

BlacklineQ User Guide



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Introduction

BlacklineQ is the latest evolution of Martin Audio's iconic Blackline Series, which has set the global standard for affordable professional loudspeakers for over 25 years. Known for their sound quality and reliability, Blackline loudspeakers have been trusted in a wide range of applications around the world.

This new generation includes improved passive two-way point source loudspeakers, all-new column speakers and a suite of subwoofers. Designed for flexibility, BlacklineQ is equally suited to portable use and permanent installation, whether for live sound, theatre, DJs, corporate events or fixed venues such as clubs, hospitality spaces, conference rooms and houses of worship.

The range includes:

- Four full-range speakers: Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15
- Two column speakers: Q26 and Q44
- Three subwoofers: Q210, Q118 and Q218

All full-range and column loudspeakers in the BlacklineQ range feature Differential Dispersion horns for wide and consistent coverage.

In the Q8, Q10, Q12, and Q15 full-range loudspeakers, these horns are [user-rotatable \(page 12\)](#), allowing the loudspeakers to be installed in either portrait or landscape orientation while maintaining optimal dispersion. This flexibility also makes them ideal for use as [stage monitors \(page 17\)](#), with the horn rotated to upside-down landscape to suit floor placement.

The Q26 and Q44 column speakers also use Differential Dispersion technology but are designed exclusively for portrait orientation.

The Q8, Q10, Q12, Q15, Q118, and Q218 are only available in black. The Q26, Q44 and Q210 are available in black or white.

Accessories

A range of optional accessories supports flexible deployment, including [wall brackets \(page 21\)](#), [portrait yokes \(page 23\)](#), [eye bolts for flying \(page 25\)](#), transit covers and an [adjustable pole mount \(page 18\)](#). These accessories make it easy to adapt BlacklineQ systems to a variety of environments and installation requirements.

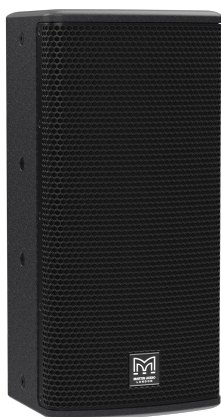
BlacklineQ full-range loudspeakers

The BlacklineQ full-range loudspeakers, Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15, are passive two-way systems designed for professional portable and installed sound applications. Each model features a user-rotatable Differential Dispersion horn, allowing for horizontal or vertical orientation depending on deployment needs. This ensures wide, consistent coverage and optimal performance across a variety of environments. The rotatable horn also enables these models to be used as monitor wedges, providing flexible solutions for stage monitoring.

Constructed from durable plywood and finished in tough black textured paint, all models include a screw-tight steel grille and a pole-mount socket with a removable cover to maintain clean lines in installed setups. The Q8 features M6 inserts for the wall bracket and M8 inserts for portrait yokes or eye bolt suspension. The Q10, Q12 and Q15 use M8 inserts for all mounting options including wall brackets, portrait yokes and eye bolt suspension. In all cases, the inserts can also be used as secondary safety attachment points.

These loudspeakers can be used as standalone systems or paired with BlacklineQ subwoofers for extended low-frequency performance. They are recommended for use with a processor and amplifier, such as a DX processor with a VIA amplifier, or an iKON amplifier with integrated processing.

Blackline Q8



The Q8 features an 8" (200 mm) LF driver with a 2" (50 mm) voice coil and a 1" (25 mm) exit HF compression driver with a 1" (25 mm) dome. It delivers a peak SPL of 121 dB (127 dB with crest factor 4) and is ideal for distributed sound reinforcement, AV events, houses of

worship and compact stage monitoring. Q8 is available in black only.

Blackline Q10



Q10 includes a 10" (250 mm) LF driver with a 2.5" (63 mm) voice coil and a 1" (25 mm) exit HF compression driver with a 1.4" (36 mm) dome. It delivers a peak SPL of 125 dB (131 dB with crest factor 4), making it suitable for music bars, clubs and other high-output environments where space is limited. Q10 is available in black only.

Blackline Q12



Q12 is equipped with a 12" (300 mm) LF driver with a 2.5" (63 mm) voice coil and a 1" (25 mm) exit HF compression driver with a 1.7" (43 mm) dome. It delivers

a peak SPL of 127 dB (133 dB with crest factor 4) and offers powerful performance for dancefloors and sound reinforcement applications. Q12 is available in black only.

Blackline Q15



Blackline Q15 is a significant upgrade over its predecessor, delivering enhanced performance and wider coverage, and features a die-cast aluminium chassis for improved thermal conductivity and more efficient motor cooling. It includes a 15" (380 mm) LF driver with a 4" (102 mm) voice coil and a 1.4" (35 mm) exit HF compression driver with a 3" (75 mm) dome. With a peak SPL of 133 dB (139 dB with crest factor 4), it delivers maximum output and coverage, making it ideal for demanding portable and installed applications. Q15 is available in black only.

BlacklineQ column speakers

The BlacklineQ column loudspeakers, Q44 and Q26, are designed for applications where clarity, control and discreet aesthetics are essential. Both models deliver wide, consistent coverage using Differential Dispersion horns, making them ideal for speech reinforcement and musical playback in performance venues, corporate events and houses of worship.

Each enclosure is constructed from durable plywood and finished in hard-wearing black or white paint. A screw-tight steel grille protects the drivers. M6 inserts are provided for wall brackets, while M8 inserts support portrait yokes or eye bolt suspension. The M6 and M8 fittings can also be used as secondary safety attachment points. A pole-mount socket with a removable cover maintains clean lines when not in use.

Both models can be used as standalone systems or paired with the Blackline Q210 subwoofer for extended low-frequency performance. The Q210 is available in black or white, enabling you to create a unified pole-mounted system in either colour. We recommend using the Q44 and Q26 with a processor and amplifier, such as a DX processor paired with a VIA amplifier, or an iKON amplifier with integrated processing.

Blackline Q26



The Q26 features dual 6" (150 mm) LF drivers with 1.5" (38 mm) voice coils and a 1" (25 mm) exit HF compression driver. It delivers a higher peak SPL of 125 dB (or 131 dB with a crest factor of 4), making it a powerful option for applications requiring greater output from a compact footprint. Q26 is available in black and white.

Blackline Q44



Q44 features four 4" (100 mm) LF drivers with 1.5" (38 mm) voice coils and a 1" (25 mm) exit HF compression driver. It delivers a peak SPL of 119 dB (or 125 dB with a crest factor of 4) from a compact, elegant enclosure. The Q44 is well suited to rental and installed applications where refined musicality and extended bandwidth are required. Q44 is available in black and white.

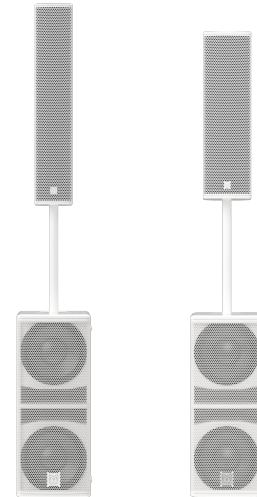
BlacklineQ subwoofers

The BlacklineQ subwoofers, Q210, Q118 and Q218, are designed to extend low-frequency performance across the series, offering scalable solutions for portable and installed sound systems. Each model is housed in a durable plywood enclosure with a perforated steel grille and slot ports to reduce turbulence and enhance efficiency.

All three models feature a screw-in M20 pole-mount fitting (1.4" / (35 mm) for secure and seamless integration with BlacklineQ full-range loudspeakers. Two signal link outputs, positioned at the top and bottom of the enclosure when oriented vertically, allow for flexible and discreet cable management. Rubber feet and top-surface recesses ensure stable stacking, and ergonomic side handles support easy handling. Q118 and Q218 also support an optional castor kit for improved portability.

Crossover and EQ functions can be managed using DX0.4, DX0.6 or DX4.0 system controllers, or the onboard DSP of an iKON amplifier.

pairing it with white versions of the column loudspeakers Q44 or Q26.



Blackline Q210



Q210 is a slimline, dual-driver subwoofer designed for visually discreet applications. It features two 10" (250 mm) drivers with 2" (50 mm) voice coils and delivers a peak SPL of 133 dB (139 dB with crest factor 4), extending system response down to 49 Hz. It can be deployed singly, stacked or flown using integral M8 inserts.

Q210 is available in black and white finishes. The black version allows you to pair Q210 with Q8 or with black versions of the column loudspeakers Q44 and Q26. The white version allows you to create an all-white system by

Blackline Q118



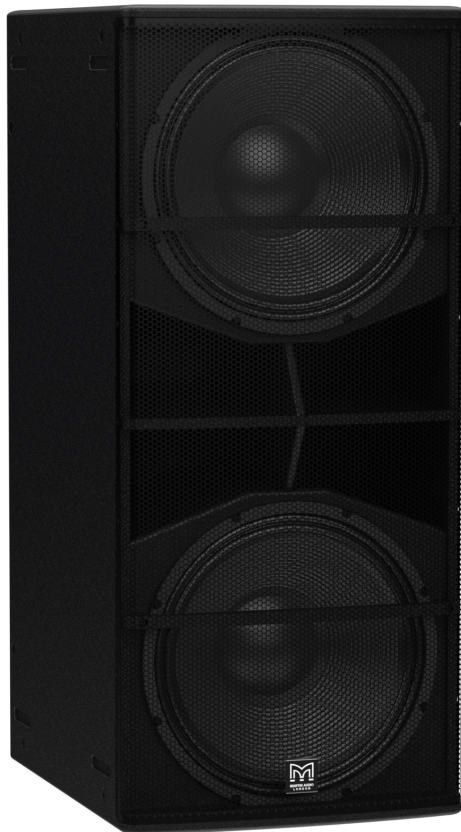
Q118 is a compact, high-performance subwoofer featuring an 18" (460 mm) driver with a 4" (100 mm) voice coil. It delivers a peak SPL of 136 dB (142 dB with crest factor 4) and extends system response down to 38 Hz. It can be used individually, stacked or flown

via M10 inserts. Castors are available as an optional accessory. Q118 is available in black only.



Note that two Q118 subwoofers are equivalent to one Q218.

Blackline Q218



Q218 is a high-output, dual-driver subwoofer with two 18" (460 mm) drivers and 4" (100 mm) voice coils. It delivers a peak SPL of 142 dB (148 dB with crest factor 4) and extends system response down to 38 Hz. Designed for demanding applications, it can be deployed singly, stacked or flown using M10 inserts. Castors are available as an optional accessory. Q218 is available in black only.



Note that one Q218 is equivalent to two Q118 subwoofers.

Connecting BlacklineQ

Connecting Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15

The BlacklineQ full-range loudspeakers, Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15, have two NL4 sockets on the rear panel, labelled INPUT and LINK. Despite the labels, the two sockets are the same, so you can use them either way round. However, we recommend you use them as labelled to simplify cabling checks. For both sockets, the pins connect as follows:

- Pins 1+/1– input to the speaker and link to pins 1+/1– of the other socket.
- Pins 2+/2– link to pins 2+/2– of the other socket.

Connecting column speakers

The BlacklineQ column speakers, Q26 and Q44, have one NL4 socket on the rear panel, labelled INPUT. The pins connect as follows:

- Pins 1+/1– input to the speaker.
- Pins 2+/2– are unused.

Connecting subwoofers

The three BlacklineQ subwoofers, Q210, Q118 and Q218, have three NL4 sockets on the rear panel, labeled INPUT, LINK A and LINK B.

When the subwoofer is orientated with the pole mount at the top, the connectors are arranged as follows:

- INPUT and LINK A are located as a pair at the bottom rear.
- LINK B is positioned at the top rear.

This layout allows for a short, tidy speaker cable run from LINK B to a full-range or column loudspeaker mounted on a pole above the subwoofer.

INPUT and LINK A

The pair of sockets labeled INPUT and LINK A are the same, so you can use them either way round. However, we recommend you use them as labelled to simplify cabling checks. For both these sockets, the pins connect as follows:

- Pins 1+/1– connect to the driver(s) and link to pins 1+/1– of the other socket.
- Pins 2+/2– link to pins 2+/2– of the other socket.

LINK B

The LINK B pins connect as follows:

- Pins 1+/1– cross link to input 2+/2–.
- Pins 2+/2– are unused.



Rotating the horn

We supply Blackline Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15 ready for installation in portrait. Before using in landscape, you need to rotate the horn through 90°.



The BlacklineQ column speakers, Q44 and Q26, are designed for use in portrait only, so don't rotate the horns on these models.

To use BlacklineQ speakers as monitor wedges, configure them for landscape orientation but with the horn upside down. This setup ensures optimal dispersion for stage monitoring. For details, see [Using as monitor wedges \(page 17\)](#).

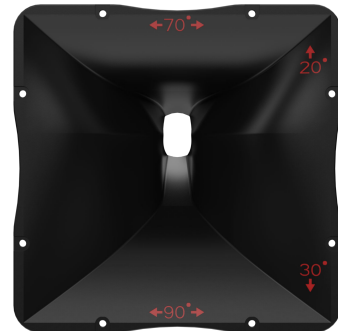
Rotating the horn is straightforward for Q8, Q10 and Q12. For the Q15, the procedure is slightly more complex, as explained below.

Note that if you lose any of the screws or washers, you can source replacements using the [details at the end of this section \(page 14\)](#).

To rotate the horn

1. Unscrew the grille using a 3 mm hex key (H3). Keep the screws safe for reassembly.
2. Remove the grille.
3. Unscrew the eight bolts and washers securing the horn using a 3 mm hex key (H3). Keep the bolts and washers safe, taking care not to drop them into the speaker.
4. Arrange the speaker in landscape with the horn on the left or right, as preferred.

5. Lift the horn and rotate it by 90° so that the text showing the horizontal dispersion is the right way up, as shown for the Q15 horn below:



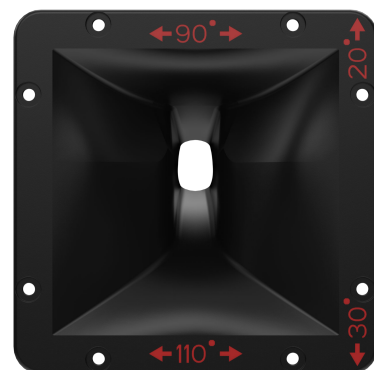
The text on the Q15 horn shows that:

- Horizontal dispersion is 70° at the top (on axis) and 90° at the bottom (15° below axis).
- Vertical dispersion is 20° above axis and 30° below axis.



For instructions on rotating the Q15 horn, see the next section.

For Q8, Q10 and Q12, the horn looks like this:



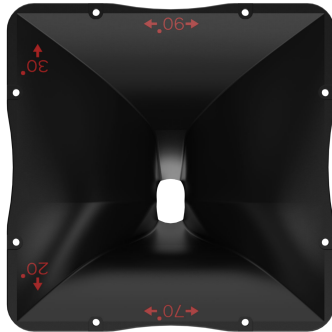
The text on the Q8, Q10 and Q12 horn shows that:

- Horizontal dispersion is 90° at the top (on axis) and 110° at the bottom (15° below axis).
- Vertical dispersion is 20° above axis and 30° below axis.

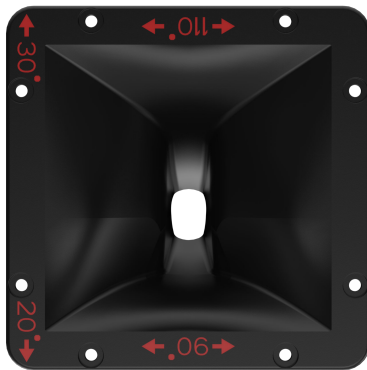
If you're using the loudspeaker as a monitor wedge, rotate the horn so that the horizontal dispersion text is

upside down. This will give you the correct dispersion for monitor use.

The Q15 horn in monitor orientation looks like this:



The Q8, Q10 and Q12 horn in monitor orientation looks like this:



When rotating the Q12 horn, you may notice that the LF driver is secured with four screws, whereas the LF drivers in the Q8, Q10 and Q15 are secured with eight. Although this might look incorrect, four screws securing the Q12 LF driver is correct.

6. Reattach the horn using the eight bolts and washers (torque 2 to 2.5 Nm).
7. Before refitting the grille, make sure that the Martin Audio badge will be next to the low-frequency driver, rather than the horn. If the badge is near the horn, it will partially obstruct the high-frequency dispersion.



To ensure correct speaker orientation, rotate the Martin Audio badge to match the orientation of the horizontal dispersion text on the horn. When you install the speaker with the badge the right way up, the dispersion will be correct (as long as the badge hasn't been rotated).

If you're using the loudspeaker as a monitor wedge, rotate the badge so that it is upright when the horizontal dispersion text on the horn is upside down. When you use the monitor with the badge the right way up, the dispersion will be correct for monitor use.

8. Replace the grille and screw it back into place (torque 2 to 2.5 Nm).

To rotate the Q15 horn

1. Follow steps 1 to 4 in the section above.
2. Position the Q15 so the top of the speaker is facing you.
3. Put your fingers on both sides of the horn, at the end closest to you, and lift from here. Note that the horn is heavy.



Don't attempt to lift the Q15 horn from the far end, as it will lock in place and prevent you from lifting it.

4. Lift the horn a few centimeters (or inches), then rotate it by a quarter turn while continuing to lift. This prevents the driver from catching on the frame.
5. Rotate the horn by 90°. You can rotate it in either direction, depending on whether you want the horn positioned on the left or right. Ensure the text on the horn is correctly orientated: upright for standard use or upside down for monitor use, as described in the previous section.
6. Repeat the quarter turn procedure backwards as you lower the horn back into place.

7. Follow steps 6 to 8 in the previous section to reattach the horn and grille.



Make sure you rotate the Martin Audio badge correctly, as explained in the previous section.

Grille and horn screws

Grille screws for Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15	10 x Machine screws, M4 x 12 mm, countersunk head, hex socket drive, A2 stainless steel, black finish (PX3 or equivalent)
Horn screws for Q8, Q10 and Q12	8 x Machine screws, M5 x 25 mm, button head, hex socket drive, A2 stainless steel, black finish (PX3 or equivalent)
Horn screws for Q15	8 x Machine screws, M5 x 30 mm, button head, hex socket drive, A2 stainless steel, black finish (PX3 or equivalent), ISO 7380
Washers for horn screws for Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15	8 x Washers, M5, external serrated locking, A2 stainless steel, black finish (PX3 or equivalent)

Mounting BlacklineQ

You can mount BlacklineQ loudspeakers and columns in the following ways:

- **Freestanding use** – Place BlacklineQ loudspeakers on floors, stages or subwoofers. You can stand Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15 in portrait or landscape orientation. Stand the Q26 column in portrait only. The Q44 column isn't stable enough for freestanding use, so you must always mount the Q44. For details, see [Freestanding use \(page 16\)](#).
- **Monitor wedge use** – Use any of the Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15 loudspeakers as a monitor wedge. For details, see [Using as monitor wedges \(page 17\)](#).
- **Pole mounting** – Mount loudspeakers and columns on pole stands or on poles fitted to subwoofers. This method supports portrait orientation only. Alternatively, mount the loudspeaker or column on a portrait yoke before placing it on the pole. This yoke and pole setup lets you adjust the tilt of the top box to improve coverage. For details, see [Pole mounting \(page 18\)](#).
- **Wall bracket mounting** – Attach loudspeakers and columns directly to walls for fixed installations. Mount Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15 in either portrait or landscape orientation. Mount Q44 and Q26 columns in portrait only. For details, see [Wall mounting \(page 21\)](#).
- **Portrait yoke mounting** – Mount loudspeakers and columns in portrait orientation on truss and ceilings. For details, see [Portrait yoke mounting \(page 23\)](#).
- **Flying with eye bolts** – Suspend loudspeakers, columns and subwoofers using wires or chains. Fly Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15 in either portrait or landscape orientation. Fly Q44 and Q26 columns in portrait only. For details, see [Flying with eye bolts \(page 25\)](#).

Secondary safety cable

When you install BlacklineQ loudspeakers and columns using wall brackets, yokes or eye bolts, we recommend that you use a secondary safety cable. If the loudspeaker or column is on a yoke, use a chain or steel rope attached directly to the cabinet, not to the yoke.

Attaching safety cable to the cabinet

- Q8, Q10, Q12, Q15: Attach a safety cable to one of the six wall bracket holes. If the speaker is mounted on a

wall bracket, the bracket uses four of the six holes, so you can attach a safety cable to one of the spare holes.



To attach a safety cable to Q8, the M6 bolt must have a thread length of at least 25 mm.

To attach a safety cable to Q10, Q12 and Q15, the M8 bolt must have a thread length of at least 30 mm.

- Q44, Q26: Attach a safety cable to the single M6 insert just above the four wall bracket holes. This insert is specifically designed as a secondary safety mounting point.



To attach a safety cable to Q44 and Q26, the M6 bolt must have a thread length of at least 30 mm.

Attaching safety cable to an anchoring point

Attach the other end of the safety cable to a suitably rated anchoring point that is a permanent part of the building structure.

With a yoke attached to truss or scaffold bar, you could attach the safety cable to the same truss or bar, provided it is a permanent fixture and not part of temporary rigging. If in doubt, check your local safety regulations.

Freestanding use

You can place BlacklineQ loudspeakers on floors, stages or subwoofers. With the Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15, you can position the loudspeaker in three ways:

- In portrait.
- In landscape on its side.
- In landscape at a 45° angle, like a [monitor wedge \(page 17\)](#) but pointing toward the audience.

Before using these loudspeakers in landscape, you need to rotate the horn. For details, see [Rotating the horn \(page 12\)](#).

If you're using the speaker for front fill in a 45° landscape position, rotate the horn to either standard landscape or upside-down landscape orientation. Choose the horn orientation based on the speaker's position relative to the audience and the coverage you want to achieve. Even though the speaker looks like a monitor wedge, use the standard preset, adjusting as needed. Don't use the monitor preset for front fill applications.

Freestanding columns

You can stand the Q26 column speaker, but not the Q44. Stand the Q26 in portrait orientation only.



Don't stand the Q44 column speaker as it isn't stable enough for freestanding use. Always mount the Q44.

Using as monitor wedges

You can use any BlacklineQ loudspeaker Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15 as a monitor wedge. All you need to do is:

1. [Rotate the horn for upside-down landscape use \(page 12\)](#). This gives the correct coverage.
2. [Load the monitor preset \(page 34\)](#). This optimises the loudspeaker's processing for stage monitoring.

When you rotate the horn, decide whether you want the horn on the left or right side. Once you have chosen, always use the monitor in that orientation.

After you rotate the horn and fit the grille, you won't be able to check the horn's orientation quickly. So before fitting the grille, rotate the Martin Audio badge to show which way up to the monitor should sit on stage. If there's a chance someone might rotate the badge when you're not looking, consider adding an orientation label to the back of the loudspeaker as a backup.

Using a pair of monitor wedges

In a setup where a performer uses two monitors with the horns positioned on the outside of the pair, [rotate the horns \(page 12\)](#) so that the two monitors have opposite horn orientations. From the performer's point of view, the monitor on the left will have the badge on the right, and the monitor on the right will have the badge on the left.

To position this pair of monitors quickly, arrange them so that the badges are the right way up and are on the inside of the pair.

Pole mounting

You can mount BlacklineQ loudspeakers or columns on pole stands or on poles fitted to BlacklineQ subwoofers. For example, here is a Q10 mounted on a pole stand:



Here is a Q26 pole mounted on a Q210:



is in portrait, so you can only pole mount with these subwoofers in portrait.



To pole mount BlacklineQ

1. Position the loudspeaker or column so you can access the base.
2. Use a flat-headed screwdriver to gently prise off the cover from the top-hat pole mount.
3. If you're mounting on a subwoofer, screw the pole into the M20 threaded insert and make sure it's secure. Take note of the maximum pole lengths in the table below.
4. Mount the loudspeaker or column on the pole.



When you pole mount speakers, always make sure the surface is flat and stable.

Fittings

Each BlacklineQ loudspeaker and column has a standard 35 mm top-hat fitting on the base of the cabinet in portrait, so you can only pole mount BlacklineQ in portrait. The top-hat fittings have removable covers.

Each BlacklineQ subwoofer has an M20 threaded insert, so you need a screw-mounted pole such as the Martin Audio [wind-up pole ASF20071 \(page 65\)](#). On the Q210 and Q218, this fitting is on the top when the cabinet

Speaker, pole and subwoofer combinations

Combination	Max height	Max pole length	Wind-up pole ASF20071 suitable
Q44 + Q210 + Q210OUTRIG	2 m (6 ft 7 in)	558 mm (22.0 in)	No
Q26 + Q210 + Q210OUTRIG	2 m (6 ft 7 in)	694 mm (27.3 in)	No
Q8 + Q210 + Q210OUTRIG	2 m (6 ft 7 in)	865 mm (34.1 in)	Yes
Q8 + Q118	2.2 m (7 ft 2.6 in)	1183 mm (46.6 in)	Yes
Q10 + Q118	2.2 m (7 ft 2.6 in)	1138 mm (44.8 in)	Yes
Q12 + Q118	2.2 m (7 ft 2.6 in)	1083 mm (42.6 in)	Yes
Q12 + Q218	2.2 m (7 ft 2.6 in)	483 mm (19.0 in)	No
Q15 + Q118	2 m (6 ft 7 in)	788 mm (31.0 in)	Yes
Q15 + Q218	2.2 m (7 ft 2.6 in)	388 mm (15.3 in)	No

The table above shows the BlacklineQ speaker, pole and subwoofer combinations that we support.



Don't use any other BlacklineQ speaker, pole and subwoofer combinations.

To ensure stability, the maximum height from the ground to the top of the loudspeaker must not exceed the value shown. The table also lists the maximum pole length that gives this height. The pole length includes the section inside the top-hat fitting but excludes the threaded section that screws into the subwoofer. For some combinations, the maximum pole length is shorter than the minimum length of the [wind-up pole ASF20071 \(page 65\)](#), so this pole is unsuitable in those cases (shown as "No" in the table above).



Don't use loudspeaker support poles longer than the values specified above.

and stable operation, as the Q210 in portrait orientation is tall and narrow with a high centre of gravity.



When pole mounting on Q210, you must use the Q210OUTRIG accessory.

If you're using the Q210 without a pole, you can use it in landscape or portrait without this accessory.

To install the Q210OUTRIG accessory

1. Lay the Q210 on its back so that you can access the base of the subwoofer.
2. Find the two round fittings in the Q210OUTRIG accessory kit and bolt these two fittings to the base. Note that the base is the end without the pole mounting plate.
3. Attach the Q210OUTRIG stability base by placing it over the two round fittings and sliding it upwards until it engages securely.

Q210OUTRIG accessory



If you pole mount a loudspeaker or column on a Q210 subwoofer, you must fit a [Q210OUTRIG accessory \(page 64\)](#). This stability base ensures safe

4. Lift the subwoofer onto the stability base.



5. Screw the pole into the top of the Q210 and mount the speaker or column.

For transporting the Q210, simply detach the stability base from the two round fittings. You can leave the two round fittings attached to the Q210.

Pole mounting with a yoke

As an alternative to the top hat fitting, you can pole mount any BlacklineQ loudspeaker or column using a portrait yoke on a pole. This configuration allows you to adjust the tilt of the loudspeaker or column to improve coverage. In this configuration, the yoke sits below the speaker and connects to the top of the pole using the Martin Audio pole mount adaptor ASF20045.

For yoke mounting instructions, see [Portrait yoke mounting \(page 23\)](#).

Wall mounting

You can wall mount BlacklineQ loudspeakers and columns using optional accessory wall brackets. You can wall mount the loudspeakers Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15 in portrait or landscape orientation.

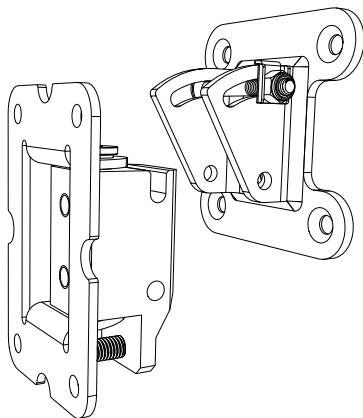


When mounting BlacklineQ loudspeakers in landscape, you must [rotate the horn \(page 12\)](#) to maintain the correct dispersion and performance.

You must only install Q44 and Q26 column speakers in portrait.

Each bracket consists of two parts:

- **Wall section** – this is rectangular and mounts to the wall.
- **Cabinet section** – this is roughly square and attaches to the loudspeaker.



During installation, a horizontal bolt on the cabinet section slots into a notch on the wall section. This clever design supports the weight of the loudspeaker while you secure the two sections of the bracket.

There are three sizes of wall bracket for BlacklineQ:

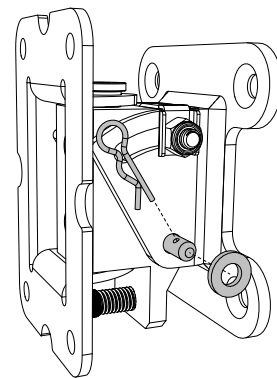
- [WB6/8 \(page 54\)](#) for Q8, Q26 and Q44.
- [WB10/12 \(page 55\)](#) for Q10 and Q12.
- [WB15 \(page 57\)](#) for Q15.

These brackets are similar, but the WB10/12 and WB15 models are larger and more robust to support the heavier Q10, Q12, and Q15 loudspeakers. The installation process is the same for all three bracket types.

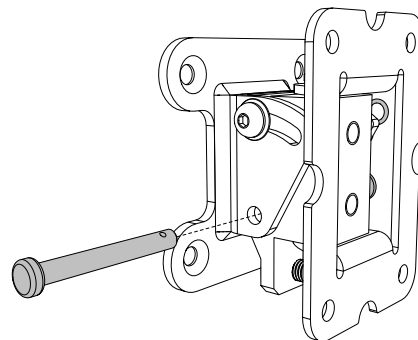
Each bracket provides tilt and pan adjustment for precise loudspeaker positioning. With WB6/8 and WB10/12, you can increase the available tilt and pan by using one, two or three spacers behind each wall bracket. For details of the angles available, see [BlacklineQ tilt and pan angles \(page 37\)](#). For details of the spacers, see [Wall bracket spacers \(page 56\)](#).

To wall mount BlacklineQ

1. Depending on your bracket type, the lower bolt will be secured either with an R-clip and washer (as shown below) or with a nut. Remove this fitting, but don't remove the upper nut and bolt in the curved slot.

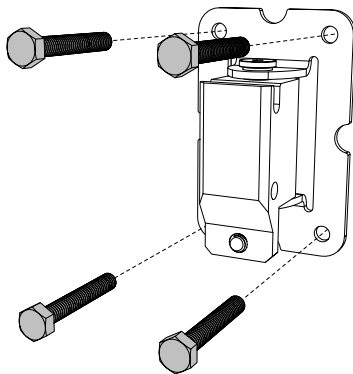


2. Remove the lower bolt.



3. Separate the two parts of the bracket.
4. Attach the wall section to the wall. Note that the wall section is rectangular while the cabinet section

is square. The grub screw needs to be at the bottom and the sideways notch at the top.



Make sure you use wall fixings that are appropriate for the wall material and the weight of the speaker.

Wall section mounting hole specifications:

- Q8, Q44 and Q26: wall section has four holes with a diameter of 7 mm (0.28 in).
 - Q10 and Q12: wall section has four holes with a diameter of 9 mm (0.35 in).
 - Q15: wall section has six holes with a diameter of 11 mm (0.43 in).
5. If you are installing in landscape, [rotate the horn \(page 12\)](#). For the column speakers, Q44 and Q26, you must install in portrait.
 6. Remove (and keep) four screws from the rear of the cabinet.
 - For Q8, Q44 and Q26, use a 4 mm hex key (H4).
 - For Q10, Q12 and Q15, use a 5 mm hex key (H5).

For Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15, there are six wall bracket screws:

- For portrait, remove the lower four screws, as this will allow you more downwards tilt of the speaker.
- For landscape, remove the four screws in the middle of the cabinet.

For Q44 and Q26, there are only four screws, so there is no choice of which screws to remove.

7. Attach the cabinet section of the bracket (the square section) to the speaker using the screws you removed from the cabinet. Make sure that the bolt part of the bracket is horizontal.

Torque: 5 Nm



Don't use the longer screws supplied with the wall bracket. These are for CDD-LIVE only.

8. As necessary, install a [secondary safety cable \(page 15\)](#).
9. Lift the speaker up to the bracket and hook the horizontal bolt into the notch of the wall section.
The bracket will now hold the speaker in place.



When working at height, you must use appropriate safety measures.
A scaffold tower or lifting platform will allow you to use both hands safely.

10. Replace the lower fastening. If it is a pin, fix it in place with the washer and R-clip. If it is a bolt, fix it in place with the nut.
11. Loosen the vertical bolt (using an M5 hex key) and adjust the speaker horizontally on this bolt.
12. Loosen the upper horizontal bolt.
13. Adjust the vertical position using the grub screw.
14. Connect the [loudspeaker cable \(page 11\)](#).
15. Check the coverage using an audio source and make final adjustments to the vertical and horizontal positions.
16. When you have found the best position, tighten the vertical and horizontal bolts.

Portrait yoke mounting

BlacklineQ yokes let you mount loudspeakers and columns in portrait orientation on ceilings, truss or scaffold bars. You can also mount BlacklineQ yokes on poles, allowing you to adjust the tilt of pole-mounted loudspeakers or columns for optimum coverage. For details, see [Pole mounting \(page 18\)](#).

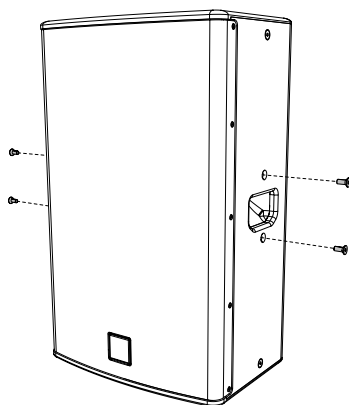
To mount yokes on truss or scaffolding you will also need a third-party truss clamp or other suitable hardware. Attach the BlacklineQ yoke to the hardware using the central 13 mm (0.51 in) hole and an M12 or 1/2 inch bolt (not supplied).

The yokes for the BlacklineQ loudspeakers are slightly different from the yokes for the columns, as explained in the sections below.

For technical details of the yokes, see [Technical details of accessories \(page 54\)](#).

To attach Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15 yokes

1. At the end of each yoke arm is a bracket with two holes. Arrange each bracket into a T shape, so that all four holes are visible.
2. Stand the cabinet on its base and unscrew two bolts from the middle of each side using a 5 mm hex key (H5).



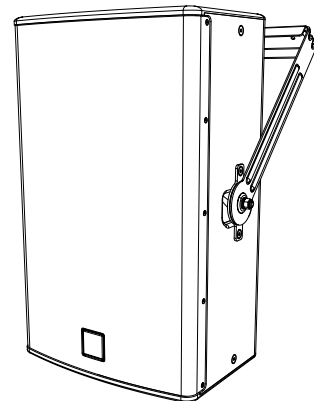
3. Attach the yoke using four bolts (torque 5 Nm).



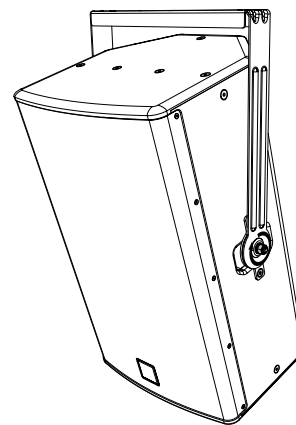
For permanent installation we recommend applying a thread-locking agent such as Loctite 243.

For Q8, Q10 and Q12, use the four bolts from the cabinet.

For Q15, use the longer bolts supplied with the yoke. The bolts in the side of the Q15 are shorter, so that they don't protrude into the handle space. These shorter bolts are unsuitable for attaching the Q15 yoke.



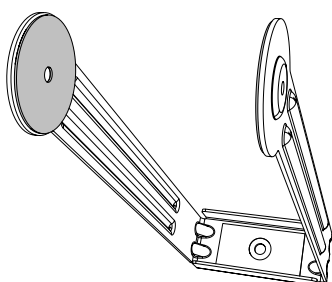
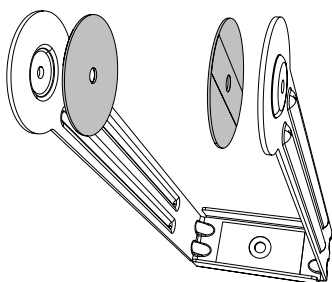
4. Loosen the two pivot bolts using a 17 mm spanner or socket wrench, set the desired yoke angle and then retighten the bolts (torque 5 Nm).



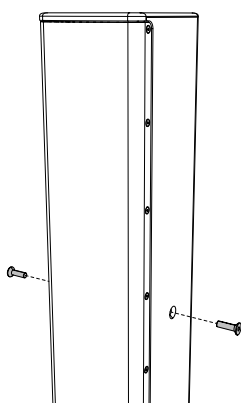
5. As necessary, install a [secondary safety cable \(page 15\)](#). Attach this cable to the cabinet and not the yoke.

To attach Q26 and Q44 yokes

1. The Q26 and Q44 yoke kits includes two round, self-adhesive pads. Peel off the backings and stick these pads to the inside faces of the yoke arms.



2. Remove the central bolt from each side of the cabinet using a 5 mm hex key (H5).

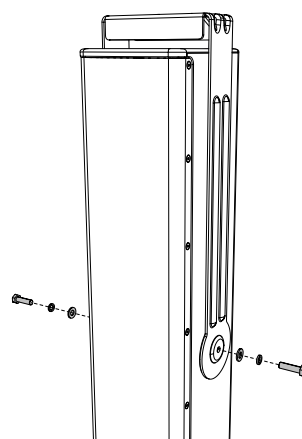


3. Attach the yoke to the cabinet using the fittings from the yoke kit and a 13 mm spanner or socket wrench.

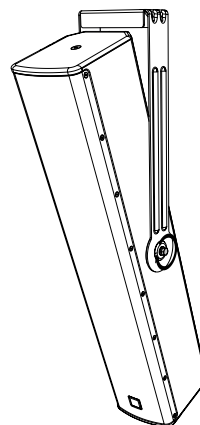
Order of fittings: yoke, flat washer, spring washer, bolt.



For permanent installation we recommend applying a thread-locking agent such as Loctite 243.



4. Set the desired yoke angle and tighten the bolts (torque 5 Nm).



5. As necessary, install a [secondary safety cable \(page 15\)](#). Attach this cable to the cabinet and not the yoke.

Flying with eye bolts

You can fly BlacklineQ speakers, columns and subwoofers using Martin Audio shouldered eye bolts (sometimes written as eyebolts) and steel rope or chains. This allows you to suspend individual speakers from suitable fixings in the ceiling or from trusses or scaffolding bars.

You can fly Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15 in portrait or landscape. For landscape, you must [rotate the horn \(page 12\)](#). The most common flying method is to use the two front positions on the top as the primary suspension points and an eye bolt at the rear to provide downward tilt.

The column speakers Q26 and Q44 are for portrait use only, so you must fly these in portrait. These speakers have one flying point in the top.



The rigging method and components must be suitable for both the weight of the speaker and the suspension points.

Eye bolt sizes

- Q8, Q10, Q12, Q15, Q26, Q44 and Q210
[M8 eye bolt HTKCT05 \(page 65\)](#)
- Q118 and Q218
[M10 eye bolt HTKCT06 \(page 65\)](#)



Don't use eye bolts from other manufacturers, as this could be dangerous.

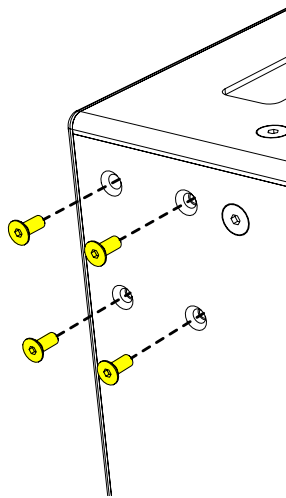
Forged-steel eye bolts available from DIY suppliers are **not** strong enough. Even cast or machined eye bolts rated for purpose can be unsuitable, as they can have wide shoulders that cause the bolt to tighten against the cabinet rather than the thread.

Fitting castors

To fit castors to the Q118 or Q218 you need an optional [WHEELKIT \(page 65\)](#) accessory. This is a set of four swivel castors along with all required bolts and washers.

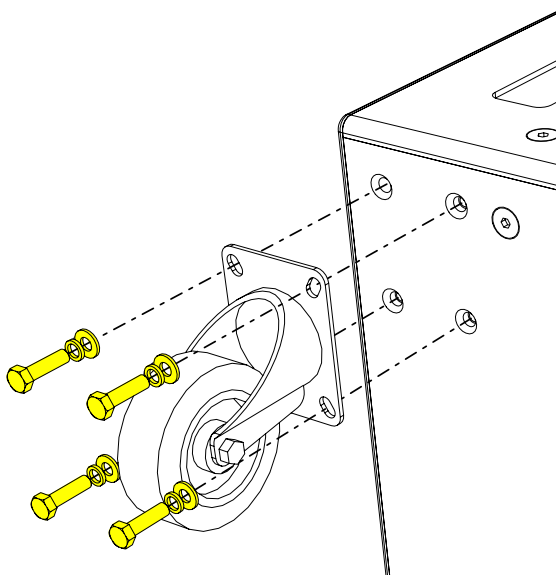
To fit castors

1. Remove the four sets of four M8 counter-sunk screws from the back of the Q118 or Q218.



2. Bolt each castor in place using the fittings from the kit.

Order of fittings: cabinet, castor, flat washer, spring washer, bolt.



Make sure you use the bolts from the kit. The screws from the cabinet aren't suitable.

Amplifiers

For a small BlacklineQ system, we recommend using Martin Audio VIA amplifiers. These provide efficient, high-quality amplification suitable for compact setups.

For larger systems, iKON amplifiers offer advanced processing and greater power handling, making them ideal for more demanding applications.

For recommended amplifiers, see [Recommended amplifiers \(page 28\)](#).

For details of amplifier compatibility, see [Amplifier compatibility \(page 29\)](#).

VIA amplifiers

We have four VIA amplifiers, two with two channels and two with four channels.

If you use VIA amplifiers, you also need a [system controller \(page 34\)](#).

Amplifier	Power output
VIA2004	4 x 500 W into 4 ohm
	4 x 250 W into 8 ohm
VIA2502	2 x 1,250 W into 2 ohm
	2 x 800 W into 4 ohm
	2 x 450 W into 8 ohm
	1 x 2,500 W bridged into 4 ohm
VIA5002	1 x 1,600 W bridged into 8 ohm
	2 x 2,500 W into 4 ohm
	2 x 1,600 W into 8 ohm
VIA5004	4 x 1,250 W into 2 ohm
	4 x 800 W into 4 ohm
	4 x 450 W into 8 ohm
	2 x 2,500 W bridged into 4 ohm
	2 x 1,600 W bridged into 8 ohm

For further details, visit martin-audio.com.

iKON amplifiers

We have three iKON amplifiers, two with four channels and one with eight channels.

The iKON amplifiers have on-board system processing, so you don't need a separate system controller.

Amplifier	Power output
iK41	4 x 1,500 W into 2 ohm
	4 x 1,500 W into 4 ohm
	4 x 750 W into 8 ohm
	4 x 325 W into 16 ohm
	2 x 3,000 W bridged into 4 ohm
	2 x 3,000 W bridged into 8 ohm
iK42	4 x 5,000 W into 2 ohm
	4 x 3,000 W into 4 ohm
	4 x 1,500 W into 8 ohm
	4 x 750 W into 16 ohm
	2 x 10,000 W bridged into 4 ohm
	2 x 6,000 W bridged into 8 ohm
iK81	8 x 1,250 W into 2 ohm
	8 x 1,250 W into 4 ohm
	8 x 1,250 W into 8 ohm
	8 x 625 W into 16 ohm
	4 x 2,500 W bridged into 4 ohm
	4 x 2,500 W bridged into 8 ohm

For further details, visit martin-audio.com.

Recommended amplifiers

	VIA2004	VIA2502	VIA5004	VIA5002	iK41	iK42	iK81
Q8	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Q10		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Q12		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Q15				Yes		Yes	Yes
Q26		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Q44	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Q210	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Q118				Yes		Yes	Yes
Q218				Yes		Yes	

For details of amplifier compatibility, see [Amplifier compatibility \(page 29\)](#).

Amplifier compatibility

Q8 amplifier compatibility

Amplifier	Channels	Channels used	One speaker per channel (8 ohm)	Two speakers per channel (4 ohm)	Three speakers per channel (2.67 ohm)	Four speakers per channel (2 ohm)
iK41	One channel	1 of 4	Yes	Yes	Yes	−0.3 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	NN	NN	NN	No
iK42	One channel	1 of 4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	NN	NN	NN	NN
iK81	One channel	1 of 8	Yes	Yes	Yes	−1.1 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 8	NN	NN	NN	No
VIA5004	One channel	1 of 4	Yes	Yes	−0.6 dB	−1.1 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	NN	NN	No	No
VIA2502	One channel	1 of 2	Yes	Yes	−0.6 dB	−1.1 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 2	NN	NN	No	No
VIA5002	One channel	1 of 2	Yes	Yes	No	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
VIA2004	One channel	1 of 4	−2.0 dB	−2.0 dB	No	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

For explanation, see [Amplifier compatibility legend \(page 33\)](#).

Q10 amplifier compatibility

Amplifier	Channels	Channels used	One speaker per channel (8 ohm)	Two speakers per channel (4 ohm)	Three speakers per channel (2.67 ohm)	Four speakers per channel (2 ohm)
iK41	One channel	1 of 4	Yes	Yes	Yes	−1.2 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	NN	NN	NN	No
iK42	One channel	1 of 4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	NN	NN	NN	NN
iK81	One channel	1 of 8	Yes	Yes	−0.8 dB	−2.0 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 8	NN	NN	No	No
VIA5004	One channel	1 of 4	−0.5 dB	−1.0 dB	−1.6 dB	−2.0 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	Yes	Yes	No	No
VIA2502	One channel	1 of 2	−0.5 dB	−1.0 dB	−1.6 dB	−2.0 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 2	Yes	Yes	No	No
VIA5002	One channel	1 of 2	Yes	Yes	No	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
VIA2004	One channel	1 of 4	−3.0 dB	−3.0 dB	No	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

For explanation, see [Amplifier compatibility legend \(page 33\)](#).

Q12 amplifier compatibility

Amplifier	Channels	Channels used	One speaker per channel (8 ohm)	Two speakers per channel (4 ohm)	Three speakers per channel (2.67 ohm)	Four speakers per channel (2 ohm)
iK41	One channel	1 of 4	Yes	Yes	−0.8 dB	−2.0 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	NN	NN	No	No
iK42	One channel	1 of 4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	NN	NN	NN	NN
iK81	One channel	1 of 8	Yes	Yes	−1.6 dB	−2.8 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 8	NN	NN	No	No
VIA5004	One channel	1 of 4	−1.2 dB	−1.8 dB	−2.4 dB	−2.8 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	Yes	Yes	No	No
VIA2502	One channel	1 of 2	−1.2 dB	−1.8 dB	−2.4 dB	−2.8 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 2	Yes	Yes	No	No
VIA5002	One channel	1 of 2	Yes	Yes	No	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
VIA2004	One channel	1 of 4	No	No	No	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

For explanation, see [Amplifier compatibility legend \(page 33\)](#).

Q15 amplifier compatibility

Amplifier	Channels	Channels used	One speaker per channel (8 ohm)	Two speakers per channel (4 ohm)	Three speakers per channel (2.67 ohm)	Four speakers per channel (2 ohm)
iK41	One channel	1 of 4	No	No	No	No
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	Yes	−0.3 dB	No	No
iK42	One channel	1 of 4	−0.3 dB	−0.3 dB	−0.7 dB	−1.1 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	Yes	Yes	No	No
iK81	One channel	1 of 8	−1.1 dB	No	No	No
	Two channels bridged	2 of 8	Yes	−1.1 dB	No	No
VIA5004	One channel	1 of 4	No	No	No	No
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	Yes	−1.1 dB	No	No
VIA2502	One channel	1 of 2	No	No	No	No
	Two channels bridged	2 of 2	Yes	−1.1 dB	No	No
VIA5002	One channel	1 of 2	Yes	−1.1 dB	No	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
VIA2004	One channel	1 of 4	No	No	No	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

For explanation, see [Amplifier compatibility legend \(page 33\)](#).

Q44 amplifier compatibility

Amplifier	Channels	Channels used	One speaker per channel (8 ohm)	Two speakers per channel (4 ohm)	Three speakers per channel (2.67 ohm)	Four speakers per channel (2 ohm)
iK41	One channel	1 of 4	Yes	Yes	Yes	−0.3 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	NN	NN	NN	No
iK42	One channel	1 of 4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	NN	NN	NN	NN
iK81	One channel	1 of 8	Yes	Yes	Yes	−1.1 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 8	NN	NN	NN	No
VIA5004	One channel	1 of 4	Yes	Yes	−0.6 dB	−1.1 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	NN	NN	No	No
VIA2502	One channel	1 of 2	Yes	Yes	−0.6 dB	−1.1 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 2	NN	NN	No	No
VIA5002	One channel	1 of 2	Yes	Yes	No	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
VIA2004	One channel	1 of 4	−2.0 dB	−2.0 dB	No	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

For explanation, see [Amplifier compatibility legend \(page 33\)](#).

You can run several Q44 in parallel, but there is no [link connection \(page 11\)](#).

Q26 amplifier compatibility

Amplifier	Channels	Channels used	One speaker per channel (8 ohm)	Two speakers per channel (4 ohm)	Three speakers per channel (2.67 ohm)	Four speakers per channel (2 ohm)
iK41	One channel	1 of 4	Yes	Yes	−0.8 dB	−2.0 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	NN	NN	No	No
iK42	One channel	1 of 4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	NN	NN	NN	NN
iK81	One channel	1 of 8	Yes	Yes	−1.6 dB	−2.8 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 8	NN	NN	No	No
VIA5004	One channel	1 of 4	−1.2 dB	−1.8 dB	−2.4 dB	−2.8 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	Yes	Yes	No	No
VIA2502	One channel	1 of 2	−1.2 dB	−1.8 dB	−2.4 dB	−2.8 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 2	Yes	Yes	No	No
VIA5002	One channel	1 of 2	Yes	Yes	No	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
VIA2004	One channel	1 of 4	No	No	No	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

For explanation, see [Amplifier compatibility legend \(page 33\)](#).

You can run several Q26 in parallel, but there is no [link connection \(page 11\)](#).

Q210 amplifier compatibility

Amplifier	Channels	Channels used	One speaker per channel (4 ohm)	Two speakers per channel (2 ohm)
iK41	One channel	1 of 4	Yes	–0.3 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	NN	No
iK42	One channel	1 of 4	Yes	Yes
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	NN	NN
iK81	One channel	1 of 8	Yes	–1.1 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 8	NN	No
VIA5004	One channel	1 of 4	Yes	–1.1 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	NN	No
VIA2502	One channel	1 of 2	Yes	–1.1 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 2	NN	No
VIA5002	One channel	1 of 2	Yes	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA
VIA2004	One channel	1 of 4	–2.0 dB	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA

For explanation, see [Amplifier compatibility legend \(page 33\)](#).

Q118 amplifier compatibility

Amplifier	Channels	Channels used	One speaker per channel (8 ohm)	Two speakers per channel (4 ohm)	Three speakers per channel (2.67 ohm)	Four speakers per channel (2 ohm)
iK41	One channel	1 of 4	No	No	No	No
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	Yes	–0.3 dB	No	No
iK42	One channel	1 of 4	–0.3 dB	–0.3 dB	–0.7 dB	–1.1 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	Yes	Yes	No	No
iK81	One channel	1 of 8	–1.1 dB	No	No	No
	Two channels bridged	2 of 8	Yes	–1.1 dB	No	No
VIA5004	One channel	1 of 4	No	No	No	No
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	Yes	–1.1 dB	No	No
VIA2502	One channel	1 of 2	No	No	No	No
	Two channels bridged	2 of 2	Yes	–1.1 dB	No	No
VIA5002	One channel	1 of 2	Yes	–1.1 dB	No	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
VIA2004	One channel	1 of 4	No	No	No	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

For explanation, see [Amplifier compatibility legend \(page 33\)](#).

Q218 amplifier compatibility

Amplifier	Channels	Channels used	One speaker per channel (4 ohm)	Two speakers per channel (2 ohm)
iK41	One channel	1 of 4	No	No
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	–0.3 dB	No
iK42	One channel	1 of 4	–0.3 dB	–1.1 dB
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	Yes	No
iK81	One channel	1 of 8	No	No
	Two channels bridged	2 of 8	–1.1 dB	No
VIA5004	One channel	1 of 4	No	No
	Two channels bridged	2 of 4	–1.1 dB	No
VIA2502	One channel	1 of 2	No	No
	Two channels bridged	2 of 2	–1.1 dB	No
VIA5002	One channel	1 of 2	–1.1 dB	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA
VIA2004	One channel	1 of 4	No	No
	Bridging not available	NA	NA	NA

For explanation, see [Amplifier compatibility legend \(page 33\)](#).

Amplifier compatibility legend

Yes	The amplifier channel can deliver the required power to achieve the full pink noise rated output of the loudspeaker, providing a reasonable amount of headroom for dynamic music content.
–1.0 dB	The amplifier channel provides sufficient power to meet the loudspeaker's RMS requirements (based on a 20 Hz – 20 kHz sine wave). However, it is unable to deliver the 6 dB peaks found in the AES pink noise test signal, which more accurately reflects the demands of dynamic music content. The table shows the shortfall in dynamic headroom, expressed in decibels.
No	The amplifier channel does not meet the loudspeaker's pink noise or RMS power requirements and is therefore not recommended. However, it may still be suitable if the application does not demand the full rated output of the loudspeaker.
NN	Not needed: channel bridging is unnecessary, as a single amplifier channel provides sufficient power to drive the speaker.
NA	Not available: channel bridging isn't available with this amplifier.

Note that it is far more likely that an underpowered amplifier will damage a loudspeaker than one with excess power. Modern limiters in speaker presets can safely manage the amplifier's output. However, driving a system into distortion due to an insufficiently powered amplifier can cause heat buildup and lead to voice coil burnout, which is the most common form of loudspeaker damage.

If you need assistance with system design, please contact [Technical Support \(page 67\)](#).

System controllers

If you use a VIA amplifier or a third-party amplifier, you will also need a system controller. We recommend the Martin Audio DX4.0, DX0.4 or DX0.6.

If you use an iKON amplifier (iK42, iK41 or iK81), you don't need a separate system controller because these amplifiers include on-board digital processing.

The following sections explain how to load our system controller and iKON presets and what to do if you are using a [third-party controller \(page 35\)](#).

For further details of our amplifiers and system controllers, visit martin-audio.com.

Loading DX4.0 and iKON presets

To load DX4.0 and iKON presets, use **Vu-Net**.

To download this software, visit martin-audio.com, select **Support > Software/Firmware** and then scroll to **VU-NET**. The following instructions assume that you are using version 2.3.5 or later.

To load DX4.0 and iKON presets

1. Start **VU-NET** by selecting **Start**  and typing **VU-NET** or by double-clicking the desktop shortcut.
2. Open a project by selecting **New project** or **Open project**.
3. Connect to your iKON or DX4.0 by clicking **Discover Devices** in the toolbar, or drag and drop an iK41, iK42, iK81 or DX4.0 from the menu on the left into the workspace.
4. Right-click the iKON or DX4.0 and select **Open Preset Manager**.
5. Select **BlacklineQ** and click **ADD**.
6. Select the appropriate model and preset. For details of the presets, see [BlacklineQ presets \(page 35\)](#).
7. Select the **Input Channel** and the **DSP Channel**.
8. For **Input EQ**, select **PRESERVE** to keep the existing user EQ on the selected DSP channel, or select **FLAT** to flatten it. For example, you might choose **PRESERVE** if you've already tuned the user EQ for the room. In most cases, we recommend selecting **FLAT** so you can start from a clean baseline.
9. Select **ADD**.
10. When you have finished setting up all channels, click **LOAD**.

For further details of **Vu-Net**, visit martin-audio.com, select **Support > Software/Firmware**, scroll to **VU-NET** and click **USER GUIDE**.

Loading DX0.4 and DX0.6 presets

To load BlacklineQ presets for DX0.4 and DX0.6 system controllers, use the **DX0.4 and DX0.6 Control Software**.

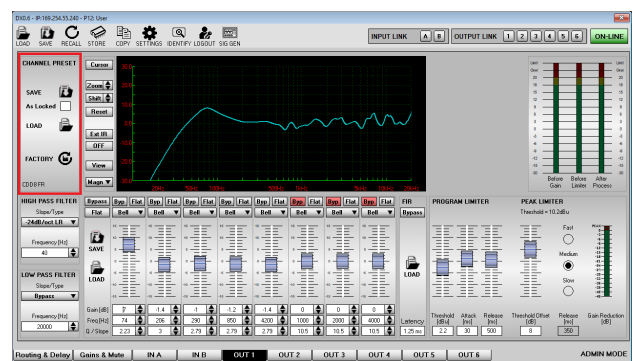
To download this software, visit martin-audio.com, select **Support > Software/Firmware** and scroll to **DX0.4 and DX0.6 Control Software**.

To load DX0.4 and DX0.6 presets

1. Start the **DX0.4 and DX0.6 Control Software** by selecting **Start**  and typing **DX Series** or by double-clicking the desktop shortcut.
2. Double-click the middle of a processor icon (shown below). This will load the processor window.



3. At the bottom of the processor window, click an output channel tab such as **OUT 1**.
4. In the **Channel Preset** section (highlighted in red in the screenshot below), click **LOAD**. Don't click the other **LOAD** button at top left of the processor window, as this is for loading all channels and settings for the processor.



5. Navigate to the folder you specified when you unzipped the control software. The presets are stored

in the folder **Output Channel Presets** with one subfolder for each speaker range.

If the **BlacklineQ** subfolder is missing, visit martin-audio.com and download and unzip the latest control software. Do the same if the preset names differ from those shown below.

For details of the BlacklineQ presets, see the next section.

For further details of the **DX0.4 and DX0.6 Control Software**, visit martin-audio.com, select **Support > Software/Firmware**, scroll to **DX0.4 and DX0.6 Control Software** and click **USER GUIDE**.

BlacklineQ presets

The BlacklineQ preset names are the same for iKON, DX4.0, DX0.4 and DX0.6. The BlacklineQ presets use IIR filters rather than FIR filters.

Each BlacklineQ loudspeaker (Q8, Q10, Q12 and Q15) has three presets:

- **Full range** – Select this when using the speaker without a subwoofer.
- **HP 80Hz** – Select this when using the speaker with a subwoofer. This includes an 80 Hz high-pass filter.
- **Monitor** – Select this when using the speaker as a stage monitor.

Each BlacklineQ column (Q44 and Q26) has two presets:

- **Full range** – Select this when using the column without a subwoofer.
- **HP 100Hz** – Select this when using the column with a subwoofer. This includes a 100 Hz high-pass filter.

Each BlacklineQ subwoofer (Q210, Q118 and Q218) has four presets:

- **80Hz** – Select this to match 80 Hz speaker presets (Q8, Q10, Q12 or Q15).
- **100Hz** – Select this to match 100 Hz speaker presets (Q26 or Q44).
- **Cardioid** – Select this for rear-facing subwoofers in a cardioid set up (preset not available for Q210).
- **Default** – Select this when using the subwoofer with legacy Martin Audio speakers or third-party speakers. This applies the generic parameters for the subwoofer.

Using third-party controllers

If you use a controller from another manufacturer, you need to configure settings such as crossovers, limiters

and equalisation points. You can find these settings in our **Loudspeaker parameter spreadsheet**, which we provide as a free download. For details of how to use the spreadsheet, read the instructions included in the spreadsheet or watch the video guide.

To download the loudspeaker parameter spreadsheet

1. Go to our website martin-audio.com.
2. Select **Support > Loudspeaker Settings**.
3. Scroll to **CURRENT-PRODUCT-PARAMETERS** and click **DOWNLOAD**.

To watch the video guide

1. Go to our website martin-audio.com.
2. Select **Support > Loudspeaker Settings**.
3. Scroll to **PARAMETER VIDEO** and click **VIDEO**.

System design

To design your system and decide on the best positions for speakers and subs, we recommend Martin Audio **Display 3** software, which we provide as a free download from our website.

Display 3 allows you to model your space and experiment with various system configurations and speaker positions. Display 3 predicts the performance of your experimental configurations, allowing you to optimise the performance of your system at the design stage.

To download Display 3

1. Visit our website martin-audio.com.
2. Select **Support > Software/Firmware**.
3. Scroll to **Display 3** and click **Download**.

EASE files

You can model BlacklineQ in **EASE** by downloading a ZIP file of high-resolution GLL files, available as a free download from our website. BlacklineQ is not supported in **EASE Focus**, the free version of **EASE**.

Note that we recommend using **Display 3** rather than **EASE**.

To download the GLL files

1. Visit our website martin-audio.com.
2. Select **Support > GLL and CLF Data**.
3. Scroll to **BlacklineQ series** and click **Download**.

3D SketchUp files

You can model BlacklineQ in **SketchUp** by downloading the 3D SketchUp files, available as free downloads from our website.

To download 3D SketchUp files

1. Visit our website martin-audio.com.
2. Select **Products > Product List** and click on the appropriate speaker.
3. Select the **Technical drawings & 3D models** section and click **SKP-BLACK** or **SKP-WHITE**.
4. To download SketchUp files for accessories, select the **Accessories** section and click **SKP-B** or **SKP-W**.

DWG files

You can view BlacklineQ technical drawings in CAD software such as AutoCAD by downloading the DWG files. These files are available as free downloads from our website. For example, you can use CAD software to measure distances between flying points on cabinets.

To download DWG files

1. Visit our website martin-audio.com.
2. Select **Products > Product List** and click on the appropriate speaker.
3. Select the **Technical drawings & 3D models** section and click **DWG**.
4. For DWG files for accessories, select the **Accessories** section and click **DWG**.

BlacklineQ tilt and pan angles

With BlacklineQ on [yokes \(page 23\)](#), you can achieve any tilt or pan angle. Set the pan angle during installation, then adjust the speaker to any required tilt angle.

With BlacklineQ on [wall brackets \(page 21\)](#), the available tilt and pan angles depend on the speaker model and the orientation, as shown in the tables below.

With the latest version of the wall brackets for all BlacklineQ speakers except the Q15, you can increase the maximum tilt and pan angles using a [wall spacer accessory kit \(page 56\)](#).

The tilt values shown below are the maximum angles at zero pan, and the pan values are the maximum angles at zero tilt. Increasing the tilt angle may reduce the available pan, and increasing the pan angle may reduce the available tilt.

Because the BlacklineQ speakers are symmetrical, the left and right pan values are the same. We show both values for completeness.

Q8 with wall bracket

Q8 uses [wall bracket WB6/8 \(page 54\)](#).

		No spacers	1 spacer	2 spacers	3 spacers
Portrait	Down tilt	0 to 18°	0 to 22°	0 to 26°	0 to 30°
	Up tilt	0°	0°	0°	0°
	Left pan	0 to 48°	0 to 52°	0 to 56°	0 to 60°
	Right pan	0 to 48°	0 to 52°	0 to 56°	0 to 60°
Landscape	Down tilt	0 to 30°	0 to 30°	0 to 30°	0 to 30°
	Up tilt	0°	0°	0°	0°
	Left pan	0 to 12°	0 to 14°	0 to 16°	0 to 20°
	Right pan	0 to 12°	0 to 14°	0 to 16°	0 to 20°

Q10 with wall bracket

Q10 uses [wall bracket WB10/12 \(page 55\)](#).

		No spacers	1 spacer	2 spacers	3 spacers
Portrait	Down tilt	0 to 28°	0 to 30°	0 to 30°	0 to 30°
	Up tilt	0°	0°	0°	0°
	Left pan	0 to 48°	0 to 50°	0 to 54°	0 to 58°
	Right pan	0 to 48°	0 to 50°	0 to 54°	0 to 58°
Landscape	Down tilt	0 to 30°	0 to 30°	0 to 30°	0 to 30°
	Up tilt	0°	0°	0°	0°
	Left pan	0 to 14°	0 to 16°	0 to 20°	0 to 22°
	Right pan	0 to 14°	0 to 16°	0 to 20°	0 to 22°

Q12 with wall bracket

Q12 uses [wall bracket WB10/12 \(page 55\)](#).

		No spacers	1 spacer	2 spacers	3 spacers
Portrait	Down tilt	0 to 22°	0 to 26°	0 to 30°	0 to 30°
	Up tilt	0°	0°	0°	0°
	Left pan	0 to 44°	0 to 46°	0 to 50°	0 to 52°
	Right pan	0 to 44°	0 to 46°	0 to 50°	0 to 52°
Landscape	Down tilt	0 to 30°	0 to 30°	0 to 30°	0 to 30°
	Up tilt	0°	0°	0°	0°
	Left pan	0 to 14°	0 to 16°	0 to 18°	0 to 20°
	Right pan	0 to 14°	0 to 16°	0 to 18°	0 to 20°

Q15 with wall bracket

Q15 uses [wall bracket WB15 \(page 57\)](#). No spacers are available for this wall bracket.

		No spacers
Portrait	Down tilt	0 to 30°
	Up tilt	0°
	Left pan	0 to 50°
	Right pan	0 to 50°
Landscape	Down tilt	0 to 30°
	Up tilt	0°
	Left pan	0 to 18°
	Right pan	0 to 18°

Q26 with wall bracket

Q26 uses [wall bracket WB6/8 \(page 54\)](#). Q26 can only be used in portrait.

		No spacers	1 spacer	2 spacers	3 spacers
Portrait	Down tilt	0 to 16°	0 to 20°	0 to 24°	0 to 26°
	Up tilt	0°	0°	0°	0°
	Left pan	0 to 46°	0 to 50°	0 to 56°	0 to 60°
	Right pan	0 to 46°	0 to 50°	0 to 56°	0 to 60°

Q44 with wall bracket

Q44 uses [wall bracket WB6/8 \(page 54\)](#). Q44 can only be used in portrait.

		No spacers	1 spacer	2 spacers	3 spacers
Portrait	Down tilt	0 to 30°	0 to 30°	0 to 30°	0 to 30°
	Up tilt	0°	0°	0°	0°
	Left pan	0 to 50°	0 to 56°	0 to 64°	0 to 70°
	Right pan	0 to 50°	0 to 56°	0 to 64°	0 to 70°

Specifications

Q8 specification

Type	Ultra-compact, passive two-way loudspeaker
Frequency response ¹	67 Hz – 17 kHz $\pm$ 3 dB, –10 dB @ 51 Hz
Driver (LF)	8" (200 mm) with 2" (50 mm) voice coil, ferrite motor system
Driver (HF)	1" (25 mm) exit compression driver with 1" (25 mm) voice coil, PETP dome
Rated power ²	200 W AES, 800 W peak
Recommended electronics	DX0.4, DX0.6 or DX4.0 system processor and VIA amplifier, or iKON amplifier-processor
Sensitivity ³	92 dB
Maximum SPL ^{2,3}	115 dB continuous, 121 dB peak, 127 dB peak with crest factor 4
Nominal impedance	8 ohm
Dispersion ⁴	Horizontal: 90° on axis, 110° at 15° below axis Vertical: 50° total (+20° / –30°) User-rotatable Differential Dispersion horn
Crossover	3 kHz passive
Enclosure	Symmetrical multi-angle plywood
Finish	Black (RAL 9005) textured paint
Protective grille	Black perforated steel grille with scrim cloth backing
Connectors	2 x NL4 connectors: input and link
Pin connections (input)	1+/1–
Pin connections (link)	1+/1– linked to 1+/1– 2+/2– linked to 2+/2–
Fittings	15 x M8 inserts: 3 on top, 3 on bottom, 4 on left, 4 on right, 1 on rear 6 x M6 inserts on rear for wall bracket 1 x pocket handle with recycled ABS pocket Pole-mount socket with removable cover
IP rating	IP22 in portrait
Dimensions	(W) 236 mm x (H) 500 mm x (D) 250 mm (W) 9.3 in x (H) 19.7 in x (D) 9.8 in
Weight	10.1 kg (22.3 lbs)
Accessories (optional)	Wall bracket WB6/8B (page 54) Wall bracket spacers SP6/8-B (page 56) M8 eye bolt HTKCT05 (page 65) Portrait yoke Q8YP-B (page 58) Transit cover Q8TC

¹On-axis in open space (4 pi) with full-range preset.

²Tested for 2 hours with band-limited pink noise as specified in AES2-1984 (r2003). Peak power defined as 6 dB above AES power.

³In open space (4 pi) at 1 m with 1 watt input, measured in the 2 pi (baffle) region.

⁴In open space (4 pi) at 2 m to –6 dB.

Q10 specification

Type	Compact, passive two-way loudspeaker
Frequency response ¹	63 Hz – 17 kHz $\pm$ 3 dB, –10 dB @ 48 Hz
Driver (LF)	10" (250 mm) with 2.5" (63 mm) voice coil, ferrite motor system
Driver (HF)	1" (25 mm) exit compression driver with 1.4" (36 mm) voice coil, polyimide dome
Rated power ²	250 W AES, 1000 W peak
Recommended electronics	DX0.4, DX0.6 or DX4.0 system processor and VIA amplifier, or iKON amplifier-processor
Sensitivity ³	95 dB
Maximum SPL ^{2,3}	119 dB continuous, 125 dB peak, 131 dB peak with crest factor 4
Nominal impedance	8 ohm
Dispersion ⁴	Horizontal: 90° on axis, 110° at 15° below axis Vertical: 50° total (+20° / –30°) User-rotatable Differential Dispersion horn
Crossover	3 kHz passive
Enclosure	Symmetrical multi-angle plywood
Finish	Black (RAL 9005) textured paint
Protective grille	Black perforated steel grille with scrim cloth backing
Connectors	2 x NL4 connectors: input and link
Pin connections (input)	1+/1–
Pin connections (link)	1+/1– linked to 1+/1– 2+/2– linked to 2+/2–
Fittings	15 x M8 inserts: 3 on top, 3 on bottom, 4 on left, 4 on right, 1 on rear 6 x M8 inserts on rear for wall bracket 1 x bar handle with recycled ABS pocket Pole-mount socket with removable cover
IP rating	IP22 in portrait
Dimensions	(W) 300 mm x (H) 545 mm x (D) 310 mm (W) 11.8 in x (H) 21.5 in x (D) 12.2 in
Weight	15.3 kg (33.7 lbs)
Accessories (optional)	Wall bracket WB10/12B (page 55) Wall bracket spacers SP10/12-B (page 56) M8 eye bolt HTKCT05 (page 65) Portrait yoke Q10YP-B (page 59) Transit cover Q10TC

¹On-axis in open space (4 pi) with full-range preset.

²Tested for 2 hours with band-limited pink noise as specified in AES2-1984 (r2003). Peak power defined as 6 dB above AES power.

³In open space (4 pi) at 1 m with 1 watt input, measured in the 2 pi (baffle) region.

⁴In open space (4 pi) at 2 m to –6 dB.

Q12 specification

Type	Compact, passive two-way loudspeaker
Frequency response ¹	56 Hz – 17 kHz $\pm$ 3 dB, –10 dB @ 45 Hz
Driver (LF)	12" (300 mm) with 2.5" (63 mm) voice coil, ferrite motor system
Driver (HF)	1" (25 mm) exit compression driver with 1.7" (43 mm) voice coil, polyimide dome
Rated power ²	300 W AES, 1200 W peak
Recommended electronics	DX0.4, DX0.6 or DX4.0 system processor and VIA amplifier, or iKON amplifier-processor
Sensitivity ³	96.5 dB
Maximum SPL ^{2,3}	121 dB continuous, 127 dB peak, 133 dB peak with crest factor 4
Nominal impedance	8 ohm
Dispersion ⁴	Horizontal: 90° on axis, 110° at 15° below axis Vertical: 50° total (+20° / –30°) User-rotatable Differential Dispersion horn
Crossover	2.7 kHz passive
Enclosure	Symmetrical multi-angle plywood
Finish	Black (RAL 9005) textured paint
Protective grille	Black perforated steel grille with scrim cloth backing
Connectors	2 x NL4 connectors: input and link
Pin connections (input)	1+/1–
Pin connections (link)	1+/1– linked to 1+/1– 2+/2– linked to 2+/2–
Fittings	16 x M8 inserts: 4 on top, 3 on bottom, 4 on left, 4 on right, 1 on rear 6 x M8 inserts on rear for wall bracket 1 x bar handle with recycled ABS pocket Pole-mount socket with removable cover
IP rating	IP22 in portrait
Dimensions	(W) 358 mm x (H) 600 mm x (D) 321 mm (W) 14.1 in x (H) 23.6 in x (D) 12.7 in
Weight	18.4 kg (40.6 lbs)
Accessories (optional)	Wall bracket WB10/12B (page 55) Wall bracket spacers SP10/12-B (page 56) M8 eye bolt HTKCT05 (page 65) Portrait yoke Q12YP-B (page 60) Transit cover Q12TC

¹On-axis in open space (4 pi) with full-range preset.

²Tested for 2 hours with band-limited pink noise as specified in AES2-1984 (r2003). Peak power defined as 6 dB above AES power.

³In open space (4 pi) at 1 m with 1 watt input, measured in the 2 pi (baffle) region.

⁴In open space (4 pi) at 2 m to –6 dB.

Q15 specification

Type	Passive two-way loudspeaker
Frequency response ¹	51 Hz – 17 kHz $\pm$ 3 dB, –10 dB @ 41 Hz
Driver (LF)	15" (380 mm) with 4" (100 mm) voice coil, ferrite motor system
Driver (HF)	1.4" (35 mm) exit compression driver with 3" (75 mm) voice coil
Rated power ²	800 W AES, 3200 W peak
Recommended electronics	DX0.4, DX0.6 or DX4.0 system processor and VIA amplifier, or iKON amplifier-processor
Sensitivity ³	98 dB
Maximum SPL ^{2,3}	127 dB continuous, 133 dB peak, 139 dB peak with crest factor 4
Nominal impedance	8 ohm
Dispersion ⁴	Horizontal: 70° on axis, 90° at 15° below axis Vertical: 50° total (+20° / –30°) User-rotatable Differential Dispersion horn
Crossover	1.5 kHz passive
Enclosure	Symmetrical multi-angle plywood
Finish	Black (RAL 9005) textured paint
Protective grille	Black perforated steel grille with scrim cloth backing
Connectors	2 x NL4 connectors: input and link
Pin connections (input)	1+/1–
Pin connections (link)	1+/1– linked to 1+/1– 2+/2– linked to 2+/2–
Fittings	18 x M8 inserts: 5 on top, 3 on bottom, 4 on left, 4 on right, 2 on rear 6 x M8 inserts on rear for wall bracket 2 x pocket handles made from recycled ABS Pole-mount socket with removable cover
IP rating	IP22 in portrait
Dimensions	(W) 420 mm x (H) 695 mm x (D) 400 mm (W) 16.5 in x (H) 27.4 in x (D) 15.8 in
Weight	33.8 kg (74.6 lbs)
Accessories (optional)	Wall bracket WB15B (page 57) M8 eye bolt HTKCT05 (page 65) Portrait yoke Q15YP-B (page 61) Transit cover Q15TC

¹On-axis in open space (4 pi) with full-range preset.

²Tested for 2 hours with band-limited pink noise as specified in AES2-1984 (r2003). Peak power defined as 6 dB above AES power.

³In open space (4 pi) at 1 m with 1 watt input, measured in the 2 pi (baffle) region.

⁴In open space (4 pi) at 2 m to –6 dB.

Q44 specification

Type	Passive two-way compact column loudspeaker
Frequency response ¹	82 Hz – 17 kHz $\pm$ 3 dB, –10 dB @ 63 Hz
Driver (LF)	Four 4" (100 mm) with 1" (25 mm) voice coil, ferrite motor system
Driver (HF)	1" (25 mm) exit compression driver with 1" (25 mm) voice coil, PETP dome
Rated power ²	200 W AES, 800 W peak
Recommended electronics	DX0.4, DX0.6 or DX4.0 system processor and VIA amplifier, or iKON amplifier-processor
Sensitivity ³	90 dB
Maximum SPL ^{2,3}	113 dB continuous, 119 dB peak, 125 dB peak with crest factor 4
Nominal impedance	8 ohm
Dispersion ⁴	Horizontal: 100° on axis, 120° at 15° below axis Vertical: 40° total (+15° / –25°)
Crossover	2.4 kHz passive
Enclosure	Durable plywood
Finish	Black (RAL 9005) or white (RAL 9016) textured paint
Protective grille	Black or white perforated steel grille with scrim cloth backing
Connectors	1 x NL4 connector
Pin connections	1+/1–
Fittings	3 x M8 inserts: 1 on top, 1 on left, 1 on right 1 x M6 insert on rear 4 x M6 inserts on rear for wall bracket 1 x pocket handle made from recycled ABS Pole-mount socket with removable cover
IP rating	IP22 in portrait
Dimensions	(W) 150 mm x (H) 800 mm x (D) 187 mm (W) 5.9 in x (H) 31.5 in x (D) 7.3 in
Weight	7.5 kg (16.5 lbs)
Accessories (optional)	Wall bracket in black (WB6/8B) or white (WB6/8W) (page 54) Wall bracket spacers in black (SP6/8-B) or white (SP6/8-W) (page 56) M8 eye bolt HTKCT05 (page 65) Portrait yoke in black (Q44YP-B) or white (Q44YP-W) (page 63) Transit bag Q44BAG

¹On-axis in open space (4 pi) with full-range preset.

²Tested for 2 hours with band-limited pink noise as specified in AES2-1984 (r2003). Peak power defined as 6 dB above AES power.

³In open space (4 pi) at 1 m with 1 watt input, measured in the 2 pi (baffle) region.

⁴In open space (4 pi) at 2 m to –6 dB.

Q26 specification

Type	Passive two-way compact column loudspeaker
Frequency response ¹	69 Hz – 17 kHz $\pm$ 3 dB, –10 dB @ 53 Hz
Driver (LF)	Dual 6" (150 mm) with 1.5" (38 mm) voice coil, ferrite motor system
Driver (HF)	1" (25 mm) exit compression driver with 1" (25 mm) voice coil, PETP dome
Rated power ²	300 W AES, 1200 W peak
Recommended electronics	DX0.4, DX0.6 or DX4.0 system processor and VIA amplifier, or iKON amplifier-processor
Sensitivity ³	94 dB
Maximum SPL ^{2,3}	119 dB continuous, 125 dB peak, 131 dB peak with crest factor 4
Nominal impedance	8 ohm
Dispersion ⁴	Horizontal: 100° on axis, 120° at 15° below axis Vertical: 40° total (+15° / –25°)
Crossover	2.4 kHz passive
Enclosure	Durable plywood
Finish	Black (RAL 9005) or white (RAL 9016) textured paint
Protective grille	Black or white perforated steel grille with scrim cloth backing
Connectors	1 x NL4 connector
Pin connections	1+/1–
Fittings	3 x M8 inserts: 1 on top, 1 on left, 1 on right 1 x M6 insert on rear 4 x M6 inserts on rear for wall bracket 1 x pocket handle made from recycled ABS Pole-mount socket with removable cover
IP rating	IP22 in portrait
Dimensions	(W) 193 mm x (H) 670 mm x (D) 218 mm (W) 7.6 in x (H) 26.4 in x (D) 8.6 in
Weight	9.5 kg (20.9 lbs)
Accessories (optional)	Wall bracket in black (WB6/8B) or white (WB6/8W) (page 54) Wall bracket spacers in black (SP6/8-B) or white (SP6/8-W) (page 56) M8 eye bolt HTKCT05 (page 65) Portrait yoke in black (Q26YP-B) or white (Q26YP-W) (page 62) Transit bag Q26BAG

¹On-axis in open space (4 pi) with full-range preset.

²Tested for 2 hours with band-limited pink noise as specified in AES2-1984 (r2003). Peak power defined as 6 dB above AES power.

³In open space (4 pi) at 1 m with 1 watt input, measured in the 2 pi (baffle) region.

⁴In open space (4 pi) at 2 m to –6 dB.

Q210 specification

Type	Slimline, dual 10" driver subwoofer
Frequency response ¹	49 Hz – 100 Hz $\pm$ 3 dB, –10 dB @ 41 Hz
Driver	10" (250 mm) with 2" (50 mm) long excursion voice coil, ferrite motor system
Rated power ²	400 W AES, 1600 W peak
Recommended electronics	DX0.4, DX0.6 or DX4.0 system processor and VIA amplifier, or iKON amplifier-processor
Sensitivity ³	101 dB
Maximum SPL ^{2,3}	127 dB continuous, 133 dB peak, 139 dB peak with crest factor 4
Nominal impedance	4 ohm
Dispersion	Omnidirectional
Crossover	Not applicable
Enclosure	Durable plywood
Finish	Black (RAL 9005) or white (RAL 9016) textured paint
Protective grille	Black or white perforated steel grille with scrim cloth backing
Connectors	3 x NL4 connectors: 2 at bottom rear (input and link A), 1 at top rear (link B)
Pin connections (input)	1+/1–
Pin connections (link A)	1+/1– linked to 1+/1– 2+/2– linked to 2+/2–
Pin connections (link B)	1+/1– cross linked to 2+/2– 2+/2– not used
Fittings	16 x M8 inserts: 2 on top, 2 on bottom, 4 on left, 4 on right, 4 on rear 2 x bar handles with recycled ABS pockets, 1 at rear top, 1 at rear bottom M20 top-mounted thread plate for pole mounting 4 x skids on base 4 x skids on right side, 4 x recesses on left side: for stacking horizontally
IP rating	IP2X in landscape or portrait
Dimensions	(W) 296 mm x (H) 724 mm x (D) 462 mm (W) 11.7 in x (H) 28.5 in x (D) 18.2 in
Weight	22.4 kg (49.4 lbs)
Accessories (optional)	M8 eye bolt HTKCT05 (page 65) Wind-up telescopic pole ASF20071 (page 65) Q210 stability base Q210OUTRIG (page 64) Transit cover Q210TC

¹On-axis in open space (4 pi) with full-range preset.

²Tested for 2 hours with band-limited pink noise as specified in AES2-1984 (r2003). Peak power defined as 6 dB above AES power.

³In half space (2 pi) at 1m with 1 watt input.

Q118 specification

Type	Compact, high-performance 18" subwoofer
Frequency response ¹	38 Hz – 100 Hz $\pm$ 3 dB, –10 dB @ 31 Hz
Driver	18" (460 mm) with 4" (100 mm) long excursion voice coil, ferrite motor system
Rated power ²	800 W AES, 3200 W peak
Recommended electronics	DX0.4, DX0.6 or DX4.0 system processor and VIA amplifier, or iKON amplifier-processor
Sensitivity ³	101 dB
Maximum SPL ^{2,3}	130 dB continuous, 136 dB peak, 142 dB peak with crest factor 4
Nominal impedance	8 ohm
Dispersion	Omnidirectional
Crossover	Not applicable
Enclosure	Durable plywood
Finish	Black (RAL 9005) textured paint
Protective grille	Black perforated steel grille with scrim cloth backing
Connectors	3 x NL4 connectors: 2 at bottom rear (input and link A), 1 at top rear (link B)
Pin connections (input)	1+/1–
Pin connections (link A)	1+/1– linked to 1+/1– 2+/2– linked to 2+/2–
Pin connections (link B)	1+/1– cross linked to 2+/2– 2+/2– not used
Fittings	16 x M10 inserts: 3 on top, 3 on bottom, 3 on left, 3 on right, 4 on rear 16 x M8 inserts on rear for optional castors 2 x bar handles with recycled ABS pockets, 1 on each side M20 top-mounted thread plate for pole mounting 4 x skids on base, 4 x recesses on top: for stacking vertically
IP rating	IP2X in landscape or portrait
Dimensions	(W) 530 mm x (H) 606 mm x (D) 690 mm (W) 20.9 in x (H) 23.9 in x (D) 27.2 in
Weight	45.5 kg (100.3 lbs)
Accessories (optional)	Set of four castors WHEELKIT (page 65) M10 eye bolts HTKCT06 (page 65) Wind-up telescopic pole ASF20071 (page 65) Transit cover Q118TC

¹On-axis in open space (4 pi) with full-range preset.

²Tested for 2 hours with band-limited pink noise as specified in AES2-1984 (r2003). Peak power defined as 6 dB above AES power.

³In half space (2 pi) at 1m with 1 watt input.

Q218 specification

Type	High-performance, dual 18" driver subwoofer
Frequency response ¹	38 Hz – 100 Hz $\pm$ 3 dB, –10 dB @ 31 Hz
Driver	2 x 18" (460 mm) with 4" (100 mm) long excursion voice coil, ferrite motor system
Rated power ²	1600 W AES, 6400 W peak
Recommended electronics	DX0.4, DX0.6 or DX4.0 system processor and VIA amplifier, or iKON amplifier-processor
Sensitivity ³	104 dB
Maximum SPL ^{2,3}	136 dB continuous, 142 dB peak, 148 dB peak with crest factor 4
Nominal impedance	4 ohm
Dispersion	Omnidirectional
Crossover	Not applicable
Enclosure	Durable plywood
Finish	Black (RAL 9005) textured paint
Protective grille	Black perforated steel grille with scrim cloth backing
Connectors	3 x NL4 connectors: 2 at bottom rear (input and link A), 1 at top rear (link B)
Pin connections (input)	1+/1–
Pin connections (link A)	1+/1– linked to 1+/1– 2+/2– linked to 2+/2–
Pin connections (link B)	1+/1– cross linked to 2+/2– 2+/2– not used
Fittings	24 x M10 inserts: 4 on top, 4 on bottom, 6 on left, 6 on right, 4 on rear 16 x M8 inserts on rear for optional castors 4 x bar handles with recycled ABS pockets: 2 on top, 2 on bottom M20 top-mounted thread plate for pole mounting 4 x skids on base: for standing vertically 4 x skids on right side, 4 x recesses on left side: for stacking horizontally
IP rating	IP2X in landscape or portrait
Dimensions	(W) 536 mm x (H) 1206 mm x (D) 690 mm (W) 21.1 in x (H) 47.5 in x (D) 27.2 in
Weight	82.5 kg (181.9 lbs)
Accessories (optional)	Set of four castors WHEELKIT (page 65) M10 eye bolts HTKCT06 (page 65) Wind-up telescopic pole ASF20071 (page 65) Transit cover Q218TC

¹On-axis in open space (4 pi) with full-range preset.

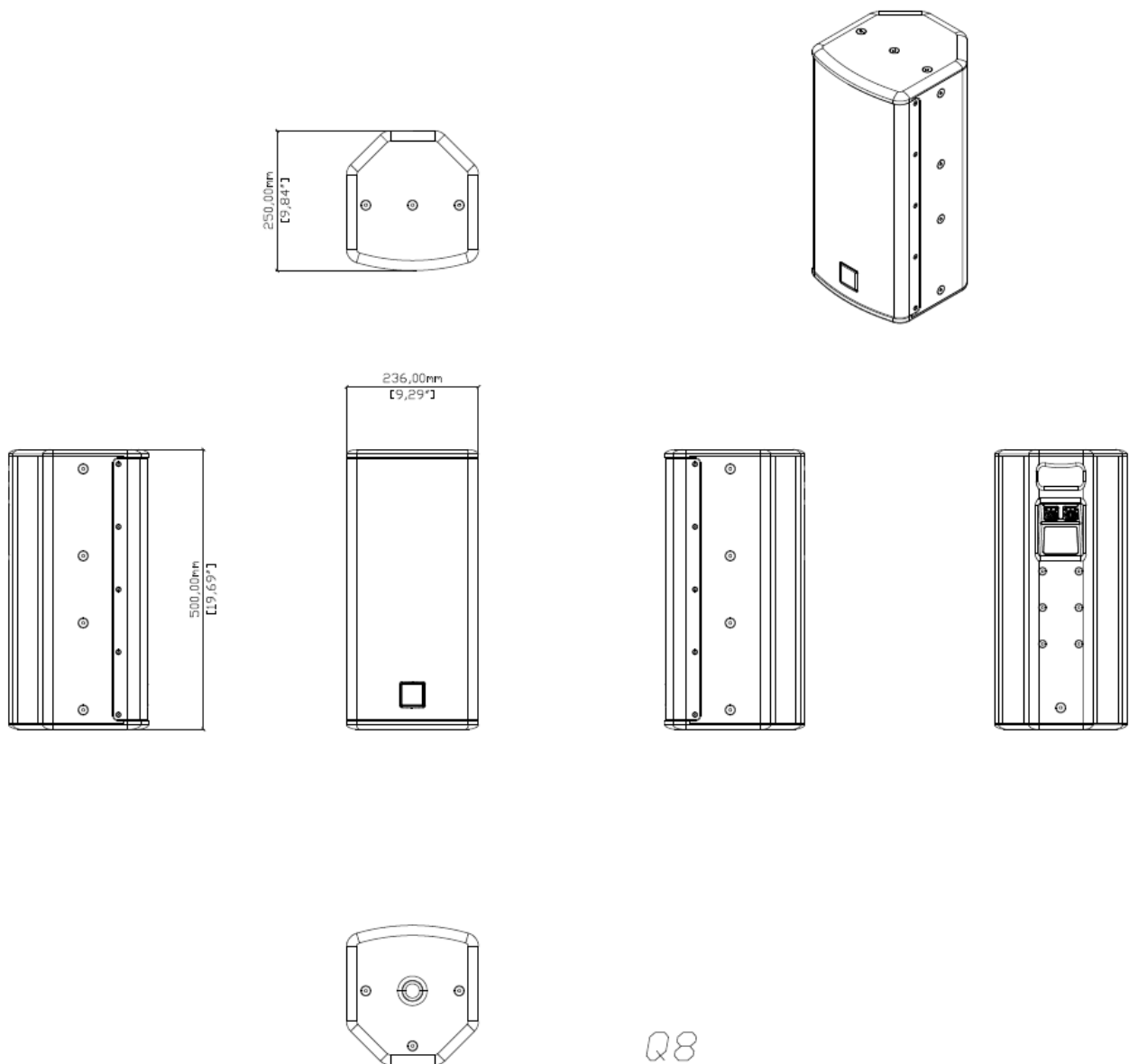
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Technical drawings

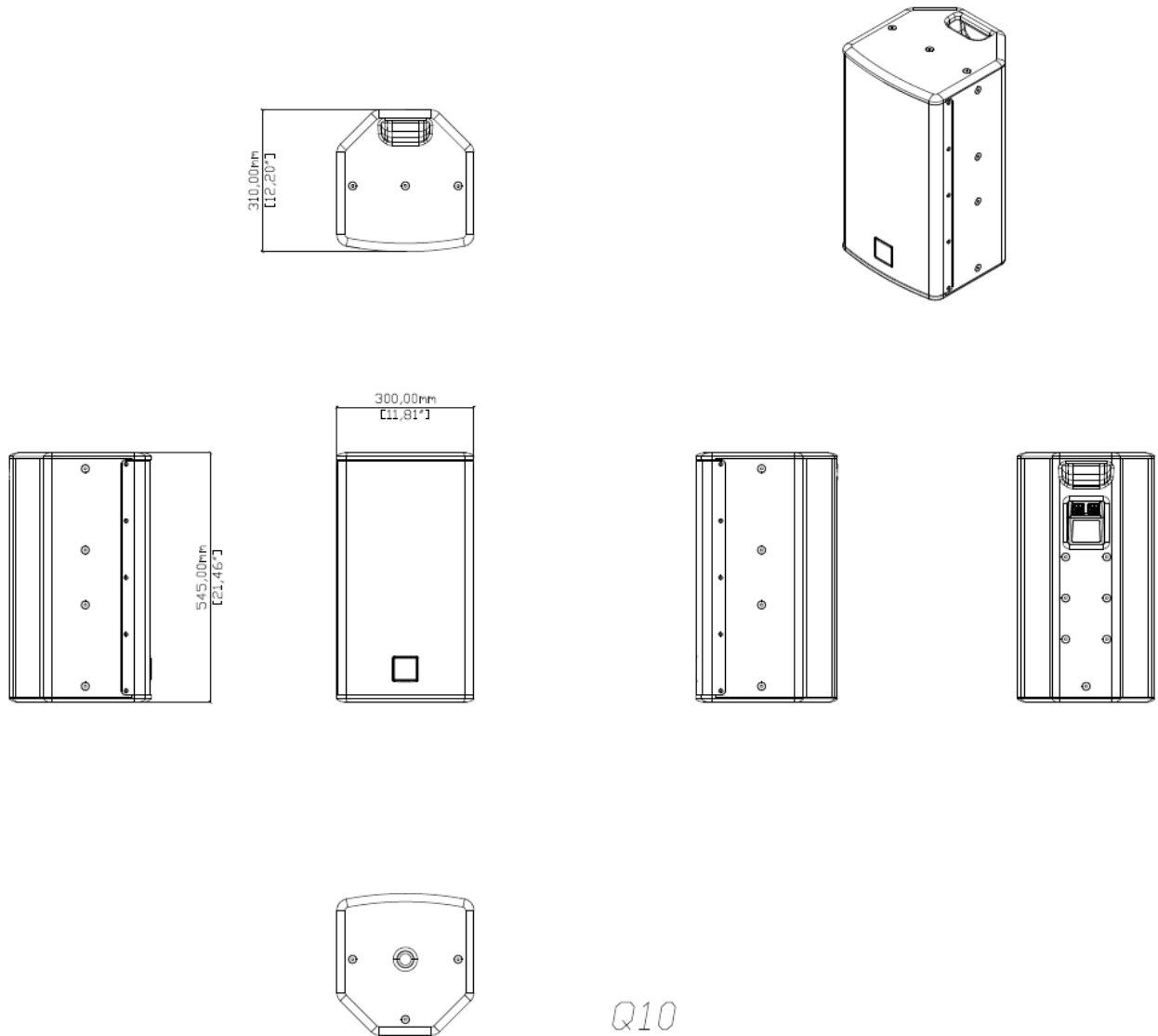
Q8 technical drawing

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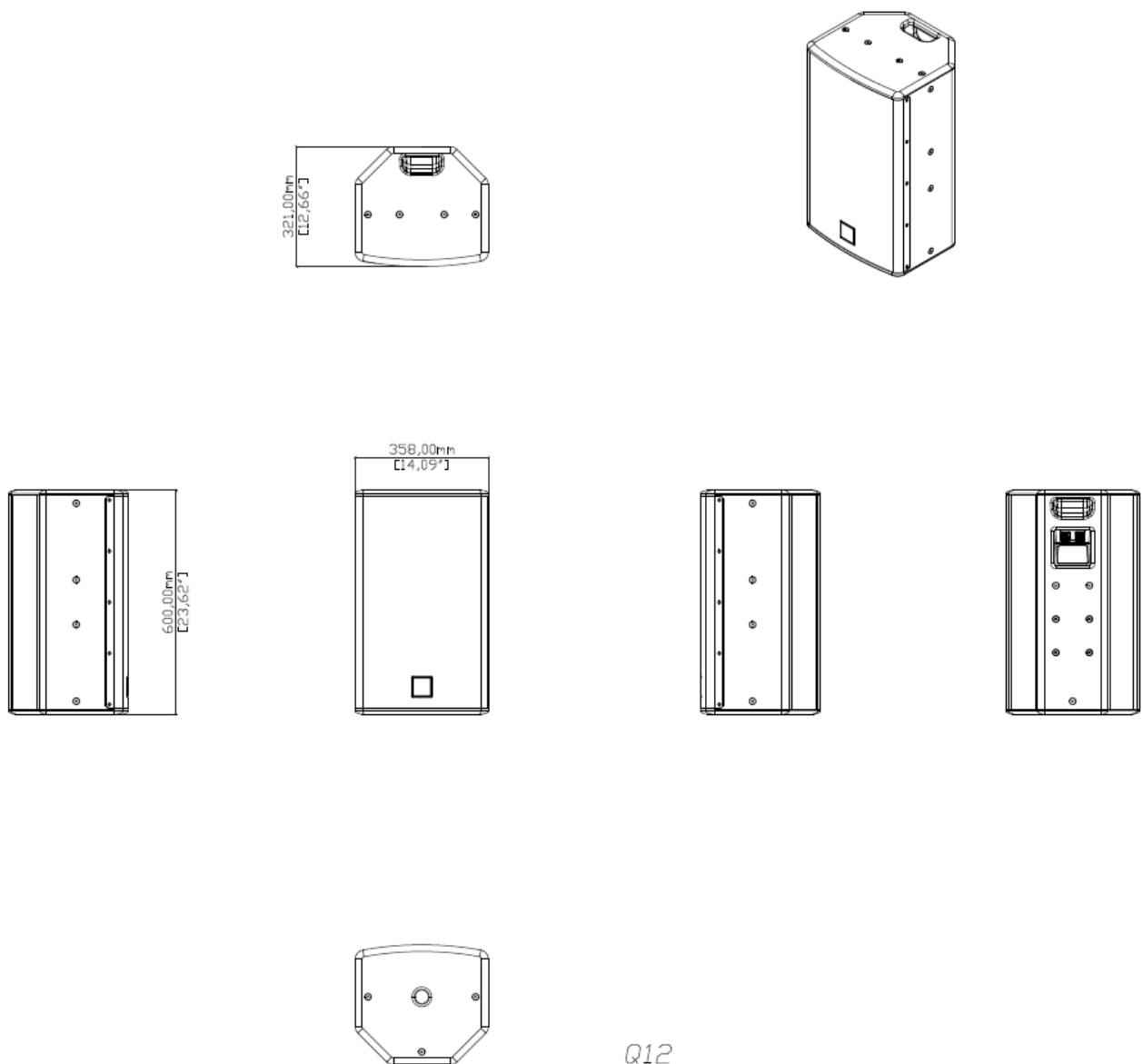
Q10 technical drawing

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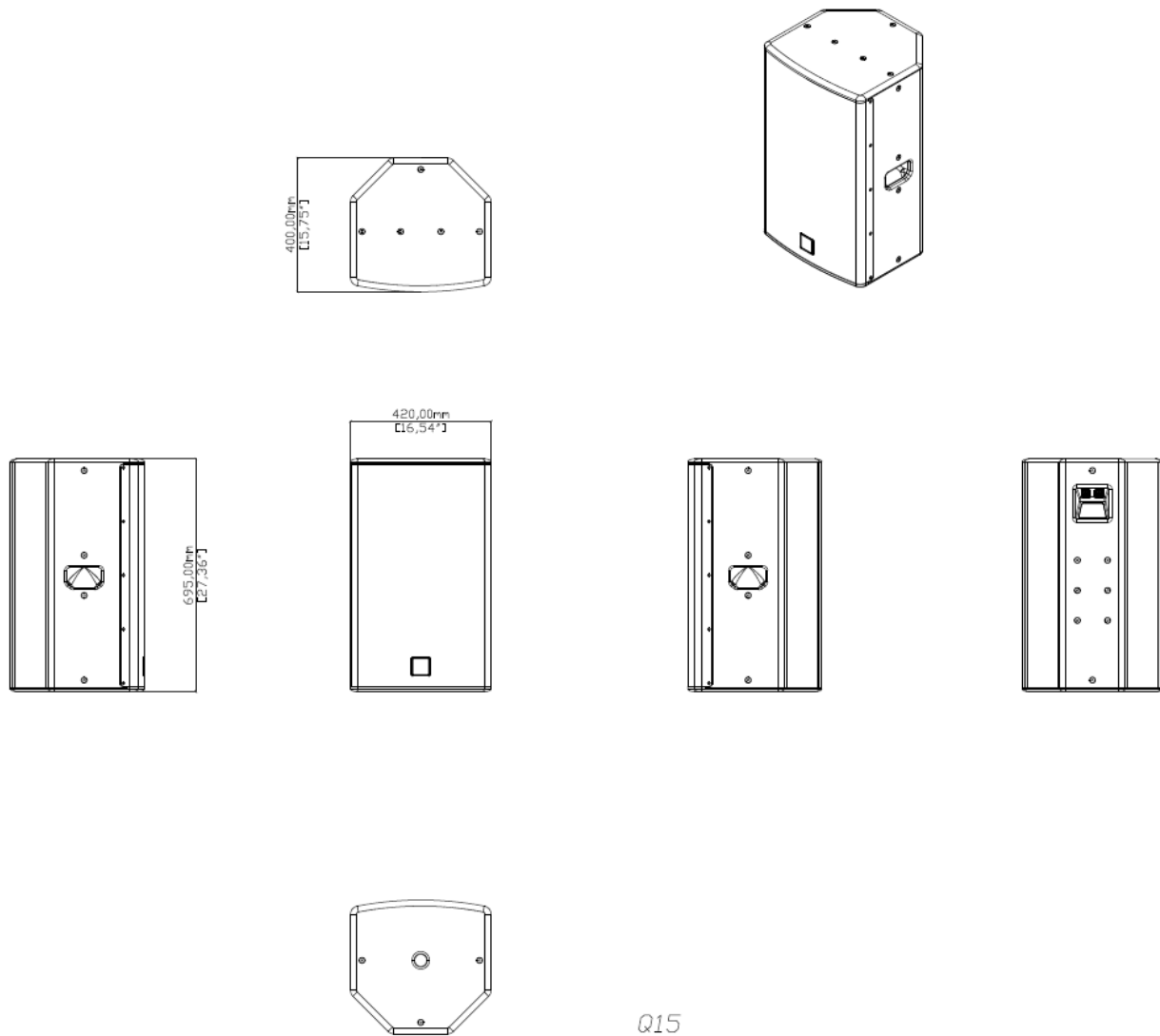
Q12 technical drawing

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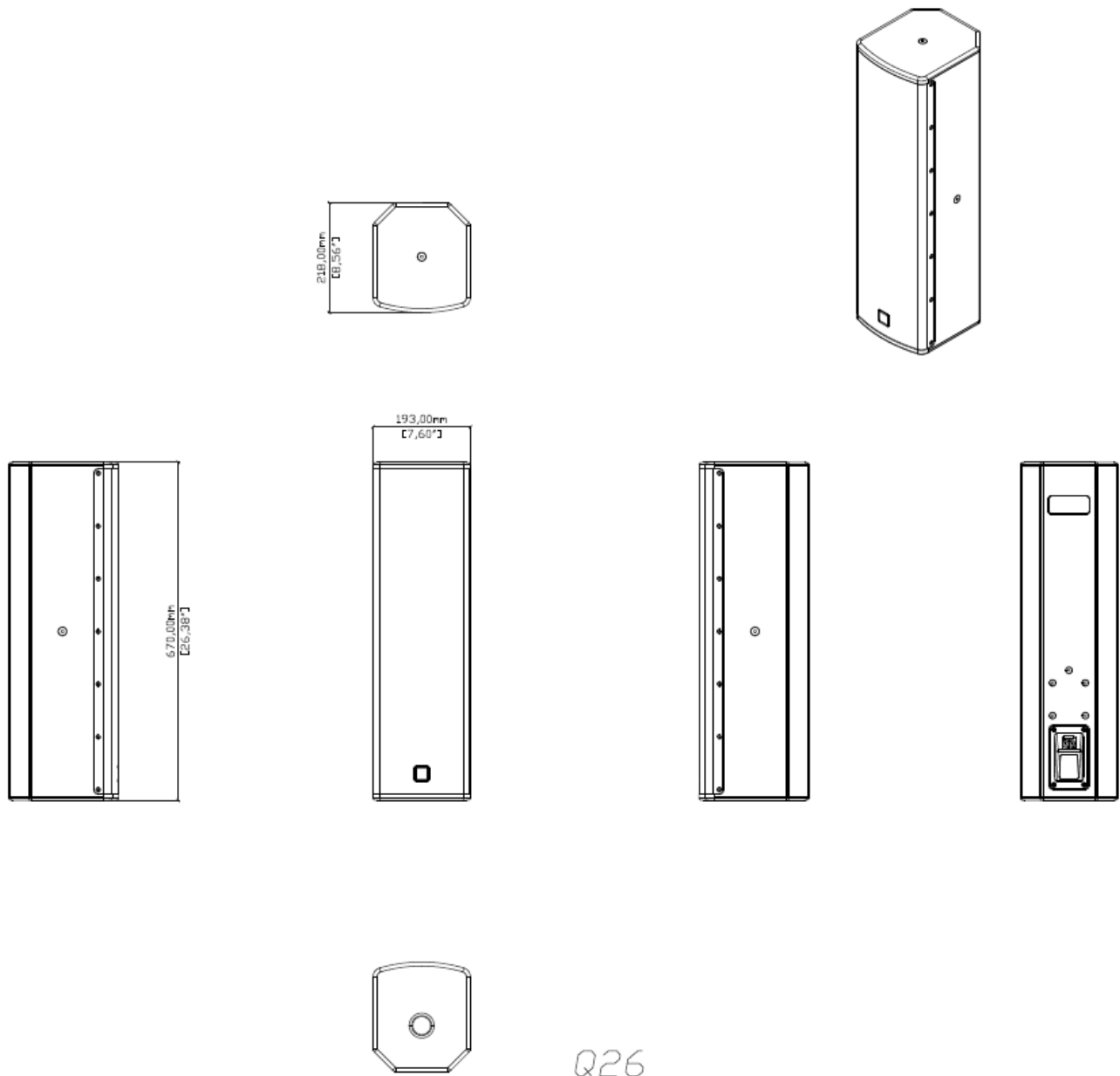
Q15 technical drawing

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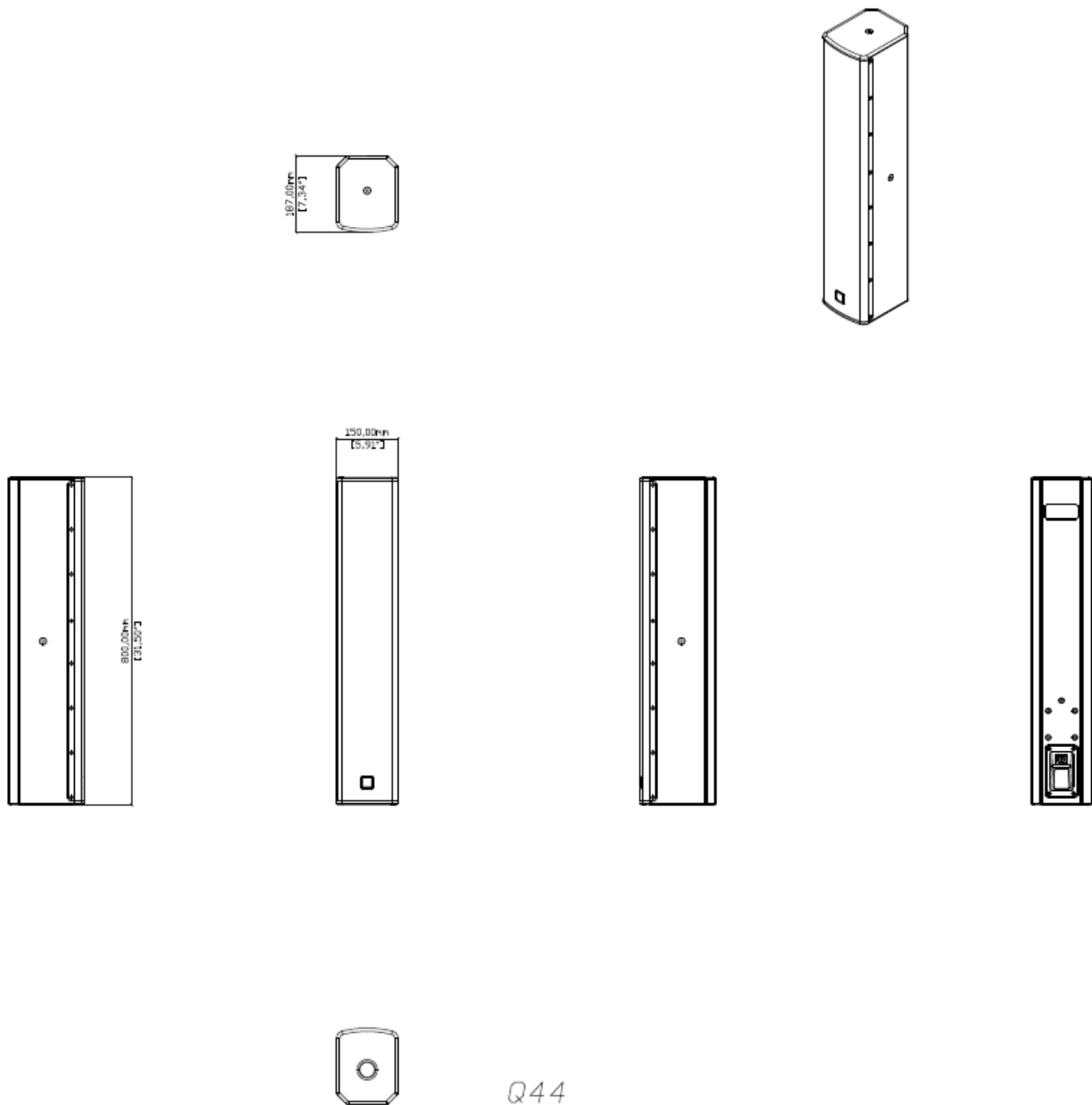
Q26 technical drawing

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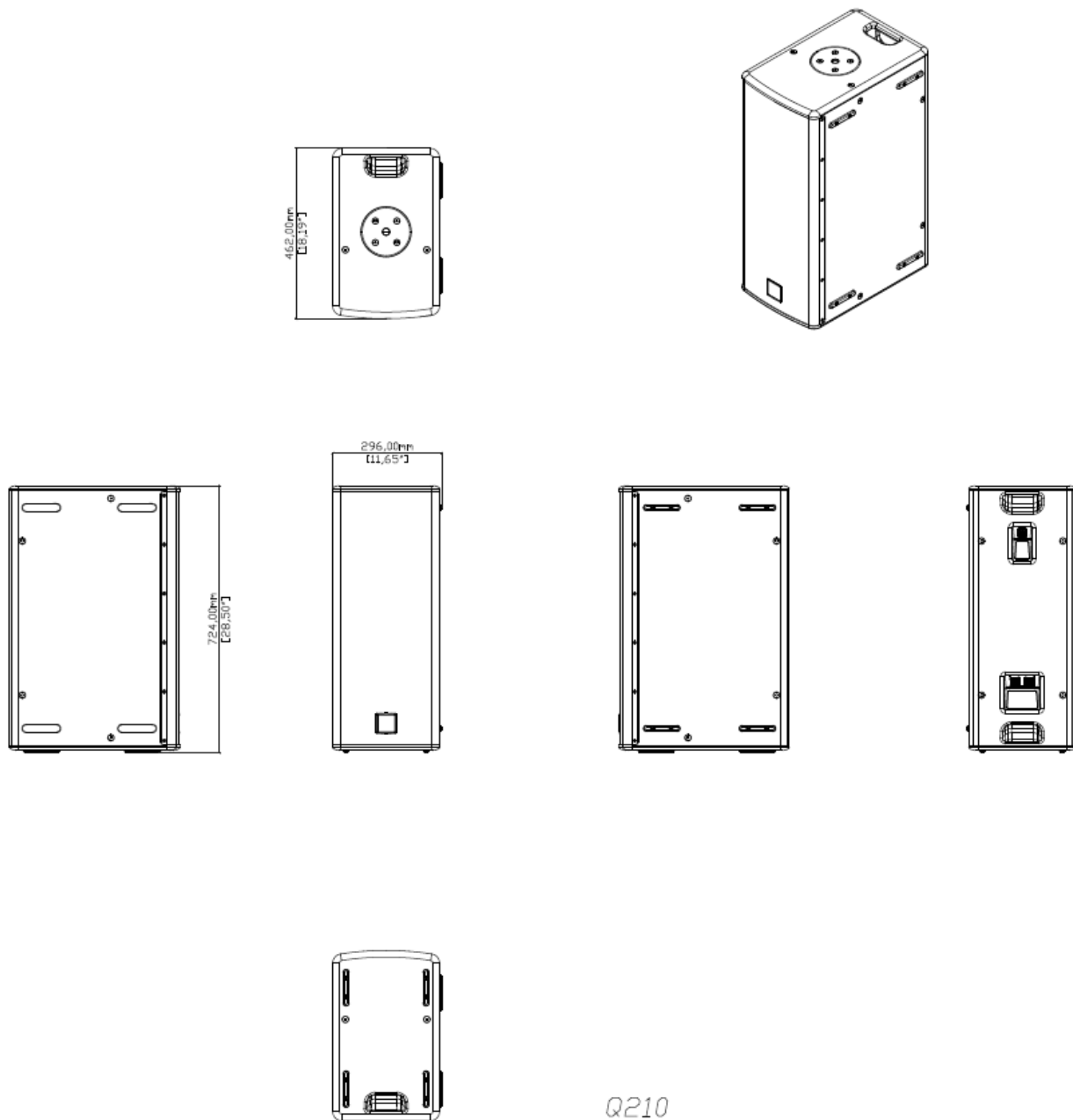
Q44 technical drawing

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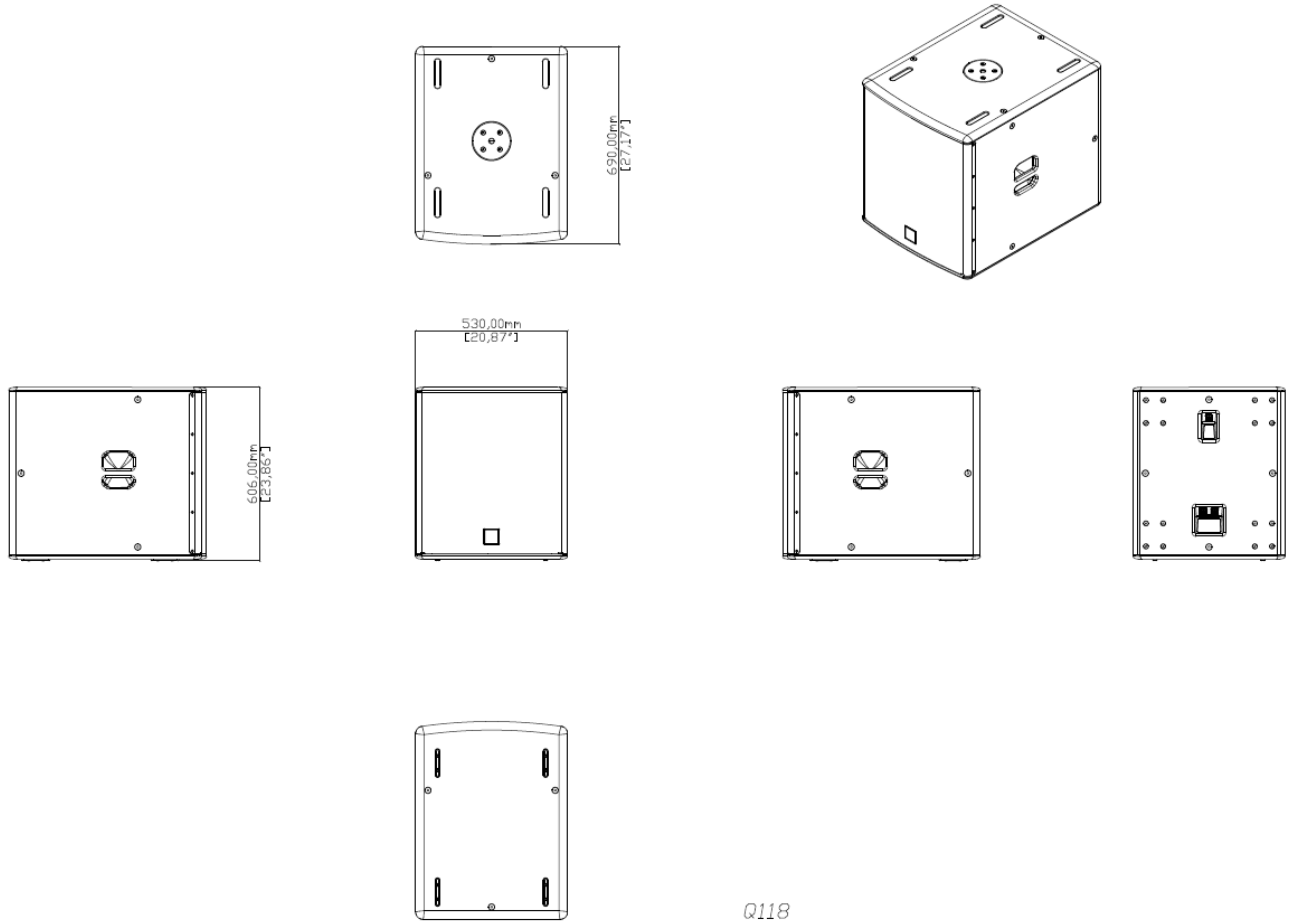
Q210 technical drawing

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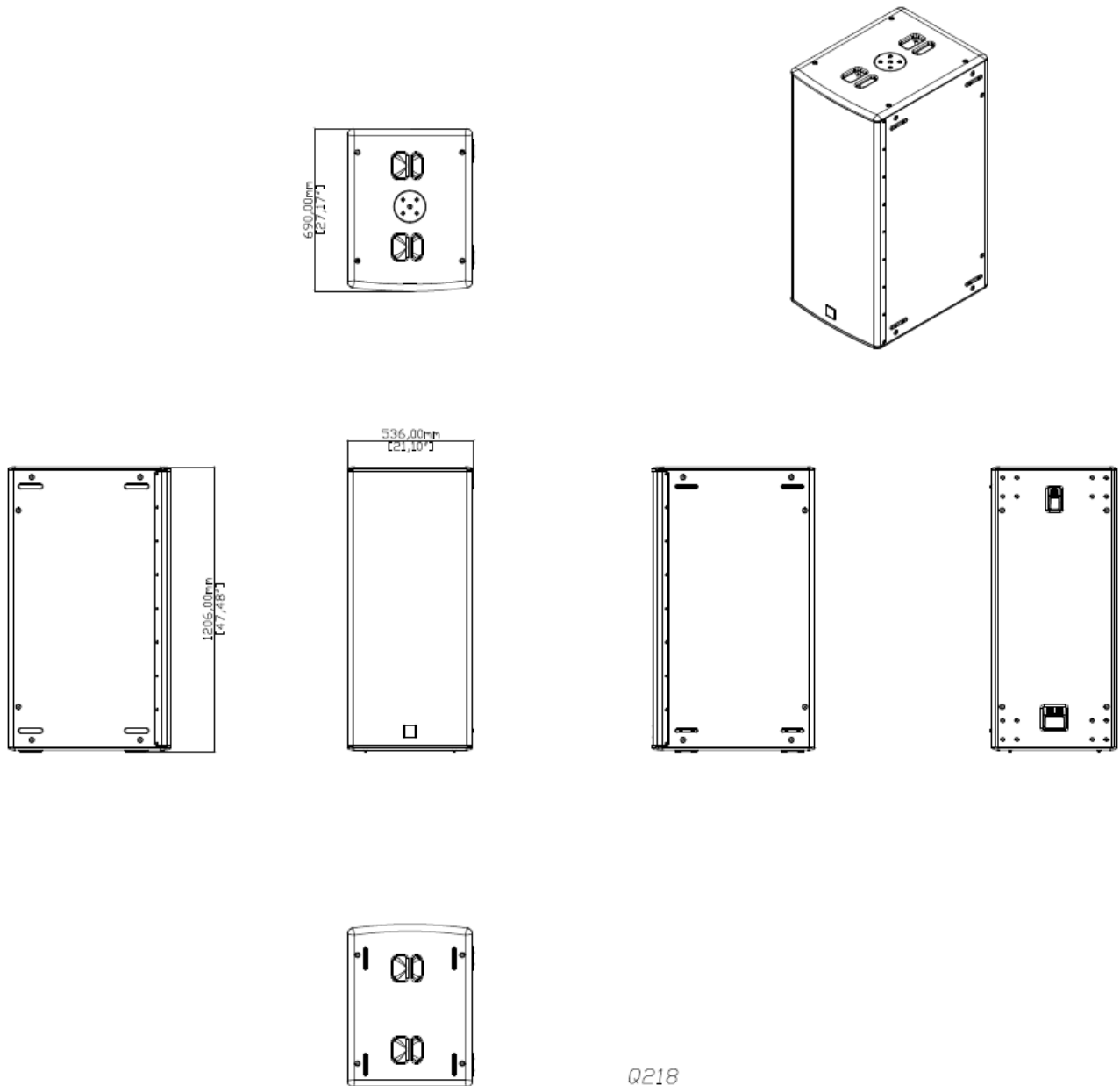
Q118 technical drawing

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Q218 technical drawing

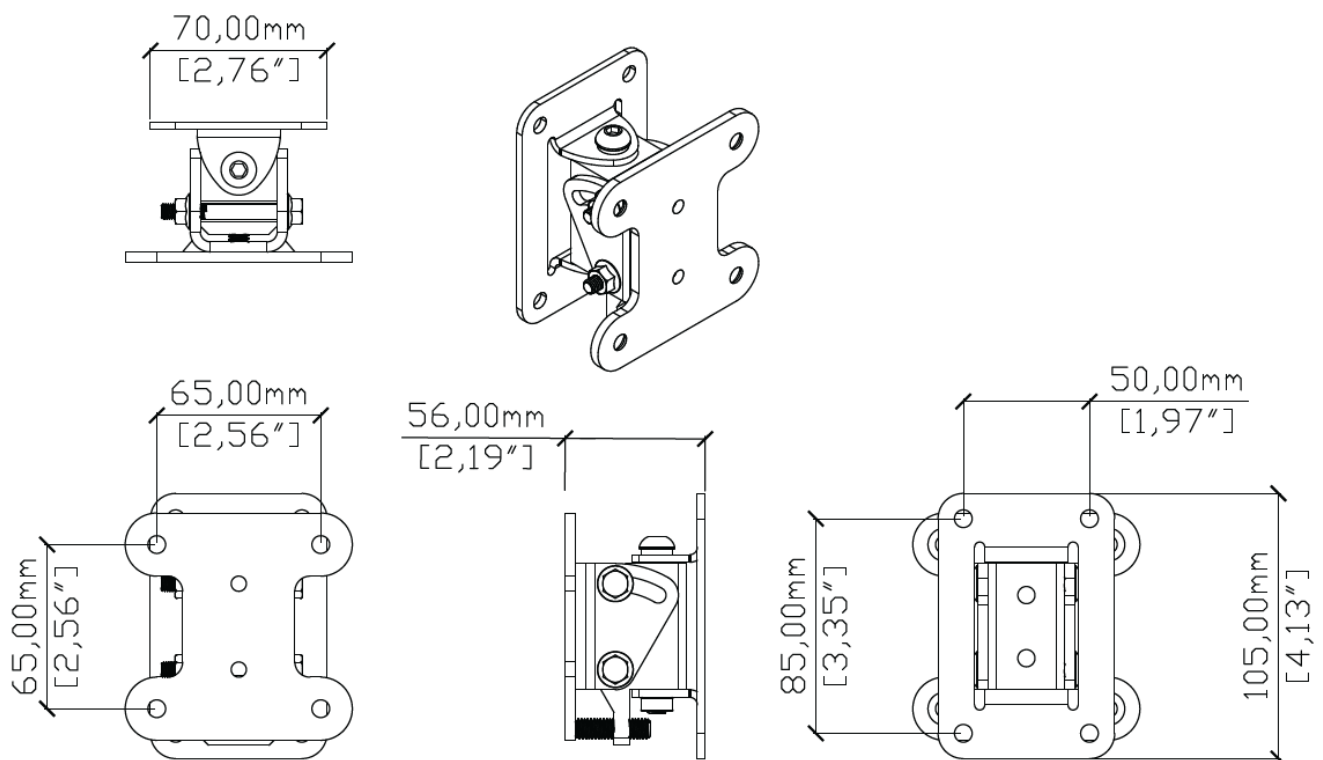
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Technical details of accessories

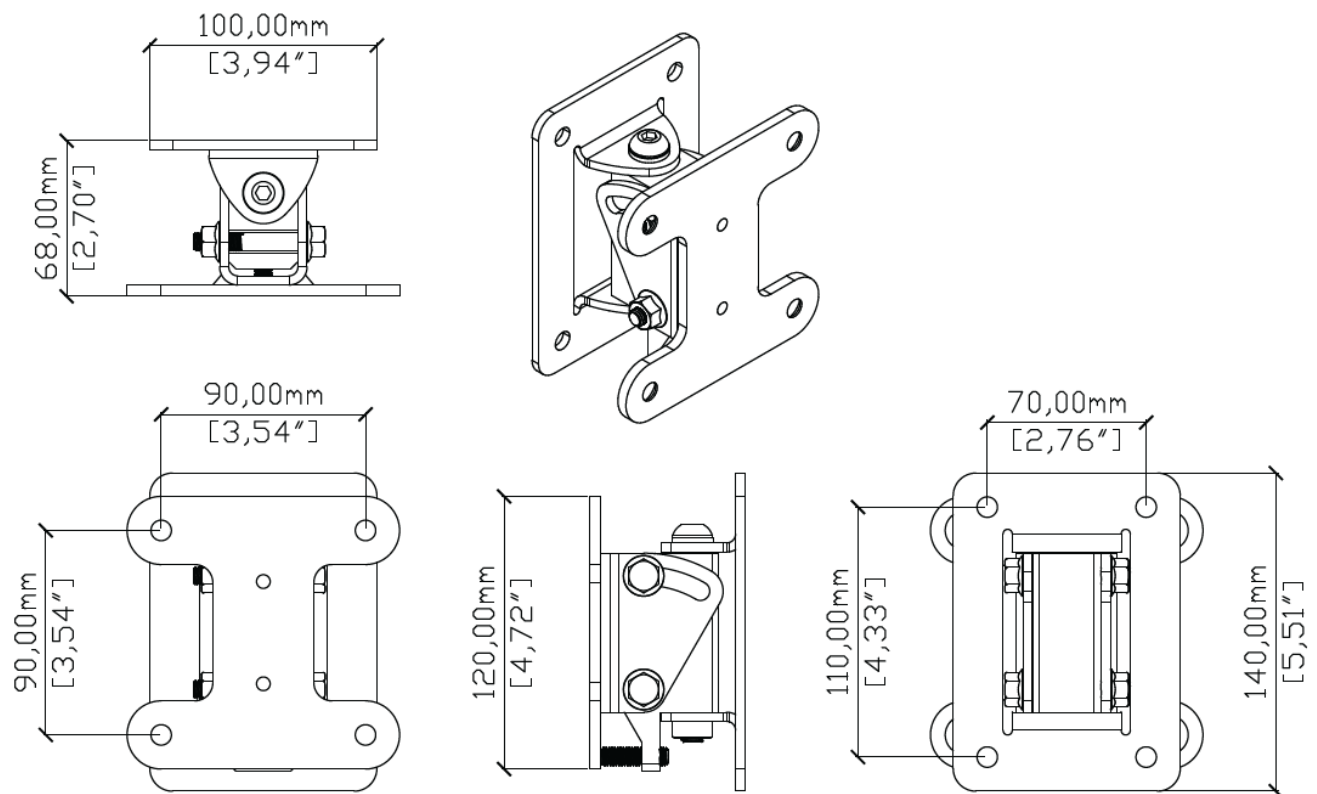
Wall bracket for Q8, Q26 and Q44

- Product code: **WB6/8B** for black or **WB6/8W** for white
- Provides [tilt and pan](#) ([page 37](#))
- [Wall spacers](#) ([page 56](#)) are available as an optional accessory for the latest version of this bracket
- Mount Q8 in either landscape or portrait. Before mounting in landscape, [rotate the horn](#) ([page 12](#))
- Mount Q26 and Q44 in portrait only
- Also compatible with A80T, X8, CDD6, CDD8, CDD-LIVE8, FP6 and FP8
- Wall fixing (the rectangular section): four 7 mm (0.28 in) holes
- Weight: 0.6 kg (1.4 lb)



Wall bracket for Q10 and Q12

- Product code: **WB10/12B** for black
- Provides [tilt and pan](#) ([page 37](#))
- [Wall spacers](#) ([page 56](#)) are available as an optional accessory for the latest version of this bracket
- Mount Q10 or Q12 in landscape or portrait. Before mounting in landscape, [rotate the horn](#) ([page 12](#))
- Also compatible with X10, X12, XP12, CDD10, CDD12, CDD-LIVE12 and FP12
- Wall fixing (the rectangular section): four 9 mm (0.35 in) holes
- Weight: 1.3 kg (2.8 lb)



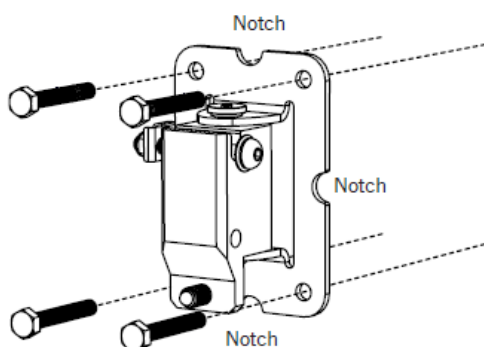
Wall spacer accessory kit

There are two wall spacer accessory kits:

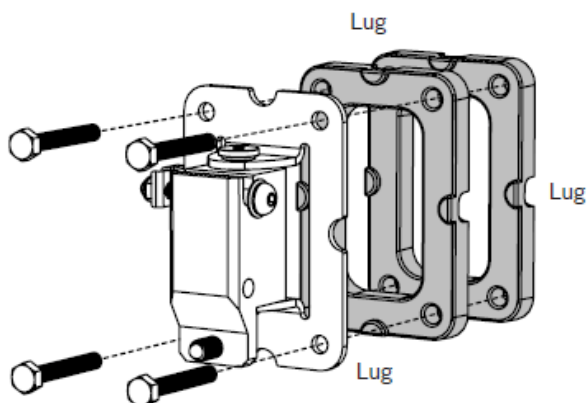
- **SP6/8** for the [wall bracket for Q8, Q26 and Q44](#) (page 54).
- **SP10/12** for the [wall bracket for Q10 and Q12](#) (page 55).

These optional spacers allow you to increase the [tilt and pan angles](#) (page 37).

- Each kit contains a pair of spacers.
- Each spacer is 10 mm (0.4 in) thick.
- Fit one, two or three spacers behind each bracket, as required.
- Available in black (SP6/8-B and SP10/12-B) or white (SP6/8-W and SP10/12-W).
- Compatible only with the latest version of this wall bracket. This version has four notches in the outer edge of the wall section.

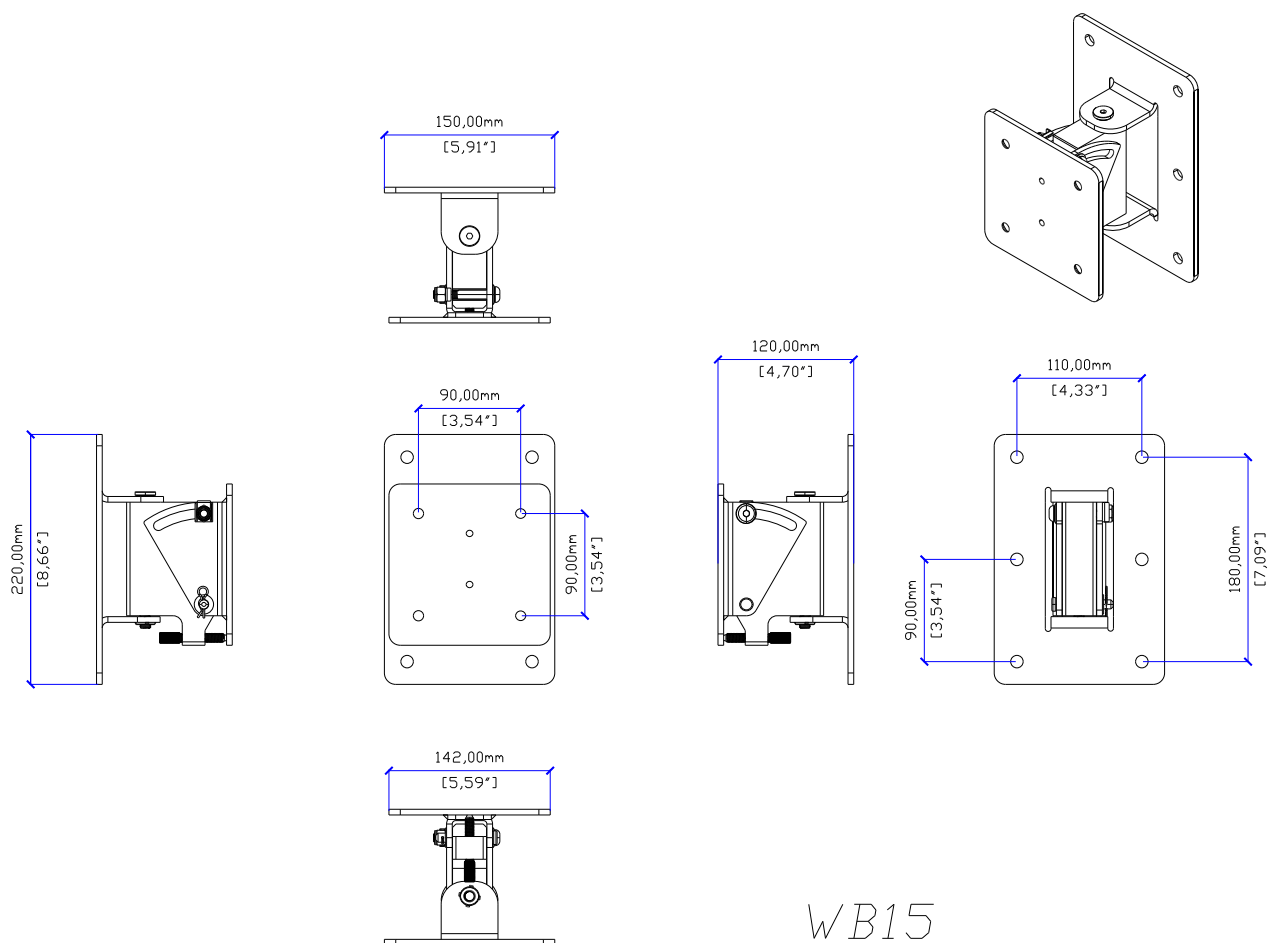


- Each spacer has four lugs on the front that fit into the notches in the bracket. Each spacer also has four notches on the back that connect to the lugs on the second spacer.



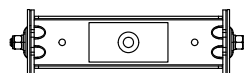
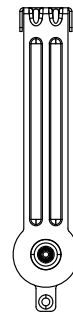
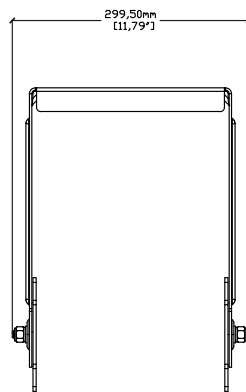
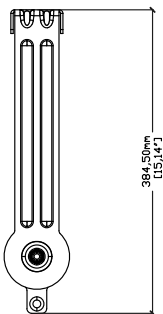
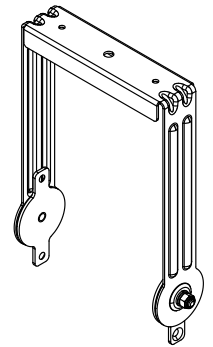
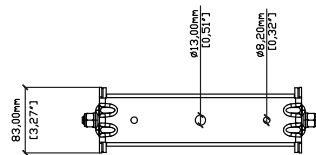
Wall bracket for Q15

- Product code: **WB15B** for black
- Provides [tilt and pan](#) (page 37)
- Mount Q15 in landscape or portrait. Before mounting in landscape, [rotate the horn](#) (page 12)
- Also compatible with X15, CDD15, CDD-LIVE 15, FP15
- Wall fixing (the rectangular section): six 11 mm (0.43 in) holes
- Weight: 3.2 kg (7.1 lb)



Portrait yoke for Q8

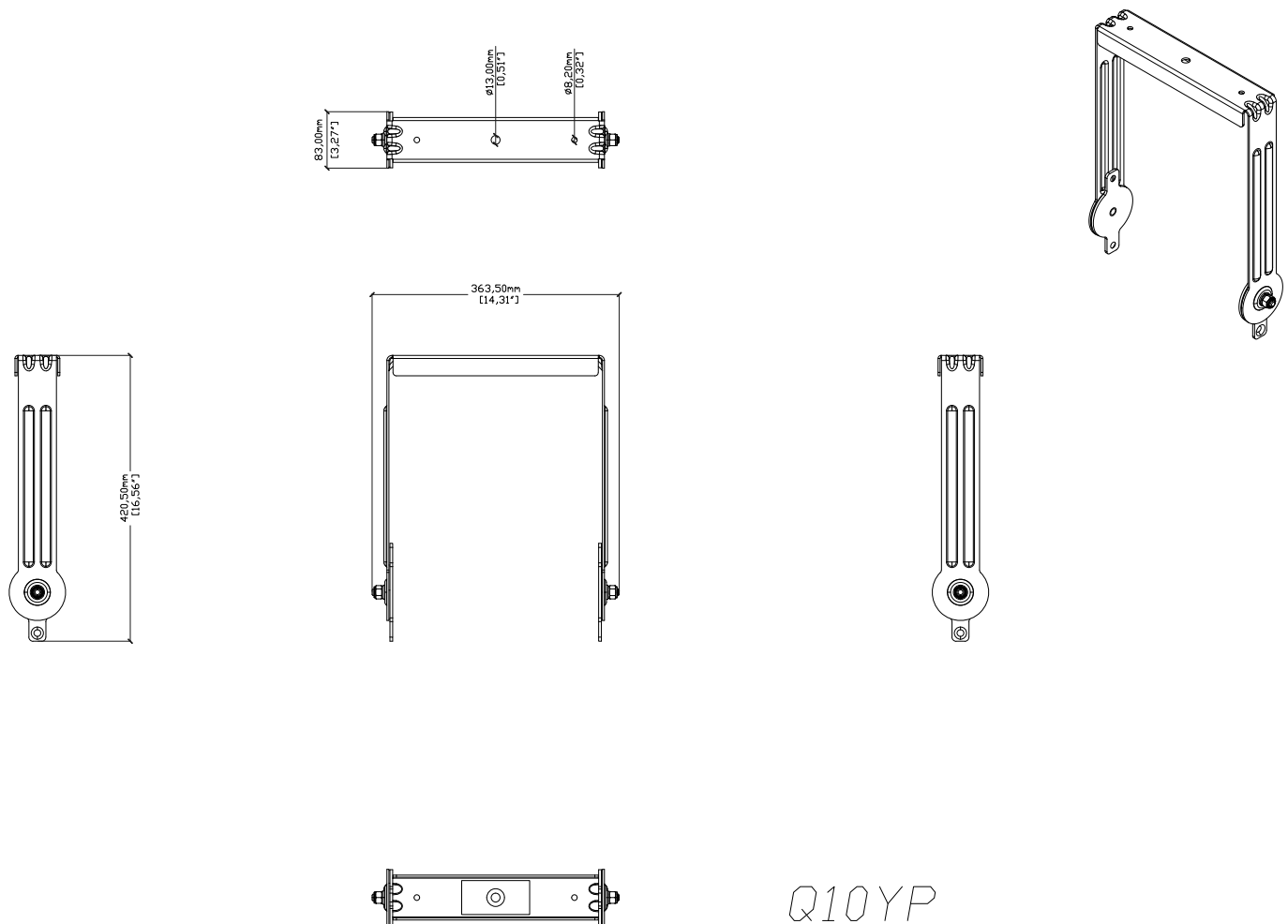
- Available in black only. Product code: Q8YP-B
- One central 13 mm (0.51 in) hole for mounting with an M12 or 1/2 inch bolt (not supplied)
- Two outer 8.2 mm (0.32 in) mounting holes
- For mounting details, see [Portrait yoke mounting \(page 23\)](#)
- Material: Weatherised polyester powder-coated steel
- Weight: 2.10 kg (4.63 lbs)



Q8YP

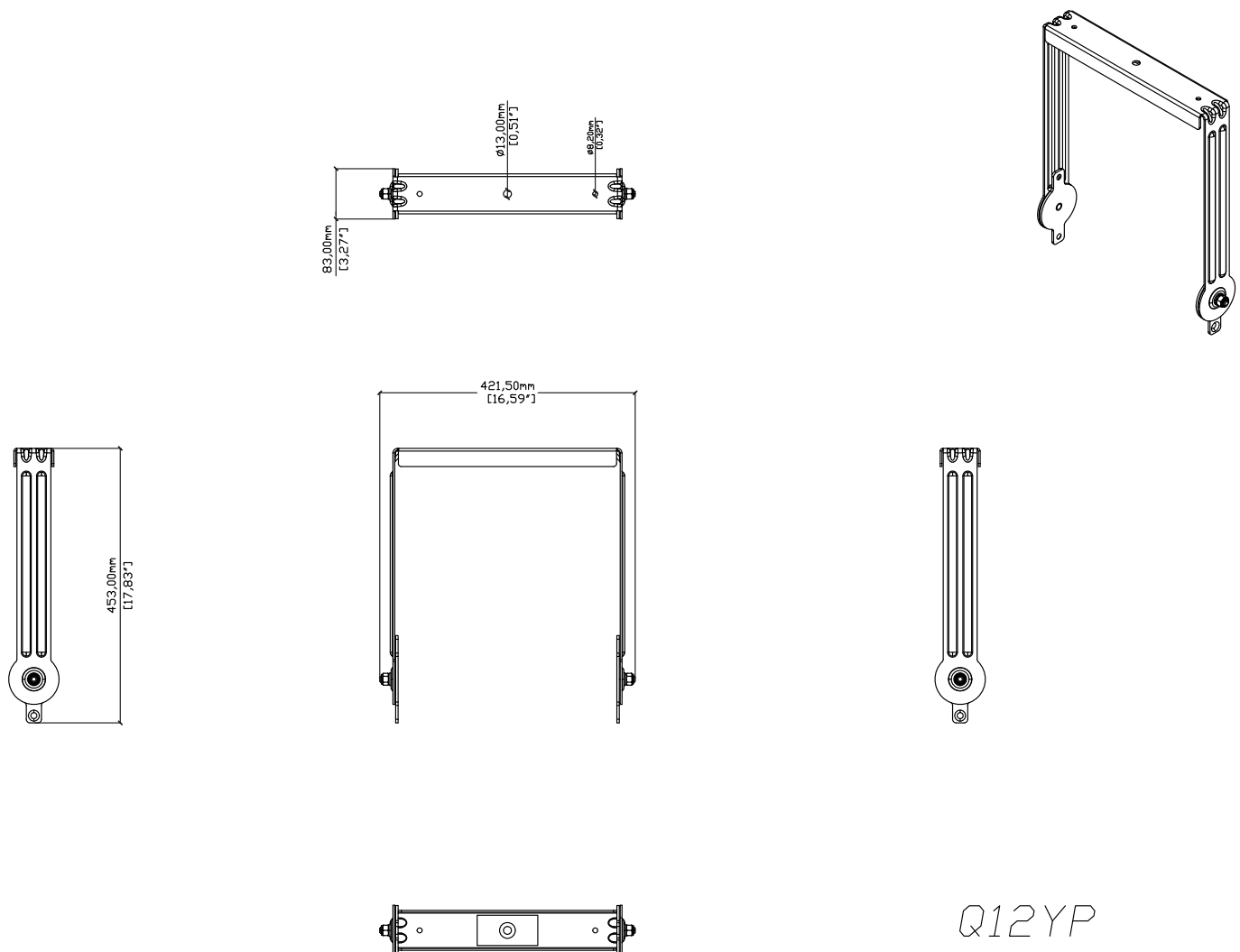
Portrait yoke for Q10

- Available in black only. Product code: Q10YP-B
- One central 13 mm (0.51 in) hole for mounting with an M12 or 1/2 inch bolt (not supplied)
- Two outer 8.2 mm (0.32 in) mounting holes
- For mounting details, see [Portrait yoke mounting \(page 23\)](#)
- Material: Weatherised polyester powder-coated steel
- Weight: 2.37 kg (5.23 lbs)



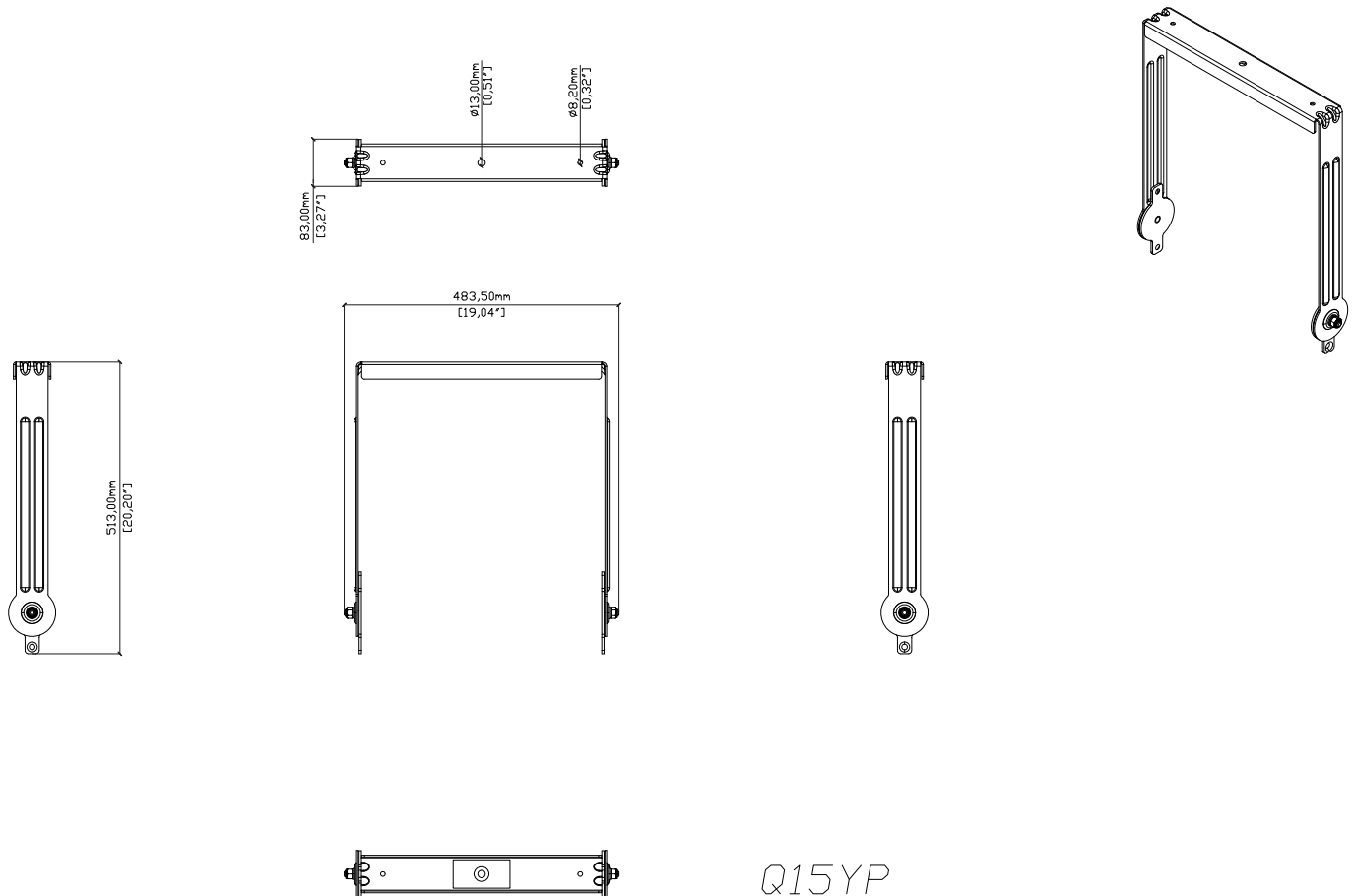
Portrait yoke for Q12

- Available in black only. Product code: Q12YP-B
- One central 13 mm (0.51 in) hole for mounting with an M12 or 1/2 inch bolt (not supplied)
- Two outer 8.2 mm (0.32 in) mounting holes
- For mounting details, see [Portrait yoke mounting \(page 23\)](#)
- Material: Weatherised polyester powder-coated steel
- Weight: 2.62 kg (5.77 lbs)



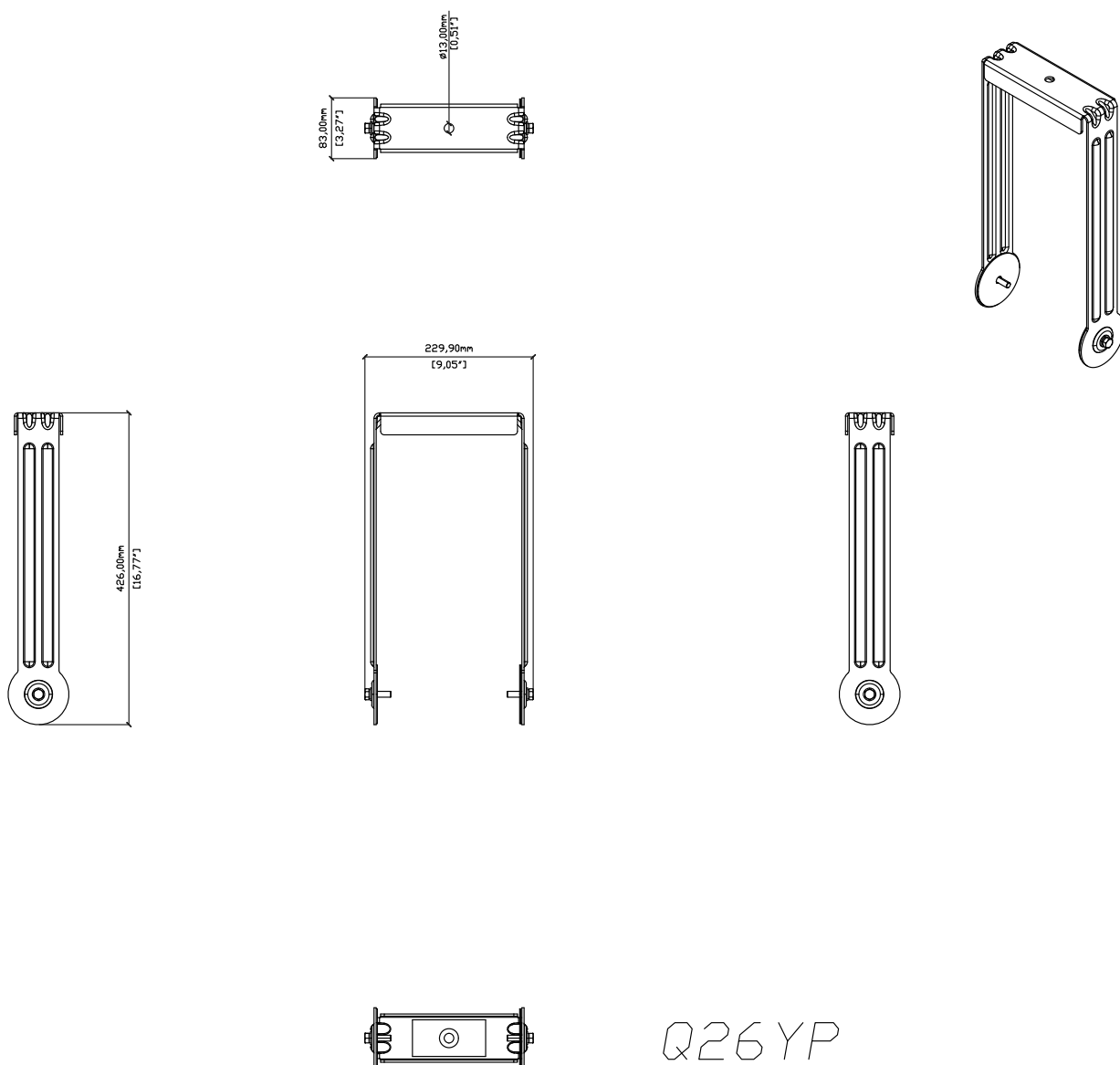
Portrait yoke for Q15

- Available in black only. Product code: Q15YP-B
- One central 13 mm (0.51 in) hole for mounting with an M12 or 1/2 inch bolt (not supplied)
- Two outer 8.2 mm (0.32 in) mounting holes
- For mounting details, see [Portrait yoke mounting \(page 23\)](#)
- Kit includes: 4 x M8 x 30 mm countersunk socket head screws
- Material: Weatherised polyester powder-coated steel
- Weight: 2.95 kg (6.50 lbs)



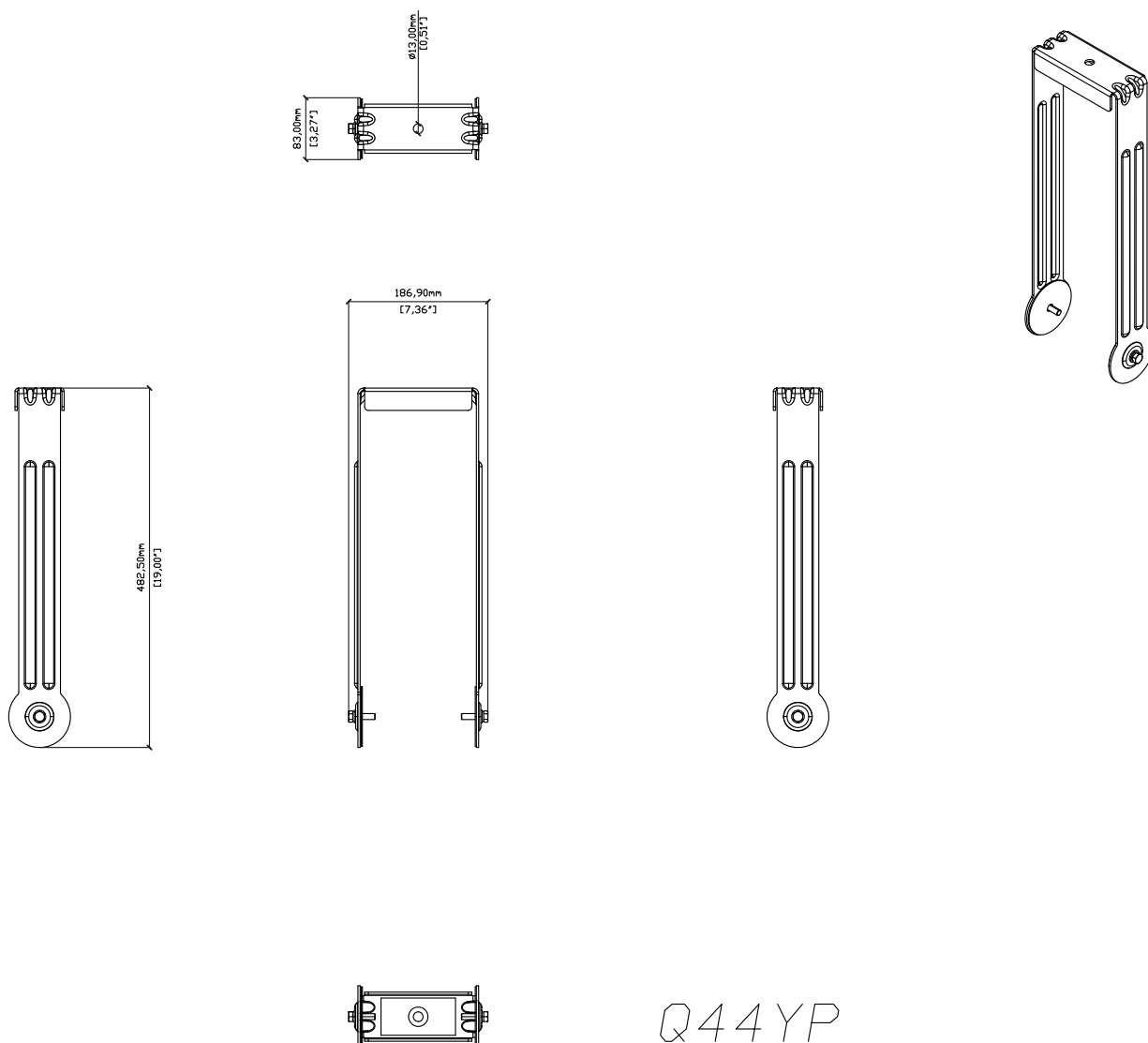
Portrait yoke for Q26

- Product code: **Q26YP-B** for black and **Q26YP-W** for white
- One central 13 mm (0.51 in) hole for mounting with an M12 or 1/2 inch bolt (not supplied)
- For mounting details, see [Portrait yoke mounting \(page 23\)](#)
- Kit includes: 2 x Self-adhesive circular pads
- Material: Weatherised polyester powder-coated steel
- Weight: 1.71 kg (3.77 lbs)



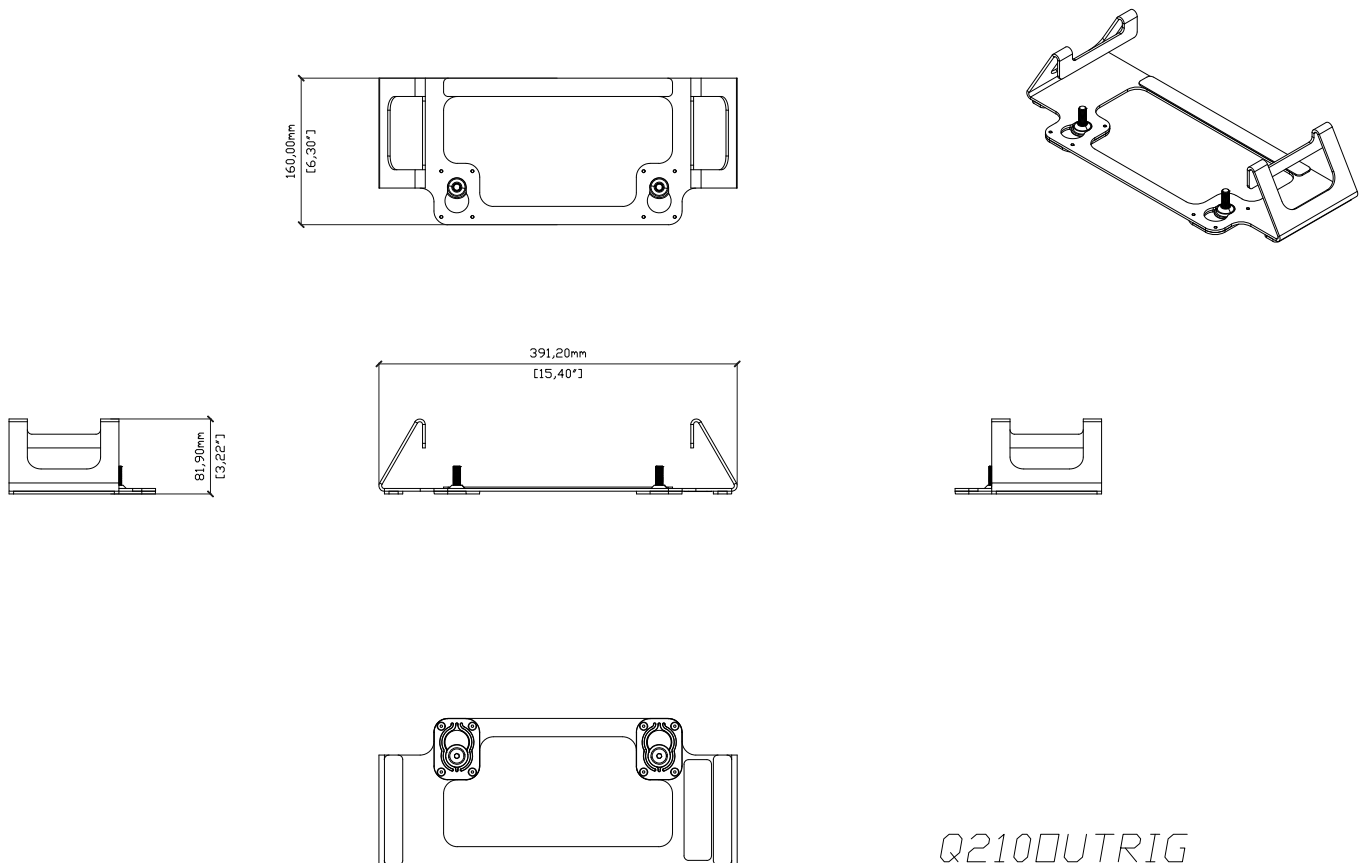
Portrait yoke for Q44

- Product code: **Q44YP-B** for black and **Q44YP-W** for white
- One central 13 mm (0.51 in) hole for mounting with an M12 or 1/2 inch bolt (not supplied)
- For mounting details, see [Portrait yoke mounting \(page 23\)](#)
- Kit includes: 2 x Self-adhesive circular pads
- Material: Weatherised polyester powder-coated steel
- Weight: 1.76 kg (3.88 lbs)

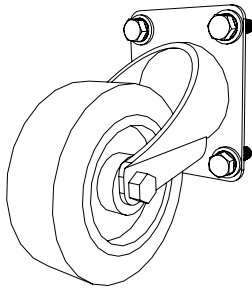


Q210 stability base

- Provides stability for Q210 with a [pole-mounted speaker \(page 18\)](#)
- Available in black (Q210OUTRIG) or white (Q210OUTRIG-W)
- Contents of kit:
 - 1 × Q210OUTRIG
 - 2 × Catches (round fittings for attaching the Q210OUTRIG to the Q210)
 - 2 × M8 × 30 mm countersunk socket screws, flush head, A2 stainless steel (for securing the two catches to the Q210)
- Material: Weatherised polyester powder coated steel
- Weight: 1.1 kg (2.5 lbs)

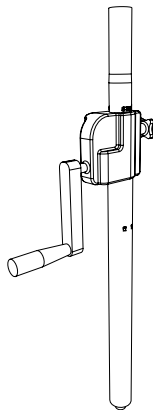


Set of four castors WHEELKIT



- Four heavy-duty 10 cm (4 in) swivel castors
- Fittings: 16 x M8 hex head bolts, 16 x flat washers and 16 x spring washers
- Compatible subwoofers: SX115, SXC115, SXCF115, SX215, SX118+, SX118, SXC118, SXCF118, SX218+, SX218, SXP118, SXP218, SXH218 (supplied), SXHF218 (supplied), Q118, Q218, X115, X118, X218 and XP118
- Weight of four castors and fittings: 3.5 kg (7.7 lbs)

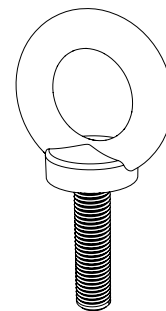
Wind-up telescopic pole ASF20071



- Rugged steel wind-up pole for mounting loudspeakers on compatible subwoofers
- Wind-up handle allows safe and easy height adjustment
- Locking screw and safety button for secure positioning
- Diameter: 35 mm (1 3/8 in) to fit standard loudspeaker top-hat fittings
- To pole mount loudspeakers on yokes, use pole adaptor ASF20045

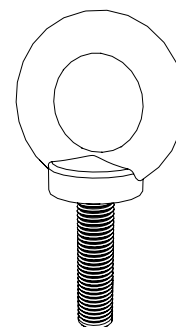
- M20 threaded fitting for compatible subwoofers: SXC115, SXCF115, SX118+, SX118, SXC118, SXCF118, SX218+, SX218, SXP118, SXP218, Q210, Q118, Q218 and XP118
- Maximum load: 35 kg (77.2 lb)
- Weight: 3.9 kg (8.7 lb)
- Pole length: 709 mm (27.9 in) to 1121 mm (44 in) including the section inside the top-hat fitting but excluding the threaded section that screws into the subwoofer

M8 eye bolt HTKCT05



- M8 eye bolt for flying individual speakers
- Bolt size: 8 mm x 1.25 mm thread size
- Shank length: 31.7 mm (1 1/4 in)
- Working load limit: 450 kg (992 lbs)
- Material: Forged steel
- Weight: 80 g (0.18 lbs)

M10 eye bolt HTKCT06



- M10 eye bolt for flying individual speakers
- Bolt size: 10 mm x 1.5 mm thread size
- Shank length: 35 mm (1 3/8 in)
- Working load limit: 740 kg (1,628 lbs)

- Material: Forged steel
- Weight: 120 g (0.27 lbs)

Support and service

Troubleshooting

Sound not right. Make sure the input and output connectors are fully plugged into the sockets. Check the sound quality with headphones at the amplifier or preamp.

Technical support

For technical support, contact either your supplier or Martin Audio. For Martin Audio support, visit martin-audio.com and select **Support > Support Contacts**.

Service

For service information, visit martin-audio.com and select **Support > Service & Returns**.

Warranty

For warranty information, visit martin-audio.com and select **Support > Service & Returns**.

Unpacking

After unpacking, carefully check your speakers for any signs of transit damage. If you find any issues, inform your dealer straight away. If possible, keep the packaging for future use.

Recycling

When the product reaches the end of its life, please dispose of it responsibly at a recycling centre.

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