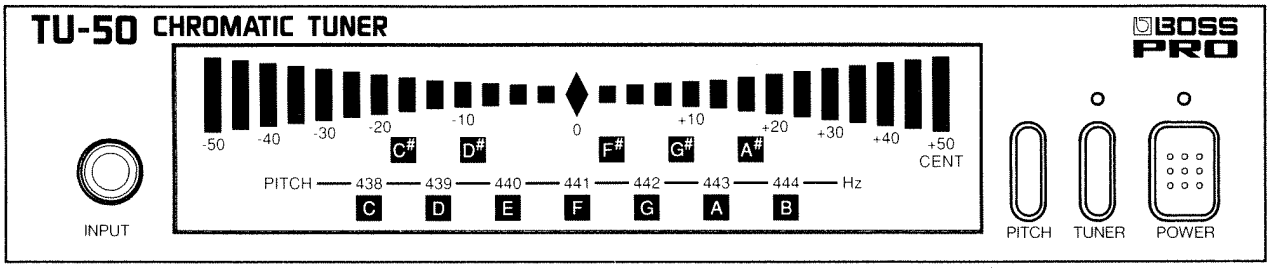
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TU-50 CHROMATIC TUNER

Owner's Manual



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CHROMATIC TUNER TU-50

(Gerät, Typ. Bezeichnung)

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RADIO AND TELEVISION INTERFERENCE

WARNING — This equipment has been verified to comply with the limits for a Class B computing device, pursuant to Subpart J of Part 15 of FCC rules. Operation with non-certified or non-verified equipment is likely to result in interference to radio and TV reception.

The equipment described in this manual generates and uses radio frequency energy. If it is not installed and used properly, that is, in strict accordance with our instructions, it may cause interference with radio and television reception. This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B computing device in accordance with the specifications in Subpart J, of Part 15, of FCC Rules. These rules are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference in a residential installation. However, there is no guarantee that the interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment on and off, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by the following measures:

- Disconnect other devices and their input/output cables one at a time. If the interference stops, it is caused by either the other device or its I/O cable. These devices usually require Roland designated shielded I/O cables. For Roland devices, you can obtain the proper shielded cable from your dealer. For non-Roland devices, contact the manufacturer or dealer for assistance.

If your equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, you can try to correct the interference by using one or more of the following measures:

- Turn the TV or radio antenna until the interference stops.
- Move the equipment to one side or the other of the TV or radio.
- Move the equipment farther away from the TV or radio.
- Plug the equipment into an outlet that is on a different circuit than the TV or radio. (That is, make certain the equipment and the radio or television set are on circuits controlled by different circuit breakers or fuses.)
- Consider installing a rooftop television antenna with coaxial cable lead-in between the antenna and TV. If necessary, you should consult your dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for additional suggestions. You may find helpful the following booklet prepared by the Federal Communications Commission:

"How to Identify and Resolve Radio — TV Interference Problems."

This booklet is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402, Stock No. 004-000-00345-4.

For Canada

CLASS B **NOTICE**

This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class B limits for radio noise emissions set out in the Radio Interference Regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

CLASSE B **AVIS**

Cet appareil numérique ne dépasse pas les limites de la classe B au niveau des émissions de bruits radioélectriques fixés dans le Réglement des signaux parasites par le ministère canadien des Communications.

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Thank you, and congratulations on your choice of the BOSS TU-50 Chromatic Tuner.

To make sure you enjoy the complete range of functions the TU-50 provides, and to ensure satisfaction for years to come, please take the time to completely read this Owner's Manual before starting out.

Features

- The large display facilitates tuning away from the tuner.
- Input jacks are located on both the front and rear panels.
- Muting can be turned on or off during tuning.
- When the tuner is turned off the tuning indicator displays the input signal level.
- The tuner can be turned on and off. A pedal switch can also be used for this.
- When used with the RAD-50 rack-mount adaptor (optional), the tuner can be mounted on the EIA standard 19-inch rack.

IMPORTANT NOTES

When using an AC adaptor, be sure that it is one supplied by the manufacturer. Use of any other power adaptor could result in damage, malfunction, or electric shock.

Power Supply

- When making any connections with other devices, always turn off the power to all equipment first; this will help prevent damage or malfunction.
- Do not use this unit on the same power circuit with any device that will generate line noise, such as a motor or variable lighting system.
- The power supply required for this unit is shown on its nameplate. Ensure that the line voltage of your installation meets this requirement.
- Avoid damaging the power cord; do not step on it, place heavy objects on it etc.
- When disconnecting the AC adaptor from the outlet, grasp the plug itself; never pull on the cord.
- If the unit is to remain unused for a long period of time, unplug the power cord.

Placement

- Do not subject the unit to temperature extremes (eg, direct sunlight in an enclosed vehicle). Avoid using or storing the unit in dusty or humid areas or areas that are subject to high vibration levels.
- Using the unit near power amplifiers (or other equipment containing large transformers) may induce hum.
- This unit may interfere with radio and television reception. Do not set this unit in the vicinity of such receivers.

Maintenance

- For everyday cleaning wipe the unit with a soft, dry cloth (or one that has been slightly dampened with water). To remove stubborn dirt, use a mild neutral detergent.
  Afterwards, be sure to wipe the unit thoroughly with a soft, dry cloth.
- Never use benzine, thinners, alcohol or solvents of any kind, to avoid the risk of discoloration and/or deformation.

Additional Precautions

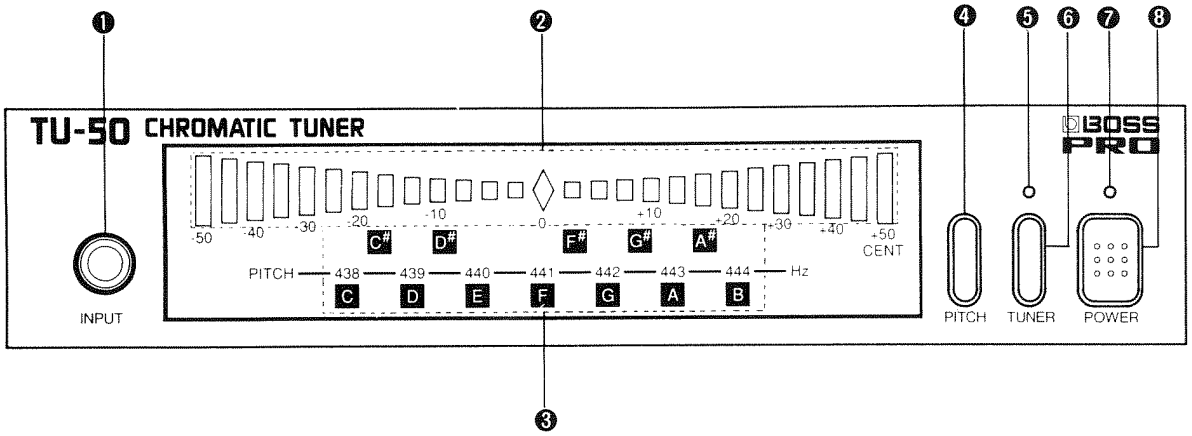
- Protect the unit from strong impact.
- Do not allow objects or liquids of any kind to penetrate the unit. In the event of such an occurrence, discontinue use immediately. Contact qualified service personnel as soon as possible.
- Should a malfunction occur (or if you suspect there is a problem) discontinue use immediately. Contact qualified service personnel as soon as possible.
- To prevent the risk of electric shock, do not open the unit or its AC adaptor.

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■ PANEL DESCRIPTIONS

〈Front Panel〉



❶ Input Jack

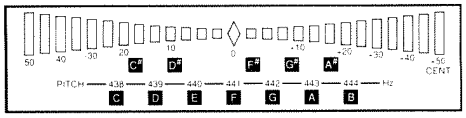
This jack is for input.

* **When instruments are connected to the input jacks on both the front and rear panels, the instruments connected to the front panel have priority.**

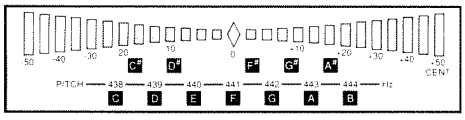
❷ Tuning Indicator

This displays pitch status. Tune your instrument so that the indicator in the center of the tuning indicator lights up.

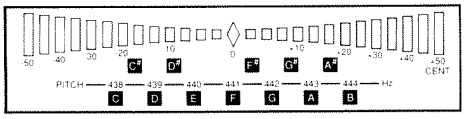
* **When the tuner is turned off, the level of the input signal is displayed.**



Tuned



Too Low



Too High

❸ Note Indicator

While tuning, the note indicator corresponding to the pitch of the input signal lights up. Also, pressing the Pitch button makes the indicator showing the standard pitch flash.

❹ Pitch Button

Press this to display or change the standard pitch. Pressing the Pitch button makes the indicator flash to allow confirmation of the current standard pitch.

* **The standard pitch when the power is turned on is always 440 Hz.**
* **If you want to change the standard pitch, see page 6, "Changing the Standard Pitch".**

❺ Tuner Indicator

This lights up when the tuner is turned on, and goes out when the tuner is turned off.

❻ Tuner Switch

This is used to turn the tuner on and off. When turned on, tuning can be accomplished. When off, the tuning indicator displays the input signal level.

❼ Power Indicator

This lights up when the power switch is turned on.

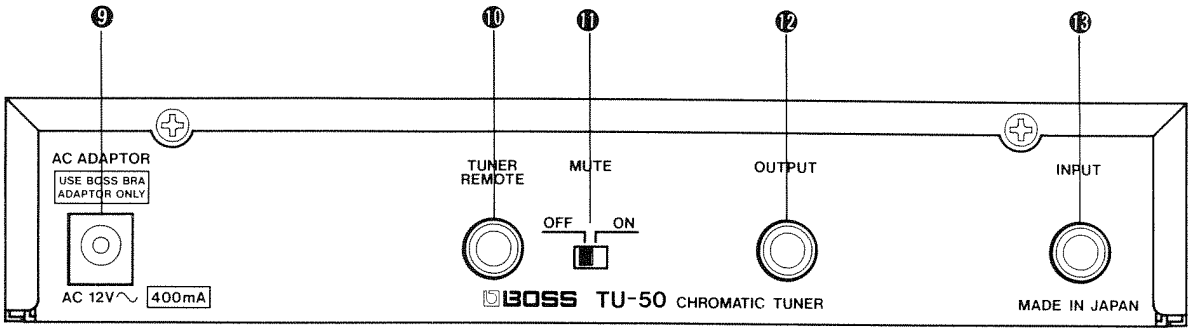
❽ Power Switch

This is used to turn the power on and off.

* **When operating the power switch, turn the volume control of the amplifier to zero.**

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〈Rear Panel〉



❾ AC Adaptor Jack

This is for connecting the separate AC adaptor (BOSS BRA-120, 220 or 240).

❿ Tuner Remote Jack

A foot switch (FS-5L:optional) can be connected to the tuner to turn it on and off. The tuner indicator shows whether the tuner is on or off.

* **When the foot switch is connected, the tuner switch ❻ cannot be used for turning the tuner on and off.**

⓫ Mute Switch

When the tuner is on, this is used to switch input signal output from the output jack on and off. When on, the input signal is not output (muted) if the tuner is on.

⓬ Output Jack

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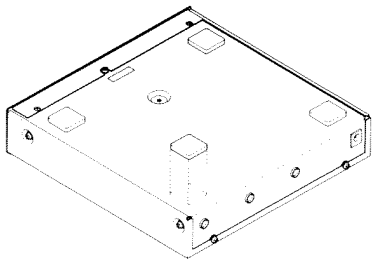
* **When the power is off, the input signal is not output.**

⓭ Input Jack

This jack is for input.

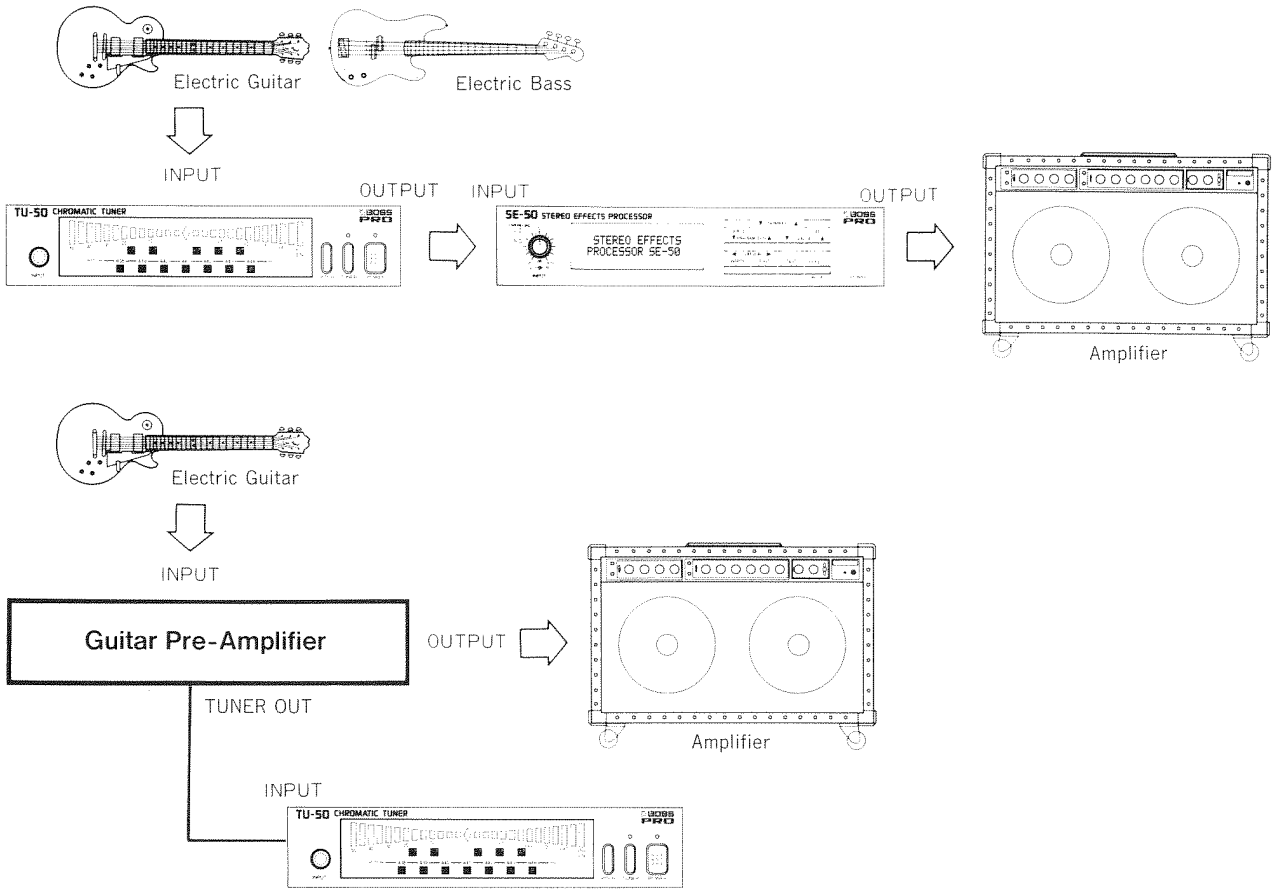
* **When instruments are connected to both the front and rear panels, the instruments connected to the front panel have priority.**

When using the unit without the optional Rack Mount Adaptor RAD-50, please attach the rubber feet as shown below.



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MAKING CONNECTIONS



TUNING

① Connect the instrument to input jack ❶ or ⓭.
② Press the power switch to turn on the power.
③ Turn on the tuner switch.
④ When a single note is played on the instrument, the note indicator for note close in pitch lights up, as does the tuning indicator.
Tune the instrument so that the note indicator for the desired note name and the tuning indicator are centered.

[NOTE MAME/STRING TABLE]

〈GUITAR〉

NOTE NAME	STRING	FREQUENCY
1E	1st String Open	329.6Hz
2B	2nd String Open	246.9Hz
3G	3rd String Open	196.0Hz
4D	4th String Open	146.8Hz
5A	5th String Open	110.0Hz
6E	6th String Open	82.4Hz

〈BASS〉

NOTE NAME	STRING	FREQUENCY
C		130.8Hz
1G	1st String Open	98.0Hz
2D	2nd String Open	73.4Hz
3A	3rd String Open	55.0Hz
4E	4th String Open	41.2Hz
B		30.9Hz

CHANGING THE STANDARD PITCH

The following procedure describes how the change the standard pitch.
The pitch can be varied from 438 Hz to 444 Hz in 1 Hz increments.

① Turn on the Tuner Switch.
② Press the Pitch Button once to make the note indicator for the current standard pitch flash.
③ Pressing the Pitch Button while the note indicator is flashing changes the standard pitch by 1 Hz. Repeat pressing the Pitch Button while flashing until the desired pitch is displayed. After a short time, the tuner will again be ready to use for tuning.

* **When the power is turned off, the standard pitch returns to 440 Hz. If a pitch other than 440 Hz is desired, it must be set each time the power is turned on.**

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SPECIFICATIONS

Standard Pitch:
438Hz to 444Hz 1Hz step
Tuning Range:
B0(30.9Hz) to B7(3951Hz)
Tuning Accuracy:
±1 cent
Input Impedance:
1M Ω
Maximum Input:
+14dBm
Recommended Load Impedance:
10k Ω or greater
Controls:
Pitch Button
Tuner Switch
Power Switch
Mute Switch
Indicators:
Tuning Indicator(27 point)
Note Indicator(12 point)
Tuner Indicator
Power Indicator
Connectors:
Input Jack [Front/Rear] (1/4 inch phone type)
Output Jack (1/4 inch phone type)
Tuner Remote Jack
AC Adaptor Jack (AC 12V)

Power Supply:
AC12V:AC Adaptor BRA-120, 220, 240
Current Draw:
400mA
Dimensions:
218(W)×226(D)×44(H) mm
8-5/8"(W) × 8-15/16"(D) × 1-3/4"(H) inches
Weight:
1.4kg / 3 lbs 2 oz
Accessories:
AC Adaptor BRA-120, 220, 240
Foot Rubber × 4
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Options:
Rack Mount Adaptor RAD-50
Foot Switch FS-5L

* 0dBm=0.775Vrms
* In the interest of product improvement, the specifications of this unit are subject to change without prior notice.

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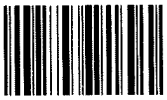
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