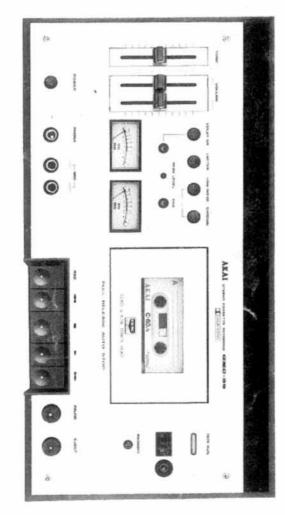
CASSETTE STEREO TAPE RECORDER/TAPE DECK

OPERATOR'S MANUAL

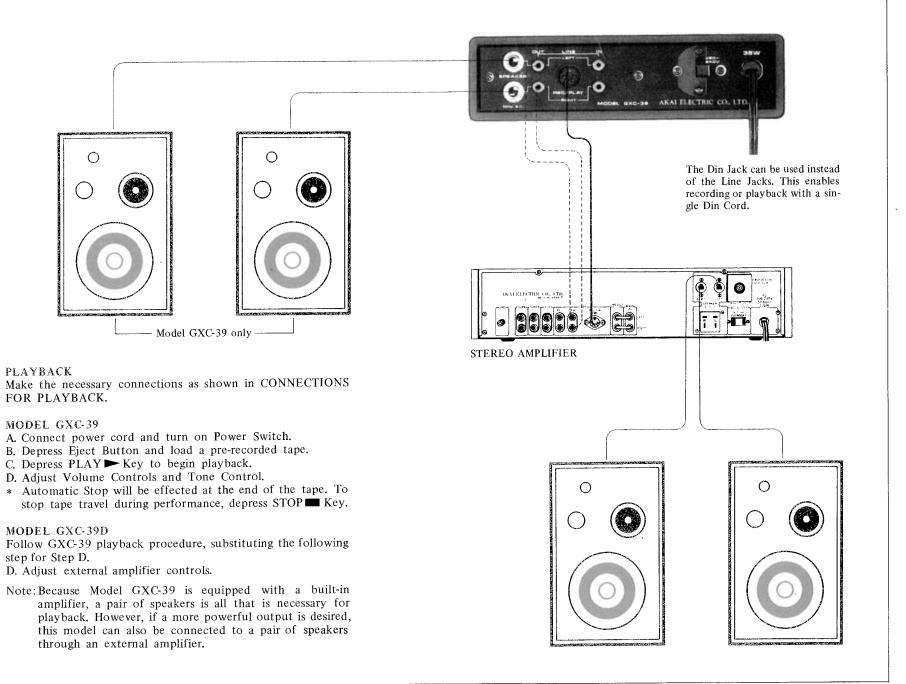


WARNING:
To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose this appliance to rain or moisture.



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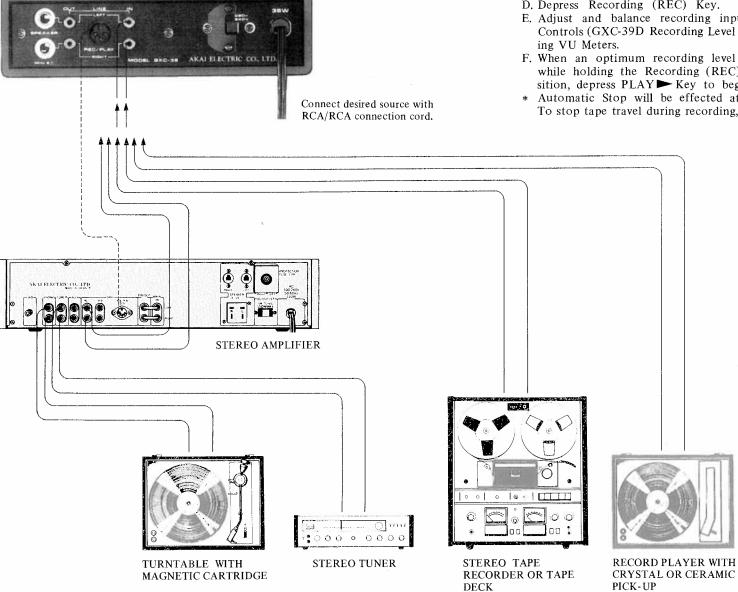
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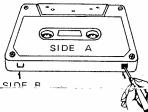
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- D. Depress Recording (REC) Key.
- E. Adjust and balance recording input level with Volume Controls (GXC-39D Recording Level Controls) while observ-
- F. When an optimum recording level has been determined, while holding the Recording (REC) Key at depressed position, depress PLAY Key to begin recording.
- * Automatic Stop will be effected at the end of the tape. To stop tape travel during recording, depress STOP Key.

CONTROLS

OPERATING PRECAUTIONS-

- * Operate this machine in a level horizontal position only.
- * Avoid setting this machine on a vacuum tube amplifier, etc. which generates heat, or operating the unit in extremely hot or cold places. Also avoid blocking the ventilator.
- * Heads should be kept clean and demagnetized at all times.
- * This machine is designed for utilization of low noise tape as standard. The use of ordinary tape will result in inferior performance.
- * Before using a cassette tape, check to confirm whether tape slack exists. As tape slack causes the tape to twist or tangle around the pinch wheel and capstan, take up slack if necessary.
- * As the base of C-120 tapes are thin and easily damaged, they are not recommended for use with
- * Recording cannot be made on the leader tape. Therefore, when using a new cassette tape, be sure to forward the tape slightly so that the leader tape is not in the head path.
- * Tapes which have been stored in a hot moist place for a period of time or cassette tape with bent cases should not be used. Such tape may curl or
- * have greasy places on the tape altering tape speed and preventing proper performance. Always store tapes in a cool, dry place.
- * Do not touch the tape with your fingers as high frequency signals cannot be recorded in places which are not clean on the tape.
- * When using a tape recorded with the Dolby process, it is necessary to depress the Dolby NR Switch at playback time also. Keep the Dolby NR Switch at OFF position at all times except during Dolby recording or playback.
- * Cassette tapes are equipped with a break-out tab for both A and B sides. When these tabs have been removed to protect an important recording, no further recording can be made on the tape unless the cavities are plugged or covered with a piece of tape.



PEAK LEVEL INDICATOR -

At normal recording, VU Meter response is usually accurate but when pulsive signals enter, such as signals from percussion instruments, etc., response is slow and lower than actual volume is registered. This peak level indicator acts as a warning device by lighting at excessive input. Because, for recording with the least noise possible, it is advantageous to keep the recording level as high as possible not to exceed the level at which distortion occurs due to excessive input, for best recording results, the level range in which this light flickers at largest input parts only is most ideal. (This indicator does not function when the Limiter Switch is being used).

DOLBY NR SWITCH AND INDICATOR LAMP -

Setting the Dolby NR Switch to ON position activates the Dolby circuit to raise low level signals before they are recorded and lowers them by precisely the same amount during playback, thus reducing the extraneous and superimposed noise, resulting in the reduction of tape hiss to a completely inaudible level. The Dolby Indicator Lamp lights when the Dolby NR Switch is depressed.

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- * "Dolby" and the Double D symbol are trademarks of Dolby Laboratories, Inc. (Under license from Dolby Laboratories, Inc.)

TONE CONTROL (Model GXC-39 only)-Adjusts tone during playback.

VOLUME CONTROLS (Left/Right)— (GXC-39D RECORDING LEVEL CONTROLS)

Adjusts input and output volume level. (GX-39D recording input level). Adjust while observing VU Meters.

LEFT VU METER-

Indicates left channel recording and playback levels.

RIGHT VU METER-

Indicates right channel recording and playback levels.

POWER SWITCH —

HEADPHONE JACK-

Accomodates stereo headphones of 8Ω impedance for monitoring or private headphone listening.

MICROPHONE JACKS (Left/Right)-

RECORDING INDICATOR LAMP-Light when REC Key is depressed.

SPEAKER JACKS (Model GXC-39 only)-

OUTPUT JACKS (Left/Right)-

Connects to tape inputs of external amplifier or tape recorder.

INTRODUCTION-

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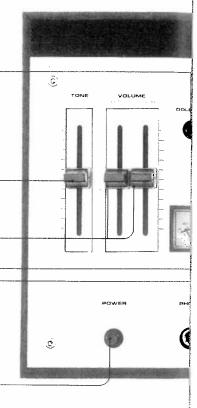
- cassette lid frame by bringing toward front of machine and lifting upward.
- 4. With machine at Stop mode, clean recording/playback and erase heads with a cotton swab stick dipped in Akai Cleaning Fluid (from Akai Head Cleaning Kit HC-500). Also clean pinch wheel and capstan and other parts over which the tape travels. (Heads are most accessible when facing
- * Do not bring the demagnetizer close to the VU Meters.

TAPE ERASING-

Any signals previously recorded on the tape will be automatically erased as a new recording takes place. For erasing only, no plugs should be connected to the input jacks and Recording Level Controls

LIMITER SWITCH-

Set this switch to ON position limit recording input level and p vent over-recording and cut dist tion when recording at a high volu level. Especially effective when cording from microphones at clo range.



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CASSETTE TRACK SYSTEM-

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1	Core	TRACK 2
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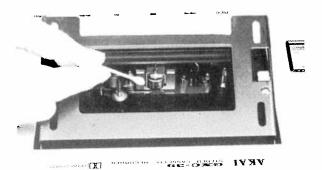
This model employs a 4-track recording/playback system. The first half of the stereophonic recording or playback takes place on tracks 1 and 2. The second half takes place on tracks 3 and 4 after the cassette tape has been inverted. Recording and playback depends upon the length of the tape (C-30, 30 minutes; C-60, 60 minutes, etc.). Monaural and stereo recorded tapes can be played back on either stereo or monaural cassette recorders without any loss in quality. Because the total track width of the left and right channels is equal to that of the monaural track, when a stereo cassette is played on a monaural recorder, the playback head will scan both left and right channels together. This results in automatic mixing of left and right channels from the stereo tape for monaural reproduction.

HEAD CLEANING-

It is important for the heads and the head block area to be kept clean at all times as dust adhering to these parts deteriorate sound quality. This model is equipped with a GX recording/playback head and, while GX Head cleaning is not normally necessary, if old tape or splicing tape, etc. is used, GX Head cleaning is also recommended.

- 1. Turn off Power Switch.
- 2. Remove cassette from receptacle and depress cassette holder to flat horizontal position.
- 3. Remove cassette lid (tape view window) from

- cassette lid frame by bringing toward front of machine and lifting upward.
- 4. With machine at Stop mode, clean recording/play-back and erase heads with a cotton swab stick dipped in Akai Cleaning Fluid (from Akai Head Cleaning Kit HC-500). Also clean pinch wheel and capstan and other parts over which the tape travels. (Heads are most accessible when facing the rear panel of the recorder).



* If Akai Cleaning Fluid is not available, use alcohol. Do not use other chemical cleaners as the rubber parts will deteriorate.

HEAD DEMAGNETIZING-

Normally, the steel pole pieces which form part of the recording/playback head as well as parts over which the tape travels become slightly magnetized and as a result, the tape is partially erased at high frequencies. Therefore, head demagnetizing is recommended periodically.

- 1. Turn off Power Switch.
- 2. Remove cassette from receptacle and depress holder plate to flat horizontal position.
- 3. Remove cassette lid (tape view window) from cassette lid frame by bringing toward front of machine and lifting upward.
- 4. With machine at Stop mode, demagnetize heads and other parts which the tape contacts with a bulk Head Demagnetizer by bringing the prongs of the demagnetizer close to the heads and making small circular motions over the entire head block area. (Heads are most accessible when facing the rear panel of the recorder).

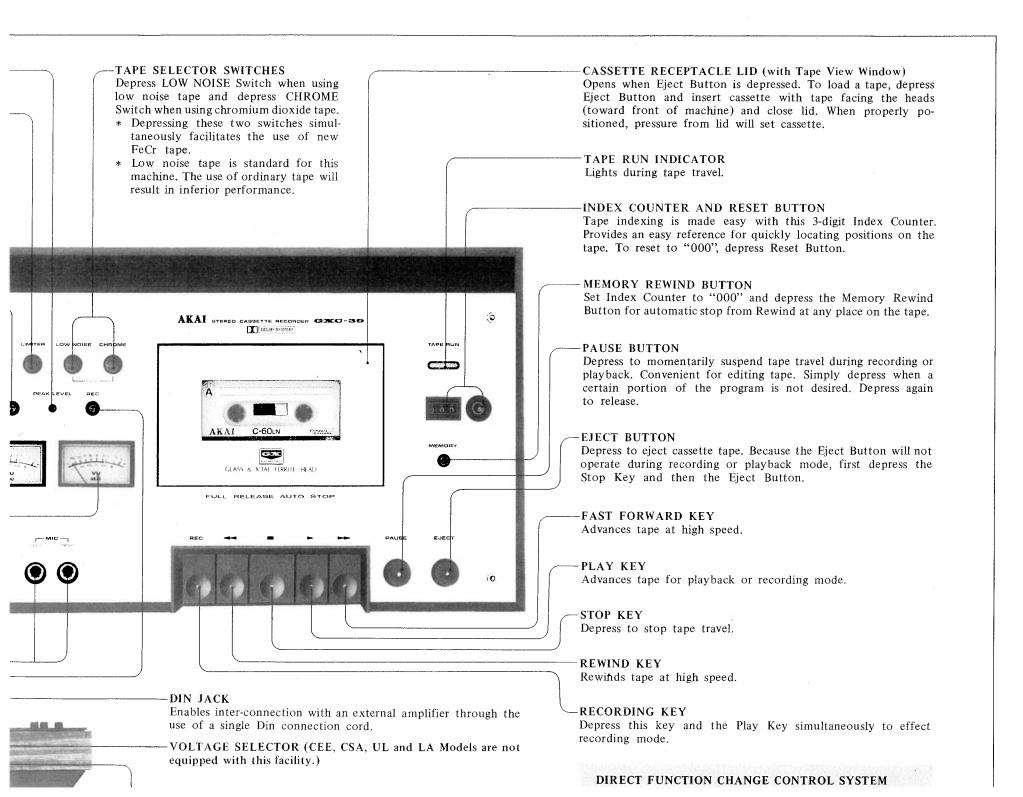
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LUBRICATION-

Although the motor of this model is sufficiently oiled for prolonged use, for maximum service and optimum performance, please take your machine to your local authorized AKAI agent for occasional lubrication.



TROUBLE SHOOTING CHART—

The conditions listed below do not indicate mechanical failure of your unit. If your machine exhibits any of these conditions check for trouble as indicated.

SYMPTOM	TROUBLE	REMEDY
Recording Key will not function.	* Cassette is not loaded. * Cassette break-out tabs are removed.	* Plug or cover cavities.
Tape will not run.	* Power is not being supplied. * Tape slack.	* Check power cord and Power Switch. * Take up slack as mentioned in OPERATING PRECAUTIONS.
Noisy sound.	* Heads are magnetized. * Heads are dirty. * Connections are incorrect.	 Demagnetize heads following head demagnetizing instructions. Clean the heads following head cleaning instructions.
	* Tape Selector Switch is set incorrectly.	* Set to CHROME position when using chromium dioxide tape, and to LOW NOISE position when using low noise tape Depress both switches simultaneously when using FeCr tape.
Previous recording will not erase.	* Erase head dirty.	* Clean heads following head cleaning instructions.
Distorted sound,	* Recording level is too high.	* Use peak level indicator as explained under CONTROLS.
Playback cannot be effected.	* Connections are incorrect, * Controls are not properly adjusted or positioned. * Pause Button is at depressed position.	* Check external amplifier controls. * Release
Recording will not take place.	* Dirty recording head. * Connections are incorrect. * Controls are not properly positioned or	* Clean head following head cleaning instructions. * Check external source controls.
	adjusted. * Pause Button is depressed position.	* Release

Should there be a problem with your machine, write down the model and serial numbers and all pertinent data regarding warranty coverage as well as a clear description of the existing trouble and contact your nearest authorized Akai Service Station or the Service Department of Akai Company, Tokyo, Japan.

TECHNICAL DATA ---

Track System	Philips type cassette tape 1-7/8 ips Less than 0.19% (DIN 45500)
	30 to 14,000 Hz \pm 3 dB using Low Noise tape; 30 to 16,000 Hz \pm 3 dB using CrO ₂ tape; 30 to 17,000 Hz \pm 3 dB using Fe-Cr tape
	Less than 1.5% (1,000 Hz $^{\circ}$ 0" VU) using Low Noise tape
	Better than 50 dB (measured via tape with peak recording level of + 3 VU) Dolby Switch ON: Improves up to 10 dB above 5 KHz
Heads	(2): One GX Recording/Playback head, one Erase
	head.
Motor	(1): 4-pole induction motor
F.Fwd. and Rewind Time	65 sec. using a C-60 Cassette tape
Output Jacks	Line (2): 0.775V ("0" VU). Required load impedance: more than 20 K ohms
	Phone (1): 30 mV/8 ohms
	Speaker (2): (Model GXC-39 only): 12W total
	music power
	4.5W x 2, 8 ohms continuous output
	power
Input Jacks	Microphone (2): 0.3 mV/ Required microphone impedance: 600 ohms.
	Line (2): 50 mV/430 K ohms
Din Jack	
	GXC-39: Transistors 44, Diodes 27, FETs 2
	GXC-39D: Transistors 36, Diodes 23, FETs 2
Power Requirements	U.S.A. and Canada Models: 120V, 60 Hz only CEE Models: 220V, 50 Hz only
	Other Models: 110 to 120V/220 to 240V, 50/60
n	Hz (Switchable)
Dimensions	$(17.3" \times 4.6" \times 9")$
Weight	GXC-39: 6.3 kg (13.9 lbs); GXC-39D: 6 kg (13.2 lbs)

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