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**SYNTHESIZER**

**РИТМ-2**

**USER’S MANUAL**



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**1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Upon purchasing the “**РИТМ-2**” (pronounced “*ritm dva”)* analog synthesizer check:

- the package for any damage;

- that all the parts are included;

- that the synthesizer is working properly.

Before turning the synthesizer on, read this user’s manual to familiarize yourself with the layout of the controls and their functions as well as the connectors for external inputs.

**2. PACKAGE CONTENTS**

* 1. “**РИТМ-2**” analog synthesizer
  2. Power cord
  3. Fuse
  4. User’s manual

**3. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

The “**РИТМ-2**” analog synthesizer is designed to work only from a 220V AC power outlet.

Before changing the fuse, make sure to unplug the synthesizer from the power outlet. Do not use any homemade or DIY fuses.

Do not leave the synthesizer plugged into the power outlet if not in use.

The synthesizer is not intended for use in humid conditions or in temperatures below 5°C or above 45°C.

All control knobs have strictly fixated positions and should turn easily Avoid exerting too much force to rotate them.

Protect the instrument from damage, being dropped, receiving heavy blows and exposure to moisture.

**4. SYNTHESIZER CONFIGURATION**

The “**РИТМ-2**” synthesizer from VGLine is a remake of the legendary Soviet synthesizer “**РИТМ-2**” that was produced in the city of Kirov from 1984 to 1993. The remake is based on the original schematics of the Soviet “**РИТМ-2**” synthesizer, that was designed and developed by the engineer Viktor Anatolyevich Nikulin. The remake uses original Soviet electronic components. This guarantees that the “**РИТМ-2**” completely replicates the sonic qualities of the original synthesizer. However, the functionalities of the remake synthesizer have been significantly expanded.

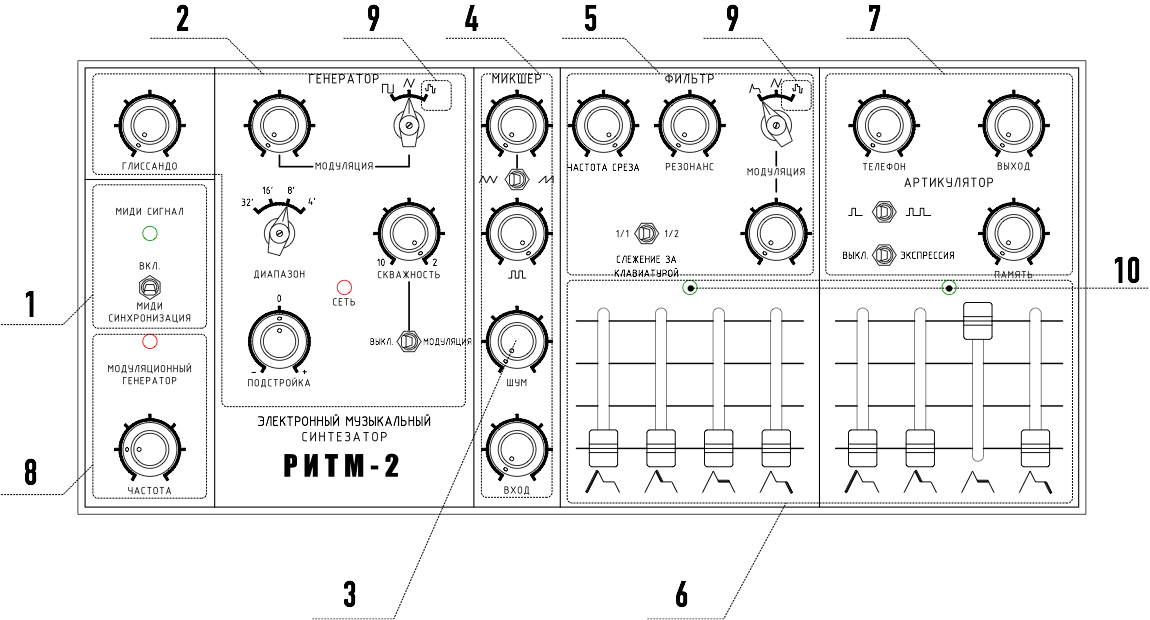
The “**РИТМ-2**” analog synthesizer (fig. 1) is a monophonic analog musical instrument designed for solo, group or orchestral performance of various musical genres. It can also be used for educational purposes and for creating new sonic effects. The “**РИТМ-2**” can be incorporated into live performances as well as into a home or recording studio.

Fig 1. “**РИТМ-2**” analog synthesizer control panel.

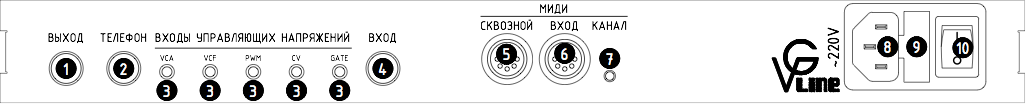
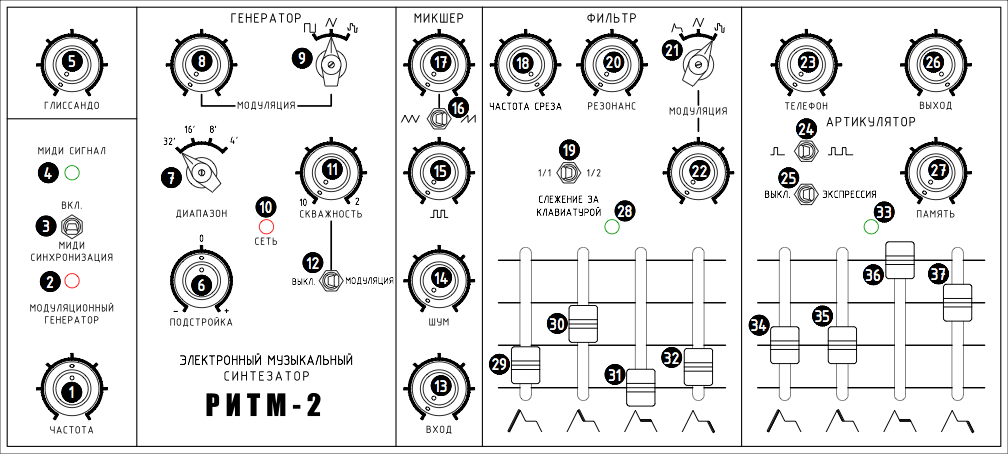
 The “**РИТМ-2**” allows you to create your own unique sounds, imitate classical musical instruments (keyboard, string, reed, percussion) and create original sonic effects (the sound of wind, a train passing by, the sound of waves crashing or a gunshot, for example). You can also create melodies on the synthesizer that change randomly in pitch and timbre.

Fig. 2 Control parameters

Fig. 3 Back panel with connectors for external control inputs

**The “РИТМ-2**” **analog synthesizer consists of the following main blocks (**fig. 1)**:**

1. **External connection block** — for receiving MIDI and CV (control voltage) signals from connected external MIDI and CV devices.
2. **Tone generator (VCO)** — voltage controlled oscillator and main source of sound signal.
3. **Noise generator (NOISE) —** source of noise.
4. **Mixer (MIX) —** combines signals from the tone generator, external audio source and the noise generator.
5. **Voltage controlled filter (VCF) —** voltage controlled filter that is used for the creation of timbre. When placed into self-oscillation mode, the filter can be used to create sinusoidal waves.
6. **2 Envelope generators (EG) —** one of which is used to modulate the depth of the filter cutoff frequency and the other —as an envelope used to modulate amplitude.
7. **Voltage controlled amplifier (VCA) —** voltage controlled amplifier used for expression and to modulate the amplitude of the signal exiting the filter with the envelope from the second EG.
8. **Low frequency oscillator (LFO) —** modulates the frequency of the tone generator with triangle or rectangle waves; creates pulse-width modulation of the tone generator’s rectangle wave with a triangle wave; modulates the filter cutoff frequency with a triangle wave. The modulation generator’s frequency can be visually adjusted using the periodically flashing LED light located on the control panel. The LFO can also be synchronized to a MIDI clock.
9. R**andom voltage generator (S&H)** modulates the tone generator and the filter cutoff frequencies. The amount of random voltage levels produced depends on the regulation of the modulation speed.
10. **LED** indicating that the envelope is being triggered

**Controls and LEDs (**fig. 2):

1. “**FREQUENCY**”knob regulates the frequency of the modulation generator.
2. LED for visual control of the LFO frequency.
3. Toggle switch to turn on LFO synchronization to a MIDI-clock signal.
4. Multi-colored LED for visual control of MIDI signals coming from external sources.
5. “**GLIDE”** knob regulates the tone generator’s time of transition from one note to another. Time of transition varies from 5 msec. to 5 sec.
6. “**TUNE”** knob allows precise tuning of the instrument.
7. “**OCTAVE”** switch sets the instrument’s octave range: 32’, 16’, 8’, 4’ ft.
8. “**MODULATION”** knob regulates the amount of modulation applied to the tone generator.
9. “**MODULATION”** switch selects the source of the tone generator’s modulation:

pasted-image.pdf — rectangle wave from LFO;

pasted-image.pdf — triangle wave from LFO;

pasted-image.pdf — random voltage generator (S&H).

1. **CROSSFADING COLOR “POWER” LED** indicates that synthesizer in powered on.
2. “**PULSE WIDTH”** knob regulates the pulse width of the rectangle signal from the tone generator from 10 to 2.
3. “**MODULATION”** toggle switch turns on pulse-width modulation.
4. “**INPUT LEVEL**” knob regulates the signal level from external source.
5. “**NOISE**” knob regulates the noise generator’s signal level.
6. pasted-image.pdf knob regulates the level of the rectangle wave from the tone generator.
7. **pasted-image.pdf, pasted-image.pdf** toggle switch selects triangle or sawtooth wave for the tone generator signal.
8. **pasted-image.pdf, pasted-image.pdf** knob regulates the triangle or sawtooth wave signal level from the tone generator.
9. “**CUTOFF**”knob regulates the filter cutoff frequency.
10. “**KEYTRACK**”toggle switch. In 1/1 position the filter sets itself to the same interval as the tone generator. In the 1/2 position the filter sets itself to an interval half of that of the tone generator.
11. “**RESONANCE”**  knob regulates the filter Q-factor from minimal to generating frequencies at the cutoff frequency.
12. “**MODULATION**” switch selects the type of modulation applied to the filter cutoff frequency:

pasted-image.pdf — envelope from the first envelope generator;

pasted-image.pdf — triangle wave from the LFO;

pasted-image.pdf — random voltage generator (S&H).

1. “**MODULATION**”knob regulates the amount of modulation applied to the filter cutoff frequency.
2. “**PHONES”** knob regulates the volume of the headphone signal.
3. **pasted-image.pdf, pasted-image.pdf** toggle switch selects the second envelope generator’s mode:

pasted-image.pdf — one-shot trigger when a key is pressed;

pasted-image.pdf — the second envelope generator is triggered repeatedly while a key is pressed. Knobs 34 and 37 regulate the speed of repetition and the envelope shape in this mode.

1. “**VELOCITY**” toggle switch turns on the VCA’s reaction to the “Velocity” parameter of any incoming MIDI signal (keyboard, sequencer, etc.)
2. “**VOLUME**” knob regulates the level of the output signal.
3. “**HOLD**” knob regulates the amount of signal that remains audible after releasing the last pressed key. The signal from the filter is continuously sent to the synthesizer output.
4. LED for visual indication that the filter’s envelope generator is being triggered.
5. pasted-image.pdf fader — attack. Sets the time during which the filter cutoff frequency increases from the value set by the “CUTOFF” knob to the value set by the “MODULATION” knob.
6. **pasted-image.pdf** fader — decay. Sets the time during which the filter cutoff frequency decreases from the value at the moment the attack finishes to the frequency set by the pasted-image.pdf (sustain) fader.
7. pasted-image.pdf fader — sustain. Sets the level of the filter cutoff frequency for the time between when the decay finishes and the key is released.
8. pasted-image.pdf fader — release. Sets the time during which the filter cutoff frequency decreases from the value set by the pasted-image.pdf (sustain) fader to the value set by the “CUTOFF” knob after the key is released.

Faders 29, 30, 31 and 32 are active when the “**MODULATION**”control **(**see 21) is set to the **pasted-image.pdf** (envelope) position.

1. LED for visual indication that the amplifier’s envelope generator is being triggered.
2. pasted-image.pdf fader — attack. Sets the time that the output signal increases in amplitude from nil to peak.
3. **pasted-image.pdf** fader — decay. Sets the time that the output signal decreases in amplitude from the peak to the level set by the pasted-image.pdf (sustain) fader.
4. pasted-image.pdf fader — sustain. Sets the level of the output signal that is sustained for the time between when the decay finishes and the key is released.
5. pasted-image.pdf fader — release. Sets the time during which the output signal decreases in amplitude from the sustain level to zero after the key is released.

Control faders 34, 35, 36, 37 are active when the “HOLD” knob (see 27) is turned all the way to the left.

When toggle switch 24 is in position pasted-image.pdf, control faders 34 and 37 set the speed of repetition and envelope shape.

On the back panel of the synthesizer are located (fig. 3):

1. “**OUTPUT**” for connecting the synthesizer to a power amp, mixer, audio interface, etc.
2. “**PHONES**” for connecting to headphones.
3. Group of “**CV INPUTS**” for controlling the synthesizer’s internal blocks from external control voltage sources (modular synthesizers, CV sequencers, etc).

**VCA** — controls synthesizer amplifier. If the internal envelope generator (EG) is used as a source of amplifier modulation, an external signal sent to this input will be added to the internal EG signal. An external modulation generator can also be used for amplitude modulation.

**VCF** — controls the filter cutoff frequency. If internal modulation is applied to the cutoff frequency, an external source of modulation sent to this input will be added to the internal modulation signal.

**PWM** — controls pulse-width modulation. If an internal source of pulse-width modulation is used, the external signal sent to this input will be added to the internal modulation signal.

**CV** — controls the pitch. If an internal source of modulation is used for the pitch, an external signal sent to this input will be added to the internal modulation signal. The tone generator can also be set to produce the chromatic scale when 1V/Oct is sent to this input.

**GATE** — external signal triggers envelope generators.

1. “**INPUT**” for sending a signal from any external music instrument or audio source to the synthesizer’s mixer.
2. “**MIDI THRU**” for connecting MIDI-compatible instruments. The port provides a direct copy of all MIDI signals coming through the “MIDI IN”.
3. “**MIDI IN**”for connecting a MIDI keyboard or any other source of MIDI signals (MIDI-controller, sequencer, computer).
4. “**MIDI LEARN**”button — sets MIDI Receive Channel.
5. Power supply connector for plugging synthesizer into a power source.
6. Fuse holder which also contains a backup fuse included with the synthesizer.
7. Power switch.

**5.** **MAIN TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Synthesizer frequency range

Numbers of available MIDI channels.

“**PITCH**” control interval, semitones

factory setting

user setting

MIDI Cutoff control range

MIDI Velocity range

External CV input range

Instrument tune drift no more than

Linear frequency drift of oscillator after 4 hours of continuous activity no more than

Output signal amplitude no less than

Output signal amplitude range

Mains supply V, with 50 Hz frequency

Power consumption no more than

Application temperature range

Synthesizer dimensions

Weight

**7 octaves** from note C in the first octave to note C in the fifth octave.

**1-15**

**+/-2**

**+/-12 (**max.)

**0-127**

**0-127**

**0-5 V**

**5 cents**

**10 cents**

**0.775 V**

**60dB**

**220±10% (110 optional)**

**10 W**

**from +5 to +45°C**

**385 x 180 x 105 (mm)**

**3 kg**

**6. MIDI CONTROL AND “SysEx**”

The built-in MIDI converter has the following control options: a MIDI-Learn button (fig.3. **7**), a “MIDI SYNC” switch (fig.2. **3**), a multicolored “MIDI” LED indicating MIDI-converter activation when lit up (fig.2. **4**). The multicolored LED lights up red to signal any MIDI activity when a MIDI cable is connected to the MIDI IN.

“**MIDI LEARN**” **button.** To assign a designated MIDI Channel to the **“РИТМ-2**”synthesizer, press and hold the “MIDI Channel” button until the MIDI LED lights up blue. After this, press any note on the sequencer or MIDI-keyboard and the assigned channel (except for 16) that transmitted the MIDI message will be memorized. The blue light will go out and each incoming note will be indicated by the LED lighting up green. Also, a desired MIDI channel can be assigned using SysEx messages (see Table 1).

“**MIDI-SYNC**” **switch.** The built-in MIDI converter accepts “MIDI CLOCK” messages and translates them into a pulse that synchronizes the LFO frequency with the external sequencer tempo. To do this, turn on the sequencer’s “MIDI CLOCK send to external hardware” option (see sequencer’s user’s manual). To synchronize the LFO with the external sequencer tempo, place the “MIDI SYNC” switch to “ON” position (fig.2 **3**) and turn the “FREQUENCY” knob (fig.2 **1**) to its minimal position. The LFO LED (fig.2 **2**) will light up in sync with the external sequencer tempo. Interesting modulation effects, synchronous with the external sequencer tempo, can be achieved by adjusting the “FREQUENCY” knob to increase the modulation frequency.

The synthesizer is capable of receiving MIDI Notes from 0 to 127 and recognizes MIDI commands “NOTE ON” and “NOTE OFF”. An external “PITCH” wheel can be used. The factory setting is set to a +/- 2 semitone range, but this can be adjusted using SysEx commands (see Table 1).

The synthesizer recognizes MIDI Velocity values in a range of 0-127. To use this function for expression, turn the “VELOCITY” switch (fig. 2 **25**) to “VELOCITY” position. This will cause every note to be played with corresponding velocity. When the “VELOCITY” switch (fig. 2 **25**) is turned to “OFF” all notes will be played at their maximal velocity value (127) and will be played at a constant maximal volume.

**MIDI filter cutoff frequency control.** This can be achieved using MIDI controller **CC#1**. Ithas a value of 0 to 127 and controls the entire range of the filter cutoff frequency. The initial cutoff frequency value can be set using the “CUTOFF” knob (fig.2. **18)**

**MIDI SysEx can be used to set MIDI Channel, Pitch Wheel range and Note Priority.**

Таблица 1

**Midi2cv SysEx codes**

**midi\_channel set**

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 00 00 2B F7 // 1 channel

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 00 01 2A F7 // 2 channel

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 00 02 29 F7 // 3 channel

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 00 03 28 F7 // 4 channel

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 00 04 27 F7 // 5 channel

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 00 05 26 F7 // 6 channel

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 00 06 25 F7 // 7 channel

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 00 07 24 F7 // 8 channel

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 00 08 23 F7 // 9 channel

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 00 09 22 F7 // 10 channel

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 00 0A 21 F7 // 11 channel

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 00 0B 20 F7 // 12 channel

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 00 0C 1F F7 // 13 channel

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 00 0D 1E F7 // 14 channel

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 00 0E 1D F7 // 15 channel

**pitch\_bend\_range set**

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 01 01 29 F7 // 1 semitone

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 01 02 28 F7 // 2 semitone

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 01 03 27 F7 // 3 semitone

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 01 04 26 F7 // 4 semitone

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 01 05 25 F7 // 5 semitone

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 01 06 24 F7 // 6 semitone

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 01 07 23 F7 // 7 semitone

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 01 08 22 F7 // 8 semitone

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 01 09 21 F7 // 9 semitone

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 01 0A 20 F7 // 10 semitone

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 01 0B 1F F7 // 11 semitone

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 01 0C 1E F7 // 12 octave

**note priority SysEx**

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 03 00 28 F7 // lowest note priority

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 03 01 27 F7 // highest note priority

F0 00 20 21 7F 55 03 02 26 F7 // last note priority

\*MIDI Converter created with software from Mr. Logich

**7. SETTING UP THE SYNTHESIZER**

To prepare the synthesizer for operation you need to:

— Place the synthesizer on a stable surface at a comfortable height for playing.

— Connect the MIDI OUT of your sequencer or MIDI Keyboard into the synthesizer’s MIDI IN (fig.3  **6**).

— Plug the power supply cord to a 220V power outlet (fig.3 **8**).

— Connect the OUTPUT (fig.3 **1)** to an amplifier using an instrument cable.

— Turn the synthesizer power switch on (fig.3 **10**) and let it warm up for at least 5 minutes.

— To make the best use of the instrument, the player should familiarize him/herself with the synthesizer’s full range of functions and capabilities.

**WARNING**: If the synthesizer was kept in an environment where air temperature fell below +5°C, prior to playing, leave the instrument in an environment with room-temperature (+23°C) for at least 2-3 hours.

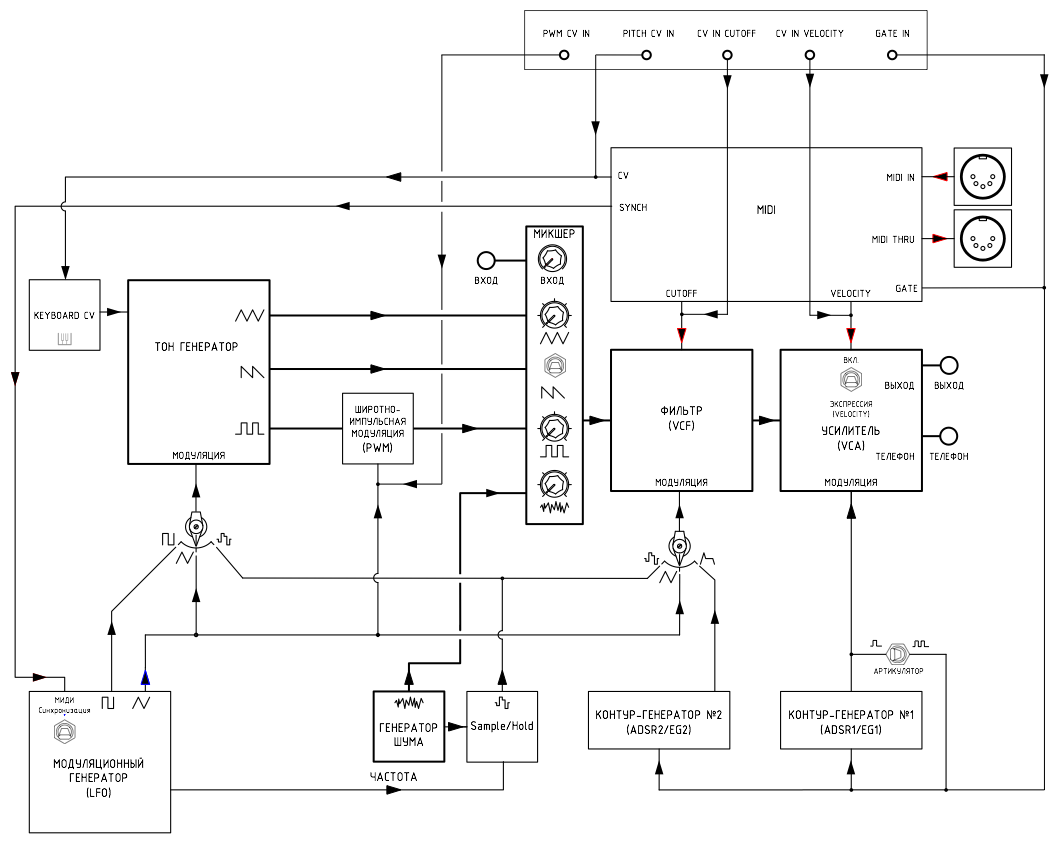


Fig.4 “RITM-2” block diagram

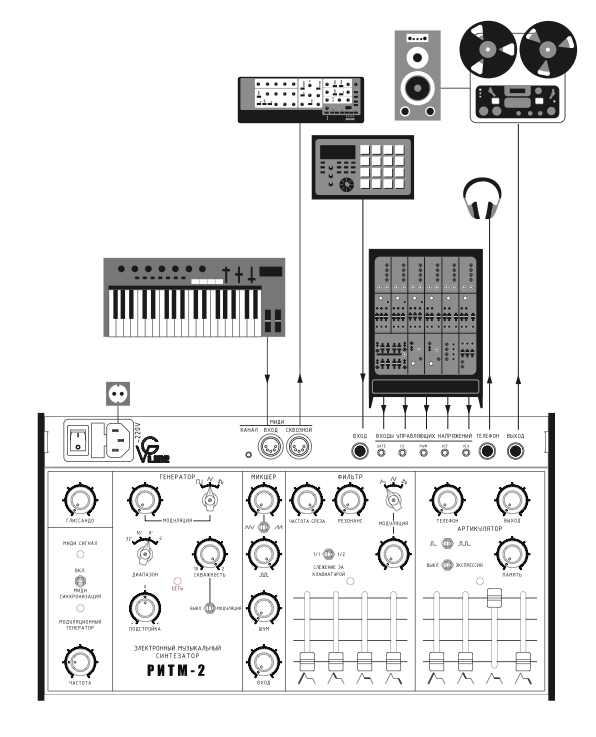


Fig.5 Synthesizer connection diagram

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