



SAGA

PASSIVE OR TUBE REMOTE PREAMP

A PASSIVE RELAY-STEPPED ATTENUATOR? YES.
A HYBRID TUBE BUFFER PREAMP? YES AGAIN.
AND REMOTE CONTROL? YEP, THAT'S INCLUDED AS WELL.
SAGA IS A SEERESS IN NORSE MYTHOLOGY,
BUT THE ONLY THING WE'RE SEEING IS THE LOOK OF SHOCK
WHEN YOU DISCOVER THE PRICE OF THIS GREAT LITTLE PREAMP.

OWNER'S MANUAL

INTRODUCTION

Saga is a no-compromise, ultra-high-end preamp cleverly disguised by its low price. You won't find any volume-control chips or other shortcuts in Saga—just uber-quality techniques as used in the most expensive audio gear. That's why it has a relay-switched stepped attenuator volume control that can be run fully passively—or connected to a unique hybrid 6SN7 tube buffer.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX

- (1) Saga
- (1) Power cord
- (0) Stick-on feet (they're pressed in!)



The following is required by the roughly 9,542 government agencies and regulations we have to comply with. If you have some common sense, they should seem pretty straightforward. In any case, read these instructions before proceeding farther, follow all instructions, and heed all warnings. Or else!

1. If you don't know how to install audio devices, get a qualified professional to help.
2. Never use this device near water, and clean only with a dry cloth.
3. Assure adequate ventilation, do not block any ventilation openings, or place near heat sources.
4. Use only the supplied power cord or suitable replacement. Route cords away from traffic areas and protect them from being pinched. Unplug the cord from the outlet if the apparatus is unused for a long period of time.
5. To prevent electric shock, do not use the plug with an extension cord, receptacle, or outlet unless blades can be fully inserted.
6. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Service is required when the device has been damaged, including cord or plug damage, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the device, the device has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.



WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS DEVICE TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

GETTING STARTED

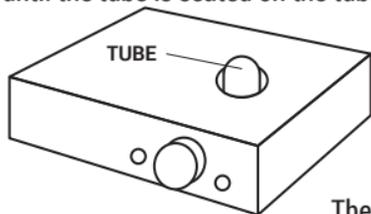
CAUTION! Dangerous voltages inside!

1. Before plugging in the preamp, insert the tube.

Carefully align the key in the tube base to the notch in the tube socket.



2. Ensure tubes are well-seated. Push down firmly until the tube is seated on the tube socket. This



may take a fair amount of force.

3. Plug it in and turn it on.

The tube will glow after a few seconds, and the microprocessor will connect the output after about 30 seconds.

4. Connect your sources. Connect up to 5 sources with RCA cables to the inputs of Saga.

5. Connect the output. Connect the output of Saga to your amp or amps using RCA cables.

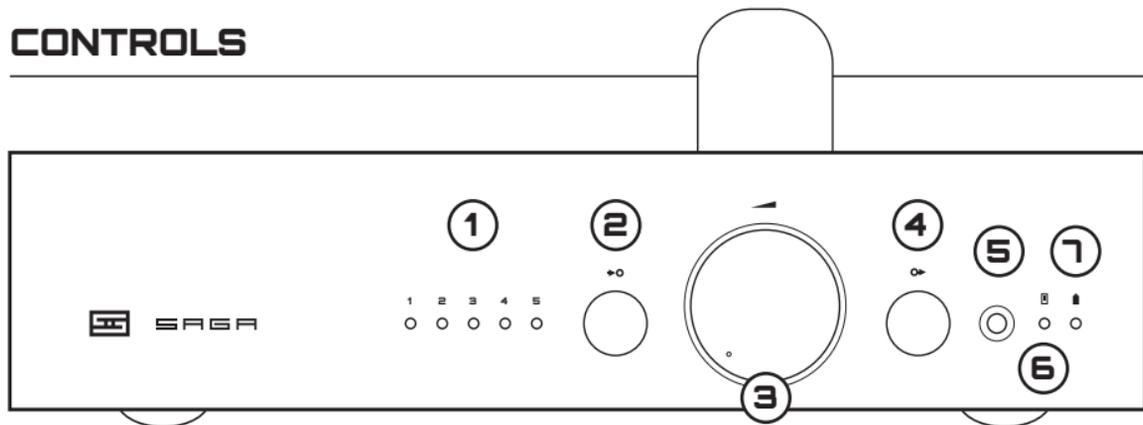
6. Ensure the volume is turned down if you're using Saga for the first time. You don't want any big surprises!

Replacing or Swapping Tubes

Saga accommodates any 6SN7, 6N8S or 5692 tube type. 6SL7s also work, but have higher distortion and higher output impedance.

- 1. Turn off and unplug the preamp.** Wait a while for the tube to cool.
- 2. Carefully extract the tube** by gently rocking it back and forth and pulling upwards.
- 3. Carefully insert the replacement tube.** Align the key to the notch and press down firmly until the tube is seated.
- 4. Plug the preamp back in and turn it on.**

CONTROLS



1 Input. The selected input lights up to indicate, well, the selected input. Except when the preamp is muted. Press the mute button on the remote to unmute the input if no input is lit.

2 Input Switch. Press to choose the input you want to listen to.

3 Volume Knob. Turn it to the right to make the music louder. Stop before smoke comes out of your speakers.

4 Mode Select. Press to change between passive and tube hybrid buffer output.

5 IR Window. The remote “talks” to the Saga through this window. Don’t block it, unless you don’t want the remote to work.

6 Remote Indicator. When you’ve used the remote control to adjust volume, this LED will light. You’ll need to turn the volume down below the level set by the remote in order for the knob to control volume again.

7 Passive/Buffer

Indicator. This lights up when you’re using the tube buffer output. It’s off for passive output.

REMOTE CONTROL

Yes, this preamp comes with a remote control. And yes, it's a relatively simple plastic affair. Yeah, we know you want milled aluminum, but you also probably don't want to spend a fortune on a remote control either. This remote is inexpensive enough that if your dog eats it, you can get another one without any financial stress.

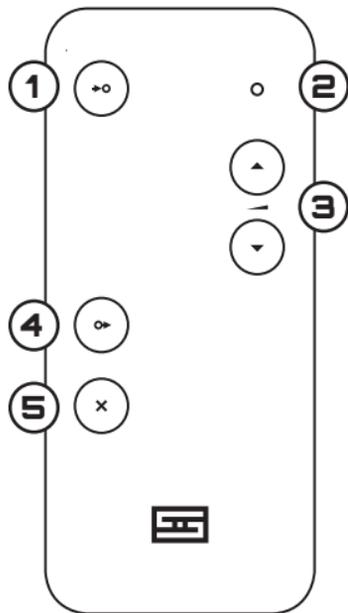
1 Input. Press this button to select the input you want to listen to. If you skip the input, keep pressing—it cycles back around.

2 Remote Light. This extremely bright light was designed to irritate everyone who carps and moans about the brightness of our LEDs. Just kidding. It lights when you use the remote. If it doesn't light, the battery is probably dead. Pull the battery out from the bottom of the remote and replace it with one of the same type.

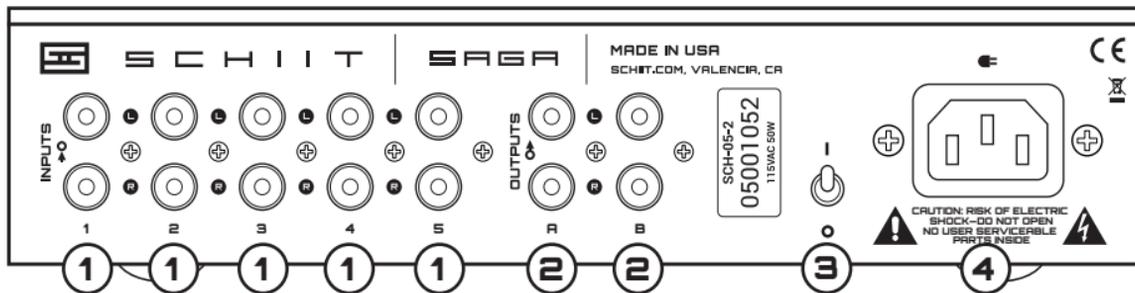
3 Volume Up/Down. Press the up arrow to turn volume up, press the down arrow to turn it down. Simple!

4 Output. Press to change between passive and tube hybrid buffer output.

5 Mute. Press to mute the preamp. All input lights will turn off.



CONNECTIONS



1 RCA Inputs.

You can connect up to 5 inputs to Saga using RCA cables. The inputs are conveniently numbered “1” to “5” to match the front panel indicators. Select the input you want to listen to using the front panel buttons or the remote control.

2 RCA Outputs.

We’ve provided two sets of RCA outputs here, so you can connect to 2 amps, or an amp and a subwoofer, or you can just use a single output. You don’t have to use both.

3 On-Off Switch. Up is on. Down is off. Pretty simple, right? And yes, it’s on the back. If you have the preamp in a place where you can’t easily reach it, just plug it in to a power strip or use a remote-controlled outlet. Yes, those are a thing.

4 AC Input. Plug the power cord in here. Plug the other end into an outlet of the correct voltage. Trying to run a 115V product on 230V will blow the fuse and generally make for a bad, bad day.

FAQ

I hear hum, what do I do?

You may have a ground loop. To fix a ground loop, try a ground loop isolator or an EbTech HumX.

There's no sound for a while after I turn Saga on.

That's perfectly normal. Saga delays the output for 20 seconds after you first turn the preamp on to help prevent loud noises during start-up.

A light flashes for a while after I turn Saga on.

Right. Also normal. That's Saga's way of showing that it's in start-up mode.

What's with the clicking noises when I turn the volume?

That's the sound of the mechanical relays in the relay-switched stepped attenuator. Also normal.

The volume knob doesn't seem to work.

When you adjust volume with the remote, you have to turn down the volume to minimum before the knob is enabled again. This helps ensure you don't have any volume-related surprises.

Can I leave Saga on all the time?

You can, but it'll dramatically shorten the tube lifespan.

Can I use both outputs at the same time?

Most of the time, yes. If you have products that short the input when turned off, then that can cause distortion.

It doesn't turn on, what do I do?

Plug it in to a different AC socket. Ensure you are not currently in a blackout. Then email us if it still doesn't work.

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