# NOVATRON

The sounds of real instruments



NOVATRON by Streetly Electronics Limited

## Introduction

The NOVATRON falls into no known category but is perhaps best described as a series of controlled tape machines manipulated by keyboard. Each key relates to and, when played, activates a tape on which has been pre-recorded a single note of an orchestral instrument. For example: if the player has chosen say, FLUTE, and one key is depressed, he will hear the sustained note of one FLUTE – a real FLUTE! If then a five

note chord is played, the sound of five FLUTES will be heard playing in harmony. The same applies to VIOLINS or any other pre-recorded sound on the NOVATRON. The NOVATRON thus provides the player with the capability of playing and fashioning "live" orchestral sounds in a manner not previously possible.

In addition to single instrument recordings, tapes can also be obtained with complete orchestral sections, choir patterns, rhythm patterns, and a whole library of sound effects. You and your NOVATRON are only limited by your imagination.

# Miscellaneous features and specifications

## The Electronic Pitch Control

The NOVATRON 400SM is fitted with a specially designed Rock steady non-temperature sensitive speed control, type SMS2. In the centre position, all instruments will be at Concert Pitch. Rotation of this control will give a pitch variation of ± 20%. The purpose of this control is not only to allow the NOVATRON to be tuned accurately, but also to give the facility for special effects and dramatic changes of key and pitch.

### Amplification

The NOVATRON 400SM has no built-in main amplifier or loudspeaker system but is designed to connect directly into any external amplifier system or a mixing console. A direct Line Output jack is provided for this purpose.

HEIGHT: 34" (86 cm)
WIDTH: 34" (86 cm)
DEPTH: 22" (56 cm)
WEIGHT: 122lbs. (55 kg)

Power Supply: Transformer tapped at 115V, 220V, 240V 50 or 60 cps. Single phase.

Consumption: 75 VA

Outputs: Unbalanced line output via foot swell pedal. 3 volts into 600 Ohms without foot swell pedal.

Panel Controls: Illuminated ON/OFF Switch TRACK SELECTOR CONTROL GAIN CONTROL TONE CONTROL ELECTRONIC PITCH CONTROL Signal to Noise Ratio: Better than -58dBM

Tape Velocity: Normal 7½ i.p.s.

Variable speed range ± 20%

Reproduce:

50 Hz-12kHz ± 3dB

Frequency:

Reproduce characteristic modified NARTB standard.

Tone Control:

10 dB cut at 10 kHz.

Reproduce Heads:

Low impedance: 3 MH: 35 in total.

# Tapes

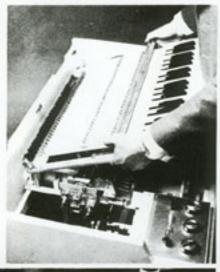
The standard NOVATRON 400SM provides three basic sounds namely; FLUTE, VOILINS and CELLO recorded on three tracks of a 3/8" wide magnetic tape. Any one of these sounds may be immediately selected by means of the Track Selector located on the Control Panel. The Track Selector Control also enables the player to mix and balance sounds placed on adjacent tracks, For example: If the FLUTE track is first selected and played only

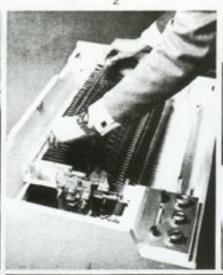
the FLUTE will be heard. However, by rotating the Track Selector Control gradually, VIOLINS will be slowly introduced. Further rotation of the Control will give the effect of fading the FLUTE until only the VIOLINS are heard. The same applies to all sounds placed on adjacent tracks.

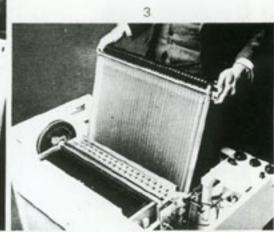
These tapes are mounted on a vertical frame known as the Removable Tape Frame. Any number of these tape frames may be purchased so that a library of sounds can be built up as required. The NOVATRON 400SM has been so designed that a tape frame featuring a whole new "bank" of sounds can be replaced in two minutes.

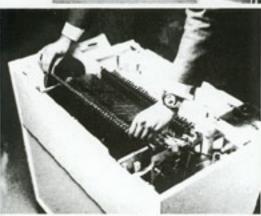
(without the need for any tools). In addition to the standard sounds of VIOLIN, CELLO and FLUTE, the following instruments and combinations are available: SAXOPHONE, CHOIR VOICES, CHURCH ORGAN, VIBRAPHONE, GUITAR, STRING SECTION, SYNTHESIZED BRASS, SOUND EFFECTS, and many others. Refer to tape list overleaf.

To facilitate making up your own recordings, a Conversion Kit can be supplied so that 1/4" full track or two track recordings will be accepted. This means that the NOVATRON 400SM may be used to reproduce any sound recorded on standard play 1/4" tape at 7.5 I.P.S.











## Changing the Tape Frame

- 1. Removing keyboard.
- Releasing tape clamp bar and storing in slots on tape frame.
- 3. Removing tape frame.
- Replacing tape clamp bar in operating position.
- Replacing keyboard.

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Tape Frames

Tapes on Frames

Tapes on Spools

¼" Tape Guide Conversion Se

Swell Pedal

•Tape Frame Fibre Carrying Case

Attenuator

| -           |   | LIST OF TAPES AVAILABLE   |  | Tape |
|-------------|---|---|--|------|
| Tape<br>No. | Track A   | Track B   | Track C  | No.  |
| 1.          | Trumpet (Synthesised)                             | Trombone  | 8 Choir (4M/4F Unison)                         | 1.   |
| 2.          | B Choir (4M/4F Unison)                            | Violina   | Brass 1-18 Two trombones, 19-35 Two trumpets   | 2    |
| 3.          | Flute   | String section  | 8 Choir (4M/4F Unison)                         | 3.   |
| 4.          | Violins   | 8 Choir (4M/4F Unison)  | Mixed Brass B                                  | 4.   |
| 5.          | Flute   | Violins   | 8 Choir (4M/4F Unison)                         | 5.   |
| 6.          | Vibes   | 8 Choir (4M/4F Unison)  | Church Organ                                   | 6.   |
| 7.          | Mixed Brass B                                     | 8 Choir (4M/4F Unison)  | Church Organ                                   | 7.   |
| 8.          | Violins   | Cello   | 8 Choir (4M/4F Unison)                         | 8.   |
| 9.          | Male & Female Choir<br>1-17 Male, 18-35 Female    | String section  | Flute  | 9.   |
| 10.         | Male Choir  | Violins   | Cello  | 10.  |
| 11.         | String section                                    | Choir (15 Mixed)  | Mixed Brass B                                  | 11.  |
| 12.         | String section                                    | Boys Choir  | Flute  | 12.  |
| 13.         | Boys Choir  | Violins   | Trumpet (Synthesised)                          | 13.  |
| 14.         | Moog Brass  | Sax Solo  | Boys Choir                                     | 14   |
| 15.         | String section                                    | Flute   | Cello  | 15.  |
| 16.         | Flute   | Violins   | Male & Female Choir<br>1-17 Male, 18-35 Female | 16.  |
| 17.         | Flute   | Tenor Sax   | Oboe   | 17.  |
| 18.         | Flute   | Violins   | Cello  | 18.  |
| 19.         | Flute   | Violins   | Mixed Brass 3                                  | 19.  |
| 20.         | Mandolin  | Bassoon   | Clarinet                                       | 20.  |
| 21,         | Vibes   | Church Organ  | Hammond - Slow Leslie                          | 21.  |
| 22.         | Guitar  | Violins   | Brass 1-18 Two trombones, 19-35 Two trumpets   |      |
| 23.         | Oboe  | French Horn   | Orchestra                                      | 23.  |
| 24.         | Withdrawn   | T Tellion Thorn   | O'C'ICITE                                      | 24.  |
| 25.         | Hammond - Slow Leslie                             | Brass 1-18 Two trombones<br>19-35 Two trumpets                            | Cello  | 25.  |
| 26.         | Orchestra   | 8 Choir (4M/4F Unison)  | Selection of sound effects                     | 26.  |
| 27.         | Vibes   | Guitar  | Hammond - Slow Leslie                          | 27.  |
| 28.         | Church Organ                                      | Cello   | 8 Chair (4M/4F Unison)                         | 28.  |
| 29.         | 8 Choir (4M/4F Unison)                            | Violins   | Cello  | 29.  |
| 30.         | Flute   | Moog Brass  | Violins  | 30.  |
| 31.         | Brass 1-18 Two trombones<br>19-35 Two trumpets    | Violins   | 8 Choir (4M/4F Unison)                         | 31.  |
| 32.         | Moog  | Moog  | Moog   | 32.  |
| 33.         | Trombone  | Trumpet (Synthesised)   | String section                                 | 33.  |
| 34.         | Trombone  | Trumpet (Synthesised)   | Cello  | 34.  |
| 35.         | Mixed Brass B                                     | 8 Choir (4M/4F Unison)  | String section                                 | 35.  |
| 36.         | Flute   | Brass Section Mixed   | String section                                 | 36.  |
| 37.         | Violins   | 8 Choir (4M/4F Unison)  | Church Organ                                   | 37.  |
| 38.         | Mixed Brass B                                     | String section  | 8 Choir (4M/4F Unison)                         | 38.  |
| 39.         | Flute   | Tenar Saxophone   | Brass 1-18 Two trombones, 19-35 Two trumpets   |      |
| 40.         | Trombone  | Brass 1-18 Two trombones<br>19-35 Two trumpets                            | Saxophone 1-18 Two Tenor<br>19-35 Two Altos    | 40.  |
| 41.         | Male & Female Choir                               | Male Voice Choir 1-17   | Church Organ                                   | 41.  |
| 42.         | 1-17 Male, 18:35 Female<br>8 Choir (4M/4F Unison) | French Horn 18-35 Male & Female Choir 1-17 Male Choir, 18-35 Female Choir | Boys Chair                                     | 42.  |
| 43.         | Combined Brass                                    | Augmented Choir   | Second Flute                                   | 43.  |

# Prominent users of this type of Instrument

Rolling Stones Moody Blues Jefferson Airplane Yes King Crimson Chicago Alice Cooper Richie Havens Todd Rundgren Eric Clapton Oscar Peterson

Mahavishnu Orch. Rick Wakeman 10 Years After Elton John Genesis David Bowie Raspberries ELO Wings Hawkwind Klaus Doldinger

Beach Boys Hollies Strawbs Pink Floyd T Rex Jethro Tull Spirit Kinks Traffic Greenslade Cavaliers

Octopus

Procul Harum Ground Hogs Led Zeppelin Fleetwood Mac John Lennon Cat Stevens Stevie Wonder Mike Pinder George Harrison Jack Bruce Demis Roussos Limelight

Peter Yarrow Argent Bobby Goldsboro Ray Stevens Savoy Brown Stories Al Kooper Santana Felix Pappalardi Babe Ruth Barclay James Harvest Grobschnitt

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