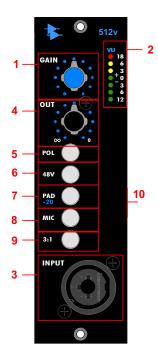


512v DISCRETE MIC / LINE PRE-AMP USER GUIDE



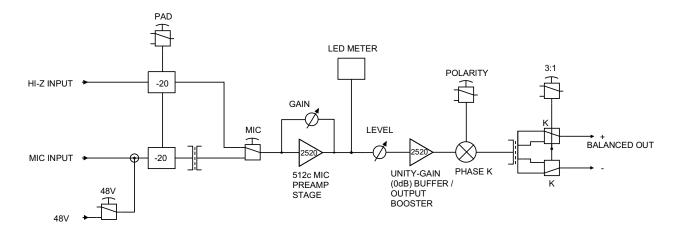
The API 512v is a highly musical, rich-sounding analog microphone / line / instrument preamplifier known for both its great-sounding front end and low noise generation in all sorts of audio applications. It artfully combines API's proprietary transformers and the 2520 op-amp while exhibiting the reliability, long life, and uniformity which is characteristic of all API products.

FEATURES:

- **1.** Gain control: Mic preamp with gain range +34 dB to +65 dB, line/instrument preamp with gain range +14 dB to +42 dB
- 2. LED VU meter for monitoring output level
- 3. Front panel combo-style XLR (mic)/Hi-Z 1/4 inch (instrument/line) input connection
- **4.** Variable output level control knob (full clockwise rotation = unity gain)
- 5. Signal polarity switch
- 6. 48V phantom switchable power
- 7. Pad switch (applies to XLR [mic] and Hi-Z 1/4 inch [line/instrument]) reduces input signal by 20 dB
- **8.** Switchable input selector: when engaged XLR (mic) input active, when disengaged Hi-Z 1/4 inch (instrument/line) input active
- 3:1 output transformer tap selector: when engaged reduces output gain ratio from 1:3 to 1:1 (appx. 10 dB), when disengaged - output gain ratio 1:3
- **10.** Internal rear connection selector jumper: when engaged enables parallel rack rear input connection capability (XLR [mic] input only)

The API 512v also comes with API's unique Five Year Warranty.

BLOCK DIAGRAM



Specifications

Front & Rear Connectors: Front: combo-style XLR/Hi-Z 1/4 inch

Rear: Output on edge connector, mic input on edge

connector, can be defeated

Gain Range: Mic: 34dB to 65dB (14dB to 45dB w/PAD)

Hi-Z: 14dB to 42dB (-6dB to 25dB w/PAD)

Maximum Input Level: Mic: -4 dBu (+16 dBu with pad)

Hi-Z input: +36 dBu

Input Impedance: Mic: 1500 Ohms (150 Ohm mic)

Hi-Z input: 400 kOhms (20 kOhms w/PAD)

Output Impedance: Less than 75 Ohms, transformer balanced

Clipping Level: +30 dBu

Frequency Response: +0, -0.3, 20 Hz to 50 kHz

Signal to Noise Ratio: 120 dB

Power Consumption: ± 16 Volts/DC @ 90 mA

Size: 1.5" X 5.25" X 7" deep

Size (Boxed for Shipping): 4.5" X 6.5" X 10.25"

Actual Weight: 1.41 lbs.

Shipping Weight: 1.94 lbs.