# User Instructions Cyrus System Commander

#### THE CYRUS SYSTEM COMMANDER

Congratulations on the purchase of your *Cyrus System Commander*. The *System Commander* is an important accessory, designed by Mission to give full remote control of a *Cyrus* audio system from the comfort of your listening position.

To enable you to make full use of the comprehensive facilities available from your *Cyrus System Commander*, we suggest that you read the following sections fully, storing this handbook in a safe place for future reference, if necessary.

Before using the *System Commander* for the first time, you will need to fit the batteries. Four batteries are supplied packed in the box. First, unwrap the *System Commander* and the batteries. Now proceed to the next section for battery fitting instructions.

#### FITTING THE BATTERIES

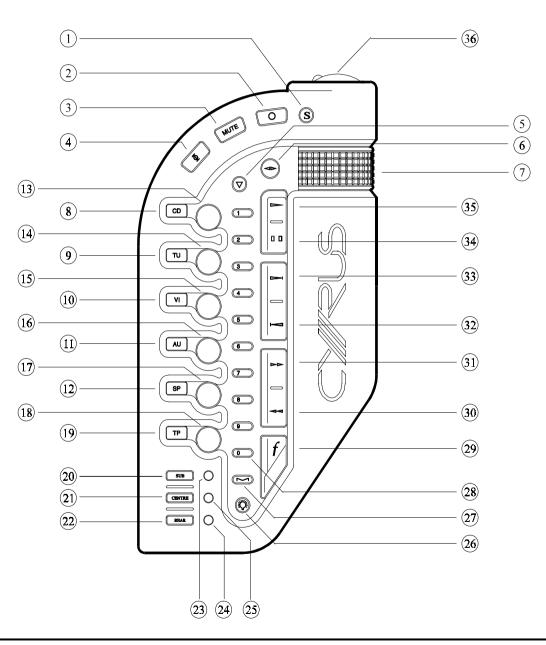
The battery compartment is located underneath the *System Commander*. First place the *Commander* face down on a soft cloth or similar surface.

Now remove the lid from the battery compartment by inserting a small coin or the tip of a screwdriver into the slot at the top of the lid to release the catch. The lid will then lift away from the body of the *System Commander*.

The battery holder can now be removed, giving access to the four battery positions, located on both sides of the holder. Taking care not to stress the wires, fit a battery in each position. Ensure that the polarity of the batteries is correct and matches the diagrams marked inside the holder. Batteries which are fitted incorrectly may damage the sensitive electronic circuitry of the *System Commander*.

Refit the battery holder inside the body of the *System Commander* and replace the battery compartment lid. First engage the two small clips at the bottom of the lid, then press the top of the lid home. Your *System Commander* is now ready for use.

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#### Level and Channel Status Control

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#### **System Selectors**

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  To select Tape input of an amplifier.

# **AV Multichannel Level Mode Select**

### **Command Keys**

- Display Key (*page 9*) ...... 26 For selection of display mode and illumination.
- Memory Store (*pages 9,12*) ...... 27 Used in conjunction with the number keypad to store a program entry or preset memory.
- Number Keypad (*pages 9,12*)......<sup>28</sup> Allows direct numeric selection of tracks and memories. Also for selection of a surround environment and for sleep time entry.
- Quick Search << (*page 9*) ..... 30 Fast reverse search functions where available.
- Quick Search >> (*page 9*) ..... 31) Fast forward search functions where available.

- Pause Key (*pages 9,12*) ......<sup>34</sup> Sends a Pause command to the selected source. If this key is pressed twice quickly, a Stop command is sent.

# Infra-Red Transmission System

# POWER CONTROL

#### Power on

The *System Commander* provides power control for all *Cyrus* system products which have a remote control facility. To switch on the power to your chosen program source, press the appropriate SYSTEM SELECT key (13)-(17). The indicator adjacent this key will glow briefly to confirm your selection. The system component selected (for example, the CD player if CD (13) is pressed) will now power on, and the amplifier or preamplifier will also power on, set to the appropriate signal input. If another system select key is now pressed, then the second system component (for example the tuner if TU (14) is pressed) will now power on, and the amplifier will select the correct input.

#### Power off

To switch off the power to a complete *Cyrus* system, press the POWER OFF key 2. This will switch *all* system components to Standby with a single key press.

#### Power off after a preset delay (SLEEP)

A power off delay feature is also available to allow the system to play for a set time before setting to Standby. This may be useful for late-night listening, ensuring that the system will switch off if unattended. When a sleep time is set in the memory of the System Commander, all other functions will continue as normal. To set the sleep timer proceed as follows. First press the SLEEP key (1). The current SYSTEM SELECT INDICATOR (8)-(12) will now glow for a period of five seconds. Whilst the indicator glows, enter the required sleep time as a two digit number in minutes using the NUMBER keypad (28) For example, pressing numbers 0 then 7 will set a sleep time of seven minutes. To acknowledge that a sleep time has been set, the current SYSTEM SELECT INDICATOR (8)-(12) will now flash red/green twice briefly. When leaving the system to switch to Standby under sleep control, remember to position the System Commander so that all system components can receive the command when sent from the TRANSMISSION LENS (36).

#### **Clearing a** *SLEEP* **Time from the Memory**

To clear a sleep time from the memory, press the SLEEP key (1) then enter time '00' using the NUMBER keys (25). The current SYSTEM SELECT INDICATOR (8)-(12) will now switch off without flashing red/green (indicating that the preset time has been cleared).

#### **VOLUME AND BALANCE CONTROL**

Volume and balance control for all Cyrus systems are available from the System Commander. These systems may be a conventional stereo system using either a *Cyrus* III amplifier or Cyrus Pre-amplifier, a full Cyrus or Mission Audio Visual Multichannel system or a combination of Stereo and AV products. A single thumbwheel LEVEL CONTROL (7) is used for all level and channel balance adjustments. For level adjustments, moving the wheel to the right will increase volume level, to the left will reduce volume level. For channel balance adjustments, moving the thumbwheel to the right increases the level of the right channel with respect to the left and vice versa. The current SYSTEM SELECT INDICATOR (8)-(12) will always flash whilst level change commands are being transmitted.

*NOTE:* - Refer to page 10 for guidance on level control of a *Cyrus* or *Mission* Audio Visual Multichannel system.

# STEREO SYSTEM LEVEL CONTROL

#### **Preparing for Stereo level control**

First press the FUNCTION key <sup>(29)</sup> briefly. The current SYSTEM SELECT INDICATOR <sup>(8)</sup>-<sup>(12)</sup> will glow. If the indicator glows Red, then the *System Commander* is already set to send Stereo level control commands and no further action is necessary. If the indicator glows Green, press and hold the FUNCTION key <sup>(29)</sup>. Release the key when the colour of the SYSTEM SELECT INDICATOR <sup>(8)</sup>-<sup>(12)</sup> changes to Red. Stereo level control commands will now be sent.

*NOTE:-* When the *System Commander* is set for Stereo system control, the SUB-WOOFER, CENTRE and REAR keys (20), (21), (22) are inoperative.

#### Stereo Systems, Volume and Balance Control

First, refer to the section 'Preparing for Stereo level control' to check that the *System Commander* is set correctly for Stereo use. To adjust the volume setting, rotate the LEVEL CONTROL thumbwheel ⑦. To change the Left/Right balance setting, press the BALANCE select key ⑥, then adjust the balance setting using the LEVEL CONTROL thumbwheel ⑦.

#### SYSTEM SELECTORS AND INDICATORS

The SYSTEM SELECTOR keys (3)-(7) perform a number of functions. These include amplifier input selection, power control and changeover of command keys such as the numeric keypad and transport keys to operate the selected system.

The SYSTEM SELECT INDICATORS (8)-(2) will flash at all times when a command is transmitted. They provide confirmation of the selected system source each time a key is pressed and colour indication of level mode (Red for Stereo, Green for AV Multichannel).

#### **Amplifier Input Selection**

Five system select keys are provided. These are Compact Disc digital audio CD (3), Radio tuner TU (4), Video VI (15), Auxiliary AU (16) and SP (7). Each of these keys will select the appropriate amplifier input and switch power on for the source component where necessary (Refer also to the power control section, page 6). When a key is pressed, the SYSTEM SELECT INDICATOR (8)-(12) adjacent to the key will glow briefly. If used with an AV Multichannel system, these keys will also activate the Surround decoding device and select the correct video input where appropriate.

#### **Tape recorder selection**

The TAPE SELECT key (9) is also provided for tape recorder control. If the *System Commander* is set for stereo operation, the TAPE key (9) will enable the tape monitor input of a *Cyrus* III or *Cyrus* Preamplifier to be selected or cancelled. When the *System Commander* is set for control of AV Multichannel systems, the TAPE key (9) will control the tape monitor circuit of a *Cyrus* AV Surround decoder. For more detailed instructions of the use of a tape recorder when using a full AV Multichannel system, refer to the *Cyrus* Surround decoder handbook.

# **MULTI-FUNCTION COMMAND KEYS**

The command keys are numbered (3)-(4) and (26)-(35) on the diagram. These keys send commands to CD players, radio tuners and other signal sources.

When a system selection has been made, the command keys will also switch to operate the chosen music source.

The table opposite indicates the functions supported by the COMMAND keys for each selected system.

# **OPERATION-CYRUS STEREO**

System selected $\rightarrow$	CD (Compact disc)	TU (Radio tuner)	VI* (VCR)	AU* (Laser disc)	SP* (Satellite)	AV** Multichannel
Play 35	Play/replay		Play	Play	Digit 1/2/3	Effect +
Pause 34	Pause		Pause	Pause	Channel/freq	Effect -
Pause- (held) (34)	Stop/Load		Stop	Stop		
<b>Next</b> > (33)	Next track		Search >		Next	Surr mode +
Previous < 32	Prev track		Search <		Previous	Surr mode -
Quick search >> (31)	Fast forward	Next station	Fast forward	Search >		Time delay +
Quick search << ③	Rewind	Prev station	Rewind	Search <		Time delay -
Number keys 28	Direct access	Preset select	Channel select	Direct access	Chan/freq select	Preset select
Store 27	Program store	Preset store			Store	Store
Store- (held) 27	Program review					
Display 26	Display on/off	Display on/off		Display on/off	Display on/off	
Display- (held) 26	Display scroll					
Mono (5)		Mono				
Phase (4)	Phase					

\* When these systems are selected the related commands are transmitted in accordance with the Philips remote control standard (RC5). The *System Commander* can therefore provide control of a product which conforms to this standard when connected to the correct input of a *Cyrus* system.

\*\*AV Multichannel commands are only available when the REAR indicator (23) is on.

# AUDIO VISUAL MULTICHANNEL SYSTEMS-SETTING THE AV SYSTEM ENVIRONMENT

*Cyrus* and *Mission* audio systems now include the option of expansion into the field of audio visual entertainment. These systems may include a centre channel loudspeaker, rear channel loudspeakers and a sub-woofer to reinforce the AV sound stage. When using such an AV Multichannel system, it is necessary to fine-tune both the level balance between loudspeakers in the system and other characteristics of the sound environment, such as front to rear channel time delay for best effect. The *System Commander* can provide control of all these essential characteristics from the listening position. The following section describes the functions available.

*NOTE:*- The *System Commander* must be set for AV Multichannel use to enable these commands to be transmitted. For instructions on selection of AV Multichannel control, refer to the following section.

#### AV MULTICHANNEL LEVEL CONTROL

#### Preparing for AV Multichannel level control

First press the FUNCTION key <sup>(29)</sup> briefly. The current SYSTEM SELECT INDICATOR <sup>(8)</sup>-<sup>(12)</sup> will glow. If the indicator glows Green, then the *System Commander* is already set to send AV Multichannel level control commands and no further action is necessary. If the indicator glows Red , press and hold the FUNCTION key <sup>(29)</sup>. Release the key when the colour of the SYSTEM SELECT INDICATOR <sup>(8)</sup>-<sup>(12)</sup> changes to Green. Multichannel level control commands will now be sent.

#### AV Multichannel, Master Volume Control

To adjust the master volume level of *all* sound channels in an AV Multichannel system, rotate the LEVEL CONTROL thumbwheel ⑦. The overall system volume level will be adjusted.

#### **AV Multichannel, Front Channel Balance Control**

To adjust the Left/Right balance setting between the front channels, first press the BALANCE select key (6), then set the channel balance to the desired setting using the LEVEL CONTROL thumbwheel (7).

#### AV Multichannel, Rear Channel Volume Control

To adjust the volume level of the rear loudspeakers, first press the REAR key (22). The REAR indicator (23) will now glow Green. Whilst the indicator is lit, the LEVEL CONTROL thumbwheel (7) will adjust the level of the rear channels. Rear channel level adjustment may be cancelled by a second press of the REAR key (22) or by pressing either the SUB-WOOFER (20) or CENTRE (21) keys.

#### Multi-Channel AV Systems, Rear Channel Balance Control

To adjust the Left/Right balance setting of the Rear channels, first press the REAR key <sup>(2)</sup>. The REAR indicator <sup>(3)</sup> will now glow Green. Whilst the indicator is lit, press the BALANCE key <sup>(6)</sup> then use the LEVEL CONTROL thumbwheel <sup>(7)</sup> to adjust the relative level between the two rear channel loudspeakers. Rear channel balance adjustment may be cancelled by a second press of the REAR key <sup>(2)</sup> or by pressing either the SUB-WOOFER <sup>(20)</sup> or CENTRE <sup>(21)</sup> keys.

#### AV Multichannel, Sub-Woofer Volume Control

To adjust the level of a sub-woofer (when used), press the SUB-WOOFER key 20. The SUB-WOOFER indicator 25 will now glow Green. Now use the LEVEL CONTROL thumbwheel 7 to set the volume level. Sub-woofer level adjustment may be cancelled by a second press of the SUB-WOOFER key 20 or by pressing either the CENTRE 21 or REAR 22 keys.

#### **AV Multichannel, Centre Channel Volume Control**

To adjust the volume level of a centre channel loudspeaker (when used), first press the CENTRE key <sup>(21)</sup>. The CENTRE indicator <sup>(24)</sup> will now glow Green. Whilst the indicator is lit, the LEVEL CONTROL thumbwheel <sup>(7)</sup> will adjust the level of the centre channel. Centre channel level adjustment may be cancelled by a second press of the CENTRE key <sup>(21)</sup> or by pressing either the SUB-WOOFER <sup>(20)</sup> or REAR <sup>(22)</sup> keys.

#### **Time-out for Sub-woofer, Centre and Rear Selectors**

*NOTE:-* Selection for Sub-woofer, Centre or Rear channel level adjustment will cancel automatically after a four second period of inactivity, returning the thumbwheel to control Master volume level.

# AV MULTICHANNEL-MODE SELECTION

#### Storing a system configuration

To store a preferred system response configuration in a Surround decoder memory location, first press the REAR key 22. Whilst the REAR indicator 23 glows, use the NUMBER keys 28 in conjunction with the STORE key 27 as directed in the handbook for the *Cyrus* AV Multichannel decoder to save favoured settings. Stored settings include surround mode, delay time, relative gain settings for surround channels and source selection.

#### Selection of a programmed system configuration

To select a preset AV system response configuration, first press the REAR key 22. Whilst the REAR indicator 23 glows, use the NUMBER keys 28 to select the desired response from the decoder memory.

#### Front/Rear channel time delay adjustment

To adjust the rear channel time delay, first press the REAR key (22). Whilst the REAR indicator (23) glows, the QUICK SEARCH keys (30), (31) can adjust time delay.

#### Surround mode selection

To select a surround mode for a *Cyrus* AV Multichannel decoder, first press the REAR key <sup>(2)</sup>. Whilst the REAR indicator <sup>(2)</sup> glows it is then possible to choose different modes of surround operation using the PREVIOUS <sup>(3)</sup> and NEXT <sup>(3)</sup> keys.

#### **Stereo effect selection**

To choose a stereo effect setting for an AV Multichannel system, first press the REAR key (2). Whilst the REAR indicator (2) glows choose the desired setting using the PLAY (35) and PAUSE (34) keys to step up or down.

# SYSTEM MUTING

#### Mute

All *Cyrus* systems include a facility to mute the sound output instantly, restoring the volume level to the previous setting when cancelled. The MUTE key ③ is provided for this purpose.

#### **TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE**

If you suspect that your *Cyrus System Commander* is not operating to specification, read through this section before contacting your dealer.

# No response to commands sent, no light from the system indicators during transmission

• Batteries may be exhausted. Check by replacement with a new set.

#### Intermittent response to commands sent

- Batteries may be nearly exhausted. Check by replacement with a new set.
- Ensure that the transmission window of the *System Commander* is facing the *Cyrus* system.
- A very high level of light shining directly onto the system, such as a bright spotlight, may reduce the sensitivity of the system to commands sent. Try removing or re-positioning the light source to clear the problem.

#### Volume control will not adjust

• Check that the system indicators glow the correct colour when sending a command (Red for stereo, Green for AV Multichannel). If not, refer to pages 7 and 10 for instructions on setting for each system type.

#### Part of the system will not respond to commands

• Check that the system connections have been made correctly to the amplifier. Ensure that the CD player is connected to the CD input, radio tuner to TU etc.

# Products from other manufacturers respond to commands from the *System Commander*

• The *System Commander* has been designed specifically to complement a system of *Cyrus* audio components. It is also possible that other products may share the same remote system and will respond to commands from the *System Commander*. This cannot be avoided.

# MAINTENANCE

There are no user serviceable parts inside the *System Commander*. There is no reason for the user to remove the screws or dismantle the casing in any way. Exhausted batteries should be replaced by following the procedure on page 2. If the casing should need cleaning, wipe carefully with a chamois leather, slightly moistened with water. DO NOT use cleaning agents containing alcohol, spirits ammonia or abrasives which will damage the casing permanently.

# SPECIFICATIONS

#### **Electrical performance**

Command systems supported	
Range	10 metres
Battery type	4 x AAA (Alkaline)
Usable battery voltage range	4-6 Volts

- Cyrus Amplifier
- Cyrus Tuner
- Cyrus CD
- Cyrus and Mission AV/Multichannel

#### Enclosure

Dimensions (WxHxD)	112 x 44 x 220 mm
Weight (inc batteries)	315 grams

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