



Caspian
Integrated Amplifier

MANUAL



INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your purchase of the Roksan Caspian Integrated Amplifier.

This amplifier is designed and manufactured to the highest specification and rigorously tested to offer you many years of trouble-free pleasure.

Your Caspian Integrated Amplifier is the heart of your hi-fi system. Its correct installation, set-up and operation will have a profound influence on the sonic performance of the entire hi-fi installation.

Please read the contents of this manual thoroughly. It will help you to understand your hi-fi equipment better and enhance your listening pleasure.



UNPACKING

Included in the packing of your Caspian Integrated Amplifier you will find:

- One mains lead fitted with the correct mains power plug for your country
- One Roksan CR7 system remote handset and CR2032 battery
- One information pack and warranty card

After removing these items please retain all packing materials. Correct packing is necessary for transportation of your Caspian Integrated Amplifier.

MAINTENANCE

After disconnecting the amplifier from the mains supply, the cabinet and front panel may be cleaned with a dry lint-free cloth. Avoid using abrasive substances or solvents.



AC MAINS SUPPLY

Your Caspian Integrated Amplifier is set to operate from a fixed supply voltage which is marked on a label next to the mains input plug. Before connecting the mains lead please check that your mains supply corresponds to this label as below:

230V Products	Voltage Range : 220V - 240V
115V Products	Voltage Range: 100V - 120V
100V Products	Voltage Range: 90V - 110V

The mains lead supplied with this product has an IEC mains socket which plugs into the IEC connector on the unit's rear panel. The other end is normally attached to the appropriate mains plug for your country. In the UK this is the standard UK13A plug.

This plug should ordinarily not be removed from the lead. If you do remove it, please dispose of it safely so that it cannot be plugged into a mains socket whilst in a potentially dangerous condition. We suggest that you obtain from your dealer a complete replacement lead.

Should you move to another area where either the mains voltage or the mains plugs are different from those as supplied with your Integrated Amplifier, please contact the appointed ROKSAN distributor for assistance.

Please observe correct mains polarity at all times.

The Integrated Amplifier mains fuses are located on the rear panel next to the IEC mains connector. These must only be replaced by the fuse type and rating as described on the fuse rating label on the rear panel of the unit.

If the equipment is likely to be unused for some time, unplug it from the mains supply.

This appliance must be earthed. Please ensure that other equipment connected to it is earthed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

LOCATION

Your M2 Integrated Amplifier should be located in a well ventilated area and kept away from sources of heat, dust, humidity and direct sunlight.

The Integrated Amplifier may be positioned either as a free standing unit or alongside another audio/video product. Never place the Integrated Amplifier on carpet or any surface likely to hinder normal ventilation. Never allow liquids or other objects to fall into the unit.

This unit contains no user serviceable parts. Do not remove any panels or attempt to service it yourself. Unauthorised servicing will void the warranty.



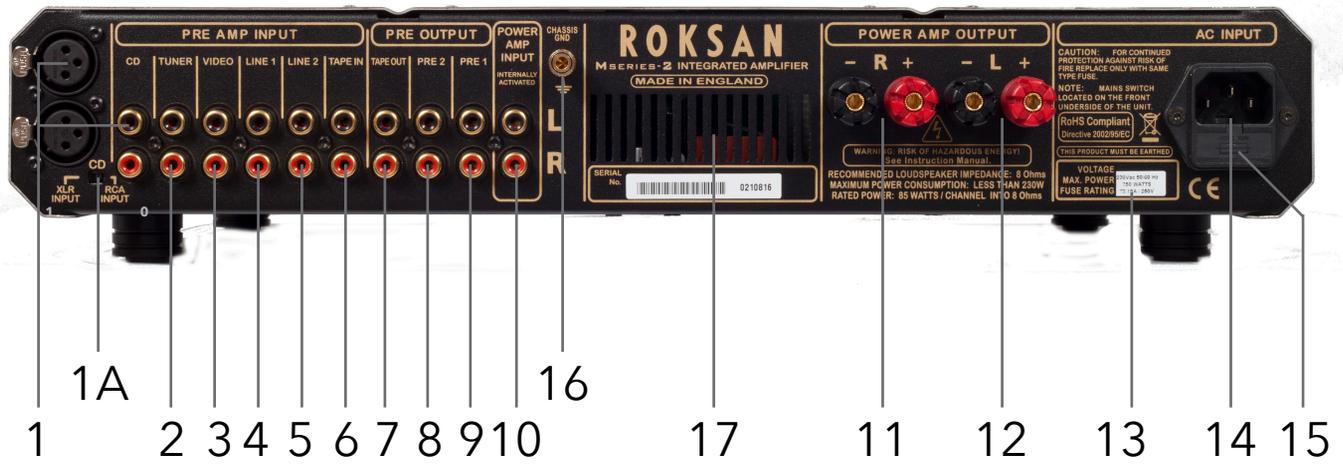
CASPIAN INTEGRATED AMPLIFIER - FRONT PANEL VIEW



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| 1. Input Selector | 7. Line 1 Input Indicator |
| 2. Mode Button | 8. Line 2 Input Indicator |
| 3. Mode Indicator | 9. Tape Monitor Indicator |
| 4. CD Input Indicator | 10. Tape Monitor Button |
| 5. Tuner Input Indicator | 11. Volume Control |
| 6. Video Input Indicator | 12. AC Mains Switch |



CASPIAN INTEGRATED AMPLIFIER - REAR PANEL VIEW



1. CD Input (RCA or balanced XLR; selectable with Switch 1a)
2. TUNER Input
3. VIDEO Input
4. LINE 1 Input
5. LINE 2 Input
6. TAPE Input
7. TAPE Output
8. PRE 2 Output (Multi-Amping or Subwoofer)
9. PRE 1 Output (Multi-Amping or Subwoofer)
10. POWER AMP Input (Requires internal work for activation)
11. Right Speaker Output Terminal
12. Left Speaker Output Terminal
13. Voltage & Fuse Label
14. AC Mains Input
15. AC Mains Fuseholder
16. Chassis Ground Terminal



CONNECTING MAINS POWER

Please refer to front & rear panel views. The moulded IEC connector of the supplied mains lead should be plugged into the socket (14) on the rear of the unit first and then plugged into the mains supply. The Mains power switch (12) is on the left front underside of the Integrated Amplifier. This switch can be left on; if however the amplifier is likely to be unattended for a long period, switch it off and unplug the mains lead from the wall.

SIGNAL CONNECTIONS

Signal Input connections:

There are five Inputs (1 - 5) on your Caspian Integrated Amplifier in addition to the Tape Input (6). All these inputs are line level inputs and will accept virtually all currently available source components.

All the inputs use gold plated RCA Phono Connectors (CD input is switchable via Switch 1a to gold plated Balanced XLR) and should be connected according to the standard convention - Right Channel - Red; Left Channel - Black or White.

Also in accordance with standard practice, the upper row of Phono Sockets carries the left channel and the lower carries the right channel.

The Input Sockets are labelled with their legends upside down as well as the normal way round to assist you should you be connecting an input from a position in front of and above the amplifier. Phono Input Connections:

As your Caspian Integrated Amplifier is a line level unit you cannot connect a phono cartridge directly to it but will need a dedicated phono preamplifier. The ROKSAN range of Phono Amplifiers accept conventional moving coil and moving magnet cartridges and have custom equalisation for the outstanding ROKSAN Shiraz cartridge. For a demonstration of ROKSAN state of the art turntable reproduction contact your authorised retailer.

IMPORTANT NOTE: For optimum performance it is recommended to use high quality inter-connect cables such as ROKSAN HDC-02A high definition analogue cable.



LOUDSPEAKER CONNECTIONS

The right and left loudspeakers are connected to the amplifier via the rear panel binding posts (11) and (12) respectively.

There are two basic types of cable -

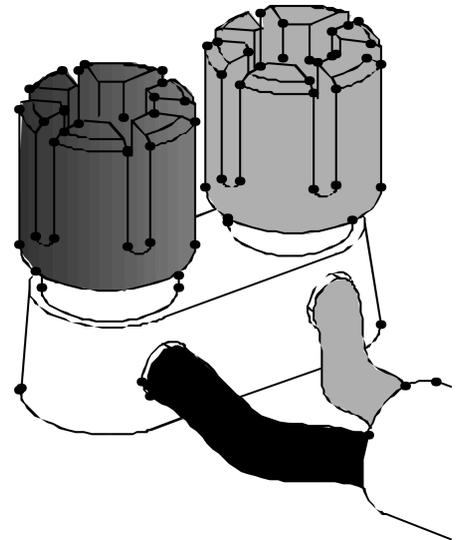
Figure 8 cable has two insulated conductors which lie parallel, either side by side, or spaced by insulation.

Overall sheathed cable has both conductors insulated and enclosed in an overall plastic sheath.

Carefully remove any overall sheath or split the figure 8 cable to a depth of about 75mm (3"). Carefully strip the insulation on each wire to a depth of about 12mm (1/2") exposing the bare core. If the conductor is stranded, twist the strands together on each conductor.

Unscrew the binding post. There is a cross-hole about 5mm from the panel end of the binding post. Insert the bared conductor through the hole and tighten the binding post securely making sure that there are no loose strands or bare ends protruding through the post.

Carefully observe polarity ensuring that the RED (+) speaker terminal is connected to the RED (+) amplifier terminal and the BLACK (-) speaker terminal to the BLACK (-) amplifier terminal. When both left and right channels are connected to their respective speakers the amplifier is ready for use.

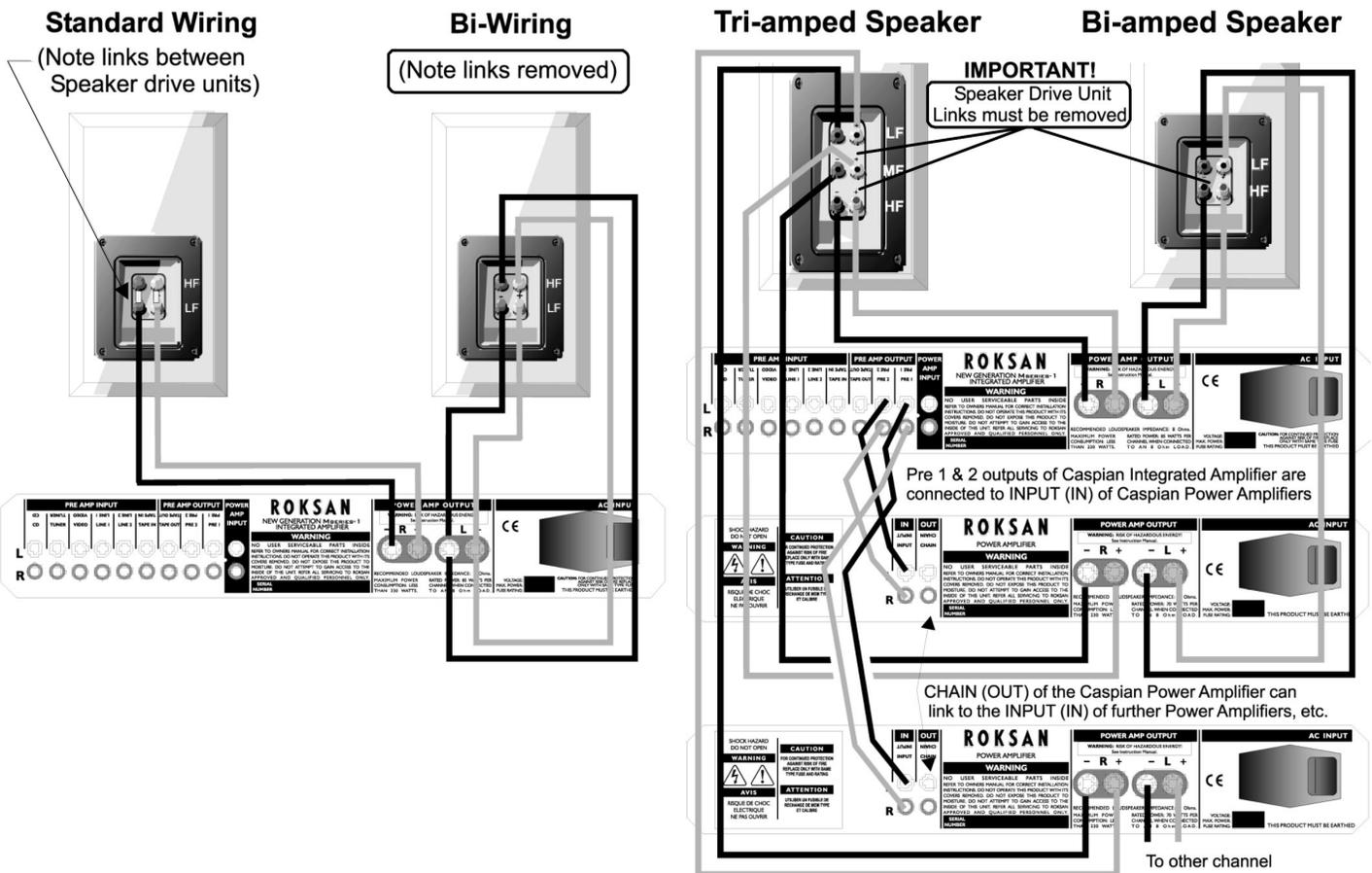


IMPORTANT NOTE: For optimum performance it is recommended to use high quality cables such as ROKSAN HDC-02S high definition Loudspeaker Cable. Many speaker cables such as the ROKSAN HDC-02S are directional. Please observe this directionality. **DO NOT** use speaker cable with conductor size less than 16 AWG (1.6mm Diameter). The binding posts accept conductor sizes up to 12 AWG.



MULTI-WIRING AND MULTI-AMPING

If the Loudspeakers utilise more than one drive unit with individual input terminals, for example a Tweeter and a Woofer, then the loudspeaker performance will benefit from Bi-Amping. Dedicating one amplifier to the Tweeter and another to the Woofer isolates them from each other reducing distortion and increasing reserved power. Speakers work far better with most amplifiers when Multi-Amped than using one yet more powerful amplifier. Note: Bi-Wiring reduces the impedance seen by the Woofer and the Tweeter and is a first step towards Bi- Amping.





SWITCHING ON

The Mains power switch (12) is on the left front underside of the Integrated Amplifier. This switch should be left ON for normal operation. If unattended for a long period, the Mains power should be switched OFF and the lead disconnected from the power supply.

When switched ON your M2 Integrated Amplifier runs a self-test and the amplifier enters WARM-UP mode and once complete, the MODE indicator light (3) will glow GREEN. The amplifier is now ready for use.

Please note the remote handset MODE button only activates/de-activates -20dB Mute (see below)

Once the Caspian is On the MODE indicator light (3) will glow RED. The amplifier will automatically select the CD input and the CD input indicator light (4) will glow.



USING THE CONTROLS

The MODE button on the front panel has the following function :

Pressing the MODE button once with the amplifier activated will mute the volume level by 20dB. The MODE indicator light will glow ORANGE. The amplifier remains fully functional in this mode. Another single press un-mutes the amplifier and the MODE indicator light will revert to RED.

The INPUT Selector is an endless rotary switch that moves round one click at a time. It connects each signal source to the amplifier by rotating through the Inputs with the exception of TAPE. Rotating the Selector continuously clockwise will select inputs in this sequence:

CD - TUNER - VIDEO - LINE1 - LINE2 - CD - ...

Rotating the Selector anti-clockwise reverses the sequence. Whenever an input is selected the appropriate indicator light will glow.

VOLUME CONTROL

The VOLUME Control is a precision device. It follows a logarithmic law so that its response approximates that of the human ear. There is an illuminated indicator on the volume control to clearly show the appropriate volume setting.

When you select an input source, the INPUT Selector connects the selected source to the amplifier and connects this source to the Tape Output Sockets of the Caspian thus enabling you to record.

The Tape Monitor is an override. Pressing the TAPE Button (10) connects the output of your tape deck to the M2, overriding the selected input. However, the selected input is left connected to the recording input of your tape deck. If you have a suitable tape deck, this facility enables you to record a programme whilst monitoring its playback.

When the TAPE Button is depressed, the TAPE Indicator light glows and the selected source Indicator remains illuminated.

The input selector remains functional when the Tape Monitor is ON, allowing a range of sources to be recorded.

Pressing the TAPE Button, toggles between Tape Monitor ON and OFF.

In Multi Room or Installations where the front display is not seen, direct input access for CD, Tuner, Video, Line1 & Line2 can be achieved by programming direct access codes (For assistance contact Roksan).



REMOTE HANDSET

The Caspian Integrated Amplifier is supplied with Roksan's CR7 remote control handset.

Carefully remove the battery compartment cover which is secured with a small screw and insert the battery in place observing polarity. Replace the cover and screw. The handset is now ready for use.

The handset duplicates the front panel controls of the Integrated Amplifier.

The top section of the remote control provides control over the input selection, volume and mute of the amplifier.



WARNING

Do not ingest the battery, Chemical Burn Hazard.

This remote control contains a coin/button cell battery. If the coin/button cell battery is swallowed, it can cause severe internal burns in just 2 hours and can lead to death.

Keep new and used batteries away from children.

If the battery compartment does not close securely, stop using the product and keep it away from children.

If you think batteries might have been swallowed or placed inside any part of the body, seek immediate medical attention.

KNOW YOUR CASPIAN

When you first power up from the Mains Switch the amplifier goes into Warm-up and the MODE Indicator glows GREEN.

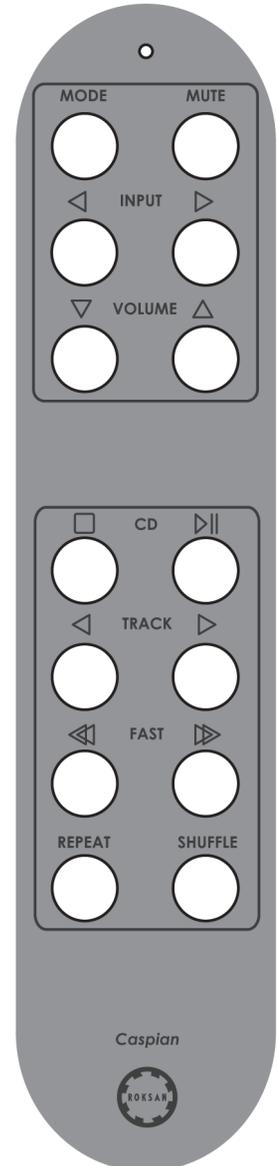
If the amplifier heat-sink temperature rises above 55 degrees centigrade the internal fan will activate to keep heat-sink temperature constant. If the output level is reduced the fan will continue for approximately 45 seconds and will switch off once the temperature has lowered.

If for any reason the amplifier overheats through overload or lack of ventilation, the M2 will revert to shut-down mode for protection.

Reset the amplifier by switching the mains switch off and on.

If the output is accidentally shorted the M2 will revert to shut-down. You can manually activate amplifier after the short/fault has been eradicated.

In the unlikely event of an internal fault such as a power supply failure, the MODE Indicator light will glow GREEN and the amplifier will shut down. If the fault persists, the M2 will stay in shut-down/Protection mode.





TROUBLESHOOTING

If you suspect that your ROKSAN Caspian Integrated Amplifier is not operating properly, you should check all the connections carefully. Pay particular attention to speaker phasing and channel connections. Phono plugs should be fully inserted- a frequent cause of problems is that Phono plug surrounds do not make proper contact. Below are some commonly encountered problems with suggestions for possible cure. The list is not exhaustive: If you have any unresolved problems, please consult your appointed ROKSAN dealer or distributor.

SYMPTOM	LIKELY CAUSE	SUGGESTED REMEDY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC Mains lead not inserted properly • Unit not switched on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure AC Mains lead is fully inserted • Switch unit on (on the front underside)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No output on one or both channels • Very low sound output • Poor speaker imaging, lack of Bass output 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amplifier in shutdown mode (mode LED is green) • Missing or bad input signal connection Incorrect speaker connection • Wrong input selected • Loudspeakers connected out of phase • Amplifier muted or volume set to minimum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check all input connections • Check speaker output connections on rear panel • Select correct input, ascertain source is working • Check polarity of speaker connections (especially important if Multi-wiring, Multiamping)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hum from speakers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorrect grounding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check Mains polarity and grounding on all connected equipment



GUARANTEE

There are no user-serviceable parts inside your Caspian M2 Integrated Amplifier. If a fault should develop, refer any servicing to your appointed ROKSAN dealer, distributor or ROKSAN approved service agent.

Your ROKSAN Caspian Integrated Amplifier is guaranteed against any defect in materials and workmanship for a period of five years from the date of purchase.

This guarantee only becomes effective if the warranty card is validated by the ROKSAN retailer from whom the equipment was purchased and returned to ROKSAN within 28 days of purchase.

This guarantee excludes:

1. Damage caused due to accident, misuse, neglect and incorrect installation, adjustment or repair.
2. Liability for damage or loss during transit from the retailer or purchaser to ROKSAN or its authorised distributor for the purposes of repair or inspection.

Carriage costs to ROKSAN shall be borne by the consignor.

All claims under this guarantee must be made through an authorised ROKSAN retailer.

If equipment returned for repair to ROKSAN is found on inspection to comply with the product specification ROKSAN reserves the right to make a charge for examination and return carriage.

Unauthorised servicing will void this guarantee.



SPECIFICATIONS

Inputs	5 Line & Tape RCA Gold plated CD Input also switchable to XLR Balanced Gold plated
Input Impedance	47 k Ω
Input Sensitivity (85W)	Line 240mV
Outputs	Gold plated RCA Tape & 2 Preamplifier
Output Voltage	240mV (Tape Out) 700mV (Pre Out)
Power Outputs	Loudspeaker, L&R
Output Power	85 Watts, into 8 Ω both channels driven
Power Supply	350VA Ultra Low Noise Toroidal Transformer 60VA Ultra Low Noise Transformer Preamp Section Toroidal 5 Regulated Supply Rails
Current Output	60 Amps Peak to Peak
Damping Factor	160 (8 Ω)
Frequency response	-3dB, <1Hz - 90kHz
Gain	40dB Overall (Pre & Power) 9.3dB Preamplifier 30.7dB Power Amplifier
Harmonic Distortion	0.002% 1kHz, 0.015% 20kHz 10W - 8 Ω 0.0025% 1kHz, 0.03% 20kHz 50W - 8 Ω
Signal to Noise Ratio	Line 108dBa (ref. 500mV) 85dBa (ref. 1W, 8 Ω)
Power Source	100V - 120V 50Hz / 60Hz 220V - 240V 50Hz / 60Hz (via Mains inlet filter)
Maximum Power Consumption	570W (8 Ω)
Dimension	432 x 330 x 70 (W x D x H) mm 432 x 330 x 80 (including feet)
Weight	13Kg



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