

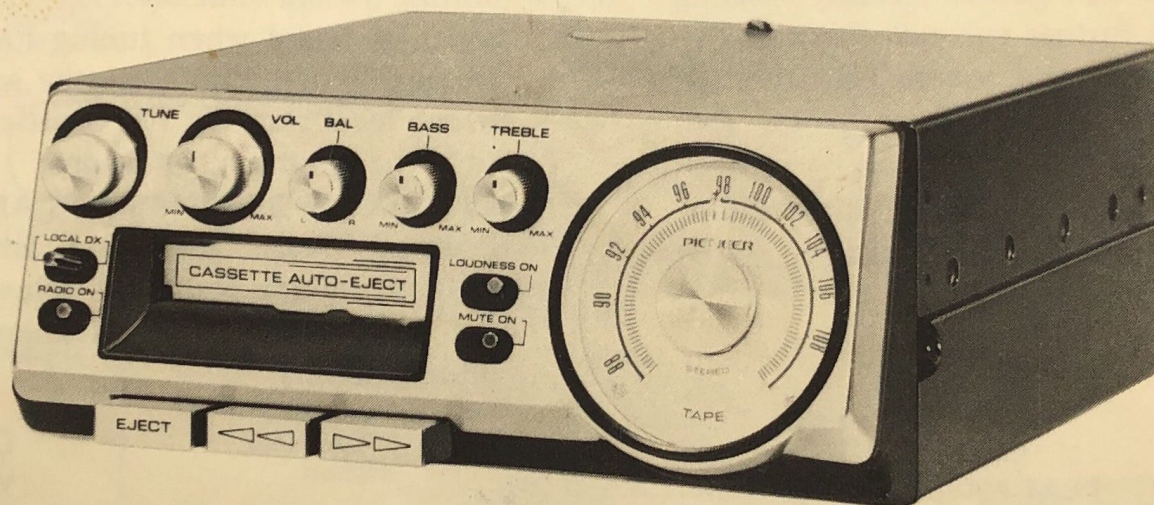
**SUPERTUNER**

**CASSETTE CAR STEREO  
WITH FM-STEREO**

**MODEL KP-500**

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**OWNER'S MANUAL**



Thank you for purchasing this PIONEER product. Be sure to read this manual before using your PIONEER Model KP-500 cassette car stereo with FM-stereo.

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# SPECIFICATIONS

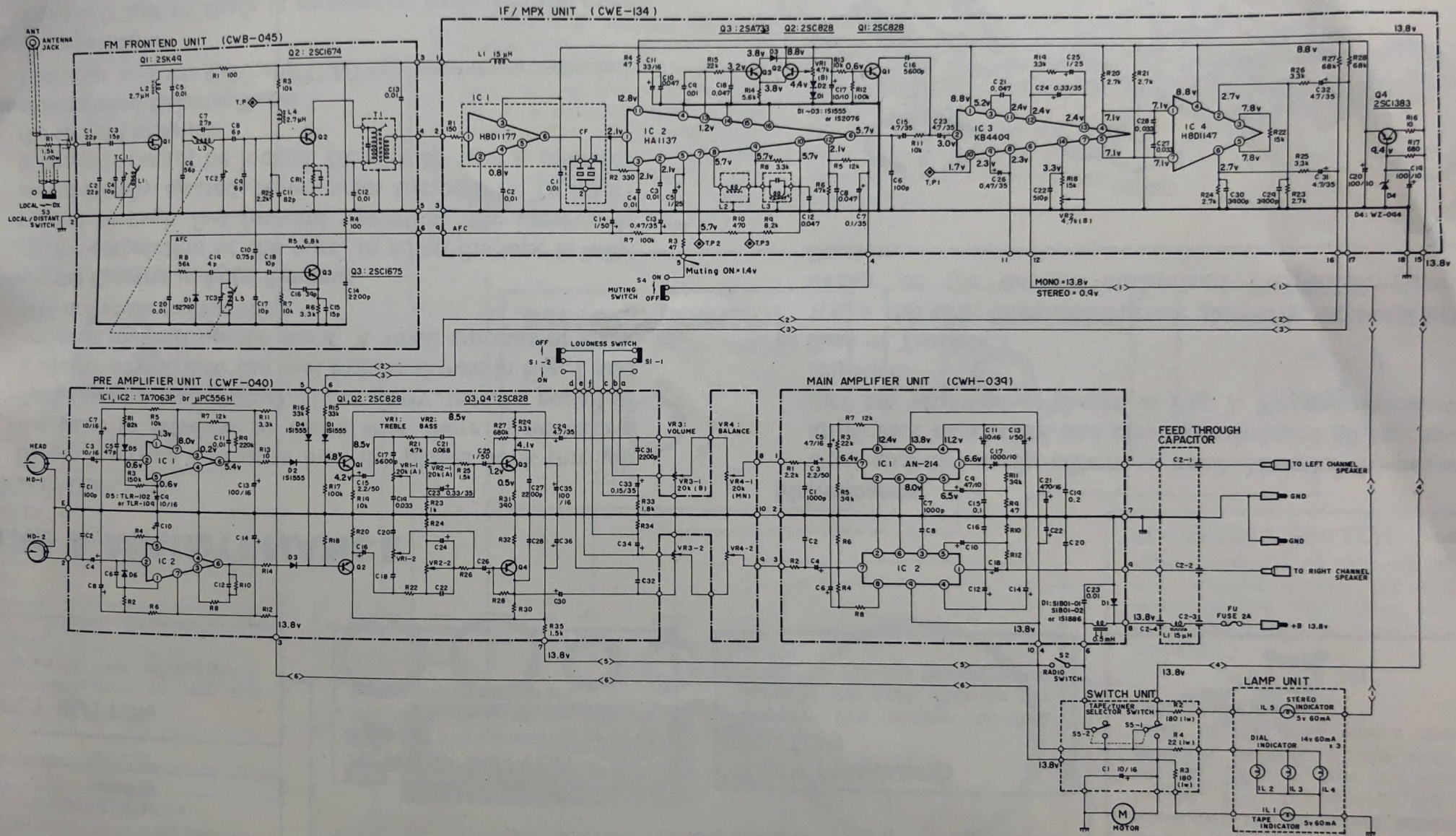
## SEMI-

CONDUCTORS . . . . .	AF: 4 IC's, 4 transistors, 7 diodes RF: 4 IC's, 1 FET, 6 transistors, 5 diodes
CONTROLS . . . . .	Volume, balance, bass, treble, eject, fast forward, rewind, tuning, local/ distant, radio, loudness, muting
POWER	
SOURCE . . . . .	DC 13.8V (11~16V allowable)
GROUNDING . . . . .	Negative ground system
CARTRIDGE . . . . .	PHILIPS-type cassette (C-30, C-60)
WOW AND	
FLUTTER . . . . .	Less than 0.3% (WRMS)
REWIND TIME . . . . .	Approx. 100 sec (C-60)
FAST FORWARD	
TIME . . . . .	Approx. 100 sec (C-60)
POWER	
OUTPUT . . . . .	Rated (RMS): 8W
FREQUENCY	
RESPONSE . . . . .	40~10,000 Hz
TONE CONTROL . . . . .	Bass: $\pm 10$ dB (100 Hz) Treble: $\pm 10$ dB (10 kHz)
LOUDNESS	
CONTOUR . . . . .	+9 dB (100 Hz), +4 dB (10 kHz) (VOLUME: -30 dB)
CROSS TALK . . . . .	More than 45 dB
SIGNAL TO	
NOISE RATIO . . . . .	More than 50 dB
LOAD	
IMPEDANCE . . . . .	4 $\Omega$ (2~8 $\Omega$ allowable)

## RADIO SECTION

FREQUENCY	
RANGE . . . . .	88~108 MHz
USABLE	
SENSITIVITY . . . . .	12 dBf (1.1 $\mu$ V/75 $\Omega$ )
50 dB QUIET-	
ING SENSITIVITY . . . . .	14.3 dBf (1.4 $\mu$ V/75 $\Omega$ )
SIGNAL TO	
NOISE RATIO . . . . .	68 dB
CAPTURE RATIO . . . . .	1.7 dB
SELECTIVITY . . . . .	74 dB ( $\pm 400$ kHz)
IMAGE	
REJECTION . . . . .	61 dB
IF REJECTION . . . . .	80 dB
DISTORTION . . . . .	0.8% (at 65 dBf, 400 Hz, Mono) 0.95% (at 65 dBf, 1 kHz, Stereo)
FREQUENCY	
RESPONSE . . . . .	30~12,000 Hz (-3 dB)
MUTING LEVEL . . . . .	5 dB
DISTANT SWITCH	
EFFECT . . . . .	25 dB Attenuation ON/OFF
STEREO	
SEPARATION . . . . .	32 dB (at 65 dBf, 1 kHz)
DIMENSIONS	
(W x H x D) . . . . .	192 x 75 x 190 mm (7-5/8 x 3 x 7-1/2 in.)
WEIGHT . . . . .	2.3 kg (5 lbs)

# SCHEMATIC CIRCUIT DIAGRAM



# FEATURES

Unprecedented is the only word to describe Supertuner—Pioneer's latest car stereo tuner which is designed under an entirely new concept. It features such advanced features as automatic mono-stereo switching combined with a function to virtually eliminate multiplex noise. Now you can really keep your eye on the road while your ear is on the music. An unusually high sensitivity of  $1.1\mu V$  means, compared to ordinary car stereo tuners, you can be twice as far from your favorite station and still catch your favorite program—with less noise, more clarity and greater stability. Muting and special distant switches further enhance this capability. Add other deluxe features, and you're into real car stereo enjoyment!

## AUTO EJECT SYSTEM

Automatic cassette ejection and power cut-off at the end of a program allows better concentration on driving.

## FAST FORWARD AND REWINDING MECHANISM FOR CONVENIENCE OF OPERATION

Simply press the buttons for fast forward or rewind to select desired programs.

## TONE CONTROL CIRCUITS

Both bass and treble have individual tone controls to enable optimum balance of sound. A touch of the special Loudness Switch fills the car with impressive well-balanced sound even when listening at low volume.

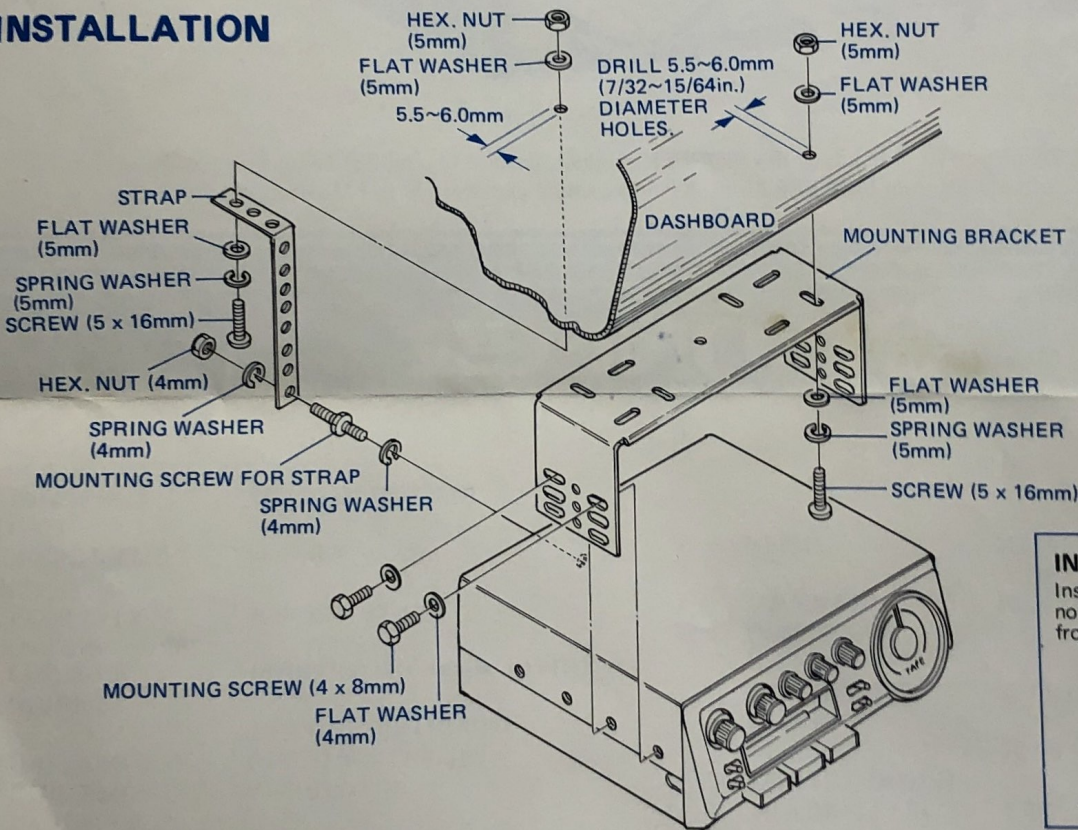
## BUILT-IN MUTING SWITCH, LOCAL/DISTANT SWITCH

Muting Switch eliminates the unpleasant inter-station noise which is heard when tuning FM broadcasts. Also, Local/Distant Switch eliminates the sound distortion caused by strong local stations. FM broadcast can therefore be enjoyed at the optimum conditions.

## HANDSOME DESIGN SUITS ANY CAR

Practical design and good taste in styling suitable to high-class stereo make this deluxe car stereo an asset to any car. Also, the easy-to-see Tuning Dial helps to bring out the desired mood.

# INSTALLATION

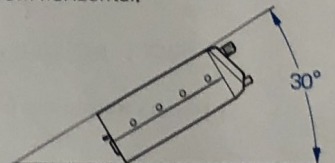


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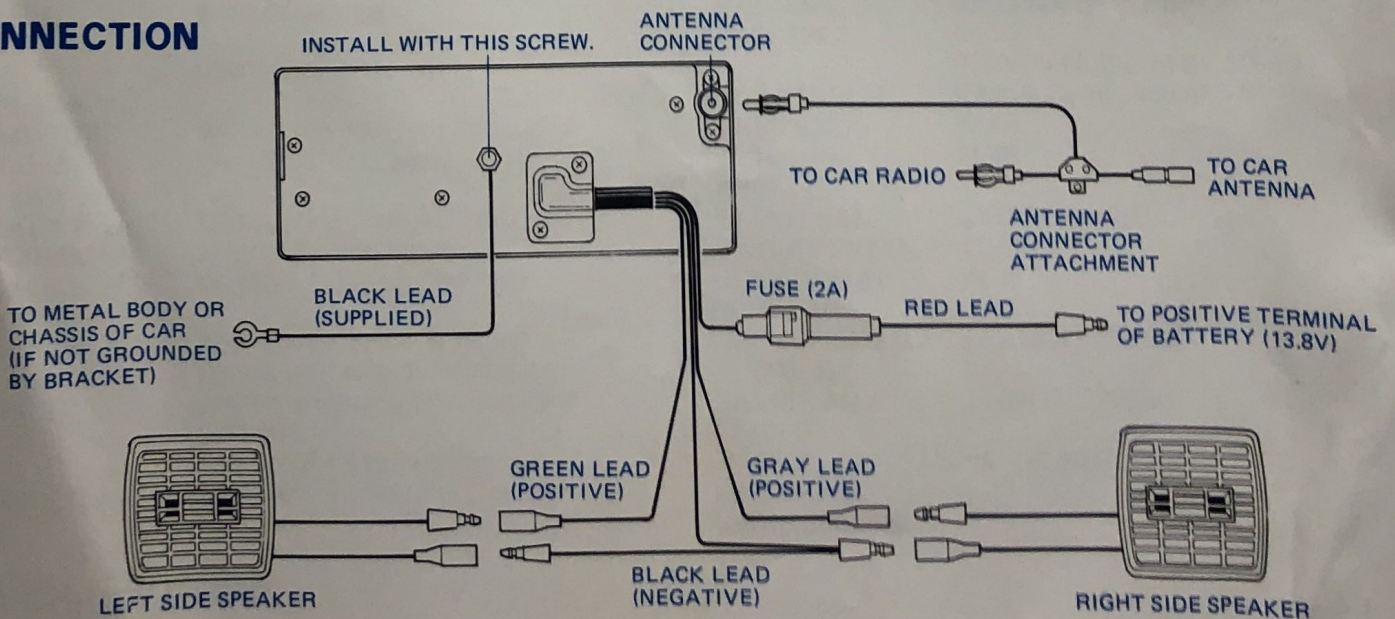
You should always use the supplied screws and nuts for installing the set.

### INSTALLATION ANGLE

Installation angle should not exceed  $30^\circ$  from horizontal.



# CONNECTION



# OPERATION

## VOLUME CONTROL



## TUNING KNOB

Turn the knob to select channels.



## LOCAL/DISTANT SWITCH

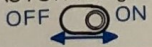
This switch is generally to be Distant when listening to the radio.

However, turn the switch Local in case a signal obstruction occurs such as an interference in the vicinity of a radio station transmitter.



## RADIO SWITCH

When a cassette is set, remove it by pressing EJECT BUTTON. Set this switch to ON (right side), and FM broadcast can be enjoyed. At the same time TUNING DIAL will light up. When tuning to stereophonic broadcast, STEREO INDICATOR will go on.



## EJECT BUTTON

Press the button to stop the program or to exchange a cassette.

## REWIND BUTTON

Depress this button to rewind the tape. Release the button to resume the program.

## FAST FORWARD BUTTON

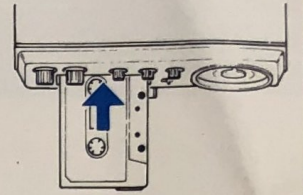
Depress this button to fast forward the tape. Release the button to resume the program.

## CASSETTE DOOR

Pushing the cassette at the center, with the side where the tape is visible toward the right, insert it into the cassette door till it is securely locked. The TAPE INDICATOR and TUNING DIAL will then light and the program described on the upper section will start playing. When the program is

finished, the cassette is ejected for an automatic stop. To play the program described on the opposite section, turn over the cassette and insert it.

NOTE: Insertion of the cassette with the radio on will result in an automatic change-over to tape playing.



## BALANCE CONTROL

Adjust for optimum stereo effect.



## BASS CONTROL

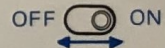


## TREBLE CONTROL



## LOUDNESS SWITCH

When desirous of listening at low volume, simply set this switch to ON (right side), and bass and treble will be emphasized.



Optimum sound is within this limit.

## DIAL POINTER

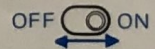
## TUNING DIAL

## STEREO INDICATOR

## TAPE INDICATOR

## MUTING SWITCH

Set this switch to ON (right side), and the inter-station noise will not be heard when tuning FM broadcast. For normal listening set at this position. Switch to OFF (left side) in the area where the radio wave is weak.



# CARE & MAINTENANCE

## Prior to Use:

Before inserting a cassette into the player, look through the cassette window to make sure there is no excess slack (several loose turns). If necessary, insert a pencil or a similar object into the reel hub as shown in Fig. 1 and rotate it to wind up the slack. A small amount of slack will not cause malfunction.

## When the Cassette is Auto Ejected:

At the completion of the tape, or when the tape is fully wound through fast forward operation, the cassette is automatically ejected. Never press the cassette to insert it again it cannot be locked. Be sure to turn it over for the second insertion.

## Recommended Cassette Tape:

For your best use C-30 and C-60 tapes are recommended.

## Car Temperature:

When left out of shade in summer or parked in the open for a long time in winter, the temperature inside the car changes considerably. In such cases, the cassette should be used only after, the temperature inside the car has been brought back to appropriate temperature.

## Maintenance:

Dust and dirt easily adhere to head. Moisten the cotton applicator in alcohol and clean gently until all traces of dirt are removed as shown in Fig. 2. Reproduction will improve.

## In Case of Trouble:

When the unit does not operate properly, contact your dealer or the nearest authorized PIONEER Service Station.

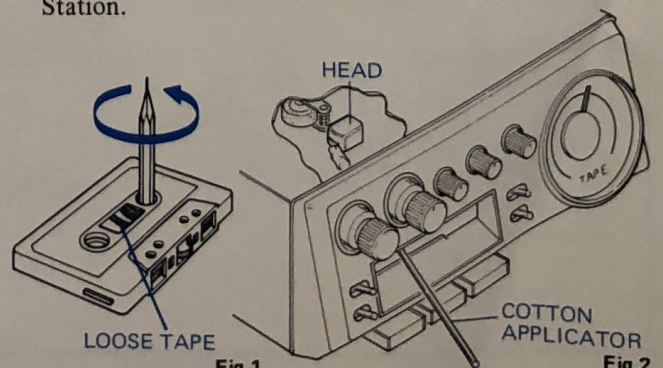


Fig.1

Fig.2

## LIMITED WARRANTY

THIS PRODUCT IS COVERED BY PIONEER'S STANDARD WARRANTY. SEE SEPARATE ENCLOSURE FOR DETAILS.

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