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## INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your purchase decision! We at Rogue Audio truly believe that our amplifiers provide the “smartest” value in high-end audio. If you have never owned a vacuum tube amplifier you will be thrilled by the silky-smooth sound and incredible detail that only a tube amplifier can provide. The Medusa and Hydra hybrid amplifiers combine the best of tube and solid state amplification to give you great tube amp sound without any of the normal tube amp maintenance. At Rogue Audio we are extremely proud of our products and want you to enjoy them to their fullest potential. So please, take the time to read through this short manual so that you can be confident that you have set up your amplifier properly.

## UNPACKING YOUR AMPLIFIER

**Tools required:** none

**WARNING - This amplifier uses voltages that could cause injury or death. Never open the amplifier while it is plugged in, and always wait at least one hour after turning the unit off to unplug and open the unit. *Lethal* voltages can remain in the electronics after the unit is unplugged.**

Your amplifier has been painstakingly inspected for cosmetic flaws during and after assembly. In order not to damage the cosmetic appearance of the amplifier it is important that you follow the unpacking instructions carefully.

1. Carefully lift the amplifier out of the box, and remove the foam pads and plastic bag.
2. Save the packing materials. The packing materials and box have been carefully designed to protect your valuable equipment during shipping so you don't want to throw them away.
3. Using a glove or a clean dry cloth, straighten any tubes that may have tilted during shipment. Ensure that all of the tubes are fully seated in their ceramic sockets.

## HOOKING UP YOUR AMPLIFIER

### Connecting the amplifier to the loudspeakers:

The rear panel has five way binding posts with which you can connect your loudspeakers as shown in Figure 1. These binding posts accommodate any of the popular speaker terminations available including spades and bananas.

### Connecting the amplifier to the preamplifier:

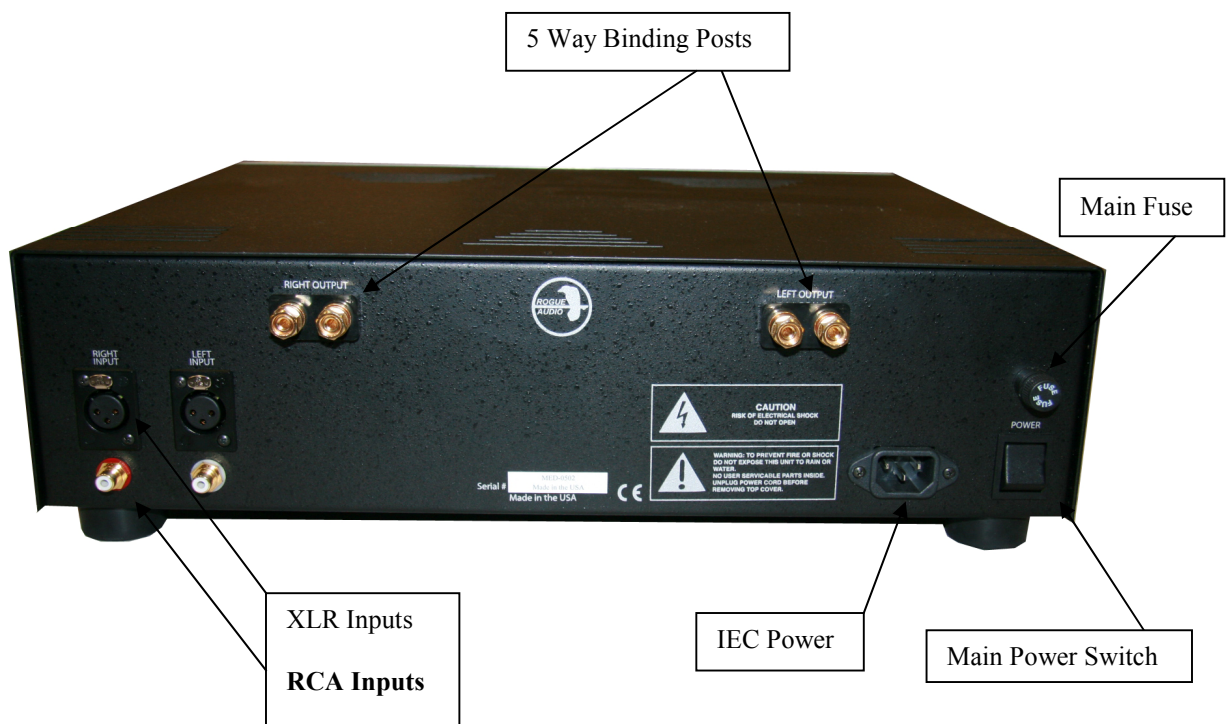
There are two types of input connections on the rear panel of the amplifiers:

- 1) Fully balanced XLR type input.
- 2) RCA input

The input connections can be made using either the XLR or RCA input, depending on your system setup.

Note that if you have a variable output CD player you can choose to drive the amplifiers with it directly.

Figure 1. Rear panel layout



### Connecting the amplifiers to the power outlet:

Connect the IEC end of the detachable power cord provided to the amplifier and plug the opposite end into a suitable power outlet. It is recommended that the amplifier and your preamplifier are plugged into the same wall outlet if possible (perhaps using a power outlet strip). This is to avoid creating a ground loop.

## OPERATION OF YOUR AMPLIFIER

After all proper connections have been made you are now ready to turn the amplifier on. The main power on/off switch is on the rear of the amplifier and should be left on at all times. A small amount of power is used by the amplifier to maintain a ready state which keeps the solid state components warmed up for better performance. The power switch on the front of the amp is used to turn on and off the tube circuitry as well as to take the solid state components out of their standby mode. There are three LED's on the front panel as shown in figure 2. The yellow LED indicates that the amplifier is in standby mode. The blue LED indicates that the amplifier is fully operational. The red LED indicates that a problem has occurred (shorted speaker terminals or other source of overcurrent). When the unit is first plugged in and the rear switch is turned on the red LED will blink briefly and then the yellow standby LED will be illuminated. When the front power button is first depressed both the blue and yellow LED's will be illuminated. After approximately 10 seconds the yellow LED will turn off indicating that the amplifier is operational and ready to play music.

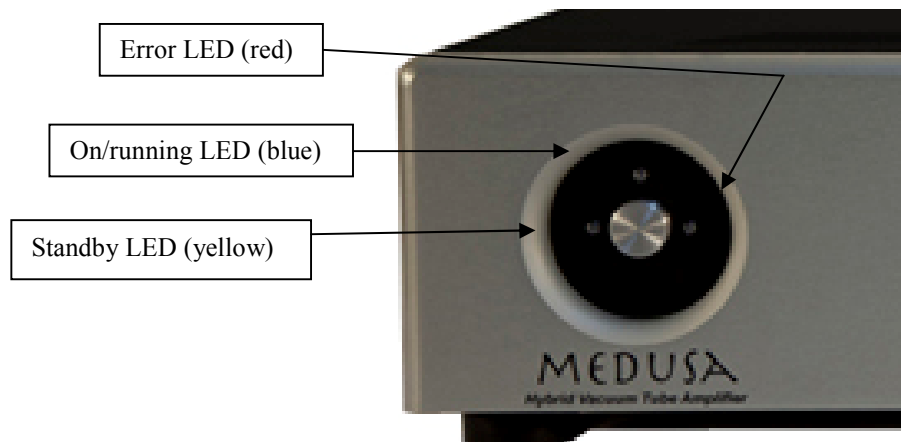


Figure 2

Some preamplifiers and sources can generate dangerous transients that can damage loudspeakers. To avoid letting dangerous transients reach your loudspeakers turn your system on in the following order:

- 1) Turn on all sources (CD, tuner, etc.) that you will be using.
- 2) Turn on the preamplifier.
- 3) Wait until the preamplifier has stabilized.
- 4) Power up the amplifier
- 5) Select listening source and play music

When powering down your system turn the amplifiers off first.

Note – After turning off the amplifiers, wait at least one minute to turn them back on. Do not turn them on then off and then on again in quick succession. Doing this will not allow the power supplies to discharge between on/off cycling and may result in dangerous transient noises.

## **TROUBLESHOOTING**

*Speaker Hum* – If hum can be heard from more than a few inches from the loudspeaker, there is probably a ground loop. Be sure that the amp and preamp are both plugged into the same outlet or power strip. If this fails to cure the hum, call customer service at Rogue Audio for further advice.

*Red LED on front panel is illuminated* – Check speaker wires to see if they are shorted together at the rear of the amp or at the speakers.

*Sound from only one speaker* – Check that your speaker cables and interconnects are properly connected.

*No LED's are illuminated* – Check that the power cord is properly installed and that the rear switch is turned on.

If you still have a problem please contact Rogue Audio at 570-992-9901

## **OWNER AND WARRANTY REGISTRATION FORM**

Included with this manual is an Owner and Warranty Registration Form. Please take a minute to fill out this card and return it to Rogue Audio. This card must be returned within 30 days of purchase to validate the warranty.

## TUBE AND FUSE VALUES

Tubes – Two 12AU7

Main fuse located on rear panel (1) – 5 Amp slow blow

Power Supply Fuses on PCB (2) – 6 Amp slow blow

### SPECIFICATIONS

output power	Medusa 200 WPC/ Hydra 100WPC
frequency response	5Hz – 30 kHz $\pm$ 1dB
THD	< 0.1% typ, < 1% at rated power
input sensitivity	1.0 V RMS
dimensions	18" W x 15" D x 5.5" H
weight	36 pounds (25 Kg)
shipping weight	42 lbs (27 Kg)
power requirements	115/230V - 50/60Hz

## LIMITED WARRANTY

### Warranty Period

This product has been manufactured under the highest standards of quality and workmanship. Rogue Audio Inc. (hereinafter "Rogue Audio") warrants this product against defects in material or workmanship as follows:

With the exception of vacuum tubes, Rogue Audio warrants to the original purchaser of this product all parts of this product against defects in material and workmanship for a period of three years from the date of retail purchase. Rogue Audio warrants the vacuum tubes for a period of six months from the date of retail purchase. Any defective parts will be replaced free of charge, excluding shipping and handling.

Proof of purchase in the form of a bill of sale or recited invoice which indicates that the product is within the warranty period must be presented to obtain warranty service. Rogue Audio suggests that the purchaser retain the dealer's bill of sale as evidence of the date of retail purchase.

### What's Not Covered

This warranty does not cover cosmetic damage or any damage that results from product misuse, product abuse, installation error, connection to an improper voltage supply, accident, improper maintenance, alterations, modifications not authorized in writing by Rogue Audio, lightning, power surges, or acts of God. Use of any other than Rogue Audio factory parts may void this warranty.

This warranty does not cover the cost of parts and labor which would be otherwise provided without charge under this warranty, obtained from any source other than Rogue Audio.

This warranty applies only to consumer use of this product and does not cover any product that is used in any trade or business, or in an industrial or commercial application.

This warranty applies only to the original purchaser of this product when purchased from an Authorized Rogue Audio dealer.

This warranty is valid only in the United States.

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### To Obtain Service

To obtain service, you must contact Rogue Audio and obtain a return authorization number. The product must be delivered to Rogue Audio in its original packaging prepaid at the following address:

**Rogue Audio Inc.  
3 Marian Lane  
Brodheadsville, PA 18322**