Thank you for selecting the **ZOOM STUDIO 1202** (hereafter called “The 1202”). The 1202 is a sophisticated effect processor with the following features:

- A total of 512 preset effect programs (32 effects x 16 patterns) makes the unit immediately usable for a wide variety of creative applications.
- 44.1 kHz sampling frequency assures high performance, ideal for processing sound sources such as guitar, bass, synthesizer, etc.
- Full stereo configuration—a first in this class—creates rich, natural reverb sounds. Using the two channels individually is also possible.

Please take the time to read this manual carefully, in order to get the most out of your 1202 and to ensure optimum performance and reliability.

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**Safety Precautions**

Please observe the following safety tips and precautions to ensure hazard-free use of the 1202.

- **Power requirements**
  The 1202 is powered by the supplied AC adapter. Do not use any other kind of AC adapter to prevent malfunction and safety hazards.

  When using the 1202 in an area with a different line voltage, please consult your local ZOOM distributor about acquiring a proper AC adapter.

- **Environment**
  Avoid using your 1202 in environments where it will be exposed to:
  - Temperature extremes
  - High humidity or moisture
  - Excessive dust or sand
  - Excessive vibration or shock

- **Handling**
  Since the 1202 is a precision electronic device, avoid applying excessive force to the switches and buttons. Also take care not to drop the unit, and do not subject it to shock or excessive pressure.

- **Alterations**
  Never open the case of the 1202 or attempt to modify the product in any way since this can result in damage to the unit.

- **Connecting cables and input and output jacks**
  You should always turn off the power to the 1202 and all other equipment before connecting or disconnecting any cables. Also make sure to disconnect all cables and the AC adapter before moving the 1202.

**Usage Precautions**

- **Electrical interference**
  The 1202 uses digital circuitry that may cause interference and noise if placed too close to other electrical equipment, such as TV sets and radio receivers. If such problems occur, move the 1202 further away from the affected equipment. Also, when fluorescent lights or devices with built-in motors are close to the 1202, the unit may not function properly.

- **Cleaning**
  Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the 1202. If necessary, slightly moisten the cloth. Do not use abrasive cleanser, wax, or solvents (such as paint thinner or cleaning alcohol), since these may dull the finish or damage the surface.

Please keep this manual in a convenient place for future reference.
Names and Functions of Controls and Connectors

Front Panel

(1) **INPUT control**
Serves to adjust the volume of the sound source connected to the input.

(2) **LED indicator**
When the 1202 is turned on, this indicator lights up in green. If the level of the input signal is too high, the indicator turns red to show that the sound will be distorted. Adjust the INPUT control so that the indicator flashes briefly red on the highest signal peaks.

(3) **MIX control**
Serves to adjust the level balance between the original sound and the effect sound. When the control is turned fully counterclockwise, only the original sound is heard. When the control is turned fully clockwise, only the effect sound is heard.

(4) **OUTPUT control**
Serves to adjust the output signal level.

(5) **EQ LOW control**
(6) **EQ HIGH control**
These controls serve to adjust the low and high frequency range of the effect signal.

Rear Panel

(7) **EFFECT selector**
Serves to select the effect type to be used. There are 16 different effect types for bank A and bank B.

(8) **BANK switch**
Serves to select the effect bank A or B.

(9) **PATTERN selector**
Determines the application pattern of the selected effect. For each effect, 16 different patterns are available.

(10) **EDIT1 control**
(11) **EDIT2 control**
These controls serve to adjust the parameters of the currently selected effect. Which parameters can be controlled depends on the selected effect and the selected pattern. (Refer to the supplied preset program list.)

When a compound effect (indicated by a / in the effect name) is selected for bank B, the EQ LOW and EQ HIGH controls affect only the reverb or the echo effect sound.
**Rear Panel**

1. **INPUT connector**
   Serves for connection of the sound source signal from an instrument, mixer send, etc.

   When wishing to use equipment with low output, such as a guitar, electric bass or microphone, a preamplifier or a mixer with an integrated preamplifier must be connected between the equipment and the 1202.

2. **OUTPUT connector**
   Serves for connection to the return input of the instrument or mixer, or to the playback system.

3. **EFFECT OFF connector**
   By connecting the optional foot switch FS01 to this jack, effects can be switched on and off externally. When OFF is selected, only the original signal is output, and the power LED on the front panel flashes in orange.

4. **POWER (AC adapter) connector**
   Serves for connection of the supplied AC adapter. Be sure to use only the supplied adapter. When the AC adapter is plugged into an AC outlet, the 1202 will be automatically switched on.

**Specification**

- **Preset Programs:** 512 (16 Effects X 2 Banks; A/B X 16 Patterns)
- **Program Controls:** 2 (EDIT 1, EDIT 2)
- **Effect EQ:** HIGH, LOW
- **Level & Mix Controls:** INPUT, MIX (100% DRY — 100% EFFECT), OUTPUT
- **Rear I/O:** INPUTS (L/MONO, R) : –10dBm — +4dBm / 7kΩ (MONO), 14kΩ (STEREO)  
  OUTPUTS (L, R) : –10dBm — +4dBm / 330Ω or more  
  EFFECT OFF (with optional foot switch FS01)
- **A/D Conversions:** 2 channels, 16 bit Linear, 44.1kHz, 64 times over sampling
- **D/A Conversions:** 2 channels, 16 bit, 44.1kHz
- **Dimensions:** W 482 x H 44 x D 115 mm
- **Weight:** 1.4 kg
1. Connection between instrument and playback system

This example demonstrates the use of the 1202 as an instrument effecter. For a monaural setup, use only the left (L) connector. The MIX control should normally be set to the center position.

![Diagram of connection between instrument and playback system]

2. Connection in send/return loop of a mixer

This type of connection allows use of the 1202 for any instrument or sound source connected to the mixer. The MIX control should normally be turned fully clockwise.

![Diagram of connection in send/return loop of a mixer]

3. Successive use of two effect types

When a compound effect (indicated by a / in the effect name) is selected, two types of effects can be used in series, as shown in this example. It is also possible to insert an external effecter between the first and second effect.

![Diagram of successive use of two effect types]

4. Parallel use of two effect types

When a compound effect (indicated by a / in the effect name) is selected, two types of effects can be used separately, as shown in this example.

![Diagram of parallel use of two effect types]
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<td>Simulates a medium-sized concert hall</td>
<td>Pattern 2–16: Variations with different reverb time 1: 2.2Sec/2–16: 1.0–3.8Sec</td>
<td>Diffusion</td>
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<td>2. Room</td>
<td>Simulates an acoustically dead space such as a rehearsal studio</td>
<td>Pattern 2–16: Variations with different reverb time 1: 0.7Sec/2–16: 0.5–3.3Sec</td>
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<td>3. Plate</td>
<td>Reverb with rich bass</td>
<td>Pattern 2–16: Variations with different reverb time 1: 4.2Sec/2–16: 3.0–9.0Sec</td>
<td>Pre Delay 0–100mS</td>
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<td>4. Vocal</td>
<td>Reverb for adding depth and suppleness, to vocals</td>
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<td>5. Ambience</td>
<td>Reverb for brightening up the sound and adding depth</td>
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<td>6. Orche.</td>
<td>Reverb with very wide sound stage and distinct body</td>
<td>Pattern 2–16: Variations with different reverb time 1: 1.5Sec/2–16: 0.5–3.3Sec</td>
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<td>Simulates a small, acoustically live room</td>
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<td>8. Studio</td>
<td>Simulates a large studio with high ceiling</td>
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* For each effect, pattern 1 is called DEMO (standard setting).

**[EDIT 1/2 Parameters]**
- **Diffusion:** Adjusts the reverb spread.
- **Attack:** Stresses the reverb attack.
- **High Cut:** Attenuates the high frequency components in the reverb.
- **Pre Delay:** Adjusts the interval between the original sound and the reverb.
- **High Mpy:** Adjusts the duration of high-frequency reverb components.
- **High Damp:** Adjusts the speed with which the high-frequency reverb components are attenuated.
- **Density:** Adjusts the reverb density.
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<td>Conventional type reverb suitable for all kinds of percussion</td>
<td>Pattern 2–16: Variations with different reverb time 1: 1.8Sec/2–16: 0.6–3.4Sec</td>
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<td>10. Drums</td>
<td>Reverb suitable for adding body to snare drums</td>
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<td>11. Solo</td>
<td>Reverb with pronounced predelay, ideal for reed solos</td>
<td>Pattern 2–16: Variations with different gate time 1: 3.5Sec/2–16: 2.3–55Sec</td>
<td>Pre Delay 0–100mS</td>
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<td>12. Gate</td>
<td>Intense gate type reverb</td>
<td>Pattern 2–16: Variations with different gate time 1: 448mS/2–16: 88–1,152mS</td>
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<td>Gate type reverb for creating a heavy sound</td>
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<td>Effect similar to a tape recorder running backwards</td>
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<td>Diffusion</td>
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<td>15. Delay</td>
<td>Long delay up to 740 ms, with cross-feedback between L and R. Use EDIT 1/2 to adjust L/R delay time.</td>
<td>Pattern 2–8: Variations with different feedback time. The delay time variation range is 0.4 to 180 mS. Pattern 9–16: Variations with different feedback time. The delay time variation range is 11 to 370 mS. 1: L: 185mS R: 173mS</td>
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<td>Fully discrete two-channel echo. Use EDIT 1/2 to adjust L/R delay time.</td>
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**[EDIT 1/2 Parameters]**

**Gate Threshold:** Adjusts the gate threshold.

**Delay Time 1/2:** Adjusts the interval between the original sound and delay sound, and between delay components.
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<td>Flanger with wide sweep range</td>
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<td>Patterns 2–8 are negative pitch shift variations, and patterns 10–16 are positive pitch shift variations. Pattern 9 is a detune effect. 1: +10Cents</td>
<td>Semi Tone Shift</td>
<td>Detune Width Pattern2–8: 0–+13Cent Pattern1,10–16: 0–−7Cent</td>
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<td>20. Tremolo</td>
<td>Tremolo with delay and opposite phase for L/R</td>
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<td>Zoom noise reduction. Use EDIT 1/2 to adjust the L and R depth of the effect.</td>
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<td>22. Cho+Rev</td>
<td>Serial connection of chorus and reverb</td>
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<td>Serial connection of pitch shifter and reverb. When changing the pattern, the pitch is shifted along the major scale.</td>
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[EDIT 1/2 Parameters]

- **Mod Delay**: Adjusts the delay until the start of modulation.
- **Mod Freq**: Adjusts the modulation rate.
- **Mod Depth**: Adjusts the modulation depth.
- **Mod F/B**: Adjusts the modulation feedback amount.
- **Semi Tone Shift**: Adjusts the pitch in semitone steps.
- **Detune Width**: Pitch fine adjustment. Pitch moves in different directions for left and right channels.
- **Delay Time**: Adjusts the interval between the original sound and delay sound, and between delay components.
- **Delay F/B**: Adjusts the delay feedback amount.
- **Depth L/R**: Adjusts the depth of the ZNR effect.
- **Rev Time**: Adjusts the reverb time.
- **Rev Mix**: Controls the volume of the reverb sound only.

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### ZOOM STUDIO 1202 EFFECT PROGRAM LIST

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<td>26. Fla/Rev</td>
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<td>Parallel effect with chorus in the left channel and echo in the right channel</td>
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<td>32. Trem/Echo</td>
<td>Parallel effect with tremolo in the left channel and echo in the right channel</td>
<td>Pattern 2–16: Variations with different modulation rate 1: 4.62Hz, DLY Time = 161mS</td>
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* For each effect, pattern 1 is called DEMO (standard setting).

**[EDIT 1/2 Parameters]**

Echo Mix: Controls the volume of the echo sound only.

* *Pitch Shift Intervals*

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