# Suncoast

## **CUSTOM AMPLIFICATION**

## B500 BASS PREAMP OWNERS MANUAL REV B



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#### 1.1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the SUNCOAST – B500 Bass Preamp. It is our commitment to providing our customers with the highest quality, musical instrument preamp/processors, designed and built in the USA.

#### 1.2 Features

The following is a summary of your B500 Bass Preamp's unique features:

- The Ultimate Solid-State Bass Preamp in a 500 Series Studio Module. Also works great with Guitar and Bass Synthesizers.
- Compatible with API and Radial® Workhorse<sup>TM</sup> standards.
- Front panel ¼" mono Instrument Input and buffered Loop Output.
- Active 3-Band EQ with Bass, Midrange and Treble (+/-15dB).
- Variable Midrange Frequency control (70Hz 2 KHz).
- Dual knee Compressor/Limiter with variable Threshold control.
- 100% discreet analog circuit design utilizing precision surface mount technology.
- Low Noise, Balanced Inputs and Outputs, Mono Buss Feed Output.
- Gold plated I/O connector.
- Solid, Aluminum Chassis, Durable Black Satin Powder Coating.



#### 2.1 Front Panel Layout



#### 2.2 Preamp Controls

**Drive** - The Drive control adjusts the input level of the preamp.

**Volume** - The Volume control adjusts the output level of the preamp.

**Threshold** - This control adjusts the limiter threshold (-10dB to +10dB).

**Bass** - This tone control adjusts the amount of low frequencies (+/-15dB).

Middle - This tone control adjusts the amount of mid frequencies (+/-15dB).

Freq - This control adjusts the midrange center frequency (70Hz – 2 KHz).

**Treble** - This tone control adjusts the amount of high frequencies (+/-15dB).

#### 2.3 Front Panel Jacks

**Input** - ½" mono instrument Input (1M ohm Input Impedance).

**Loop Output** - 1/4" mono buffered Loop Output.

#### 2.4 Front Panel Switches

**Gain Switch** – Adds +10dB of input gain for low output instrument pickups.

**Boost Switch** – Adds +10dB Mid/Treble Boost.

**EQ Switch** – Shifts Bass, Midrange and Treble center Frequencies. (30/50Hz, 70Hz-2kHz/150Hz-4kHz and 4/6kHz)

**Limiter Switch** – Turns the Limiter On/Off.

## 3.1 Preamp Tone Settings

These settings are merely a suggested starting point from which you can set to your own personal taste.

Drive – 5 Volume – 7 (adjust for desired loudness) Limiter - 5 Bass – 7 Freq - 300 Middle – 4 Treble – 5

#### 3.2 Operating Instructions

- Always connect your instrument input and preamp output prior to turning the unit ON.
- Use only quality coaxial instrument cable (guitar cord) patching your preamp to your amplifier.
- Always connect the unit a proper power source and use a grounded outlet strip, otherwise a shock hazard may result, especially when the unit is connected to other equipment. Connection to improper line voltage may cause permanent damage.
- Do not expose this unit to rain or excessive moisture. This may cause a shock hazard or damage to the unit.

<u>SAFETY NOTICE</u>: There are no user serviceable parts inside the unit. Refer servicing to qualified personnel only.

## 4.1 Specifications

Input Voltage – +/- 16VDC

Current Consumption – 170mA

Input Impedance – 1Meg Ohm

Output Impedance – 600 Ohms

Dimensions – 3"W x 5"H x 7"D

Weight -1 lbs

