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User Guide



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Introduction

BlacklineX Powered

The Martin Audio BlacklineX Powered Series integrates Martin Audio's engineering expertise into easy-to-use, quick-to-deploy, high-powered loudspeakers. It delivers professional-quality sound, top-tier performance, and road-ready durability for hard-working industry professionals—from musicians and music bars to mobile DJs, corporate AV, and House of Worship installations.

With optional Bluetooth® control and streaming, plus a built-in three-channel mixer, BlacklineX Powered puts Martin Audio's signature stadium sound at your fingertips.

The series comprises two two-way systems—the ultra-compact XP12 and the powerful XP15—alongside the XP118 subwoofer. This multi-purpose lineup raises the performance bar for loudspeaker systems in its class.

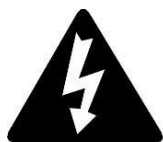
As active systems with onboard DSP, the XP12, XP15, and XP118 require no external controller, making setup fast and straightforward. Simply connect a signal feed directly from the mixing console and eliminate the need for amplifier racks.



Important Safety Instructions – Read Before Proceeding

Please read these instructions and retain for future reference. Heed all warnings and follow all instructions.

- Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not install near any heat source such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other such apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- Do not defeat the purpose of the grounding type plug, a grounding plug has two blades and a grounding prong, the third prong is provided for your safety.
- If the provided plug does not fit your outlet consult an electrician for a replacement type.
- Protect power cords from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit the apparatus.
- Only use attachments and accessories specified by Martin Audio Ltd.
- Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, flying hardware specified by the manufacturer or sold with the apparatus, when a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tripping.
- Unplug the apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Service is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cable or plug damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, this apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
- This apparatus shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing, and no object filled with liquids, such as vases or beer glasses, shall be placed on the apparatus.
- Do not overload wall outlets and extension cords as this can result in a risk of fire or electric shock.
- This apparatus has been designed with Class-I construction and must be connected to a mains socket outlet with a protective earthing connection (the third grounding prong).
- This apparatus has been equipped with a rocker-style AC mains power switch. This switch is located on the rear panel and should remain readily accessible to the user.
- The mains plug or an appliance coupler is used as the disconnect device, so the disconnect device shall remain readily operable.



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Caution

To reduce the risk of electric shock do not remove the back cover. There are no user serviceable parts inside the unit. Refer servicing to qualified service personnel only. Call Martin Audio, Ltd on +44 (0) 1494 535312 or e-mail info@martin-audio.com for service.

The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure, that may be of significant magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.

The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user of the presence of important operating and maintaining (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

Unpacking the Units

Each Martin Audio BlacklineX Powered Series loudspeaker is built to the highest standard and thoroughly inspected before it leaves the factory. After unpacking the system, examine it carefully for any signs of transit damage and inform your dealer or distributor if any such damage is found. It is suggested that you retain the original packaging so that the system can be repacked at a future date if necessary.

Please note that Martin Audio and its distributors cannot accept any responsibility for damage to any returned product, through the use of non-approved packaging. When the product has reached the end of its useful life, please dispose of it responsibly through a recycling centre.

Approvals

SAFETY STANDARD: EN IEC 62368-1:2020 + A11:2020

EMC Directive 2014/30/EU, Article 6
EN 55032:2012, Class B + AC:2013
EN 55032:2015, Class B
EN 55035:2017
EN 61000-3-2:2014
EN 61000-3-3:2013
EN 55103-2:2009, environment E2
EN 301 489-17:2017 V3.1.1

CISPR 32:2012, Class B
CISPR 32:2015, Class B
CISPR 35:2016
IEC 61000-3-2:2014
IEC 61000-3-3:2013
47 CFR Part 15, Subpart B, Class B
(Complies with limits from §15.109 and §15.249)
ICES003 Issue 6:2016

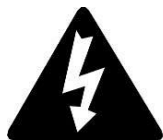
Safety Rules

- This BlacklineX Powered product must be powered exclusively by an earth connected mains socket in electrical networks compliant to IEC 60364 or similar local rules. It is vital that the user verifies this fundamental safety requirement. If you are in any doubt, get the installation checked by qualified personnel before use.
- The means of disconnection from the mains is the mains plug. We strongly recommend that you power the BlacklineX Powered loudspeakers via a professionally installed mains supply with an easily accessible on/off switch or circuit breaker.
- Before powering the BlacklineX Powered loudspeaker, make sure that the unit is supplied with the correct mains operating voltage: 100 - 240V ~ 50 - 60Hz.
- The BlacklineX Powered products are protected by internal fuses located on the main amplifier board designated F500.
- Do not use this unit if the electrical power cord is frayed or broken.
- Do not remove the cover. Removing the cover will expose you to potentially dangerous voltage.

Consignes de sécurité importantes – Lire avant de commencer

Veuillez lire ces instructions et les conserver pour vous y référer ultérieurement. Respectez tous les avertissements et suivez toutes les instructions.

- Ne pas utiliser cet appareil à proximité de l'eau.
- Nettoyer uniquement avec un chiffon sec.
- Ne pas installer à proximité d'une source de chaleur telle qu'une flamme nue, un radiateur, une bouche de chaleur, un poêle ou d'autres appareils (dont les amplificateurs) produisant de la chaleur.
- Ne pas détériorer la sécurité de la fiche polarisée ou de la fiche de terre. Une fiche polarisée comporte deux lames dont l'une est plus large que l'autre. Une fiche de terre comporte deux lames et une troisième broche de mise à la terre. La lame la plus large ou la troisième broche assure la sécurité de l'utilisateur. Si la fiche fournie ne s'adapte pas à la prise électrique, demander à un électricien de remplacer la prise non conforme.
- Protéger le cordon d'alimentation afin que personne ne marche dessus et que rien ne le pince, en particulier au niveau des fiches des prises de courant et du point de sortie de l'appareil.
- Utiliser uniquement les accessoires spécifiés par le fabricant.
- Utiliser uniquement avec un chariot, un trépied, un support ou une table spécifiée par le fabricant ou vendu avec l'appareil. Si un chariot est utilisé, déplacer l'ensemble chariot-appareil avec précaution afin de ne pas le renverser, ce qui pourrait entraîner des blessures.
- Débrancher l'appareil pendant les orages ou quand il ne sera pas utilisé pendant longtemps.
- Confier toute réparation à du personnel qualifié. Des réparations sont nécessaires si l'appareil est endommagé d'une façon quelconque, par exemple : cordon ou prise d'alimentation endommagé, liquide renversé ou objet tombé à l'intérieur de l'appareil, exposition de l'appareil à la pluie ou à l'humidité, appareil qui ne marche pas normalement ou que l'on a fait tomber.
- La prise secteur ou un coupleur d'appareil électrique doit rester facilement utilisable.



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Series Overview

XP12

The XP12 fulfils the requirement for a compact system that can deliver high SPL — either as a stand-alone system or supplemented by the XP118 subwoofer. Featuring a 12" (300mm) LF driver unit and a 1" (25mm) exit compression driver on a rotatable horn, its 80° x 50° dispersion pattern is ideal for short to medium throw applications. The LF driver has a 2.5" (65mm) voice coil and a high BL motor, while the HF compression driver utilises a 1.75" (44mm) polyimide diaphragm for extended high frequency response.

The XP12's enclosure is constructed from birch/poplar plywood and coated in black textured paint (RAL 9005). For easy removal, its steel grille is spring-fitted into the sides of the enclosure. The XP12 is fitted with M8 inserts for a wall bracket and eyebolt suspension, plus a pole-mount socket with a removable bung that maintains clean lines when the XP12 is used in install applications.



XP15

The XP15 is a high-powered two-way system designed for professional portable applications and installations that demand the ultimate in sonic performance from a single enclosure. With an accurately-defined 80° x 50° coverage pattern, it combines high output capability with exceptional sonic performance and impact.

The XP15 features a 15" (380mm) LF driver unit with 3" (75mm) voice coil, and a 1" (25mm) exit HF compression driver with a 1.75" (44mm) polyimide diaphragm for extended high frequency response.

Its protective steel grille is spring-fitted into the sides of the enclosure for easy access to rotate the HF horn. The symmetrical, multi-angle enclosure is manufactured from birch/poplar ply and coated in textured black paint (RAL 9005). The XP15 is fitted with M8 inserts for eyebolt suspension, plus a pole-mount socket.



XP118

The XP118 is a compact, high-performance powered subwoofer for use with BlacklineX Powered Series full-range loudspeakers. It extends the low-frequency operating range of the combined system to 42Hz (–10dB at 38Hz) and provides exceptional low frequency impact. It can be used singly, stacked or flown via integral M10 inserts and features a long-excursion 18" (460mm) driver with 4" (100mm) voice coil in a compact reflex enclosure. Its four reflex ports have a large frontal area to reduce turbulent air noise at very high levels.

The XP118 enclosure is constructed from birch/poplar ply and finished in textured black paint (RAL 9005). A perforated steel grille protects the driver. The enclosure has a 35mm pole-mount fitting in the top surface and two side handles.



Accessories

Wall Bracket

You can wall mount the XP12 in portrait using the standard WB10/12B wall bracket from Martin Audio. Note that you can't wall mount the XP12 in landscape and you can't wall mount the XP15.

The XP12 wall bracket has two parts enabling the wall section to be fitted at first fix stage when cables are run. The cabinet half can be fitted to the loudspeaker in advance of arriving at site so that final installation is just a case of joining the two halves of the bracket, connecting the cable and adjusting the position for the coverage required. The part number is WB10/12B.



Eye Bolts

All BlacklineX Powered loudspeakers have threaded inserts available for flown applications in fixed installations. Both full range cabinets have M8 inserts and the XP118 has M10 inserts. The inserts can be used for fitting bespoke flying hardware or for flying using eye bolts. These must be forged steel shouldered types certified with a safe working load in excess of the cabinet weight.

Do NOT be tempted to use cheaper formed steel types commonly available from DIY stores as they are unsafe for flying heavy loudspeaker cabinets.

Correctly rated shouldered eye bolts are available from Martin Audio as an optional accessory. Part numbers are as follows:

M8 (XP12, XP15)	HTKCT05
M10 (XP118)	HTKCT06

Pole Mount

BlacklineX Powered loudspeakers have integral pole mount "top hat" fittings. These are fitted to the base of the full range loudspeakers, XP12 and XP15, and the top of the XP118. The fittings all use the standard 35mm diameter so they can be used with any regular loudspeaker stand or accessory. The fitting in the subwoofer allows you to mount an XP12 or XP15 on top of the sub using the Martin Audio distance pole. This 660mm pole supports the XP12 and XP15 at the optimum height above the XP118.

The part number is HTKCT04.



Safety

Instructions

It is important that loudspeaker systems are used in a safe manner. Please take some time to review the following points concerning safe use of BlacklineX Powered loudspeaker systems.

Professional loudspeakers are capable of producing extremely high sound levels and should be used with care. Hearing loss is cumulative and can result from levels above 90dB if people are exposed for a long period. Never stand close to loudspeakers driven at high level.

Pole or Stand Mounting

BlacklineX Powered full-range loudspeakers incorporate pole mounting ("top hat") sockets so that they may be pole or stand mounted.

When using poles or stands, the following precautions are advised:

- Ensure that the stand will support the weight of the loudspeaker by checking the stand manufacturer's rating. See Section 10 for the weights and dimensions of the loudspeakers.
- Make sure that the stand is placed on a level surface and that its legs are fully extended.
- Do not place more than one loudspeaker on each stand.
- Run cables so that they do not present a trip hazard which could pull the loudspeaker over.
- When using a pole mount with a sub-bass system, observe similar precautions.

Stacking

- Ensure that the floor or stage is level and solid.
- Be aware that loudspeakers producing high-power levels can move or creep. To avoid this, place friction material between the floor and loudspeaker and between each loudspeaker or use strapping to secure the stack.

Rigging and Suspension

WARNING: Suspending the system should only be done by qualified personnel following safe rigging practices. Secure fixings to the building structure are vital. Seek help from architects, structural engineers or other specialists if in any doubt.

BlacklineX Powered Series enclosures are designed for portable applications but can be suspended singly by means of the threaded inserts provided. Enclosures are fitted internally with steel corner reinforcement brackets, where necessary, to ensure that each cabinet is strong enough to be hung from its top.

- Never suspend one enclosure from another to form an array or cluster using these fittings.
- The common practice of using commercially available eye bolts for suspension should only be undertaken with great caution. Only forged shoulder eye bolts should be considered, and it is important that the thread length is at least 30mm.
- Formed eye bolts i.e. those which are formed from a steel rod bent into an eye are not recommended.
- Eye bolts are strongest along the thread axis. Angling the enclosure will result in an angle pull and it is important to use eye bolts that are safe in these circumstances.

Connections

Power Connection

This loudspeaker features a standard IEC C14 mains inlet. Connect the detachable power cord (included in the packaging) to the IEC inlet on the rear panel and plug the other end into a suitable AC mains outlet.

- Make sure that the AC voltage matches the rating specified on the rear panel.
- Don't remove or disable the ground (earth) pin on the power plug, as this poses a serious safety risk.

Combo XLR / 6.35 mm (1/4") TRS/TS input

Both input channels accept balanced microphone signals via XLR connectors, wired according to the standard specified by the Audio Engineering Society (AES):

XLR Balanced Wiring:

- Pin 1 = Shield (Ground)
- Pin 2 = Positive (+ or Hot)
- Pin 3 = Negative (– or Cold)

These input channels can also accept line-level signals via 6.35 mm (1/4") jack connectors, compatible with both balanced (TRS) and unbalanced (TS) sources. Additionally, both input channels can accept Hi-Z sources (such as guitars) via the 1/4" input without the need for a separate DI box.

To connect balanced line-level signals to these inputs, use a 6.35 mm (1/4") Tip-Ring-Sleeve (TRS) plug. “TRS” stands for Tip-Ring-Sleeve, referring to the three contact points on the plug, commonly used for balanced mono or unbalanced stereo connections.

6.35 mm (1/4") TRS Balanced Mono Wiring:

- Tip = Positive (+ or Hot)
- Ring = Negative (– or Cold)
- Sleeve = Shield (Ground)

To connect unbalanced line-level signals to these inputs, use a 6.35 mm (1/4") mono TS (Tip-Sleeve) plug, wired as follows:

TS Unbalanced Mono Wiring:

- Tip = Positive (+ or Hot)
- Sleeve = Shield (Ground)

Mix Out

This is a male XLR-type connector that produces the mix of the three input channels determined by the level and EQ settings entered. Use this to daisy-chain several BlacklineX Powered loudspeakers together off the same signal source(s).

This is wired following the standard specified by the AES (Audio Engineering Society):

Balanced XLR Output Connector:

- Pin 1 – Shield (ground)
- Pin 2 – Positive (+ or hot)
- Pin 3 – Negative (– or cold)

Rear Panel Controls

Power Switch

Press the bottom of this rocker switch inwards to turn on the loudspeaker. Press the top of this rocker switch inwards to turn off the loudspeaker.

As a general guide, the mixer (or other signal source) should be turned on first, subwoofers next and loudspeakers last. As such, the loudspeakers should also be turned off first, followed by the subwoofers, then the mixer. This will reduce the possibility of any turn-on or turn-off thumps and other noises generated by any upstream equipment from coming out of the loudspeakers.

LCD Display

This modern, high-resolution, all-colour TFT LCD display is one of the most vital features of the BlacklineX Powered loudspeakers. It displays loudspeaker information including (but not limited to) levels, EQ, selected voicing, pairing the speakers and a Bluetooth device, settings, lock / unlock status and other parameters. This is simply for control and monitoring locally at the loudspeaker.

Loudspeaker Control

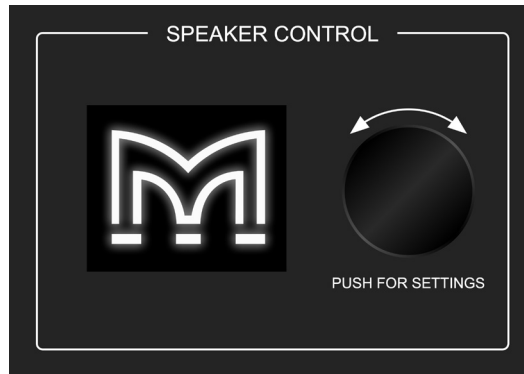
This push-button rotary encoder allows you to access functions such as channel and master level control and metering, application specific voicings & EQ, Bluetooth configuration, set-up functions, and product information. See the chapter on system set up.

Loudspeaker Control

The BlacklineX Powered system is configured using an LCD screen and a rotary encoder with an integrated push-button. You scroll between items by rotating the encoder and select items by pushing the encoder.

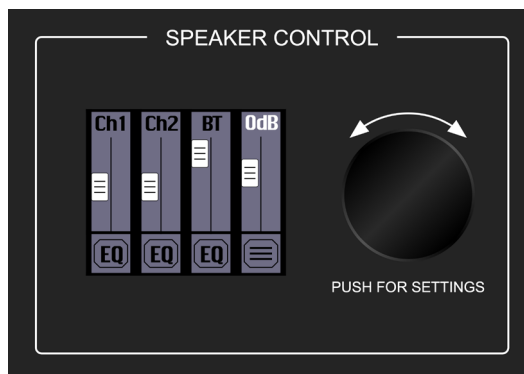
Power Up

On power up the screen briefly displays the Martin Audio logo while the processor boots up:

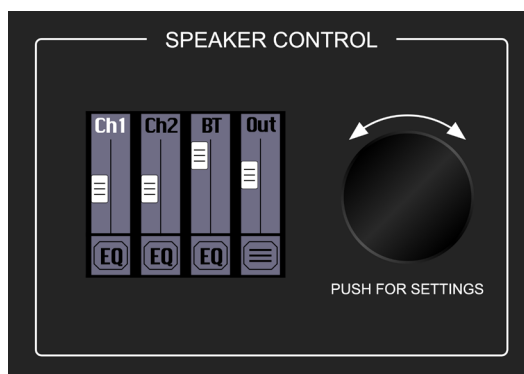


By default, the system displays the mixer screen, unless you have selected a different home screen (see page 20).

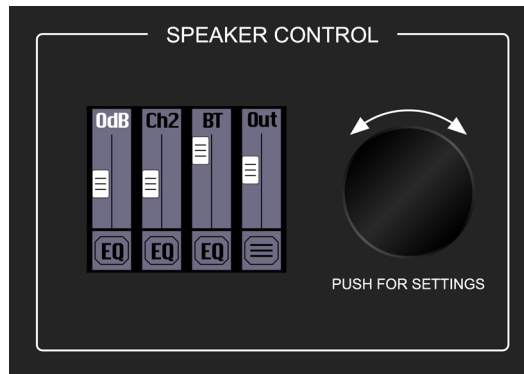
Mixer Screen



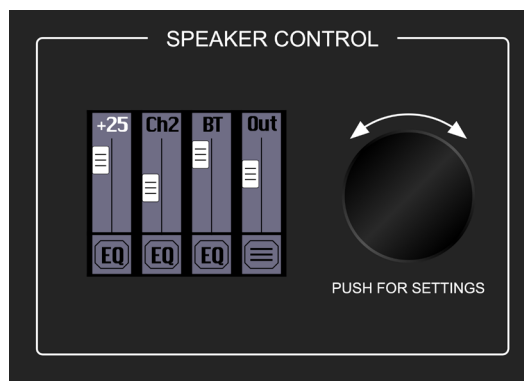
Rotating the loudspeaker control encoder will adjust whichever function is highlighted in white. In the mixer window this defaults to the output level. Push the encoder once to revert to select mode, the highlighted output level will change from the figure in dB to **Out**, rotate the encoder to scroll between channel 1 (Ch1), channel 2 (Ch2), the Bluetooth channel (BT), the output (Out), EQ for all three channels and the menu option at bottom right. For example, select channel 1 (**Ch1**).



Press the encoder to enter edit, the **Ch1** changes to the level in dB:



Adjust the dB using the encoder. Note that the fader knob icon will move up and down to give a graphical representation of the increase or decrease in gain:



The level control ranges are as follows:

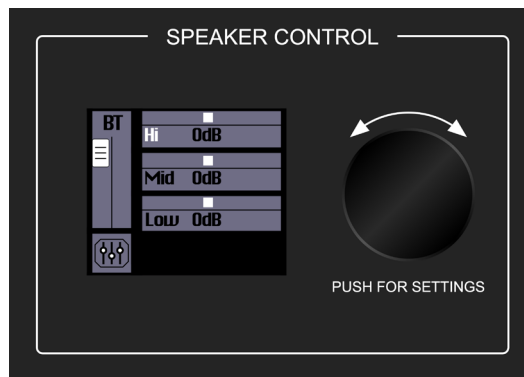
- Channels 1 and 2: -30 dB to +40 dB
- Bluetooth: -32 dB to 0 dB
- Main Output: -inf (off) to +10 dB

Note that when a channel is attenuated all the way down to the lowest level (-30 for inputs 1 and 2, -32 for the Bluetooth input 3 and infinity for the main output) it will be completely muted and the fader will turn red:

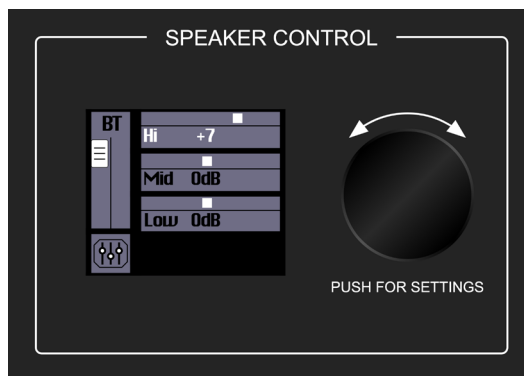


EQ

The bottom row has EQ adjustment for input channels 1, 2 and Bluetooth. To change a channel's EQ, rotate the control encoder and push when the desired channel's EQ icon is illuminated:



The encoder will now scroll between the High (**Hi**), mid-range (**Mid**) and low frequency (**Low**) and the mixer icon to return to the mixer screen. If you click on one of the EQ bands the level will be highlighted and the encoder will allow you to adjust the EQ level for that band:



The EQ ranges are as follows:

- High: ± 12 dB @ 6 kHz [channels 1 and 2] @ 12 kHz [Bluetooth]
- Mid: ± 12 dB @ 2.5 kHz
- Low: ± 12 dB @ 80 Hz
- HPF: 10 Hz – 400 Hz at 12 dB per octave [channels 1 and 2 only]

Select the mixer icon with the control encoder to return to the previous screen once the EQ settings you need have been entered.

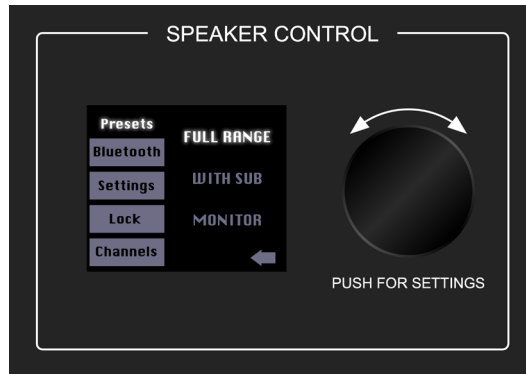
Menu Screen

From the mixer screen use the encoder to select the menu icon in the bottom right corner below the output fader. The menu screen displays five options. Like the mixer screen, rotate the loudspeaker control encoder until the icon of the parameter you want to change is illuminated, then push the encoder to enter that icon's screen.

The six icon selectors are as follows:

- **Presets**
- **Bluetooth**
- **Settings**
- **Lock**
- **Channels**

Presets



The XP12 and XP15 have three presets:

- **FULL RANGE** – Select this to use the loudspeaker without a subwoofer.
- **WITH SUB** – Choose this to use the loudspeaker along with an XP118 subwoofer. This adds a high-pass filter at 80 Hz (XP12 and XP15)
- **MONITOR** – Select this to use the loudspeaker as a floor monitor. This preset features a low frequency roll-off and optimised equalisation to ensure maximum gain before feedback.

Rotate the loudspeaker control encoder until the desired preset illuminates, then press the encoder to select it. In the screenshot below, the selected mode is **WITH SUB**:

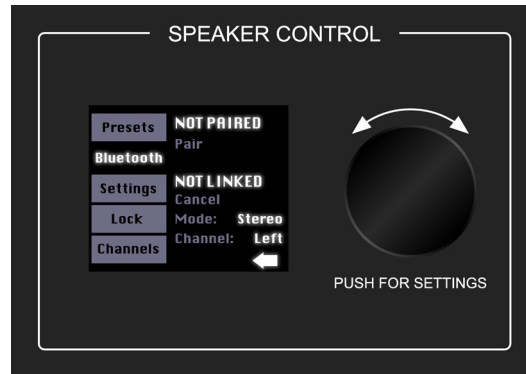


The XP118 has two presets:

- **WITH XP12** – Select this to use the XP118 along with XP12. This adds a low-pass filter at 80 Hz.
- **WITH XP15** – Select this to use the XP118 along with XP15. This adds a low-pass filter at 80 Hz.

Rotate the loudspeaker control encoder until the desired preset illuminates, then press the encoder to select it.

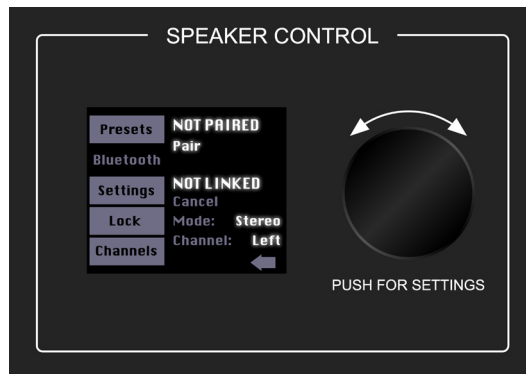
Bluetooth



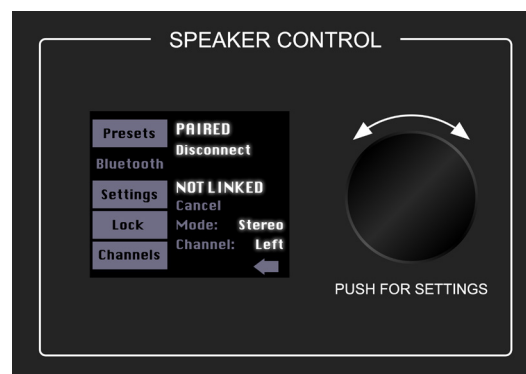
Use this screen to connect to a Bluetooth-enabled device such as a smartphone (we call this pairing) and to connect to other BlacklineX Powered speakers over Bluetooth (we call this linking).

To pair a Bluetooth-enabled device, such as a smartphone

Rotate the encoder to highlight **Pair**, then press the encoder to select.



The text **NOT PAIRED** will change to **DISCOVERABLE** and **Pair** will change to **Cancel** allowing you to cancel pairing if you wish. On your Bluetooth-enabled device, go to Bluetooth settings and select the BlacklineX Powered model number XP12, XP15 or XP118. You don't need to enter a code or password.



The text **DISCOVERABLE** will change to **PAIRED** to show that pairing has been successful. **Cancel** will change to **Disconnect** giving you the option to disconnect the Bluetooth-enabled device if you wish.

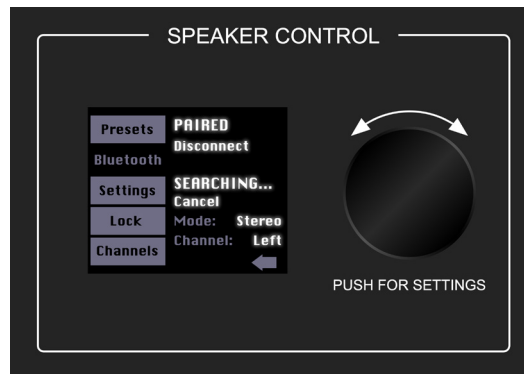
Note that Bluetooth connections can disconnect due to electrostatic discharge (ESD) or electrical fast transients (EFT). If this occurs, you will need to manually reconnect the Bluetooth connection.

Linking

The loudspeaker can also be connected to another BlacklineX Powered loudspeaker over Bluetooth. We call this linking. This allows you to stream audio simultaneously to a pair of loudspeakers either in stereo or “zoned” with a mono signal.

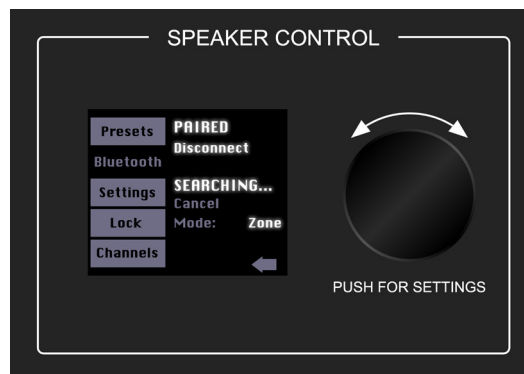
To link loudspeakers

1. Select **Connect** and push the encoder.
2. The text **NOT LINKED** will change to **SEARCHING...** and **Connect** will change to **Cancel** (allowing you cancel the linking if you wish).



3. Power on the other loudspeaker and at the screen for the other speaker follow steps 1 and 2 above.
4. The text **SEARCHING...** will change to **PRIMARY** on one loudspeaker and **SECONDARY** on the other. **Cancel** will also change to **Disconnect**. From here select a **Bluetooth** mode (see below) or push the loudspeaker control encoder to disconnect.

There are two modes available when two loudspeakers are linked; **Stereo** and **Zone**. The **Stereo** setting is the default two loudspeaker set-up, ideal for applications such as a party or DJ, where a device is paired and streaming music in stereo. The main level controls the level for both loudspeakers.



If the Bluetooth mode is set to **Stereo**, you can select which loudspeaker is located on the left and which is on the right. Simply rotate the loudspeaker control encoder so that channel is illuminated, then push the button to enter and edit. Rotate to illuminate your choice – left or right – then push the button to select.

The **Zone** mode setting means that the speakers receive mono-summed signal and have separate main level controls. Zone mode is ideal if you have loudspeakers in different locations that need to be at different volume levels.

Illuminating and selecting the left-facing arrow (at bottom right) returns you to the **Settings** screen.

Settings

This screen allows you to configure a number of the BlacklineX Powered options. To change a setting, rotate the encoder until the configuration you want is illuminated, then push the encoder to select. The choices are:

Screensaver

This allows you to select the behavior of the LCD screen when nothing has been adjusted for 30 seconds. There are three options:

- **High** - The LCD screen remains at full brightness
- **Low** - The screen dims
- **Off** - The screen turns off. If you turn or press the encoder, the screen will turn on immediately.

Home Screen

This allows you to select either the mixer screen or the settings menu as the default to which the LCD window will return following 30 seconds of inactivity. The mixer screen is the default.

Auto Con

Allows a previously paired Bluetooth device to auto reconnect if both the device and loudspeaker are powered on and in range. When illuminated, push the loudspeaker control encoder to select between on or off.

Auto Link BT

Allows two previously paired loudspeakers to automatically re-link if both are powered on and in range. When illuminated, push the loudspeaker control encoder to select between on or off.

About

This screen displays details including the device, DSP and Bluetooth firmware versions and the unique device ID.

Restore

Restores all parameters back to their default. This is a permanent reset with no undo, so a confirmation message warns you before you delete everything.

Illuminating and selecting the left-facing arrow at the bottom right of the screen returns you to the previous screen.

Lock

This allows you to lock and unlock the interface with a four-digit numeric password. Press the encoder to enter lock mode. Then rotate the encoder until the first number of the password is illuminated and press to select. Follow the same procedure for the next three numbers. Once you have entered four numbers, **LOCK** will be highlighted.



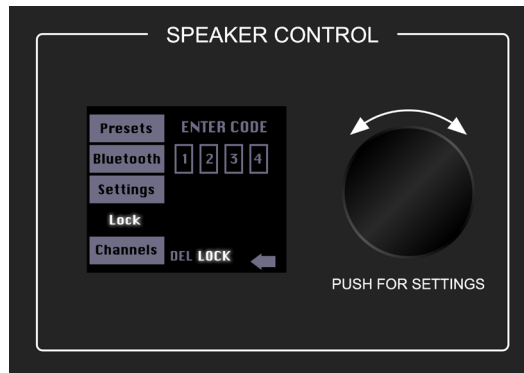
You can select **Del** to delete the last entered number, or press **LOCK** to lock the controls. Once the loudspeaker is locked, you can't change any parameters and rotating the encoder will have no effect. To unlock the loudspeaker, press the encoder and enter your four-digit passcode. Make sure you don't forget your password.

Emergency Unlock

If you have locked your loudspeaker and forgotten the passcode, please contact your vendor for support.

Channels

The final option is **Channels**. This returns you to the mixer view.



XP Connect - iOS Control App

BlacklineX Powered loudspeakers can be remotely controlled using the **XP Connect** iOS application, available for iPhone and iPad via the [App Store](#).

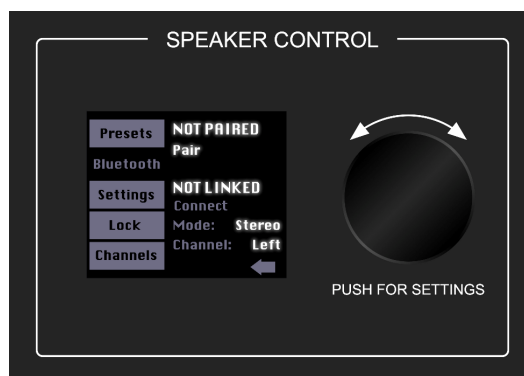
XP Connect can control up to two loudspeakers in **Mono**, **Stereo** or **Zone** mode.

To connect to a Single BlacklineX Powered Loudspeaker

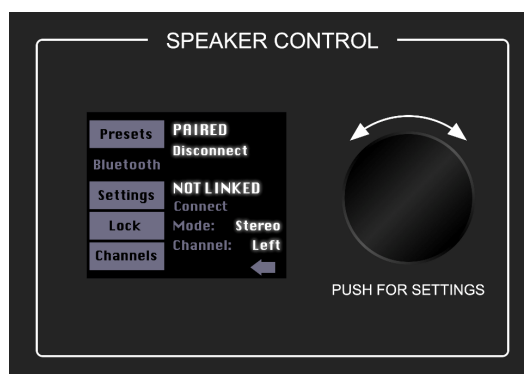
On the rear panel of the BlacklineX Powered loudspeaker use the control encoder to select the settings menu.

Scroll to **Bluetooth** and select **Pair**.

This device is now discoverable.



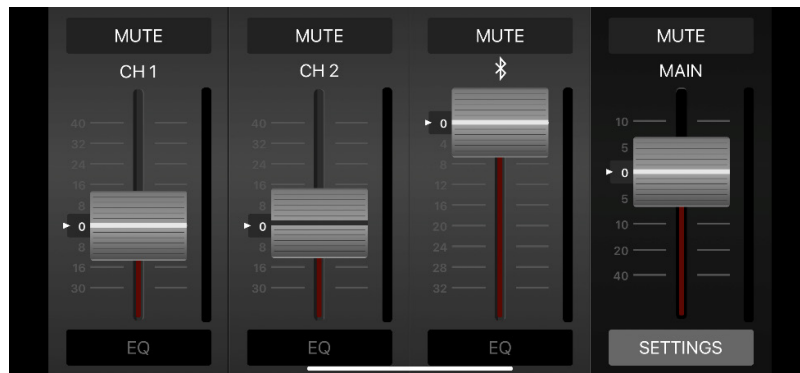
On your IOS device, launch **Settings** > **Bluetooth** and select the BlacklineX Powered loudspeaker from the list. Once connected, the rear panel of the loudspeaker will display **PAIRED**. If you wish to unpair, select **Disconnect**.



Launch the XP Connect app on your iOS device to automatically detect any connected BlacklineX Powered loudspeakers. Once discovered, the app can be used to remotely control the loudspeaker.



Once the loudspeaker has connected and the splash screen disappears the app should launch into a mono control surface.

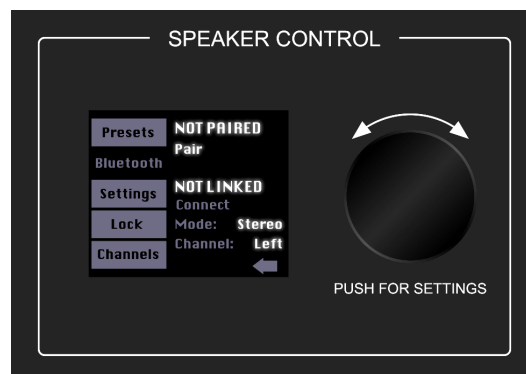


To connect to a Pair of BlacklineX Powered Loudspeakers

When connecting to a pair of BlacklineX Powered loudspeakers, one loudspeaker is primary and the other is secondary, depending on the order that you connect them.

Navigate to **Bluetooth** and select **Pair**.

This primary device is now discoverable.

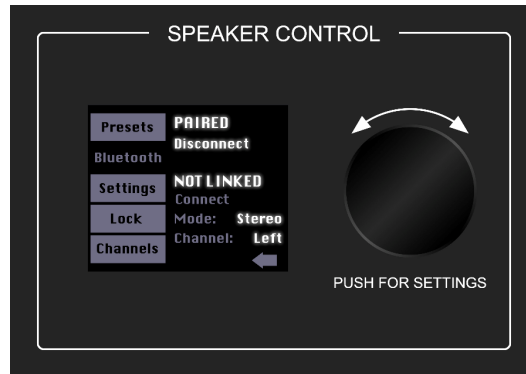


On the iOS device launch **Settings** > **Bluetooth** and select the BlacklineX Powered loudspeaker from the list, which will be shown as connected once this process is complete. The rear panel will display **PAIRED**.

If you wish to unpair select **Disconnect**.

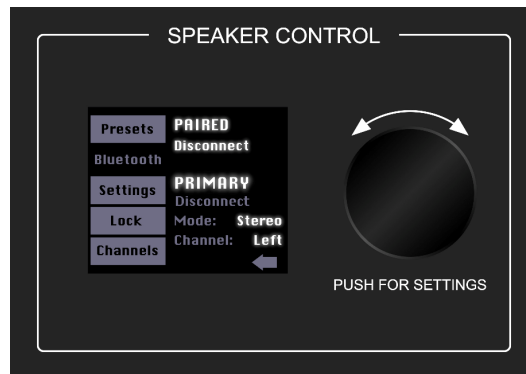
Linking Devices

On the rear panel of the **PRIMARY** device, navigate to **Bluetooth** and select **Connect** under **NOT LINKED**.

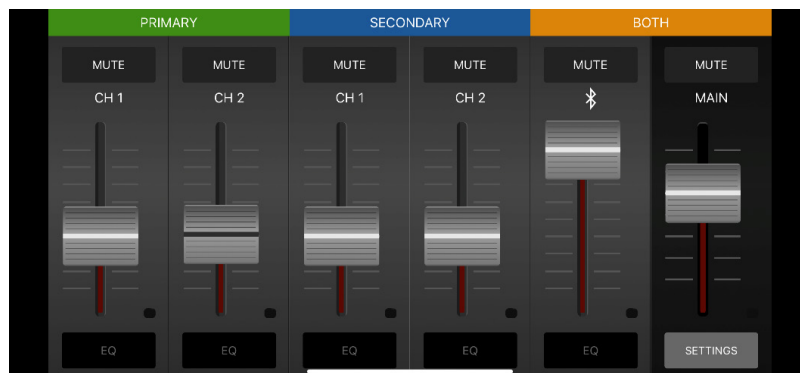


Repeat the process on the secondary device which will now link the pair of BlacklineX Powered loudspeakers.

PRIMARY or **SECONDARY** will appear on the loudspeaker screen on the **Bluetooth** page. If you are using **Zone** mode, you need to note which is primary and which is secondary, as you can control the volume levels separately in this mode.



Launching the XP Connect app will automatically discover the connected BlacklineX Powered loudspeakers. If you are using stereo mode, a stereo control surface should appear in the app after the devices have connected.



Note: Make sure the devices are linked correctly before you launch the app.

If this system is a regular setup, we recommend that you select **Auto-link** from the **Settings > Bluetooth** tab in the app. This aids in quick deployment and removes unnecessary repetition of the linking process.

Protection

Limiters

BlacklineX Powered loudspeakers employ built-in DSP limiters for drive unit protection.

The individual drive units use DSP limiters optimised so that their effect is not noticeable in normal use but protect against mechanical and thermal overload. Limiters cannot protect against highly clipped input signals, so if excessive distortion is heard, the level should be reduced to avoid damage.

Thermal Protection

Although the class D amplifiers in BlacklineX Powered are very efficient, all amplifiers do produce heat. In the unlikely event of the amplifier overheating, for example if the loudspeakers are installed in a hot location such as in direct sunlight or under hot stage lights, the amplifier has built in thermal protection to ensure a safe operating temperature is maintained. When the amplifier cools to a safe operating temperature the switch resets and the amplifier resumes normal operation.

AC Power

Using AC Power

Be sure the loudspeaker is plugged into an outlet that is able to supply the correct voltage specified for your model. It will continue to operate at lower voltages but will not reach full power. Be sure the electrical service can supply enough current for all the components connected to it.

We recommend that a robust supply of AC power be used as the amplifiers place high current demands on the AC line. The more power that is available on the line, the better the system performance will be and the more peak output power will be available for a cleaner, punchier bass. A suspected problem of "poor bass performance" is often caused by a weak mains supply to the amplifiers.

Never remove the ground (earth) pin from the power cable or tamper with any other safety-related components of the BlacklineX Powered loudspeaker. Doing so poses a serious electrical hazard and may result in injury or equipment damage.

Care and Maintenance

Care Guidelines

Your BlacklineX Powered loudspeakers will provide many years of reliable service if you follow these guidelines:

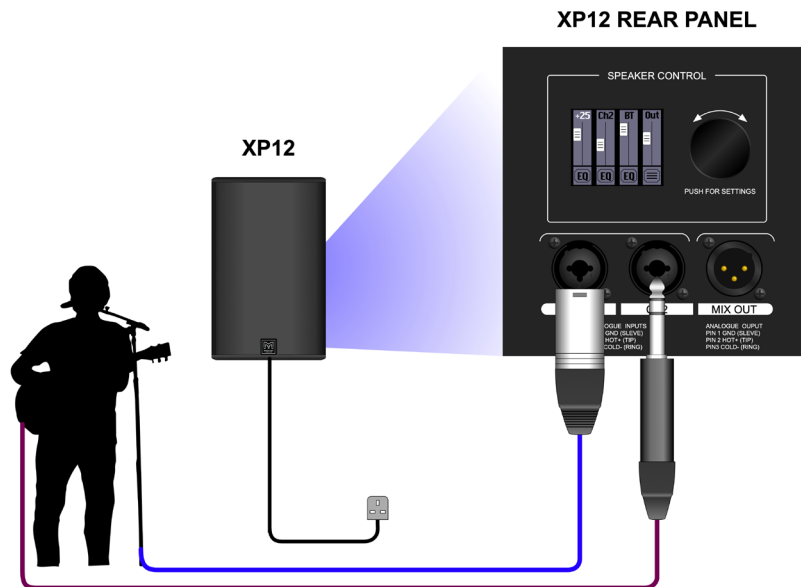
- Avoid exposing the loudspeakers to moisture.
- Avoid exposure to extreme cold (below freezing temperatures). If you must operate the loudspeakers in a cold environment, warm up the voice coils slowly by sending a low-level signal through them for about 15 minutes prior to high-power operation.
- Use a dry cloth to clean the cabinets. Only do this when the power is turned off. Avoid getting moisture into any of the openings of the cabinet, particularly where the drivers are located.

Wiring Diagrams

System Configurations

There are several ways to configure BlacklineX Powered systems, so we'll now explore practical wiring examples for the most common setups.

System A – Basic set-up

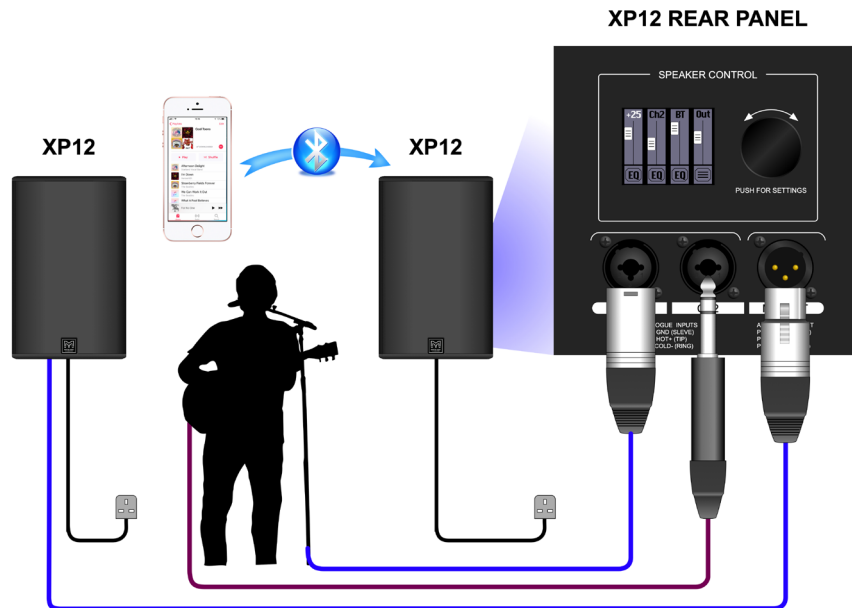


This basic setup uses a single XP12 or XP15, connected directly to your source. For example, you could connect a microphone using balanced XLR and an instrument using a standard 1/4" jack cable. You can adjust the level and EQ of both inputs to achieve a good balance between them.

Additionally, a Bluetooth-enabled device such as a smartphone can be paired with the cabinet to play background music between sets or backing tracks for performers.

For this set up, select the **FULL RANGE** preset.

System B – Two cabinet configuration

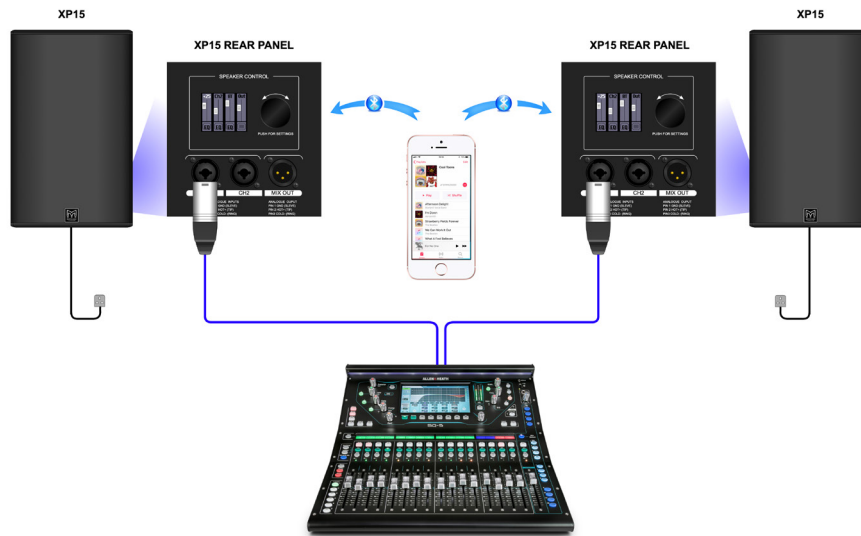


This system adds a second cabinet to the simple setup shown in System A, enabling stereo operation. The two cabinets are linked using an additional XLR cable, which routes the signal from the Mixer Out of the first cabinet to the second.

Additionally, a Bluetooth-enabled device such as a smartphone can be paired with the first cabinet to play stereo background music between sets or backing tracks for performers.

For this setup, set both loudspeakers to the **FULL RANGE** preset.

System C – Stereo feed from an external source

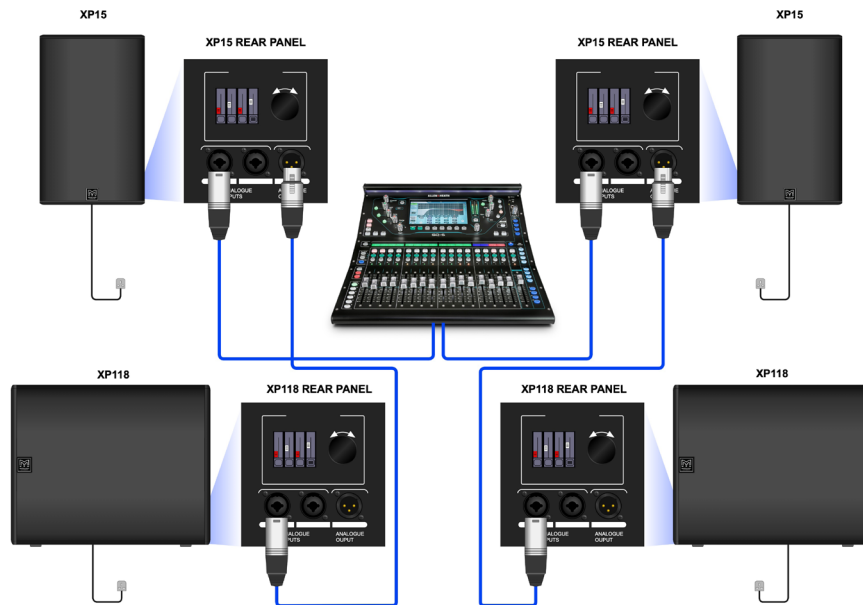


This system takes a feed from a stereo source, such as a mixing console, where multiple instruments and performers are routed through the system. Two XLR cables are connected from the stereo outputs of the mixer, one to the left loudspeaker and the other to the right.

Additionally, a Bluetooth-enabled device such as a smartphone can be paired with one cabinet, and the two cabinets linked in stereo via Bluetooth. This allows walk-in music or backing tracks to be played directly through the loudspeakers, meaning the rest of the system can be set up on arrival and packed down after the performance, while background music continues as needed.

For this setup, set both loudspeakers to the **FULL RANGE** preset.

System D – Stereo system including subwoofers



Products that may be used with this wiring:

- XP12 + XP118
- XP15 + XP118

This system builds on the previous example system by adding a pair of XP118 subwoofers. Two XLR cables are connected from the stereo outputs of the mixer, one routed to the left XP15 (or XP12), and the other to the right XP15 (or XP12). From the Mixer Out on each XP15, short XLR cables are used to connect to the XP118 inputs, creating a stereo system with enhanced SPL and frequency response.

Alternatively, you could connect the mixer outputs to the XP118s first and then link up to the XP15s. However, in both configurations, it's important to note that the Mixer Out on all XP products is post-gain and EQ. This means that any adjustments made to the first cabinet in the chain (whether it's a sub or a full-range speaker) will also affect the signal passed to the next cabinet. For example, if the mixer connects to the XP118s first, then increasing gain on the sub will also increase the input level to the XP15, potentially risking overload.

To avoid this, there are two recommended configurations:

- Use XLR splitters or “Y” cables to send the same signal to both the XP118 and XP15. This ensures that adjustments made to one cabinet do not affect the other.
- Send an independent feed to the subs from the mixer. At larger events, it's common to use a matrix send, subgroup, or auxiliary output to route signals to the subs, giving the engineer full control over sub content and level.

Additionally, a Bluetooth device (such as a smartphone) can be paired with one XP15 (or XP12), and the cabinets linked in stereo mode. This allows walk-in or background music to be played wirelessly, saving two mixer channels.

In all configurations:

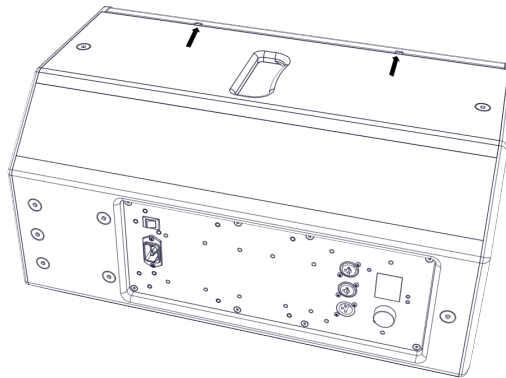
- The XP12 or XP15 should be set to the WITH SUB preset.
- The XP118 should be set to the preset that matches the full-range model in use.

Grille Removal and Horn Rotation

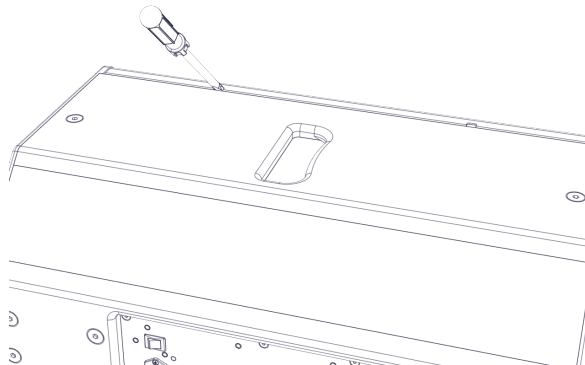
The BlacklineX Powered full range loudspeakers may be used in landscape or horizontal orientation, most obviously when used as a monitor wedge but also when flown in fixed installations. For the loudspeaker to perform correctly it is necessary to rotate the horn flare through 90° to preserve the horizontal and vertical dispersion. The loudspeakers are designed to make this as straightforward as possible with spring-loaded grilles which are easily removed and horns screwed in place with Pozidrive screws. It is also possible to rotate the Martin Audio badge on the grille.

Grille Removal

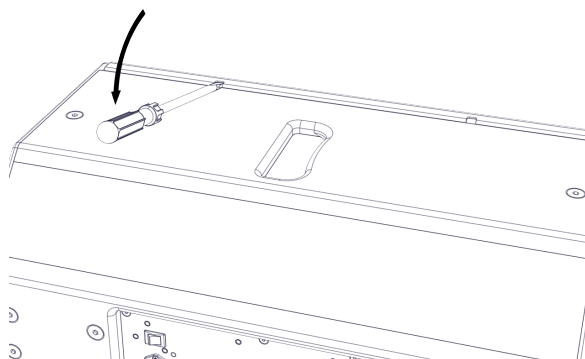
Grilles on BlacklineX Powered cabinets are designed to be easy to remove to facilitate driver rotation. No screws are used to hold them in place. They are manufactured with a natural spring which holds them in place in slots in each side of the cabinets. The grilles have two or three gaps in the sides into which an appropriately sized flat-bladed screwdriver can be inserted to assist in removal.



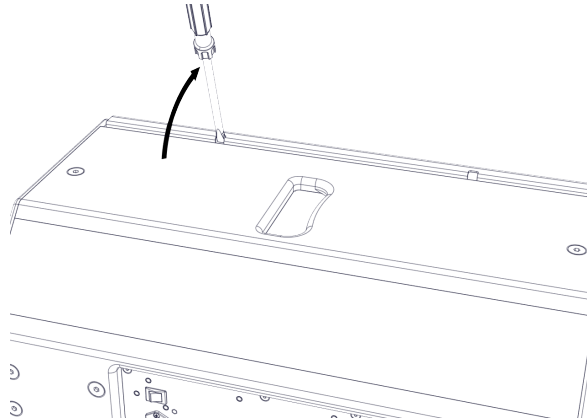
Insert the screwdriver blade into one of the gaps - either at the top or bottom of the cabinet:



Gently push the handle down. This will ease the grille out of the slot. It may have bitten into the paint surface so you just need to make sure it is free to be lifted clear:



Now lift the handle up. This will ease the grille forward slightly to prevent the return on the grille dropping straight back into the slot:



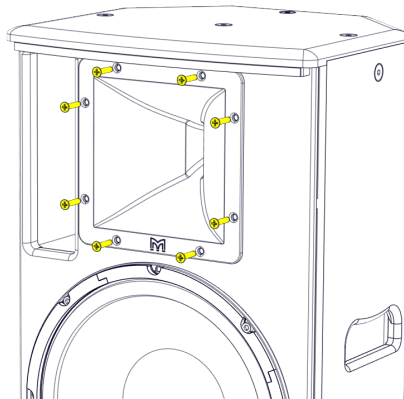
Repeat this process for the remaining gaps in the grille to ease it out of the slot all the way up one side of the cabinet; when you get to the final gap the grille should pop out and away from the front of the cabinet.

To replace the grille, first insert one side into the slot on one side of the cabinet. Make sure the return on the grille is completely engaged in the slot. Push on the front of the grille with the flat of your hand, which will encourage the other edge of the grille to locate on the side of the cabinet close to the slot. Now push the edge of the grille back starting at the top or the bottom to engage the return in the slot; you may need to do this a little at a time, working down the length of the grille until it pops into place.

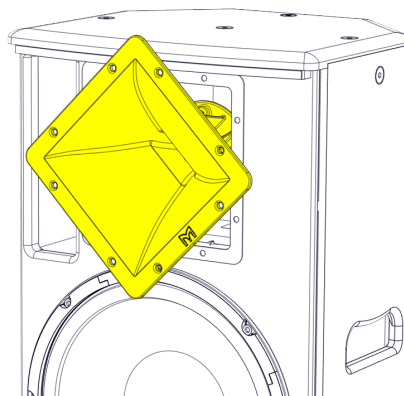
Rotating the HF Horn

The compression driver and horn assembly on all full range models are held into the cabinet using eight Pozidrive No.2 screws. Once the grille is removed these are easily seen on the flange of the horn. All models are essentially identical with just a larger horn flare on the bigger cabinets.

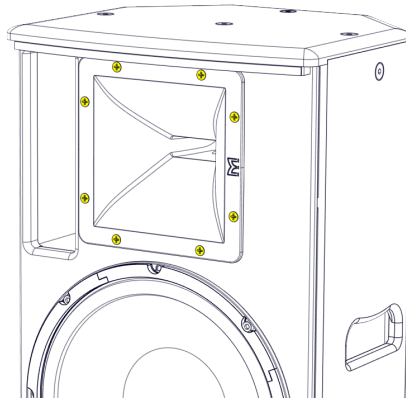
When using the loudspeaker in horizontal mode, unscrew all eight screws placing them somewhere safe:



Lift the horn assembly forward, just enough to allow you to rotate it. Turn it through 90° in either direction, line up the holes in the flange with those in the cabinet and replace all eight screws:

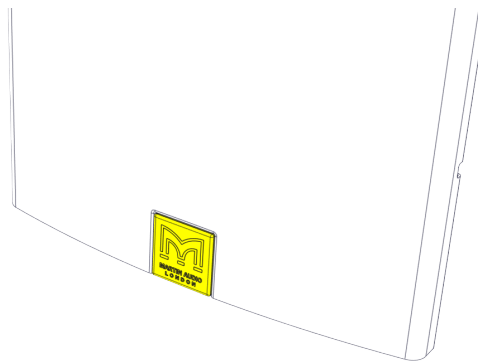


Be careful not to over-tighten and cross-thread the screws in the cabinet baffle. The baffle is wood, so the screws don't need to be too tight:

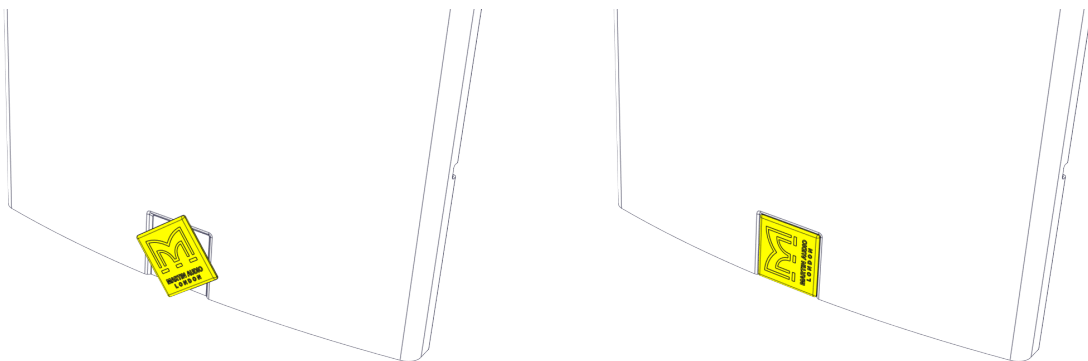


Badge Rotation

When used in landscape you should rotate the Martin Audio badge on the grille. The badge is spring loaded and very easy to rotate and can only be turned in fixed 90° increments so you will have no problem making sure that it is straight.



The badge is easier to rotate if the grille is first removed. With the grille removed push the spigot holding the badge in place so the badge is protruding forward from the grille and is proud of the recess in which it sits. Rotate the badge as required and release the spigot on the rear so it settles back into the recess in the grille. The grille can then be replaced:

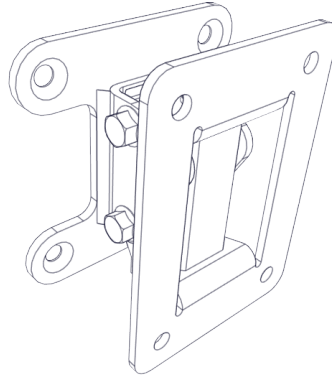


The badge is supplied with a plastic film to protect it from scratches. This should be left in position until the cabinet is fitted in position in a fixed installation or is ready for use in portable applications when it can be peeled off and discarded.

Wall Mounting

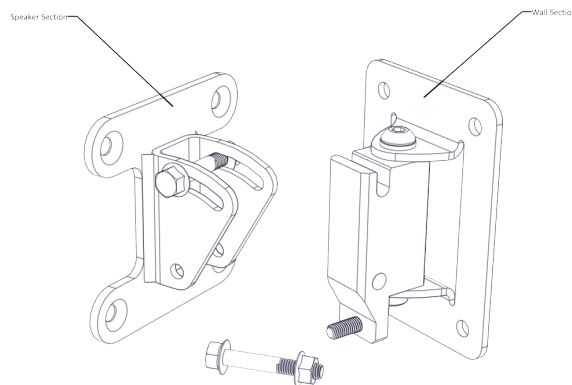
Wall Bracket

You can wall mount the XP12 in portrait (but not landscape) using wall bracket WB10/12B.

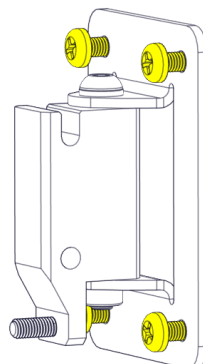


Installation is a two-part process in common with standard first fix and second fix procedures.

The first step is to separate the two halves of the bracket by unscrewing the lower horizontal bolt. Don't unscrew the upper horizontal bolt:

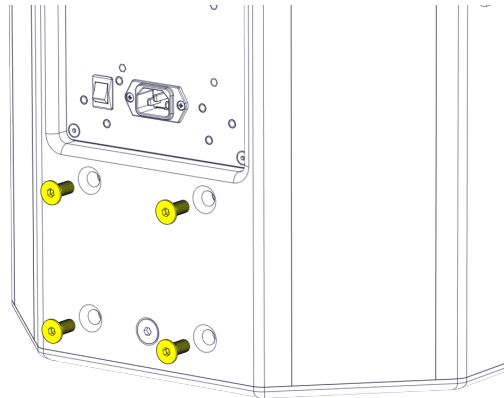


For first fix, secure the wall section of the bracket to the wall. The wall section has a vertical bolt that allows horizontal adjustment of the speaker and a slot into which the cabinet bracket bolt sits. Use appropriate wall fixings suitable for the composition of the wall. These must be of sufficient strength to support the weight of the loudspeaker:

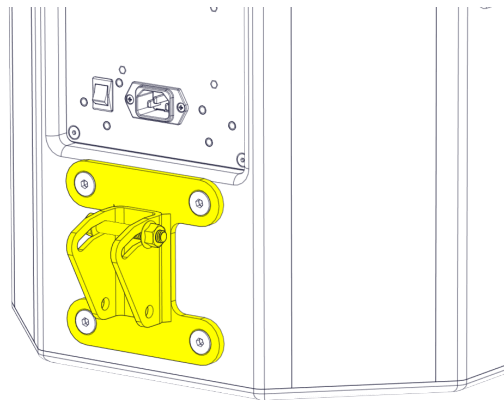


Next step is to attach the cabinet section of the bracket to the loudspeaker. This is the bracket with four countersunk fixing holes on a square pattern and with a horizontal bolt in a curved slot.

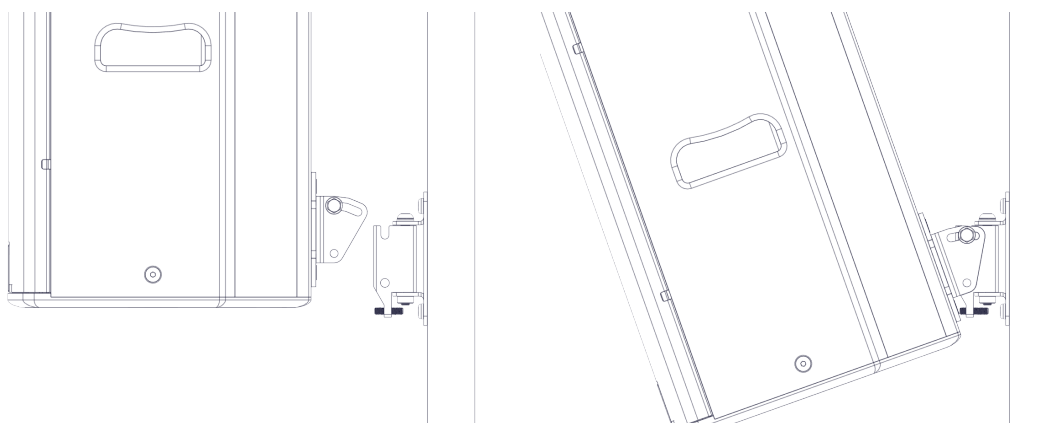
The rear of the cabinet has four countersunk bolts fitted designed for use with mounting brackets. Remove and keep these four bolts:



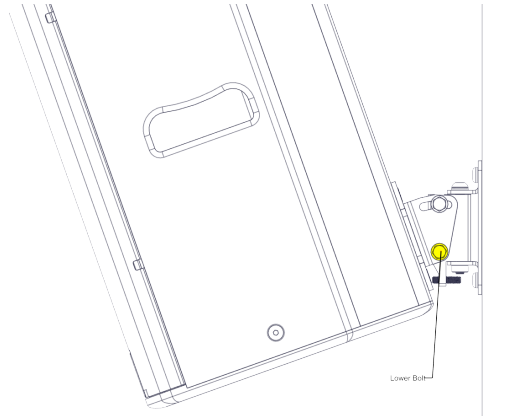
Position the bracket over the mounting holes and screw into place tightly using the bolts removed from the cabinet:



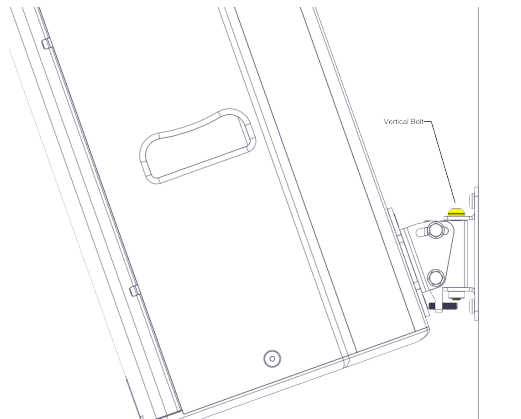
You are now ready to fit the loudspeaker to the wall. Offer the loudspeaker up to the bracket so you can hook horizontal bolt into the notch on the wall bracket. If you are working at height, make sure that you follow appropriate safety measures such as using a scaffold tower or lifting platform. This will allow you to safely use both hands:



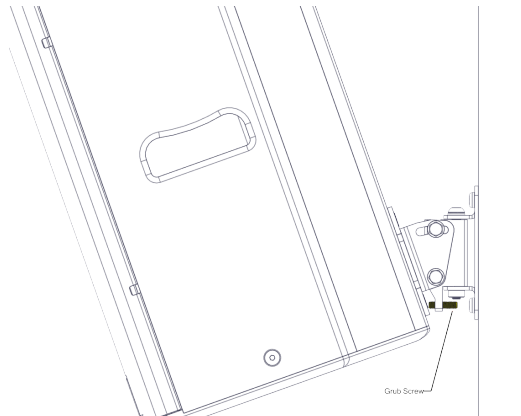
Once the bracket is hooked together and taking the weight of the cabinet you can replace the lower bolt:



Final adjustments can now be made. Horizontal (pan) adjustment is available by rotating assembly on the vertical bolt. When you're happy with the angle, the vertical securing bolt can be tightened with an M6 hex key to lock the position:



Vertical (tilt) adjustment is made by adjusting the grub screw:

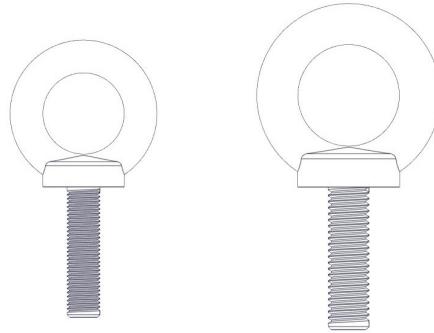


Once the vertical position is correct, you can tighten the two horizontal bolts. This is best achieved by using a socket set with an extender bar to reach the bolt heads.

Eye Bolt Mounting

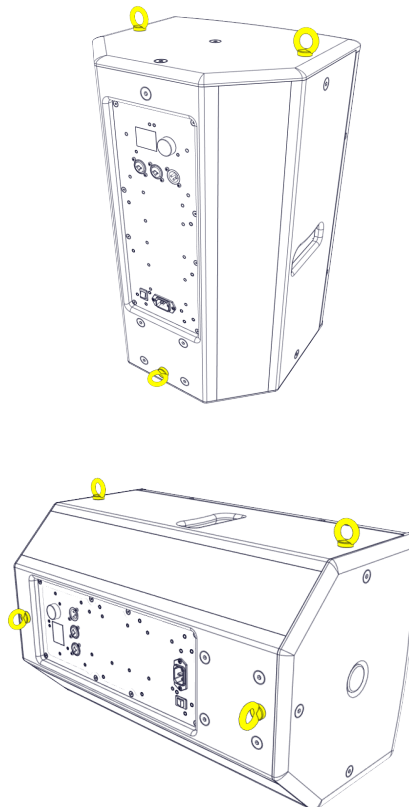
Eye Bolts

All BlacklineX Powered systems have threaded inserts rated for flown installations. The XP12 and XP15 full range loudspeakers have M8 threaded inserts and the XP118 subwoofer has M10 inserts. Most commonly these are used in conjunction with shouldered eye bolts for suspending the cabinets using appropriately rated chain or steel wire. Martin Audio's HTKCT05 (M8) and HTKCT06 (M10) are rated for use in flown applications. Note that if you plan to use alternative eye bolts these must be shouldered cast steel NOT formed steel types commonly available from DIY stores. They must have a safe working load rating compatible with the weight of the cabinets.



BlacklineX Powered loudspeakers can be flown in portrait or landscape format. Please note that the horn must be rotated when the cabinet is used in landscape mode. Please see the chapter on grille removal and horn rotation.

We recommend using a minimum of four eye bolts to suspend the cabinet, regardless of its orientation. In most applications, two eye bolts are used as the primary suspension points, left and right. A third eye bolt is attached to the rear of the cabinet and used to adjust the down-tilt as required. The fourth eye bolt is for attaching a secondary safety line, which should be secured to an independent mounting point, such as a girder or similar structure.



Specifications

XP12

TYPE	Compact, active two-way system
FREQUENCY RESPONSE	62Hz-20kHz $\pm$ 3dB, -10dB @ 50Hz
DRIVERS	LF: 12" (300mm)/2.5" (63.5mm) voice coil, ferrite motor system HF: 1" (25mm) exit/1.7" (44mm) voice coil, polyimide dome compression driver
MAXIMUM SPL	122dB continuous, 128dB peak
DISPERSION (-6dB)	80° H x 50° V (user-rotatable)
CROSSOVER	2.3kHz active, 24dB/octave
ENCLOSURE	Multi-angle birch plywood
FINISH	Black textured paint (RAL 9005)
PROTECTIVE GRILLE	Black perforated steel with scrim cloth backing
CONNECTORS	2 x Combo XLR / 6.35 mm (1/4") TRS/TS input 1 x XLR male output IEC C14 mains inlet
FITTINGS	18 x M8 inserts, pole-mount socket, 1 x bar handle
DIMENSIONS	(W) 358mm x (H) 574mm x (D) 337mm (W) 14.1in x (H) 22.6in x (D) 13.7in
WEIGHT	18kg (40lbs)
ACCESSORIES	Wall bracket (WB10/12B), M8 eyebolts (HTKCT05)

XP15

TYPE	High-power, powered two-way system
FREQUENCY RESPONSE	55Hz-20kHz $\pm$ 3dB, -10dB @ 45Hz
DRIVERS	LF: 15" (380mm)/3" (75mm) voice coil, ferrite motor system HF: 1" (25mm) exit/1.7" (44mm) voice coil, polyimide dome compression driver
MAXIMUM SPL	125dB continuous, 131dB peak
DISPERSION (-6dB)	90° H x 50° V (user-rotatable)
CROSSOVER	2kHz active, 24dB/octave
ENCLOSURE	Multi-angle birch plywood
FINISH	Black textured paint (RAL 9005)
PROTECTIVE GRILLE	Black perforated steel with scrim cloth backing
CONNECTORS	2 x Combo XLR / 6.35 mm (1/4") TRS/TS input 1 x XLR male output IEC C14 mains inlet
FITTINGS	13 x M8 inserts, pole-mount socket, 2 x bar handle
DIMENSIONS	(W) 427mm x (H) 690mm x (D) 419mm (W) 16.8in x (H) 27.2in x (D) 16.5in
WEIGHT	24kg (57lbs)
ACCESSORIES	M8 eyebolts (HTKCT05)

XP118

TYPE	Compact, direct radiating powered subwoofer
FREQUENCY RESPONSE	42Hz-150Hz $\pm$ 3dB, -10dB @ 38Hz
DRIVER	18" (460mm)/4" (100mm) voice coil, long excursion, ferrite magnet
MAXIMUM SPL	131dB continuous, 137dB peak (half space)
DISPERSION (-6dB)	Omnidirectional
CROSSOVER FREQUENCY (LPF)	80 Hz for both presets: "With XP12" and "With XP15"
ENCLOSURE	Birch plywood
FINISH	Black textured paint (RAL 9005)
PROTECTIVE GRILLE	Black perforated steel
CONNECTORS	2 x Combo XLR / 6.35 mm (1/4") TRS/TS input 1 x XLR male output IEC C14 mains inlet
FITTINGS	16 x M10 inserts, pole-mount socket, 2 x bar handles, provision for castors
DIMENSIONS	(W) 530mm x (H) 669mm x (D) 640mm (W) 20.9in x (H) 26.3in x (D) 25.2in
WEIGHT	44kg (97lbs)
ACCESSORIES	M10 eyebolts (HTKCT06), distance pole (HTKCT04)

Current Draw and Thermal Dissipation

XP12

Input Signal	Output Power	Input Power	Current Draw (amps)		Thermal Dissipation		
			230V	115V	Watt	BTU/h	Kcal/h
Muted	0	13	0.12	0.24	14	48	12
Pink Noise to Limit	147	168	0.92	1.84	22	75	19

XP15

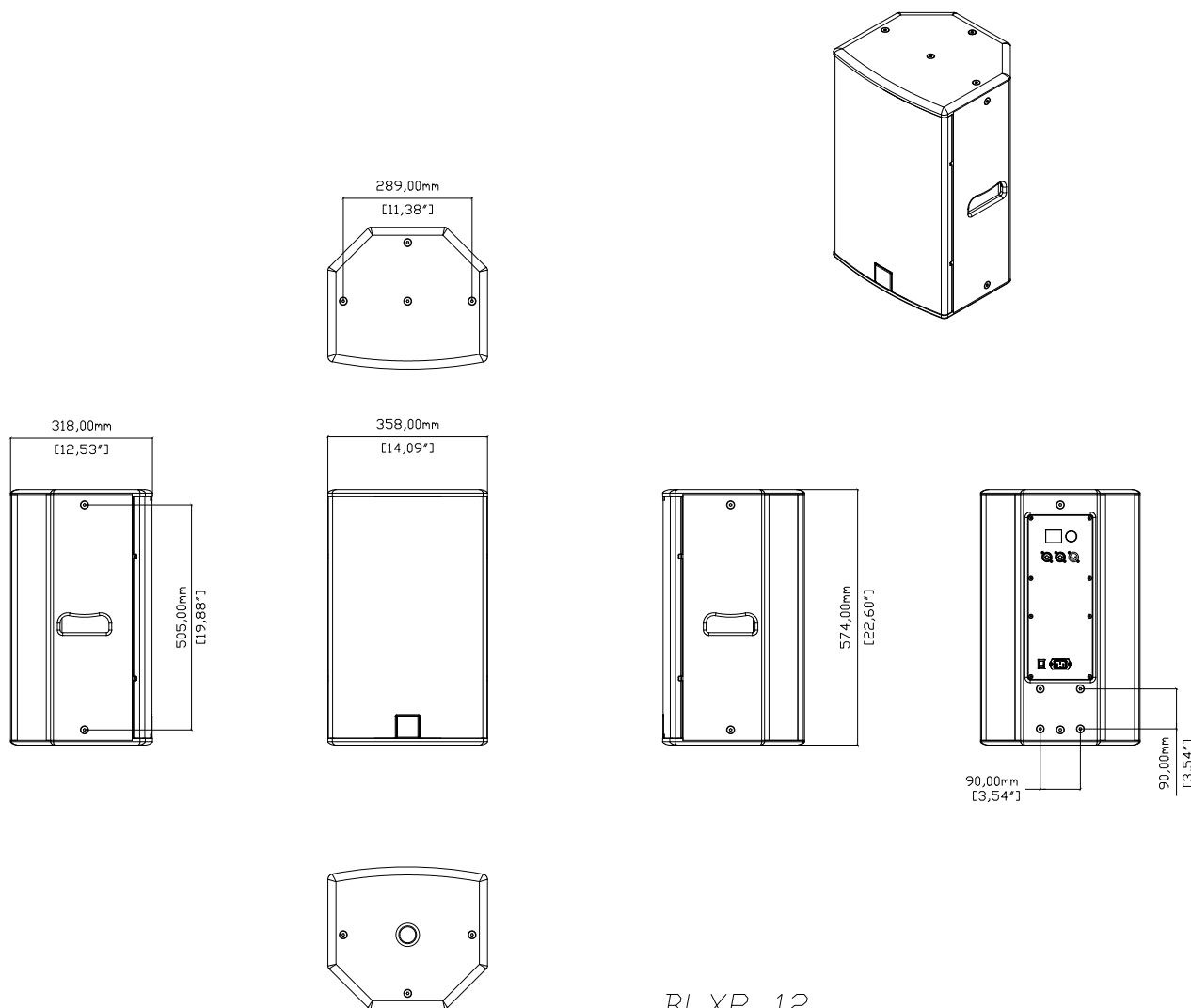
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Pink Noise to Limit	174	209	1.12	2.25	35	119	30

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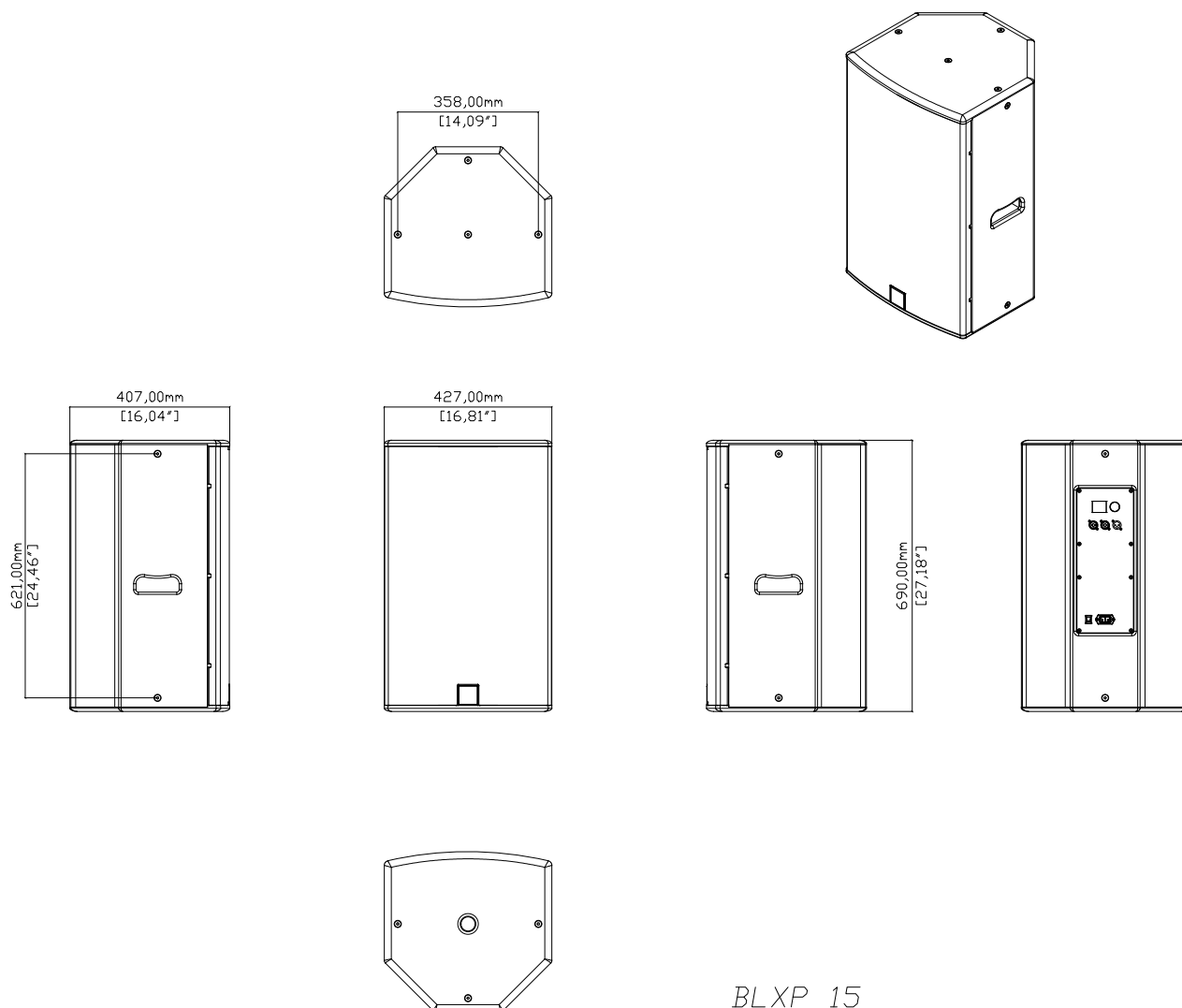
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Technical Drawings

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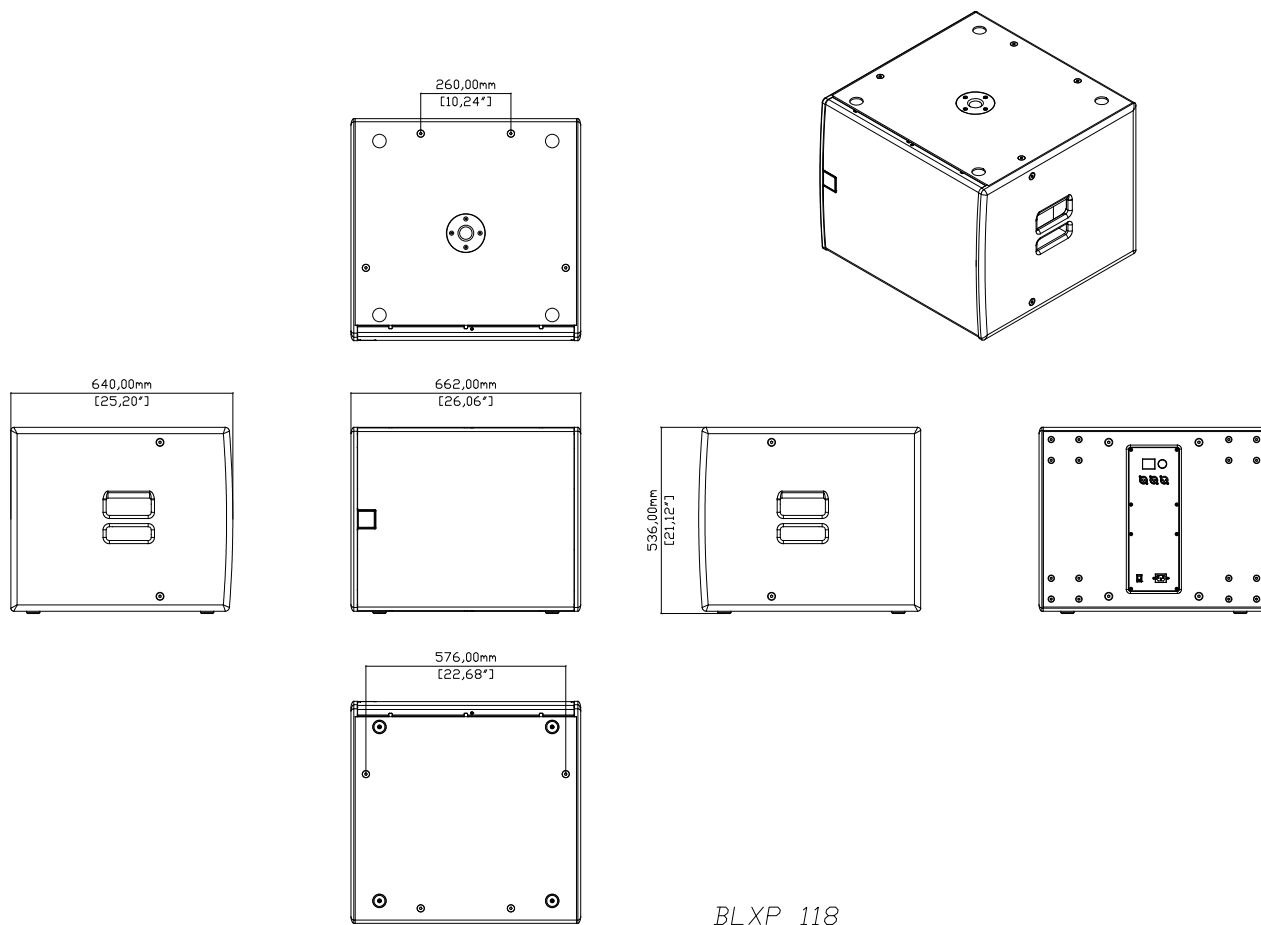


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