

Installing the Control Panel Overlay

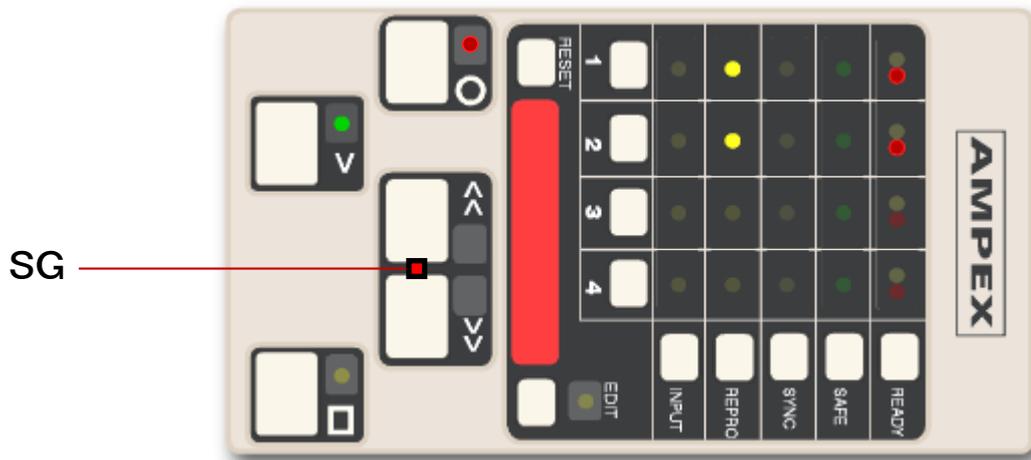
Preparation

After removing the controller from the deck, carefully disassemble the unit. Note the placement of misc. parts and buttons. You are after the top portion of the unit which includes the top half plastic housing and original overlay.

Removing the old overlay

You will need to soak the housing in hot water for some period of time. The original overlay was applied with double stick tape. The length of time required to soften the glue and break the bond will vary. If your tap water is very hot, it may suffice. If not, heat a pan of water on your stove but do not boil. Place the housing in the hot water after it reaches approximately 140-160deg. F. After a period, (which may be from 3 min. to 10 min.) remove the housing from the water. Place your fingers in the red window and push firmly from behind. The overlay should begin to separate. **DON'T PUSH TOO HARD - YOU DON'T WANT TO CRACK THE HOUSING.** Often the overlay will simply "pop-off". However, more soaking may be required. Once separating, use a small thin blade/putty knife to gently pry around the perimeter. **Caution: The threaded studs may be loose and are prone to disappearing down the drain.**

Once the old overlay is removed, examine the housing surface. Most of the old adhesive will be removed along with the overlay. If a small amount remains, clean what you can with lighter fluid or other "mild" adhesive remover. Don't use strong plastic solvent. Thoroughly wash the entire piece with mild detergent and water. It is possible, that surface oils and some pigment have been removed and the plastic may now have a slightly faded appearance. So... after the piece is thoroughly clean and dry, we recommend giving the top and all visible surfaces a light spray with a true satin black lacquer - available at most hardware stores. Let the paint dry! If you've used a true lacquer, you may continue to apply the new overlay in an hour or so - otherwise let paint dry overnight.



Installing the new overlay

Remove the paper backing from the contact adhesive. Be sure to get all the paper off. Carefully line up the top and one side edge of the overly with the plastic housing - be sure to center the piece, you'll only get one shot! Work your way down and apply the entire overlay. If you've been careful with the initial alignment the overlay will fall right into place. Take the butt end of a "sharpie" or tooth brush (something made of hard plastic) and use it to apply pressure along the edges and cut-outs. The area marked in the illustration with "**SG**"- the narrow bridge between FF & RW, may require a tiny spot of super glue. Take a paper clip and dip it in a little pool of glue and insert a glue droplet under the small strip - push down and hold for a bit. You're done.

Now, ain't she purdy! Enjoy.