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3- Heed all warnings.
4- Follow all instructions.
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15- When installing equipment into a rack, distribute the units evenly. Otherwise, hazardous conditions may be created by an uneven weight distribution.
16- Connect the unit only to a properly rated supply circuit.
17- Reliable earthing (grounding) of rack-mounted equipment should be maintained.
18- Maximum operating ambient temperature is 50°C.

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The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in this manual.

CAUTION: To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not remove the cover. No user-serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified service personnel.
WARNING: To prevent fire or electric shock, do not expose this equipment to rain or moisture.

Your SRA amplifier has a serial number located on the rear panel, near the AC cord entry. It looks like the example at right. Please write the serial number down and keep for your records. Retain your sales receipt; it is your proof of purchase.

Model: SRA _______________________
Serial Number: _______________________
Date of Purchase: _______________________
Purchased From: _______________________

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INTRODUCTION - General Overview

QSC’s SRA Series Amplifier

Congratulations on your purchase of the SRA (Studio Reference Amplifier) Series power amplifier. To help you obtain the best results from your purchase, we encourage you to carefully review this manual. With information including connections, configuration and operation, it offers many useful guidelines.

Building upon QSC’s widely recognized reputation throughout the cinema industry as “The Power Behind the Pictures,” the SRA Series of power amplifiers bring world-class audio performance to recording studios, high-end home theaters, and numerous additional applications. This SRA Series manual encompasses three models - the SRA1222, SRA2422, and the SRA3622 - with power points ranging from 200 to 750 watts per channel @ 8 ohms. These amplifiers draw upon QSC’s expertise in high frequency switching power supplies and include the popular DataPort for integration with optional QSC crossover and DSP modules.

The SRA’s exemplary performance is a result of QSC’s high current output section and advanced HF switch mode power supply technology that enables these amplifiers to weigh considerably less than conventional transformer driven models while also occupying less rack space. This patented technology delivers crystal-clear highs, smooth and accurate mids, and a powerful, articulate low-end response - providing realism to your audio playback. Further, a full complement of connectors facilitates easy integration into virtually any environment.

QSC’s SRA Series amplifiers also boast useful features such as individually selectable clip limiters and subsonic filters, front-mounted lockoutable gain controls, plus signal and clip LED indicators to monitor performance. SRA Series amplifiers can be configured for stereo, parallel, or bridge mono operation. As expected from the world’s largest manufacturer of professional power amplifiers with an unparalleled reputation for reliability and customer support, the SRA Series amplifiers deliver performance you can count on.

SRA Features

- Active inrush limiting - will not trip circuit breakers at turn on
- A hum-free noise floor and ultra low distortion
- Optional DSP modules for the ultimate in custom applications
- Short circuit, DC, subsonic, and thermal overload protection
- Gain control security cover prevents misadjustments
- LED indicators for power, signal, and clip
- Detachable rack ears included
- Only 10 kg (22 lb.) for easy racking and shipping
- Selectable subsonic filters: off, 20 Hz, or 50 Hz
INTRODUCTION- Illustrations

Front Panel (gain control security cover removed)
1- Power switch
2- Channel 1 gain control
3- Power “on” indicator
4- Channel 1 signal and clip indicators
5- Channel 2 gain control
6- Channel 2 signal and clip indicators

Note! Amplifiers are shipped with the gain controls set at maximum gain (+29 dB) and with gain control security cover installed. See page 10 for security cover removal and installation information.

Rear Panel
1- DataPort connector
2- Channel 1 RCA input connector
3- Channel 2 RCA input connector
4- Channel 1 XLR input connector
5- Channel 2 XLR input connector
6- Mode switches
7- XLR connector pinout reference chart
8- Channel 1 Speakon® pinout reference chart
9- Channel 1 Speakon output connector
10- Channel 2 Speakon pinout reference chart
11- Channel 2 Speakon output connector
12- Channel 1 binding post output connectors
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14- Cooling air intake vents
15- Remote trigger in/out jacks
16- Remote Trigger pinout reference chart
17- Serial number decal location
18- Mode switch settings reference chart
19- AC power cord entry (IEC inlet)
UNPACKING AND INSPECTION

The SRA amplifier is highly durable and carefully packaged. We recommend you inspect the unit carefully after removing it from the packaging, as occasionally there may be damage due to some unfortunate incident during shipment. Report any damage to the shipping carrier. We recommend saving the carton and packing material in case the unit must be shipped back to your dealer, distributor, or service center. Also note: some freight companies consider damage claims without the original packing materials invalid.

The QSC shipping box should contain:
1- The SRA amplifier
2- This Owner’s Manual
3- Accessory packet containing:
   - rack mount ears (2, used for rack mount installation only)
   - four adhesive feet (for non-rack mounting installation)
   - 5/64” hex key (Allen wrench) for gain control security cover removal
   - remote on/off (trigger) control cable, 36” long
4- IEC Power Cord

SETUP - Stand-alone Mounting

If the amplifier is to be used “stand-alone” (not mounted in an equipment rack) install the self-adhesive rubber feet on its bottom surface. The self-adhesive rubber feet are included with the amplifier.

To install the self-adhesive rubber feet:

1- Turn the amplifier upside down on a soft, nonabrasive surface.

2- Peel the backing paper off of each rubber foot and place near each of the four corners of the chassis bottom

3- Press firmly to activate the pressure sensitive adhesive.

4- Turn the amplifier back over so that the rubber feet rest on the supporting surface.
SETUP - Stand-alone mounting (cont’d.)

Rack Mounting

Rack mounting the amplifier

Rack mounting is optional. The amplifier fits a 483 mm (19”) width equipment rack.

To rack mount the amplifier:

1- Install the rack mount ears (see below and the following page for details).

2- Position the amplifier in the equipment rack and secure all four corners of the front panel using machine screws and washers. The size and thread type of the screws is determined by the equipment rack. Washers should be large enough to prevent the screw head from slipping into the rack ear mounting hole. Plastic washers will help prevent the screws from scratching the front panel.

To attach the rack mounting ears, you will need:

1- A #2 size cross point (Phillips) screwdriver.

2- The rack mount ears included with you SRA amplifier.

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SETUP - Rack Mounting

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Attaching the rack mount ears:

1- Remove the two screws holding the front panel end cap in place. Use a #2 cross point screwdriver (Phillips).

2- Place the rack mount ear as shown, aligning it so the screws will go back into their original locations.

3- Insert the screws and tighten being sure to keep the rack mount ear properly aligned.

4- Repeat procedure for the other side

When installing equipment into a rack, distribute the units evenly. Otherwise, hazardous conditions may be created by an uneven weight distribution.

Dimensions for rack mount installations.

Note: Some dimensions are taken from the front surface of the rack rail.
Supporting the rear of the amplifier

If transporting the amplifier in a loaded equipment rack, support the rear of the amplifier using rear rack ears. They are optional and not included with the amplifier. QSC’s Technical Services Group has the rear rack ear kits for sale.

The rear ear kit mounts two ways (shown below):
- using machine screws to secure the amplifier to the rear ears
- using a post and the notch to support the rear.

Warning: Refer to the instructions that come with the optional rear rack ear kit! Information is for reference only.

Method 1- The amplifier is first installed and secured to the front rack rails. The rear ears are then secured to the amplifier and to the rails using screws.

Method 2- The post is installed on the rear ears, then the ears attached to the rack using screws. The amplifier is then installed from the front of the rack and the notch in the amplifier’s rear chassis tab slides over the post.
SETUP - Removing the Gain Control Security Cover

Gain Control Security Cover

The amplifier is shipped with its gain controls at their maximum setting of +29 dB and a security cover installed to prevent tampering.

To adjust gain settings, remove the cover. Reinstall the cover to prevent unintentional changes.

Removing the Security Cover

1- Using a 5/64" (or 2 mm) hex key, remove the cover’s retaining screw and set it aside.

2- Insert the end of the hex key tool into the cover’s screw hole and pull/swing the plate out as shown.

3- Once the right side has been withdrawn from its retaining slot, pull the gain control lockout plate out from the front panel recess.

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SETUP- Installing the Gain Control Security Cover

4- Gain controls exposed for adjustment.

Installing the Gain Control Security Cover

1- Slide the cover into the front panel recess. Push it fully to the right and against the front panel. You should feel the cover’s retaining tabs drop into the slot in the front panel.

2- While lightly pressing the right side of the cover against the chassis, use the hex key tool (inserted into the plate’s screw hole) to slide the cover to the left until the LEDs line up with the cover’s holes. Continue to lightly press the cover against the chassis while you insert the cover’s retaining screw and secure the screw. Fully tighten the retaining screw.
SETUP - Cooling Requirements

Cooling Air Inlet and Exhaust Vents

The amplifier has a rear-mounted variable-speed fan. Speed is determined by the temperature of the amplifier's internal heat sink assembly.

Cooling air enters the rear of the amplifier and exhausts from the front vents.

If mounting in an enclosure, be certain not to restrict airflow.

Do not obstruct cooling air vents!
AC Power

Verify operating voltage before plugging amplifier into AC mains. Make sure the AC mains voltage is the same as specified on the serial number plate.

Do not use a smaller gauge cord than supplied with the amplifier! 120 Volt models are supplied with a #14 AWG cordset. 220 Volt models are supplied with 1.0 mm² cordset.

Do not use improper AC mains voltage! It can create hazardous conditions and severely damage the amplifier!

AC Power Connection

Plug the IEC-style end of the cord into the amplifier. Plug the AC mains-end of the cord into the AC outlet.

IEC Inlet

(amplifier end of cord)

Orient the IEC-style connector correctly with the inlet, then insert the plug fully.

Typical AC Line Current Consumption

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<td>SRA1222</td>
<td>5.6 amps at 4 ohms</td>
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<td>SRA2422</td>
<td>5.0 amps at 8 ohms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SRA3622</td>
<td>8.0 amps at 8 ohms</td>
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Conditions: 120 VAC line, both channels driven with pink noise at 1/8 rated power.
Mode Switches

The mode switches are located on the rear panel. The switches are recessed to prevent accidental changes. It is best to set the switches as required before mounting the amplifier in an equipment rack as they may become difficult to access.

Change switch positions by sliding the switch left or right. Operate the switches with a small, flat-tip screwdriver or similar tool. Do not use a pencil or other item that could break and fall into the amplifier.

The possible operating modes are Stereo (Biamp application uses Stereo mode, too), Parallel, and Bridge. Each is described in detail on pages 14 through 17. Additionally, clip limiting and low frequency filtering are switchable on each channel. Page 18 and 19 describes the clip limiter and LF filter operation.

Note:
The block diagrams in this section do not show all the required connections. They are simplified to convey the main operating principles of each operating mode. For detailed connection information, refer to pages 20 through 29.

Stereo Mode

In stereo mode, each input signal is sent to its respective channel. Each channel has independent gain control, clip limiting, filtering, input, and output connection.

To operate in stereo mode, set the mode switches for stereo. Set switches 4, 5, 6 and 7 to the left. Connect the two input signals and the two speakers.

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**SETUP - Operating Mode Selection: Stereo**

**Stereo Mode Notes:**
- To operate in stereo mode, set switches 4, 5, 6, and 7 to the left position.
- Input connections: connect one input to CH1 and the other to CH2. Use the XLR or RCA connectors.
- Output connections: using the binding posts or the Speakon connectors, connect CH1 and CH2 outputs to their respective speakers.

**Biamp Applications - Use Stereo Mode**

Mode switch settings for biamp are the same as for stereo. Multi-amp applications (like biamp) split the signal into different ranges before amplification, dedicating each channel to a specific task. The signal processing takes place externally before the signal is amplified.

**Biamp Notes:**
- Switch settings are the same as for stereo mode (see top of page).
- Audio inputs to amp must be preprocessed.
- Input connections: connect one input to CH1 and the other to CH2. Use the XLR or RCA connectors.
- Output connections: binding posts or Speakon connectors, connect CH1 and CH2 outputs to their respective speakers. CH1 Speakon can output both channels if 4 wire cable is used.
- Verify all signal routing and test your configuration at low power to avoid damaging speakers.
- QSC’s DSP modules are ideal for biamp mode applications.
**Parallel Mode**

In parallel mode, channel 1 and channel 2 XLR inputs are connected in parallel. Applying an input signal to either XLR input will drive both channels.

Each channel still has independent gain control, clip limiting, and output connection, just like stereo mode.

Do not use the RCA inputs if operating in parallel mode.

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**Parallel Mode Notes:**

- Do not use the RCA inputs for parallel mode.

  - Set switches 4, 5, and 6 to the right and switch 7 to the left.

  - Connect the single input signal to either CH1 or CH2’s XLR input connectors.

  - Output connections: binding posts or Speakon connectors, connect CH1 and CH2 outputs to their respective speakers.

  - Since parallel mode connects both channels XLR inputs in parallel, the unused XLR can be used to daisy chain the input signal to another piece of equipment (see p.21).
Bridge Mode

In bridge mode, both output channels are interconnected into one, higher power output. The result is one output with about 4 times the peak power and about 3 times the sustained power of a single channel.

Use CH1’s gain control, clip limiter, and LF filter. Use channel 1’s XLR or RCA input.

Output connection is different for bridge mode; the positive output for each channel gets connected to the loudspeaker. Page 24 details bridge mode output connections for binding posts, and page 26 for Speakon bridge output connections.

Bridge Mode Notes:
- To operate in bridge mode, set switches 4, 5, 6 to the left and switch 7 to the right position.
- Input: Use CH1’s XLR input connector.
- Output connections: Use the two red binding posts. CH1 red binding post= positive, CH2 red binding post= negative; or use CH1 Speakon terminal 1+ and 2+ (1+ is positive).
- Use CH1’s LF filter, clip Limiter, and gain control. Set CH2’s clip limiter to the same setting as CH1’s.
Clip Limiters

The SRA has separate clip limiters for each channel which respond only to actual amplifier clipping. Amplifier clipping generates internal error signals which cause the clip limiter to quickly reduce amp gain and minimize the overdrive. To preserve as much of the program dynamics as possible, limiting occurs only during actual clipping.

Each channel has its own clip limiter switch that can be operated independently. Switch 1 operates CH1’s clip limiter and switch 10 operates CH2’s clip limiter.

CLIP LIMITER ON: To turn the limiter on, slide the switch to the right (Sw.1: Ch.1, Sw.10: Ch.2).

CLIP LIMITER OFF: To turn the limiter off, slide the switch to the left.

Clip Limiting Tips

Clip limiting reduces extreme overdrive peaks, allowing a higher average signal level without audible distortion. Increasing the gain with the clip limiter engaged, until clipping is again audible, can double the average output power. Be careful not to exceed the power rating of your speakers.

The clip limiter is set to respond quickly after clipping is detected. On low frequency material, this may be perceived as a “rubbery” effect. It may be preferable to turn clip limiting off, and let the amp clip occasionally, especially if the speakers are robust.

If operating in Bridge mode, set CH2’s clip limiter to the same setting as CH1’s clip limiter.
SETUP- Low Frequency Filter

Low Frequency Filters

Unless you already have filtering in the signal path preceding the amplifier, use the low frequency filter to protect your speakers from cone overexcursion caused by frequencies below the speaker’s limits. The speaker’s documentation will specify the low frequency limit.

Generally, match the frequency selection to your speaker’s low frequency capability. This improves speaker performance by limiting subaudio cone movement, making more power available for the speaker’s rated frequency range.

Each channel has its own low frequency filter. Channel 1’s low frequency filter is operated by switches 2 and 3. Channel 2’s filter is operated by switches 8 and 9.

**FILTER ON:** To turn the filter on, slide the switch to the right (Sw.2: Ch.1, Sw.9: Ch.2).

**FILTER OFF:** To turn the filter off, slide the appropriate switch to the left.

**20 HERTZ:** To set the filter for a 20 Hz. rolloff, slide the switch to the right (Sw.3: Ch.1, Sw.8: Ch.2).

**50 HERTZ:** To set the filter for a 50 Hz. rolloff, slide the appropriate switch to the left.

**NOTE!** The filter on/off switch must be set to the “on” position for the frequency selection to be active. If the on/off switch is set to the “off” position, no filtering will take place regardless of the frequency selection.

*Channel 1’s low frequency filter is operated by switches 2 and 3. Channel 2’s filter is operated by switches 8 and 9.*

*SRA Series amplifier low frequency response curves.*
Audio Input Connections

Input connections to the SRA can be made with balanced XLR connectors for all operating modes, or unbalanced RCA connectors for Stereo and Bridge mode. We recommend using the balanced XLR connectors whenever possible. Unbalanced connections are prone to noise and interference pickup as well as ground-loop induced hum.

The XLR connectors are precision balanced (0.1% tolerance on balancing resistors) and provide superior audio performance over the RCA connectors. The RCA connectors are unbalanced and thus prone to ground loop and common-mode noise pickup (as are all unbalanced connections).

The RCA connectors have special circuitry added to help minimize ground-loop induced hum. This circuitry inserts a small impedance between the RCA connector’s “ground” and the chassis ground.

If the mode switches are set for parallel mode, the XLR input connectors are directly wired in parallel. This means the input can be connected to either of the XLRs and the remaining XLR can be used for daisy-chaining the input signal to other equipment (shown opposite page, bottom). Do not daisy chain from an RCA connector. Make sure only one input signal is applied to the amplifier when operating in Parallel or Bridge modes.

If your system has noise or hum, disconnect all amplifier inputs to verify the source of the noise. If the noise disappears, the noise source is not the amplifier. Check cabling and other equipment connections (see p.35 for troubleshooting).

Input Connector Use

Use the RCA, XLR, or DataPort connectors for signal input to the amplifier. Do not mix input connector usage.

Use balanced connections and high-quality cable and connectors for best results.
CONNECTIONS - Inputs: XLR and RCA Connector Pinouts

XLR Connector Pinout

Balanced

- pin 2
- pin 3
- pin 1

Unbalanced

+ pin 2
- pins 1 and 3

RCA (phono plug) Connector Pinout

Signal (+)

Ground

Daisy Chain Example (parallel mode only)

All amplifiers being daisy chained must be in parallel mode.

Input signal
Connecting the Outputs to the Loudspeakers

There are two basic speaker connection configurations for the SRA amplifier. Stereo and parallel modes use two separate output connections (two loudspeaker loads). Bridge mode uses one output connection (one loudspeaker load).

Use either the binding post or the Speakon output connectors. Each connector type is detailed in the following sections.

Refer to the diagrams provided for speaker connection. Mode descriptions (stereo, parallel, bridge, or biamp) and using the mode switches is shown on pages 14 through 17.

Selecting Speaker Cable

Use the highest quality loudspeaker cable available, which may or may not be the most expensive.

Look for...

- Large conductor size: #10 AWG is the largest that will fit the binding posts. Smaller wire sizes, like #12 or #14 AWG may be fine for shorter speaker cable use. Avoid small sizes like #16 and up.

- The conductors to be stranded. The higher the “strand count”, the more flexible and long-lived the cable will be. This means less stress on the output connectors of your amplifier and higher reliability. Solid wire is not recommended; it stresses the connectors and will fail when flexed.

- Quality insulation. The insulation should be thick enough to protect the conductors wherever they are installed and be flexible enough that handling the cable is not difficult. If operating in extreme cold temperatures, be sure your cable insulation will still be flexible. If operating in extreme hot conditions, be sure not to exceed the cable’s maximum rated operating temperature.

- Quality copper. This is hard to judge; it’s best to use name brand cable you trust. Cables made of recycled copper of unspecified resistivity have some risk. When in doubt, measure the resistance of a known length of cable and compare to standard wire table data. Whether or not the copper has small amounts of oxygen is of little impact.

**NOTE! AWG is the abbreviation for American Wire Gauge. The smaller the gauge number, the larger the physical size of the wire. Example: #10 AWG is a bigger, thicker wire than #16 AWG.**
Using the Binding Posts

The binding posts support several connection methods; banana plugs, spade lugs, or direct wire connection. European models do not support the use of banana plugs.

If using banana plugs, plug into the binding post directly.

If using spade lugs, refer to the diagram, below, for acceptable dimensions of lug.

If connecting the cable directly, strip about 1/2-inch of insulation from the ends and neatly twist any loose strands. Loosen the retaining nut fully, insert the wire, and tighten. Do not overtighten! Maximum wire gauge is #10 AWG (2.58 mm diameter).

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**Stereo and Parallel Mode output connections using binding posts**

Connect each set of binding post outputs to its respective loudspeaker.

Maintain proper polarity when hooking up loudspeakers. Connect each red binding post (+, or positive) to the red (or +, positive) terminal of each loudspeaker. Connect each black binding post (-, or negative) to the black (or -, negative) terminal of each loudspeaker. All amplifiers and loudspeakers must maintain proper connection polarity in order for bass response to be optimum.

**Bridge Mode output connections using binding posts**

Connect channel 1’s red binding post (+, positive) to the loudspeaker’s red (+, or positive) terminal. Connect channel 2’s red binding post (+, positive) to the loudspeaker’s black (-, or negative) terminal. If operating other amplifiers in bridge mode, make sure the connection polarity is maintained.

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*Do not use less than 4-ohm loads in bridge mode! Note polarity of connections for bridge mode.*
CONNECTIONS - Outputs: Speakon connectors

Speakon Outputs

The Speakon connectors offer quick, reliable connection and disconnection of the speakers. Although more expensive than banana or spade-lug style speaker cable termination, the speed, convenience, and reliability make Speakon use popular with portable and live sound setups.

The Speakons are wired:

CH1 Speakon:
- Pin 1+ = CH1 positive
- Pin 1- = CH1 negative
- Pin 2+ = CH2 positive
- Pin 2- = CH2 negative

CH2 Speakon:
- Pin 1+ = CH2 positive
- Pin 1- = CH2 negative

WARNING! Use proper speaker wire.
Stereo or parallel mode: Use NEC Class 2 wiring.
Bridge mode: Use NEC Class 1 wiring.
Refer to local and national electrical codes to assure code compliance.

Two-conductor Speakon Cable

Use two-conductor Speakon cable for stereo or parallel mode. Two cables will be required; one for CH1 and one for CH2.

Four-conductor Speakon Cable

For biamp applications, use four conductor cable.

Four conductor cable may be used for carrying both of the output channels with a single cable. Signal splitting required at loudspeaker end of cable.
CONNECTIONS - Outputs: Speakon connectors

Stereo or Parallel Modes

Stereo and Parallel modes use one cable for each channel. Each cable connects to its respective output connector and speaker.

CH1’s Speakon can be used with a four conductor cable for carrying both outputs. The required signal splitting would take place at the speaker-end of the cable.

Bridge Mode

Bridge Mode Speakon connection uses CH1’s Speakon only. Pin 1+ is the positive signal and Pin 2+ is the negative signal. NOTE! Make sure the speaker-end is wired according to its specifications. The diagram below assumes cabinet to be wired pin1+ and pin 1-. Verify proper connections are made!

WARNING! Use proper speaker wire. Stereo or Parallel Mode: Use NEC Class 2 wiring. Bridge Mode: Use NEC Class 1 wiring. Refer to local and national electrical codes to assure code compliance.
Biamp Operation

In biamp, one channel is used for lows, while the other channel is used for highs. It requires the use of signal processing equipment between the source material and the amplifier. Always test the system at the lowest practical power level for proper operation.

Biamp-ready loudspeakers have no crossover and connect to the amplifier using the four-conductor Speakon. Some loudspeakers feature switchable passive or active (biamp) crossover configuration. Make sure any switchable loudspeaker is set for Active mode to disable the internal crossover if you are biamping.

Amplifiers designed specifically for biamp operation have different power points for each channel. Because high frequency drivers are much more efficient than are low frequency drivers, less power is required at higher frequencies. Biamp makes more efficient use of the power available from a given amplifier and provides more headroom at lower frequencies. Triamp systems add one more level of frequency separation for amplifiers and speakers.

Conventional speaker crossovers consist of inductors, capacitors, and resistors. The heat generated in these components is power that could be delivered to the speaker. Near the crossover frequency, power loss can be close to 50%! No wonder professional sound companies prefer the multi-amplification approach. Biamp, triamp, or more..... it makes best use of the available AC power to produce sound.
CONNECTIONS- Remote on/off (remote trigger)

Remote Trigger

Remote turn-on and turn-off capability is provided by the remote trigger jacks on the rear panel. Remote trigger can be operated by two methods, 12 Volt DC or contact closure (switch, relay). The IN and OUT jacks can be used interchangeably as they are wired in parallel.

The amplifier’s front panel power switch must remain in the ON position when using the remote trigger feature. The amplifier’s power status is controlled from the remote trigger connections. If no plug is inserted in the remote trigger jacks, amplifier on/off is controlled by the front panel power switch.

If a mono plug is inserted into either jack, the amplifier will go into standby mode (off). Apply +12 Volts DC to the tip and ground (- or negative) to the sleeve, and the amplifier will be enabled (on). Be sure to use a mono plug for +12 Volts DC remote trigger operation.

If a stereo plug is inserted into either jack and no connections are made between the tip, ring, and sleeve, the amplifier will be enabled (on). If a contact connection (switch or relay contacts) is made between the sleeve and the ring, the amplifier will go into standby mode (off). The tip connection is not utilized when contact closure method is used.

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REMOTE TRIGGER USING 12 VOLT DC METHOD:
FOR STANDBY INSTALL 3.5MM TIP/SLEEVE JACK
TO ENABLE AMPLIFIER APPLY 12V DC +

REMOTE TRIGGER USING 3.5MM TRS CONTACT CLOSURE
FOR STANDBY CONNECT RING AND SLEEVE
TO ENABLE OPEN CONTACT BETWEEN RING AND SLEEVE
CONNECTIONS - Remote on/off (remote trigger) 12 VDC Type

12 Volt DC Remote Trigger

For 12 Volt DC remote trigger operation, use a mono (2 terminal) 3.5 mm mini-plug. Do not use a stereo (3 terminal) plug.

Connect a suitable two-conductor cable to the plug. Connect the tip of the plug to the + (or positive) polarity wire and the sleeve to the - (or negative) polarity wire.

Turn the amplifier on (enable) by applying +12 Volts DC to the cable. Make certain that the + polarity of the 12 Volts DC connects to the tip of the plug!

Turn the amplifier off (standby) by removing the voltage. This is normally done by turning off the main AC power switch of the processor (or other primary system controller).

Another possible remote on/off solution is shown to the right. This solution uses a 12 Volt DC signal and a switch wired to the mono mini-plug. Make sure any AC adapter used is DC voltage output, not AC.

Note - We recommend the front panel AC power switch be switched to the “off” position anytime the system will not be operated for an extended period. This prevents the remote trigger from accidentally powering up the amplifier while you are away. It is a good idea to do the same with all remote turn-on/tum-off capable equipment when it is not to be operated for extended periods.
12 Volt DC Remote Trigger

For contact closure remote trigger operation, use stereo (3 terminal) 3.5 mm mini-plug. Do not use a mono (2 terminal) plug.

Connect a suitable two-conductor cable to the plug. Connect the sleeve of the plug to one wire and the ring to the other wire. The tip of the plug is left unconnected.

The other end of the cable is connected to a pair of switch or relay contacts. These contacts are typically inside the main AC power controlling device (processor) When the switch or relay contacts are closed, the amplifier will turn off. When the switch or relay contacts are opened, the amplifier will turn on.

Another possible remote on/off solution is shown to the right. This solution uses a switch wired to the stereo mini-plug. The switch could be replaced with a set of relay contacts, should your application require it.

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CONNECTIONS - DataPort

What is a DataPort?

The DataPort is a QSC-specific connection used for interfacing amplifiers, amplifier monitoring devices and signal processors. QSC Audio produces a line of digital signal processing as well as other accessories that plug directly into the DataPort. The DataPort connection provides all the necessary interconnects between the accessory and the amplifier.

For home theater and studio applications, DSP can be very useful for “tuning” the response of the system. For example, a QSC DSP-4 module connected to the amplifier could be configured as a crossover or a subwoofer filter, or many other functions. Audio response can be tailored using the DSP and its software to compensate for speaker response “dips” or “peaks”.

Contact your QSC representative or QSC Audio directly to find out what DataPort accessories might fit your application.

Connecting

In general, the connection is made by orienting the DataPort accessory or cable’s male HD-15 plug with the DataPort receptacle and inserting fully. Tighten the retaining screws. Do not use excessive force to tighten the retaining screws!

Refer to the instructions included with your DataPort accessory for detailed connection information.
**USE- Front Panel Controls and Indicators**

**AC Power Switch**

On the front panel, left side, is the Power switch. The switch is labeled ON, above it and to the left.

To turn the power on: Press in on the upper portion of the rocker switch. The amplifier will go through its power-up cycle; the red-colored Clip LEDs will illuminate briefly, then the green-colored Power LED will remain on.

To turn the power off: Press in on the bottom portion of the rocker switch. It may take a few moments for the Power LED to extinguish. This is normal.

If the Power LED fails to illuminate when the power is switched on, check the power cord for proper connection at both ends and verify the AC power source is functioning properly.

**Gain Controls**

A gain control adjustment is provided for each channel. The voltage gain of the amplifier (in dB) is marked around each control.

Rotating the control clockwise increases the gain applied to the signal. Rotating the control counterclockwise reduces the gain applied to the signal.

In stereo and parallel operating modes (see pages 14 through 16) each channel’s gain is adjusted by its own control. In bridge mode, use channel 1’s gain control and set channel 2’s control fully counterclockwise.

**Signal and Clip LED Indicators**

**SIGNAL**- Illuminates when the input signal strength is sufficient to drive the output above -30 dB relative to full output.

**CLIP**- Illuminates when the input signal strength is strong enough to drive the output to the limits of the power supply (i.e. clipping).

**Clip Indicator Tips**

- Normally, the clip LEDs will flash occasionally when the amplifier is driven hard (high output level).
- If illuminated most of the time, the amplifier is being driven extremely hard and may eventually overheat, triggering the thermal shutdown circuitry.
- If fully illuminated, the amplifier is in thermal shut down or short-circuit cutback is engaged. Reduce the input signal strength; if the Clip LED turns off, there is a problem with the speaker’s wiring or one of the speakers. If the LED remains on when input signal strength is fully reduced, the amp is in thermal shutdown. Reduce gain settings or input signal and allow the amp to cool down. Leave the power on so that the fan continues to run; operation will automatically resume after the amplifier has cooled sufficiently.
7.1 Surround Application

The block diagram, at right, shows how SRA amplifiers might be connected in a 7.1 home theater application. The connections shown are simplified so as to convey the signal routing scheme. All amplifiers shown are operated in stereo mode. Amplifier inputs can be via the RCA or XLR connectors. Amplifier outputs can be via the binding posts or the Speakon connectors. Each application/installation is different; refer to your professional audio installer for detailed application solutions.

Note: Loudspeaker orientation is for illustration only. Abbreviations and terms may vary by manufacturer.
TROUBLESHOOTING

The amplifier won’t turn on when the Power switch is operated (green Power LED not illuminating)-
- Verify AC power source is providing required voltage. The simplest test is to plug a known-working lamp into the same outlet and verify it works. Properly functioning AC power is required in order to operate the amplifier.

- Check each end of the amplifier’s power cord. The AC plug or IEC-type connector needs to be properly inserted. Inspect the cord for damage. If any damage is found, replace the cord immediately.

- Unplug any device connected to the amplifier’s Remote Trigger jacks. If the amplifier now turns on and off normally, the problem is with the cables or equipment that was connected to the Remote Trigger jacks.

Signal LED’s not responding to input signal level (not lighting)-
- If the green Power indicator LED is lit, but the signal LEDs do not light up at all, check the input. Make sure the signal source is working and try another input cable. Connect the source to another channel or amplifier and verify that it is working properly. Connect a known good signal source to the amplifier to verify the amplifier is working properly.

- If you are using the XLR or RCA jacks, be sure the connectors are fully inserted at both ends of all interconnecting cables.

- If using the DataPort inputs, make sure connections are tight and that the software configuration in the upstream device (if applicable) is not muting the signal.

Signal LEDs responding to signal level but no output-
- If the green signal LED indicators are lighting normally, the fault is somewhere between the amp and the speakers. Check the speaker wiring for proper connection at each end and for any damage or breaks. Try another speaker and cable. If your system has multiple speakers connected in series, any one speaker failure will cause all other speakers (in the same series circuit) to lose their signal.

Clip LED flashing, but no output-
- If the red Clip indicator flashes when signal is applied, the amplifier output may be shorted. Disconnect the speaker cables from the amplifier. If the clip indicator no longer illuminates, the problem is in the speaker cable or the speaker.

- Connect the speaker cables to the amplifier, but not the speakers. Make certain the conductors cannot touch at the unconnected speaker-end of the cables. If the Clip indicator no longer illuminates, the problem is most likely in the speaker.

- Check that the speaker cable connections are tight and properly terminated at each end. Check the speaker cables for stray strands or breaks in the insulation. Trim off all loose strands of wire and insulate any exposed wire with electrical tape. All connections should be made with great care and all wire terminations should be carefully checked to ensure quality workmanship.

The Clip LEDs are fully illuminated-
- The amplifier is in Thermal Protection mode. Let the amplifier cool down. Leave the Power on so the fan will cool the amplifier. Check for proper ventilation. If the fan isn’t running at all, the amplifier requires servicing.

- If normal operation does not resume after letting amplifier cool down, the amplifier requires service.

The amplifier “cuts-out” when I really crank it up (intermittent operation)-
- Make sure the AC power source is rated for the required current! Avoid using extension cords! If required, use only the shortest possible 10-gauge heavy-duty extension cords.

- If the AC power source is “sagging” (or drooping) under heavy load, the circuit is overloaded or has other fundamental problems. Use another circuit or have the circuit checked by a licensed, professional electrician.
TROUBLESHOOTING

I am using the amp for a subwoofer application and it sounds “rubbery”, what’s up? -

- Verify that the Clip Limiters are OFF. Why? The Clip Limiter is set to respond as quickly as possible after clipping is detected. On low frequency material, this may be perceived as a “rubbery” effect. It may be preferable to turn Clip Limiting off, and let the amp clip occasionally, especially if the speakers are robust.

- If your subwoofer is rated for frequencies below 50 or 20 hertz, set the Low Frequency (LF) filters accordingly.

No channel separation -

- Check the mode switch settings on the back of the amplifier. If the mode switches are set for PARALLEL mode, there will be no channel separation. The mode switches must be set for STEREO for each channel to operate independently.

- Make sure other equipment in the signal path to the amplifier, such as DSP, mixers, preamps, etc., is set for stereo, not mono.

The output sounds distorted -

- Indication: Clip indicator flashing - If the red clip indicator flashes before the signal indicator does, the load impedance is abnormally low or shorted. Unplug each speaker one-by-one at the amplifier. If the clip LED goes out when you disconnect a cable, then that cable or speaker is shorted. Try another cable and speaker to locate and/or remove the fault.

- Indication: Clip Indicator not flashing - This could be caused by a faulty speaker or loose connection. Check the wiring and try another speaker. If not the speaker or connections, see next item to test for signal source distortion.

- The signal source may be clipping. Keep the amplifier gain controls at least halfway (19 dB or so) up so that the source does not have to be overdriven. Reduce signal levels upstream of the amplifier to identify overdrive source.

There seems to be a lot of “hiss” noise on the outputs -

- Unplug the input cables to the amplifier. If the hiss goes away, then the problem is with the equipment or cables leading to the amplifier.

- If the hiss is present with no audio input cables connected, check that the AC line cord is properly grounded at its connection to the line. If the ground connection is OK and the hiss continues with no input cables connected, then the amplifier requires servicing.

- To keep the normal noise floor low, operate the primary signal source at full level, without clipping, and avoid boosting the signal further between the source and the amplifier.

The output has a “hum” noise -

- Use a common AC ground connection for all audio equipment.

- Check the input cables for broken ground (shield) connection.

- Use balanced connections where possible for the entire signal chain.

- The design of the amplifier eliminates internal hum fields, but external transformers or other magnetic devices may cause hum. Move cabling and signal sources to identify “hot spots” in the system; then avoid those spots. Cables with faulty shielding are a common entry point for hum. Use top quality cabling. Another common source of magnetic fields are “wall warts” or pluggable transformers; keep input wiring away from them.

- Troubleshoot the system for ground-loop problems. Any identified ground loop must be broken using audio signal isolation. Do not “lift” or break AC power grounds under any circumstance as safety of the system will be compromised.
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