

## 6. Install Grill

The grill has four neodymium magnets which are embedded in the frame. These magnets are arranged to align with the screws that hold the baffle in place. Simply place the grill on the baffle and align as necessary.

## 7. Test the speaker

Connect the speakers to your stereo system and play music through the speakers to verify that the overall sound is full and smooth. If a driver is not working or the sound is intermittent or distorted, please see the troubleshooting section for possible remedies. In most cases the cause of a problem will be traced back to improper wiring of the crossover and not faulty drivers.

**Break-In:** Please allow a full two weeks of playing time at moderate volumes before playing the system at high energy levels. This will allow the drivers suspensions to properly break in before being subjected to large excursions.

## Care and cleaning

To protect the Dayton speaker system's finish, use some care when cleaning it. To remove dust from drivers, grills, or the cabinet tops, a synthetic "feather duster" works well. For more stubborn dust on the grills or woofers, a vacuum cleaner with gentle brush attachment may be used. It is not recommended to use any type of cleaning apparatus on tweeter domes; dust will not affect the sound, and the chance of damaging the dome is high.

For cleaning streaks or fingerprints on the cabinet finishes, an ammonia-based window cleaner is recommended. It will not affect the finish and will leave a streak-free shine. It is important to use only very soft, clean cloths, and to wipe gently at the surface. Intense scrubbing or using cloths with debris on them may cause small swirl marks or scratches. Of course, the best way to maintain the finish on the cabinet is to prevent soiling it in the first place. Never place drinks or abrasive objects on the top of the speaker.

## Troubleshooting

Again, in most cases the cause of a problem will be traced back to the improper wiring of the crossover and not a faulty driver. Common mistakes: using the wrong harness, improper polarity, bad or loose connections.

**Problem:** No output from speaker system.

**Cause:** Bad connection.

**Solution:** Check connections from the stereo to the input of the speaker system. If OK, check the connection from the binding post to tweeter and woofer input terminals. If this is OK, Test speaker on another system. If sound comes out check initial stereo settings and connections (speakers on/off). If there is no sound at all, please contact your place of purchase immediately.

**Problem:** No output from woofer in individual speaker.

**Cause:** Bad connection or defective woofer.

**Solution:** Check connections from crossover board to woofer. If this is OK, directly test the woofer by hooking it up to stereo system at low volume setting. If sound comes out of the woofer, then go back and check connections. If there is no sound at all, then woofer is likely defective. Please contact your place of purchase immediately.

**Problem:** No output from tweeter in individual speaker.

**Cause:** Bad connection or defective tweeter.

**Solution:** Check connections from crossover board to tweeter. If OK, it is possible to carefully test the tweeter by directly connecting it to your stereo. Test at a very low volume for a brief period of time, at the level of a loud whisper. If there is high-frequency sound, then go back and check connections. If no sound at all, then tweeter is likely defective. Please contact your place of purchase immediately.

**Problem:** There is sound from the speaker, but it is very quiet and seems to be mostly treble or midrange.

**Cause:** Woofer and tweeter are wired backwards.

**Solution:** Immediately cease testing to prevent damage to the tweeter. Check connections from crossover board to woofer and tweeter, making sure the high pass filter denoted with a "T" on the output terminal is connected to the tweeter and the low pass filter denoted as "W" is connected to the woofer.

**Problem:** Intermittent output of entire speaker, woofer, or tweeter.

**Cause:** Bad connection in wires or crossover board.

**Solution:** If entire speaker is intermittent, then check connections between the input terminals and the crossover board. If just woofer or tweeter is intermittent, check the wires going to the drivers. If these are OK, check the connections of the components within the appropriate section of the crossover.

**Problem:** In stereo, speakers lack bass or image is unfocused.

**Cause:** Speakers are out of phase.

**Solution:** Check connections from amplifier to the speakers. Make sure polarity is the same on both speakers. If correct, check the polarity of connections going from binding posts to input on crossovers. If this does not correct the problem, check polarity throughout the rest of the system, looking for one driver that is wired incorrectly.

**Problem:** One speaker appears louder than the other.

**Cause:** Amplifier settings, environmental factors, psychoacoustics, poor connection in crossover.

**Solution:** Check your amplifier to ensure that the balance is set even. Next, check that one speaker isn't closer to a wall, window, couch, or other acoustically important object. This may affect perceived loudness due to the addition or reduction of extra sound reflections. If this is the case, physically switch the left and right speakers, and re-observe. If the same location still sounds quieter, then it is the environment. If the quiet speaker moves, then you may have a problem within the speaker. Often, if you think one speaker is louder than the other, it will appear so. Have someone help you do a blind test or take a break and allow time for your brain to relax. The next day, if one still seems louder, investigate all connections within the crossover.

**Problem:** Speakers play well, but amplifier shuts down.

**Cause:** Amplifier does not have enough power or cannot handle speaker impedance.

**Solution:** If using 4 ohm speakers, check receiver/amplifier manual to see if it can handle 4 ohm speakers or if it has a low impedance setting. If not, upgrade your amplifier. If the receiver/amplifier can safely handle the speaker load, then it may simply not have enough power.



# Loudspeaker Kit Assembly Instructions

## Dayton Audio RS722 Speaker Kit

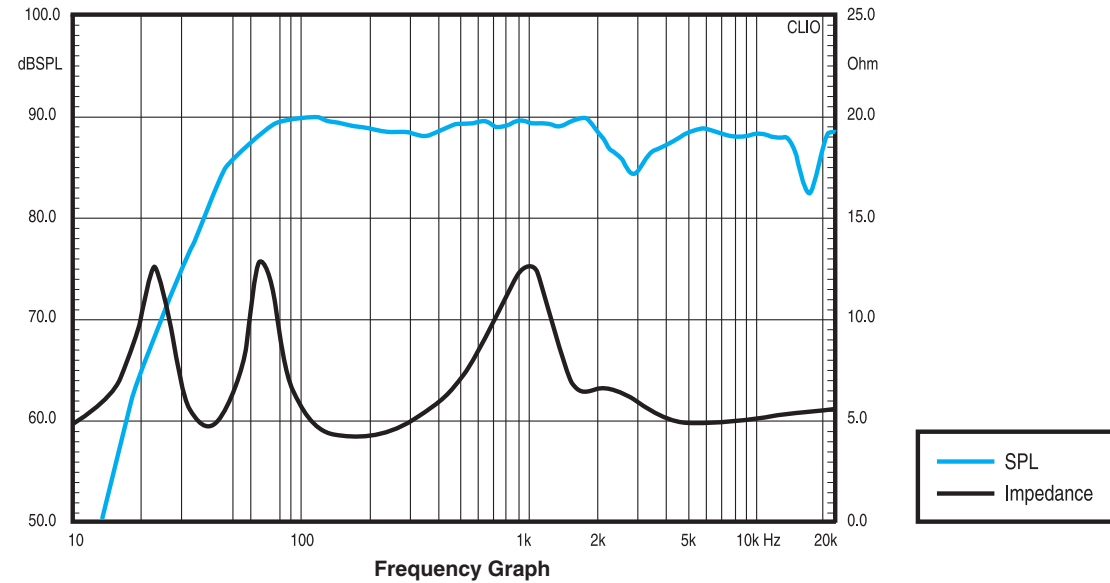


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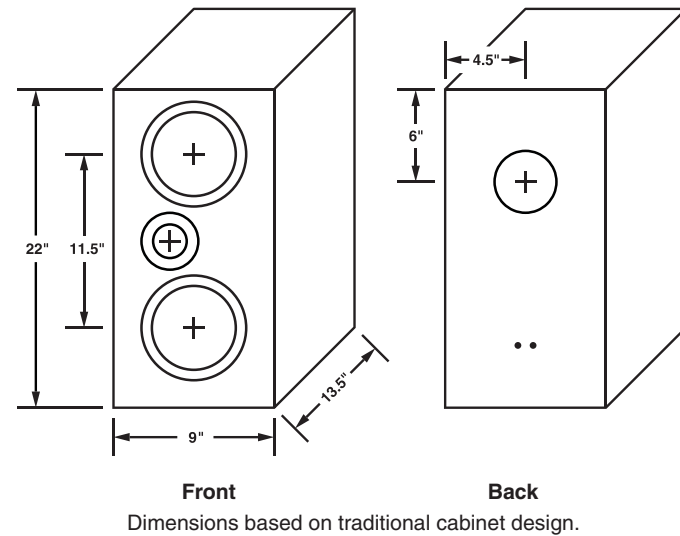
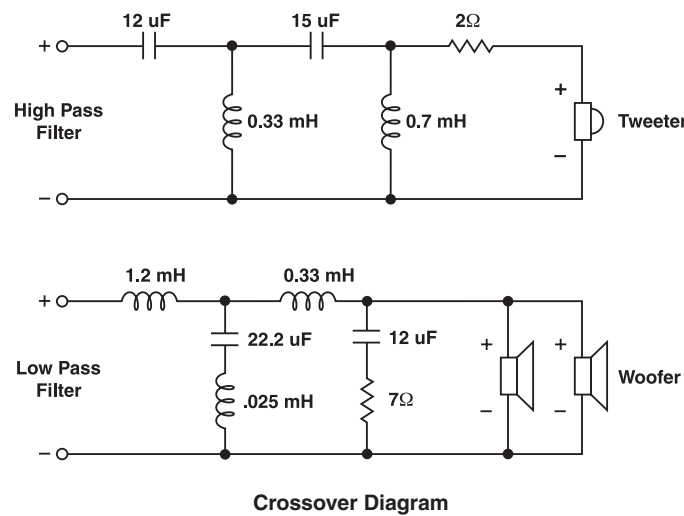
## Introduction

The Dayton Audio RS180-8 7" woofers and Dayton Audio RS28A-4 1-1/8" tweeter have been sonically matched and integrated in this system. Great drivers, superbly constructed enclosures, and optimized crossovers are combined to provide impressive music playback performance. The net crossover point between the woofer and tweeter is at about 1,650 Hz and its steep slope helps protect the tweeter from over-excursion. The tweeter utilizes a relatively standard fourth-order electrical filter, while the woofer uses a third-order electrical filter with a conjugate network to achieve its fourth-order rolloff.

The overall frequency response is quite flat although a somewhat exaggerated BBC dip was built into the on-axis response to improve off-axis performance. This system excels in both imaging ability and dynamic range. The speakers easily "disappear" in the room as they precisely recreate everything from extremely quiet passages to full-orchestra crescendos.



**Specifications:** • Impedance: 4 ohms • Frequency response: 41-20,000 Hz • SPL: 87.5 dB 2.83V/1m • Power handling: 100 watts RMS  
• Traditional cabinet dimensions: 22" H x 9" W x 13.5" D • Curved cabinet dimensions: 22" H x (9" front, 4.5" back) W x 14.4" D.



## Parts Inventory

Before beginning the assembly process, please read this manual in its entirety and confirm that you have all necessary components listed below. If anything appears to be missing, please contact your place of purchase immediately

Qty	Description	Qty	Description
1	Dayton Audio custom ported 1.0 ft <sup>3</sup> cabinet	1	Tweeter wiring harness (12" w/ .250" terminals)
1	Dayton Audio RS28A-4 1-1/8" aluminum dome tweeter	1	Dayton Audio heavy duty binding post pair
1	Dayton Audio RS180-8 7" aluminum cone woofer	1	Acoustic foam 24" x 18" x 1-1/2" UL 94
1	Dayton Audio optimized high pass filter	16	#6 x 3/4" Pan head screws
1	Dayton Audio optimized low pass filter	6	#8 x 3/4" Pan head screws
1	Input wiring harness (16" w/ .250" terminals)	2	36" Speaker sealing caulk
1	Woofer wiring harness (12" and 20" w/ .250" terminals)	1	Assembly instruction manual

## Loudspeaker Kit Assembly Instructions

By following these instructions and assembling the speaker in a conscientious manner, you will be able to enjoy your investment for many years to come. If there are any questions during the assembly process, please contact your place of purchase.

### Gather the Necessary Tools

The assembly of your speaker kit requires several basic tools and supplies, though more advanced tools can be used if desired. The following list represents the basic tools that are required:

Hammer  
#2 Phillips head screwdriver or power driver  
Small wrench or pliers  
Silicone adhesive or hot-melt glue gun  
Scissors or utility knife (for cutting foam)

### Workspace Considerations

As with any type of kit assembly, it is best to have a well-lit, large, clean work area. This will save time by eliminating lost parts and preventing assembly errors. When working with the cabinets, it is important to cover the work surface with a cloth or foam layer to protect the speaker finish. The foam wrap that is around the speaker cabinets will work well for this, but make sure it is free from dust or other debris.

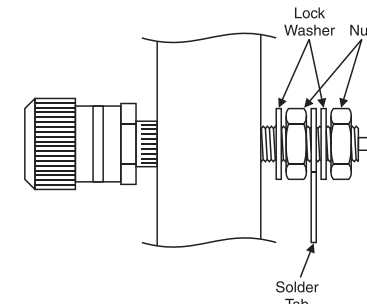
### Getting Organized

To prepare for the kit assembly, begin with some basic unpacking and organizing. Open the large speaker cabinet box and remove the cabinet from the packaging. You will need to unwrap the cabinet itself, saving the wrap to protect your work surface. Remove the baffle from the cabinet and place the baffle screws somewhere safe. Unpack the binding posts and other packaged items.

### Assembly

#### 1. Install Binding Posts

The posts will need to be "knocked" into place with a hammer and secured from the inside of the cabinet. Start by placing the cabinet face-down onto the work surface, being sure that the cabinet is firmly supported.



Remove the binding posts from their package, and unscrew all washers and nuts from the shaft. Next, remove the main nut that is used to hold the speaker wire onto the terminals—this will prevent them from getting damaged while the posts are being inserted.

Insert one of the post shafts into the hole and align it, ensuring the wire through-hole is running vertically. Gently tap into place until the shoulder is even with the rear of the cabinet.

**Note:** Excessive hammering is not necessary and may cause damage to the finish of the cabinet around posts. Repeat the same process with the second post.

Once the posts have been knocked into place you will need to secure them from the inside of the cabinet. A lock washer followed by a nut should be installed to secure the posts to the cabinet. Next, install the wire terminal tab, the second lock washer, the second nut, and then tighten into place.

Now that the posts are fully secured, reinstall the colored knobs on the outside of the cabinet. When viewed from the rear of the cabinet (terminals should be closer to the "bottom" of the cabinet), the "red" terminal is normally positioned on the right-hand side.

#### 2. Wiring and installing the crossovers

The crossover is composed of two sections (two boards): a low pass filter for the woofer and a high pass filter for the tweeter. There is an indicator on the printed circuit board near the output terminals of each filter, "W" denotes the low pass filter and is for connection to the woofer and "T" denotes the high pass filter and is for connection to the tweeter. The input terminal for each board is indicated using "IN".

**Note:** In most cases the cause of a problem will be traced back to improper wiring of the crossover so please double check your connections.

**Wiring:** Each kit includes input, woofer(s) and tweeter wiring harness with the crossover boards.

Using the parts list, identify the correct harnesses and attach to the appropriate terminals on the crossover boards. The crossover board side of the harness will always use the larger .250" connectors. Connect the input wiring harness from both crossover boards to the binding posts wire terminal tabs while paying close attention to polarity. The red wires will connect to the terminals that are marked with a + sign.

**Location:** With the crossover boards in the cabinet and connected to the input binding posts, identify a suitable mounting location making sure both the woofer(s) and tweeter wiring harness will reach their respective drivers. The best location for the low pass filter is on the bottom front half of the cabinet and the best location for the high pass filter is across the center of the internal brace.

**Mounting:** Secure the crossovers to the inside of the cabinet with the included #6 screws or with silicone or hot-melt glue. If using hot-melt glue, it is recommended to place the glue on the surface of the cabinet and then press the board into it. This prevents the glue from cooling too rapidly or dripping onto the cabinet. For curved-sided cabinets, we recommend using the screws to secure the crossover boards. If you are using silicone, it is easier to apply the glue to the back of the PC board. Make sure the mounting location is horizontal, and place the board into its location. Allow the silicone to cure for an hour or so before you change the orientation of the cabinet.

#### 3. Install damping material

For this system, you will be lining one of each set of opposing walls rather than lining the whole cabinet. For example, use one piece of foam on the right side wall on the front half of the cabinet. Use a second piece on the left wall behind the brace. For the top and bottom, use one piece of foam on the bottom rear half, and one piece on the top front half. Cut the foam to size and then secure to the cabinet interior walls using a spray adhesive such as 3M's Super 77 or with hot-melt glue. Cut and piece the foam around crossover boards and bracing. When using spray adhesive, please follow the manufacturer's instructions. It is best to apply the spray to the foam itself, being sure to spray away from the cabinet to prevent getting adhesive on the cabinet exterior. When using hot-melt glue, simply place a few drops of glue at various locations on the rear of the foam and press into place.

**Note:** Do not place foam directly on top of or underneath the crossover boards.

#### 4. Install the baffle

Press the baffle into the cabinet, working carefully to ensure that no wires are trapped between the baffle and the cabinet. Rout the driver wiring to their proper driver hole location. Once the baffle is fully installed, it can be secured via the included machine screws and glued into place if desired.

**Note:** Once the baffle is glued into place, making any changes to the speaker becomes very difficult. Using the four machine screws by themselves will have adequate holding power to prevent leaks and vibrations of the baffle. However, for the utmost cabinet strength, the baffle should be glued into place with polyurethane glue.

#### 5. Install drivers in baffle

When mounting the drivers, start with the tweeter. This will leave the large woofer opening to help the wiring and placement of the more delicate tweeter. Identify the tweeter wiring harness and gently pull it through the tweeter opening and attached the terminals while paying close attention to the polarity of the connections. The red wires will connect to the terminals that are marked with a "red" dot or "+" sign. Repeat this step for the woofer(s).

All drivers should be lowered carefully into place on the baffle. Facing the terminals towards the bottom of the cabinet is the generally accepted orientation, though it is not a critical. Using the included screws and pre-drilled pilot holes carefully tighten the drivers down onto the baffle. Pay particular attention to not over-tighten screws on drivers with stamped steel or polymer frames, which can cause deformation of the flange.

Secure the drivers to the baffles with the included screws. All screw holes are pre-drilled so be sure to properly align the drivers with these holes during installation. For all driver installations, some form of gasket material should be used between the driver frames and the baffle to prevent air leaks and vibrations.