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SECTION 5 B-CHAIN ALIGNMENT



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Notes
Open the front panel and place the NORMAL/BYPASS switch in the BYPASS position so power is removed from the Cat. No. 64 Equalizer modules and the loudspeakers are protected. The BYPASS LED should be flashing.
Use the labels that are furnished with the CP55 to mark the three Equalizer modules as L, C, and R respectively. The labels make it easy to restore the modules to their correct positions after they have been removed.
Remove all of the marked Equalizer modules. Remove the shield cover from each equalizer and verify that all of the equalizer controls are set to the mid-position (12 o'clock). Replace the screws then plug each of the equalizer modules with its cover removed back into the CP55 in its proper slot.



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Thoroughly ch	eck the loudspeakers and power amplifiers for sources of poor pe	erformance:
•	Rattles (a leak in the woofer cabinet may appear to be a rattle)	
•	Loose bolts or other hardware	
•	Open drivers In systems with pairs of drivers woofers or tweeters one the system will still function. Check the speakers with ar requires markedly more equalization than the other or if or levels than the other speakers, an open driver circuit could b	n ohmmeter. If one channel ne speaker overloads at lower
•	Missing drivers or other components	
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•	Phasing between the woofers and tweeters, and between the cha	annels (see Appendix A).
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Distortion. Amplifiers
 Gross gain differences among amplifiers. If one amplifier differs in performance from the others, it should be checked and repaired, if necessary, before proceeding further. Input gain controls should all be at the same setting.
 Blown fuses. Some types of power amplifiers operate at very low gain and distortion even if fuses are blown.
Good air movement through power amplifiers.
General
If air-conditioning noise is audible in the theatre, arrange for lubrication of the motor, fan bearings and adjustment of belts and drives to reduce the ambient noise to a minimum.
Set all the gain controls on all power amplifiers to a known repeatable setting, but do not turn amplifiers on. The preferred setting for the amplifier gain controls is maximum. If a different setting is required in order to optimize the noise performance of the system, the controls should be locked in position or marked clearly. Position a calibrated microphone in the theatre. The recommended position is shown in the diagram 2/3 of the way from the front speakers to the rear but off the axis of the center speaker 5 feet off the floor level and angled 45 degrees upward toward the screen. Connect the microphone to the RTA.
Open the front door of the CP55 and ensure that the NORMAL/BYPASS switch is in the BYPASS position. Turn power ON to the power amplifiers.





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Set the fader to the 0 position.
Set the NORMAL/BYPASS switch to the NORMAL position.
Verify that the fader local active LED is on. If necessary, press the select local/remote switch.
Press the 04 Dolby stereo optical with surround switch; the LED in the switch should light.
Switch on the center channel pink noise on the Cat. 85 Pink Noise Generator (C switch up or down). Slowly advance the fader control to position 7. You should hear pink noise.



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Notes With a sound pressure level meter located at the position in the theatre used for step 6, adjust the center channel gain on the Cat. No. 242 card until the channel produces a reading of 75-80 dBC. (After room equalization for all channels is set, the sound pressure level will be set to 85 dBC.) The pink noise should be at least 20 dB above the background noise level of the theatre. A row of four LEDS, signal present L, C, R and S, is on the front edge of the Cat. No. 242 card. Each LED indicates the presence of signal for the appropriate channel and lights intermittently when pink noise is sent through the system from the Cat. No. 85 or from a film. Repeat steps 11 and 12 for the left and right channels. Switch on the appropriate pink noise switch on the Cat. No. 85 pink noise generator, one channel at a time. Compare the response displayed on the real time analyzer (RTA) for each channel (L, C, R). All should show a similar shape. Any large differences indicate faulty or misaligned crossovers or defective speakers. Speaker phasing could also be at fault. See Appendix A.



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Notes
Change the NORMAL/BYPASS switch to the BYPASS position. Remove the center channel Cat. No. 64 equalizer module and plug the Cat. No. 67 extender in its slot. Then plug the equalizer module into the free end of the extender.
Restore the switch to the NORMAL position and make certain the format switch is still in the 04 position.
Turn on the center channel only on the Cat. No. 85.
While observing the RTA display, adjust the bass control on the Cat. No. 64 so the bass frequency response is approximately flat. Once you set this control,do not change the setting during the rest of the room equalization procedure.



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Notes
While observing the frequency response curve on the RTA, adjust the treble control on the Cat. No. 64 for a flat response as close as possible up to 2 kHz, followed by a 3 dB per octave roll-off above 2 kHz (the frequency response specified in ISO Standard 2969). Once you set this control, do not change the setting during the rest of the room equalization procedure.
The next step is to fine-tune the equalization by adjusting the third-octave controls on the Cat. No. 64 equalizer. There are certain rules to keep in mind:
The object is to achieve the final adjustment of room equalization with all of the controls as close to the the 12 o'clock position as is possible.
All of the equalizer controls interact with each other so you cannot start at the low end of the response curve and merely work your way to the high end. As each control is adjusted, the response obtained by adjustment of adjacent controls is affected.
Start at the center frequency and attempt to achieve results with cut rather than with boost. The desired curve is a flat frequency response up to 2 kHz,falling at 3 dB per octave to 8 kHz (1dB per third-octave band). Do not change the position of the 50 Hz or 40 Hz band controls nor turn the controls for bands above 8 kHz. This protects the loudspeakers and power amplifiers from damage and prevents distortion of the reproduced sound.
If woofer systems designed on Thiele and Small principles are installed in the theatre (vented-box direct radiator enclosures), moderate bass equalization down to 40 Hz may be used.
Once an adjustment seems OK, work on the frequencies to either side of it. You may find that a cur at one frequency is followed by a slight boost at adjacent frequencies.
Control settings should not fall outside the band between the 9 o'clock and the 3 o'clock positions. Avoid diametrically opposed adjacent control settings.
Adjust for the response that is closest to the curve shown. The diagrams show a typical equalization procedure, from the response before equalization to the final equalization.



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 12 o'clock (not mostly up or down). If you find the controls are set differently, repeat the equalizatio procedure until you obtain the proper equalization; settings that diverge from this average may result is unpleasant sound. Although the equalization may be set correctly for the chosen microphone position, it still may not b correct for providing the best sound to the greatest number of seats in the theater. You should therefor theck the sound quality at several locations (three or more) in the auditorium with the calibrate microphone and RTA system. If time does not permit this procedure, walk around the theater with pin noise playing. If necessary, adjust the equalizer for a compromise at several seat positions so that all of theresound acceptable. Mark the settings for each control on the white card provided inside the Cat. No. 64 module. If the sound quality varies significantly as you walk around, the equalization has not been adequate: You may have overequalized. Check the positions of the controls; all should be as close to 12 o'cloc as possible. There may be phase shift present if the adjacent controls are pointed in opposite directions especially if you did so to eliminate a sharp dip that resulted from physical problems in th auditorium (horn location, speaker orientation). 		B-Chain Alignment Procedures
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b. Adjusting L,C,R Gain



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Notes

Turn off the pink noise on the center channel. Switch the CP55 to BYPASS.

Disconnect the center equalizer module from the extender and then remove the extender from the CP55. Re-install the cover on the module. Repeat for the left and right channel equalizer modules, using the Cat. No. 67 extender.

b. Adjusting L,C,R Gain

Turn the pink noise switches L, C, R on <u>one at a time</u> and adjust the L, C and R gain controls on the Cat. No. 242 B-Chain Card so that each channel produces 85dBC in the theatre, as measured by the sound level meter at the standard location described in Step 15 above. Be sure that the front panel fader is set to 7 during this step.



c. Setting Mono Gain



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Notes
Turn on the center C channel of the Cat. No. 85 Pink Noise Generator.
Press the format 01 mono optical switch.
Set the mono eq control on the Cat. No. 242 B-Chain Card (top control) to the midway position.
Adjust the mono gain control (just under the mono eq control) for 85 dBC.
The mono eq control adjustment is covered later.



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d. Optical Bass Extension Alignment

Notes
If the CP55 being installed does not contain a Cat. No. 241 Optical Bass Extension and Surround Equalizer Card, skip this procedure and the next procedure and go directly to part f, Adjustment of Surround Delay, on page 5.44.
The OBE switch on the Cat. No. 241 card places in effect optical bass extension in format 03 Dolby stereo optical no surround and format 04 Dolby stereo optical with surround. The OBE switch must be in the ON (up) position during the following procedure or at any time the OBE system is to function. The OBE LED is on when the switch is ON.
Confirm that the microphone is in the position defined on page 5.6.
All connections established in the room equalization procedure apply to the following steps.
The main front panel fader should be active and set to 7. If necessary, press the select local/remote switch.
Place the Le toggle switch on the Cat. No. 85 card in the ON (up or down) position and set the CP55 to format 04 Dolby optical stereo with surround.



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Notes
Relocate the microphone to at least one other location in the theatre and check the audio spectrum on the RTA. Repeat the freq, cut, and Q adjustments to obtain a good average overall equalization at these locations of the microphone.
Place the Le toggle switch on the Cat. No. 85 card in the OFF (center) position and place the C (center channel) toggle switch in the ON position. Note the average level of the third-octave bands between 100 Hz and 1 kHz.
Place the C toggle switch in the OFF (center) position and place the Le toggle switch in the ON (up or down) position.
Adjust the gain control on the Cat. No. 241 card so that the average level of the bands from 20Hz to 160 Hz is the same as the level you noted for the center channel in the previous step. When you have adjusted the control to obtain this condition, the OBE alignment is completed.



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Notes
If your CP55 does not contain the Cat. No. 241 Surround Equalizer and Optical Bass Extension Card, skip this paragraph and go directly to page 5.44, Adjustment of Surround Delay. The CP55 will function without the Cat. No. 241 card, but the surround frequency response cannot be equalized.
The surround equalizer on the Cat. No. 241 card consists of (1) a parametric bass section with variable gain and center frequency, (2) a parametric mid-band section with variable gain, bandwidth, and center frequency, and (3) a shelving type treble control.
All connections established in the previous procedure still apply to the surround equalization alignment.
Confirm that the microphone is in the position defined on page 5.6.
Turn on the S switch on the Cat. No. 85 pink noise generator.
Adjust the S (surround) gain control on the Cat. No. 242 B-Chain card for a sound pressure level of approximately 80 dBC in the theatre.
Turn the bass level and bass freq con tro ls on the Cat. No. 241 card fully counterclockwise (CCW) for no boost and the minimum frequency.



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NOTE The next ten steps cover the treble and mid-frequency equalizati on .
Connect one end of a pin plug jum per to the inhibit jack and the other end of the jumper to the gnd jack on the Cat. No. 241 card. The surround equalizer is now disabled.
Note the frequency response displa ye d on the RTA (which is the response of the unequalized surround speaker system).
Turn the mid cut control fully counterclockwise (CCW) for full cut produces the deepest notch.
Turn the mid Q control fully counterclockwise (CCW) for minimum Q produces the broadest notch.
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Alternately connect and disconnect the inhibit jumper wire at the gnd test jack. Note that a dip in the frequency response appears and disappears. (The jumper must be left disconnected before you perform the next step.)

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Notes
With the inhibit jumper disconnected, turn the mid Q control fully clockwise (maximum Q) and verify that the mid cut control is still in the fully counterclockwise position.
Adjust the mid from control to move the dia to the center of the bighest factors and in the 250 Hz to
Adjust the mid freq control to move the dip to the center of the highest frequency peak in the 350 Hz to 3 kHz region.
Adjust the mid cut control so that the center of the dip between 350 Hz and 3 kHz is flattened. Note that the
center of the dip should be at the same level as the skirts.


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Notes
Adjust the mid Q control for the flattest possible frequency response.
Adjust the treble control for the flattest frequency response up to 2 kHz, then falling at a 3dB per octave rate (1 dB per third-octave band) above 2 kHz.
The treble and mid equalizer controls interact. Repeat the adjustments until no further adjustment is required and you have attained the optimum frequency response.
NOTE
The next six steps cover the bass equalization. The shape of the low-frequency curve is adjusted over the range of frequencies from 50 Hz to 250 Hz.
Connect one end of the pin plug jumper to the <mark>surround eq inhibit</mark> jack and the other end to the <mark>gnd</mark> test jack on the Cat. No. 241 card.
Observe the low-frequency response on the RTA and determine the band in which the frequency response drops by 6 dB.



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Notes	
Disconnect the jumper and turn the bass level control fully counterclockwise (CCW) for maximum boost.	
Adjust the bass freq control so the peak of the response is in the frequency band in which the frequency response dropped by 6 dB noted in Step 12.	
Adjust the bass level and freq controls for the flattest frequency response between 50 Hz and 250 Hz.	



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Notes
Place the microphone at the center of the theatre. Then adjust the S (surround) gain control on the Cat. No. 242 B-Chain card for a sound pressure level of 85 dBC.
Open the CP55 and place the NORMAL/BYPASS switch in the BYPASS position.

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Notes	
Remove the Cat. No. 85 card and re-install the Cat. No. 150 card.	
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Restore the BYPASS/NORMAL switch to the NORMAL position.	
Thread and play the Cat. No. 151 stereo optical surround level film. Check the sound by walking around the theatre. The surround and center channels should sound equally loud at most locations. If necessary, readjust the surround gain until you are satisfied with the surround-to-front center balance. A large change in the gain setting should be unnecessary.	

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f. Adjustment of Surround Delay

The CP55 incorporates a delay line in the surround channel to ensure that sound from the rear of the theatre arrives at the listeners' ears approximately 20 milliseconds after the arrival of sound from the front speakers.

The delay is set into the Cat. No. 150 card via a thumbwheel switch by using the following formula:

- 1. The distance between a rear seat close to a surround loudspeaker, in feet, is estimated. If the metric system is used, convert the distance from meters to feet by multiplying by three (3).
- 2. The distance from this seat to the front loudspeakers is estimated, in feet. If the metric system is used, multiply the distance by three (3) to convert distance from meters to feet.
- 3. Subtract the distance in 1 above from the distance in 2 above.
- 4. Add 20 to the difference in 3. above to obtain the delay time, in milliseconds.

Determine the Cat. No. 150 card thumbwheel switch setting (delay line setting) from the table below.

Delay Time . (msec)	Thumbwheel Switch Setting
30	1
40	2
50	3
60	4
70	5
80	6
90	7
100	8
110	9
120	10
130	11
140	12
150	13
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For example:

The selected seat is 10 feet (3.3 meters) from the surround speakers.

The selected seat is 80 feet (26.7 meters) from the front speakers.

The delay is set for (80-10) + 20 = 90 milliseconds -- switch position 7.

You can verify that the delay setting is acceptable by listening to a familiar Dolby Stereo film which ideally contains both center channel dialogue and some discernable surround sound. The Dolby Cat. No. 251 "Jiffy" film serves excellently for this purpose. If a stereo film is not available, the delay time can be checked with a mono film if the film is played in format 04 Dolby stereo optical with surround. Before you set the delay time, set the individual level adjustments for each channel because the subjective effects of channel level and delay time interact somewhat. Make certain all speakers are ON for this test.

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While the film is playing, walk around the theatre and carefully listen to the surround speakers when there is center channel dialogue. The dialogue should appear to be coming from the screen with no significant dialogue coming from the surround speakers.

If you hear discernable dialogue from the surround speakers, the delay time was probably set too long.

If you hear an objectionable amount of dialogue from the surround speakers, which persists regardless of the delay time setting, there is probably severe gain or azimuth error in the system. Recheck both the Dolby level and the A-chain alignment of the optical system.

In many films, the surround information is intended for subtle effects and may provide only a low-level ambience. If the surround level and delay time have been adjusted as previously described, the surround information will be at the level desired by the film director. Do not be tempted to increase the surround level because the effect desired by the film production team may be impaired or destroyed. g. Adjustment of Bypass Gain

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g. Adjustment of Bypass Gain

Notes
This section of the alignment procedure covers the adjustment of the gain that is in effect when the CP55 is switched from NORMAL to BYPASS.
Verify that the NORMAL/BYPASS switch is in the NORMAL position.
Thread and play the Cat. No. 69 Pink Noise film loop on the projector.
Check that the local fader is selected the local active LED on the CP55 is lit. If necessary, select the local fader by pressing the select local/remote switch.
Set the fader to the 7 setting.
Press the format 04 Dolby stereo optical with surround switch. Measure and note the SPL (sound pressure level) in the theatre.



g. Adjustment of Bypass Gain



h. Adjustment of Non-sync Gain



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h. Adjustment of Non-sync Gain

Notes
Connect a cassette deck or tape deck or turntable to the from non sync terminals on terminal strip TB1 on the backplane of the CP55.
Place the NORMAL/BYPASS switch in the NORMAL position.
Press the format 60 non sync switch.
Check that the local fader is selected — the local active LED on the CP55 is lit. If necessary, select the local fader by pressing the select local/remote switch.
Set the fader to the 7 setting.

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Notes
Play a cassette, tape, or record on the non-sync device and adjust the non-sync L (left) and non-sync R (right) controls on the Cat. No. 242 B-Chain card for the desired level in the theatre.
i. Adjustment of Mono Gain and Equalization
Verify that the NORMAL/BYPASS switch is in the NORMAL position.
Select the format 01 mono optical.
Thread and play a mono film. It is best to play a film familiar to you.

The mono eq control affects high frequencies and should generally be left in the midpoint of its range to provide the "Academy" high-frequency playback standard. Turn it to the midpoint of the range and listen to the film. If necessary, adjust the mono eq control on the Cat. No. 242 B-Chain card for pleasing sound. Then remove the mono film from the projector.

While the film is running, repeat the mond gain adjustment (page 5.21) with the front panel fader set to 7.



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j. Final Checks

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Notes
Verify that the NORMAL/BYPASS switch is in the NORMAL position.
Press the format 04 Dolby stereo optical with surround switch.
Thread and play the Dolby Cat. No. 251 "Jiffy" test film, if available, for a quick check of the system alignment. This film contains a series of tests, each of which is described by a male or female voice and is supplemented by captions on the screen to help identify the causes of sound problems. Visual checks are also included to assist in identifying some picture projection problems.
While the film is running, place the NORMAL/BYPASS switch in the BYPASS position. Verify that the sound level is acceptable in BYPASS , and that the volume remains nearly the same as it was in NORMAL .
Remove the "Jiffy" film, return to NORMAL and play the Dolby Cat. No. 351 " <i>listen</i> " film on the newly aligned system. The film consists of a wide variety of short scenes both live action and animated. Each scene was selected to demonstrate different aspects of stereo sound. Evaluate the quality of the sound. If problems occur, contact the technical staff at Dolby Laboratories.

SECTION 6 REFERENCE BLOCK DIAGRAMS





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Loudspeakers are two-wire devices that can be connected incorrectly as well as correctly. Incorrectly wired loudspeakers in a multiple-speaker installation cause degraded performance. For example, woofers in an array must work together to generate a solid wavefront of sound pressure. If some woofers are moving in one direction at the same time that other woofers are moving in the opposite direction, the result is partial cancellation and hence loss of bass. (The lower the frequencies being handled, the greater is the cancellation.) Wiring can be reversed inside a connector, a transformer can be mislabeled, and the internal wiring polarities of mixers, crossovers, voice coils, and other inaccessible equipment may be unknown.

The Cat. No 85C pink noise generator can be used to determine correct speaker phasing. Position a microphone as shown on page 5.6 and connect it to the RTA. Switch on pink noise to the center channel in phase (**C** switch down) and observe the RTA display. Switch on pink noise to the left channel in phase (**L** switch down). The level in each band displayed on the RTA should rise by 2 to 4 dB. If the level in any band decreases then check phasing of the speaker connections. Repeat this procedure for center and right channel speakers.



A number of hand-held devices are available to assist the installer to determine if the speakers in a theatre installation are correctly wired. Virtually all such devices consist of two units -- a pulse or tone generator which is connected to the speaker being tested -- and a polarity detector which is driven either by an integral or external microphone. The detector contains LEDs which indicate the direction of motion of the speaker. It is necessary only to connect the generator to the speaker being tested and turn on the test signal. The detector LEDs automatically indicate the direction of motion. It is sometimes difficult to interpret the indication given on these devices, but they are useful in determining whether several loudspeakers behave identically. (If a special adapter cable is made, the generator can be connected to the CP55 **aux** input or the L and R output test points on the Cat. No. 240 module so the phase check will include all of the system after the optical preamplifier.)

It is strongly recommended that the phasing of all of the speakers be checked before any of the alignment procedures are started.

Typical phasing checkers are as follows:

Model AR130S/AR130D -- Brooke Siren Systems, Ltd, 262 A Eastern Parkway, Farmingdale, N.Y.

Model 500 -- Sounder Electronics, inc., 21 Madrona Street, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Model PC80 -- SCV Audio, B.P. 50056. 186 Allee des Erables. Paris Nord II

Check with your dealer for complete information on these and other systems.

APPENDIX B EFFECT OF CHANGES IN SLIT HEIGHT ON SLIT LOSSES

The slit has a finite height that cannot be reduced without a simultaneous reduction in the light output and, thus, the electrical output of the system. The exciter lamp supply output could be increased in an effort to compensate, but this would shorten the life of the lamp. Equally, the cell preamplifier gain could be increased, but this could cause unwanted hum and noise. The slit acts essentially as a high-frequency filter that has a sharp roll-off to a null at the specific frequency at which the slit height is equal to a recorded wavelength. High-frequency roll-off of the optical cell output is dictated by this slit loss that is, in turn, a function of the wavelength at which these physical factors are equal. The resulting cancellation frequency varies almost exclusively with the height of the slit. The shape of the roll-off curve is essentially independent of the height of the slit; only the cancellation frequency depends on it.

Unfortunately, a conventional treble control cannot compensate for the slit loss characteristic because of its fixed turnover frequency and the gradual slope of the curve. What is needed is a curve that precisely complements the slit loss function by the provision of a boost that can be shifted in frequency to compensate for various slit heights. This is provided by the Dolby optical preamplifiers contained in the Cat. No. 240.

The figures below show the slit losses at the indicated frequencies and the equalization circuit characteristic for slit heights from 0.00075 to 0.00175 inch (0.018375 mm to 0.042875 mm).





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