob sets the filter cutoff point. The CV inputs add or subtract from this setting.

**Gain Control :** Use this control to limit the audio level to the filter. When using the filter with high Resonance it is often useful to reduce the input gain to eliminate distortion. Use this control to set the amount of the gain CVs' input effect..

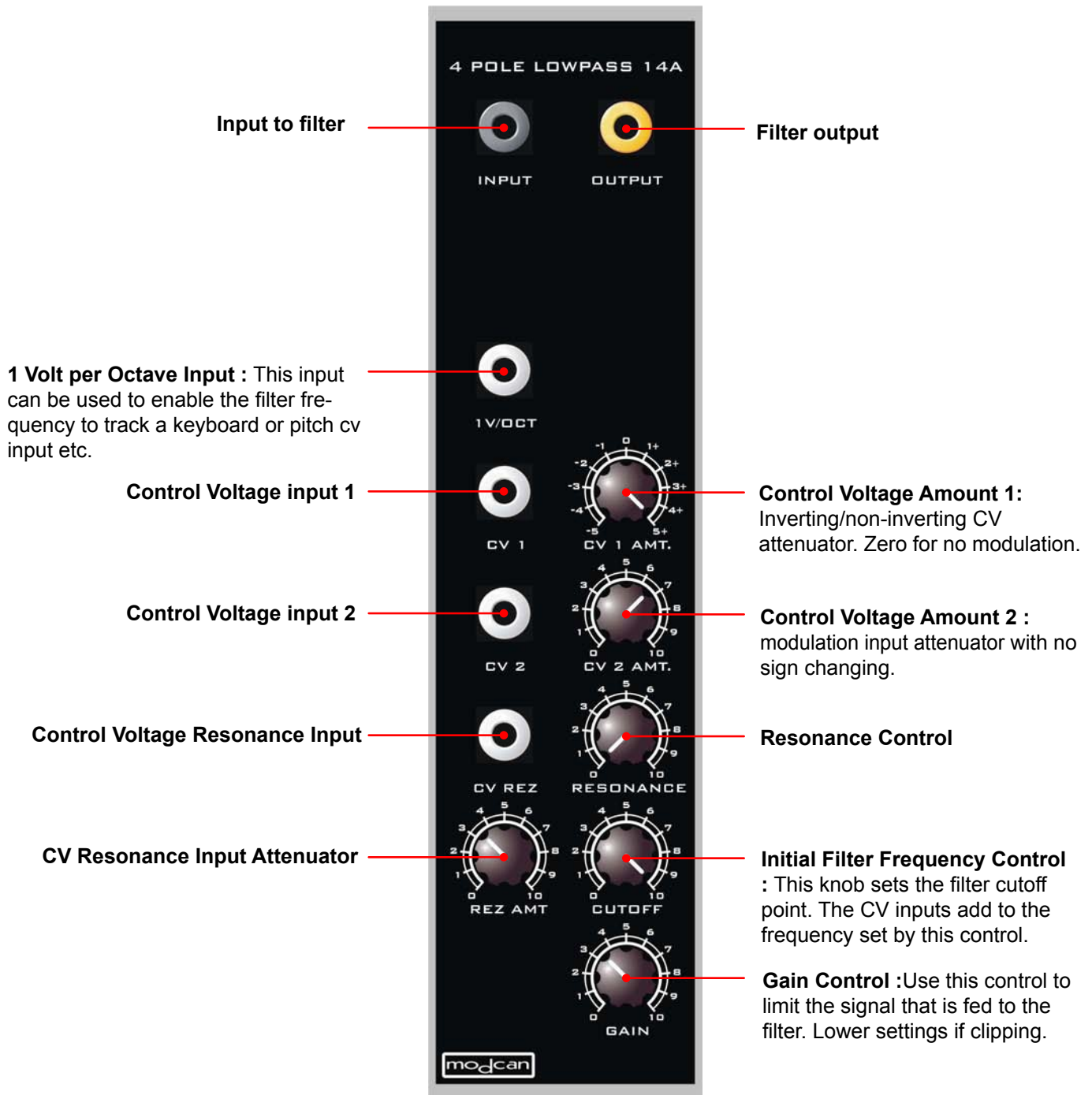


# Morph / Peak and Trough 12A

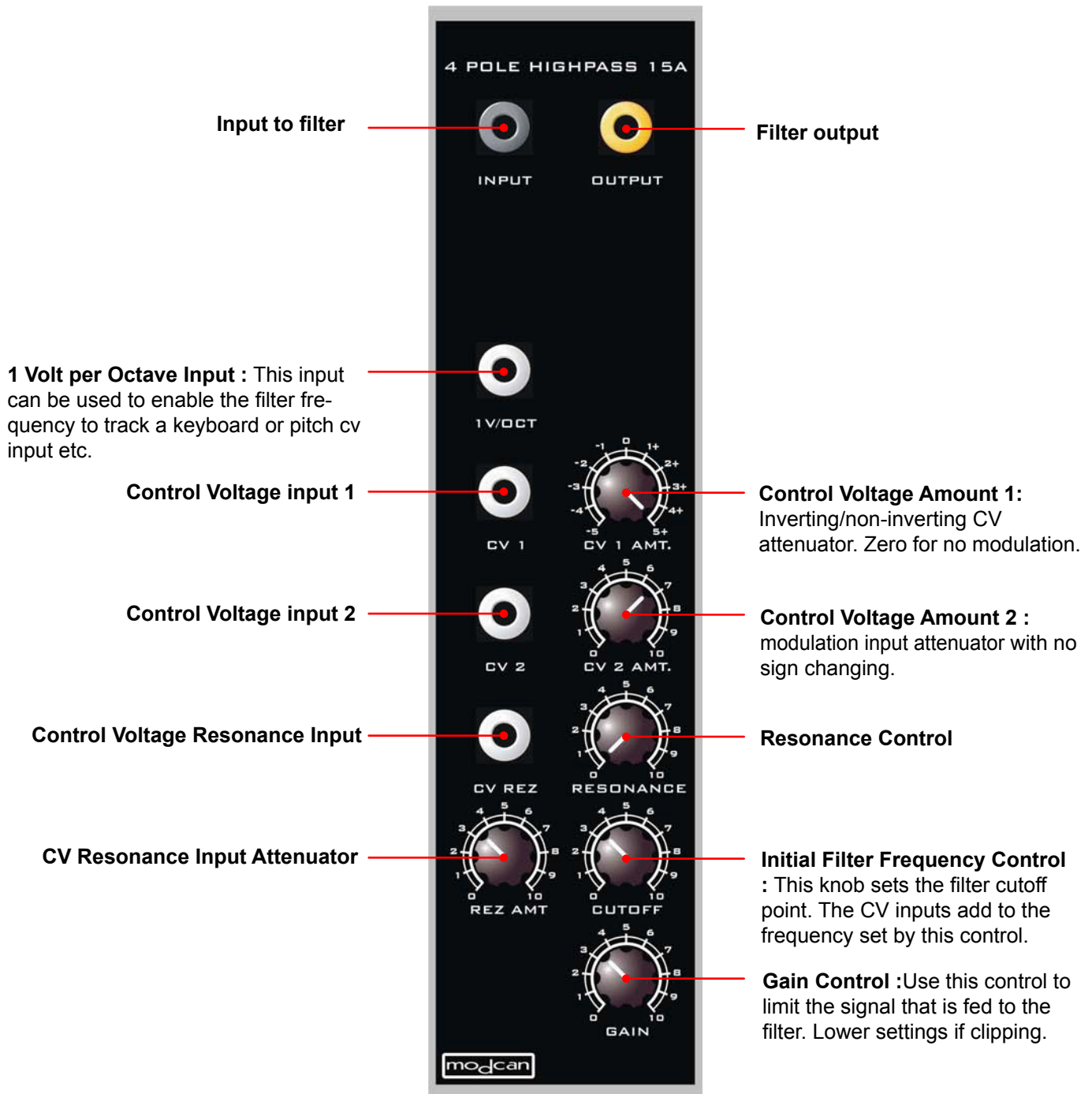
**Description :** This module has two distinct sections which are isolated . Both sections are dual modules and are divided down the centre. The Morph section is a wave shaping utility that takes a Sawtooth input and allows the user to shape or Morph it from a Saw wave through Sine to Pulse at the output. The **Peak and Trough** section combines signals and outputs the most positive or most negative DC component of the resulting combined signal. See fig.1 below



# 4 Pole Lowpass 14A



# 4 Pole Highpass 15A



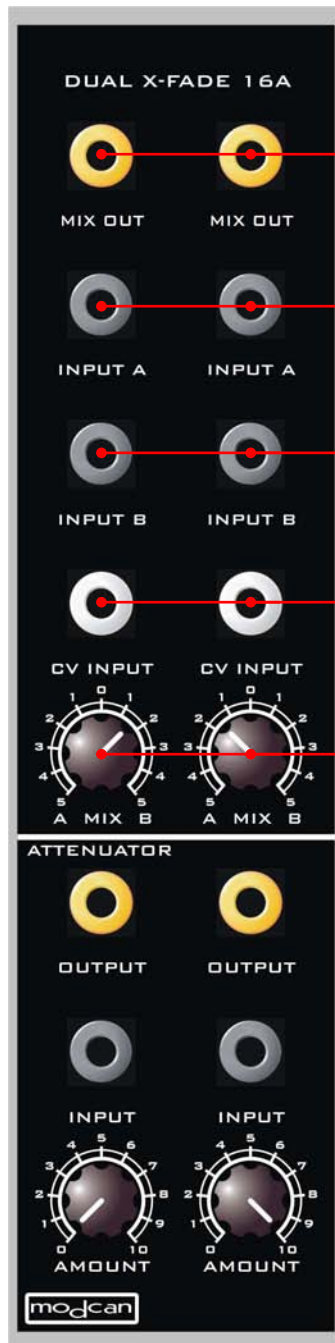
# Dual X-Fade 16A

**The Dual X-Fade Module:** Dual Module available in the two configurations.

**Optimized for CVs:** DC coupled for voltage and audio with a linear fade response. The output signal is proportional to the control input. At the centre cross fade position the output is one half or 6dB the input level. Audio cross fading is possible but the drop in level will be obvious when the mix control is centred.

**Optimized for Audio:** AC coupled and suitable for audio only. The fade response is a log curve. At the centre mix position the output is only 3dB down and therefore the drop in volume is not apparent.

Beyond these differences the two versions function in the same way.



X-Fade Output

Input A

Input B

**Control Voltage Input:** Use this input to control the cross fade mix of the Inputs A and B

**Mix Panel Control :** Sets the initial mix of Inputs A and B in conjunction with the CV input above.

**Attenuator section:** same functions as for the Lowpass 02a module.

# Sequencer 17A

This module is a 2 column 8 row Sequencer providing a stepped voltage output that can be used to generate melodies or patterns when patched to Oscillators 1 Volt Per octave input. Other uses for the Sequencer are to control the cutoff level of a filter or control the pan position or volume of a VCA. The Sequencer has an onboard quantize feature that when enabled allows for easier step tuning with semitone or major scale intervals.

**Step LED Indicators :** Indicates step status

**Column B:** The position of the knobs sets the output voltage at each step. The range is 0-5V or 5 Octaves.

**Column A:** Same as column B.

**Gate Outputs:** A gate output is available at each step of the sequence. The Led indicates which step and gate output is active. Some uses for this gate would be to trigger an envelope , LFO input or many other functions

**Manual Reset :** This button when depressed returns the sequencer to step 1

**A/B Output:** Sequencer output for Columns A & B. Pulse the Horizontal Clock below to switch between A& B making it possible to have a 16 step sequence. Patch the 1st gate output to the Horizontal Input to have the sequencer switch rows at the beginning of each cycle

**A Output:** The voltage step output set from the A column of knobs.

**B Output:** The voltage step output set from the B column of knobs.

**Quantize Mode:** Switch right= no quantize Middle position= semitone quantize. Left Position = major scale quantize

**Manual Hold :** Depress to hold on a sequence step.

**Hold Input :** patch a voltage to this input to stop the sequence from advancing. Complex rhythms can be created with use of this input.

**Reset :** pulsing this input resets the sequencer to step 1. When patched to one of the step **Gates 1-8** the gate step will reset the sequence

**Random:** Holding the Random input high (+5V) will cause the step order to be randomized with each new clock pulse.

**Clock Input :** Patch the Clock module to this input or use a Square wave from an Oscillator or LFO in LOW Range mode to clock the sequencer.

**UP/Down :** Patch a voltage to this input to reverse the cycle of the sequencer. This can be used to extend the pattern possibilities

**Horizontal Clock :** A clock from an LFO or other source can be used to switch between the two columns. Use the A/B output to patch



# MIX/LAG 18A

The Mixer section of the 18A provides a simple way to combine multiple signals. Suitable for Audio or CVs

**Mix Output :** final output for the Mix section.

**Input One:** One of three inputs that can be mixed together with added offset.

**Input Two**

**Input Three**

**VC LAG:** Lag is another word for Portamento or Glide. The most common use for Lag is to smooth stepped voltage from a sequencer output or keyboard etc. The VC Lag can also be used with filters or anywhere a smoothed control voltage is desired. This is a Dual module and the amount of Lag is set either with the LAG amount knob or by Control Voltage via the CV input.



**OFFSET Control:** The Offset control adds or subtracts voltage from the mixed inputs. The range is +/-5 volts. Leave this control at "0" if no offset is required. For Audio mixing leave this set to zero

**Level 1 Control:** Inverting/non-inverting CV attenuator.

**Level 2 Control**

**Level 3 Control**

**Lag Output :**Example: Patch to 1V/Oct input of an Oscillator or a filter CV input etc.

**Lag Input :** Example: Patch from the output of a Midi>CV module or Sequencer etc.

**CV Input:** Example: Patch to the Tri/Saw Output on an LFO set to a slow rate

**Lag Amount :** Sets the depth of the Lags effect in conjunction with the CV input



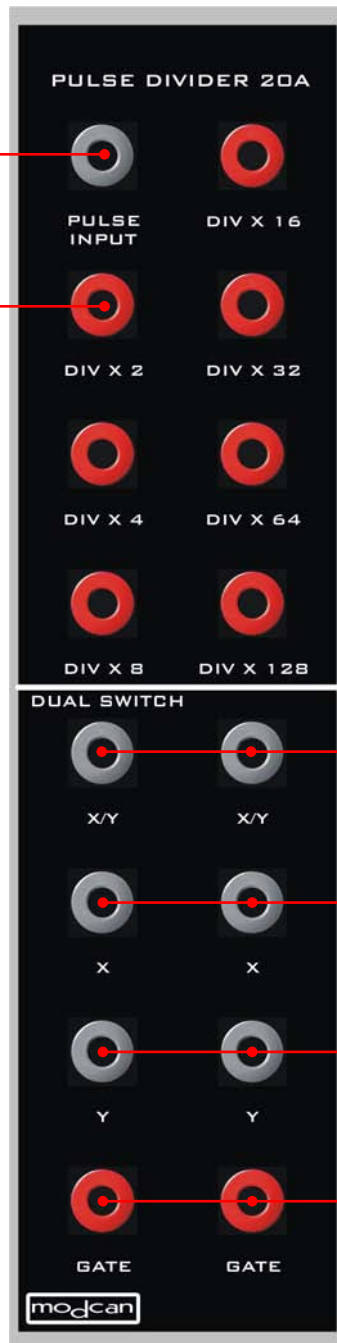
# Pulse Divider 20A

**Description:** The **Pulse Divider /Dual Switch** module is a dual function module. The top section is the pulse divider and is used to divide a pulse, clock or gate signal from an oscillator, LFO etc. This is an excellent module to use with the **Sequencer** module for gate control of envelopes and LFO's. The Pulse Divider can also work like an octave divider with audio range square or pulse waveforms. **The Dual Switch** section of this module allows the user to input two audio or voltage control sources into the X and Y inputs and then using a gate to switch between the two. When the gate voltage is high the X input is available at the X/Y output and when the gate is low the Y input. The pulse divider and switch work well together as the divisions allow for long switch times divided from a fast clock input.

**Pulse Input:** Patch the Square wave output from an Oscillator or a clock from an LFO pulse output or gate from a midi>cv module etc.

**Divide by 2:** outputs the input clock frequency divided by a factor of 2. The other outputs divide the input by the factors displayed for each jack.

**\*NOTE:** The function of the Switch module can be reversed so that one input can be sent to one of two outputs with the gate switching between them. Patch a signal to the X/Y jack and the X and Y jacks become outputs that can be patched to any other module.



**X/Y Output/Input:** When the gate input is high (+5V) the X input is switched to the out. When low (0V) the Y input is switched to the output. See note\*

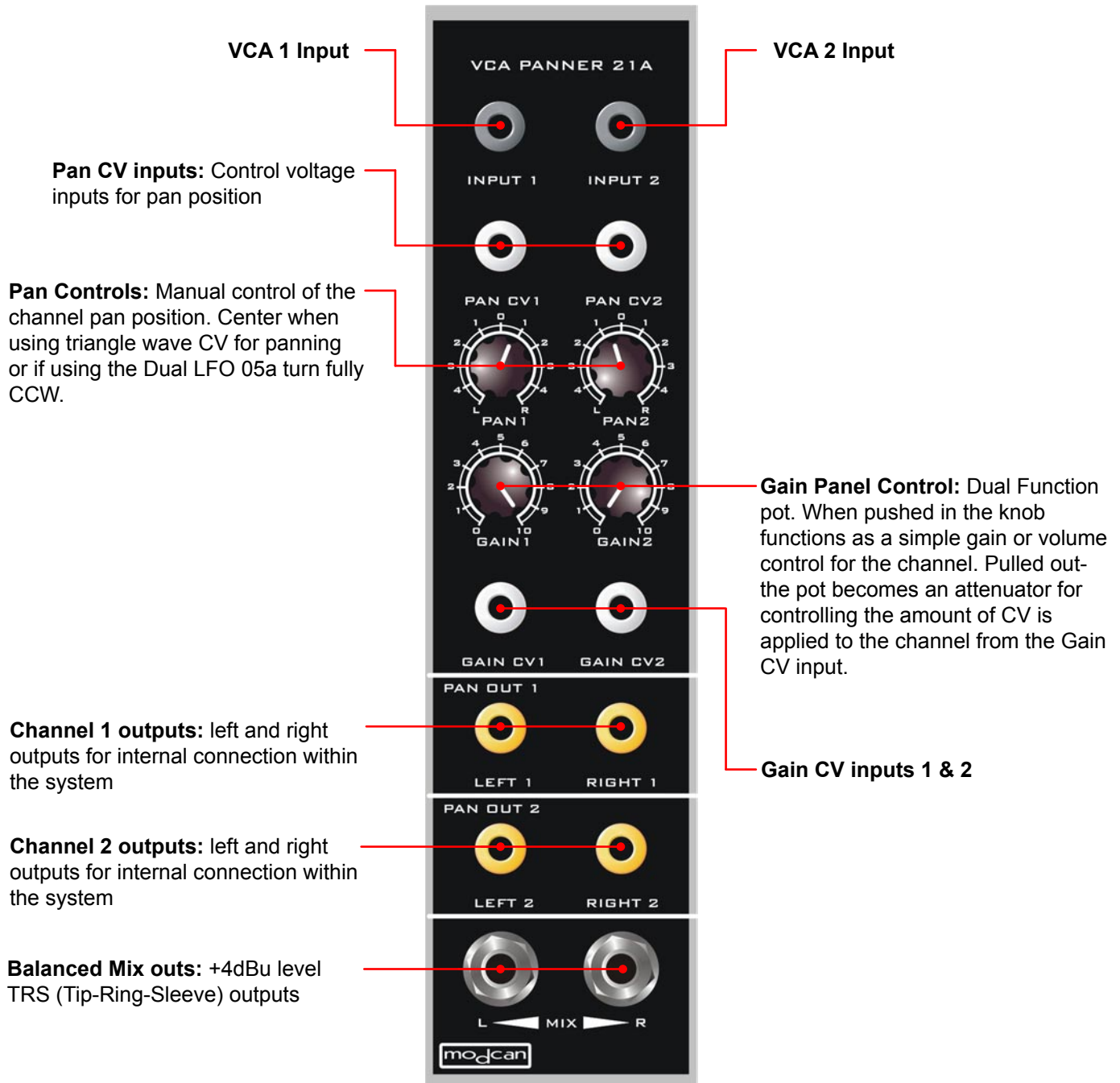
**X Input/Output\***

**Y Input/Output\***

**Gate Input**

# VCA Panner 21A

**Description:** The VCA Panner 21A is a two channel mixer employing low noise, Class 'A' VCAs for voltage controlled gain and panning. The two VCA sections have banana jack outputs for VCA1 and VCA2 and mix out balanced TRS 1/4" jacks for connection to mixing desks etc.



# MiniWave 22A

The MiniWave 22a is a Modcanization of the Wiard/Blacet design.

The 22a is a device for outputting waveform samples stored in a digital memory (EEPROM) in response to an analog voltage. **Note:** see calibration information for optimal use with Modcan Oscillators.



## Calibrating the Miniwave for Modcan use.

There can exist some slight variation in output level between oscillators.

For optimal use, select one oscillator to use as the drive signal and calibrate the Miniwave to this signal.

**Procedure:** input a sawtooth waveform from the Osc. 01a. Set input switch to +5V at the bottom of the panel. Set Miniwave to Bank 0, Wave 0. By ear or with a scope, adjust trimpot RT1 on the circuit board for cleanest sine wave (minimal buzzing)

**Wave Out:** Audio or voltage output

**Input:** Audio or voltage input. For typical operation a sawtooth wave is used to drive the Miniwave. When using an 01a Osc set Input select switch to +5V. Use the same position when inputting voltage for quantizing. Set Input select switch to +/-2.5 for sine or triangle and audio signals.

**Output Sel:** Selector switch. Set to 'NORMAL' for all banks except 15. Select 'Quantize' for Bank 15 as the quantizer bank requires a different output level to function correctly. The same is true for any 3rd party quantizer ROMs as well.

**Bank Indicator LEDs:** The Leds indicate the status of the bank selection. A Binary numbering system is used. When LED 1 is on, bank one is selected. LED 1,2, and 4 indicate Bank 7 is selected etc. Simply add the numbers next to the lit LEDs together to get the value. Bank 15 is all Leds on. Bank 0 is all LEDs off.

**Bank Select:** Use to select Banks 0-15.

**Bank Select CV AMT:** Panel control attenuator and jack for control voltage bank select.

**Wave Select:** Panel control for selection of Waves 0-15. Each of the 16 banks contains 16 waves for a total of 256. The LED indicators to the left use the same numbering system as the LED Bank indicators.

**Wave Select CV AMT:** Panel control attenuator and jack for control voltage wave select.

**Prom Select:** In the A position the factory EEPROM is selected.

B is for the optional EEPROM that can be purchased from 3rd party sources. (See Blacet web site and <http://stretta.com/~matthew/resources/waveproms/index.html>)

**Input Select:** Switch to select the offset suitable for the input signal.

## Settings for input signals:

Sawtooth=+5V

Triangle/Sine= +/-2.5V

Voltage for quantizing= +5V

Audio from external source= +/-2.5V.

# Mini Wave Operation

**Bank and Wave Select Pots, CV ins and Attenuators, LEDs:** The 256 waveforms available are arranged as 16 Banks of 16 Waves each. The Bank or Wave select pots can be used alone or in combination with the CV inputs to select the waveform. When CVs are used, the CV Attenuator Pot reduces the CV level.

The CV ins can be connected to LFOs, ADSRs, analog sequencers, MIDI to CV converters or any other source of DC in the range of 0-5V. Negative CVs can be used providing the pots are turned CW to some extent. This would be useful for sweeping the Bank and Wave selection in a reverse or downward direction.

Bank or Wave locations are indicated in binary on the 8 LEDs. To read the location, **add** the numbers along side the lit LEDs. For example, if #1, #2 and #4 are lit, the location is bank or wave 7.

See the "Waveforms" manual for more information.

**EPROM Select:** There are two EPROM locations on the PCB. "A" is the factory supplied memory. "B" is an optional EPROM, not supplied.

**Audio or Voltage Input, Input Voltage Select Switch:** To use the MW as a **tracking oscillator**, input a +5V sawtooth wave from an Oscillator 01a. Place the Input Select switch in the "+5V" position. Trim pots RT1 and RT2 may have to be adjusted for lowest distortion.

Tri or Sine waves that output a +/-2.5V signal may be used by placing the Input Select switch in the +/- 2.5 position.

The waveforms pictured in the Waveforms Manual are generated by a positive going sawtooth. Some VCOs from other manufacturers may have a negative going sawtooth and the waveforms will be reversed. This will not change the waveform sound but may effect use as a LFO, etc.

For use as a **distortion unit**, amplify external audio signals to +/-2.5V and use the same input select switch position

For use as a **complex wave LFO**, input a triangle or sawtooth LFO with a +5V or +/-2.5V swing, setting the Input Voltage Select switch accordingly.

For **quantizer** functions, select Bank 15. A 0-5V input will result in the following scales when the output is connected to a standard 1V/oct VCO. Trimpot RT4 adjusts the tracking. Adjust only if necessary as calibration has already been done.

- **Wave 0:** 0 Chromatic 12 notes per octave (4 steps per note)
- **Wave 1:** Diatonic Major (C-D-E-F-G-A-B) Eight per octave (6 steps per note)
- **Wave 2:** Diatonic Harmonic Minor (C-D-D#-F-G-G#-B) Eight per octave (6 steps per note)
- **Wave 3:** Diatonic Natural Minor (C-D-D#-F-G-G#-A#) Eight per octave (6 steps per note)
- **Wave 4:** Diatonic Dorian Mode (C-D-D#-F-G-A-A#) Eight per octave (6 steps per note)
- **Wave 5:** Diatonic Phygian Mode (C-C#-D#-F-G-G#-A#) Eight per octave (6 steps per note)
- **Wave 6:** Diatonic Lydian Mode (C-D-E-F#-G-A-B) Eight per octave (6 steps per note)
- **Wave 7:** Diatonic Aolian Mode (C-D-E-F-G-G#-A#) Eight per octave (6 steps per note)
- **Wave 8:** Whole Tone (C-D-E-F#-G#-A#) 6 notes per octave (8 steps per note)
- **Wave 9:** Pentatonic (C#-D#-F#-G#-A#) 5 notes per octave (10 steps per note)
- **Wave 10:** C Major (C-E-G) 3 notes per octave (17 steps per note)
- **Wave 11:** A minor (C-E-A)
- **Wave 12:** G Major (D-G-B)
- **Wave 13:** F major (C-F-A)
- **Wave 14:** D major (D - F# - A)
- **Wave 15:** 5 Octaves, one note per octave (46 steps per note)

**Output Jack:** The Voltage Select switch also determines the output swing of the MW. Since the memory used in the MW is only 8 bit, you can expect the sound to be a bit low fi, with some odd noises present on occasion.

## Calibration

### RT1: Input Span

**RT2: Input Offset.** Both RT1 and RT2 are adjusted for minimum output distortion with Bank 0 and Wave 0 selected, with a sawtooth wave input. Use the +5V switch position. An oscilloscope is the optimal device for this adjustment. These adjustments are designed to match the MW to the specific VCO used for the input. Changing models of VCO may require recalibration.

**RT3: Output Offset.** Set Bank 0 and Wave 0. Input a 1Khz (nominal) sawtooth. Use the "+/-2.5V" switch position. Adjust the Output voltage for 0V. The sawtooth wave will have to be offset using a Dual mixer etc. to make it +/-2.5V

**RT4: V/Oct.** Set Bank 15 and Wave 15. Use the "+ 5V " switch position and set the output selector switch to 'Quantize' Input +5V and adjust RT4 till the output is exactly +5.0V This adjustment ensures that the quantizer functions of the MW are set for best accuracy.

## Options

To insert an EPROM into the "B" location, power down the module and pull it from the rack so that the PCB can be accessed. Use an antistatic wrist strap during this procedure.

Locate the blank 28 pin LIF socket and insert a programmed 27C512. Note the orientation of the IC is the same as all other ICs on the board, notch to the left or toward the front panel. To remove the IC, press down on the "flippers" on each end of the socket with equal pressure.

For information on programming waveform EPROMs for the Mini Wave, please visit our web site at [blacet.com](http://blacet.com).

## Specifications

Front Panel Size: 5.25 x 3" W

Module Depth: 6"

Input/Output Jacks: 3.5 mm (1/8")

Waveforms: 256 (16 Banks X 16 Waves)

Samples per Waveform: 256 (8 bit)

CV Range: 0-5V

Input Level: +/-2.5V or 0-5V audio or DC

Output Level: +/-2.5V or 0-5V audio or DC

DA converter accuracy: typical 0.19%

Power: +/-15 Vdc @+65/-18 mA

## Circuit Description

The MW2090 is basically a device for outputting waveform samples stored in digital memory in response to an analog voltage level.

The basic elements of the circuit include three AD (Analog to Digital) convertors: U2, U3 and U12, an address latch: U11, an EPROM (Electrically Programmable Read Only Memory): U9 (and optionally, U10) and a DA (Digital to Analog) convertor.

U2 and U4 serve to convert the control voltages presented by R1, J1, R3, and J2 into two 4 bit nibbles which are used to address the EPROM chips 256 wave and bank locations. U11 temporarily stores the address information until the input waveform at J3 reaches zero. This makes for cleaner transitions when new waveforms are selected.

The third AD convertor, U12, is designed to provide a further EPROM address function by selecting the 256 **samples** present in each waveform. This converter is fast enough so that audio signals can be decoded. With a positive going sawtooth waveform, the gradually ascending sawtooth voltage level will be converted to an ascending EPROM address, resulting in a sequential readout of the 256 waveform samples present in the selected EPROM memory block.

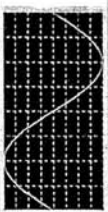
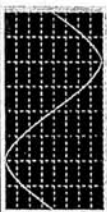
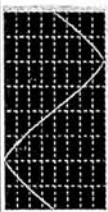
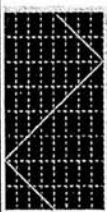
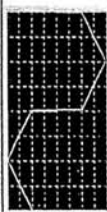
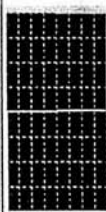
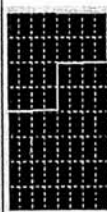

The digital samples are converted to an analog waveform by U8 and op amp U7. C13 in the feedback loop of U7 filters the output to smooth the stepped nature of the DA convertor output.

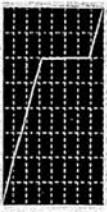
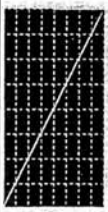
S1 is used to select the factory or optional EPROM by grounding pin 20, Device Enable of U9 or U10.

S2 is used to offset the input and output voltages levels so that signals can span +/-2.5V or 0-+5V In the +5V position, S2a along with D5 turns U11 into a transparent latch so that the wave address can be changed even when the input signal to the MW does not go thru zero. This is typical when using the quantizing function of Bank 15.



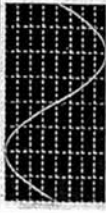
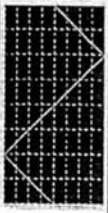
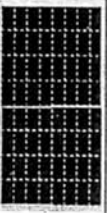
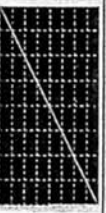
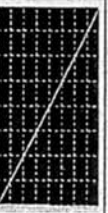
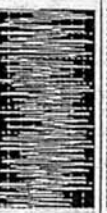
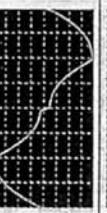

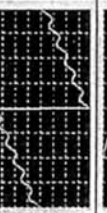
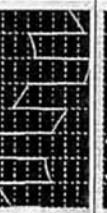

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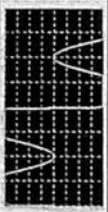



Bank 0	This bank does a coarse morph (a morph with few transitional steps) through a number of primary waveforms. It is useful as both a static waveform source as well as a modulated bank. Scanning the waveform bank provides an increase in harmonic content as you select higher numbered waveforms.
	Waveform 0: A single-cycle sine wave.
	Waveform 1: First intermediate morph to a triangle wave.
	Waveform 2: Second intermediate morph to a triangle.
	Waveform 3: Fully morphed to a triangle.
	Waveforms 4-6: Three intermediate morphs to Waveform 7. (Example shown is Waveform 5)
	Waveform 7: Fully morphed to a single-cycle square wave.
	Waveforms 8-10: Three intermediate morphs to Waveform 11. (Example shown is Waveform 9)
	Waveform 11: Fully morphed to a 25% pulse wave.

Bank 0 Continued	
	Waveforms 12-14: Three intermediate morphs to Waveform 15. (Example shown is Waveform 13)
	Waveform 15: Fully morphed to a single-cycle descending sawtooth.

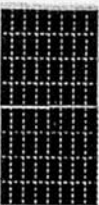
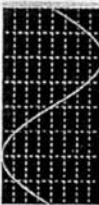

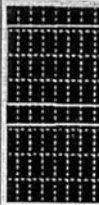
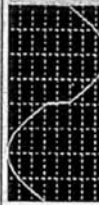
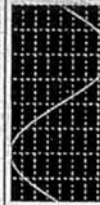
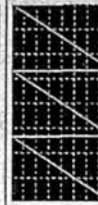
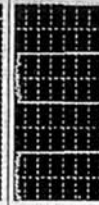




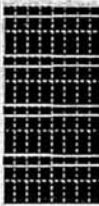


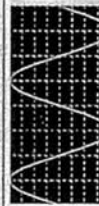
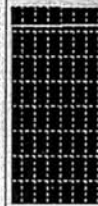

# BANK 1

Bank 1	A variety of standard, and some not-so-standard waveforms created by Darwin Grosse.
	Waveform 0: A single-cycle sine wave.
	Waveform 1: A single-cycle triangle wave.
	Waveform 2: A single-cycle square wave.
	Waveform 3: A single-cycle ascending sawtooth wave.
	Waveform 4: A single-cycle descending sawtooth wave.
	Waveform 5: A noisy pseudo-random wave.
	Waveform 6: Darwin's SharkFin wave.
	Waveform 7: Darwin's GrandTeton wave.
	Waveform 8: Darwin's RippleZip wave.
	Waveform 9: Darwin's SkyScraper wave.
	Waveform 10: Darwin's Batman wave.

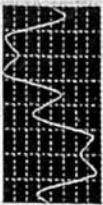


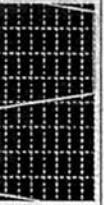

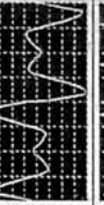
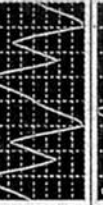


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	Waveform 11: Darwin's FoxBat wave.
	Waveform 12: Darwin's NeckBrace wave.
	Waveform 13: Darwin's Transmission wave.
	Waveform 14: Darwin's Diamond wave.
	Waveform 15: Darwin's Alternating Currents wave.

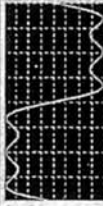
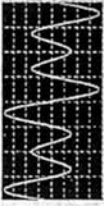
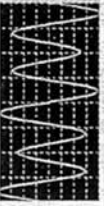
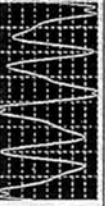
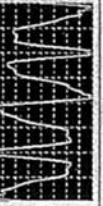
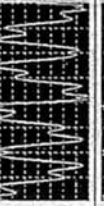

# BANK 2

Bank 2	A variety of waveforms - this bank was meant to be "stepped through" with an analog sequencer (usually with a drone pitch) to give a "wave-sequence" effect. A combination of jarring and subtle changes provides a natural rhythm when used in this manner.
	Waveform 0: A single-cycle square wave.
	Waveform 1: A single-cycle sine wave.
	Waveform 2: A "nasty" random waveform.
	Waveform 3: A two-cycle 20% pulse wave.
	Waveform 4: A modified sine wave with vertical offset (which adds a bit of an overdriven sound).
	Waveform 5: A single-cycle sine wave.
	Waveform 6: A three-cycle ascending sawtooth wave.
	Waveform 7: A two-cycle square wave with a slight bit of noise and tube-like overdrive.
	Waveform 8: Another jarring random waveform.



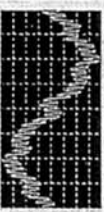



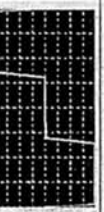
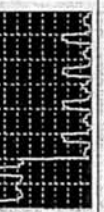


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	Waveform 9: A single-cycle descending sawtooth wave.
	Waveform 10: A four-cycle 15% pulse wave.
	Waveform 11: A single-cycle ascending sawtooth with a significant amount of added third harmonic.
	Waveform 12: A sample-and-hold styled random waveform.
	Waveform 13: A two-cycle sine wave.
	Waveform 14: A single-cycle 12% pulse wave.
	Waveform 15: A single-cycle triangle wave with a slight bit of added noise.




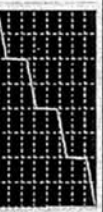
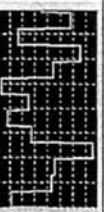
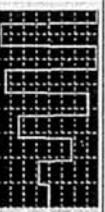
# BANK 3

Bank 3	A number of oddball waveforms (some by Darwin Grosse), as well as a morph series (waves 9-15).
	Waveform 0: Darwin's Lumpy wave.
	Waveform 1: Darwin's NineSteps wave.
	Waveform 2: Darwin's Steeplechase wave.
	Waveform 3: A sloped square wave.
	Waveform 4: A pseudo-random waveform
	Waveform 5: A long-eared version of the FoxBat.
	Waveform 6: A spiky dual-saw wave.
	Waveform 7: A slightly noisy sawtooth wave.
	Waveform 8: Darwin's DoubleDip wave.

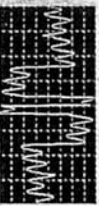
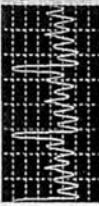


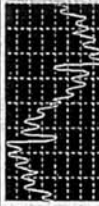





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	Waveform 9: A modified version of the DoubleDip wave, used as the beginning of a morph pattern.
	Waveform 10: The first morph step to Waveform 15.
	Waveform 11: The second morph step to Waveform 15.
	Waveform 12: The third morph step to Waveform 15.
	Waveform 13: The fourth morph step to Waveform 15.
	Waveform 14: The fifth morph step to Waveform 15.
	Waveform 15: The final step of the morph series - a moderately active, "rounded random" waveform.

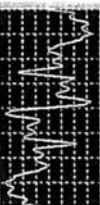
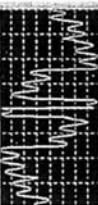

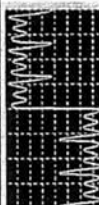
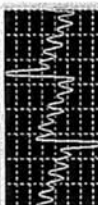
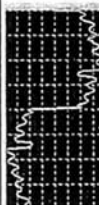
# BANK 4

Bank 4	The waveforms in this bank are made for use as cyclical sequences. If you drive the Mini-Wave module at extremely low rates, the output of the waveshaper will be an excellent source for interesting pitch and filter modulations.	
	Waveform 0	
	Waveform 1	
	Waveform 2	
	Waveform 3	
	Waveform 4	
	Waveform 5	
	Waveform 6	
	Waveform 7	
	Waveform 8	
	Waveform 9	

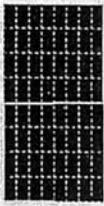
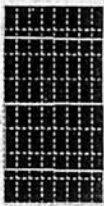
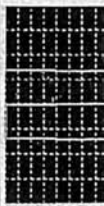
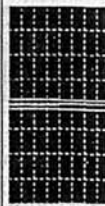
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	Waveform 10
	Waveform 11
	Waveform 12
	Waveform 13
	Waveform 14
	Waveform 15

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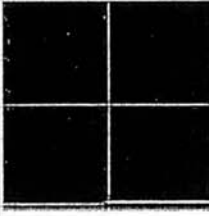
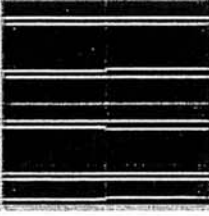
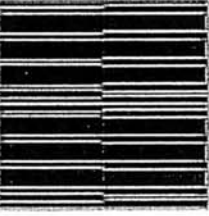
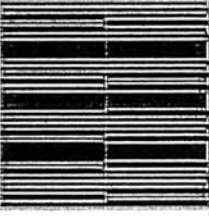
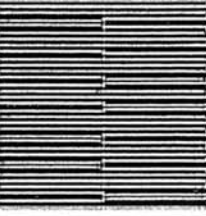
Bank 5	The waveforms in Bank 5, like Bank 4 are made for use as cyclical sequences. These sequence generally have rounded edges, so are more useful as controller sequences for filters or VCAs.
	Waveform 0
	Waveform 1
	Waveform 2
	Waveform 3
	Waveform 4
	Waveform 5
	Waveform 6
	Waveform 7
	Waveform 8
	Waveform 9

Bank 5 Continued	
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	Waveform 11
	Waveform 12
	Waveform 13
	Waveform 14
	Waveform 15

## BANK 6

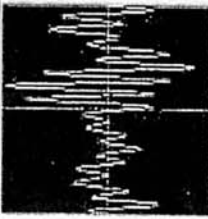

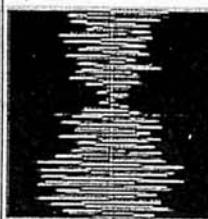

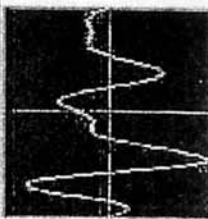
Bank 6	Bank 6 features a funky modulation called 'square wave compression'. Basically, this morphs from a standard square wave into a narrow pulse set, with a high concentration of DC offset. This can either be used as an audio source, or as a pulse source for other modular sub-systems.
	Waveform 0: The modulation series starts with a single-cycle square wave.
	Waveform 5: The modulation series becomes a more compressed square.
	Waveform 10: The square wave is getting seriously compressed...
	Waveform 15: ...until it is a tiny portion of the entire waveform.

## BANK 7

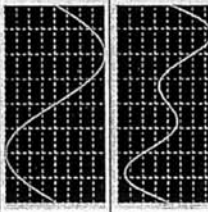
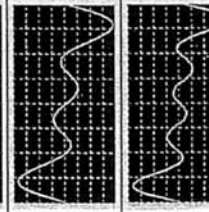
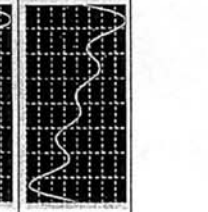


Bank 7	A binary rate multiplier (CD 4089) - this bank provides harsh harmonic sweeps (at audio rates) and drum trigger patterns (at low frequency rates).
	Waveform 0
	Waveform 4
	Waveform 9
	Waveform 12
	Waveform 15



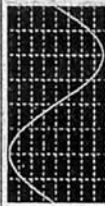
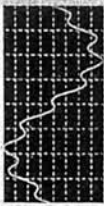
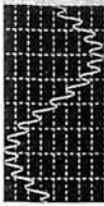
## BANK 8

Bank 8	Sixteen samples from a Votrax SC-01 Voder chip - this bank provides vocalizations and vowel sound using voltage control. Sequencer selection of the waveforms can provide a "talking" synth, while using these waveforms as transform functions can add vocal tones to the primary waveform (sort of a pseudo-vocoding). The waveforms shown are an example of the waveforms provided.
	Waveform 0: (probably an "E" sound)
	Waveform 4: (probably an "eh" sound)
	Waveform 10: (probably an "oh" sound)
	Waveform 11: (probably an "er" sound)
	Waveform 15: (probably an "oo" sound)

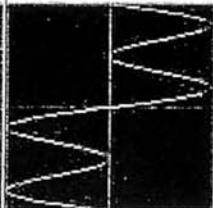
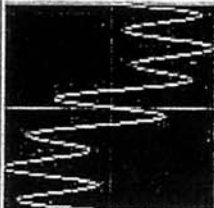
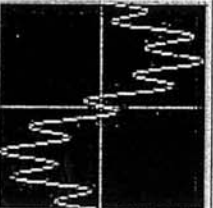
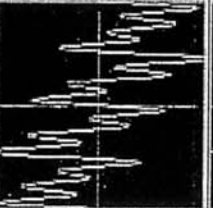
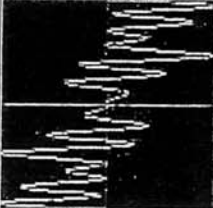
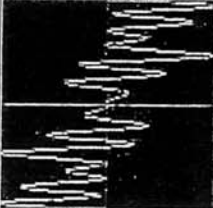
## BANK 9

Bank 9	Bank 9 contains a 'morph' from a single cycle sine wave to a rounded saw wave with a fourth harmonic emphasis. This is a useful bank for waveform modulation, since scanning the waveform bank gives the illusion of bandpass filtering.
	Waveform 0: This morph series begins with a single-cycle sine wave.
	Waveform 3: The morph runs through the addition of a octave sine.
	Waveform 7: The morph continues through the addition of the third harmonic.
	Waveform 11: The morph continues through the addition of a fourth harmonic.
	Waveform 15: Finally, the morph series ends with this rounded sawtooth with a fourth harmonic emphasis.

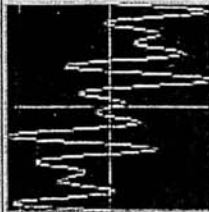
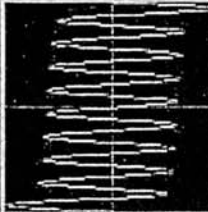
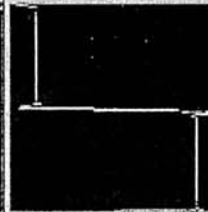

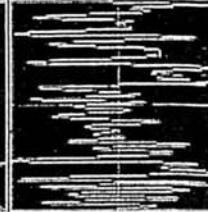
# BANK 10

Bank 10	
	Bank 10 begins with a sine wave (at 80% amplitude), and adds the next 15 harmonics at a 20% amplitude. This adds the harmonic tone while still maintaining a strong fundamental. This bank has a variety of uses, since sweeping the wavelable can add a sub-harmony (or filter-like function) to any tonal line.
	Waveform 7: The sine wave with a 20% mix of the 8 <sup>th</sup> harmonic.
	Waveform 15: The series ends with a sine wave with 20% mix of the 16 <sup>th</sup> harmonic.

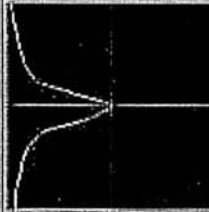

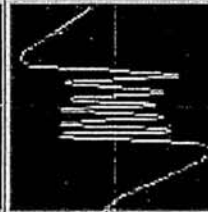
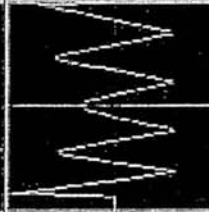
# BANK 11

Bank 11	
	This bank contains the first sixteen waveforms from the legendary Digisound VCDO. (Only example waves are shown.)
	Waveform 2
	Waveform 4
	Waveform 8
	Waveform 12
	Waveform 15

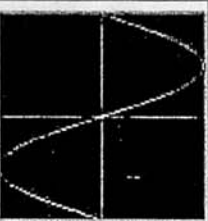
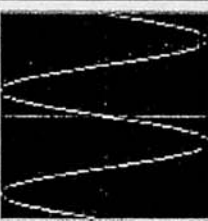
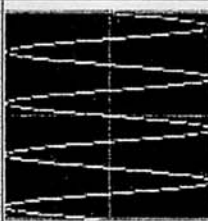
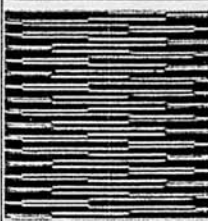
## BANK 12

Bank 12	The second set of sixteen waveforms from the Digisound VCD0. (Only example waves are shown.)
	Waveform 0
	Waveform 7
	Waveform 9
	Waveform 12
	Waveform 15

## BANK 13

Bank 13	A bank of "Historical" Non-Linear Transforms, this series includes the four "original" shapes (shown) as well as intermediate waveforms using linear interpolation. If you don't know what this means - don't worry. Use these as transform functions for making waveforms "more interesting".
	Waveform 0: "Historical" NLT #1
	Waveform 3: "Historical" NLT #2
	Waveform 9: "Historical" NLT #3
	Waveform 15: "Historical" NLT #4

# BANK 14

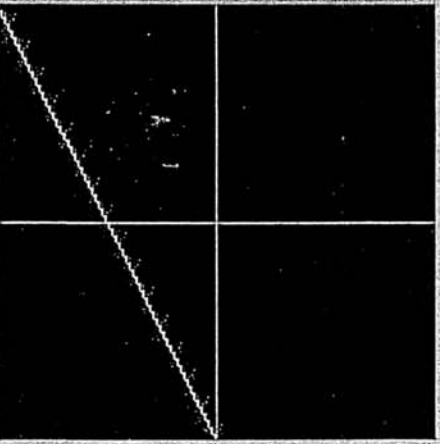
Bank 14	This bank steps through the harmonic series of a sine wave. This can be used in two ways: first, if you maintain a steady pitch, you can play "games" with harmonic stepping using a sequencer; second, if you have several Mini-Waves, you could use this bank for additive synthesis.
	Waveform 0: A single-cycle sine wave (the fundamental).
	Waveform 1: A two-cycle sine wave (the second harmonic).
	Waveform 3: A three-cycle sine wave (the third harmonic).
	Waveform 15: A fifteen-cycle sine wave (the fifteenth harmonic).

# BANK 15

Bank 15 is a special bank - it is used to provide quantization functions for control voltages. If you feed a control voltage into the Wave Shaper Input jack, you will get a quantized output with the following scales:

0. Chromatic 12 notes per octave (4 steps per note).
1. Diatonic Major (C-D-E-F-G-A-B), eight notes/octave (6 steps per note).
2. Diatonic Harmonic Minor (C-D-D#-F-G-G#-B), eight notes/octave (6 steps per note).
3. Diatonic Natural Minor (C-D-D#-F-G-G#-A-A#), eight notes/octave (6 steps per note).
4. Diatonic Dorian Mode (C-D-D#-F-G-A-A#), eight notes/octave (6 steps per note).
5. Diatonic Phrygian Mode (C-C#-D#-F-G-G#-A#), eight notes/octave (6 steps per note).
6. Diatonic Lydian Mode (C-D-E-F#-G-A-B), eight notes/octave (6 steps per note).
7. Diatonic Aeolian Mode (C-D-E-F-G-G#-A#), eight notes/octave (6 steps per note).
8. Whole Tone Scale (C-D-E-F#-G#-A#), seven notes/octave (8 steps per note).
9. Pentatonic Scale (C#-D#-F#-G#-A#), six notes/octave (10 steps per note).
10. C Major Chord (C-E-G), three notes/octave (17 steps per note).
11. A Minor Chord (C-E-A), three notes/octave (17 steps per note).
12. G Major Chord (D-G-B), three notes/octave (17 steps per note).
13. F Major Chord (C-F-A), three notes/octave (17 steps per note).
14. D Major Chord (D-F#-A), three notes/octave (17 steps per note).
15. Octaves, one note/octave (46 steps per note).

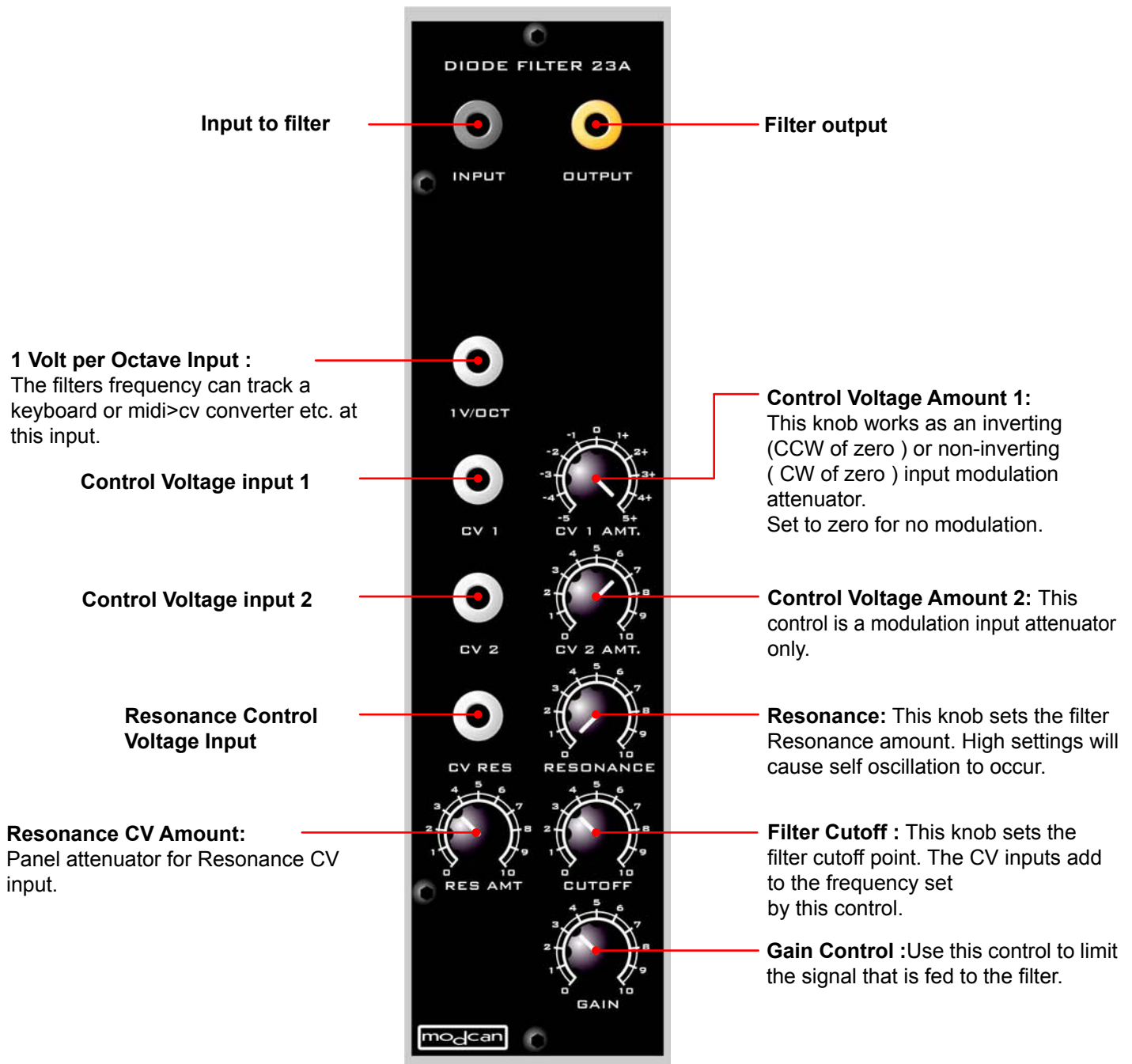
Note: For proper operation, the range switch should be set to 0-10V setting - this will provide a 5-octave range.

	
Sample # 0	C0 -128
Sample # 1	D0 -128
Sample # 2	E0 -128
Sample # 3	F0 -128
Sample # 4	G0 -126
Sample # 5	A0 -126
Sample # 6	B0 -126
Sample # 7	C#0 -126
Sample # 8	D0 -124
Sample # 9	E0 -124
Sample # 10	F0 -124
Sample # 11	G0 -124
Sample # 12	A0 -122

Waveform 0: The Chromatic scale.

# DIODE FILTER 23A

The DIODE FILTER 23A is a Low Pass based on the EMS 'Putney' Filter





# Boolean 24A

The Boolean module is designed to enhance logic functions within the modular environment. This module is a useful accompaniment for the Sequencer 17a and allows for more interesting and complex clock and gateing control.

Essentially the function of the Boolean module is to combine 2 clock signals together and output a variety of different high or low states depending on the inputs condition.

An example of this is if you have 2 LFO pulses feeding the 2 inputs of the And Gate section.

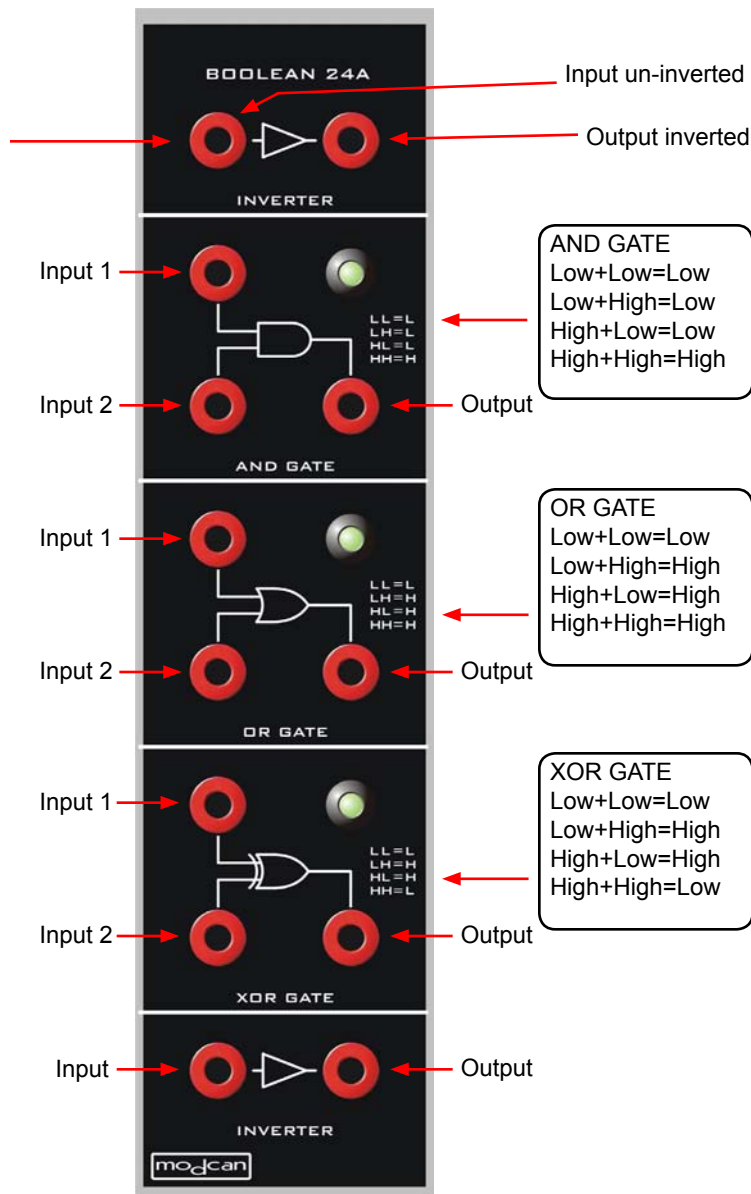
If one of the LFO's is cycling faster than the other, the output will only pulse when both of the inputs coincide (High + High = High). In other words, if LFO 1 is pulsing at 10 Hz and LFO 2 is 1 Hz then the output will be a 1 second burst of pulses at 10 Hz every other second. As the slow LFO goes high it acts like a switch to allow the input from the second faster LFO to pass to the output.

When the slow LFO is low then for as long as it stays that way no pulses are output (Low+ High or Low = Low).

See the charts below for the different combinations available:

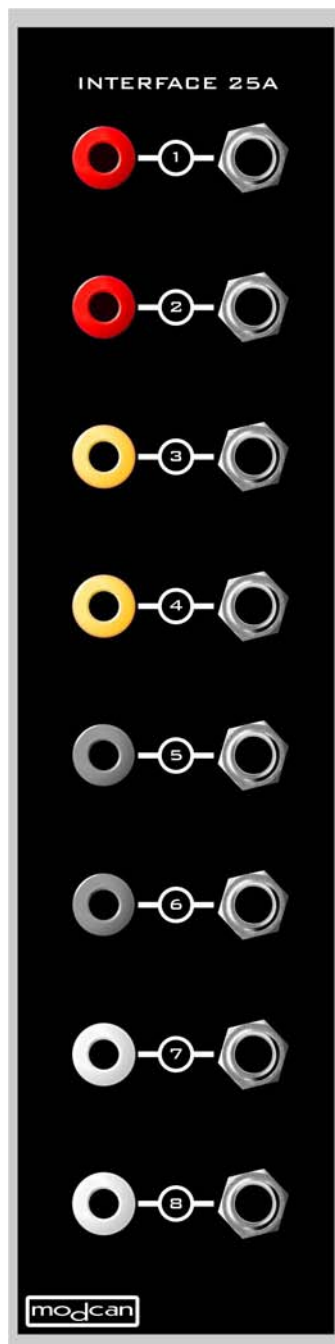
Inverter: the inverter is used to flip a clock or gate signal so that the output is opposite to the input ie. when the input is high the output is low.  
Try feeding the original clock pulse to an envelope gen. and the inverter output to a second envelope. Use the envelopes to control 2 vca's patched to the same source. This produces delay type effects.  
If the inverter is combined with the other sections, Nand and Nor Gates are possible.

Inverter 2: same as above



# INTERFACE 25A

The **INTERFACE 25A** is a utility module for converting 1/4" phono jacks to banana jacks and vice versa. This module is useful for patching in external signals and for use with Midi to CV converters.



# VC Reset LFO 26A

The Voltage Controlled Reset LFO 26A is an unusual take on the traditional LFO. The main difference with this design is the capability of resetting the LFO cycle at a point between 10 and 90% of the waveform cycle start point.

## Triangle Output:

+/-2.5V triangle wave output.

## Sine Output:

+/-2.5V sine wave output.

**Manual Reset:** Panel button that when pushed resets the start point of the LFO cycle. The Wave Start pot determines the point at which the waveform resets from (10-90%)

**CV Start:** Control voltage input that works together with the Wave Start control for setting reset start point.

**CV In:** Control voltage input for frequency. The CV AMT attenuates this input.

**Pulse Width Modulation:** This input is for voltage control of the pulse width. The PWM AMT pot is the attenuator for this input.

**Initial PW:** Adjust for Pulse width. Ratios vs Pot position: 0=10:90%, 5=50:50%, 10=90:10%

**Range Switch:** Panel control setting the range of the LFO between high and low.

## Sawtooth Output:

+/-2.5V sawtooth wave output.

## Pulse Output:

0-5V pulse wave output. This output can be used to gate envelopes etc.

**Reset Input:** Patch a pulse wave to this input to reset the start point of the LFO cycle.

Works like Hard Sync on a standard oscillator. Requires an input frequency less than the LFO frequency to work.

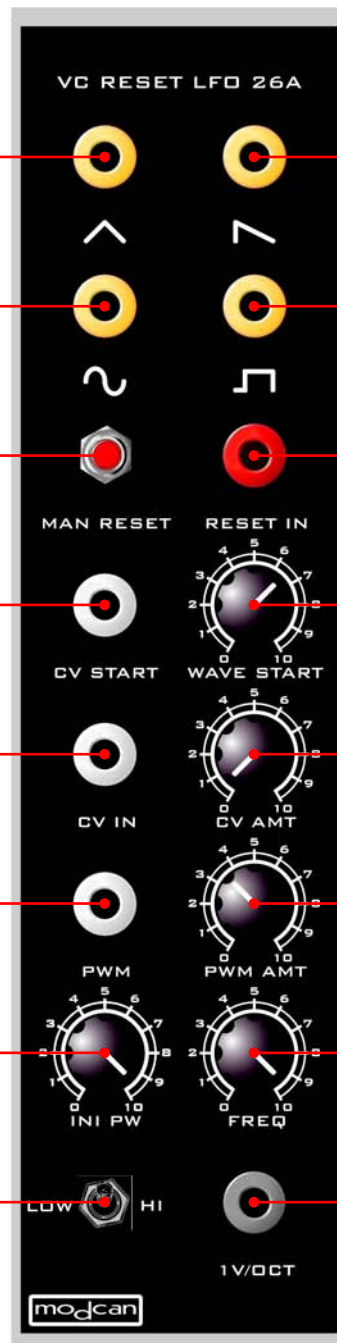
**Wave Start:** This is the control that sets the cycle reset point.

**Frequency CV Amount:** A simple attenuator for the CV input.

**Pulse Width Amount:** A simple attenuator for the PWM CV input.

**Frequency:** Panel control for setting the LFO frequency.

**1v/Octave input:** Use this input for tracking the LFO frequency with a keyboard or midi>CV converter.



# DUAL MIX 27A

The Dual Mix 27A is a utility module for summing and attenuating audio or control voltage. There are two sections with three inputs for each. The top section is more suitable for control voltage mixing, having inverting/non-inverting attenuators and an offset control. The bottom section is more suitable for audio as attenuators have no inversion and complete attenuation is possible.

**Mix Output :** This is the final output for Mix section 1

**Mix Inputs:** Three inputs that can be mixed together with added offset.

Examples of the Mixer's use:

1/ Add several LFO's together to create a complex modulation source.

2/ Offset a 0-5V saw wave to be +/- 2.5V and then invert it.

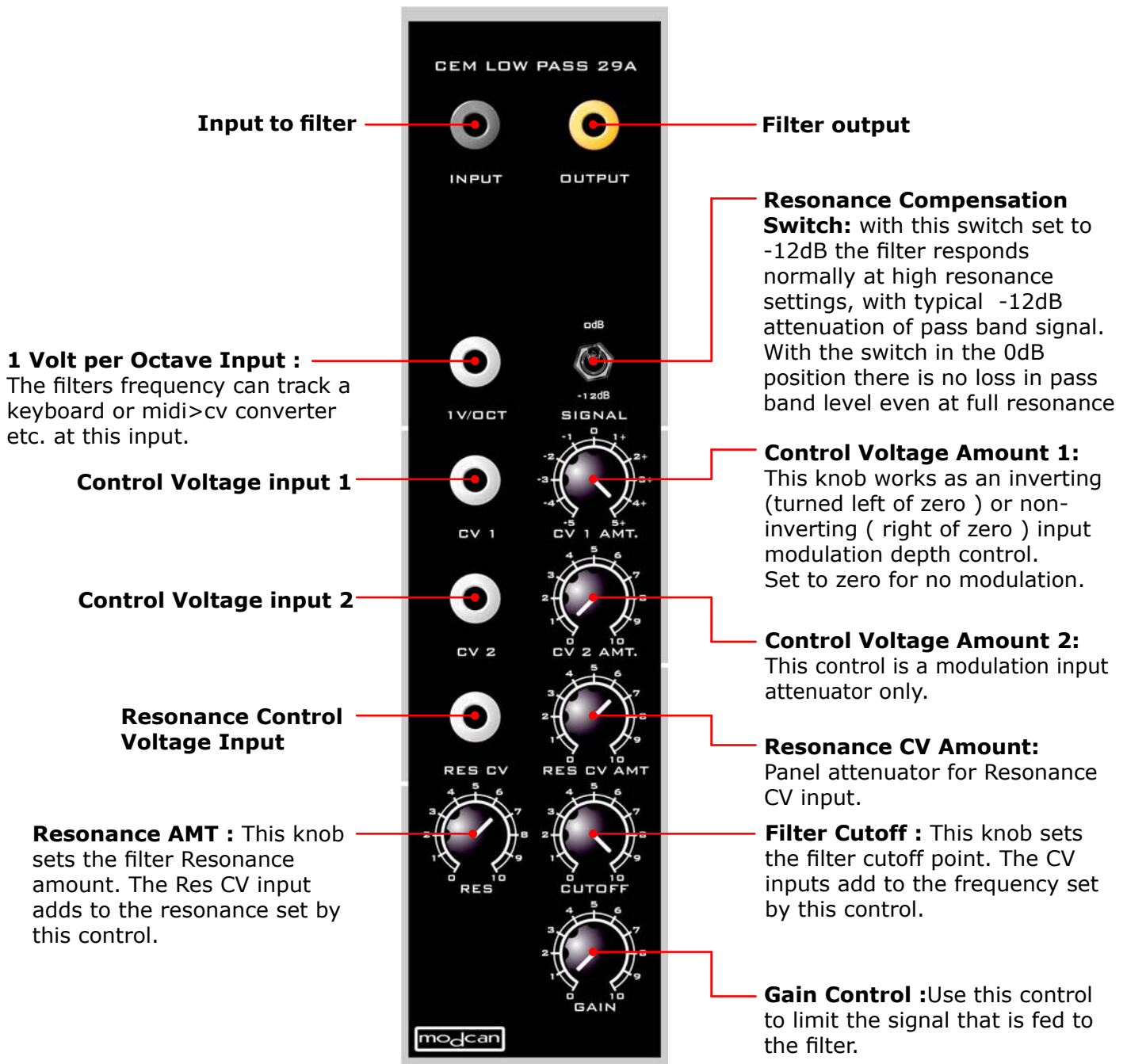
**OFFSET Control:** The Offset control adds or subtracts voltage from the mixed output by a fixed amount. The range is +/-5 volts. Leave this control at "0" if no offset is required.

**Level Controls:** Attenuates the signal level. Pot rotation CW from "0" will be a non-inverted signal out. CCW from "0" will be an inverted signal out. At "0" there will be full attenuation.



# CEM LOW PASS 29A

The CEM LOW PASS 29A is a 24dB 4 pole low pass filter based on the CEM 3328 filter IC. Most LPF suffer from a 12dB drop in pass band level at high resonance. The CEM 3328 IC has built-in provisions for overriding this limitation.





# Super Delay 30A

**Delay Input:** Patch in any 5V Pk-Pk source to this input. The Level Pot on lower panel sets the volume of the incoming signal

**Feedback input:** Use this together with the FBK out for external processing of the Regeneration loop

**Track Switch:** *Auto*-the internal anti-aliasing filter tracks the delay time i.e. longer delay-lower frequency.  
*Manual*-the Filter panel control (lower right) sets the cutoff.

**Mix CV input:** Control voltage input for wet/dry mix.

**Regen CV input:** Control voltage input for regeneration depth. More regen more repeats

**Smooth CV :** This input is for voltage control of the Regeneration (feedback) amount

**Delay CV :** This input is for voltage control of Delay time. The Delay CV AMT attenuator sets the depth of this input.

**Level:** Panel control for signal input level. If the output sounds distorted use this pot to limit the amount of signal into the delay.

**Delay Output:** This is the main output for patching to VCAs or other modules.

**Feedback Loop Output:** Patch this to Filters, Phaser, or other processing modules with the return signal to the feedback input.

**Loop Mode Switch:** *Normal*-in this mode the feedback loop is kept internal  
*External*-in this position the FBK in and out jacks become active for external loop processing.

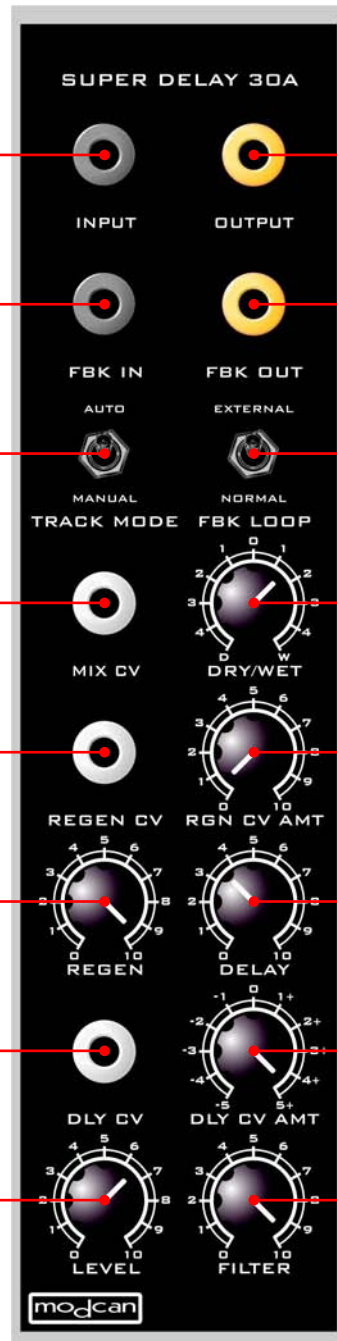
**Dry/Wet Control:** This is the control for the Wet/Dry mix.

**Regeneration CV AMT :** A simple attenuator for the Regen CV depth.

**Delay Time:** This is the main panel control for setting delay time. The range 0-10 is 7.5ms-8seconds

**Delay CV AMT:** This is an inverting/non-inverting attenuator for the delay time cv input. With the pot at +5 the delay time doubles per 1 Volt input. At -5 the delay time is halved per 1 Volt input. This can be used for tracking delay time to pitch.

**Filter:** Control for setting the anti-aliasing filter cutoff. With BBD analogue delays the longer the delay the more aliasing is heard. Usually Delays have a fixed cutoff which limits the usable delay time. With this control the user can override the auto filter setting. Also has interesting sonic potential



# 4VCA 31A

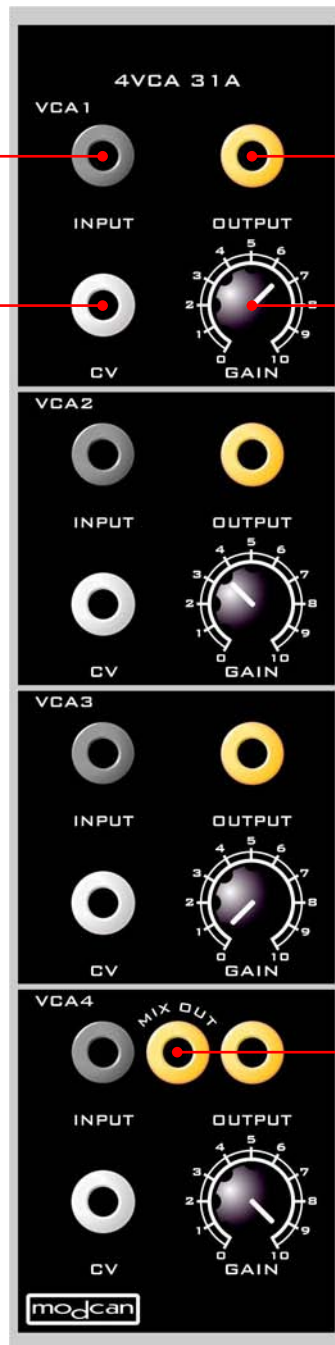
The 4VCA 31A is 4 identical VCAs in one single space module. The controls and input/output functions are the same for all four sections. If you have the audio only version then the VCA input will only work with audio and not control voltage. If you have the AC/DC version then the inputs will work with control voltages as well. **Warning:** with the AC/DC version audio will work but fast envelope times will introduce thumping because of offset.

**VCA Input :** Input for audio signals or control voltage in the case of AC/DC versions.

**Gain CV Input:** Control voltage input for gain control. The CV input is summed together with the level set by the GAIN panel control to the right. Patch Envelope Generators or LFOs etc. to this input for volume contouring.

**Output:** Output for VCA. In the case of the AC/DC version patch this to CV inputs on other modules for "control of the control"

**Gain Control:** This is the panel Control for gain level added to the cv input to the left.



**Mix Out :** This is a combined output which is a mix of all 4 VCAs

# X/Y Controller 32A

The X/Y Controller 32A is a Joystick interface with numerous panel controls for adjusting the output range and offset. Two switchable modes of operation are fixed internal 5V reference or external input. In external mode the joystick functions as a two axis attenuator for control voltage or audio signal input.

**Joystick:** The vertical axis controls the Y output. The horizontal axis the X. Off or zero position is the lower left corner.

**Manual Gate:** Panel button that when pushed sends a 5V pulse to the gate output. The gate remains high until button is released.

**X Input:** Signal input that is routed to the X output when switch is in the External position. The joystick attenuates this input.

**X Output:** Output for X axis.

**X Mode Switch:** *Internal* uses the on board +5V reference voltage. *External* routes the X IN to the X OUT with joystick as attenuator.

**X Amount:** Panel control for setting the range of the x axis

**X Offset:** Adds +/- voltage offset to the x axis.

**Gate Output:** Patch this output to envelopes or to reset LFOs etc.

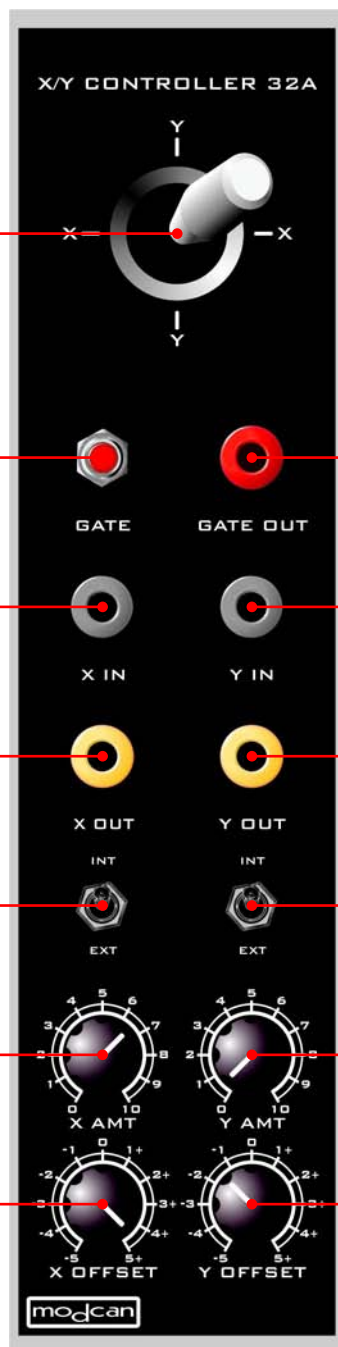
**Y Input:** Signal input that is routed to the Y output when switch is in the External position. The joystick attenuates this input.

**Y Output:** Output for the Y Axis.

**Y Mode Switch:** *Internal* uses the on board +5V reference voltage. *External* routes the Y IN to the Y OUT with joystick as attenuator.

**Y Amount:** Panel control for setting the range of the Y axis.

**Y Offset:** Adds +/- voltage offset to the Y axis.



# Quadraphonic 33A

**NW Output:** Banana output for the NW channel. Identical signal path as the NW 1/4" output at the bottom of the panel.

**SW Output:** Banana output for the SW channel. Identical signal path as the SW 1/4" output at the bottom of the panel.

**Main Input:** Patch a monophonic audio input to the banana input or the 1/4" jack. Only one is available at a time.

**E-W Pan CV Input:** Control voltage input for left/right (East/West) pan position.

**N-S Pan CV Input:** Control voltage input for front/back (North/South) pan position.

**VCA CV input:** Voltage control input is for the final output VCA

**NW Output:** See above

**SW Output:** See above

**NE Output:** Banana output for the NE channel. Identical signal path as the NE 1/4" output at the bottom of the panel.

**SE Output:** Banana output for the SE channel. Identical signal path as the SE 1/4" output at the bottom of the panel.

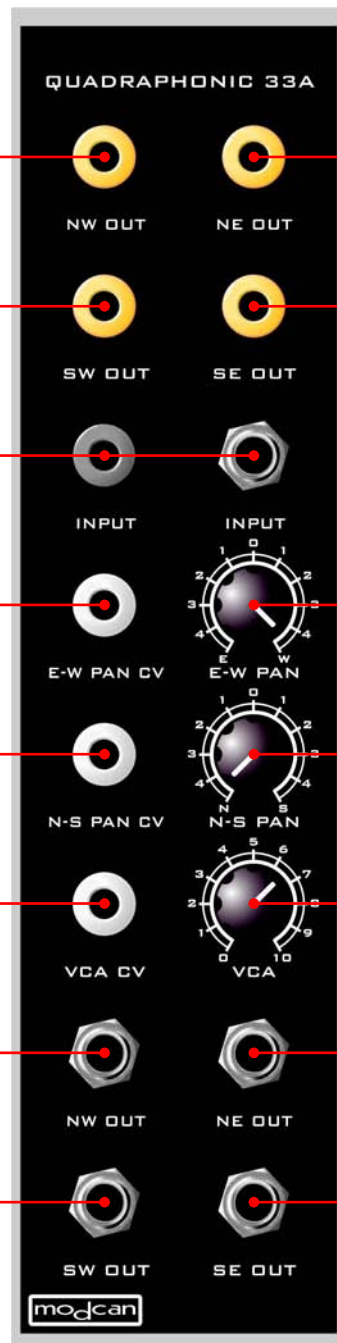
**E-W Panel Control:** Adjust for left/right (East/West) pan position.

**E-W Panel Control:** Adjust for left/right (East/West) pan position.

**VCA Control:** Panel control for final output VCA

**NE Output:** See above

**SE Output:** See above



# Vector Fade 34A

**Joystick:** The joystick controls the mix of the four inputs below. The X and Y axis correspond with the placement of the input jacks. With the joystick in the position shown the upper right jack input signal would be the loudest, with the other three inputs attenuated.

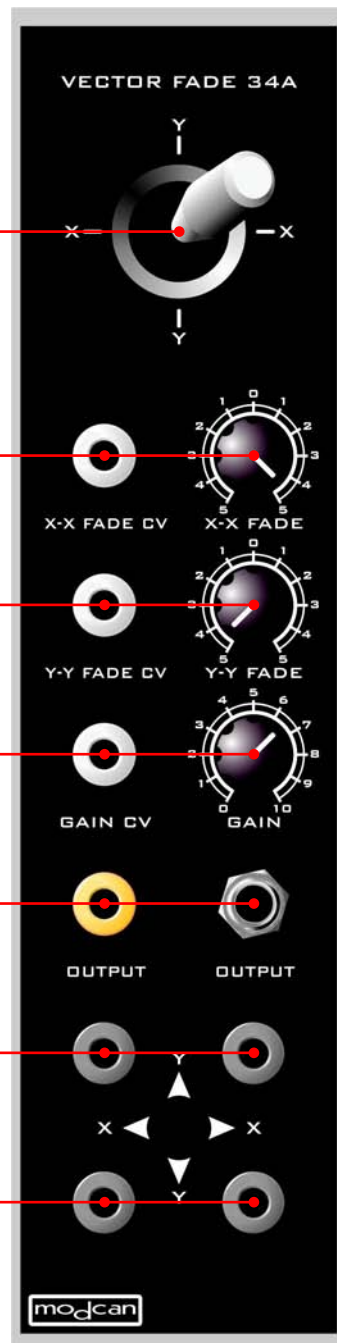
**X-X FADE CV and Panel Control:** Panel pot and control voltage input for the X axis cross fade.

**Y-Y FADE CV and Panel Control:** Panel pot and control voltage input for the Y axis cross fade.

**VCA CV and Panel Control:** Panel pot and control voltage input for global gain control.

**Main Outputs:** Banana and 1/4" output for connection to other modules or as a main out to amplifier or mixer

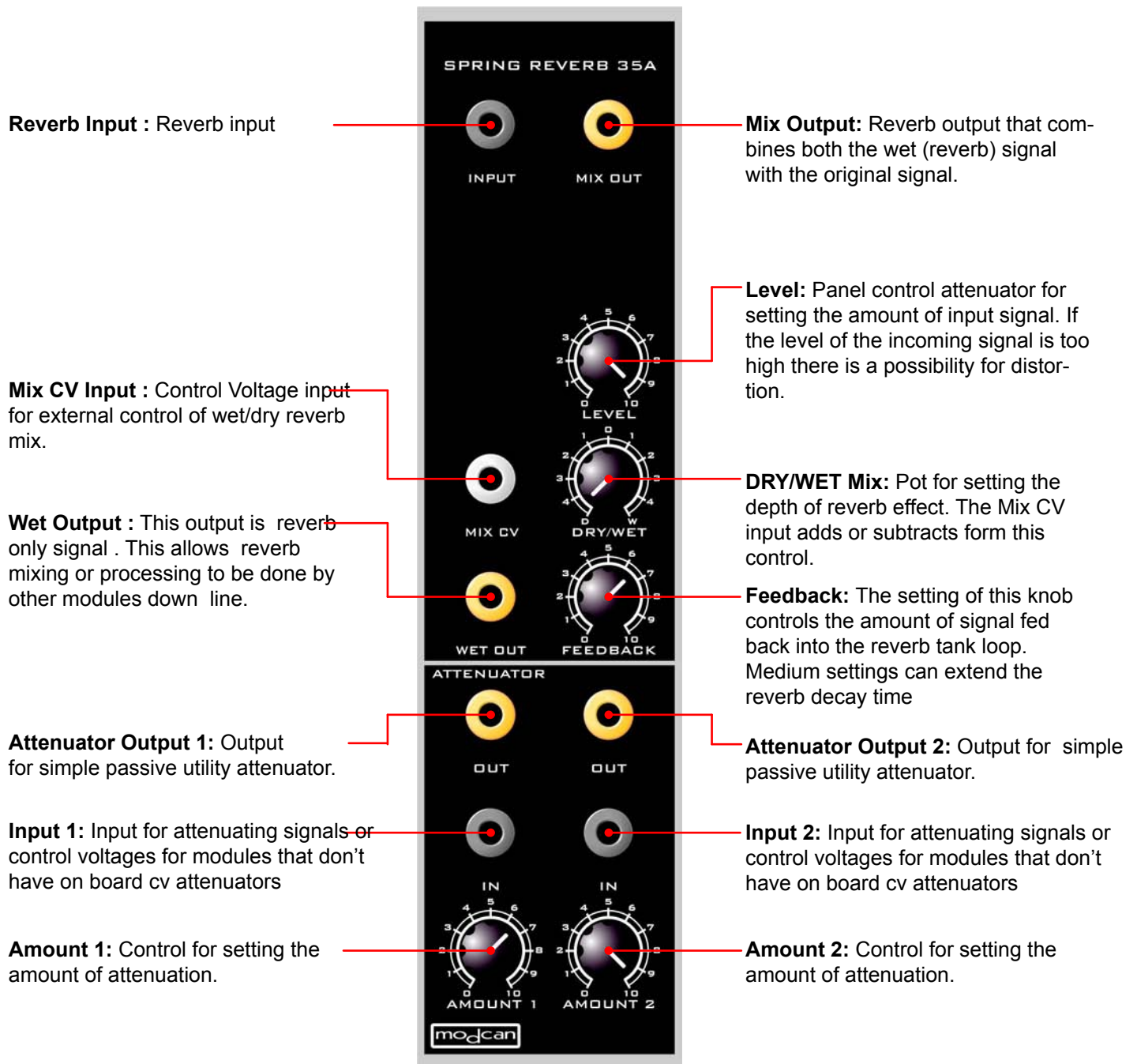
**Vector inputs:** See above





# Spring Reverb 35A

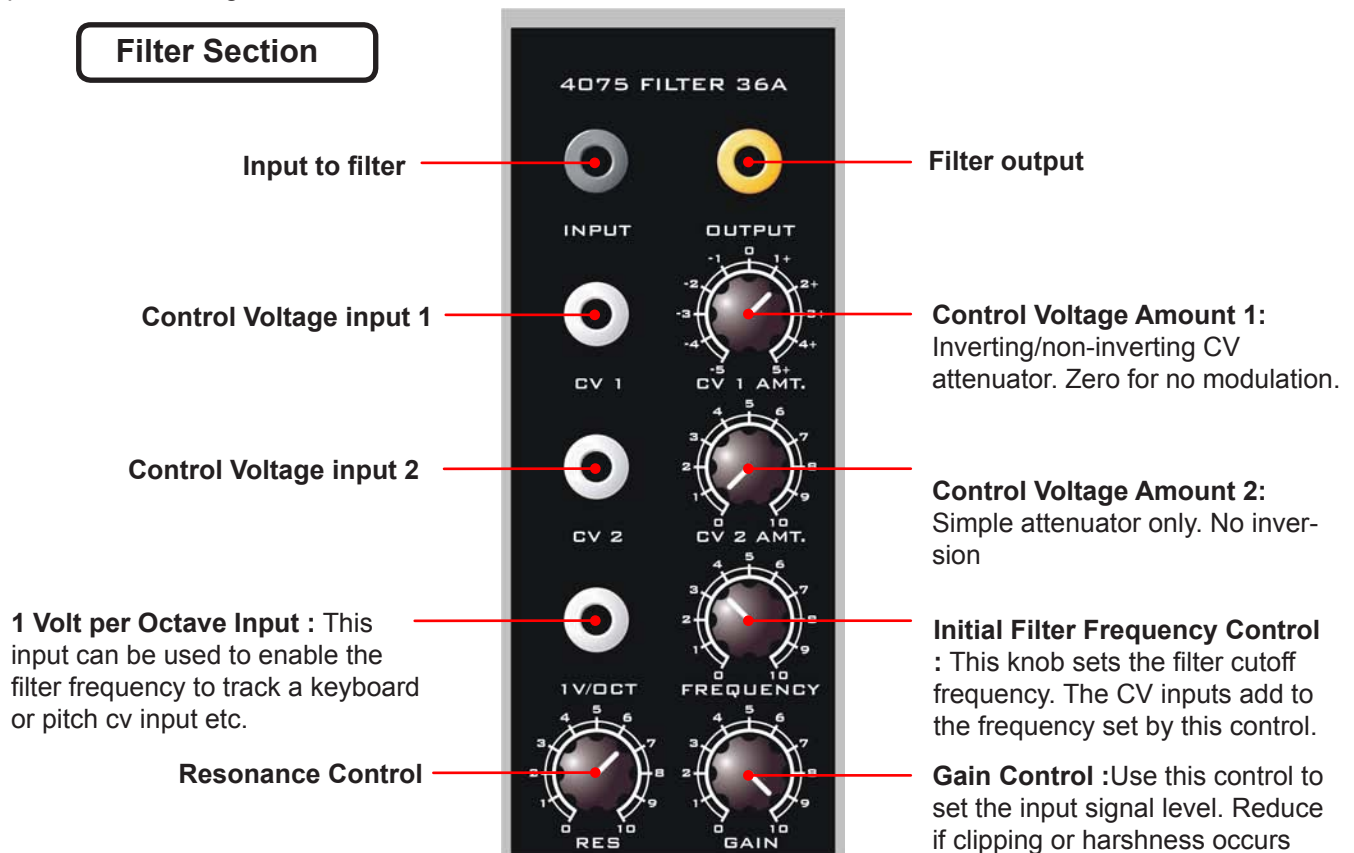
The Spring Reverb 35A module has two sections. The top section is a circuit that drives an Accutronics 3 spring long tank and then recovers the very low level tank output and amplifies it by a gain factor of 500 to a modular synthesizer level. The bottom section is a simple utility dual passive attenuator offered to maximize panel space.



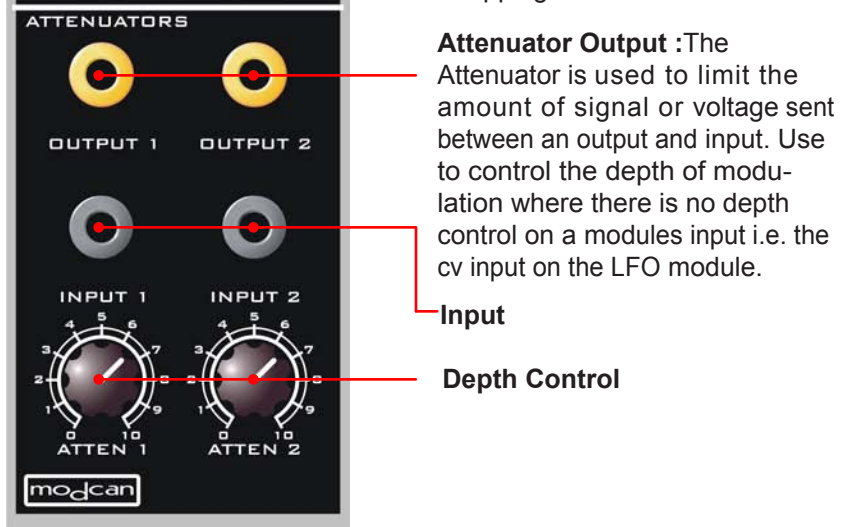
# 4075 Low Pass 36A

The 4075 Low-pass is a faithful reproduction of the Arp 4075 Filter sub modules found in many of the Odyssey and 2600 series synthesizers. The filter module is split into two sections. The top section is the filter and the lower section is an Attenuator. The Attenuator sections intended use is, patched between an output and an input to limit the depth of control voltages for modulation etc.

## Filter Section



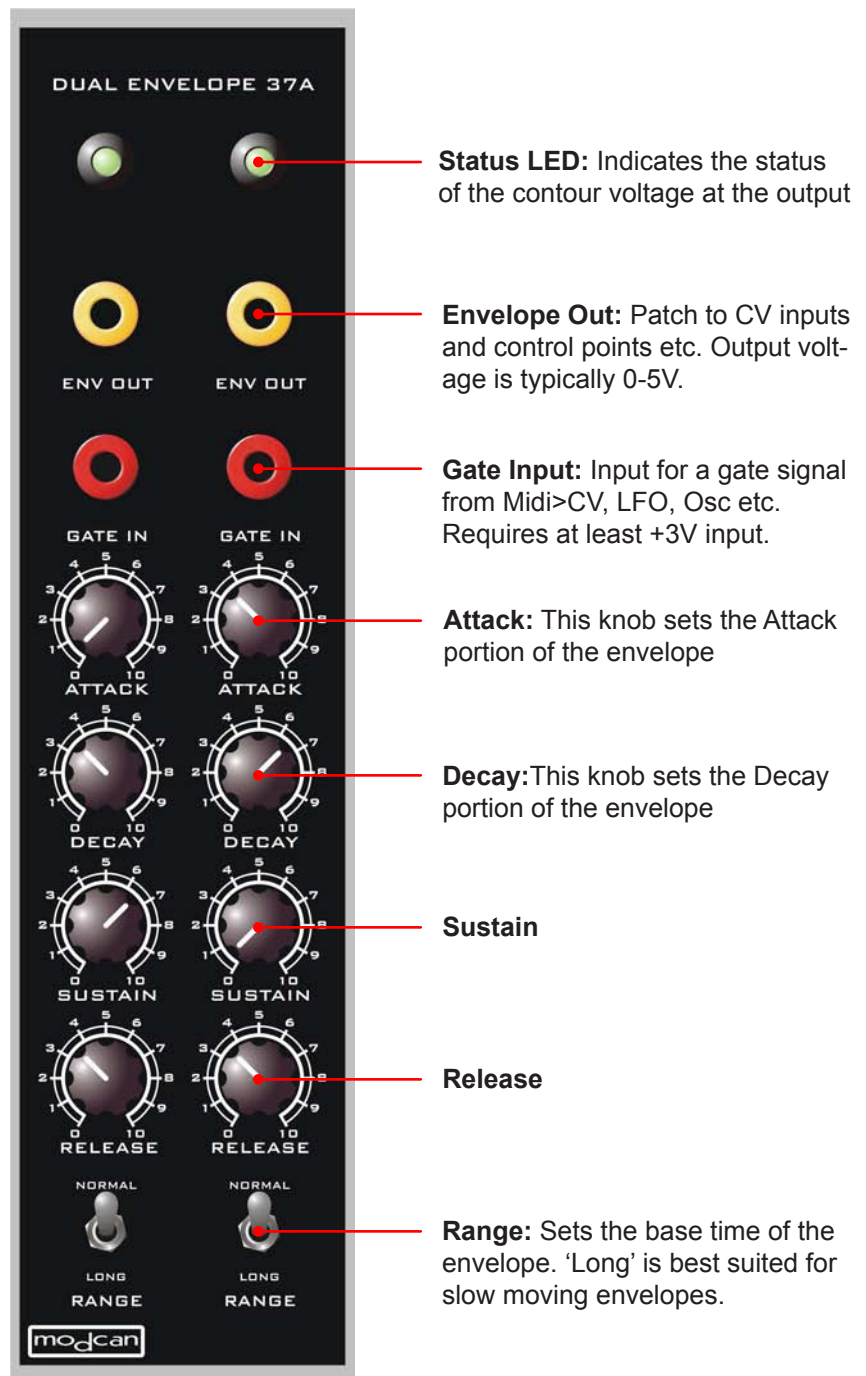
## Attenuator Section



# Dual Envelope 37A

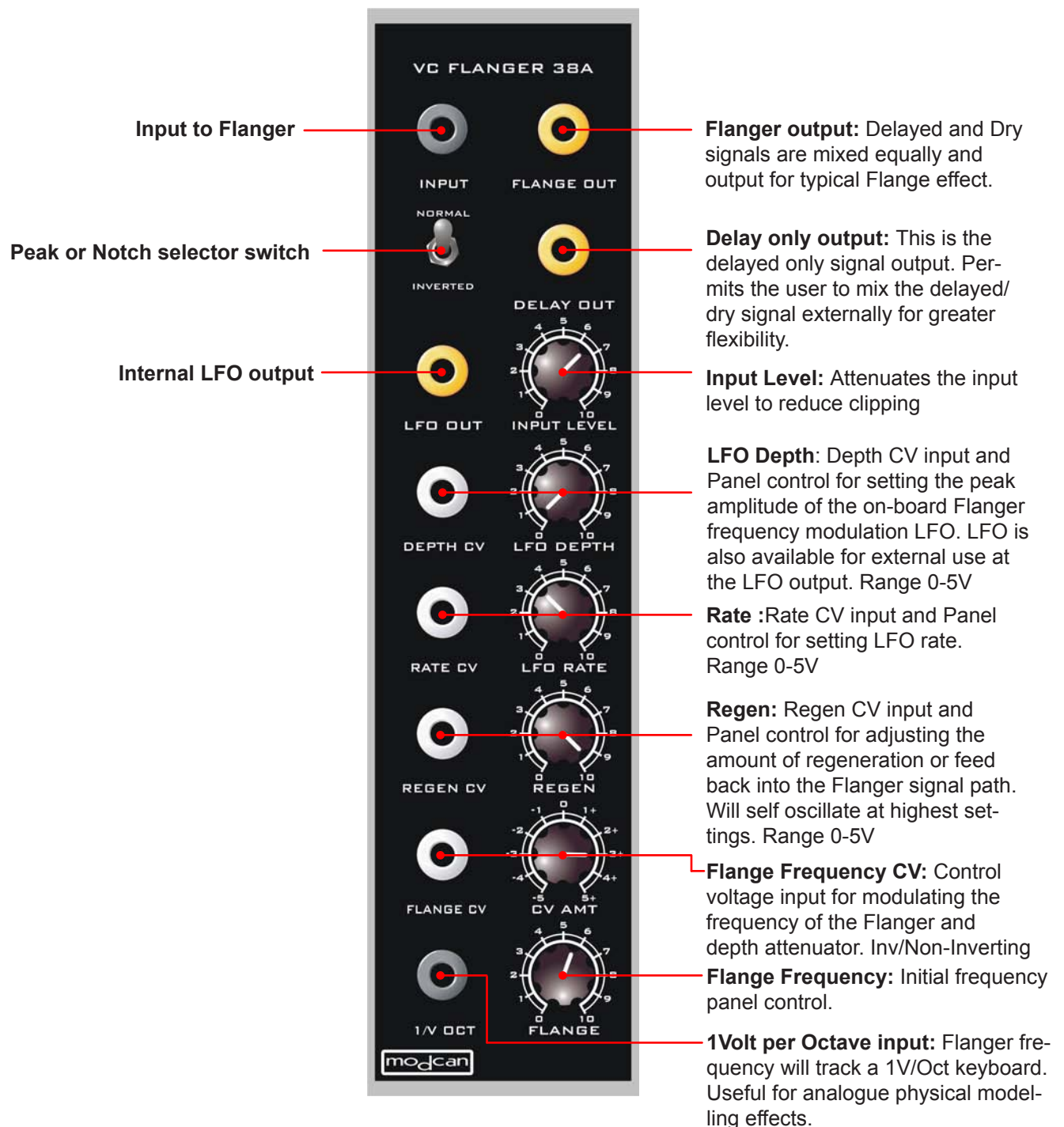
The Dual Envelope module features 2 electrically separate ADSR envelope generators. The intention of this module is to provide the functions of a simpler envelope design than the Envelope Generator 04A in a space saving dual package. Ideal uses for the 37A include: volume contouring of VCAs and Filter frequency control etc.

The module is split down the middle. The controls on the left are the same as the ones on the right.



# VC Flanger 38A

The VC Flanger is a true analogue Bucket Brigade design. Ultra wide sweep range, voltage controlled Regen, Frequency and on board LFO rate, put the 38A steps above the typical guitar pedal effect. 1V/Octave tracking available for use in controlled feed-back physical modelling patches.

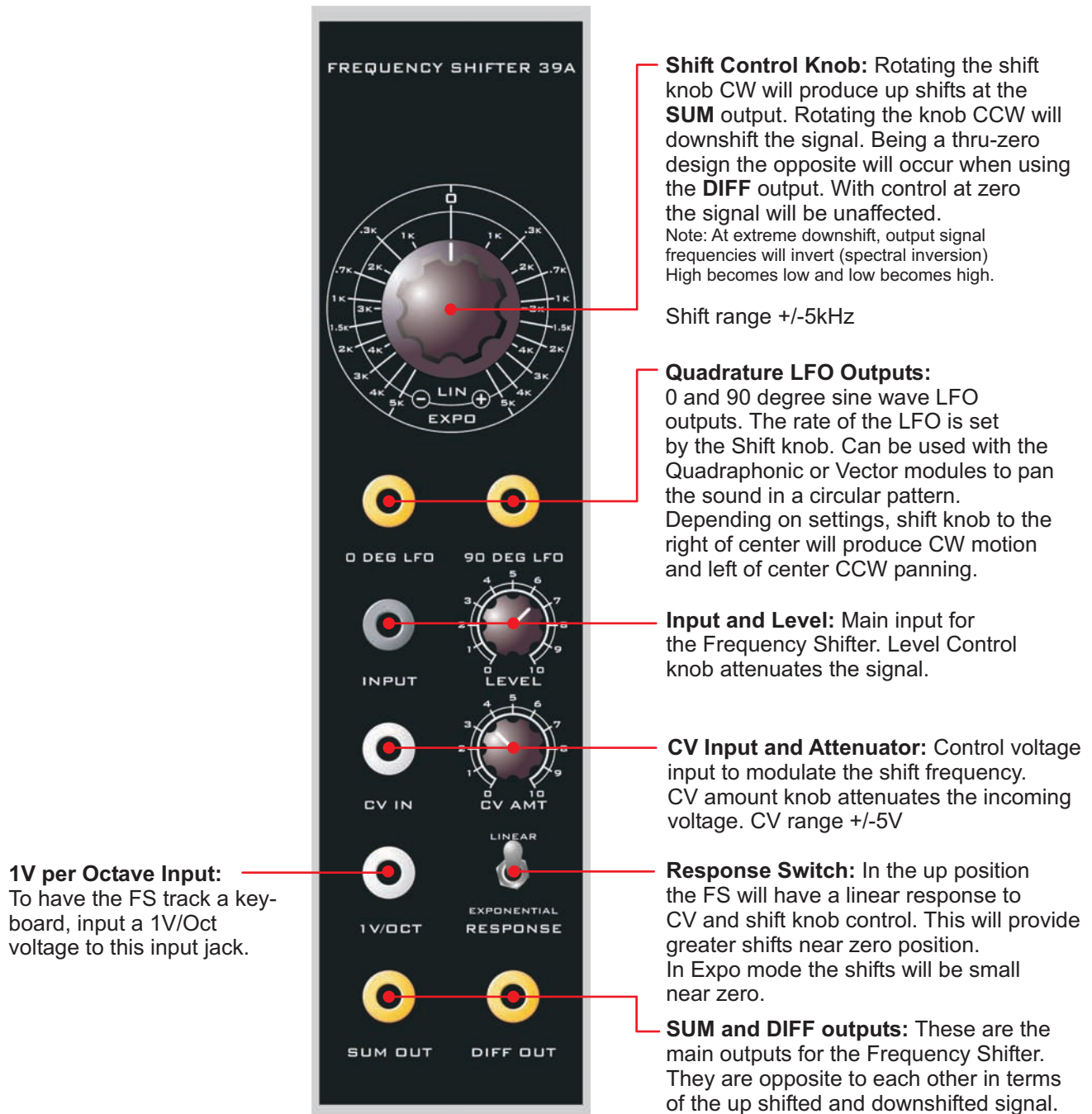


# FREQUENCY SHIFTER 39a

**A basic definition of the Frequency Shifter process:** A Frequency Shifter takes the individual frequency components of the input signal and shifts them by the same number of Hertz, producing a subtle or dramatic effect on the tonal character of the sound. Unlike a Pitch Shifter, the frequency components are translated rather than transposed. Harmonic relationships are not preserved as harmonic overtones become inharmonic partials.

## Frequency Shifter in use:

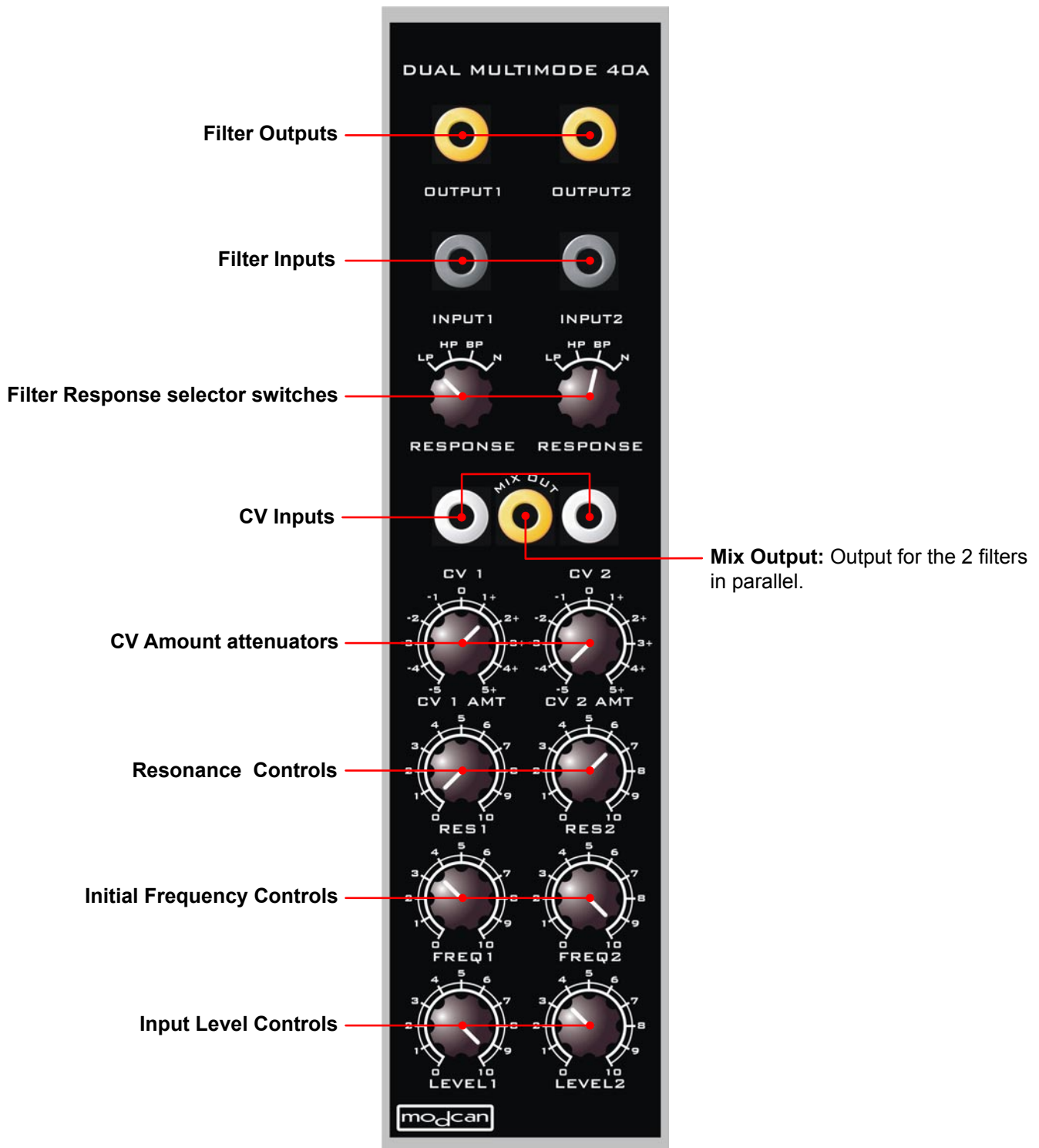
Small amounts of shift can be used to produce phasing/chorus effects or alien/chipmunk voices. Large shifts will impart a metallic or clangorous quality to the signal. Spectral inversion is possible with large negative shifts. The frequency shifting process generates simultaneous up shifted and downshifted versions of the input signal. Both outputs are available at separate jacks (SUM and DIFF) on the front panel. Shifting through-zero hertz reverses the function of the outputs making up shift become downshift and vice-versa. With both outputs panned left and right unusual stereo image effects are also possible.





# Dual Multimode 40A

The Dual Multimode Filter is a simplified dual version of the 2Pole 12dB Multimode 10A. Two filters in parallel yields some unusual effects that are unobtainable with a single filter.



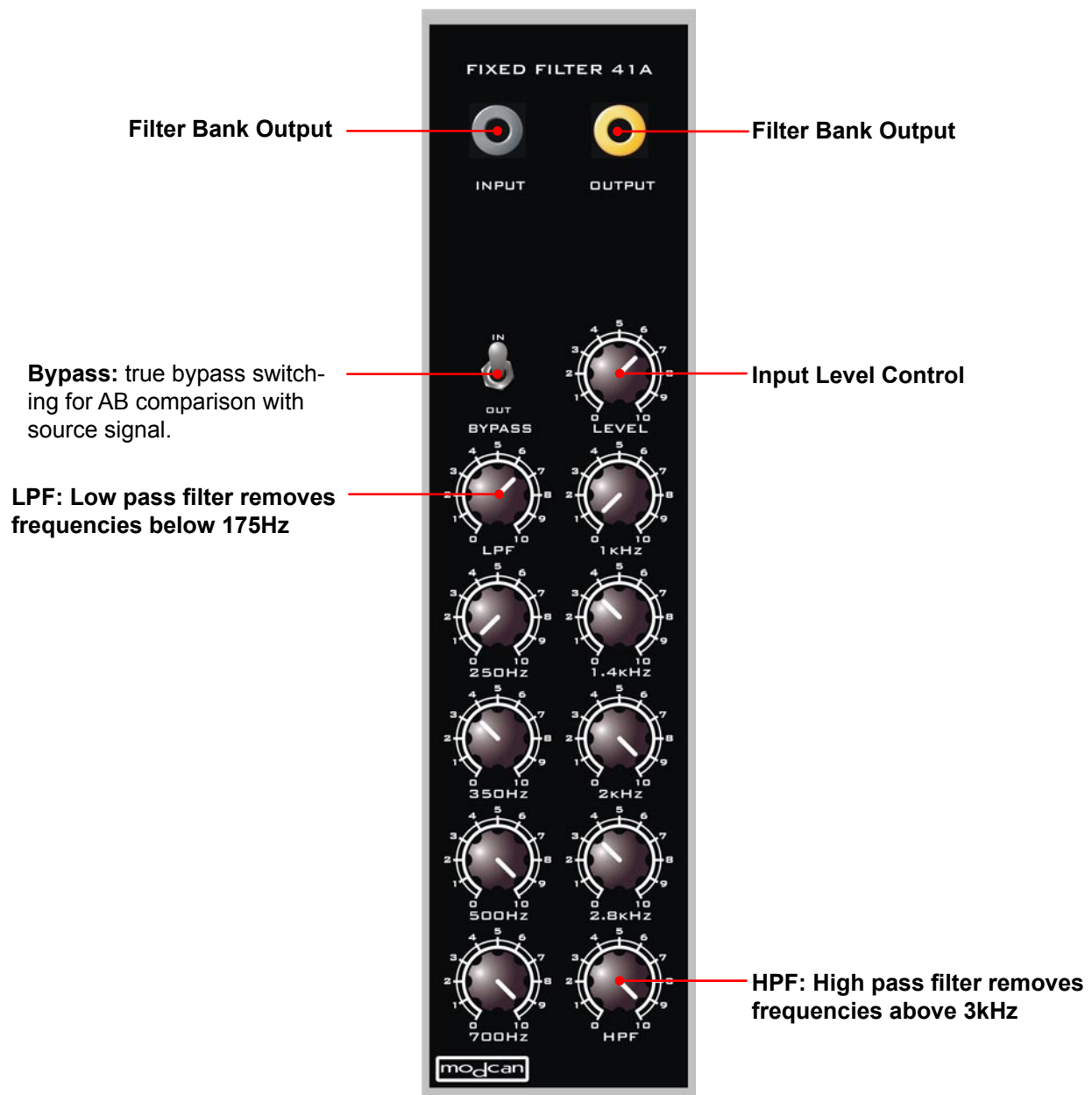
# Fixed Filter 41A

The Fixed Filter 41A features 8 bandpass low Q FDNR filters and 2 Pole High and Lowpass sections in parallel. Inspired by the Moog Modular Fixed Filter Bank module.

The 41A functions like a typical Equalizer except each band is 'cut' only. With all band controls in the fully CW position the filtered signal should closely resemble the source input.

Each of the frequency band control knobs turned CCW, removes the indicated frequencies from the source signal. The main function of the Filter Bank is tone shaping but could also be used in front of an envelope follower to alter the amplitude of specific frequencies.

A modular compressor with 'side chain input' could be patched together using a combination of the 41A, 45A, 04A, 27A and a few VCAs.



# 6x2 Mixer 43A

The 6x2 Mixer is a useful addition to larger modular systems requiring simultaneous envelope contouring and stereo field placement control of multiple signals. The 43As' main use function is, mixing and 'final stage' system output for audio. All channel inputs are AC coupled making it unsuitable for voltage processing.

The 6x2 Mixer features low noise Class 'A' VCAs with exponential gain response. Panning response curve is logarithmic for minimal -3dB signal loss at centre position.

**Gain Control Voltage Input:**  
CV input to control the level of the channel VCA

**Pan Control Voltage Input:**  
CV input for individual channel pan positioning.

**Gain Control:** Sets the overall gain per channel and doubles as an attenuator for the gain CV input. With no CV present at the GAIN CV input, the gain control will show little effect below the dial '7' indicator position. When CV is applied the knob rotation below '7' will set the range of attenuation for CV voltage effect on the channel. If a smoother curve response is required, apply a fixed +5V voltage to the CV input.

**Pan Control:** Knob positions the channel in the LEFT and RIGHT output mix. Functions in conjunction with the Pan CV input.

**Master Volume:** Controls the overall level of the mix. Works in conjunction with the Master CV input for voltage control of final mix output. Master knob should be at '10' for normal operation. Mainly used as a master fader.

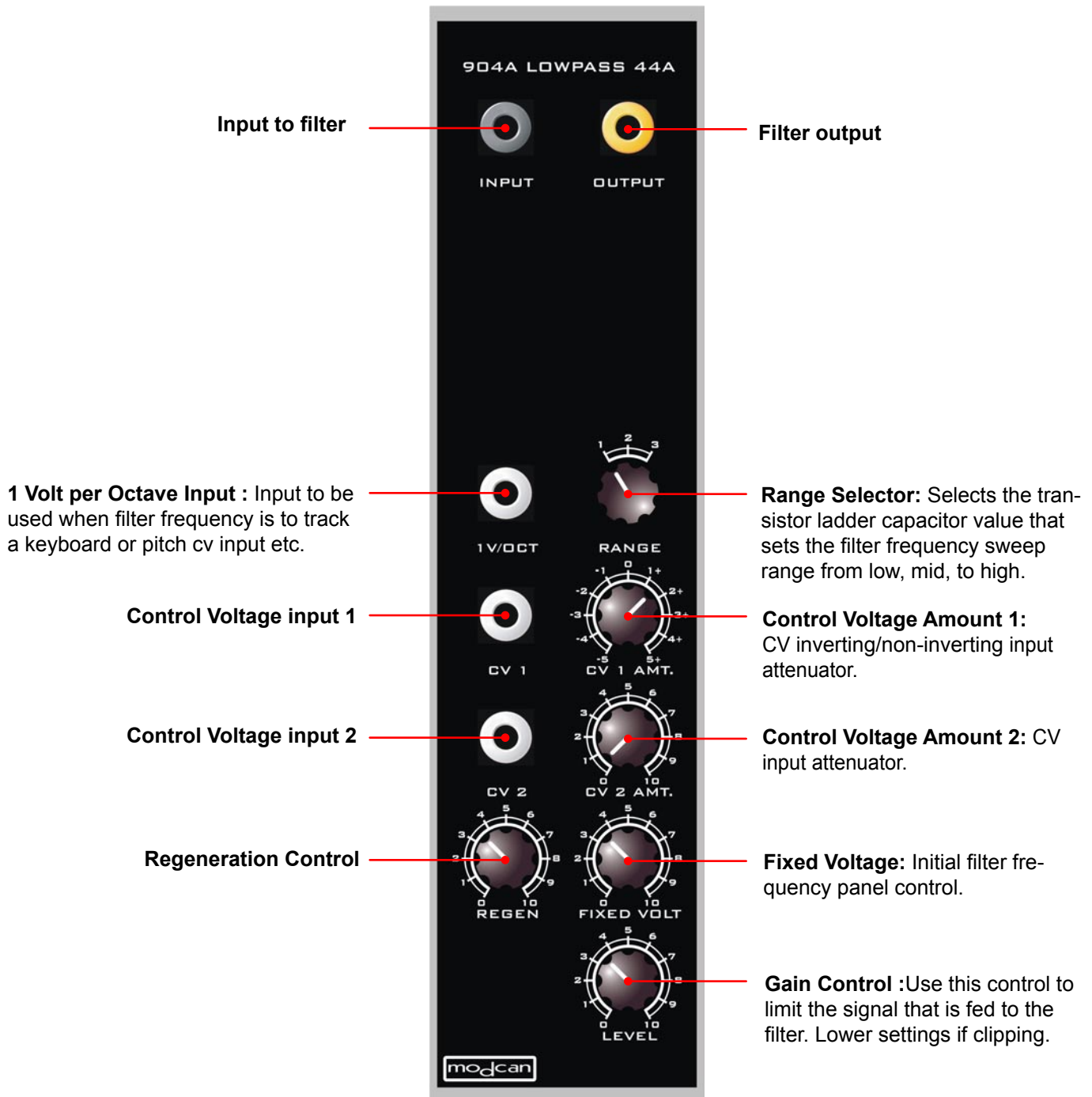
**LEFT/RIGHT XLR:**  
Standard XLR outputs for connection to **LINE** level inputs on mixing desk etc. (Clipping can occur on mic input channels unless suitable pad available)

**1/4" Balanced Outs:** Final mix LEFT/RIGHT output connection points for standard Tip-Ring-Sleeve (TRS). Balanced stereo type cables should be used to connect to external mixer. Single wire 'mono' cables can be used but the benefits of noise/hum reduction will be lost.



# 904A Lowpass 44A

The **904A Lowpass 44A** is an electronically accurate recreation of the 'classic' Moog 904A LPF. Some slight enhancements have been included to bring it in line with the Modcan standard interface. The additions are inv/non-inverting CV input, and an additional amplifier stage, for boosting the output level to conform with other Modcan modules. Neither of the additions will colour or detract from the original sound



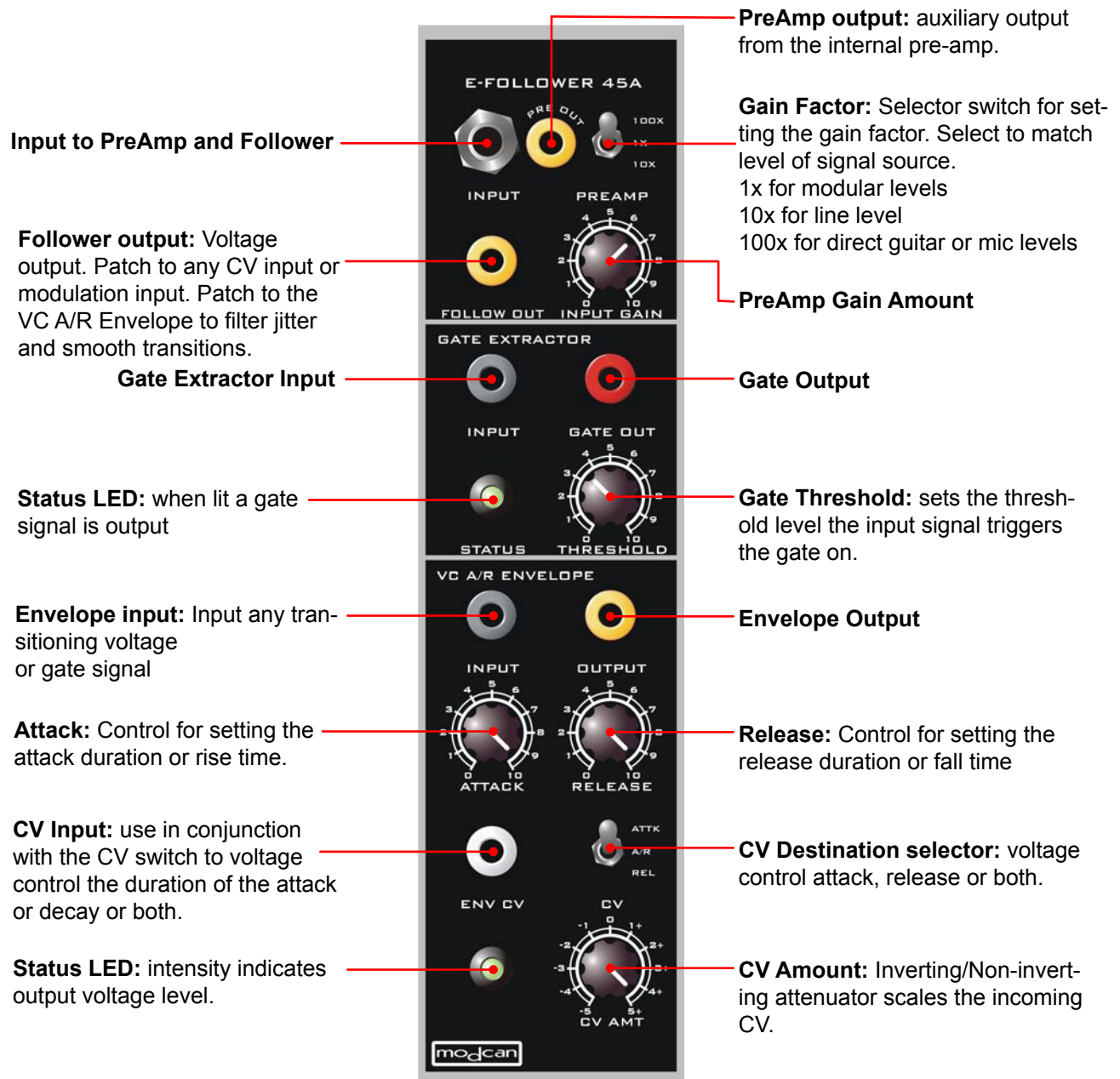
# E-Follower 45A

The E-Follower 4A is divided into three complimentary sections.

**Envelope Follower section:** This is an audio AC to DC voltage converter that tracks the amplitude of an audio signal and outputs a following DC voltage. A built-in Pre-Amp is included for boosting audio.

**Gate Extractor:** Is a comparator with variable peak threshold for extracting a 5V gate pulse from a fluctuating voltage. Ideal for gating envelope generators or resetting LFOs etc.

**VC A/R Envelope:** This is a simple voltage follower with adjustable Attack/Release times for smoothing the voltage transitions from the envelope follower section or Gate output. Can also be used as a slew limiter with selectable voltage controlled Rise and Fall duration for glide effects with pitch





# Dual Oscillator 46A

The Dual Oscillator 46A module is two wide range temperature compensated VCOs in a single space. The 46A uses the same stable VCO core from the Oscillator 01A. Designed to offer the fattened sound of two oscillators with the added convenience of global tuning and switch selectable octave range controls. The UI is optimized for standard keyboard controller use. Referenced tuning controls simplify setup when performing with other concert pitch instruments. While independent use of the Oscillators is possible the normal function mode is to use both oscillators together in unison and de tuned or separated in frequency by a few cents or octaves. With the Fine Tune and De tune controls centered and 0V, 1V, 2V...etc input at the 1V/Octave input the oscillators are calibrated to produce a 'C' note at A440Hz.

**1 Volt per octave Input:** input for tracking the oscillators with a keyboard etc. Applies to both oscillators, A & B.

**Oscillator A CV input and Attenuator:** modulation input for VCO A. Can also be used for approx. 1V/Oct tracking in CW position.

**Oscillator B CV input and Attenuator:** modulation input for VCO B. Can also be used for approx. 1V/Oct tracking in CW position.

A and B scaling trim pots: Only adjust if scaling is out of calibration.  
CW = sharp, CCW = flat

**Wave Form Selectors:** Switch between Saw or Square wave

**Detune Control:** Detunes or offsets the B osc. relative to the A osc. Range is 0 to +/- 1 octave. Control taper has been designed so that the greatest change in pitch occurs at the extents of the pots' rotation.

**B Octave Offset:** Offsets the B oscillator relative to the A in Octave intervals. Range 0 to +2 Octaves. The offset can be increased by the detune control and CV inputs.

**Osc B Out:** VCO B auxiliary output. Allows independent processing of the B VCO wave forms. Using this output does not remove the signal from the mix output.

**Pulse Width Modulation:** The PWM AMT. control when centered routes the PWM CV to both VCOs. Rotating the knob CW or CCW routes the CV to the indicated VCO only. An external attenuator is needed to control the depth of modulation.

**PW Control:** Sets the initial pulse width of the square wave form of both VCOs

**Fine Tune Control:** Center for standard (A440) tuning.

**Range Switch:** Switches from C at 16.3Hz-523.3Hz in Octaves with 0V at 1V/Octave input.

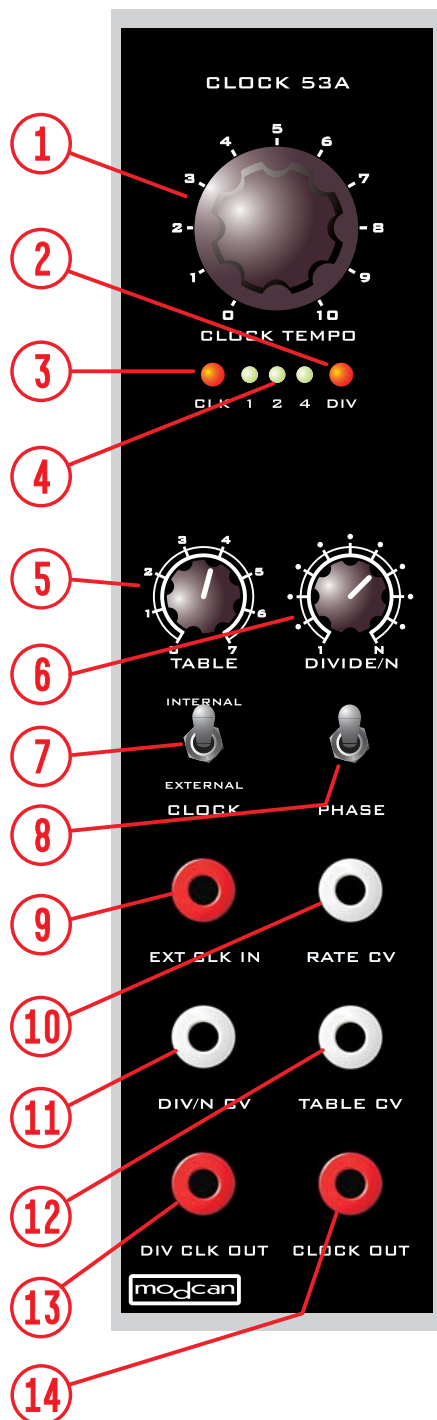
**Mix Control:** mix level of the two oscillators to the mix output





# Clock 53A

**Description:** The Clock 53A is an ideal companion to the Sequencer 17A. The 53A can also be used a system clock for triggering logic and EG modules. The unique function of this module is the ability to divide clock pulses using division tables stored in memory. The key function of the Clock module is the ability to divide clock pulses into musically useful divisions of 1/16th, 1/8, 1/4 notes etc. using voltage control.



1/ **Clock Tempo:** manual control knob for rate or tempo of the internal clock VCO.

2/ **Division LED:** indicates the status of the divided clock output.

3/ **Clock LED:** indicates the status of the internal clock.

4/ **Table indicator LEDs:** Uses a binary counting system to indicate table selection. None is 0, 1 and 2 is equal to 3, all lit equals 7. There are 8 tables from 0-7 available. The tables division denominators are listed below.

0/	1,2,4
1/	1,2,3,4
2/	1,2,4,8,16,32,64,128
3/	1,3
4/	1,3,6,9
5/	1,3,6,9,12,16,24,32
6/	1,2,3,4,6,8,9,12,16,24,32,48,64,96,128
7/	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16

5/ **Division Table Selector:** Control knob for manual selection of Division table 0-7

6/ **Divide by N Selector:** Control knob for manual selection of division denominator. An example using table 0: Knob in 1 position will give a division of 1. Clock Out and Div Clk out will be the same. With knob in center position Div Clk out will be half the number of pulses as Clock out for a division of 2. Fully CW will provide a division of 4 or 4 clock pulses equals 1 pulse from the Div Clk out. Using this in a sequence of 1/16th notes the divide by 2 will be 1/8th note and the divide by 4 will be 1/4 note duration.

7/ **Clock Int/Ext Switch:** Select between Internal VCO and External clock input.

8/ **SYNC Selector:** The Sync switch allows the selection of 16 or 32 clock division bar sync. The CLOCK OUT jack becomes an output for pulses that occur every 16 or 32 clock steps to be used to reset a sequencer. This allows the sequencer to reset to a 4/4 bar length regardless of the clock division lengths. In the center position the clock out is not divided. The clock output is the internal clock pulse in this switch position.

9/ **Rate CV Input:** Control voltage input for internal clock rate.

10/ **External Clock Input:** Patch the pulse output from a VCO or LFO etc. to this input. Set Clock selector switch to External.

11/ **Divide by N CV Input:** Input to select the division using a control voltage. See next page diagram for ideas on use.

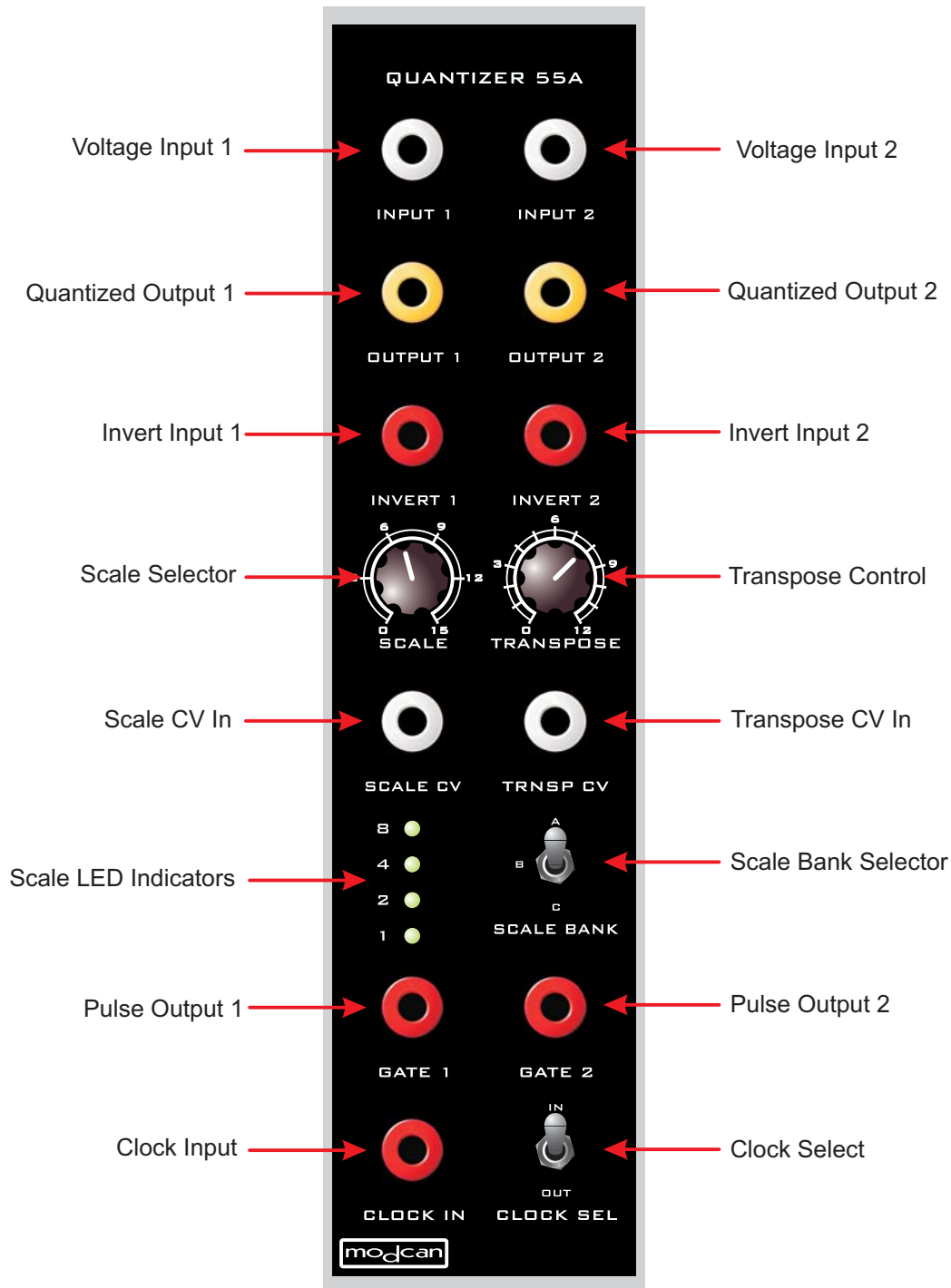
12/ **Table CV Input:** Input to select the division table using a CV.

13/ **Divided Clock Output:** Output of the divided clock

14/ **Clock Output:** Output of the internal clock VCO or bar sync pulses.

# Quantizer 55A

The Quantizer 55A translates signal voltage from continuous controllers and analogue sequencers into quantized steps conforming to standard musical scales. The two channels function independently of each other but share the same scale and transposition settings.



## Quantizer 55A panel functions and operation

**Scale Selector:** The scale selector is divided into a 16 increments. Each increment selects one of the available scales. The active scale number is indicated in binary format by the panel LEDs. All LEDs off is 0, all LEDs lit is 15. Simply add the numbers next to the LEDs that are lit to get the scale number (See scale list fig.1.). There are 3 banks of scales A,B,C each containing 16 scales for a total of 48. Banks are accessed using the Scale Bank selector switch. The scale selector level is added to the Scale CV input.

**Transpose Control:** The Transpose control knob is divided into 12 semitones. Transposing will retain the scale intervals while shifting the key up or down in semitones. The transpose control level is added to the transpose CV input. In order to transpose or shift the scale without changing the key center, mix an offset voltage with the input signal to be quantized instead.

**Bank Select Switch:** Selects between the 3 banks of scales. See scale list fig.1.

**Invert:** Patching a logic high (+5V) to this input inverts the quantized output. Low voltage in becomes high voltage out and vice versa.

**Pulse Output:** When the input voltage crosses a quantize step boundary a 5 ms pulse is output from this jack. The pulse can be patched to fire envelope generators or any other gate input. This feature is very useful when quantizing continuous voltage controllers like the X/Y Controller or a ribbon controller etc. Try patching a joystick module to the voltage input and patching the quantized output to a VCO 1V/Oct input. Then use the pulse out to fire an envelope controlling a VCA that shapes the VCO output signal. You can generate sequence type patterns this way.

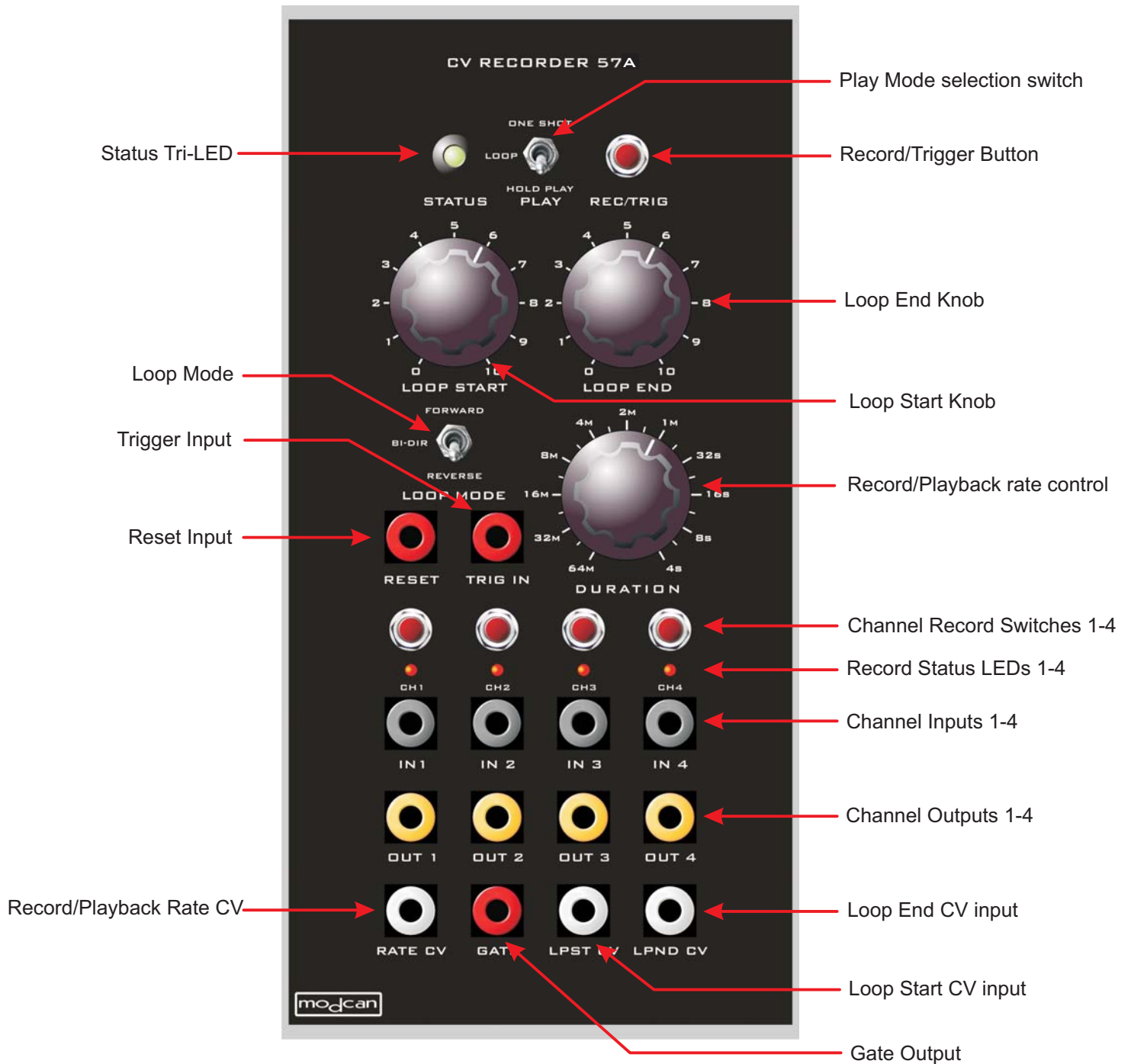
**Clock Input:** The clock input changes the quantizers to function like a sample and hold. Patching a clock or pulse signal from an LFO or VCO etc sets up the quantizer for clocking mode. Regardless of the signal at the voltage input the output will remain static until a clock high pulse is present. When the clock goes high the quantizer will sample the input and then output a quantized voltage. It will then wait for another clock pulse before repeating the sequence of sampling and quantizing. This is a useful feature when you want to use a clock to set a tempo for a sequence of quantized voltages. Try the patch outlined in the pulse out section above with the addition of a clock input to create a sequence of quantized voltages sampled from the joystick but set to a tempo by the clock. Random noise can also be quantized in this way to create random harmonic sequences. Set the Clock in/out switch to in when using the clock input.

	Bank A		Bank C		Bank B -Triads
0-	1/4 tone	0-	Algerian	0-	Major
1-	Semitone	1-	Altered	1-	Major6
2-	Major	2-	Aux Diminished	2-	Major7
3-	Minor	3-	Balinese	3-	Maj7b5
4-	Dorian	4-	Byzantine	4-	Minor
5-	Phrygian	5-	Diatonic	5-	Minor6
6-	Lydian	6-	Spanish	6-	Minor7
7-	Aeolian	7-	Double Harmonic	7-	Sus4
8-	Mixolydian	8-	Hindu	8-	Sus2
9-	Wholetone	9-	Sixtone Symmetric	9-	Sus4 Sus2
10-	Blues	10-	Nine Tone	10-	Augmented
11-	Diminished	11-	Overtone_Dominant	11-	Diminished
12-	Augmented	12-	Pelog	12-	Diminished 7th
13-	Pentatonic neutral	13-	Prometheus	13-	Sus7 Sus4
14-	Fourths	14-	Enigmatic	14-	Major 7 b5
15-	Octaves	15-	Octatonic	15-	Major 7 #5

# CV Recorder 57A

The CV Recorder 57A module provides a radical new approach to generating modulation and voltage control signals. The implications for this module are extensive when placed in a modular synthesizer context.

Concept: Combine the ability to record and playback control voltage signal events from standard modules with the tools to shape, mix, loop and time scale these performances in a simple and repeatable manner.



**Record/Trigger Button:**

Momentary switch with multiple functions depending on the status of the **Play Mode** selection switch next to it. See Chart below for Button functions relative to Play and Loop Mode Switches

Forward	Bi-Dir	Reverse	
Pressing once plays sample forward from Loop start to loop end as set by panel knobs	Pressing once plays sample forward from Loop start to loop end. Pressing twice plays in reverse	Pressing once plays sample in reverse from Loop end to loop start as set by panel knobs	<b>One Shot</b>
Pressing and holding plays the sample forward from Loop start to loop end until button is released	Pressing and holding plays the sample forward from Loop start to loop end and then in reverse until button is released	Pressing and holding plays the sample in reverse from Loop end to loop start until button is released	<b>Hold Play</b>
In Loop mode the Rec/Trig Button becomes the record button Press once to activate the rehearse mode (see below for explanation) Press a second time to activate record. Recording is achieved by selecting the input channel Record activation buttons. When the LEDs are lit the channel is selected. The LEDs will extinguish when recording is complete.			<b>Loop</b>

**Play Mode:**

By default the unit powers up in **Play** mode. After recording is finished the CV Recorder returns to play mode automatically. There is no switch to select play mode. Placing the **PLAY MODE** switch in loop mode (middle position) will loop the recording between start and end loop points as set by the corresponding loop knobs. With Play mode switch in the **ONE SHOT** position, playback will be started when the **REC/TRIG** button is depressed and released. Pulsing the **TRIGGER** input jack will do the same. With the switch in lower **HOLD PLAY** mode holding the **REC/TRIG** button down will playback the sample for the duration that the button is depressed. The sample will playback according to the **LOOP MODE** switch settings.

**Rehearse Mode:**

While in loop mode depressing the **Record Button** once places the recorder into rehearse mode. The status LED changes from blinking yellow to green with the loop point indicated by a red blink. **Rehearse Mode** passes the signal at the channel inputs to the channel outputs without recording it. This makes it possible to rehearse the control voltage event without committing it to memory. Once the performance is ready to record simply press the REC button again and start recording. The **Status LED** will change from green to red during recording and then back to yellow when complete. Be sure to arm the channel first by depressing one or all of the **Channel Selector Switches**. At the end of recording the channel LEDs will extinguish to prevent accidentally recording over the track.

**Recording:**

As mentioned above, select the channels to record before proceeding with the recording. Set the **LOOP START** and **LOOP END** knobs to determine where in the track to place the recording. Setting the **LOOP START** fully CCW and **LOOP END** fully CW provides the longest recording. Shorter recordings are made by placing the loop points closer together. This is also the method for chaining multiple recordings together. Simply record a short segment with loop points set near zero and then move loop points to the end of the first recording and record again. Now place loop start to the beginning and you will hear both recordings one after the other.

**Duration Control:**

The **Duration** control knob and rate CV jack control the sample rate of recording and playback. For most situations, higher sample rates (shorter durations) are best as they provide more samples per second providing a more accurate recording of fast transients and better resolution of slower moving signals. Some experimentation may be required to find the best sample rate/duration for the signal to be recorded. During playback the Duration control can be used to vary the playback speed of the recording. The **CV Rate** input is 1V/Octave response.

**Channel Record Switches 1-4:**

Momentary switches select the channel to be recorded. When lit the channel selected will be active in both **Record** and **Rehearse** modes. Any combination of switches can be selected. Recording on simultaneous multiple is supported or complex signals can be built up by recording on individual channels one at a time etc. Switches can be used to activate **PUNCH-IN** recording if selected mid-way through a recording. Channel LEDs are turned off when recording is finished to provide both a visual cue and to deactivate the channel to prevent further recording.

**Channel I/O:**

Channel inputs are capable of handling signals at  $\pm 5V$ . Levels outside this range will be clipped. To use with 0-10V signals it will be required to offset them prior to recording. The Dual Mixer 27 can be used to scale and offset. Outputs are also  $\pm 5V$ .

**Gate Output:**

The GATE output jack provides a short pulse coincident with the start point of the recording loop. The pulse out can be used to synchronize other logic modules or sequencers etc. with the loop point.

**Reset Input:**

Pulsing the reset input with logic high gate will reset the recorded loop to the beginning as set by the **LOOP START** Knob. If Loop mode is set to **Reverse** it will be from the **LOOP END** point.

**Trigger Input:**

The TRIGGER input jack performs the same functions as the REC/TRIG Button. Pulsing this jack will have the same results in the various modes as outlined in the Record/Trigger Button section.

**Quick Start Guide:**

- 1/ Patch the output from an X/Y Controller or Sequencer or LFO etc. to Channel One input jack
- 2/ Patch the output of channel one to the 1V/OCT input on a VCO or Filter etc.
- 3/ Switch PLAY Mode switch to LOOP position.
- 4/ Set DURATION control knob to 4 sec. position and turn LOOP START knob fully CCW and LOOP END fully CW
- 5/ Depress and release Channel One selector switch to ARM channel one as indicated by the CH1 LED
- 6/ Depress and release REC/TRIG button once to enter REHEARSE mode, checking that input signal is passing to the output jack. The status LED will begin blinking green with one red blink to indicate loop start point.
- 7/ Once you are satisfied with the modulation signal you are about to record press the REC/TRIG button a second time. Recording will start immediately and continue till the status LED resumes blinking yellow and the Channel LED extinguishes. The recording will immediately playback at the end of record.
- 8/ Experiment with different loop points and DURATION settings and then try another recording on a different channel. Also try setting new loop points and recording over top of the original recording. Return the Loop knobs to fully left and right to hear all recordings on channel 1 strung together.

**Experiments:**

Try recording a sequence from an analogue sequencer on one channel and recording the master clock at the same time on another channel. Then use the clock recording to clock the sequencer and you will have the pitch recording which can be synced to the sequencer to use for modulation. This frees up rows on the sequencer to do other things. Also use the clock recording to fire an envelope generator which will now be in sync with the pitch recording.

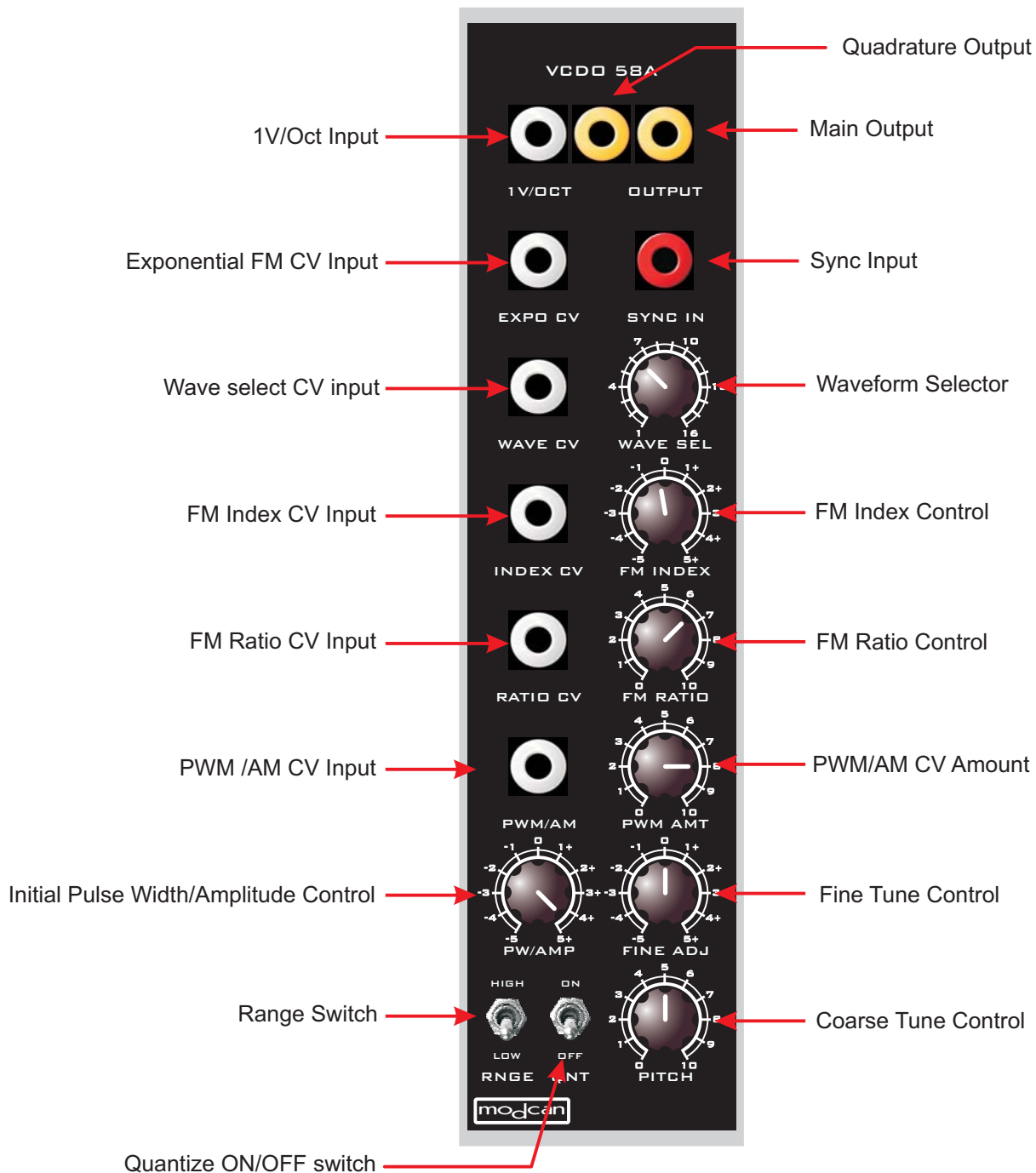
You can also record the output from an envelope generator and a sequencer at the same time. Now you can use the recorded envelope shape to control a VCA etc. This can be really cool if using the BI-DIR setting on the LOOP mode switch. Notice how the envelope changes duration as the playback rate is changed.

Try recording the output from an LFO while changing the LFOs frequency or chaining together multiple recordings using different wave outputs from the LFO. This way you can have an LFO that goes from sine to triangle to saw etc. Put a VCA between the LFO and recorder and now record with different levels from the VCA allowing the LFO amplitude to fade in and out. Some of the most interesting effects happen by altering the loop points in odd ways. One way to use the loop points is to set for a very short loop and then use an LFO or X/Y Controller to sweep the using the LOOP ST, LOOP END CV input jacks. Patch the same control signal to both jacks and get loop points granular synthesis effects. As you can see there are many possibilities available.



# VCDO 58A

The VCDO 58A is a voltage controlled digital wave form oscillator. Two operator FM is implemented here as is Amplitude modulation (AM) and traditional Exponential FM. There are 16 wave forms selectable with the Wave Control and Wave CV inputs. See the following pages for more details on panel controls and functions.



## VCDO Guide

### **Waveform Selector Control:**

Control knob used to select from the 16 on-board waveforms (0-15).  
All waves are AC +/-2.5V for a 5V peak to peak output.

#### **Waveform list**

0-Sine  
1-Triangle  
2-11-sample based waveforms arranged from simple to complex  
12-sawtooth  
13-PWM pulse  
14-PWM double-pulse  
15-Noise

### **Initial Pulse Width/Amplitude Control:**

The Pulse Width/AM control is dual function depending on which of the 16 waves is selected  
When the Pulse (13) and Double Pulse (14) waves are selected this control in conjunction with the PWM CV jack controls the width of the pulse or square wave shape between 1 and 99% width.  
When any of the other waves are selected this becomes an amplitude or level control.  
Setting the knob in the center will produce the lowest level or most attenuation.  
The AM CV input can be used to control the amplitude like a VCA. The CV input is +/-2.5V so if using with an envelope generator the EG signal needs to be scaled by half to give the full range of control.  
Modulating this input with a sine wave or other AC signal will produce Amplitude Modulation (AM) effects.

### **FM Index Control:**

This control in conjunction with the Index CV input, sets the amount or depth of the internal sine wave modulators effect on the carrier wave. Sweep the FM index CV input with an envelope for some classic DX7 type sounds

### **FM Ratio Control:**

The Ratio Control and ratio CV input tunes the modulator to a rational frequency value relative to the carrier frequency. The modulator and carrier are phase locked which produces beat-free timbres that retain spectral relationships over the entire frequency range.

### **Range Control:**

The Range control sets the initial frequency of the VCDO. The 1Volt per Octave input jack is summed with this control. The range is 10 octaves from 10kHz-10Hz with the range switch in the HIGH position. In the LOW position the range is 0.040Hz-40Hz. If the Quantize switch is on you can hear the semitone steps as the Range knob is swept.

### **Fine Tune Control:**

The Fine tune is a fine adjustment for tuning the VCDO. The range available is 1 octave.  
This control is never quantized regardless of the quantize switch settings  
Nor is the Expo CV input.

### **Sync Input Jack:**

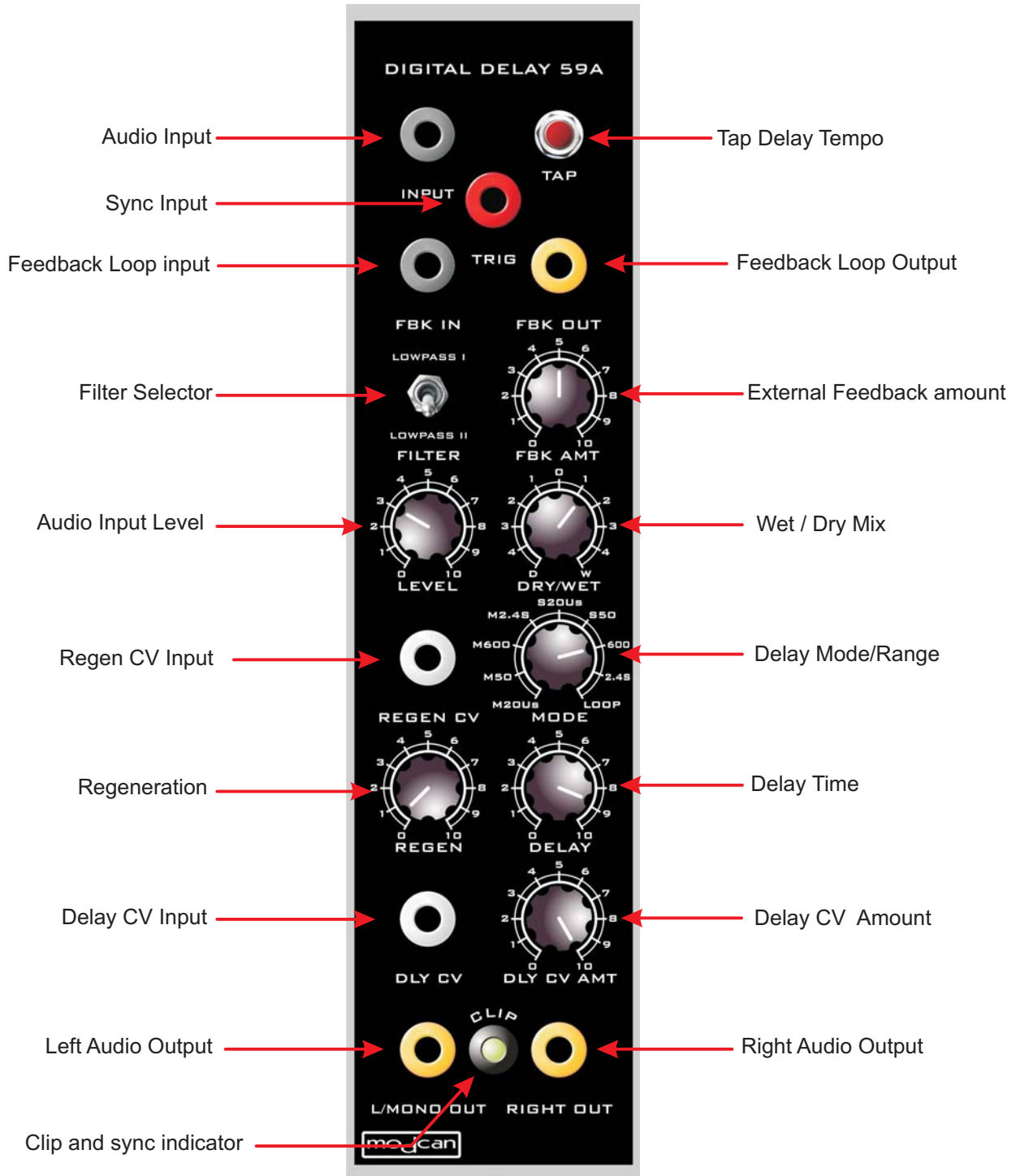
The sync input functions identically to the hard sync on a typical VCO. Driving this input with a square wave from another VCO, produces the characteristic hard sync effect. For best results the input sync frequency should be less than the VCO (or VCDO) it is driving. The input pulse is resetting the VCDO wave start with each logic high pulse.  
This can be useful when the VCDO is functioning as an LFO as the SYNC in can be used to reset or synchronize the LFO start point to a clock or timed event.

### **Main Output:**

The main output jack is joined by an un-labeled quadrature output jack just next to it on the panel.  
This second output is a 90 degree out of phase version of the same signal. This feature makes the VCDO into a quadrature oscillator that can be used to do quad panning or quad mixing using the Vector fade module for example.  
The FM section will also effect the quadrature output. As the FM index is increased the outputs will not remain symmetrical  
The FM is applied to both waves at the same time and is consequently 90 degrees out of phase as well.  
The quadrature out is un-labeled as this feature was added after the panels were made.  
The output signal can become relatively harsh sounding with a complex carrier and high FM index.  
Judicious filtering with one of the wide variety of Modcan Lowpass filters can go a long way to help tame the output.

# Digital Delay 59A

The Digital Delay is a stereo out DSP signal processor specializing in time delay effects



## Digital Delay panel functions and operation

**Delay Mode Selector:** The mode or range selector sets the delay range. It is impossible to cover the entire delay range with only one range so it was broken down into four ranges of Mono and 4 ranges of ping-pong or stereo delay times. The M is for mono and the S is for stereo. Use the Left output only for mono and both left and right for stereo. In Mono mode the right output is the delay only signal with no mix of dry signal. This makes it possible to mix wet and dry "down-line" using a mixer module if desired.

Once a range has been selected the DELAY time knob adjusts the delay time between the upper and lower values for that range.

Delay ranges are: 20uS-50mS, 50mS-600mS, 600mS-2.4Sec., 2.4Sec-5.8Sec.

**Wet/Dry Mix:** Sets the wet dry mix of the effect. The Regen CV jack can also be used to CV control the mix. To do this will require an "insert" cable with stereo connector split to 2 mono cables. The Tip is regen CV and the ring is Mix CV.

**Clip Indicator:** Led will lite if the input level is too hot. High Regeneration (feedback) levels will also cause the internal signal to clip if input is high. It is best to allow some headroom for regen when setting initial levels and boost the signal at the amplifier or mixing desk to compensate. LED will also lite in time with a pulse signal at the SYNC input jack. This will show the rate of the sync signal.

**External Feedback Amount:** To use the external feedback loop. Patch the Feedback loop output jack into something like the Frequency Shifter input. Take the FS output and patch back into the external FBK input. The Feedback amount control sets the level of the feedback loop. External feedback only works in MONO mode. Stereo will self oscillate and squeal. Use the Right Audio out for "normal" results but using the Left/Mono out is also possible. The left output will mix some of the dry signal in with the feedback while the right will not. The Mix control also has an effect on the level of feedback signal going to the external module. The best is to experiment with the combination of outputs till you find a sound you like.

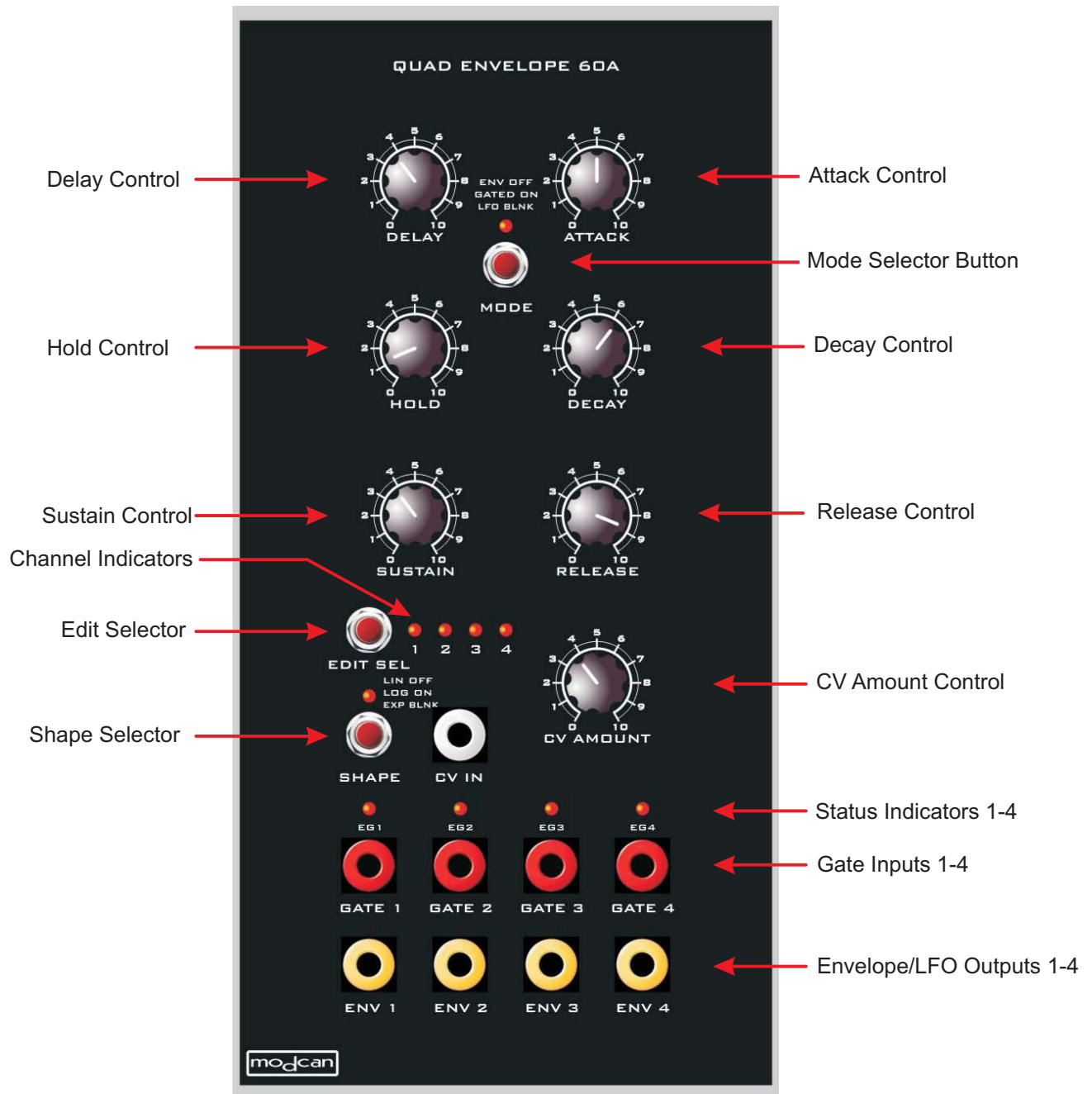
**Tap Temp:** Tapping on this button will adjust the delay time to match the time between button depresses. You can use this to tap along with pre recorded music to set a matching Delay time. The Sync input does a similar trick but you can use a clock from a sequencer or LFO to set delay time.

**Filter Selector Switch:** There are two filter modes that can be engaged as part of the delay regeneration loop (not the external FBK) The LP1 is a 2.5kHz Lowpass filter with some resonance. It helps to simulate the slightly dreamy effect one gets with Analogue Delays at higher regen. It does this by progressively filtering the echos as they trail off. Exactly as happens with a BBD. Filter LP2 is a 4kHz LP filter with no resonance used to dull the repeating echos and warm the effect. Center position removes all filtering and returns you to mirror echos with no frequency degradation.

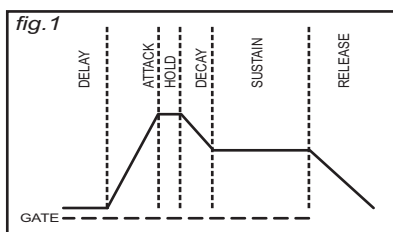
**Delay CV Control:** The Delay time is variable with CV control. Having said that you will find that it responds better to a stepped CV like the output from a sequencer etc. Patching in a low frequency Triangle wave will change the delay time but it is not as successful as one would hope. The reason for this is we had to use cross-fading to eliminate nasty glitches when changing delay times. The result is that slowly transitioning through delay times results in a slight tremolo effect as the signal changes output level. Jump transitions don't suffer from this effect.

# Quad Envelope 60A

The Quad Envelope 60A brings together the traditional functions of the modular Envelope generator with an extended range of features that a micro controller based design can offer. A "paging" interface permits easy access to four individual contour generators programmed by a common set of panel control knobs and switches. All parameters are stored in non-volatile memory without need for battery backup. See following page for more detailed information.



## Quad Envelope 60A panel functions and operation



### Overview:

The Quad Envelope 60A, as the name suggests, is four envelopes/LFOs in one module. Each of the four channels is accessed using the Edit Selection button. Envelope Stage Control knobs are used for dialing in the settings or time constants as with a conventional envelope generator. Once the user is satisfied with the edited settings, holding the Edit Sel button and then momentarily depressing the Shape button, stores the settings to memory. The Delay, Attack, Decay, Sustain and Release stages function identically to the Envelope 04B or Dual EG 47B. The new Hold stage adds an extra punch between the attack and decay stages. See fig. 1 for a diagram showing stages.

### Panel Control Details

**Edit Selector Button:** This button is used to increment through the 4 channels in order that they may be edited by the panel controls. Simply depress the button repeatedly till the desired channels indicator LED is lit. The lit channel is now "live" and all changes made to the panel control knobs and switches will apply to that channel. It is probably wise to save new settings to memory before moving on to edit the next channel as a precaution in case of power disruption, but is not essential provided that a save is done before finally shutting down the system. Further editing of the channel will overwrite the buffered or stored settings but will not be permanent till stored. A second function of this button, in conjunction with the Shape button is to store the edits to memory.

**Saving parameters:** Depress and hold the Edit Sel button, while momentarily depressing the Shape button. The channel indicator LEDs will flash 1-4 to show a save has completed. The save function stores settings for all channels to non-volatile memory and is retained even after power down.

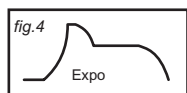
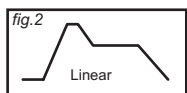
**Mode Selector Button:** The mode selector button sets the currently selected channel to function in one of three modes. The LED above the button indicates the mode. Modes settings are saved with the individual channel settings. It is possible to have one of 3 modes for each of the four channels for a possible 12 combinations.

**LED OFF: Standard Envelope mode.** The Delay through Release controls set the time durations of the envelope as shown in fig. 1 above. +5V Gate inputs fire the envelopes when high.

**LED ON: Gated Envelope Loop mode.** The envelope will loop through the Attack, Hold and Decay stages for as long as the gate input is held "high" or on. The Release stage kicks in when the Gate input goes "low" or off. Mostly Triangle shapes are available in this mode so for a more complex envelope shape the output can be used to trigger a second channel set to function in envelope mode.

**LED Blinking: LFO mode.** LFO mode loops through the Delay, Attack, Hold and Decay stages to form a wide variety of wave shapes. With zero Delay, moderate Attack and Decay and zero Hold, Triangle waves are produced. Varying the Attack and Decay will produce rising or falling sawtooth shapes.

With equal amounts of Delay and Hold and zero Attack and Decay square waves are possible. The LFO frequency is the sum of the durations of the individual stages. Shorter stage durations will increase the speed of the LFO etc. No gate is required and for this mode and the gate input will be ignored for the channel.



**Shape selector button:** The Shape selector button permits the user to select between 3 different envelope curves. The LED above the button indicates the Shape and shape chosen is saved with the individual channel settings.

**LED OFF: Linear.** See fig. 2 above for shape. Standard response for use with linear VCAs

**LED ON: Log.** See fig. 3. Log can be used to linearize an exponential response VCA

**LED Blinking: Exponential.** See fig. 4. Expo can be used to simulate the effect of an audio curve on a linear VCA

**CV Amount:** The CV amount sets the depth of effect the control voltage patched to the CV input jack will have on the envelope. The greater the CV voltage the shorter the duration of the envelope stages. In the case of LFOs, larger CV voltages will increase the frequency of the LFO. This makes it a voltage controlled LFO. CV control has no effect on Sustain. The CV Amount value is stored with the channel. This allows the user to set different CV depths for each of the four envelopes/LFOs.

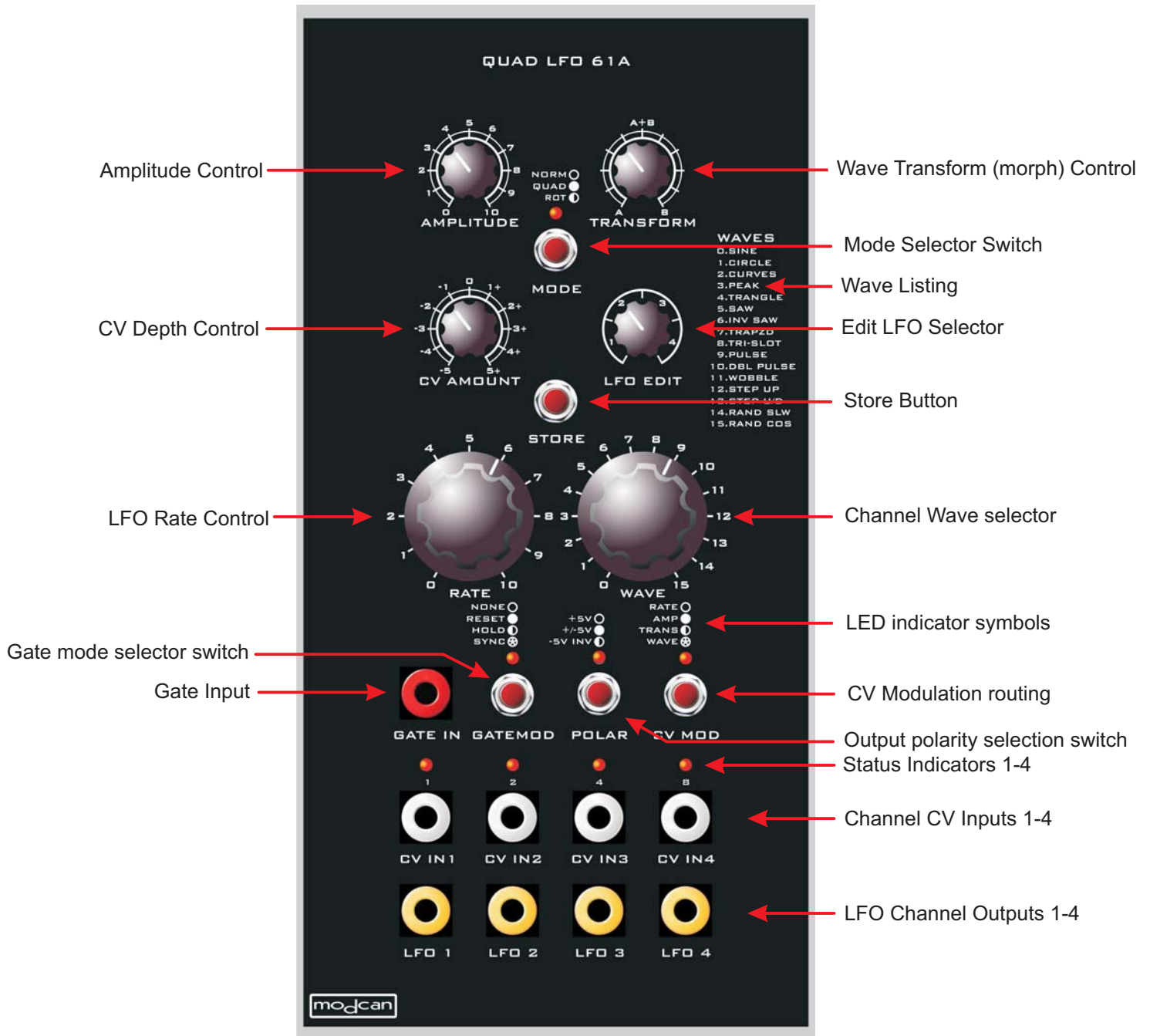
**Status indicator LEDs:** Provide visual feedback of envelope status at each of the 4 channel outputs.

**Gate Inputs:** patching a +5V gate to the GATE INPUTS will trigger the envelope on the corresponding channel. Patching to multiple GATE inputs is allowed and will trigger multiple envelopes as you might expect. It is also possible to patch the output from a channel in LFO mode to the GATE IN of a channel in Envelope mode to have a self triggering envelope.



# Quad LFO 61A

## Panel Control Locations



# Quad LFO 61A Quickstart Guide

This brief outline will get you up and running right out of the box and provide the instant gratification we all need.

**Step 1:** Start by powering up the module with no patch cords connected. You will see the LFO status LEDs do a little dance indicating that the stored knob and switch settings have been loaded from memory into their respective buffers ready for play.

**Step 2:** Patch LFO output 1 to a suitable modulation destination. A good start would be the Expo CV input of a VCO or similar module. This will make it easy to hear the effects of the modulation.

**Step 3:** Set the LFO EDIT knob so that it is aligned with the number one on the dial graphic. This sets LFO 1 as the active LFO ready for editing.

**Step 4:** Set the Wave knob to #4 TRIANGLE, Set Level knob to center position, Transform knob fully CCW, Rate knob can be set to any desired frequency but start with a moderate rate so you can hear the effects of the other controls as they are changed. You will notice that tuning the knobs causes the LFO to jump to the current knob setting. This is intentional but can be modified so that the knob needs to be aligned with the stored settings before the effects of editing will be heard. This is done by powering off the module and then back on while holding the MODE switch down. returning to "INSTANT EDIT MODE" is done the same way.

**Step 5:** Start by powering up the module with no patch cords connected. You will see the LFO status LEDs do a little dance indicating that the stored knob and switch settings have been loaded from memory into their respective buffers ready for play.

**Step 6:** As you can probably hear you have a Triangle wave modulating the pitch of your VCO about now. sweeping the Transform knob across its range. You will notice the effect of the LFO gradually changing as it morphs between a Triangle wave and a Square wave. The in-between wave shapes are a blend of the two waves as they morph. You can adjust the Level knob to set the desired modulation depth and change the Rate control so try different frequencies. Now try the other waves and the effect that changing the Transform control has on each one. The Waveform diagrams on the last page will help you to better visualize the Transforms effect on each waveform.

**Step 7:** Staying on LFO 1 for now to keep it simple, try the different polarity setting by incrementing the Polarity Switch. The saved value on first power up is 0-5V+ with LED off. The LED ON setting is +/-5V or double the range with positive and negative swings etc.

**Step 8:** Patch a clock or square wave signal from an LFO or second VCO in low range to the GATE IN jack. Increment the GATE MOD switch till the LED is flashing rapidly. You will notice that the LFO RATE has now changed to the same rate as the external clock or LFO signal. Changing the clock tempo will speed up or slow down the Quad LFOs rate. You could try doing this with the clock also stepping a sequencer so that the LFO is in sync with the sequence events.

**Step 9:** Step the GATE MOD switch one more increment to shut off the SYNC function and remove the clock signal from the GATE IN. Patch that same clock or LFO output into CV INPUT 1. Now adjust the CV Amount knob to hear the effect of modulation on the LFOs RATE. Try a triangle or sine source instead of a clock/square to hear a more gradual transition effect. Turning the CV Amount left of center subtracts while to the right adds to the RATE of LFO 1. You can try selecting the other modulation assignments with the CV MOD switch to hear the effect of modulation on these destinations. To remove the CV effect on each routing set the CV AMOUNT knob to center position to ZERO out the effect. At any point you can hit the STORE button to save any of your edits to memory. I wouldn't do this just yet though as you may want to return to the default settings if you get lost. Powering off and back on will return to the default settings.

We have now covered the basic operation of all the knob and most of the switch functions.

The next step is to try setting up each of the LFOs as we did in PART I. The key to doing this is remembering to set the LFO EDIT selection knob to the desired LFO to edit before changing the settings. Otherwise you will find yourself editing the wrong LFO channel. You can continue to experiment with the other LFO settings and then continue on to read the rest of this manual for a greater understanding of the other features of the Quad LFO

# Quad LFO 61A Section 1

## Introduction: 1.1

The Quad LFO is the second in a series of modules that represents a new approach in User Interface design for Modcan modules. The intent is to combine multiple iterations of otherwise single module functions, in this case an LFO, into a high density module with large feature set that maximizes panel space and control hardware. As a result many features may not be readily apparent from the front panel alone. The following sections will attempt to help the user grasp the somewhat complex UI and discover that it is both highly versatile and like any other musical instrument, becomes easier to navigate with practice. It is possible to use the Quad LFO in its simplest modes and still get a lot of functionality. There are a LOT of features built into this module, with a few that may require some reading to implement. Again to use the musical instrument example, a little study will be greatly rewarded with a deeper knowledge of the powerful and unique features that lurk within.

## Basic Concepts 1.2

Each of the 4 LFOs share the same panel control knobs and switches for setting parameters. Each LFO has its own output jack and CV input. The GATE IN jack and its functions are applied to each LFO independently but share the same switch and jack.

When first powering up the module the "PATCH" values for knobs and switches are loaded automatically from internal EEPROM, restoring the unit to a previous state from the last time a STORE was completed. The main control for editing patch settings is the LFO EDIT knob. Placing this knob in any of the four quadrants selects the current LFO for edit. Once the LFO to edit has been selected moving the knobs or toggling switches will override the saved values and become "live" for the selected LFO. Depressing the STORE button will write the new edit values to memory if desired otherwise can be used as a temporary edit that will not be saved when powered down. The new edited settings are retained in a temporary buffer allowing the LFO EDIT knob to select another LFO for edit and allowing you to return to the previous LFO to edit again later. Parameters do not need to be STORED between edits but may be good practice in the event of a power glitch.

## Knob edit modes: 1.3

There are two knob edit modes available. They are switched by first powering off the module and then depressing and holding the MODE switch button will power the module on. This will toggle between the two states. Pressing the STORE button will save the chosen state so that it will be the default state next time the module is powered up. No need to depress the MODE switch after this has been done unless you want to switch to the other **knob edit mode**. The modes are explained next.

**Instant Edit Mode:** In this mode moving the knobs will cause the knobs value to "Jump" from the saved value to the new knob position value the instant the knobs are moved. The pros to this are no need to align the knob to the former value stored in memory before editing can occur. Cons are that you can't make a minor tweak to the value easily when switching between LFOs to edit and no visual feedback from knob regarding previously stored values. **This is the default factory MODE** as it is the one I prefer.

**Alignment Edit Mode:** In this mode the knob is moved till it aligns with the value stored in memory. Moving the knob will not edit the value till it is in approximately in the same position as the last time it was stored to memory. This is also true if switching between LFOs. Editing LFO 1 and then moving the LFO2 and then back to 1 the knobs will need to be re-aligned to continue editing. The main benefit to this style of editing is no sudden jump to a new value, allowing for minor adjustments to stored values. Also it allows the user to see the knobs previous position when last saved or edited.

## The sequence of events for editing: 1.4

- 1/Select LFO to edit using LFO EDIT knob.
- 2/ Change knob settings and switches for selected LFO. Make sure selected LFO is patched to another module so you can hear the effect of changing parameters.
- 3/Press STORE button to save edited values or select another LFO for edit and do 1 and 2 above.

## Quad LFO 61A Section 2

### Panel KNOB Definitions:

Panel knob settings are assigned to each of the 4 LFOs independently based on EDIT knob position.

**AMPLITUDE:** Knob sets the initial level or peak to peak amplitude of the LFO waveform output in conjunction with the Polarity switch which sets the +/- polarity of the output for each LFO (see below). With Polarity set to +5V the peak to peak output is 0-5V+, when +/-5V the range is 0V to +/-5V, set to -5V the range is 0 to -5V

**CV AMOUNT:** Knob sets the amount or depth of CV modulation between the source CV Channel input jack and the modulation destination. Positioning the knob near center results in 0 modulation depth with fully CW rotation adding positive values and CCW subtracting from values initially set with panel controls. i.e. when modulating amplitude it subtracts or adds to the initial value set by the amplitude control knob. The destinations for modulation are set with CV MOD switch and include, WAVE AMPLITUDE, WAVE TRANSFORM, LFO RATE and WAVEFORM SELECTION. See below for more info on the CV MOD switch. Any or all of the above modulation destinations can be assigned with individual CV AMOUNT settings for each destination. There is only one CV jack per channel so it will be shared by all destinations. If no CV is required for a particular destination just set to center 0 position for off.

**TRANSFORM:** This control has different functions depending on the waveform selected by the WAVE knob. A graphic representation of the waves with their transformed shapes is on last page of this document. For most of the waves the TRANSFORM is like a morph or blend function. It allows two waves to be gradually “transformed” from one to the other shape. For example, with Triangle wave selected the output is a Tri Wave when Transform control is fully CCW and a square wave when fully CW. The in between settings result in a blend of the two wave shapes dependant on knob position. There are no less than 4096 different wave shapes between these two extremes. The transition will sound more gradual than this number implies however as the increments are small. The WAVES named in the wave list are at the fully CCW position of the TRANSFORM Control knob. The waves at the other end of the “MORPH” are not named but are depicted in the TRANSFORM graphics on page 4. The CV AMOUNT and CV input can also be used to transform the waves using external CVs.

**LFO EDIT:** The LFO Edit knob selects the target LFO for editing. This is a pot not a switch so there are no click stops to reference. For best results place the knob line indicator pointing directly at the numbers in the dial graphics or at least within the approximate centers of the quadrants indicated. Setting the knob for LFO1 makes that LFO “live” for editing using the other panel knobs and switches. Switching to LFO2 stops editing in LFO1 and activates LFO2 for edit. The settings made in LFO1 are not lost and can be returned to for further editing by moving the EDIT control back to LFO1 position. Nothing is saved at this point but pressing the STORE button will commit the edits to EEPROM memory and will be reloaded on next power-up. The EEPROM retention spec. is typically 100 years.

**RATE Control:** Pretty simple this one. Adjusts the LFO rate or frequency. Exponential curve response with a 19.1 Octave range of .0008 Hz (1 cycle every 20.8 minutes) to 500Hz. The CV AMOUNT and CV input can also be used to modulate the rate using external CVs.

**WAVE Control:** This knob selects the waveform for each LFO. The numbers, starting at 0 on the dial graphic correspond with the WAVE chart printed on the panel. See page 4 for graphics of waves available. The CV AMOUNT and CV input can also be used for wave selection using external CVs.

## Quad LFO 61A Section 3

### Panel SWITCH Definitions:

Panel switch settings are assigned to each of the 4 LFOs independently based on EDIT knob position. The MODE switch is a global assignment and applies to all 4 LFOs, not independently.

Depressing the MODE switch while powering on the module is used to set the knob edit mode as discussed in Section 1.3

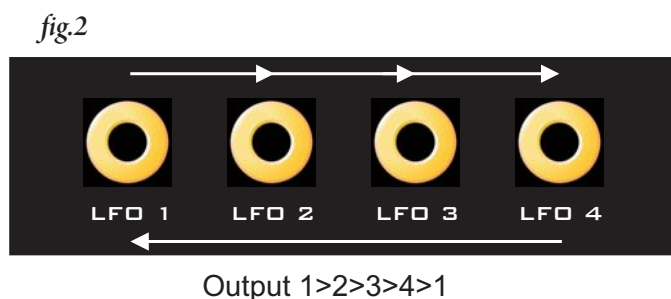
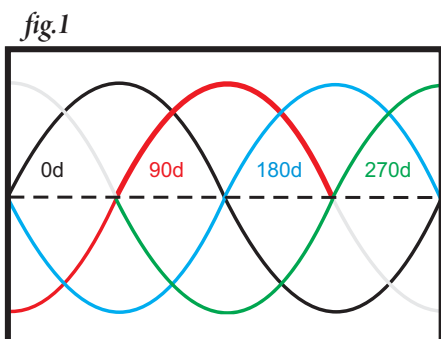
**MODE Switch:** This switch sets the operation MODE for the module. Each of the three modes applies globally across all 4 LFOs and can have a dramatic effect on the modules function. Depressing the switch increments through the three modes with LED indicator lit according to state.

#### Mode 1 NORMAL=Mode LED OFF:

In this mode the module functions a 4 independant LFOs with EDIT KNOB used to select the LFO to edit.

#### Mode 2 QUADRATURE=Mode LED ON:

This mode puts the module into a quadrature state with only settings on channel one applying to all 4 LFOs. Editing the other 3 channels will have no effect. The output waves on channel 1-4 are in quadrature phase with each other. Ch1 = 0 degrees, Ch2 = 90, Ch3 = 180, Ch4 = 270 degrees. See *fig.1* for illustration of phases on a sine wave. Quadrature mode is useful when patched with the 4VCA module. Each of the 4 outputs can be patched to the CV inputs of the 4VCA to be used for Quad panning in a quadraphonic speaker system. Patching the 4VCA mix out would give you 4way cross-fading. It can also be used to sequence 4 Envelope generators or a variety of other quad patches.



#### Mode 3 ROTATE=Mode LED BLINK:

This is a unique mode that responds to pulses on the GATE IN jack. The result is that each of the 4 LFOs outputs rotate one jack to the right with each new pulse in. Despite the fact that this is a global MODE each of the 4 LFOs can be edited as in NORMAL mode with all switch, Gate, and knob functions applied to each LFO independently. It is only the ordering of the outputs that are modified in this mode. See *fig.2* The Gate pulse controls the rotate stepping but can also be used with the GATE MOD functions simultaneously if selected by the GATE MOD switch. The **Output 1-4 Status LEDs do not rotate**. This provides some visual feedback if editing the LFOs in this mode. Rotating the LEDs would make it difficult to see what changes are being made by knob edits etc.

**Store Button:** The Store button is used to save edited parameters to memory for future sessions. All knobs and switch states are saved for all of the 4 LFOs. No need to save each LFO separately. A short depress is all that is required. The 4 Output LEDs will sequence 1-4 once to show that a save has been successful.

**Polarity Switch:** This Switch controls the peak to peak voltage of the outputs for each channel.

+5V=LED OFF: Output is positive only with peak of 0-5V+ on the selected LFO channel.

+/-5V=LED ON: Peak to Peak is +/-5V

-5V=LED BLINK: The output swings only negative between -5V and 0 or ground.

First select the LFO channel with the EDIT knob, then set the chosen polarity for that channel by incrementing the switch through the 3 states. The LED changes as channel is changed to show polarity setting for each channel.



## Quad LFO 61A Section 4

### Panel SWITCH Definitions continued:

#### CV Modulation Overview.

Each of the 4 LFOs has its own CV jack for external modulation control. There are 4 modulation control destinations that can be assigned using the CV MOD switch. Each destination has a separate Depth set by the CV AMOUNT knob. All of the destinations can be assigned or none. Setting the CV AMOUNT knob to center effectively shuts off the modulation to the selected routing. One LFO can modulate another and is a great way to create a complex patch. An LFO can even modulate itself, leading to unpredictable results but it is possible.

**CV MOD Switch:** Use this switch to internally assign the routing or destination of the LFO channel CV input jack. This switch has 4 states. Each of the destinations shares one CV input jack. Therefore modulating the frequency and amplitude will be done with the same modulation source. The CV AMOUNT knob sets the level and polarity of modulation for each destination and can be set to differing amounts for each. Rotating the CV AMT right of center adds while left of center subtracts. This helps to compensate for the limitations of sharing one jack for all 4 mod routings. Like all the switches, pressing repeatedly increments the switches state.

#### Modulation Destinations:

**RATE=MOD LED OFF:** In this state the CV input is routed to the LFO RATE. If LFO is at maximum frequency no amount of CV will increase the LFO rate. Only subtracting by setting the CV AMT knob left of center will have any effect.

**AMP=MOD LED ON:** Routes the CV to the AMP(litude) destination. This allows for CV control of output level for each of the LFO channels. This is a great function for changing the depth of vibrato etc.

**TRANS=MOD LED BLINK:** Sends the CV to the TRANSFORM destination. Shape is the function that allows changes to the waveform shapes as discussed in Section 2.

**WAVE=MOD LED Double BLINK:** Fast LED blinking indicates CV routing to the WAVE destination. This allows CV control of waveform selection.

#### GATE MOD Selection Switch:

There are 4 different modes for GATE INPUT jack routing. Only one mode is available at any one time but any of the 4 modes can be applied to Each of the 4 LFOs independently. Set to off position on selected LFO for no GATE effect. The LED updates to show GATE MOD selections for each channel as EDIT selector changes channels.

**NONE=GATE MOD LED OFF:** Set to this position if no GATE effect is required

**RESET= GATE MOD LED ON:** In this mode pulses on the GATE IN jack will reset the LFO channel to wave start with each new pulse. This is a good mode if you want to use the LFO wave like an envelope shape to control pitch or filter cutoff etc.

**HOLD= GATE MOD LED BLINK:** Holding the GATE IN Jack high using a square wave or any +5V source voltage will cause the LFO to freeze in position. The LFO will resume once the GATE IN goes low (0V). This can be useful in Quadrature mode as it allows you to freeze panning position or as an effect for modulation.

**SYNC= GATE MOD LED Double BLINK:** This is a very unique mode and one you won't find on any other modular LFO. It allows the use of a clock or second LFO to set the RATE or frequency of the selected channel. This can be very useful for synchronizing the LFO rate with a sequence or other timed events. The Staircase waves are very good in this mode to simulate the effects of an arpeggiator. Try setting all channels to SYNC, then using the ROTATE function for sequenced LFOs synchronized to a clock. Changing the clock speed will alter the rate and sequence tempo in step. The range is 600Hz-0.003Hz and is extremely precise (32bit accuracy)



## Quad LFO 61A Section 5

### I/O Jack definitions:

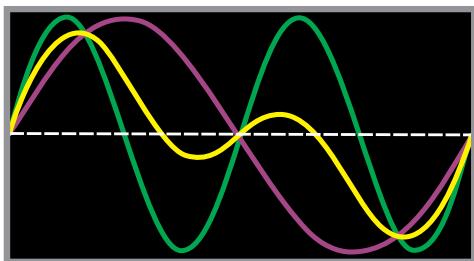
**Gate IN:** There is only one jack for gate input signals. The GATE MOD destination switch assigns this jack to the various GATE MOD routings that have been previously covered in Section 4. Gate signals are typically 0-5V+ and are usually a square or pulse shape. On this module they can be any shape and between +3V and +10V when high.

**CV INPUTS:** Each LFO has its own CV input jack. These are routed to the various CV modulation destinations by the CV MOD Switch. The maximum input level that will be accepted at these jacks is +/-5V. Positive (0-5V+) and negative (0-5V-) can also be used.

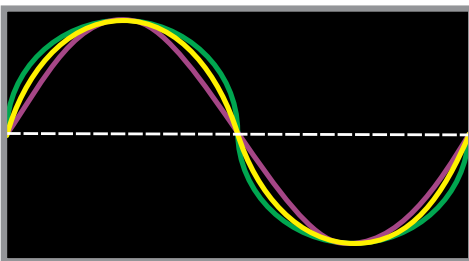
**LFO Outputs:** These are the main outputs for each of the 4 LFOs, The output amplitude can range between 0V and +/-5V depending on the AMP settings in each LFO setup. These outs can be patched back into the LFO CV inputs to enable modulation between LFOs.

# WAVES

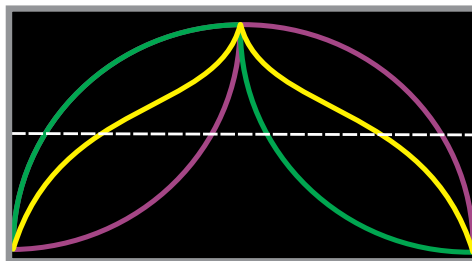
**WAVE 0** SINE>DOUBLE SINE



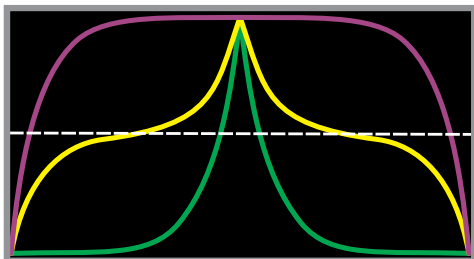
**WAVE 1** CIRCLE>SINE



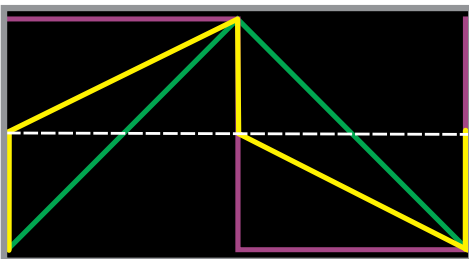
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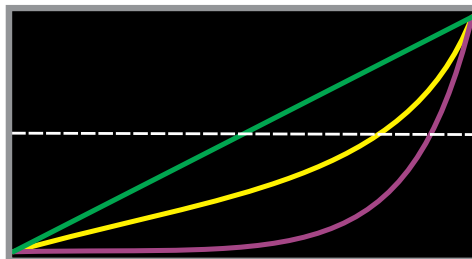
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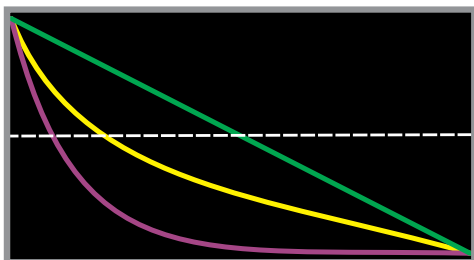
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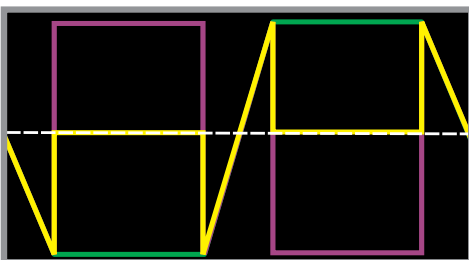
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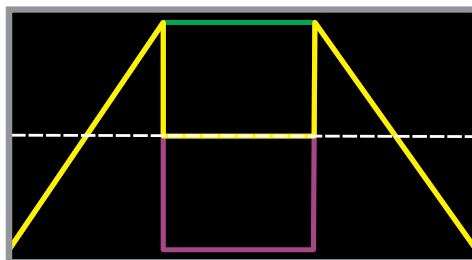
**WAVE 6** INVSAW>INVEXPO



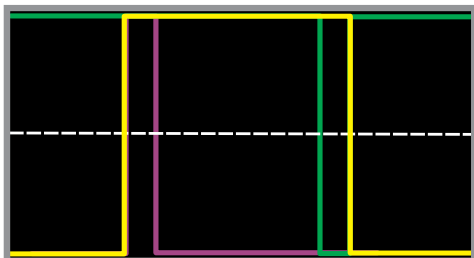
**WAVE 7** TRAPAZOID>SLOT



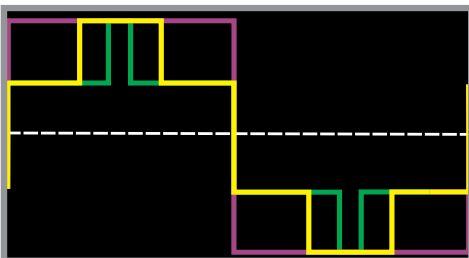
**WAVE 8** TRI>SLOT



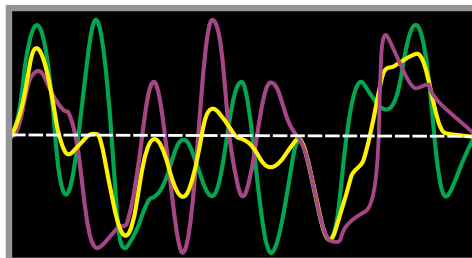
**WAVE 9** PULSE with PWM



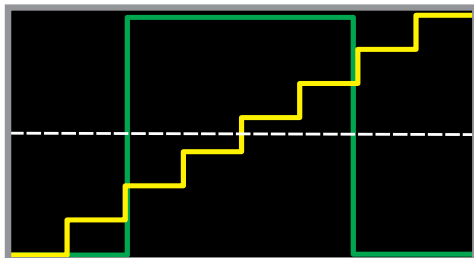
**WAVE 10** DOUBLE PULSE with PWM



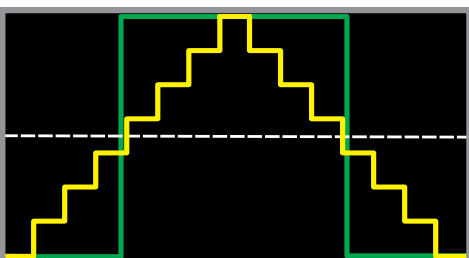
**WAVE 11** WOBBLE1>WOBBLE2



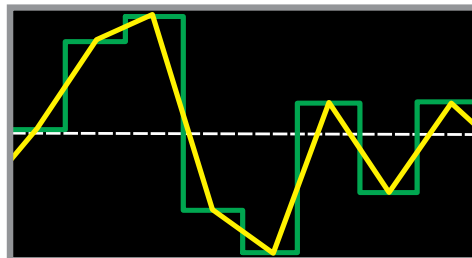
**WAVE 12** STAIR UP 1-16 steps



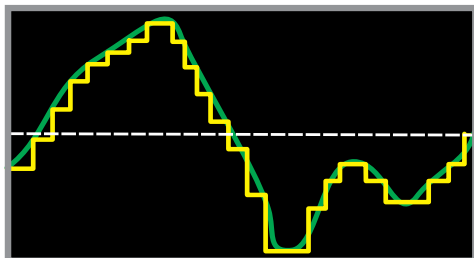
**WAVE 13** STAIR UP/DOWN 1-16 steps.



**WAVE 14** RANDOM STEP with SLEW



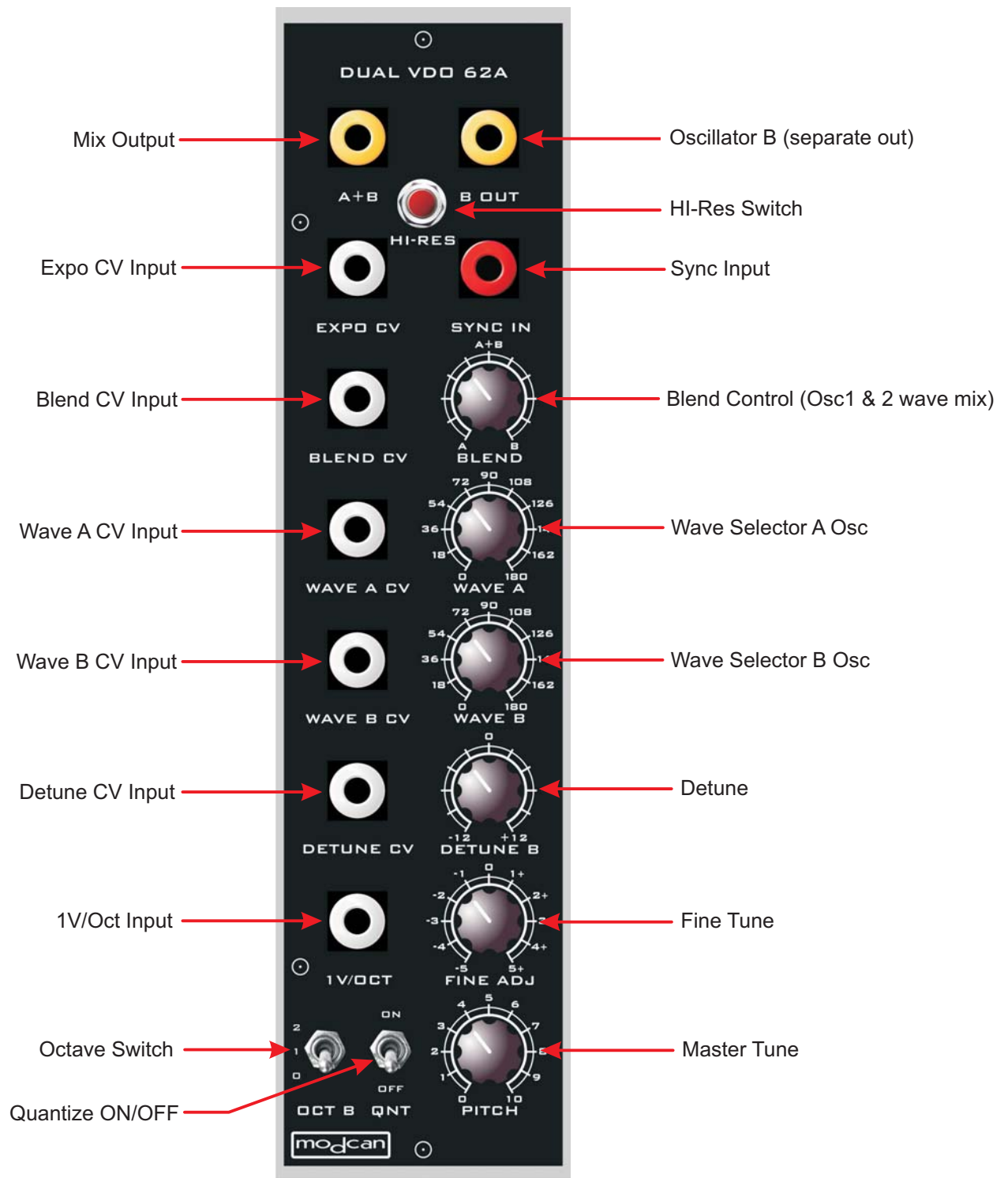
**WAVE 15** COSINE RANDOM>smooth and step



■ =TRANSFORM KNOB CCW  
■ =TRANSFORM KNOB CENTER  
■ =TRANSFORM KNOB CW

# Dual VDO 62A

## Panel Control Locations



# Dual VDO 62A

## Introduction:

The Dual VDO is an all digital, dual numerically controlled oscillator (NCO). Similar to the VCDO but without the internal FM capabilities. The new features that the Dual VDO does offer: Table of 180 single cycle waves that can be loaded into the A and B oscillators and blended together to form complex wave shapes. The two oscillators can be detuned against each other to produce gradually evolving sounds that beat against each other or set to intervals, 3rds, 5ths etc. for added thickening. The ability to combine two distinct wave shapes produces a huge variety of tonal possibility that is not available from a standard single oscillator. The Blend control is not a simple mixer, but is actually a morph function that performs a mathematical linear interpolation between the two waves to produce a third new wave. Wave sequencing is also possible for each oscillator with independent CV control.

## Panel Control definitions:

**Mix Out:** Output for the blended signal of Oscillators A and B. Output signal is  $\pm 2.5V$  pk-pk. The blend control sets the mix levels of each oscillator.

**B Out:** Separate output for the B oscillator allowing mixing to be done externally or for stereo effects.

**Hi-Res Button:** Depressing this button increases the resolution of the wave selection knobs from 180 to 16 waves per rotation, making wave selection more precise. Selecting waves without using this feature is still possible but it is available if required.

**Sync Input:** Patching a pulse to this input will reset the start point of the wave in the same manner that "Hard Sync" does on a regular VCO. Ideally the pulse frequency should be less than the Dual VDO to work.

**Expo CV input:** Input for external modulation and vibrato etc. This input accepts  $\pm 2.5V$  signals. Expo CV Amount must be handled downline using an attenuator or mixer module.

**Blend Control:** This knob is used to set the blend (mix) of the two oscillators. As mentioned in the introduction the blend control is more than a simple mix and allows for new waves to be created by setting the blend amounts of each oscillator wave. With knob rotated fully CCW oscillator B can be removed from the mix. The opposite case with OSC A is true if rotated fully CW.

**Blend CV Input:** CV control of wave blend. Input accepts  $\pm 2.5V$  signal. Allows wave blend to be controlled by external LFO or other CV source. This can add animation to the sound. Can also be modulated by audio range signals for AMP modulation effects.

**Wave Selector A:** Selection control for OSC A waveform 0-180. Wave CV A input adds or subtracts from this control.

**Wave Selector B:** Selection control for OSC B waveform 0-180. Wave CV B input adds or subtracts from this control.

**Detune Control:** Detunes Oscillator B in relation to OSC A. Detune range is a few cents to  $\pm 1$  Octave. Detune CV adds to the amount of detuning.

**1V/Octave:** The Dual VDO tracks this input with a 1V per octave response for standard keyboard or midi2cv control. The range of input is  $\pm 10V$  for a ten octave range.

**Fine Tune:** Adjusts the overall fine tuning of the module.

**Master Tune:** Adjusts the coarse tuning.

**Octave Switch:** Offsets one OSC from the other by 1 or 2 octaves. Detune can add another octave for a total of 3.

**Quantize ON/OFF:** Enables internal semitone quantizer function. When off tuning is un-quantized.