

MTD 112 OWNER MANUAL

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You are the owner of at least one MTD 112 sound reinforcement/monitor loudspeaker system. The present manual has been written to provide you with the information you may require to operate the MTD 112 system.

Furthermore, we also have enclosed specific information relevant on how to configure the system, how to include it as a part of a global sound system design, and how to install it.

Finally, we have enclosed the measured data according to the E.A.S.E. software process, in order to allow accurate prediction of the system performance in installations.

We are confident that the information provided in this manual will be sufficient in most cases of operation. Nevertheless, your regional distributor, or ourselves as a manufacturer, do remain available to provide you some advises, help, or consulting services whenever you may need it.

In this respect, we are also willing to cooperate with designers, consultants and architects, who are not directly using the system, but who do need a thorough knowledge of its behavior in order to achieve an optimum prescriptive design.

2.1 THE MULTIPLE SOURCES CONCEPT

Covering an audience with a sound field is the aim of any sound system design. It is rather easy in very small spaces, where the "Hi-Fi" type of approach is suitable, provided the available power is sufficient. A stereo pair of loudspeakers is an easy system to install, and the results are fairly predictable.

In order to cover larger audiences, two avenues are capable of providing satisfying solutions:

* The coupling of a certain number of sound sources in arrays, each array being in turn equivalent to one sound source.

* Multiplying the sound sources by dividing the audience in areas which are covered by individual sources. In this case, the Haas effect is exploited by introducing delay lines upstream in the system to provide a correct localization.

We consider that the coupling of sound sources in arrays can only be satisfying if it meets some criterion which have been defined by Christian Heil & Marcel Urban, "Sound fields radiated by multiple sound sources arrays" AES paper preprint 3269, presented at the 92nd Convention, Vienna 1992. These criterion are met by our V-DOSC and ARCS products, designed for large-scale sound reinforcement. In many designs, however, it is practically impossible to meet these criterion together with a sufficient level of versatility for small to medium scale applications: If a product is to be arrayable, it typically leads to an enclosure design that cannot be used in single or very small configurations.

Our approach to versatile small size systems is the one of multiplying sound sources, and providing delay lines whenever necessary. In this respect, our first design criterion is the total coherence of each individual source.

This criterion is fully met only with coaxial axisymmetric designs, as already demonstrated years ago by a famous studio monitor British manufacturer.

Only this type of assembly can provide a smooth transition between the LF and HF ranges, the directivity of the two transducers at the crossover frequency being the same by definition.

(Note that it is not the case when a coaxially mounted HF driver is loaded by a small horn placed inside the LF cone, instead of being loaded by flare of the cone itself).

Further, the true single source at all frequencies, as achieved by a coaxial axisymmetrical design, is obviously superior in coherence to any combination of two independent sound sources: even if such independent sources are designed to provide the same directivity behavior (which is never the case!), these two sources are not located at the same place in this case.

Some other benefits in terms of quality can be obtained from an axisymmetrical load, as demonstrated by M.A.Dodd "A wide dispersion constant directivity dual concentric driver", presented at the 92nd AES Convention, Vienna 1992, preprint n 3257, and by P.Newell "Round the horn", Studio Sound vol.36 n 3, March 1994.

These benefits can be briefly described as a smooth acoustical impedance loading the compression driver and a short time window of horn reflections which is much more acceptable that longer ones due to long horn designs.

Further, the coupling of the wave generated by an axisymmetric sound source, providing a directivity smoothly increasing with frequency, with the acoustical environment of a typical auditorium is optimum: The reverberation time, typically, decreases smoothly beyond 1 kHz.

At the largest distances, the energy in the low frequencies is fairly constant due to the reverberating field.

The aiming of the loudspeakers can be adjusted in order that the maximum HF energy is directed towards these areas, hence balancing the SPL attenuation with distance occurring in the direct field.

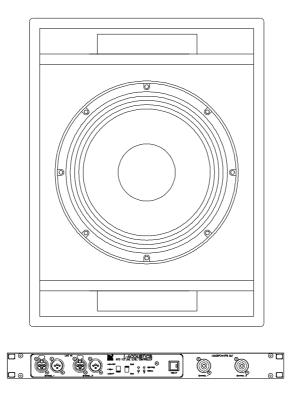
At nearer distances, the off axis attenuation at higher frequencies provides a similar tonal balance, the attenuation with distance being smaller. The coaxial axisymmetric sound source therefore provides the optimum directivity to obtain an even coverage and a very constant tonal balance in a typical semi-reverberating auditorium.

The experience of sound system design and installation that we have acquired throughout years of practice has extensively confirmed this, and on this ground, we are firmly convinced that coaxial axisymmetric loudspeakers designs are the best tools for designing a multiple sources sound system.

2.2 ELEMENTS OF THE SYSTEM

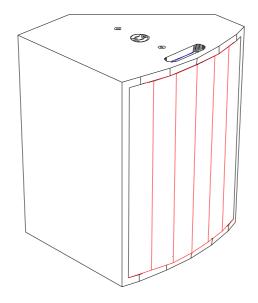
a) The MTD 112 system comprises two main elements, i.e. the MTD 112 enclosure, the MTD 112 LLCa line-level controller and it can be complemented by any subwoofer of our range.

For operation, the MTD 112 system must also include at least a power amplifier, cables and connectors. Although these are not necessarily supplied together with the system itself, and not necessarily from the same supplier, they must be regarded as parts of the system.



In this respect, the selection of these components is of utmost importance for obtaining the best performances of your MTD 112 system. Your regional distributor, or ourselves as a manufacturer, are the most qualified to specify these components.

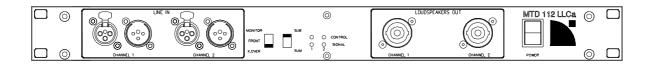
THE MTD 112 ENCLOSURE is a wedge-shaped wide-band enclosure equipped with a 12" & 2" coaxial axisymmetric driver assembly. It is to be operated in mono-amplification with the MTD 112 LLC controller.



MTD 112 LLCa CONTROLLER is a stereo unit providing band limiting and signal processing functions for the MTD 112 enclosure. It is to be connected in loop with one stereo amplifier. The signal inputs and the loudspeaker outputs are located on the front. One mono/sub signal output is located at the rear.

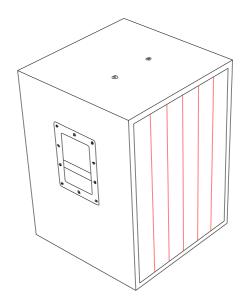
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REAR

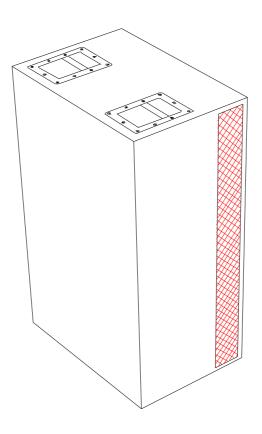


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THE SB 115 ENCLOSURE is a single reflex-loaded enclosure equipped with a 15" driver. It is a bass-extension enclosure.



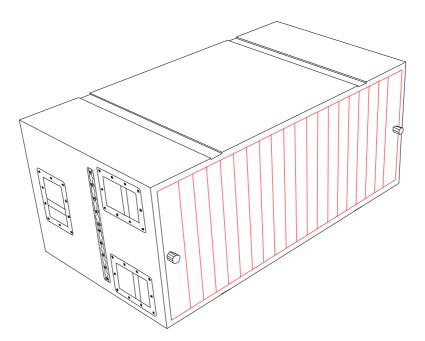
THE MTD 118 ENCLOSURE is a dual-chamber reflex loaded enclosure equipped with a 18" driver. It is a subwoofer.



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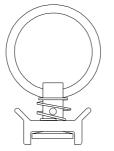
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THE SB 218 ENCLOSURE is a large format reflex loaded enclosure equipped with two 18" drivers. It is a subwoofer.

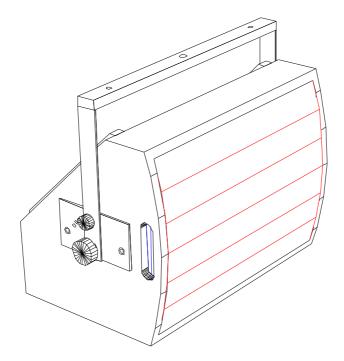


b) HARDWARE & ACCESSORIES

PION 1 Flying stud, Aeroquip standard



ETR 1 Adjustable U.bracket for wall or scaffold mounting



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3.1 APPLICATIONS

a) FLOOR MONITOR APPLICATIONS

The MTD 112 system is a full range two way passive system which is to be operated only with the dedicated MTD 112 LLCa controller, connected in loop with one channel of a power amplifier.

The specific disymmetrical wedge-shape of the MTD 112 allows its use as a floor-monitor. Further, its conical and axisymmetric coverage provides a unique coherent sound field off axis, devoid of the typical acoustic cancellation occurring when two physically separated transducers are radiating the same frequency.

Explanation:

When the L.F. driver and H.F. driver are physically separated, *like in most designs*, this offaxis acoustic cancellation occurs when the distances between each single driver and the receiver differs by 1/2 wavelength.

This defines a preferred listening plane, normal to a line joining the acoustic centers of the two drivers. In this case, the loudspeaker is to be used in one direction only, and cannot be turned by 90° (unless a cancellation is accepted!).

The coaxial axisymmetric arrangement of the drivers in the MTD 112 gives no variation in directivity whatever the plane of observation. The MTD 112 can be used in any position without loss of performances, and this is obviously the best situation for floor-monitoring applications.

When more than one MTD 112 is used as floor monitor dedicated to one performer, we do not recommend pointing convergingly towards the performer. This typical triangular setup is inspired from the stereo Hi-Fi, and is irrelevant with monitoring applications.

Note that in most cases, the signal fed into the pair of monitors is not stereo, but is simply the same! A triangular setup results in a loss of coherence, the wavefronts from the two sources interfering with each other.

We recommend instead the linear positioning of the monitors, all aiming towards parallel directions. This setup has been proved highly satisfying when large SPL and wide coverage were desirable on stage.

No subwoofer is to be used in this type of application.

b) FRONT OF HOUSE SOUND REINFORCEMENT

For Front Of House applications, the MTD 112 can be used with or without a subwoofer of the L-ACOUSTICS range.

It is to be used in sound reinforcement applications as an individual sound source or coupled in an array of two enclosures.

The ideal setup is when multiple sound sources are used with a time correction provided by delay lines for compensating the time shifts due to their respective positions.

Due to its coaxial axisymmetric arrangement, the MTD 112 behaves acoustically like a true point-source with directivity.

Both available SPL figures and low frequency extension can be enhanced with the use of subwoofers, which can be physically separated from the MTD 112 enclosures because of a low crossover cutoff frequency, i.e. 110 Hz. Nevertheless, care should be taken during the subwoofers installation to avoid phase cancellations.

Ideally, the subwoofers should be grouped together in a central stack or array, and fed with a summed mono signal. Provision for mono summing of the subwoofers signals is provided by the MTD 112 LLCa controller.

c) SIDE FILL APPLICATIONS

The MTD 112 system can be used as a side-fill monitor, preferably with a SB 115 subwoofer enclosure. In this case, the optimum setup is to install the MTD 112 enclosure on top of the SB 115, both in a standing position.

There should be provided an electronic crossover for the subwoofer, as the "SUB" output of the LLC controller is mono, summing the two signals fed to its inputs.

For a proper phase coherence at the crossover frequency, the front panels of both enclosures shall be in a vertical alignment.

When used in a side-fill application without a subwoofer, the MTD 112 should be raised above the ground to be at a correct height. Stand mounting can be provided, but any stable, non-resonant mechanical support can be considered.

d) DELAY LINE SOUND REINFORCEMENT

It often occurs that a complete coverage of an audience requires the location of loudspeakers near some areas of the audience, rather than near the stage. A proper sound localization can be achieved in this case by delaying the signal feeding the loudspeakers which are the closest to the audience. The rule is that the first sound wave reaching any listener must be coming from the stage.

Delaying an MTD 112 system can be achieved with accuracy. Some delay lines are provided with direct distances displays, easing the adjustment of the delay. In this situation, you should verify the temperature, such metric displays being valid normally for 20°C.

Provision exists on some units for actual temperature data input. You should check this during the setup.

NOTE: Speed of sound in air

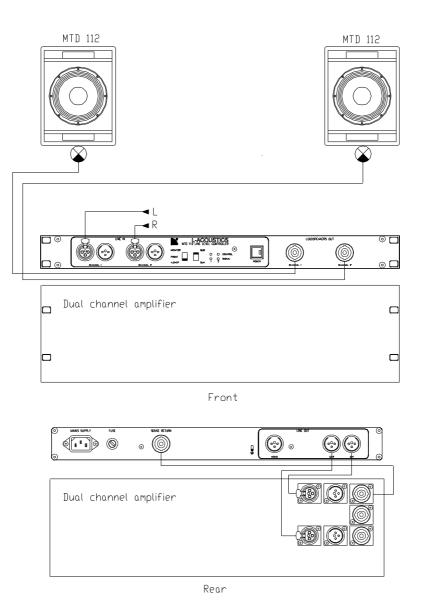
c = 331.6 + (0.6 t) in m/s. with t = temperature of air in °C

For its compact size and its wedge shape, the MTD 112 enclosure allows unobtrusive sightlines when installed in the concert hall, particularly when underbalcony location is required.

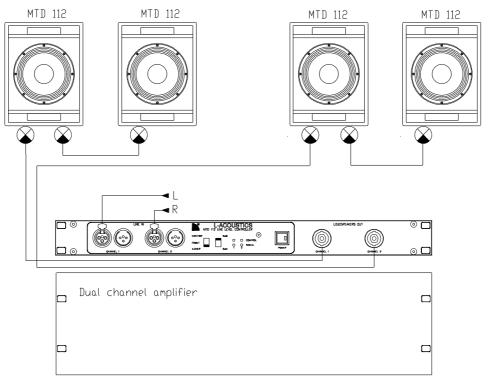
No subwoofer should be used for delay line sound reinforcement.

3.2 STEREO F.O.H. WITHOUT SUB

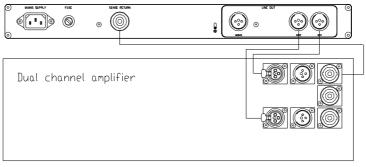
a) 2 MTD 112



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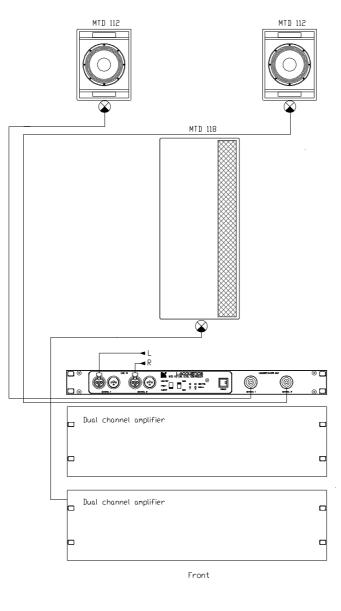


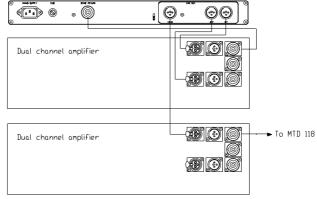
Front

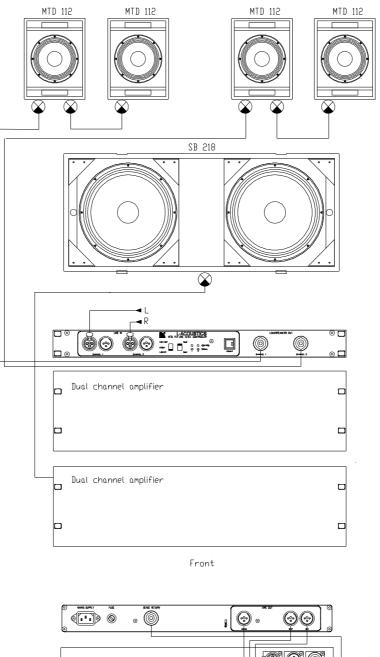


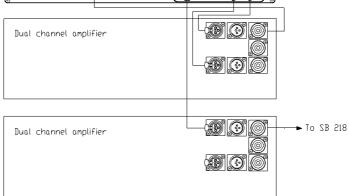
3.3 STEREO F.O.H. WITH SUB

a) 2 MTD 112 + 1 MTD 118

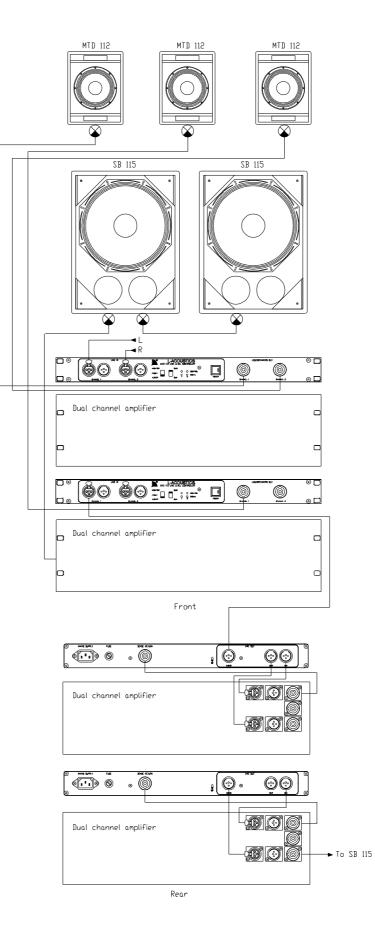




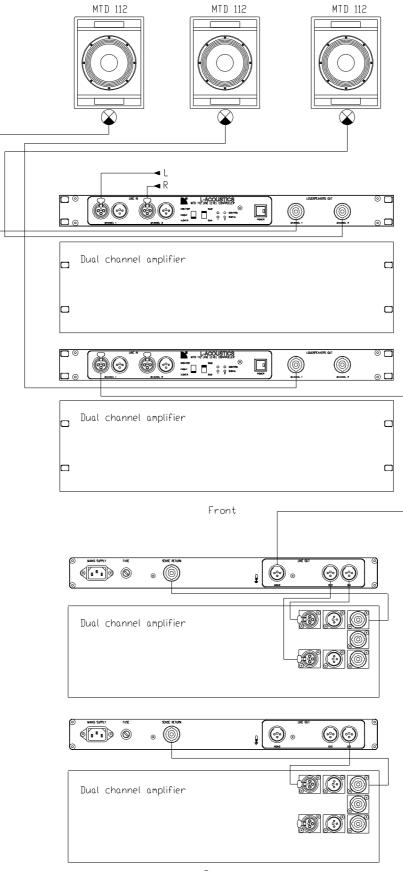


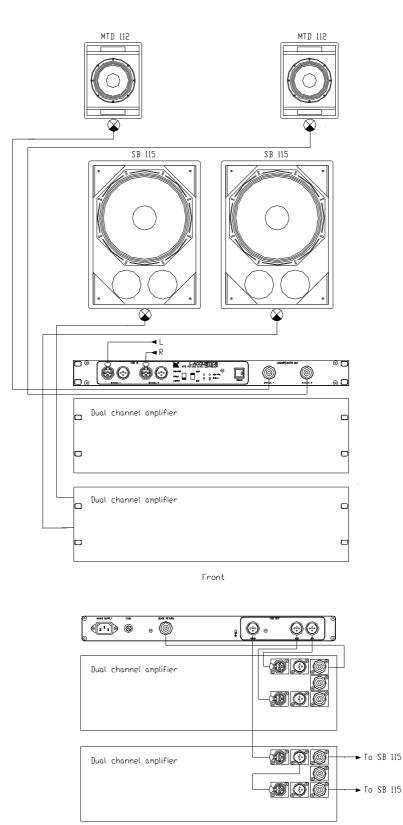


3.4 3 SOURCES F.O.H. WITH SUB



3.5 3 SOURCES F.O.H. WITHOUT SUB





4.1 THE MTD 112 ENCLOSURE

a) Technology

The technology of the MTD 112 is based on the two-way dual concentric type. The flare of the L.F. cone loads directly the H.F. compression driver, hence allowing a true coaxial axisymmetry of the wavefront generated both by the L.F. and H.F. drivers.(This is not the case when a small horn is fitted inside the L.F. driver, the L.F. wavefront being splitted near the cutoff frequency, producing off-axis cancellations).

The L.F. driver is of the 12" standard with a 4" flat wire copper voice coil.

The H.F. driver is of the 2" exit standard, reduced to 13/8 at the output of the phase plug.

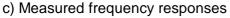
The voice coil is of the 3" standard, and the diaphragm is made of titanium alloy. There is provided a conical aluminum flare matching the internal vent of the driver magnet to achieve a smooth continuity of the wave path to the edge of the L.F. cone.

The same magnet is used for the H.F. and L.F. drivers, being provided with two opposite air gaps.

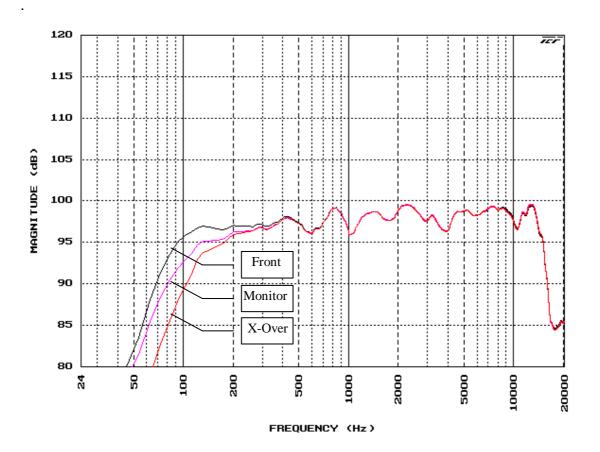
b) Specifications
Frequency response:
Nominal impedance:
Minimum recommended amplification
Continuous maximum S.P.L. @ 1 m.
(measured in half-space, pink noise)
Nominal directivity

65 Hz - 18 kHz +/- 3 dB. 8 Ohms on both ways 300 Watts 122 dB.

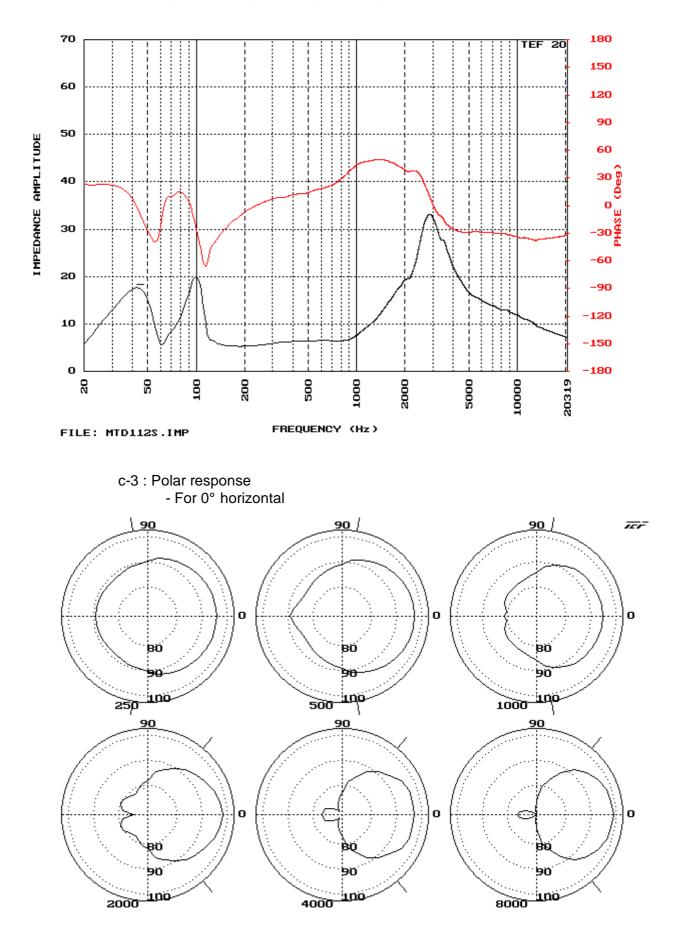
90°, conical

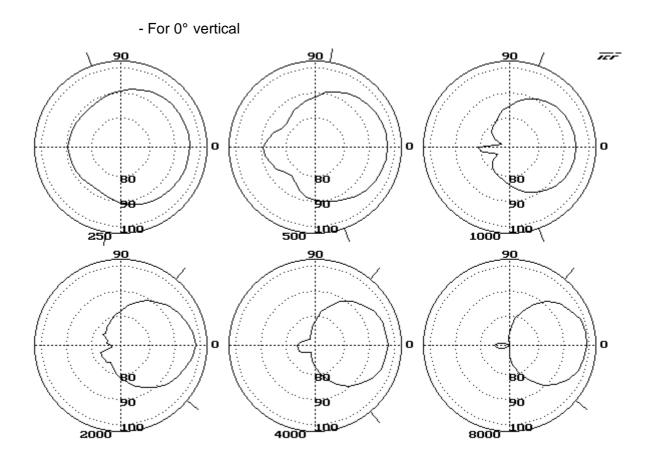


c-1 : Amplitude/Frequency response (1m, input=2.83V)

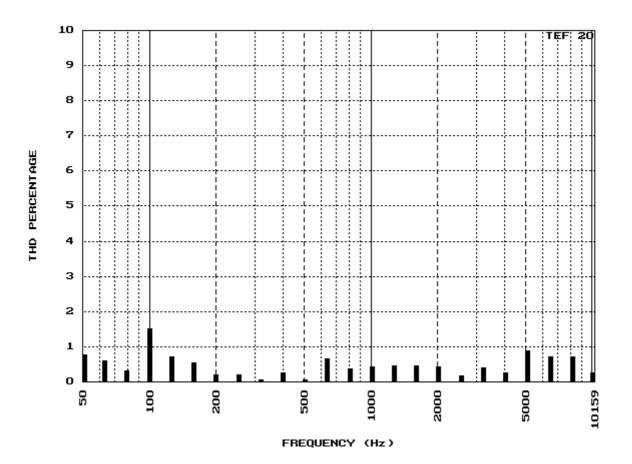


c-2 : Impedance amplitude & phase response





c-4 : Total harmonic distortion (V = 2.83V)



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d) EASE measurements chart, in accordance with the EASE specifications.

	0 °	10°	20 °	30°	40°	50°	60° 7	0° 8)° 90	٥
0 °	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,1
10°	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,0
20 °	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,2	0,3	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,2
30 °	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,6	0,7	0,6	0,8	0,7	0,7	0,6
40 °	1,2	1,2	1,1	1,1	1,0	1,0	1,0	0,9	0,9	1,0
50°	1,7	1,7	1,6	1,7	1,8	1,7	1,7	1,8	1,7	1,6
60°	2,5	2,5	2,4	2,4	2,4	2,3	2,3	2,3	2,2	2,2
70 °	3,3	3,3	3,2	3,2	3,1	3,1	3,1	3,0	3,0	3,1
80°	4,1	4,1	4,0	4,0	4,2	4,0	3,9	3,9	3,9	3,8
90 °	5,6	5,5	5,5	5,4	5,4	5,4	5,3	5,2	5,3	5,1
100°	6,2	6,2	6,1	6,0	5,9	5,8	5,8	5,7	5,6	5,7
110°	6,9	6,8	6,8	6,7	6,7	6,6	6,5	6,6	6,5	6,5
120°	7,3	7,3	7,2	7,3	7,2	7,2	7,3	7,2	7,2	7,2
130°	7,6	7,6	7,7	7,6	7,6	7,5	7,6	7,6	7,4	7,6
140°	7,6	7,6	7,5	7,6	7,6	7,7	7,8	7,7	7,7	7,7
150°	7,4	7,4	7,3	7,4	7,4	7,3	7,4	7,5	7,4	7,4
160°	7,0	7,0	7,1	7,0	7,0	7,1	7,1	7,2	7,1	7,1
170°	6,8	6,8	6,8	6,9	6,8	6,8	7,0	6,8	6,7	6,8
180°	6,6	6,6	6,7	6,6	6,6	6,5	6,5	6,4	6,5	6,5

F = 250 Hz

F = 500 Hz

	0 °	10°	20 °	30°	40°	50°	60° 7	0° 8)° 90	٥
0 °	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
10°	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,1
20°	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,5	0,4	0,5	0,4	0,5	0,5	0,5
30 °	1,1	1,1	1,2	1,1	1,1	1,3	1,1	1,0	1,1	1,1
40°	2,0	2,0	1,8	2,0	1,9	1,9	2,0	1,9	2,1	1,9
50°	2,9	2,9	3,0	2,9	3,0	2,9	3,0	3,1	3,0	3,0
60°	4,1	4,2	4,1	4,1	4,3	4,2	4,2	4,1	4,2	4,2
70 °	5,3	5,4	5,4	5,5	5,4	5,4	5,5	5,5	5,6	5,7
80°	6,4	6,5	6,4	6,5	6,6	6,8	6,7	6,7	6,8	6,9
90 °	8,3	8,4	8,4	8,4	8,5	8,5	8,6	8,6	8,7	8,9
100°	9,1	9,2	9,3	9,4	9,5	9,4	9,7	9,7	9,5	9,8
110°	9,9	10,1	10,3	10,4	10,6	10,7	10,8	11,1	11,2	11,1
120°	10,5	10,8	10,6	11,0	11,3	11,5	11,7	11,9	12,1	12,2
130°	11,2	11,5	11,7	11,9	12,2	12,4	12,7	12,9	13,2	13,4
140°	11,8	12,1	12,4	12,8	13,1	13,4	13,8	14,1	14,4	14,4
150°	11,9	12,1	12,3	12,5	12,7	12,9	13,2	13,4	13,6	13,8
160°	11,0	11,1	11,1	11,3	11,3	11,2	11,4	11,5	11,6	11,7
170°	9,6	9,6	9,7	9,6	9,7	9,8	9,7	9,9	9,9	10,0
180°	8,3	8,3	8,2	8,3	8,3	8,4	8,3	8,3	8,5	8,3

	0 °	10°	20 °	30°	40 °	50°	60° 7	0° 8)° 90	0
0 °	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
10°	0,2	0,2	0,3	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,1
20 °	0,5	0,5	0,4	0,5	0,5	0,4	0,6	0,4	0,3	0,4
30°	1,0	0,9	1,0	1,0	0,9	1,0	1,1	1,0	0,9	1,0
40°	1,6	1,7	1,6	1,6	1,6	1,8	1,8	1,7	1,8	1,8
50°	2,3	2,4	2,7	2,6	2,7	2,8	2,9	3,1	3,1	3,2
60°	3,4	3,6	3,6	3,7	3,8	4,0	4,0	4,1	4,3	4,5
70 °	4,9	5,1	5,3	5,4	5,7	5,8	6,0	6,1	6,4	6,3
80°	6,4	6,6	6,7	6,8	7,1	7,3	7,5	7,6	7,8	7,9
90 °	9,1	9,3	9,4	9,6	9,8	9,9	10,1	10,2	10,4	10,4
100°	10,5	10,7	11,1	11,0	11,2	11,4	11,7	11,8	12,0	11,7
110°	11,5	11,8	11,9	12,3	12,5	12,8	13,1	13,3	13,5	13,8
120°	11,9	12,4	13,2	12,8	13,6	14,1	14,5	14,9	15,3	15,7
130°	12,2	12,5	13,0	13,6	14,2	14,7	15,4	15,8	16,3	16,5
140°	12,2	12,8	13,4	14,0	14,6	15,2	15,8	16,4	17,0	17,3
1 50 °	12,6	13,4	14,2	15,1	15,9	16,8	17,6	18,5	19,3	20,1
160°	13,1	14,2	15,3	16,5	17,6	18,8	19,9	21,1	22,2	23,4
170°	14,7	15,3	15,9	16,5	17,1	17,7	18,3	19,0	19,6	21,4
180°	13,9	14,0	14,0	14,1	14,1	14,2	14,3	14,3	14,4	14,3

F = 1000 Hz

F = 2000 Hz

	0 °	10°	20 °	30 °	40 °	50°	60° 7	0° 8)° 90	٥
0 °	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0
10°	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,9	0,9	0,9	0,8	0,9	1,0	0,9
20 °	2,1	2,2	2,2	2,3	2,3	2,2	2,4	2,5	2,6	2,5
30°	3,9	4,0	4,0	4,1	4,0	4,2	4,3	4,2	4,3	4,1
40°	5,4	5,5	5,4	5,5	5,5	5,6	5,6	5,6	5,7	5,6
50°	6,8	6,9	7,0	7,1	7,3	7,4	7,5	7,4	7,7	7,7
60°	8,9	9,0	9,3	9,2	9,3	9,4	9,5	9,6	9,5	9,7
70 °	11,2	11,4	11,4	11,5	11,6	11,7	11,7	11,9	12,0	12,1
80°	13,1	13,2	13,3	13,4	13,7	13,6	13,7	13,8	13,9	14,0
90°	16,8	16,8	16,9	16,8	16,8	16,8	16,9	16,9	17,0	16,9
100°	17,8	17,8	17,9	17,8	18,0	18,0	17,9	18,0	18,0	17,9
110°	19,4	19,4	19,4	19,4	19,5	19,5	19,5	19,5	19,5	19,5
120°	20,7	20,7	20,8	20,7	20,6	20,6	20,7	20,6	20,6	20,6
130°	20,6	20,7	20,8	20,9	21,1	21,2	21,3	21,4	21,6	21,7
140°	19,7	20,0	20,3	20,6	20,9	21,3	21,6	21,9	22,2	22,8
1 50 °	18,7	19,4	19,5	19,9	20,2	21,0	20,6	21,4	21,8	22,1
160°	19,0	19,7	20,4	22,1	21,7	22,4	23,0	23,7	25,1	24,4
170°	20,6	21,1	21,6	22,7	22,2	23,2	23,8	24,3	24,8	25,0
180°	25,2	25,4	25,6	26,1	25,9	26,4	26,6	27,1	26,9	27,0

	0 °	10°	20 °	30°	40 °	50°	60° 7	0° 8)° 90	٥
0 °	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,2	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0
10°	0,7	0,8	0,7	0,7	0,6	0,7	0,7	0,8	0,7	0,7
20 °	0,6	0,6	0,8	0,6	0,5	0,6	0,5	0,5	0,4	0,5
30°	1,9	1,9	2,1	1,9	2,0	1,9	1,9	1,8	1,9	1,9
40°	4,7	4,6	4,6	4,7	4,5	4,5	4,6	4,4	4,3	4,2
50°	6,5	6,5	6,4	6,4	6,4	6,3	6,3	6,2	6,2	6,2
60°	9,5	9,6	9,3	9,3	9,2	9,5	9,1	9,0	8,9	9,0
70 °	13,2	13,2	12,9	13,0	12,9	12,8	12,7	12,9	12,5	12,6
80°	15,7	15,6	15,6	15,5	15,5	15,4	15,3	15,3	15,2	15,3
90°	20,6	20,5	20,4	20,5	20,2	20,1	20,0	19,9	20,0	19,9
100°	22,8	22,7	22,5	22,4	22,5	22,1	22,0	21,9	21,7	21,7
110°	24,7	24,6	24,6	24,5	24,5	24,4	24,5	24,3	24,2	24,3
120°	25,9	25,9	25,8	25,9	25,7	25,6	25,7	25,5	25,4	25,6
130°	27,8	27,6	27,2	27,4	27,0	26,9	26,5	26,7	26,3	26,1
140°	26,6	26,5	26,4	26,2	26,3	26,1	25,9	26,0	25,8	25,9
1 50 °	24,7	24,8	25,0	24,9	25,1	25,4	25,2	25,5	25,6	25,5
160°	22,2	22,5	22,9	22,7	23,1	23,3	23,5	24,0	23,7	24,4
170°	21,7	21,8	22,0	22,3	22,1	22,4	22,5	22,8	22,7	23,1
180°	21,5	21,7	21,6	21,8	22,0	22,2	22,1	22,3	22,5	22,3

F = 4000 Hz

F = 8000 Hz

	0 °	10°	20 °	30°	40°	50°	60° 7	0° 8)° 90	٥
0 °	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1	0,0
10°	0,5	0,4	0,4	0,3	0,5	0,2	0,2	0,5	0,1	0,1
20°	1,1	1,0	0,9	1,1	0,8	0,7	0,7	0,8	0,5	0,6
30°	2,4	2,5	2,5	2,6	2,5	2,7	2,7	2,8	2,6	2,8
40°	4,9	4,8	4,9	4,9	5,0	4,7	4,7	4,8	4,7	4,7
50°	7,1	7,2	7,3	7,1	7,4	7,5	7,6	7,8	7,7	7,8
60°	11,7	11,6	11,7	11,7	11,8	11,9	12,1	12,0	12,0	11,9
70 °	16,1	16,2	16,1	16,0	16,1	16,3	16,2	16,3	16,4	16,3
80°	19,8	20,0	19,8	19,8	19,7	19,9	19,9	19,8	19,9	19,9
90 °	25,5	25,6	25,7	25,8	25,9	25,8	26,0	26,2	26,1	26,1
100°	29,0	28,9	28,7	28,8	28,7	28,6	28,4	28,5	28,3	28,4
110°	33,5	33,3	33,0	32,4	32,7	32,1	31,9	31,3	31,6	31,6
120°	35,5	35,3	35,0	34,8	34,4	34,6	34,1	33,7	33,9	33,7
130°	33,6	33,8	33,7	33,7	33,6	33,8	34,0	33,9	33,9	33,9
140°	31,0	31,2	31,3	31,5	31,7	31,9	32,1	32,3	32,5	32,7
150°	28,6	28,9	29,5	29,2	29,7	30,3	30,0	30,6	30,8	30,7
160°	26,6	26,9	27,1	27,3	27,6	28,0	27,8	28,3	28,5	28,8
170°	24,3	24,6	25,1	24,9	25,4	25,6	25,9	26,4	26,1	26,4
180°	23,5	23,8	23,7	23,9	24,2	24,1	24,4	24,5	24,7	24,8

4.2 THE MTD 112 LLCa CONTROLLER

a) Functions

The MTD 112 LLCa controller performs the following functions:

* Band rejection : The frequencies that cannot be reproduced by the system are rejected, i.e. below 50 Hz (in "Front" configuration) and above 20 kHz.

* Filtering : Filtering functions are provided at 110 Hz for X.OVER configuration and on the "sub" channel.

* Equalization : The unit equalizes the frequency responses of the drivers/enclosure assembly. The EQ functions are of the parametric type, especially designed for minimum phase alteration. The EQ does vary according to the selected configuration in the L.F. range.

* Limitation : The unit takes the power amplifier in a global feedback loop, using the output of the amplifier to control VCAs limiting the output of the unit . The control signal is derived from the "sense return" path.

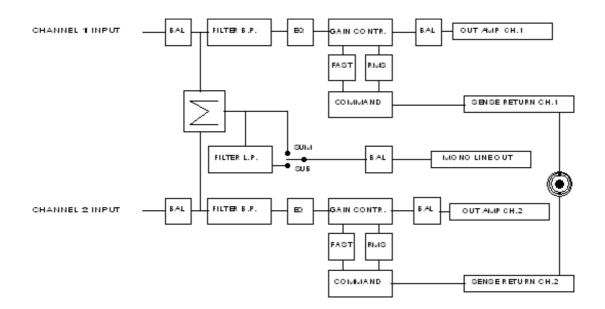
2 limitations functions are provided: - cone excursion limitation for the L.F. driver

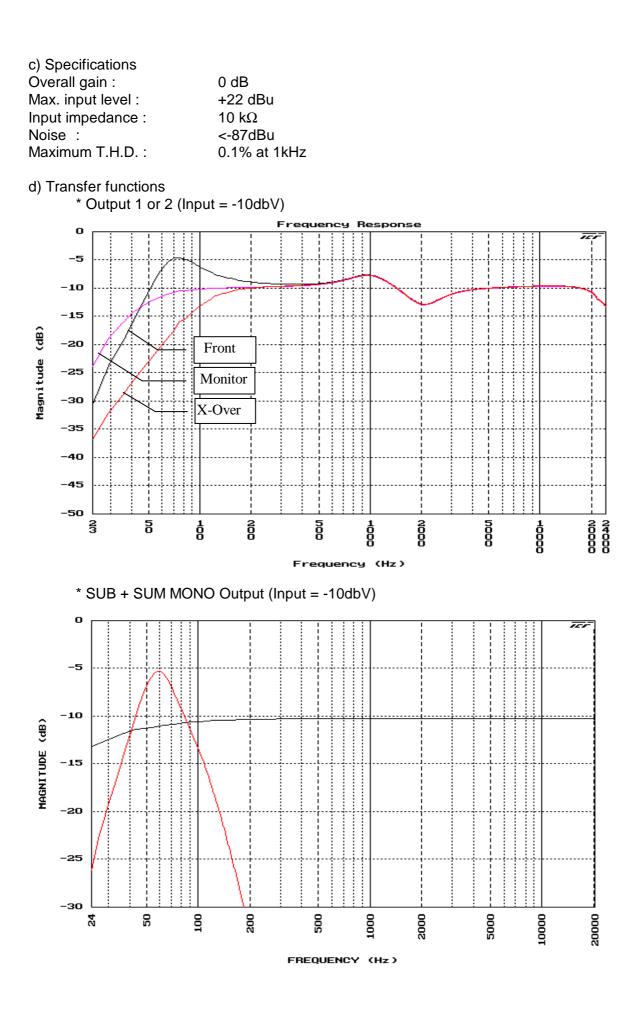
- thermal limitation for the L.F. and the H.F. drivers

These functions are carefully adjusted for minimum audible effect and thorough driver protection.

* Mono summation: The inputs of two MTD 112 LLCa controllers are summed to derive a mono signal capable of driving a central source. This mono signal can be the simple sum of the inputs, for driving a central broad-band source, or can be filtered for driving a central subwoofer.

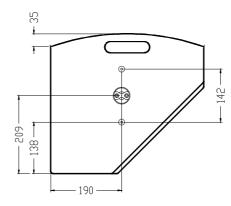
b) Synopsis

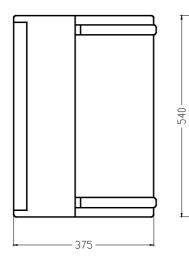


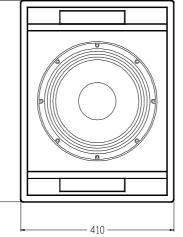


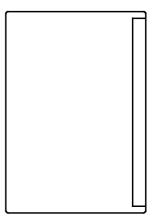
5.1 THE MTD 112 ENCLOSURE

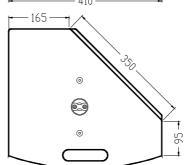
a) External description

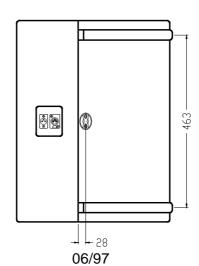












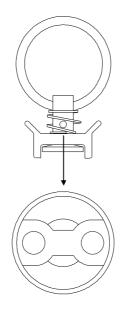
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b) Shipping

The size of the package of an MTD 112 enclosure is: H = 45 cm. (17.5") W = 47 cm. (18.5") D = 62 cm. (24.5")The total shipping weight is: 26 kg(57 lb) Warning: The package should not be exposed to water or moisture

c) Fittings

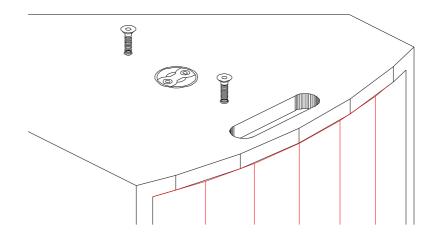
3 Aeroquip type fixing posts are provided for rigging; two being located symmetrically on the top and the bottom of the MTD 112 cabinet, one being located at the back of the cabinet. The Standard Aeroquip stud with locking pin for connecting to the fixing post is under our reference PION 1.



Grille: the front grille is made of honeycomb perforated 1.5 mm. thick steel with epoxy catalytic black finish. The drivers are further protected by a reticulated polyurethane foam 10 mm. thick glued in front of the grille.

The grille is fixed to the enclosure by 4 screws located just beneath the foam.

4 Fixing nuts are provided, 2 on each top/bottom side. They can be used either for accessories fitting or for U. bracket mounting.



d) CONSTRUCTION

The MTD 112 cabinets are constructed of 18 mm. (0.7") Baltic Birch plywood, rabbeted, screwed and glued.

Internal steel bracing guarantees both flying security and long-term reliability of the cabinets under the most demanding touring conditions.

The structured heavy duty paint provides excellent scratch resistance for a long-lasting smooth appearance. The paint is also made available for maintenance.

The color is RAL 8019 maroon-gray.

The drivers are fixed to the cabinets with screws and "Big Head" type nuts, allowing numerous mounting/dismounting operations without the nut dropping, like traditional "T" nuts often do.

The screws are treated against corrosion.

5.2 THE MTD 112 LLCa LINE-LEVEL CONTROLLER

a) External description



REAR



FRONT

b) Shipping

The size of the package of an MTD 112 LLCa unit is: H = 8.5 cm. (3") W = 53 cm. (21") D = 44 cm. (17") The total shipping weight is: 4.5 kg.(10 lb) Warning: The package should not be exposed water or moisture

c) Unpacking

When unpacking the MTD 112 LLCa controller unit, take care of not tearing the plastic sleeve which can be useful for eventual re-packing.

Do not drop the unit when unpacked.

A mains supply lead is provided outside of the plastic sleeve. It is provided with an Europa type connector at one end and a French standard mains plug connector at the other end. When using the unit with non-continental compatible mains standards, simply cut the plug and replace.

d) Rack mounting The MTD 112 LLCa controller unit should be rack mounted. It requires 1 U rack space.

For mounting in a rack, use 4 screws with plastic spacers in order not to damage the front panel finish.

The weight of the unit being low, no rear clamping is required.

Before rack mounting, read the following 6.3 paragraph of chapter 6, regarding connections: many connections are on the front panel.

Avoid exposing the unit to excessive heat, sun, moisture during operation. When located in the same rack as one or more power(s) amplifier(s), check that the fan operation of the amplifiers is normal, and that the air path is not obstructed.

Whenever possible, close the rear door of the rack, most operational connections being on the front: The power amp and the controller together in a rack become one operational unit, avoiding losses of time and potential errors in connections.

6. INSTALLATION AND WIRING

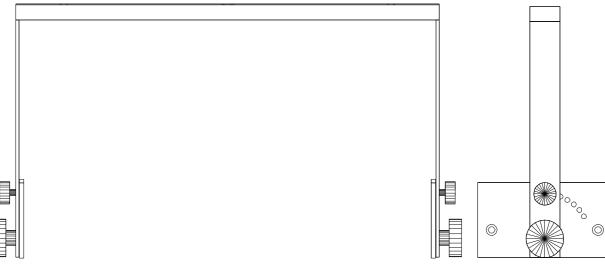
6.1 HARDWARE AND ACCESSORIES

Once the optimum location has been determined for speakers installation (from the acoustic environment and the characteristics of the systems), hardware accessories are provided to ease their installation.

MTD 112 accessories

a) Rigging stud PION 1 See drawing page 8

b) U. bracket ETR 1



Scale : 1/5

6.2 CONNECTORS & CABLES

a) MTD 112 :The connectors at both ends of the 2 conductors cables for connecting the MTD 112 are of the 4 pins Speakon type.

Two Speakon sockets are provided on the front panel of the MTD 112 LLCa controller, one per channel.

The wiring is as follows: 1+ = + 1 - = -2+ = NO CONNECTION 2 - = NO CONNECTION

b) In order to preserve a correct damping factor, which is essential both for the sonic qualities of the system and to prevent overshoot of the cone displacement function (which can eventually result into mechanical damage), it is desirable to keep the loudspeaker wires as short as possible, and of a gauge offering a low resistance per unit length.

The following chart provides the information on the minimum wire section vs. length.

Section ar	ea / Gauge		Max.recommanded length						
		8	3Ω	49	Ω				
Metric(mm	2) Imperial	Metric	Imperial	Metric	Imperial				
2.5	13	10 m.	30 ft.	5 m.	15 ft.				
4	11	18 m.	60 ft.	9 m.	30 ft.				
6	8	30 m.	100 ft.	15 m.	50 ft.				
10	6	45 m.	150 ft.	23 m.	75 ft.				

c) MTD 112 LLCa Line -level connections

All the line-level connectors are of the 3 pins XLR type. The wires are microphone type, i.e. one pair of conductors plus a conducting shield.

The wiring is as follows:

BALANCED 1 = Earth 2 = Hot 3 = Cold

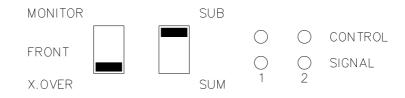
On the MTD 112 LLCa, the inputs and the outputs are balanced.

d) sense return connection

The "sense return" is a path for a signal output of the power amplifier (2 channels) to both the loudspeaker(s) and a control signal for the limiting functions of the LLC controller. It is to be of the same type as a loudspeaker cable, with a 4 pins Speakon plug at one end and a connector assembly at the other end which is to be compatible with the outputs of the power amplifier.

The wiring of the "sense return" speakon connector is : ch.1 : 1+ & 1ch.2 : 2+ & 2-

6.3 CONTROLLER WIRING & KEY SELECTIONS



a) Rear connections (left to right)

* Connect the mains supply with the mains cord provided in the package. The Euroconnector shall be connected to the corresponding socket at the rear of the unit. The mains plug shall be selected according to local standards.

A fuse is provided. Its value is 0.2 Amperes, of the slow type.

* Connect the outputs of two amplifier channels to the "sense return" socket. Warning! when new, old type Speakon connectors are a bit hard to turn by 1/4 turn, which is necessary to establish the contact.

* If you use a central source or a subwoofer, connect a modulation shielded cable (one pair) to the "sum/sub" output. This output provides the signal to feed a power amplifier. It is line-level and balanced.

* Connect the two principal outputs of the unit, i.e. Channels 1 & 2 to two independent channels of a power amplifier.

b) Front connections(left to right)

Connect the signal input (XLR, balanced) to the female or male socket.

* If necessary, connect the male input of the unit to the female one of another unit. These two connectors (M & F) are in parallel.

The first key is to select the configuration of the MTD 112.

MONITOR provides a frequency response which is best matched to floor-monitor applications.

FRONT provides a broad-band frequency response which is best matched to usual sound reinforcement applications.

X.OVER provides a frequency response which is high-pass filtered at 110Hz, to be used when subwoofers are in operation.

The second key is to select the configuration of the mono output.

SUB provides a band-pass filtered summed signal of the inputs of controller. The crossover frequency is 110 Hz.The high-pass section of the SUB filtering is set for both the SB 115 and the MTD 118 as standard (40 Hz, boost at 50 Hz). On option, it is available set for the SB 218 (25 Hz, boost at 33 Hz).

SUM provides a straightforward broad-band summed signal of the inputs . When it is desired to use a summed, unfiltered mono signal and separately a subwoofer mono signal, just switch the selection keys accordingly.

* The "control" display LED's indicate that the threshold of limiters operation has been reached. They are assigned to the two channels independently.

* The "signal" display LED's indicate that a signal is present at the input, the threshold being set at -15 dB.

* The power switch is provided with a led display indicating that the unit is being mains supplied.

To summarize, the mono output provides 2 configurations to the user :

- Sub-Low extension : The 2 front panel switches, are respectively in position SUB and X-OVER and the rear panel switch is in position <u>OUT PHASE</u>.
- Central full range extension : The right switch of the front panel is in position SUM. The selection of the left switch depends on the choice of use. The rear panel switch is in position <u>IN PHASE</u>.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: DO NOT CONNECT THE LOUDSPEAKER IN PARALLEL WITH THE "SENSE" CABLE AT THE OUTPUT OF THE AMPLIFIER!

6.4 SOUND SYSTEM DESIGN

The art of designing a sound system is a profession in itself, and the relevant skills and knowledge are supported by a few pertinent books. It is therefore neither to be described extensively, nor even summarized in a product user manual.

Further, we would like to underline how useful it is to involve a specialized engineer in any sound system design, whether he is an independent consultant or a house engineer, as the best products can produce the worst results if unproperly set-up.

The object of this paragraph is to help the sound system designer in his task when MTD 112 systems are to be installed, simply by reminding a few features which are specific to this type of design.

a) Passive, "processed".

The MTD 112 are practically very loud with respect to their size, and are capable of covering wide audience areas. There is no "magic" behind this: The MTD 112 LLCa controller ensures that the signal fed to each driver is acceptable for this driver, and this is performed in real-time. This means that there is no need to keep a safety margin, when using the MTD 112. Even an inexperienced user can use the MTD 112 system at its full potential without risk.

The only true risky situation occurs when the amplifiers are clipping, providing very high frequency components at full level. This is likely to occur when the amplifiers driving the loudspeaker are underrated, that is, not powerful enough.

MINIMUM REQUESTED AVAILABLE VOLTAGE OUTPUT OF THE AMPLIFIERS FOR DRIVING THE MTD 112:

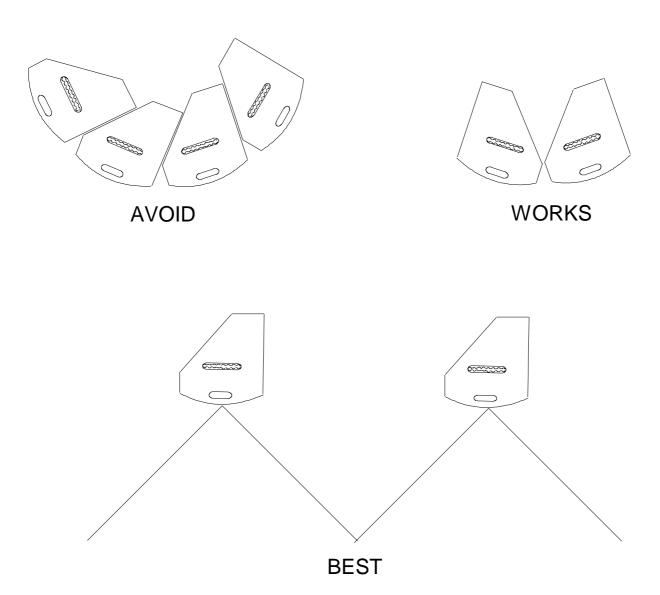
49 volts permanently, continuously for more than 10 seconds (300 W / 8 $\Omega;$ 600 W / 4 $\Omega)$

60 volts for a few milliseconds (450 W / 8 Ω ; 900 W / 4 Ω)

b) Single source

Due to its dual-concentric technology, the MTD 112 can provide a true point-source. This is a great advantage which is lost when coupling enclosures together. Although it is feasible,

and sometimes necessary to couple two enclosures to achieve some power or SPL requirements from one source, the sound system designer should bear in mind that he will find more easily a high-quality result by dissociating the enclosures whenever possible.



c) Speaker aiming.

The dual-concentric design provides a directivity that slowly increases with frequency. The advantage of this is the optimum match in terms of coverage with the reverberating fields of typical auditorium: The loudspeaker provides the maximum of energy exactly in the direction towards which it is aimed. This means that the speakers should be aimed towards the seats where the reverberating field is dominant, that is the rearmost seats.

Off axis, the listeners are nearer of the FOH loudspeaker, and hence the tilt of the tonal balance due to the reverberating field nature is less important. This is compensated by the attenuation of HF energy off axis, i.e. the listeners placed near of the loudspeakers should be off the axis, and still within the nominal coverage.

The tonal balance can therefore be very similar at the near seats as well as at the remote ones.

A proper equalization can then be performed to achieve the desirable tonal balance , which will be valid for most of the audience.

In a multi-source configuration, simply replace the term "rearmost seat" by the term "seats which are the furthest away from the loudspeaker allotted to cover this part of the audience area". It really works.

To summarize, the MTD 112 should be aimed at the rear of the part of the audience they are to cover, unlike constant directivity designs which are typically aimed at the center of the audience part they are to cover.

d) Subwoofer location

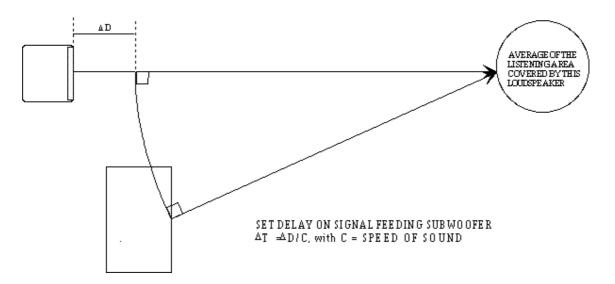
- Front of House applications

For F.O.H. applications, the subwoofers will be operated preferably in mono, fed with a signal from the "sub" output of a MTD 112 LLCa controller. In this case, the subwoofer(s) shall be located in a central position, approximately at a distance which is equivalent from the left and right speakers.

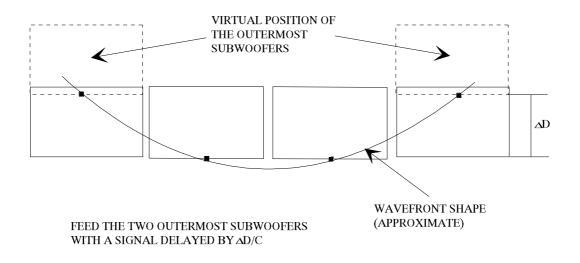
Preferably, the subwoofers will be located on the floor, or against a hard wall. If this can be achieved, one MTD 118 subwoofer per pair of MTD 112 will provide sufficient output. Two SB 115 would be needed, whereas one SB 218 will be sufficient for 4 MTD 112.

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If the difference of distance between the subwoofers and the MTD 112 at a point which is roughly in the middle of the direct field area reaches 1.7m, acoustic cancellation will occur around this point at the crossover frequency. This should be compensated by correct repositioning of the subwoofers. If, for practical reasons, this cannot be achieved it is to be done virtually with the help of a delay unit for a proper time alignment (5 milliseconds for 1.7m).



When arraying a large number of subwoofers, they can become overdirective even at very low frequencies. Using a delay unit for the signal feeding the outermost enclosures can provide an accurate control of the directivity, and is therefore recommended.



- Side-Fill applications For side-fill applications, the MTD 112 will be simply located on top of a floor-standing SB 115. The configuration key selection switch on the controller will be "X.OVER".

6.5 PHASE CHECK

A phase check of every installation must be performed. This shall be done with a polarity checking system, like, for instance, the SCV PC 80 MKII.

This system comprises two devices, a generator and a receiver. The checking procedure is as follows:

1 Generator

a) disconnect one output of the mixing desk, and replace it by the output of the PC 80 generator.

b) the PC 80 generator should be switched on "HOT PIN 2" MTD 112 06/97 c) turn the whole system ON

d) switch the generator ON, with level at minimum.

e) crank up the level until you obtain a reasonably measurable sound ("Plop,Plop")

2 Receiver

a) connect a microphone to the input of the generator

b) switch the "HOT PIN" to 2 or 3 according to the wiring of the microphone

c) switch to EXT.MIC

d) switch the PC 80 receiver ON

e) Place the microphone near each loudspeaker fed with the signal of this output of the mixing desk, and observe if the lightened LED is the red one (negative polarity) or the green one (positive polarity)

3 Loudspeakers

a) MTD 112 enclosure : Place the microphone near the center of the loudspeaker, at the distance comprised between 5 cm and 50 cm. The green LED must be lightened at every « Plop », showing that the polarity is *positive*.

b) SUBS: All the subs must show a <u>negative</u> polarity, with the red LED on. Be careful with the MTD 118! because of its double chamber load, this polarity check provides opposite results according to the location of the microphone. The microphone should be located very near of the exit slot, and at the <u>center</u> of it. Placing the microphone at one end of the exit slot will provide inverse results. When the location of the microphone is in center, the polarity must be <u>positive</u> polarity (green LED).

4 Do it again, for each output of the mixing desk.

7. MAINTAINANCE & MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 MTD 112 ENCLOSURE

a) Periodic check.

The response of the enclosure should be checked periodically, to prevent deviations due to wear, shocks or any event. This should be done at least every two years for systems not being submitted to heavy-duty use. For systems being used nearly everyday, or systems touring, this period should be reduced to six months.

This check can be performed with a well displayed 1/3 octave analyzer, or even preferably a TEF or a MLSSA analyzer. It should refer to the on axis amplitude/frequency response presented in page 18 of the present document.

The fixing of the chassis driver assembly should also be checked, as the metal screws could become loose after being submitted to intense, long duration mechanical vibrations.

The quality of the contacts and the locking of the SPEAKON connector should also be checked.

b) Phase check.

Whenever a diaphragm is replaced, the wiring polarity should be checked with a phase check device as mentioned in 6.5 (page 35).

7.2 MTD 112 LLCa

a) Fuse

The fuse can be changed or verified directly from the rear panel of the unit (see drawing). When operated under 220/240 volts mains supply, the proper fuse value is 200 mA

b) Other internal

No user adjustment is provided inside the unit. In case of a fault occurring, the unit shall be serviced only by an authorized agent, or simply returned to the manufacturer.

7.3 MTD 112 LLCa SCHEMATICS