# **Studio Monitors**

# TRUTH B3031A/B3030A

### TRUTH — 2-Way Active Ribbon Studio Reference Monitor with Kevlar Woofer

- Ultra-linear frequency response with individual frequency diagrams
- Built-in 150 and 75 watt power amplifiers (75 and 35 watt for B3030A) with enormous power reserve
- Ultra-high resolution, 2" velocity ribbon transducer for ultimate sound reproduction
- Long-throw 8 ¾" woofer (6 ¾" for B3030A) with deformation-resistant Kevlar cone and aluminum die-cast chassis for ultimate bass response
- Controlled dispersion characteristics and extremely large "sweet spot" owing to the unique BEHRINGER wave guide technology
- Active crossover network with 4<sup>th</sup> order Linkwitz-Riley filters
- Adjustable to a wide range of acoustic conditions and subwoofer operation
- Separately controlled limiter for low and high-frequency overload protection
- Magnetic shielding allows placement near computer monitors
- Servo-balanced inputs with XLR and ¼" TRS connectors
- High-quality components and exceptionally rugged construction ensure long life
- Conceived and designed by BEHRINGER Germany



### Honesty

When it comes to your studio recordings, you want honesty. In fact, considering how important your art is, you should demand it! That's why we designed the new B3030A and B3031A Reference Monitors to speak nothing but the TRUTH. Oh, they still sound great hooked up to your stereo or your video surround system, but they were really built with the studio in mind where every note you play or sing is "under the microscope."

### **Built on a Legacy**

Our TRUTH B2030A and B2031A monitors have been so wildly successful that we've sold thousands upon thousands of them to some of the most critical ears on the planet. So, from the moment we started this project, we knew these new speakers would have to be something really special, and indeed they are!

### Years of R'n'D

For the past two years our Resead Development team has been on a mission to create the "perfect" studio monitor. Since the TRUTH B2031A had already become the industry standard,



our acoustic engineers decided to start there and see just how far they could push the envelope. They tried a variety of transducers and enclosure designs, along with existing and emerging technologies. When all the dust settled, they chose to deploy an ultra-high resolution, 2" velocity ribbon transducer and a long-throw, Kevlar-coned woofer in a deformation-resistant, die-cast aluminum chassis.

### Why Kevlar?

We're glad you asked. Kevlar has an incredible strength-to-weight ratio that's one reason it's used in bulletproof vests. Kevlar gives our LF transducer the strength to handle the extremely high energy levels required for distortion-free, chest-pounding bass. And since they have such low mass, Kevlar speaker cones also respond much more quickly than those made of paper, important for not only maintaining bass content integrity, but critical for midrange accuracy and definition. Our Kevlar transducers reproduce even the subtlest nuance of the low-frequency realm without muddying the midrange.

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### What's with the funny-looking tweeter?

Ribbon tweeters bring a level of accuracy and sophistication to high-resolution studio monitors that was previously unattainable. They provide exceptionally wide horizontal dispersion (for a larger "sweet-spot"), while holding the vertical dispersion extremely tight. And since our ribbon transducer diaphragm is virtually weightless, it reacts instantaneously to changes in the high-frequency content. Now, not only do you hear the dulcet tones of a flute, you hear the breath flowing through it... You hear the wind chimes bouncing off each other... You can hear the fingernails on the nylon strings of a classical guitar...

Another reason why ribbon tweeters are so supremely accurate is their ability to reproduce frequencies far above our normal hearing range. Even though we can't hear these "ultrasonics," the lower harmonics they generate do affect the way we experience the stereo image. For instance, a 30 kHz signal is too high for us to hear, but we can hear its first sub-harmonic (15 kHz), second sub-harmonic (7.5 kHz), and third (3.75 kHz), etc. All these sub-harmonics combine with the primary sound to create stunning realism.



### **Power to the People**

It takes quite a bit more than just a "bulletproof" woofer and a high-tech ribbon tweeter stuck inside a fancy box to make a studio monitor of this class. It also takes power — and lots of it! But even more importantly, that power has to be matched to the individual high- and low-frequency tranducers. While some of our competitors are content to stick whatever speakers they have on the shelf into haphazardly designed boxes and then strap on a one-size-fits-all amplifier package, we build every single component from the ground up.

We pack 225-Watts of bi-amped technology (including a time- and phase-corrected active crossover) into every B3031A (110-Watts for B3030A), ensuring that you have the enormous power reserves you'll need to drive them really hard.

### **Designed to Work in Your Environment**

The ideal environment for listening is a room that is "flat," neither too reflective (echoes) nor too absorptive (where the sound is muffled). But since all rooms are not the same acoustically, all TRUTH monitors come equipped to function in a wide variety of situations. Switches are provided to adapt the monitor's low- and high-frequency characteristics for optimal performance specific to your listening environment.

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## **Surround Sound Setup**



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Placement is also critical. Ideally, all loudspeakers should be placed away from walls to ensure proper bass response. But fear not, B3030A/B3031A monitors feature Room Compensation switches so you can place them against walls, or even in corners. Walls tend to enhance low-frequency content, and corners exaggerate bass even more, but your TRUTH monitor can be custom-tailored to provide honest bass response for your situation, with the simple flick of a switch or two.

### Non-fatiguing, Wide "Sweet Spot"

While some of our competitor's studio monitors have a highly focused "sweet spot" (the optimal listening position for a pair of loudspeakers), our wave-guide is designed to create a much more generous, broader listening zone. That means you won't wear a hole in the carpet in that one spot where everything sounds great. You are free to move around inside the stereo image to find the ideal spot in the mix for subtle instrument or effects placement opportunities. You also won't suffer the ravages of "monitor-fatigue-syndrome," an ailment that comes from listening to harsh high-mids and treble content for hours on end. The new 2" velocity ribbon transducer, along with our proprietary wave-guide design, generates silky-smooth high-end that is non-fatiguing, even during those all-night mix-down sessions that can test your nerves.

### **Hearing is Believing**

We could bore you to tears with all the technical jargon (if you really like that stuff, there's a special treat at the end), but hearing the TRUTH will make you a believer. From the "bulletproof" bass of its Kevlar woofer to the silky top-end of its ribbon transducer, we think you'll agree that nothing in this class outperforms the B3030A and B3031A monitors. Compare them to the competition and own BEHRINGER!

Laptop





UCA222 USB Audio Interface

**Computer Setup** 

## Recording



# TRUTH B3031A/B3030A



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Power switch

Room Compensation switch adjusts bass when speakers are placed against walls or in corners

High Frequency switch adjusts treble content

Mute Low and Mute Low and Mute High switches (B3031A only, for service technician)

IEC power socket

## SPECIFICATIONS

### B3031A/B3030A

Audio Inputs	
XLR connector	servo-balanced input
¼" TRS	servo-balanced input
Input impedance	10 kΩ
Input Trim	-6 dB to +6 dB
Max. input level	+22 dBu
TRANSDUCERS	
B3031A	
High-frequency driver	2" ribbon
Low-frequency driver	8 ¾" diameter Kevlar diaphragm
B3030A	
High-frequency driver	2" ribbon
Low-frequency driver	6 ¾" diameter Kevlar diaphragm
AMPLIFIER OUTPUT PO	WER
Low-frequency range	
B3031A	
RMS @ 0.1 % THD (sine wave)	100 W @ 4 Ω
Peak power	150 W @ 4 Ω
B3030A	
RMS @ 0.1 % THD (sine wave)	50 W @ 4 Ω

75 W @ 4 Ω

### **High-frequency range**

B3031A	
RMS @ 0.1 % THD (sine wave)	30 W @ 6 Ω
Peak power 75 W @ 6 $\Omega$	
B3030A	
RMS @ 0.1 % THD (sine wave)	25 W @ 6 Ω
Peak power	35 W @ 6 Ω

### CROSSOVER

B3031A/B3030A	
Туре	active, 4 <sup>th</sup> order Linkwitz-Riley
Crossover frequency	3.6 kHz

### SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

B3031A	
Frequency response	50 Hz to 24 kHz
Sound pressure level	max. 116 dB SPL @ 1 m (pair)
B3030A	
Frequency response	50 Hz to 24 kHz
Sound pressure level	max. 113 dB SPL @ 1 m (pair)

## Voltage/Fuses

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100 - 120 V~, 50/60 Hz	T 5.0 A H 250 V	
220 - 230 V~, 50/60 Hz	T 2.5 A H 250 V	

### 100 - 120 V~, 50/60 Hz T 2.0 A H 250 V 220 - 230 V~, 50/60 Hz T 1.6 A H 250 V B3031A max. 200 W Power consumption Mains connection Standard IEC connector B3030A max. 110 W Power consumption Mains connection Standard IEC connector DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT

### B3031A

B3030A

Dimensions (HxWxD)		15.75 x 9.81 x 11.38" 400 x 250 x 290 mm
Weight	33 lbs/15 kg	

### B3030A

DJUJUA		
Dimensions (HxWxD)	12.50 x 8.40 x 8.33" 315 x 215 x 210 mm	
Weight	22 lbs/10 kg	

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