

'Can they hear you at the back?'

Sound Field Packs A, B & C

Sound Field System

User Manual



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What is a Sound Field System?

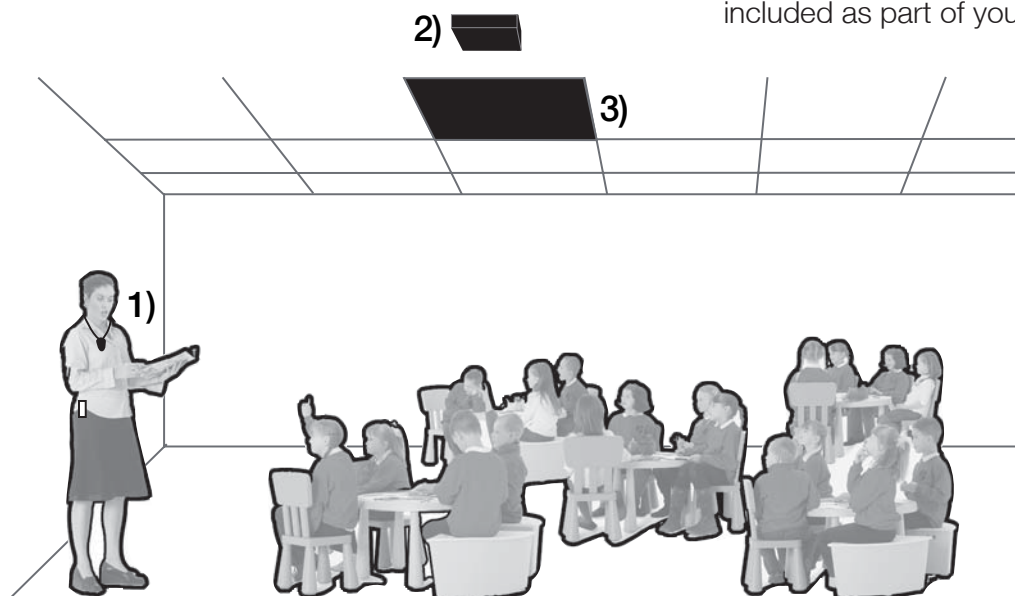
‘Sound Field’ or a ‘Sound Field Voice Reinforcement System’ is essentially the integration of a mini-PA system in the classroom.

The inclusion of a Sound Field System in the classroom will raise a teacher's voice above the ambient noise in noisy or lively classroom environments. Sound Field voice reinforcement will provide even coverage throughout the whole room without the need to shout or raise one's voice. This will provide significant benefits for teacher/pupil communication and understanding.

Your i-ceilings Infrared Sound Field System uses the latest infrared and NXT loudspeaker technology. **Please read this manual carefully as it contains important information on using and maintaining the performance of the equipment.**



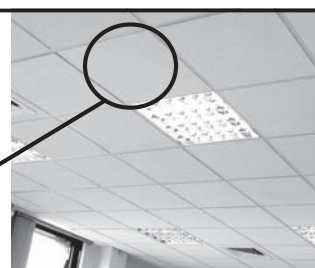
The i-ceilings Sound Field System has been designed with the minimum of user controls. Once set up by the installer it is very simple and flexible to use. A number of different facilities and variants may be installed as part of a system depending on the requirements of particular installations. They are all covered in this manual but may not all be included as part of your system.



In many installations the equipment is installed above the ceiling with only the infrared detectors visible in the classroom; even the loudspeaker(s) used in suspended ceilings look exactly the same as the ceiling tiles and are usually all but impossible to identify.

- 1) Teacher-worn Infrared Microphone/Transmitter
- 2) Infrared Microphone Receiver
- 3) i-ceilings unique Sound Panel Loudspeaker and Integrated Amplifier

• i-ceilings Panel Loudspeakers are all but impossible to identify in the ceiling.



The benefits of Sound Field in your classroom

All children benefit from the improved speech clarity of a Sound Field System. Academic improvements are consistently noted in:

- Task behaviour
- Understanding of instructions
- Attentiveness
- Less repetition required
- Better attendance
- Improved verbal recognition
- Reduced voice strain

The inclusion of Sound Field Voice Reinforcement in the classroom provides wide ranging benefits to mainstream and hard of hearing students, as well as teachers.



Pupils

In addition to the above outstanding benefits, pupils also benefit from:

- More effective deciphering of language in early learning years
- Better understanding of teachers' voice for 'second language' learning
- Assists temporary hearing deficiency, common in early learning years



Teachers

- Improved clarity of voice and understanding
- Reduced voice strain, illness and stress
- Less repetition required
- Assists inclusive learning for SEN students
- Reduced loudspeaker theft in high risk/public areas



SEN Students

- Assists inclusive learning
- Easily integrates with induction loop systems
- Proven learning improvements for pupils with ADHD
- Many children with Down's syndrome who have fluctuating conductive hearing loss perceive significantly more speech

Should you have any problems or queries regarding your i-ceilings Sound Field System, please contact the system installer or our technical support department on T: 0115 9770075 or E: service@cie-group.com.



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Using individual pieces of equipment

Microphone Transmitters:

Pendant & Handheld options are available, both of which are powered by rechargeable batteries. It is most important to adopt the correct charging regime otherwise the performance may suffer (a separate section covers this aspect - see pg7).

All of your microphone transmitters will operate in any of your classrooms featuring an infrared Soundfield System. Two different fixed frequencies are available; your installer will have selected the best combination frequencies for the installation at the school. If you have been supplied with two transmitters for use in your classroom they will have been set to operate simultaneously.* As the system uses infrared technology, the transmitters will only work in the classroom within sight of the detectors. They will not work in the corridors, staff rooms or other adjacent areas. You should note that the transmitters require clean line of sight to one of the detectors to work reliably so care needs to be taken to ensure a clear path exists which is not obscured in any way (remember this includes ensuring infrared emitters are not obstructed by clothing).



IWM-402 Pendant Transmitter/Microphone:

This system is used to reinforce the teacher's voice. The Pendant is worn around the neck using the supplied lanyard and must be in a position approx. 6" (150mm) away from the user's mouth, maintaining a clear line of sight to the detectors installed in the room. The power switch is located on one side of the Pendant and microphone volume control on the other. A green LED indicates the unit is switched on and operational; this turns red when the internal battery is running out and requires charging (see section on chargers and batteries - on pg7)

The mute button on the front of the Pendant will allow the internal microphone to be switched off to allow a private conversation between teacher and pupil or assistant (i.e. not broadcasting the teacher's voice through the Soundfield system). When active, the mute button will illuminate red.



- IWM-402 Pendant Transmitter/Microphone

*N.B. Only 2 transmitters - one on each frequency - can be used in any classroom.

Your Pendant Transmitter has the following features:

Quick Release Lanyard:

For comfort and safety the IWM-402 is supplied with a lanyard neck loop.

Once placed around the neck the length of the lanyard is adjusted to suit the user/teacher using the spring loaded 'adjuster' and is provided with a safety break mechanism which is designed to break in the event of the Pendant being grabbed or pulled. Once broken the lanyard is easily repaired by pushing the two sections together until an audible click sound is heard.



External Microphone Input:

If the Pendant's internal microphone is not suitable, an external microphone can be used (for example a headset type). This plugs into the 'Mic In' socket on the top of the Pendant and will automatically switch out the external microphone. Contact your installer or system provider for external microphone options.



Line In:

The Pendant also has the facility to accept a Line Level Input (for example from a Media Payer, MP3 or PC).

This allows the Pendant to transmit an external audio source via the Infrared system. If used, the internal microphone is disabled, as is the Pendant's volume control (level of the external audio is controlled by the external audio source).



Channel Selection:

Your IR System can operate on two channels; when using two transmitters in one room it is essential that the units are set on separate channels.

To adjust, remove the battery cover and select the required channel A or B via the slide switch.



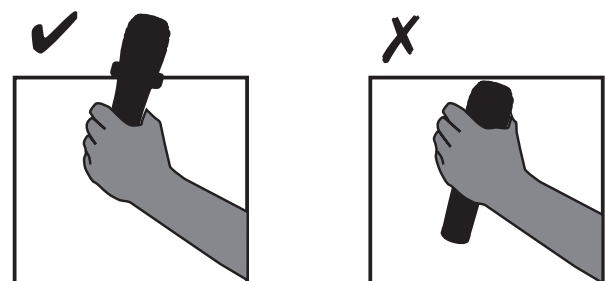
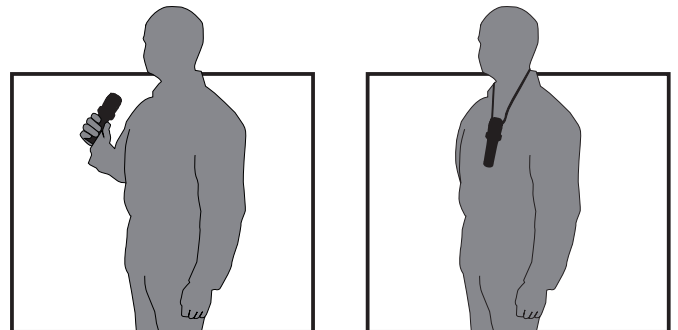
Using the handheld microphone

IWH-401 Handheld Microphone:

These are intended primarily as a 'roaming' microphone option for pupil interaction.

Other than an On/Off switch, the handheld microphone option has no other controls. Operation is indicated by a green LED which changes to red when the batteries are running low and require re-charging (see section on chargers and batteries - pg7). You will find the microphone is very sensitive, talk in a normal voice holding the microphone at a distance of 6 to 8 inches (15 ~ 20cm) away from your mouth.

An optional lanyard/neck loop is also provided, which will allow the IWH-401 to be used hands free (just like the IWM-402 Pendant transmitter).



- Hold in the middle to avoid blocking the emitters on the top of the handheld mic.

Battery Charging

It is vitally important that the correct regime is adopted with regards to battery charging if the performance of the system is to be maintained. In normal use, fully charged batteries will power the transmitters for approximately 4 hours. Batteries will re-charge to 80% within 1 hour and fully within 5 hours using the supplied charger.

Microphone Type:	Charger Option:
IWM-402 Pendant Transmitter	HC-40 Drop-In Charger
IWH-401 Handheld Transmitter	HC-40 Drop-In Charger
IWH-302 Handheld Transmitter	HC-33 Drop-In Charger*

* OLDER STYLE TRANSMITTER OPTIONS

Important information

Your IWM-402 is supplied with a set of rechargeable batteries. However, if these should become lost or require replacement, it is critical that the following procedure is followed to allow your batteries to recharge correctly;

The IWM-402 has an inbuilt safety feature which will protect the Pendant and charger should someone insert standard AA batteries and attempt to recharge them.

When installing a new set of rechargeable batteries please trim off 15mm of the plastic cover/sleeving from the negative end of the battery, insert into the transmitter and place into the Drop-in charger. If this procedure is not carried out then the charger will not recharge the installed batteries.

HC-40 Charging indicator LED

Solid Red	Charging
Solid Green	Fully Charged
Flashing Red	Poor battery condition/indication to replace or change the batteries



Before charging either transmitter, please ensure that the batteries are installed the correct way around (pos-pos/neg-neg). Inserting the batteries the wrong way around will result in failure of/damage to the microphone transmitter. **This is not covered under warranty.**



- Fully charge NEW batteries for at least 10 hours
- Ensure transmitter is pressed firmly into the charger
- Ensure transmitter is switched 'OFF' when charging

NEVER ATTEMPT TO RECHARGE 'ONE TIME' ALKALINE BATTERIES



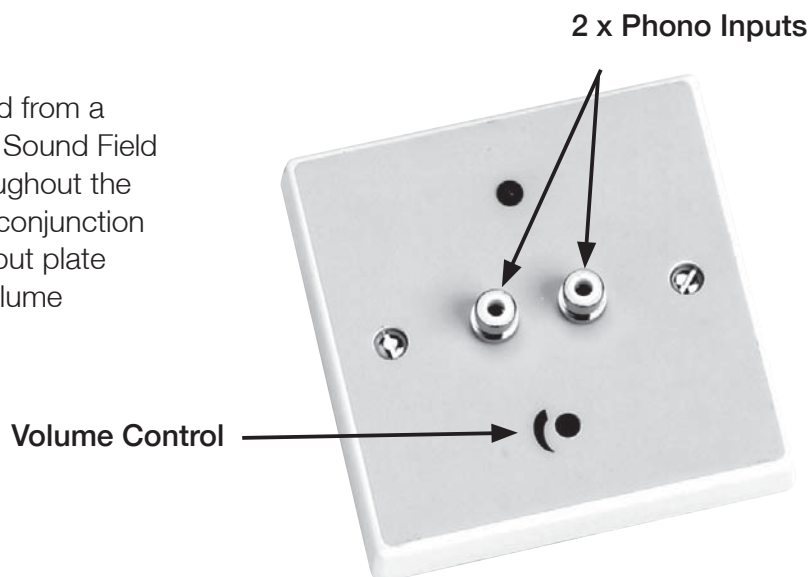
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Additional Sound Field system facilities:

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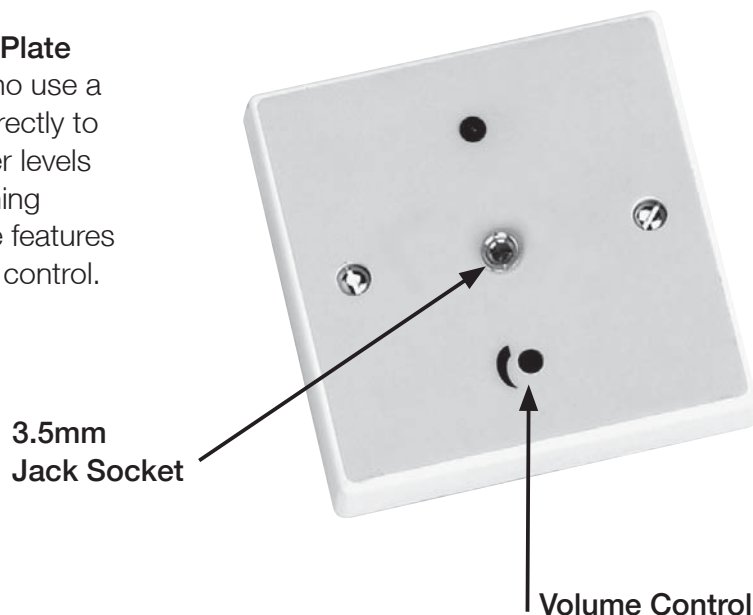
1) AV Input Plate

This can be used to connect the sound from a laptop, CD or DVD player, etc. to your Sound Field System for even sound coverage throughout the classroom. The AV sound will work in conjunction with the microphone signal. The AV input plate features 2 phono connectors and a volume control.



2) Assisted Hearing Radio Aid Output Plate

This allows hearing impaired students who use a personal radio aid system to be linked directly to the Sound Field system, providing greater levels of voice clarity and a more inclusive learning environment. The Radio Aid Output Plate features a 3.5mm 2-pole jack socket and volume control.



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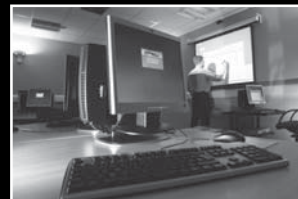
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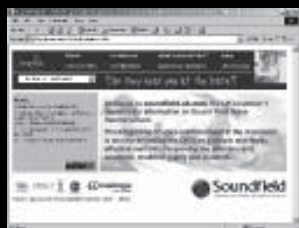
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www.soundfield.uk.com

With a range of highly effective, low cost solutions we have already supplied many successful i-ceilings Sound Field systems throughout the country, whilst our specially-developed website - **www.soundfield.uk.com** - has become the industry recognised site for information and advice on classroom voice reinforcement and the recommendations of Building Bulletin '93.

**Effective relief for
teachers' sore throats...**

