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DESCRIPTION OF STOPS

PITCH FOOTAGE

The number appearing on each stop along with its name indicates the “pitch” or “register” of the particular stop. It is characteristic of the organ that notes of different pitches may be sounded from a single playing key. When this sound corresponds to the actual pitch of the playing key, the note (or stop) is referred to as being of 8’ pitch; therefore, when an 8’ stop is selected and Middle C is depressed, the pitch heard will be Middle C. If it sounds an octave higher, it is called 4’ or octave pitch. If it sounds two octaves higher, it is called 2’ pitch, while a stop sounding three octaves higher is at 1’ pitch. Likewise, a 16’ stop sounds an octave lower, and a 32’ stop sounds two octaves lower.

Stops of 16’, 8’, 4’, 2’, and 1’ pitch all have octave relationships; that is, these “even numbered” stops all sound octaves of whatever key is depressed. Pitches other than octaves are also used in organ playing. Their footage number always contains a fraction, and they are referred to as mutations. Among these are the Nasard $2\text{-}2/3$ ’ and Tierce $1\text{-}3/5$ ’. Because they introduce unusual pitch relationships with respect to the fundamental (8’) tone, they are most effective when combined with other stops, and are used either in solo passages or in small ensembles of flutes (see explanation of Cornet in Section III).

TONAL FAMILIES

Organ tones divide into two main categories: flues and reeds. In a pipe organ, flue pipes are those in which the sound is set in motion by wind striking directly on the edge of the mouth of the pipe. Flues include diapason, principal, flute, and string tones. Compound stops and hybrid stops are “variations” within these three families.

The term “imitative” means that the organ stop imitates the sound of the corresponding orchestral instrument; for example, an imitative Viola 8 would be a stop voiced to sound like an orchestral viola. Below is a brief summary of various organ voices, some or all of which may be on your particular Allen organ.

Principal Voices Principal Diapason Octave Superoctave Quinte	Characteristic organ tone, not imitative of orchestral instruments. Usually present at many pitch levels, as well as in all divisions. Rich, warm, and harmonically well developed, these voices form the backbone of the organ.
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TONAL FAMILIES: continued

<p>Flute Voices <i>Open:</i> Harmonic Flute Spitzflöte flute mutations <i>Stopped:</i> Gedackt Bourdon Quintadena Rohr Bourdon</p>	<p>Voices of lesser harmonic development than Diapason or Principal. Open flutes somewhat imitative; stopped flutes not. Present at many pitch levels and in all divisions.</p>
<p>String Voices Salicional Viola Pomposa Voix Céleste</p>	<p>Mildly imitative voices of brighter harmonic development than Principal. Usually appear at 8' pitch.</p>
<p>Compound Voices Mixture Cornet</p>	<p>Voices produced by more than one pitch sounding simultaneously.</p>
<p>Hybrid Voices Gemshorn Erzähler</p>	<p>Voices that combine the tonal characteristic of two families of sound, e.g., flutes and principals, or strings and principals.</p>

In *reed* pipes, a metal tongue vibrates against an opening in the side of a metal tube called a shallot. The characteristic sounds of different reeds are produced through resonators of varying shape. The family of reeds subdivides as follows:

<p>Reed Voices <i>Chorus or Ensemble:</i> Trompette Posaune Clairon <i>Solo:</i> Hautbois Clarinet Krummhorn</p>	<p>Voices of great harmonic development; some imitative, others not.</p>
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TONAL FAMILIES: continued

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EXPRESSION PEDALS

The R-270 features two expression pedals. The pedal on the left expresses the Great and Pedal divisions, while the center expression pedal affects the Swell.

CRESCENDO PEDAL

One master Crescendo, for all divisions, gradually adds stops as this pedal is opened. Indicator lights show the relative position of the pedal. Crescendo B is a secondary Crescendo that can be programmed by the organist. Indiscriminate use of the Crescendo pedal, in lieu of careful registration, should be avoided.

TUTTI I & II

The Tutti I and II are settings of full organ registration. Tutti II is a fuller registration than Tutti I. The Tuttis are turned on by using manual pistons located beneath the Swell manual directly above the Cancel button. The pistons are reversible. Pressing them will turn the corresponding Tutti on or off. The Cancel button will also turn off the Tuttis. Pressing Tutti II will cancel Tutti I. Red signal lights, appropriately labeled and located on the right side of the console to the left of the expression indicators, turn on when Tutti I or II is in operation. A second set of Tuttis can be programmed by the organist. Like the Crescendo, indiscriminate use of these devices should be avoided.

“R” RECALL PISTON

The Recall Piston, when pressed, will return the organ to the combination used just before the current combination.

R-230 STOPLIST

PEDAL ORGAN

Diapason 16'	The 16' member of the Pedal principal chorus. Strongest pedal flue stop.
Bourdon 16'	Stopped flute tone of weight and solidity.
Lieblichgedackt 16' (Swell expression)	Softer stopped flute of delicacy and definition. Useful where a soft 16' pitch is required.
Octave 8'	8' member of the Pedal principal chorus.
Flûte 8'	Stopped flute tone of 8' pitch, useful in adding clarity to a pedal line in combination with the Bourdon 16' or Lieblichgedackt 16'.
Choralbass 4'	Pedal 4' principal tone.
Mixture III	Compound stop of principal tones. One pedal produces three distinct pitches at octave and fifth relationships to the pedal being pressed. Used to crown the Pedal principal chorus.
Posaune 16'	Sixteen foot reed that lends strength and "snarl" to the Pedal line.
Tromba 8'	Harmonically full, more like trombone tone than trumpet tone. Excellent reed chorus voice. Works very well as a solo reed voice of medium brightness.
Great to Pedal	Connects all Great stops to the Pedal.
Swell to Pedal	Connects all Swell stops to the Pedal.
MIDI on Pedal	Opens MIDI channel to the Pedal.

SWELL ORGAN

Lieblichgedackt 16'	Softer stopped flute voice of delicacy and definition. Useful where soft 16' pitch is required.
Gedackt 8'	Stopped flute tone of moderate harmonic development. Provides the 8' member of the Swell flute chorus and is useful by itself or with other flutes and mutations in creating solo voices.
Viola Pomposa 8'	Soft string tone.
Viola Celeste 8'	String tone, slightly detuned, used with the Viola Pomposa 8' to create a warm string celeste. Celestes are created by using two sounds, one tuned slightly sharp or flat of the other, creating a warm, undulating, "celestial" effect. The combination of the Viola Pomposa 8' and Viola Celeste 8' will create beautiful celeste sounds.
Octave Geigen 4'	Principal tone with a string like edge.
Traverse Flute 4'	Distinctive stopped flute voice that works well in ensembles of flutes or strings, or as a solo voice.
Nasard 2-2/3'	Flute mutation that sounds one octave and a fifth above the keys played. Always used with other stops (usually beginning with 8') for coloration.
Piccolo 2'	A delicate, clear open flute at 2' pitch.
Tierce 1-3/5'	Flute mutation that causes the pitch to sound a seventeenth (two octaves and a third) higher than played. Used with 8' stops or flute ensembles.
Fourniture IV	Compound stop, or mixture comprised of principal tones. Each note played produces four distinct pitches at octave and fifth relationships to the key being pressed. The Mixture IV should never be used without stops of lower pitches. The Mixture IV is typically added to diapason or flute ensembles, or to a reed chorus.
Waldhorn 16'	Chorus reed tone at the 16' pitch level, designed to supplement the other chorus reeds. Also usable as a distinctive solo reed.

SWELL ORGAN: continued

French Trumpet 8'	Chorus reed stop of rich harmonic development. Can also be used as a solo voice.
Oboe 8'	A solo reed of nasal timber and medium power. It will also give definition to the flute chorus when added.
Tremulant	Use of this stop provides a vibrato effect, natural in the human voice and wind instruments, when used with the stops in the Swell division.
Celesta	Delicate percussion sound similar to a music box.
Harpsichord	Typical sound of stringed harpsichord.
Swell Unison Off	Turns off stops in the Swell Division at their normal pitch, while allowing them to speak at octave and sub-octave pitch when the octave and sub-octave couplers are drawn.
MIDI on Swell	Opens MIDI channel to the Swell
Solo Organ Voices	See Section III, Page 19

GREAT ORGAN

Diapason 8'	Foundation stop of the Great principal chorus, which consists of the Diapason 8', Octave 4', and Fifteenth 2'.
Harmonic Flute 8'	Tone quality of solo stature. Basic tone of the flute chorus.
Flute Celeste II 8' (Swell Expression)	Two soft flute tones, one slightly detuned from the other to create a warm celeste.
Octave 4'	The 4' member of the Great principal chorus.
Spitzflöte 4'	Partially stopped flute tone.
Fifteenth 2'	An open metal stop that produces foundation tone at the 2' pitch level.
Mixture IV	A compound stop of principal tones. Four notes in octave and fifth relationships sound together when a single key is depressed. As pitches progress upward, they "break" back to the next lower octave or fifth. Used to cap the Great principal chorus, adding brilliance and pitch definition.

GREAT ORGAN: continued

Tromba 8'	Harmonically full, more like trombone tone than trumpet tone. Excellent reed chorus voice. Works very well as a solo reed voice of medium brightness.
Krummhorn 8'	The tone quality of the shawm, a medieval ancestor of the clarinet, is the basis for this light, bright, nasal reed. It can be used alone as a solo or combined with light flues for a somewhat rounder reed solo effect.
Tremulant	Use of this stop provides a vibrato effect, natural in the human voice and wind instruments, when used with the stops in the Swell division.
Chimes	Typical Tubular Chimes.
Swell to Great	Intermanual coupler connecting all Swell stops to the Great manual.
MIDI on Great	Opens MIDI channel to Great.
Classic Voicing Gt-Pd	See Section III, Page 19

GENERALS

Melody Coupler	When playing on the Great manual, the highest key played on the Great will automatically play all stops drawn on the Swell in addition to those drawn on the Great. By choosing a Swell stop such as the Festival Trumpet, the melody played by the top note on the Great is accentuated.
Bass Coupler	Similar to the Melody coupler in operation. In this case, however, the lowest note played on the Great will also play all stops drawn in the Pedal Division. This allows voices normally played from the pedalboard to be heard without using the pedalboard.
Alternate Tuning	When activated, the organ's tuning will change to the alternate tuning selected from the Console Controller™. See Section II.A. of the Console Controller™ Guide for more information about alternate tunings.

GENERALS: continued

- Tremulants Full** When activated along with one or more of the organ's tremulants, this control causes the tremulants to become much deeper than normal classical tremulants. Useful for Gospel music, etc. Also known as "Vibrato."
- Console Speakers OFF** Used to switch off the Console Speakers.
- External Speakers OFF** Switches off all external speakers (if installed)

R-250 STOPLIST

PEDAL ORGAN

Contre Violone 32'	String tone at 32' pitch.
Diapason 16'	The 16' member of the Pedal principal chorus. Strongest pedal flue stop.
Bourdon 16'	Stopped flute tone of weight and solidity.
Lieblichgedackt 16' (Swell expression)	Softer stopped flute of delicacy and definition. Useful where a soft 16' pitch is required.
Octave 8'	8' member of the Pedal principal chorus.
Flûte 8'	Stopped flute tone of 8' pitch, useful in adding clarity to a pedal line in combination with the Bourdon 16' or Lieblichgedackt 16'.
Choralbass 4'	Pedal 4' principal tone.
Mixture III	Compound stop of principal tones. One pedal produces three distinct pitches at octave and fifth relationships to the pedal being pressed. Used to crown the Pedal principal chorus.
Posaune 16'	Sixteen foot reed that lends strength and "snarl" to the Pedal line.
Tromba 8'	Harmonically full, more like trombone tone than trumpet tone. Excellent reed chorus voice. Works very well as a solo reed voice of medium brightness.
Great to Pedal	Connects all Great stops to the Pedal.
Swell to Pedal	Connects all Swell stops to the Pedal.
MIDI on Pedal	Opens MIDI channel to the Pedal.

SWELL ORGAN

Lieblichgedackt 16'	Softer stopped flute voice of delicacy and definition. Useful where soft 16' pitch is required.
Gedackt 8'	Stopped flute tone of moderate harmonic development. Provides the 8' member of the Swell flute chorus and is useful by itself or with other flutes and mutations in creating solo voices.
Viola Pomposa 8'	Soft string tone.
Viola Celeste 8'	String tone, slightly detuned, used with the Viola Pomposa 8' to create a warm string celeste. Celestes are created by using two sounds, one tuned slightly sharp or flat of the other, creating a warm, undulating, "celestial" effect. The combination of the Viola Pomposa 8' and Viola Celeste 8' will create beautiful celeste sounds.
Octave Geigen 4'	Principal tone with a string like edge.
Traverse Flute 4'	Distinctive stopped flute voice that works well in ensembles of flutes or strings, or as a solo voice.
Nasard 2-2/3'	Flute mutation that sounds one octave and a fifth above the keys played. Always used with other stops (usually beginning with 8') for coloration.
Piccolo 2'	A delicate, clear open flute at 2' pitch.
Tierce 1-3/5'	Flute mutation that causes the pitch to sound a seventeenth (two octaves and a third) higher than played. Used with 8' stops or flute ensembles.
Fourniture IV	Compound stop, or mixture comprised of principal tones. Each note played produces four distinct pitches at octave and fifth relationships to the key being pressed. The Mixture IV should never be used without stops of lower pitches. The Mixture IV is typically added to diapason or flute ensembles, or to a reed chorus.
Waldhorn 16'	Chorus reed tone at the 16' pitch level, designed to supplement the other chorus reeds. Also usable as a distinctive solo reed.

SWELL ORGAN: continued

French Trumpet 8'	Chorus reed stop of rich harmonic development. Can also be used as a solo voice.
Oboe 8'	A solo reed of nasal timber and medium power. It will also give definition to the flute chorus when added.
Tremulant	Use of this stop provides a vibrato effect, natural in the human voice and wind instruments, when used with the stops in the Swell division.
Celesta	Delicate percussion sound similar to a music box.
Harpsichord	Typical sound of stringed harpsichord..
Swell Unison Off	Turns off stops in the Swell Division at their normal pitch, while allowing them to speak at octave and sub-octave pitch when the octave and sub-octave couplers are drawn.
MIDI on Swell	Opens MIDI channel to the Swell
Solo Organ Voices	See Section III, Page 19

GREAT ORGAN

Diapason 8'	Foundation stop of the Great principal chorus, which consists of the Diapason 8', Octave 4', and Fifteenth 2'.
Harmonic Flute 8'	Tone quality of solo stature. Basic tone of the flute chorus.
Flute Celeste II 8' (Swell Expression)	Two soft flute tones, one slightly detuned from the other to create a warm celeste.
Octave 4'	The 4' member of the Great principal chorus.
Spitzflöte 4'	Partially stopped flute tone.
Fifteenth 2'	An open metal stop that produces foundation tone at the 2' pitch level.
Mixture IV	A compound stop of principal tones. Four notes in octave and fifth relationships sound together when a single key is depressed. As pitches progress upward, they "break" back to

GREAT ORGAN: continued

	the next lower octave or fifth. Used to cap the Great principal chorus, adding brilliance and pitch definition throughout the entire compass.
Tromba 8'	Harmonically full, more like trombone tone than trumpet tone. Excellent reed chorus voice. Works very well as a solo reed voice of medium brightness.
Krummhorn 8'	The tone quality of the shawm, a medieval ancestor of the clarinet, is the basis for this light, bright, nasal reed. It can be used alone as a solo or combined with light flues for a somewhat rounder reed solo effect.
Tremulant	Use of this stop provides a vibrato effect, natural in the human voice and wind instruments, when used with the stops in the Swell division.
Chimes	Typical Tubular Chimes.
Swell to Great	Intermanual coupler connecting all Swell stops to the Great manual.
MIDI on Great	Opens MIDI Channel to the Great.
Classic Voicing Gt-Pd	See Section III, Page 19

GENERALS

Melody Coupler	When playing on the Great manual, the highest key played on the Great will automatically play all stops drawn on the Swell in addition to those drawn on the Great. By choosing a Swell stop such as the Festival Trumpet, the melody played by the top note on the Great is accentuated.
Bass Coupler	Similar to the Melody coupler in operation. In this case, however, the lowest note played on the Great will also play all stops drawn in the Pedal Division. This allows voices normally played from the pedalboard to be heard without using the pedalboard.

GENERALS: continued

- Alternate Tuning On** When activated, the organ's tuning will change to the alternate tuning selected from the Console Controller™. See Section II.A. of the Console Controller™ Guide for more information about alternate tunings.
- Tremulants Full** When activated along with one or more of the organ's tremulants, this control causes the tremulants to become much deeper than normal classical tremulants. Useful for Gospel music, etc. Also known as "Vibrato."
- Main Organ Off** Used in conjunction with Antiphonal Organ On. This control disables the Main speakers. If this control is engaged and the Antiphonal controls are not engaged, the organ will not sound.
- Antiphonal Organ On** Causes the organ to speak from the Antiphonal speakers. The organ will then will speak from both Antiphonal and Main speakers. When the Main Organ Off control is also drawn, the Antiphonal speakers will sound alone.

R-270 STOPLIST

PEDAL ORGAN

Contre Violone 32'	String tone at 32' pitch.
Diapason 16'	The 16' member of the Pedal principal chorus. Strongest pedal flue stop.
Violone 16' (Great expression)	String tone at 16' pitch.
Bourdon 16'	Stopped flute tone of weight and solidity.
Lieblichgedackt 16' (Swell expression)	Softer stopped flute of delicacy and definition. Useful where a soft 16' pitch is required.
Octave 8'	Eight foot member of the Pedal principal chorus.
Flûte 8'	Stopped flute tone of 8' pitch, useful in adding clarity to a pedal line in combination with the Bourdon 16' or Lieblichgedackt 16'.
Choralbass 4'	Pedal 4' principal tone.
Mixture III	Compound stop of principal tone. One pedal produces three distinct pitches at octave and fifth relationships to the pedal being pressed. Used to crown the Pedal principal chorus.
Contre Posaune 32'	Strong reed that lends strength and definition to the Pedal line.
Posaune 16'	Sixteen foot reed that lends strength and "snarl" to the Pedal line.
Waldhorn 16' (Swell expression)	Pedal reed of less power and harmonic development than the Posaune.
Tromba 8'	Harmonically full, more like trombone tone than trumpet tone. Excellent reed chorus voice. Works very well as a solo reed voice of medium brightness.
Clairon 4'	Bright 4' chorus reed. Combines with Waldhorn 16' and Tromba 8' to form the full Pedal chorus. Also useful as a solo voice.

PEDAL ORGAN: continued

Great to Pedal	Connects all Great stops to the Pedal.
Swell to Pedal	Connects all Swell stops to the Pedal.
MIDI on Pedal	Opens MIDI channel to the Pedal.

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Lieblichgedackt 16'	Stopped flute voice of delicacy and definition. Useful where soft 16' pitch is required.
Rohr Bourdon 8'	Stopped flute tone of moderate harmonic development. Provides the 8' member of the Swell flute chorus and is useful by itself or with other flutes and mutations in creating solo voices.
Viola Pomposa 8'	Soft string tone.
Viola Celeste 8'	String tone, slightly detuned, used with the Viola Pomposa 8' to create a warm string celeste. Celestes are created by using two sounds, one tuned slightly sharp or flat of the other, creating a warm, undulating, "celestial" effect
Flute Celeste II 8'	Much like Viola Celeste except tone color is flute instead of string.
Octave Geigen 4'	Principal tone with a string-like edge.
Traverse Flute 4'	Distinctive stopped flute voice that works well in ensembles of flutes or strings, or as a solo voice.
Nasard 2-2/3'	Flute mutation that sounds one octave and a fifth above the key played. Always used with other stops (usually beginning with 8') for coloration.
Piccolo 2'	A delicate, clear open flute at 2' pitch.
Tierce 1-3/5'	Flute mutation that causes the pitch to sound a seventeenth (two octaves and a third) higher than played. Used with 8' stops or flute ensembles.

SWELL ORGAN: continued

Furniture IV	Mixture comprised of principal tones. Each note played produces four distinct pitches at octave and fifth relationships to the key being pressed. The Mixture IV should never be used without stops of lower pitches. It is typically added to diapason or flute ensembles, or to a reed chorus.
Waldhorn 16'	Chorus reed tone at the 16' pitch level, designed to supplement the other chorus reeds. Also usable as a distinctive solo reed.
French Trumpet 8'	Chorus reed stop of rich harmonic development. Can also be used as a solo voice.
Oboe 8'	A solo reed of nasal timber and medium power. It will also give definition to the flute chorus when added.
Tremulant	Use of this stop provides a vibrato effect, natural in the human voice and wind instruments, when used with the stops in the Swell division.
Solo Organ Voices	See Section III, Page 19.
Celesta	Delicate percussion sound similar to a music box.
Harpsichord	Typical sound of stringed harpsichord..
Festival Trumpet	Large, powerful solo reed.
Swell Unison Off	Turns off stops in the Swell Division at their normal pitch, while allowing them to speak at octave and sub-octave pitch when the octave and sub-octave couplers are drawn.
MIDI on Swell	Opens MIDI channel to the Swell

GREAT ORGAN

Violone 16'	Rich string tone. Adds fullness to a chorus or can be used for subtle melodies.
Diapason 8'	Foundation stop of the Great principal chorus, which consists of the Diapason 8', Octave 4', and Fifteenth 2'.

GREAT ORGAN: continued

Viola Pomposa 8' (Swell expression)	Soft string tone.
Harmonic Flute 8'	Tone quality of solo stature. Basic voice of the flute chorus.
Flute Celeste II 8' (Swell Expression)	Two soft flute tones, one slightly detuned from the other to create a warm celeste.
Octave 4'	The 4' member of the Great principal chorus.
Spitzflöte 4'	Partially stopped flute tone.
Fifteenth 2'	An open metal stop that produces foundation tone at 2' pitch.
Mixture IV	A compound stop of principal tone. Four notes in octave and fifth relationships sound together when a single key is depressed. As pitches progress upward, they “break” back to the next lower octave or fifth. Used to cap the Great principal chorus, adding brilliance and pitch definition.
Cymbale III	Three rank mixture of principal tone. Each note produces three pitches at octave and fifth relationships to the key depressed. Typically drawn after the principal chorus, including the Mixture IV, has been drawn.
Tromba 8'	Harmonically full, more like trombone tone than trumpet tone. Excellent reed chorus voice. Works very well as a solo reed voice of medium brightness.
Krummhorn 8'	The tone quality of the shawm, a medieval ancestor of the clarinet, is the basis for this light, bright, nasal reed. It can be used alone as a solo or combined with light flues for a somewhat rounder reed solo effect.
Chimes	Typical Tubular Chimes.
Celesta (Swell Expression)	Delicate percussion sound similar to a music box.
Classic Voicing Gt-Pd	See Section III, Page 19
Tremulant	Same as Tremulant in Swell, but affects stops in the Great and Pedal, except for the bottom octave in both divisions.

GREAT ORGAN continued

Melody Coupler	When playing on the Great manual, the highest key played on the Great will automatically play all stops drawn on the Swell in addition to those drawn on the Great. By choosing a Swell stop such as the Festival Trumpet, the melody played by the top note on the Great is accentuated.
Bass Coupler	Similar to the Melody coupler in operation. In this case, however, the lowest note played on the Great will also play all stops drawn in the Pedal Division. This allows voices normally played from the pedalboard to be heard without using the pedalboard.
Swell to Great	Intermanual coupler connecting all Swell stops to the Great manual.
MIDI on Great	Opens MIDI channel to Great.

GENERALS

Alternate Tuning	When activated, the organ's tuning will change to the alternate tuning selected from the Console Controller™. See Section II.A. of the Console Controller™ Guide for more information about alternate tunings.
Tremulants Full	When activated along with one or more of the organ's tremulants, this control causes the tremulants to become much deeper than normal classical tremulants. Useful for Gospel music, etc. Also known as "Vibrato."
Swell Main Off, Gt-Pd Main Off	Used in conjunction with the Swell to Antiphonal and Gt-Pd to Antiphonal tablets. These controls disable the Main speakers. If these controls are engaged and the corresponding division's Antiphonal controls are not engaged, those divisions will not sound.
Swell to Antiphonal, Gt-Pd to Antiphonal	These cause the appropriate division's voices to speak from Antiphonal speakers. When drawn, those divisions will speak from both Antiphonal and Main speakers. When the corresponding Main Off controls are also drawn, the division's Antiphonal speakers will sound alone.

SWELL SOLO VOICES AND CLASSIC SECOND VOICING

SWELL SOLO ORGAN VOICES

In addition to the comprehensive stop specification of the R-270, there are a variety of solo stops that can be accessed from the Swell manual using the Solo Organ Voices. These second voices are accessed from stop tablets in the Swell division. The stop names are printed on the stop tablets in red superscript as follows: *Orchestral Flute*, *Clarinet*, *French Organ* and *Cor Anglais*. The Solo Organ Voices are activated by first depressing the Solo Organ Voices stop tablet and then selecting the desired stop in the Swell division.

SWELL

Orchestral Flute 8'	An open wood or metal Flute of 8' manual pitch.
Clarinet 8'	An imitative reed stop of 8' pitch.
French Horn 8'	Imitative of the orchestral instrument
Cor Anglais 8'	Imitative of the orchestral instrument.

CLASSIC SECOND VOICING GREAT - PEDAL

The characteristics of several stops in the Great and Pedal divisions can be changed using the Classical Voicing Gt-Pd control. As in the Swell division, the second voices in the Great and Pedal divisions are accessed from stop tablets. Certain stop tablets in the Great and Pedal have two stop names, one engraved in black, the other in red. Standard specification stops are shown in black; Classic Second Voices are shown in red. Classical Second Voices are accessed by first depressing the Classical Voicing Gt-Pd stop tablet and then selecting the desired stops in the Great and Pedal divisions.

GREAT

* Quintaton 16'	Thin flute tone with highly developed third harmonic.
Prinzipal 8'	More articulate than a Diapason
* Holzgedackt 8'	A stopped wooden flute.
Oktav 4'	Brighter and more articulate than Octave.
Δ Metalgedackt 8'	Bright stopped metal flute.
Δ R-230, R-250	
* R-270 only	

CLASSIC SECOND VOICING GREAT - PEDAL: continued

PEDAL

Prinzival 16'	Brighter and more articulate than a Diapason
Subbass 16'	More articulate than the Bourdon
* Quintaton 16'	Brighter and more articulate than the volone
Oktav 8'	Brighter and more articulate than the Octave 8'
* Gedackt 8'	Articulate stopped flute with prominent third harmonic
Super Oktav 4'	Foundation stop of prinzipal tone quality.
* R-270 only	

ARTISTIC REGISTRATION

Organ registrations fall into two broad categories: solo combinations and ensembles.

A solo combination is one in which a melody is played on one keyboard, the accompaniment on another keyboard, and the pedal often provides a light bass line. Almost any stop or combination of stops will sound good as a solo voice. A contrasting tone quality should be chosen for the accompaniment, so that the accompaniment is softer than the solo voice. The pedal stops must provide a foundation for the sound without covering it.

Most 8' reed stops make interesting solo voices. The addition of a 4' flute or a flute mutation (e.g., Nasard or Tierce) to a reed such as the Trompette colors the sound further and increases its volume slightly. Adding an 8' flute to a reed will add body to the sound.

Flutes can be used alone or in combinations as solo voices. One special combination of flutes that creates an appealing and historically significant solo combination is the Cornet (pronounced kor-NAY). The Cornet is created by using Swell flute stops at these pitches: 8', 4', 2-2/3', 2', and 1-3/5'. This combination was used widely in Baroque organ music, but it is just as appropriate for some modern music. Useful variations of the Cornet may be achieved by eliminating the 4', the 2', or both.

When choosing stops for a solo voice, it is not always necessary to include an 8' stop. For example, since the 4' flute has a tone quality different from that of the 8' flute, the 4' flute can be used as an independent solo voice. By playing the solo an octave lower than written, the notes will sound at the correct pitch. In similar fashion, a 16' stop can be selected and the notes played an octave higher than written. Tonal variety will be gained, because each stop has its own tone color.

For accompaniment, the most desirable voices are the 8' flutes or strings on each manual. Celestes often make effective accompaniments. The correct choice depends on the volume of the solo tone (a soft solo voice requires the softest accompanimental stop), the element of contrast, and the location of the solo stop. A bright, harmonically rich solo reed, for example, can be accompanied by either a string or flute, but the flute will often contribute greater interest because of its greater contrast.

Seek a "natural" balance of volume between solo and accompaniment. This will be especially easy to accomplish if the solo and accompaniment are under separate expression.

SUGGESTED SOLO REGISTRATIONS

CHIMES SOLO

Swell: Viola Pomposa 8', Viola Celeste 8'
Great: Chimes
Pedal: Lieblichgedackt 16', Swell to Pedal
Play solo on Great.

SOLO CORNET COMBINATION

Swell: Rohr Bourdon 8', Traverse Flute 4', Nasard 2-2/3', Piccolo 2', Tierce 1-3/5'
Great: Harmonic Flute 8'; or Flute Celeste II 8'
Pedal: Lieblichgedackt 16', Gedacktflöte 8'
Play solo on Swell.

FLUTE SOLO

Swell: Gedackt 8'; or Rohr Bourdon 8'; or Solo Organ Voices, Orchestral Flute 4'
Great: Flute Celeste II 8'
Pedal: Lieblichgedackt 16', Swell to Pedal

Play solo on Swell

TRUMPET SOLO

Swell: French Trumpet 8'
Great: Diapason 8', Octave 4'; Fifteenth 2'
Pedal: Diapason 16', Octave 8', Choralbass 4'
Play solo on Swell.

FESTIVAL TRUMPET SOLO (R-270 only)

Swell: Gedackt 8', Viola Pomposa 8', Octave Geigen 4', Traverse Flute 4', Piccolo 2',
Festival Trumpet, Swell Unison Off
Great: Diapason 8', Harmonic Flute 8', Octave 4', Spitzflöte 4', Fifteenth 2', Mixture IV
Swell to Great
Pedal: Diapason 16', Octave 8', Choralbass 4', Mixture III, Waldhorn 16', Tromba 8',
Great to Pedal, Swell to Pedal

These few combinations demonstrate basic techniques of solo registration. In creating registrations of your own, remember these three simple rules:

1. Seek tonal contrast between solo and accompaniment.
2. Be sure the solo is louder than the accompaniment.
3. Choose a solo whose character is appropriate to the specific piece.

ENSEMBLE REGISTRATIONS

Ensemble registrations involve groups of stops that are played together, usually, but not always, with both hands on one keyboard. They are characterized by compatibility of tone, clarity, and occasionally power. Such registrations are used in hymn singing, choir accompaniments, and much of the contrapuntal organ literature.

Much has been written about ensemble registration. The major points are.

Ensembles are created by combining stops. Two factors to be considered are: tone quality and pitch. Ensembles begin with a few stops at 8' pitch and expand "outward" in pitch as they build up. New pitches are usually added in preference to additional 8' stops.

Ensembles are generally divided into three groups or "choruses":

The Principal chorus, the most fully developed, is represented in most divisions of the organ and at pitches from 16' (Diapason) to high mixtures. The Principal chorus is sometimes called the narrow-scale flue chorus, a reference to the relative thinness of principal pipes in relation to their length.

The Flute chorus is also well represented with a diversity of stops at various pitches. Generally speaking, the Flute chorus is composed of less harmonically developed tones, and is smoother and of lesser volume than the Principal chorus. The Flute chorus is sometimes called the wide-scale flue chorus, owing to the generally "fatter" look of Flute pipes as compared to Principals.

The Reed chorus includes those reed tones designed to be used in the ensemble buildup. Not all reed voices are ensemble tones. An Hautbois, for example, is usually a solo stop. The various Trumpets, Clairons, Posaunes, etc., are ensemble voices that add brilliance, power, and incisiveness to the sound. If you have questions as to whether a specific reed is a solo or ensemble stop, refer to the Description of Stops in Section I.

The Swell Reed chorus of Waldhorn 16' and French Trumpet 8' represents an entity important to French organ music and the full ensemble of the organ. These stops create a "blaze" of harmonic richness that tops off the Principal and Flute choruses.

Another special ensemble combination important in French music is the Cornet, which was discussed in the section on solo registration. This combination can be used with the chorus reeds and mutations to create the "Grand Jeu." The Cornet is also useful in Romantic ensembles to add weight and thickness to the sound.

Here are typical ensemble combinations for the Swell and Great manuals:

GREAT

1. Harmonic Flute 8', Spitzflöte 4'
2. Harmonic Flute 8', Spitzflöte 4', Fifteenth 2'
3. Diapason 8', Octave 4'
4. Diapason 8', Octave 4', Fifteenth 2'
5. Diapason 8', Octave 4', Fifteenth 2', Mixture IV
6. Diapason 8', Harmonic Flute 8', Octave 4', Spitzflöte 4', Fifteenth 2', Mixture IV

SWELL

1. Gedackt 8', Viola Pomposa 8'
2. Gedackt 8', Viola Pomposa 8', Travers Flute 4'
3. Gedackt 8', Viola Pomposa 8', Travers Flute 4', Piccolo 2'
4. Gedackt 8', Viola Pomposa 8', Spitzprinzipal 4', Travers Flute 4', Piccolo 2'
5. Gedackt 8', Viola Pomposa 8', Spitzprinzipal 4', Travers Flute 4', Piccolo 2',
Furniture IV
6. Gedackt 8', Viola Pomposa 8', Spitzprinzipal 4', Travers Flute 4', Piccolo 2',
Furniture IV, French Trumpet 8'

The use of the Swell to Great coupler allows these separate ensembles to be combined on the Great manual. For example, the Great #5 and Swell #4 registrations coupled together and played on the Great combine to form a nice round hymn combination.

The Pedal ensemble is created in much the same way as the manual ensembles, starting at 16' pitch instead of 8'. Be careful that the volume of the pedals is not greater than that of the manuals. Although the manual to pedal couplers are useful in bringing clarity to the pedal line, especially on softer registrations, avoid the temptation to rely constantly on one or two 16' stops and a coupler. Please note that the softest stops and flute mutations are normally not used in ensembles.

FULL ORGAN

Due to the immense capabilities of the Allen Digital Computer Organ, every stop and coupler on the instrument could be used simultaneously without distortion, if the organ is adjusted properly. In good registration practice, however, the organist would not haphazardly put on every stop on the instrument. For best results, listen and include only those stops whose contribution to the fullness and brilliance of the ensemble you can hear when they are added. Eliminate soft stops and solo stops that make no audible contribution.

This short treatment barely scratches the surface of organ registration. For those interested in gaining further insight into this vital area of organ playing, we recommend the following resources:

- Audsley, George Ashdown. *Organ Stops and their Artistic Registration*.
Hialeah, FL: C.P.P. Belwin, 1985.
- Irwin, Stevens. *Dictionary of Pipe Organ Stops*. 2nd ed.
New York: Macmillan Books, 1983.
- Cherrington, Dr. Sally. *A Church Organist's Primer. Volumes I, II, & III*.
Allen Organ Company. Video Materials, 1996/1997.
AOC P.N: 031-0047, 031-0065, 031-0112.

TRANSPOSER

Vast computer capability makes it possible to perform the sometimes difficult task of transposing, while allowing the organist to play in the notated key. Operation of the Transposer is controlled by the Transposer knob, found inside the Console Controller™ drawer underneath the left side of the console. Neutral (no transposition) position for the knob is marked “●.” To shift the music to a higher key, move the knob counter-clockwise. The key can be raised a maximum of five half-steps. To shift to a lower key, move the Transposer knob clockwise from “●.” The key can be lowered a total of seven half-steps. A RED INDICATOR LIGHT COMES ON WHEN THE TRANSPOSER KNOB IS MOVED FROM THE “●” POSITION.

WHY TRANSPOSE?

1. Because the written range of a song will not always suit the vocal range of a particular singer. By adjusting the transposer, the piece can be sung more comfortably and effectively.
2. Because music for some instruments is not written in the same key as organ music. A trumpet or clarinet in B \flat , for example, can read the same music as the organist, if the Transposer knob is set two half-steps lower.
3. Because hymn singing can sometimes be improved by a more favorable key selection. Hymn singing can also be enhanced by playing all but the final verse of a hymn in its original key, followed by a short modulation to the key one half-step higher. After changing the Transposer, the organist will then play the final verse in the original key, but it will sound one half-step higher. If a hymn is already in a fairly high key, it may be preferable to play the first few stanzas in the written key with the Transposer set *down* one half- or one whole-step; then modulate up to the original key and return the Transposer to neutral for the final stanza (again played in the written key).

VIRTUAL ACOUSTICS™ SETTINGS

Virtual Acoustics™ provides the spatial ambiance of reverberant rooms of various sizes. Although most effective in poor (non-reverberant) acoustic environments, it enhances the sound even in excellent acoustic settings.

There are 21 selectable Virtual Acoustics™ pallets. One of these, the DEFAULT setting, is not adjustable. The other 20 pallets are adjustable. They allow an organist to modify the sound of the organ to accommodate a room's changing acoustical properties. For example, a room's reverberation characteristics change as the number of people present changes. Differences in reverberation time also occur when a room's windows are opened or closed.

VIRTUAL ACOUSTICS™ SETTINGS continued

The rocker switch labeled VIRTUAL ACOUSTICS™ in the Console Controller™ drawer must be ON to hear the selected reverb pallet. The amount of reverb can be changed on the 20 adjustable pallets. The selected reverb level, measured in dB (decibels), is shown in the Console Controller™ window. The range of control in each pallet is from 0 dB to -30 dB. Minus 30 dB is the least amount of reverb. Zero (0) dB provides the most reverb available in that pallet.

When you change the Virtual Acoustics™ setting, you must turn the rocker switch OFF and ON again for the new setting to take effect.

INSTALLATION, VOICING, AND CARE OF THE ORGAN

INSTALLATION

Wherever your Renaissance™ organ may be situated, careful installation is a prerequisite to successful results. Your Allen representative is well qualified to guide you in planning the finest possible installation.

Factory assistance in planning the installation is also available and may, in fact, be sought by your Allen Organ representative.

VOICING

The Renaissance™ organ enjoys unprecedented accuracy in the scaling and voicing of each note of every stop. This musical breakthrough is an inherent part of the engineering design of the instrument. Final adjustments in scaling and voicing involve controls within the console and are best left to an expert. These adjustments are normally a part of installation and, once done, should not require changes, unless the instrument is moved to a new location.

Bass frequency projection is strongly affected by tone cabinet location. Although none of the tone cabinets should be moved once the installation has been completed, extra care should be exercised to prevent inadvertent movement of the bass tone cabinet

BATTERY BACKUP SYSTEM

The memory for the capture system on your Renaissance™ organ is sustained by a Lithium battery. This allows capture settings and related items to be retained in memory when the organ is switched off or unplugged. Under normal circumstances, the Lithium battery should last for several years. A built-in warning system will alert you when the battery becomes weak and needs to be replaced. The green power light will flash for about ten seconds after the organ is switched on if the battery is in need of replacement.

Should the battery in your Renaissance™ organ require replacement, contact your local Allen authorized service representative.

CARE OF THE ORGAN

Your Allen Digital Computer Organ constitutes a major advance in long-term maintenance-free operation. There are no regular maintenance procedures required and, therefore, no periodic maintenance schedules to be observed.

Reasonable care will keep the instrument looking beautiful for years to come. The wood surfaces may be cleaned using a soft cloth dampened with lukewarm water. A mild solution of lukewarm water and dish detergent may be used to remove fingerprints, etc. Polish dry with a soft cloth.

Do not use wax, sprays or oils on the finish. Satin finished surfaces will take on a semi-gloss appearance when waxed and will eventually become yellowed.

Keys and stop tablets should be cleaned in the following manner: Use two clean cloths. Immerse one in clear, lukewarm water and wring it thoroughly damp dry. Loosen the dirt with this cloth, then polish immediately with the dry cloth. Do not use soap or detergent on keys or stop tablets.

You have purchased a remarkable organ that not only faithfully reproduces the organ traditions of the past but also anticipates the innovations of the future. Should you have questions that are not addressed in this manual, please do not hesitate to contact your local Allen Organ representative. Welcome to the family of satisfied Allen Organ owners!

CAUTION

Do not plug the instrument into any current source other than 105-128 volts, 50/60 Hertz alternating current (AC). A verified grounded outlet is essential to proper operation and protection of the instrument. Proper polarity should be checked with an AC circuit analyzer before connecting the organ.

Do not change the cable plug or remove the ground pin or connect with a two-pole adapter.

If you are in doubt about your electrical connection, consult your local electrician or power company.

In churches where circuit breakers are turned off between worship services, the circuit breaker affecting the organ console AC power should have a guard installed to prevent its being accidentally switched off.

Read and comply with all instructions and labels that may be attached to the instrument.

Warning: This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause interference to radio communications. It has been type tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B Computing Device in accordance with the specifications in Subpart J of Part 15 of FCC Rules, which are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference in a residential installation. Should this equipment cause interference to radio communications, the user at his own expense will be required to take whatever measures may be necessary to correct the interference. Whether this equipment actually causes the interference to radio communications can be determined by turning the equipment off and on. The user is encouraged to attempt to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

Reorient the receiving antenna.

Relocate the organ with respect to the receiver.

Move the organ away from the receiver.

Plug the organ into a different electrical outlet, so that the organ and receiver are on different branch circuits.

If necessary, the user should consult the dealer or an experienced radio technician for additional suggestions.

