



# T-45

## Owner's Manual

### CAUTION

TO PREVENT ELECTRICAL SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS INSTRUMENT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE. BEFORE USING THIS INSTRUMENT, READ BACK COVER FOR FURTHER WARNINGS.

### Pickups:

One full-range humbucking pickup with blade pole pieces utilizing a unique dual/single coil circuit (U. S. Patent No. 4,164,163) allowing humbucking or single coil operation through rotation of the tone control (see Circuit explanation and Controls: Tone). The T-45® pickup is fully potted with epoxy to reduce unwanted hum and noise. **Any attempt to disassemble the pickup will void any warranty on the electronics of your instrument.**

### Circuit:

The circuit utilized in the T-45® is unparalleled for its ability to obtain maximum tonal variations without the use of battery powered preamps or other "active" circuitry. (For operating instructions see Controls - How the Circuit Works.) The volume control is frequency compensated to retain high-end at low volume levels.

### Body:

Select hardwood body with double cutaways and deep contoured shape for superb comfort and feel. The finish is an ultra-tough polyester/urethane that is highly mar and weather resistant. (See Caring for your Bass - Finish.)

### Neck:

Select rock maple utilizing our patented (U. S. Patent No. 4,237,944) bi-lamination construction to prevent "twisting" and warpage. Additional reinforcement is supplied by a fully adjustable steel torsion rod with rolled threads. (See Adjustments - Torsion Rod/Neck.)

### Frets:

Medium size, high crowned 18% nickel silver fret wire to provide excellent intonation/compensation characteristics and superb string bending, popping, hammering, etc. techniques.

### Hardware:

Triple chrome-plated die-cast bridge with fully adjustable individual saddles for string height, tilt, and intonation. (See Adjustments - Intonation.)

Bone-hard polycarbonate top nut, premium tuning machines (22:1 ratio), and contoured metal control knobs.

### Neck Tilt:

The T-45® features our neck tilt adjustment which, when used in conjunction with the torsion rod adjustment, allows optimum string/fret clearance. (See Adjustments - Neck Tilt.)

### Scale:

Long 34" scale length; 12" radius.

### Case:

Plush-lined, double-walled and molded custom contoured case with large storage area, secure latches and lock.

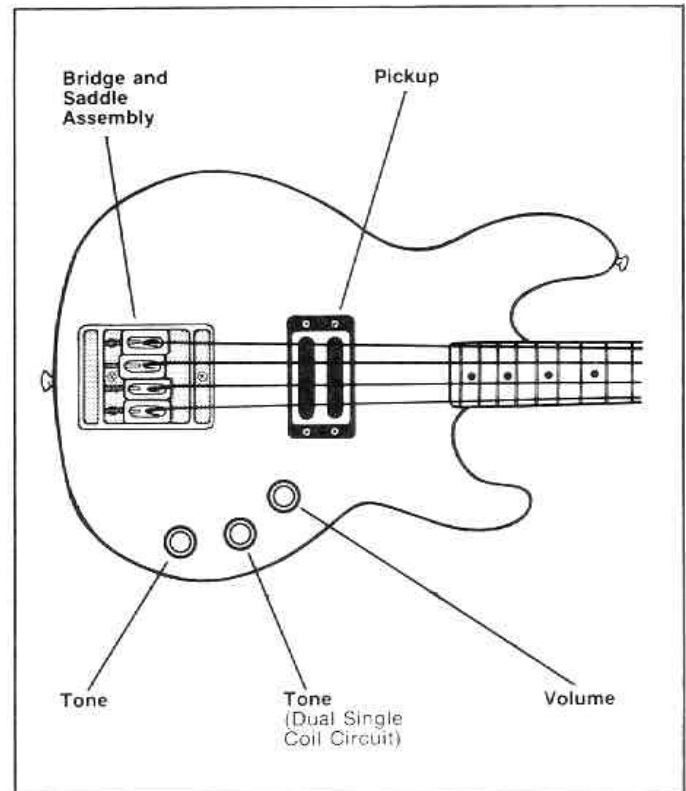
### Controls:

1. Volume: The volume control reduces the volume of its pickup by rotation counterclockwise. It is also compensated so that there is a minimal loss of high frequencies with reduced volume, however, optimum performance is at maximum volume. Special contoured control knobs are used for comfort and smoothness.

2. Tone Controls: The T-45® utilizes a unique system of controls for contouring and shading the instrument's tonal colors. The first tone control employs our patented dual/single coil circuit and its function will be fully explained under "How The Circuit Works." The second tone control is a conventional-type where counterclockwise rotation will reduce the "highs" of the T-45® and result in a bassier type of sound.

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### How the Circuit Works:

Our unique tone circuitry enables dual or single coil operation of the pickup through the rotation of the pickup tone control. Rotating the tone control fully clockwise (position #10) achieves the single coil mode and produces a greater degree of "highs" from the instrument. Rotating the tone controls counterclockwise to approximately the #7 position brings the second coil into operation for full-range, humbucking tonalities. Further counterclockwise rotation of the tone controls (from position #7 to 0) yield conventional tone contouring action. In conjunction with the second tone control, a truly amazing variety of tone colors can be achieved. For example: Rotate the first tone control (dual/single coil control) to its #7 position and place the second tone control at 10. This is an excellent instrument setting for modern bass styles where neck slapping and string popping techniques are employed.

For a richer, rounder tonality with **less** highs (treble), rotate the dual/single control to approximately its #5 position (or lower) and adjust the second control to your taste.

#### NOTE:

THESE SETTINGS ARE MEANT AS GUIDELINES. THE ACTUAL TONAL QUALITY WHICH WILL OCCUR WILL DEPEND ON THE GAIN/EQUALIZATION SETTING OF YOUR PREAMP/AMPLIFIER AND YOUR PLAYING TECHNIQUE.

### Adjustments:

Your T-45® bass has been carefully adjusted for accurate intonation and playing ease at the Peavey factory. However, your playing style, choice of strings or playing requirements may necessitate additional adjustments at some time in the future. These adjustments should be made by your Peavey dealer. However, with a little care and by adhering closely to the following instructions you may attempt these adjustments yourself.

#### CAUTION:

PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY BEFORE ATTEMPTING ANY ADJUSTMENTS.

#### 1. Adjusting Torsion Rod:

To set the straightness or relief of the neck, Peavey torsion rod wrench #75031001 must be used. This wrench is available from a Peavey accessory center at your authorized Peavey dealer.

- Tune the instrument to standard (A-440) pitch.
- Check for clearance between the strings (1 through 4) and the first fret. **IMPORTANT: USE AN ACCURATE RULER OR SIMILAR GAUGE FOR THIS MEASUREMENT.**
- This clearance should be no less than 1/32" and no more than 1/16" at the first fret.
- Check for clearance between the strings and the twelfth fret.
- This clearance should be no less than 1/16" and no more than 1/4" at the twelfth fret.

F. To increase clearance, loosen the torsion rod nut counterclockwise. To decrease the clearance, tighten the torsion rod nut clockwise. (The torsion rod nut is located under the plastic cover plate on the headstock.)

#### CAUTION:

IT IS NOT USUALLY NECESSARY TO ROTATE THE TORSION ROD NUT MORE THAN ONE FULL TURN IN EITHER DIRECTION.

G. Repeat steps A through F until proper clearance has been reached.

#### 2. Saddle Height Adjustment:

The T-45® features individual bridge saddles which work in conjunction with the neck tilt adjustment to determine the overall string height. Ordinarily, the neck tilt should be used to set the string height. However, individual string saddles can be adjusted to follow the curvature (12" radius) of the neck to maximize string/fret distance. Use a 1/16" Allen wrench to make the adjustment for each string.

#### NOTE:

THIS ADJUSTMENT REQUIRES ACCURATE GAUGES TO MEASURE PROPER STRING/FRET DISTANCES AND THE PROPER RADIUS (CURVATURE) BETWEEN THE NECK AND STRINGS. IF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS TYPE OF ADJUSTMENT, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE SETTING BE PERFORMED BY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AT YOUR AUTHORIZED PEAVEY DEALER.

#### 3. Neck Tilt:

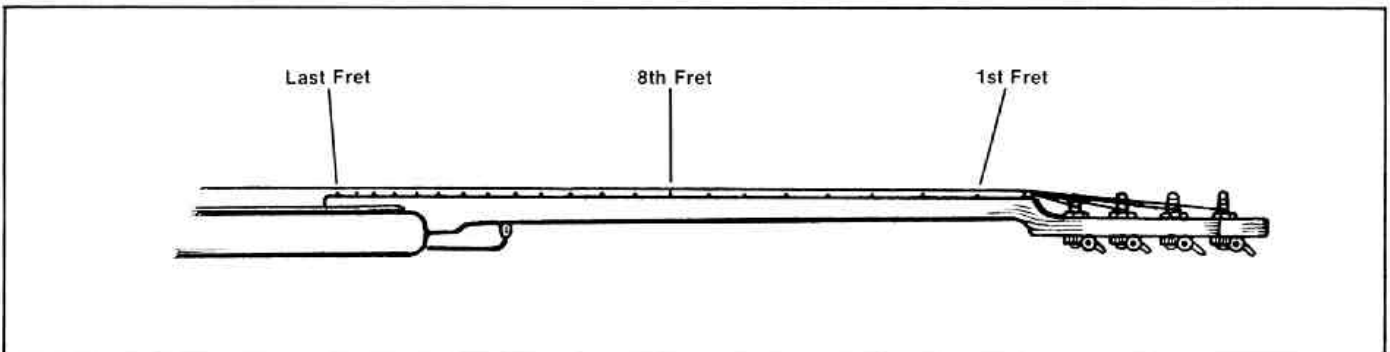
The neck tilt adjustment works in conjunction with the bridge height adjustment to set the overall string playing height. This adjustment should be used whenever possible to set string height rather than the bridge height adjustment.

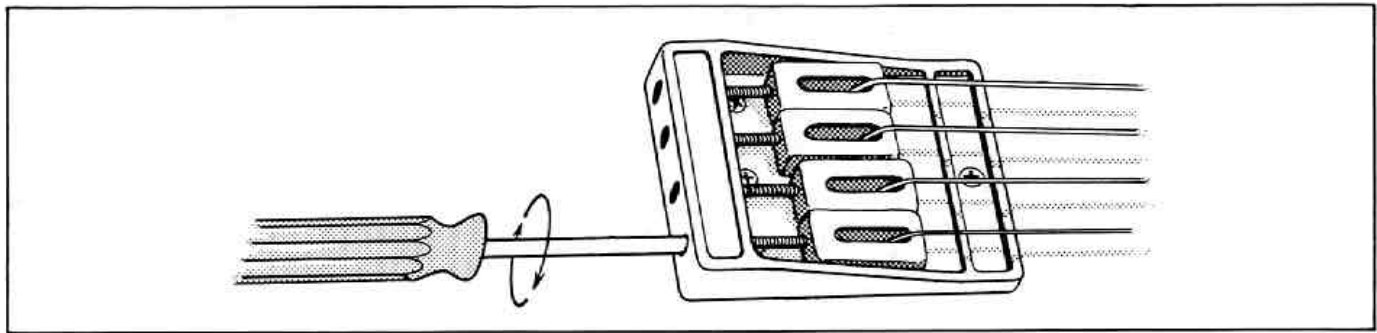
- Relieve string tension slightly by detuning the guitar approximately one to two full steps.
- Loosen the two neck screws closest to the headstock of the guitar approximately one turn.
- Loosen the remaining two screws closest to the bridge approximately two turns.
- String height may now be adjusted with the neck tilt screw, which is located inside the small, fifth hole in the neckplate. A 1/8" Allen wrench is used to make this adjustment. Turning the screw clockwise lowers the strings closer to the fingerboard.

#### NOTE:

STRING HEIGHT SHOULD BE ADJUSTED TO FIT YOUR OWN PARTICULAR PLAYING STYLE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SETTING THE STRING HEIGHT TOO LOW WILL RESULT IN EXCESSIVE STRING BUZZ AND RATTLE - ESPECIALLY WITH A HEAVY PLAYING TECHNIQUE. EXCESSIVELY HIGH ACTION WILL RESULT IN INTONATION PROBLEMS AND DECREASED PLAYABILITY.

- After adjustment securely tighten all four neck attaching screws.
- Tune the bass to standard pitch. Check the strings for proper height and playability. If necessary, repeat steps A through E until action is correct.





#### 4. String Intonation:

Accurate string intonation settings ensure that your instrument will play in tune at any point on the neck. Although perfect intonation is a physical impossibility with a fretted instrument, the correct settings with the bridge and saddle combination of the T-45® will maximize the accuracy of the individual notes up and down the neck.

Intonation is set by comparing the pitch of an open string to the pitch of the same string when it is played one octave higher at the 12th fret. The actual "vibrating length" of that string is varied until the notes are both the right pitch. The "vibrating length" of the string is altered by adjusting the individual bridge saddles either forward or backward depending on whether the fretted note is sharper or flatter in pitch than the open note. If the fretted note is sharper than the open note, the vibrating length of the string must be increased - move the bridge saddle to the rear away from the pickup. If the fretted note is flat, the vibrating length of the string must be shortened - move the bridge forward toward the pickup to shorten the length.

##### NOTE:

IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT FOR THE UNTRAINED EAR TO DETERMINE WHEN THE OPEN NOTE AND THE FRETTED NOTE ARE AT PRECISELY THE SAME PITCH (EXACTLY ONE OCTAVE APART). SOME PLAYERS FIND THAT COMPARING THE 12th FRET HARMONIC OF THE STRING (RATHER THAN THE OPEN NOTE) TO THE FRETTED NOTE IS MUCH EASIER. A HARMONIC IS PLAYED BY PLUCKING THE STRING WITH THE RIGHT HAND WHILE THE TOUCHING THE STRING WITH THE LEFT INDEX FINGER ( AS LIGHTLY AS POSSIBLE) DIRECTLY ABOVE THE 12th FRET. THE LEFT INDEX IS DRAWN AWAY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE STRING IS PLUCKED, PRODUCING A "CHIME" EFFECT. THIS CHIME NOTE IS THEN COMPARED TO THE FRETTED NOTE. FOR EVEN GREATER EASE AND A HIGH DEGREE OF ACCURACY, WE RECOMMEND ONE OF THE MANY TYPES OF ELECTRONIC GUITAR TUNERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FROM MOST MUSIC STORES. THE TUNERS WHICH USE EITHER A METER OR A MOVING LED DISPLAY ARE USUALLY EASIER TO USE THAN THE TYPE WITH A NUMERICAL FREQUENCY READOUT.

#### Setting Intonation:

##### NOTE:

ALL GUITAR ADJUSTMENTS INTERACT CLOSELY WITH STRING INTONATION. THESE ADJUSTMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ANY ATTEMPT IS MADE TO SET THE STRING INTONATION AT THE BRIDGE.

- Ensure that the torsion rod, bridge height, and neck tilt adjustments have been made and are accurate.
- Tune the T-45® to standard (A-440) pitch.
- Hold the instrument in a normal playing position. Do not exert any undue pressure on the neck as it will affect intonation settings.
- Play the first string open and compare it to the pitch of the same string when it is played at the 12th fret. These notes should be the same (one octave apart).
- Using a Phillips head screwdriver adjust the length of the string saddle so that the open note and the fretted note (or harmonic) are the same.

##### NOTE:

IT WILL OFTEN BE NECESSARY TO RETUNE THE OPEN STRING TO STANDARD PITCH AFTER THE BRIDGE SADDLE POSITION IS ALTERED.

- Repeat steps D and E for the remaining strings.
  - Repeat steps A through F as necessary until the intonation of all the strings are accurately adjusted.
5. **Care of the T-45®:**

The T-45® is a high quality musical instrument constructed from the finest materials and with the most modern production methods available. With reasonable care, it should provide many years of service and outstanding playability.

#### Temperature and Humidity:

It is important that your instrument be protected from any extremes or sudden changes in either temperature or humidity. The instrument should be stored in its case whenever it is not in use.

#### Strings:

String life may be greatly extended by frequent cleaning and wiping after use. Dirt and perspiration tend to build up on the underside of the strings so it is often necessary to slide a rag between the strings and the fingerboard. Dirt-laden strings cause tuning and intonation problems as well as rust and corrosion. For best performance strings should be changed approximately once a month or every 24 hours of playing. Some players may find that they prefer to change strings more often.

##### NOTE:

YOUR T-45® IS EQUIPPED WITH PEAVEY GLIDERS® FOR ROCK STYLES. THE INTONATION AND ACTION OF YOUR INSTRUMENT HAS BEEN CAREFULLY ADJUSTED FOR MAXIMUM PLAYABILITY WITH THESE STRINGS. WHEN STRING REPLACEMENT BECOMES NECESSARY, WE RECOMMEND OUR HIGH QUALITY AND LONG LASTING PEAVEY GLIDERS® FOR ROCK STYLES OR GLIDERS® FOR COUNTRY STYLES. OUR GLIDER® STRINGS ARE MANUFACTURED TO EXACTING TOLERANCES UTILIZING THE FINEST COMPOUND AND REFINED ELEMENTS WOUND ON A "HEX" CORE. THE RESPONSE CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR STRINGS ARE UNMATCHED FOR REPRODUCING THE TONALITIES AND TEXTURES FOR COUNTRY, ROCK, JAZZ/ROCK AND OTHER "CROSSOVER" STYLES.

#### Finish:

Your instrument has a polyester/urethane finish which is both durable and weather resistant but nevertheless needs care. Automotive grade waxes will protect, clean and shine it. Between waxings the instrument should be wiped with a dry soft cloth.

#### Case:

The case may be cleaned with a damp cloth with or without soap. Care should be taken to avoid wetting the plush lined interior.

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**DANGER**

ALL AMPLIFICATION ACCESSORIES, MICROPHONES, MIXERS, ETC., MUST BE PROPERLY GROUNDED AND SHOULD BE UTILIZED WITH A 3-WIRE MAINS SYSTEM IN ORDER TO AVOID ELECTRICAL SHOCK.

**DANGER**

DO NOT COME INTO CONTACT WITH OTHER ELECTRICAL APPARATUS WHEN PLAYING (OR TOUCHING) YOUR INSTRUMENT. THE METAL PARTS OF THIS INSTRUMENT ARE GROUNDED ACCORDING TO PROPER AND ACCEPTED INDUSTRY PRACTICE, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE TO ENCOUNTER AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHEN COMING INTO CONTACT WITH ANOTHER ELECTRICAL APPARATUS IF IT HAS IMPROPER GROUNDING FACILITIES.

**WARNING**

DO NOT USE IMPROPER OR POORLY DESIGNED GUITAR STRAPS OR OTHER MEANS OF SUPPORT. POSSIBLE INJURY COULD RESULT IF IMPROPER, INFERIOR, ILL FITTING OR WORN OUT STRAPS ARE USED. THE INSTRUMENT COULD POSSIBLY FALL, CAUSING BODILY INJURY OR DAMAGE TO THE INSTRUMENT OR ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT IF THE HOLDING DEVICES FAIL FOR ANY REASON.

**DANGER**

GUITAR STRINGS ARE MADE FROM VERY STRONG STEEL ALLOYS. THEY ARE DESIGNED TO BE USED UNDER TENSION AND, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, THEY MAY BREAK AND SPRING AWAY FROM THE GUITAR. DO NOT TUNE OR PLAY THIS INSTRUMENT WITH YOUR FACE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE STRINGS, AS SERIOUS INJURY COULD RESULT IF A STRING SHOULD BREAK.

**PEAVEY GUITAR ONE-YEAR  
LIMITED WARRANTY/REMEDY**

PEAVEY ELECTRONICS CORPORATION ("Peavey") warrants this Guitar to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year from date of purchase; PROVIDED, however, that this limited warranty is extended only to the original retail purchaser and is subject to the conditions, exclusions and limitations hereinafter set forth.

**CONDITIONS, EXCLUSIONS AND  
LIMITATIONS OF LIMITED WARRANTY**

This limited warranty shall be VOID and of NO EFFECT if:

1. The first purchase of the product is for the purpose of resale; or
2. The original retail purchase is not made from an AUTHORIZED PEAVEY DEALER; or
3. The product has been damaged by accident or unreasonable use, neglect, improper service or maintenance, or other causes not arising out of defects in material or workmanship.

This limited warranty shall not extend to or cover guitar strings. Replacement of guitar strings is deemed to be reasonable and necessary maintenance.

Purchaser's exclusive remedy for breach of this limited warranty is repair of the defect or replacement of the Guitar, at Peavey's option, after the Guitar is returned, postage prepaid and insured, along with a description of the problem, proof of purchase and a complete return address to:

PEAVEY ELECTRONICS CORPORATION  
711 A Street  
Meridian, Mississippi 39301

If the defect is remedial under this limited warranty, and the other terms and conditions expressed herein have been complied with, Peavey will repair or replace the product and will return it, freight collect, to the purchaser. Other than the postage and insurance requirement, no charge will be made for such repair or replacement.

Peavey's liability to the purchaser for any cost whatsoever, and regardless of the form of action, whether in contract or in tort, including negligence, shall be limited to actual damages up to an amount equal to the greater of the purchase price of the product causing the damage or \$500.00. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL PEAVEY BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOST PROFITS, ANY INCIDENTAL DAMAGES OR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE USE OF OR INABILITY TO USE THE GUITAR, EVEN IF PEAVEY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

The foregoing limitation of remedy will not apply to the payment of cost and damage awards for personal injury or damage to real property or tangible personal property caused by negligence on Peavey's part.

THIS LIMITED WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ANY AND ALL WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS NECESSARY TO THE EXISTENCE OF THE EXPRESS, LIMITED WARRANTY, AS HEREINABOVE STATED, HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE NOT DISCLAIMED DURING THE ONE-YEAR PERIOD FROM DATE OF PURCHASE OF THIS GUITAR.

SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW LIMITATION ON HOW LONG AN IMPLIED WARRANTY LASTS, OR THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS OR EXCLUSIONS MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER RIGHTS WHICH MAY VARY FROM STATE TO STATE.

THIS LIMITED WARRANTY IS THE ONLY EXPRESS WARRANTY ON THIS GUITAR, AND NO OTHER STATEMENT, REPRESENTATION, WARRANTY OR AGREEMENT BY ANY PERSON SHALL BE VALID AS TO OR BINDING UPON PEAVEY.

THE WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD AND A LEGIBLE COPY OF THE PROOF OF PURCHASE SUPPLIED TO YOU BY THE AUTHORIZED PEAVEY DEALER IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR PURCHASE FROM HIM OF THIS GUITAR SHOULD BE ACCURATELY COMPLETED, MAILED TO AND RECEIVED BY PEAVEY WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF YOUR PURCHASE.

Should notification become necessary for any condition that would require correction, the registration card will help insure that you are contacted and properly notified.

If you move from the address shown on the WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD, you should notify Peavey of the change of address so as to facilitate your receipt of any bulletins or other forms of notification which may become necessary in connection with any condition that may require dissemination of information or correction.

The WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD and subsequent notices of change of address should be mailed to:

PEAVEY ELECTRONICS CORPORATION  
P.O. Box 2898  
Meridian, Mississippi 39301

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Due to our efforts for constant improvement, features and specifications are subject to change without notice.

