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Certes PentaClass A, AB, ABM

Users manual

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# Important Safeguards

## READ INSTRUCTIONS

All the safety and operating instructions should be read before the appliance is operated.

## RETAIN INSTRUCTIONS

The safety and operating instructions should be retained for future reference.

## HEED WARNINGS

All warnings on the product and in the operating instructions should be adhered to.

## FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

All operating and maintenance instructions should be followed.

## CLEANING

Unplug this product from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.

## ATTACHMENTS

Do not use attachments that are not recommended by the product manufacturer as they may cause hazards.

## WATER AND MOISTURE

Do not use this product near water - for example, near a bath tub, wash bowl, kitchen sink, or laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool and the like. Immersion in water will destroy the PentaClass speaker, microphone or remote.

## GROUNDING OR POLARIZATION

For US only: This product may be equipped with either a polarized 2-wire AC line plug (a plug having one blade wider than the other) or a 3-wire grounding type plug, a plug having a third (grounding) pin. The 2-wire polarized plug does not fit in the outlet, try reversing the plug. If the plug still fails to fit, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized plug. The 3-wire grounding type plug will fit into a grounding type power outlet. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug into the outlet, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the grounding type plug.

For UK only: In UK, a BS approved power cord with molded plug has a Black (five Amps) fuse installed for use with this equipment. If a power cord is not supplied with this equipment please contact your supplier.

## POWER-CORD PROTECTION

Power-supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles and the point where they exit from the product.

## LIGHTNING

For added protection for this product during a lightning storm, or when it is left unattended and unused for a long time, unplug it from the wall outlet and disconnect the cable system. This will prevent damage to the product due to lightning and power-line surges.

## OVERLOADING

Do not overload wall outlets, extension cords, or integral convenience receptacles as this can result in a risk of fire or electric shock.

## OBJECT AND LIQUID ENTRY

Never push objects of any kind into this product through openings as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short-out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock. Never spill liquid of any kind on the product.

## SERVICING

Do not attempt to service this product yourself as opening or removing covers may expose dangerous voltage or other hazards. Refer to qualified service personnel.

## DAMAGE

Unplug this product from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:

- When the power-supply cord or plug is damaged.
- If liquid has been spilled, or objects have fallen into the product.
- If the product has been exposed to rain or water.
- If the product does not operate normally by following the operating instructions adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions as an improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the product to its normal operation.
- If the product has been dropped or damaged in any way.
- When the product exhibits a distinct change in performance - this indicates a need for service.

## REPLACEMENT PARTS

When replacement parts are required, be sure that the service technician uses only spare parts approved by Certes. If you are uncertain, contact Certes. Unauthorized substitutions may result in fire, electric shock or other hazards and will void the warranty.

## SAFETY CHECK

Upon completion of any service or repairs to this product, ask the service technician to perform safety checks to determine that the product is in proper operating condition.

# Before Operating

- Be sure to use the power cord and the AC adapter included with your PentaClass.
- Be sure to use the power cord applicable to your local power specifications.
- When storing the product, do not leave it under direct sunlight or near heaters. It may become discolored, deformed, or damaged.
- Do not place this product in any humidity, dusty, salt bearing wind, or vibrating locations. Use it only under the following environmental conditions: temperature: 0°C - 40°C (32°F - 104°F), humidity: 30% - 85% (No condensation).
- Use a soft, dry cloth for cleaning. Do not use any volatile solvent such as thinner or benzene.

## FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES BELOW TO PREVENT THE UNIT FROM DROPPING

- Use the product on a stable base, desk, or table. Do not place the product on an unstable base or slanted surface.
- Please install the product as recommended in this user manual.
- Place or wire the unit to prevent the AC adapter cord from pulling.
- Carry the product by holding the lower part of the main unit in both hands. Never hold the product by the tubes or the top part.
- In time, the PentaClass performance and quality may deteriorate due to the lifetime of its parts. To purchase replacement parts, consult the dealer from whom you purchased this product or our branch/office near your location.

## REMOTE CONTROL BATTERY PRECAUTIONS

- If this product is not going to be used for a long time, take the batteries out of the remote control.
- Do not use rechargeable batteries (e.g., Ni-Cd (NiCad batteries)).
- Do not try to recharge or short-circuit the batteries.
- When disposing of used batteries, follow the instructions of your local municipality.
- Insert batteries from one side and pay particular attention to the polarity (+/- directions).
- Be sure to use CR2025 type batteries.
- If any liquid from a battery leaks on your skin or clothes, flush the area with clean water immediately. If it gets into your eyes, flush immediately with clean water and then contact a doctor.

## MICROPHONE BATTERY PRECAUTIONS

- Do not charge the microphone when it is placed near a heat source or in direct sunlight or another places where the temperature exceeds +40°C (104°F).
- Do not store or leave the Microphone near a heat source or in direct sunlight or other places where the temperature exceeds +40°C (104°F).
- Do not store or leave the Microphone in a cold place under -20°C (-4°F).
- Do not try to recharge the Microphone using an inappropriate charger, please use the USB charger included with this product.
- Do not place the Microphone in liquids, rain and other moist places.
- In the event of any physical damage to the microphone please do not try to charge it. Contact your dealer or repair service.
- If any liquid from a microphone battery leaks onto your skin or clothes, flush the area with clean water immediately. If it gets into your eyes, flush immediately with clean water and then contact a doctor.

## PRECAUTIONS REGARDING THE MICROPHONE LANYARD

To prevent unexpected accidents, please note the following:

- This lanyard is for the microphone only and should not be used for any other purposes.
- Do not wrap the lanyard around parts of your body such as your neck, arm, or finger.
- Do not leave it within reach of small children.
- For safety reasons, the break-away section of the lanyard has been designed to separate if too much force is applied. Therefore, please avoid any overly strenuous movements and do not apply excessive force.
- The lanyard length adjustment feature is designed to be simple. Excessive force or strenuous movements may change the length.
- Do not use excessive force when adjusting the lanyard. This could damage the lanyard.
- Be careful using the lanyard in environment where rotating or other mechanical equipment is operating.

## PRECAUTIONS REGARDING PACKING PARTS

To prevent unexpected accidents, please note the following points:

- Keep all small parts such as plastic bags and installation hardware away out of reach of small children.
- Do not put the plastic bags on the head, keep them out of reach of small children.
- Do not eat or put in mouth, mounting brackets, cardboard parts, plastic bags, screws or any another parts supplied with the product and keep away them from reach of small children.

## OTHER SAFETY PRECAUTION

- Servicing and maintenance must be carried out by authorized service staff only.
- Use only spare parts approved by Certes. If you are uncertain, contact Certes.
- Make sure the device is securely mounted and installed in accordance with instructions before starting it.
- Regularly check the screws and other attachment devices.
- In the event of abnormal noise turn off the PentaClass and consult your supplier.
- Electrical installation must be carried out by an authorized electrician only.
- Take special care to not drop the equipment while mounting it to the ceiling.
- Never force anything into the openings or source inputs of the speaker equipment.
- Do not use this equipment if it shows obvious signs of damage from shipping or dropping.
- Make sure equipment is properly mounted according to the Mounting Instructions found in this guide. This is the only approved method of installation; any other may cause a loss of your warranty.



## NOTATION CONVENTIONS

Warning! Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if instructions are not followed, could result in death or serious injury.

# Confirmation of compliance

Certes declares that PentaClass models A, AB, and ABM has been manufactured in accordance with following directive:

- 2004/108/EG EMC Directive Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC-directive).
- 2006/95/EC Low Voltage Directive (LVD).

It has been manufactured in accordance with the following harmonized standards, or parts therefore:

- EN 60950; EN 60065; EN 55032.

## SAFETY

The device is labelled with CE label, which means that the device and its associated documentation meet the requirements of Low Voltage Directive (LVD).

## CONVERSION OF THE DEVICE

If the device is converted or supplemented with parts that the manufacturer does not approve, this declaration of conformity will not apply to the parts which alter the function of the device.

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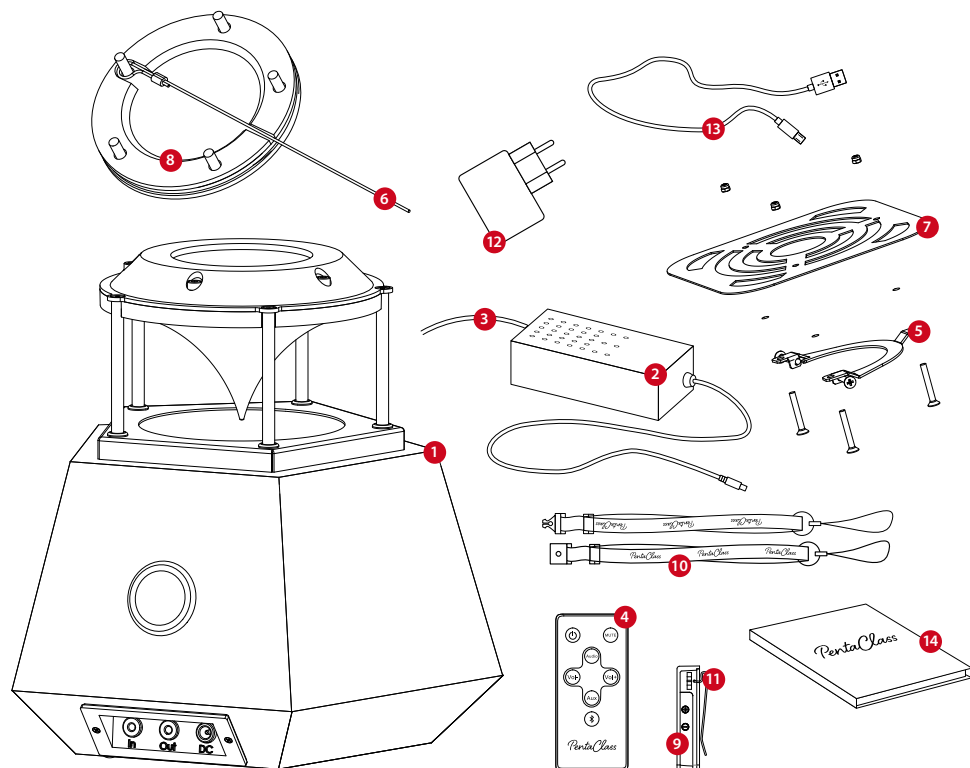
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# Introduction

## What's in the Box?

Make sure your box contains everything listed. If any pieces are missing, contact your dealer.



1 Certes PentaClass speaker

2 Power supply 19 V 2A

3 Power cord

4 Remote control with battery

5 Fixation bracket with screws

6 Safety wire

7 Plate for false ceiling

8 Flange

9 Microphone\*

10 Lanyard\*

11 Microphone clip\*

12 USB charger 5V1A\*

13 Micro USB cable 1 m\*

14 User's manual

\* included with Certes PentaClass ABM version



# Introducing Certes PentaClass

Thank you for purchasing the best classroom and conference room audio system available. The Certes PentaClass enables you to transmit pristine voice clarity from the microphone while giving you the opportunity to project full room multimedia HD audio sound using one device.

## Features for all PentaClass models

### ALL-IN-ONE DEVICE

Certes PentaClass combines your speaker, amplifier and mixer all in one.

### 360° OMNIDIRECTIONAL SOUNDFIELD

Enjoy truly rich sounds whenever your audience members are seated in the room.

### ONE ROOM - ONE SPEAKER

Thanks to its special design, just one Certes PentaClass speaker is able to spread sound evenly in a room and is suitable for room sizes of up to 120 m<sup>2</sup> (1300 ft<sup>2</sup>). If you have an auditorium larger than 120 m<sup>2</sup> (1300 ft<sup>2</sup>), you can daisy chain up to 3 PentaClass speakers.

### SIMPLE INSTALLATION

In a matter of minutes you can install PentaClass using the supplied mount on a ceiling or wall.

### SYSTEM STATUS INDICATION

Depending on the PentaClass status, it will illuminate a specific color light.

### POWER-SAVING MODE

Automatic power-saving mode switches on if there is no incoming signal for more than 20 minutes.

### AUDIO PRESETS

These allows you to choose the audio mode, switching between voice, multimedia and music presets.

### BIG AUDITORIUMS WELCOME

Thanks to our smart audio in/out system, you can daisy chain up to 3 Certes PentaClasses and cover auditoriums up to 360m<sup>2</sup> (3875 sq. ft.).

### HI-FI ACOUSTIC DESIGN

The PentaClass design ensures pure vocal clarity, full high and mid-ranges and a rich bass for music.

### ROBUST DESIGN

The natural birch plywood box, aluminum speaker protector and durable plastic parts are used to ensure a long-term lifespan for your PentaClass. Thanks to its simple and elegant design it will fit into any interior.

### BUILT-IN MIXER

The built-in mixer allows you to mix an analog input with Bluetooth or microphone channels without unplugging the cables or disconnecting the wireless connection.

### REMOTE CONTROL

All PentaClass versions come with a remote control for the easy operation of devices.

### DYNAMIC RANGE COMPRESSION

Whether you are listening at a low or high volume, the DRC ensures the quality of non-distorted sound.

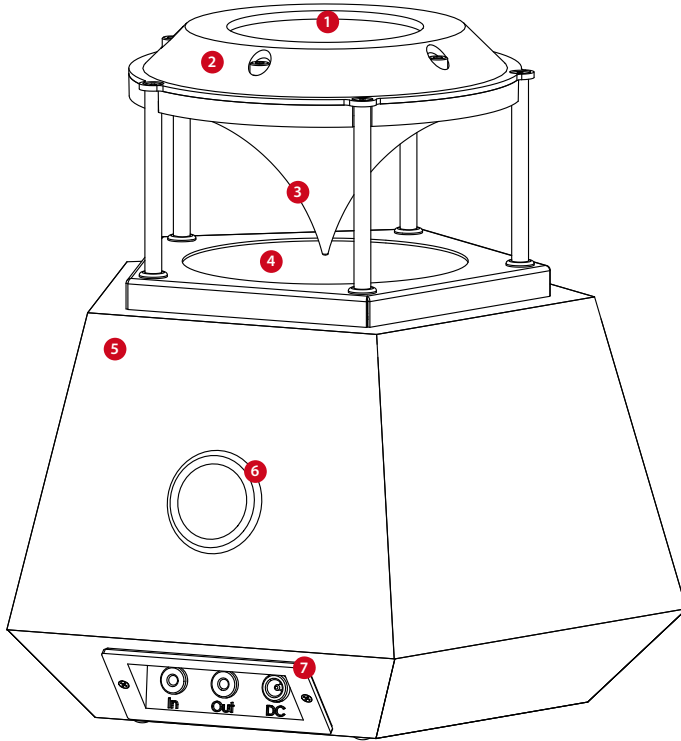
### HEARING LOOP DEVICES READY

Thanks to the mixed Aux output, you can connect Certes PentaClass to any hearing loop device.

# Names of Certes PentaClass parts

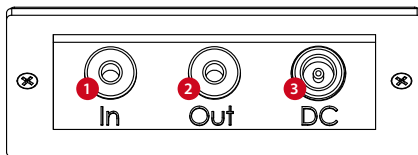
## Operation of the main unit

Make sure your box contains everything listed. If any pieces are missing contact your dealer.



- ❶ System status indication window and IR sensor location
- ❷ Main Board housing
- ❸ Sound reflector cone
- ❹ Speaker grill with protective frame
- ❺ Birch plywood soundbox
- ❻ Phase inverter
- ❼ Connector panel

# Rear Panel and Cable Connection



- ❶ Aux in - Audio in (3.5mm mini Jack). An audio cable is not supplied with this product.
- ❷ Aux out - Audio out (3.5mm mini Jack). An audio cable is not supplied with this product.
- ❸ DC - Input for the AC adapter.

Connecting the AC adapter. Before inserting the AC adapter in an outlet, connect the DC plug of the supplied AC adapter to the terminal on the rear panel.

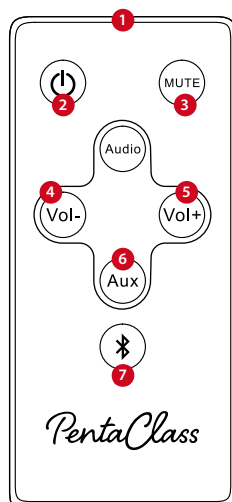
Connecting the unit to another PentaClass (daisy chain), Induction loop devices or another audio preamplified devices with an audio line input terminal on the connector panel.

To connect the unit to a device with an audio line output such as:

- Mobile phone
- Microphone
- Tablet
- DVD / VHS
- Projector
- Computer

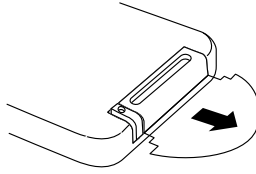
# Names of Remote Control Components

- ❶ Infrared Transmitter
- ❷ Power ON/OFF Button
- ❸ Mute Button
- ❹ Volume down Button
- ❺ Volume up Button
- ❻ AUX channel ON/OFF Button
- ❼ Bluetooth channel activation Button
- ❽ Audio Preset

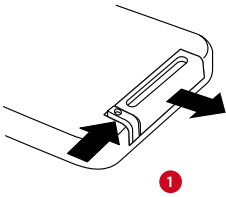


## Preparation of remote control

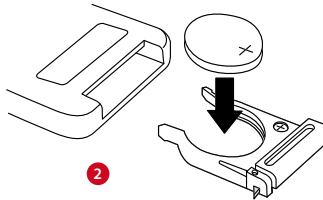
Remove plastic insulating sheet located at the bottom of remote control.



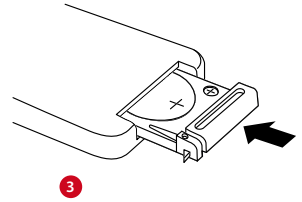
## Replacement Battery Installation



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- 1 Remove the battery compartment cover by sliding the cover. Pull out the cover.
- 2 Insert the battery with the polarity "+" facing up.
- 3 Replace the cover.

### CAUTION

- Use only a 3V lithium battery (CR2025).
- Ensure that you have the batteries' polarity (+/-) aligned correctly.
- If the remote control gets wet, wipe it dry immediately.
- Avoid excessive heat and humidity.
- Do not short, heat, or disassemble batteries.
- Do not throw batteries into a fire.
- If you will not be using the remote control for a long time, remove the batteries.
- Dispose of used batteries according to your local regulations.
- Children may ingest small batteries; always keep batteries safe and out of reach of children and pets. WARNING: If a battery is swallowed, consult a doctor immediately as this could result in asphyxiation or be an obstacle to digestion, etc.

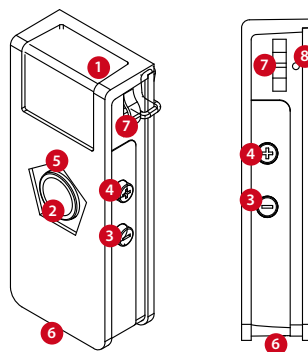
## Remote control operating range

The remote control uses infrared transmission to control the PentaClass. It is necessary to point the remote directly at the PentaClass. The remote will function well within a radius of about 7 meters (23 feet) and within a 140 degree angle from the PentaClass IR sensor location level. If the PentaClass does not respond to the remote control, move it a little closer.

# PentaClass Microphone

## Microphone parts and buttons command description

- 1 Infrared Transmitter
- 2 Power ON/OFF  
**Hold Power ON/OFF button for a 3 seconds** -  
Pairs microphone with already paired PentaClass speaker  
**Hold Power ON/OFF button for a 10 seconds** -  
Pairs microphone with a new, (non paired), PentaClass speaker
- 3 Volume up Button
- 4 Volume down Button
- 5 LED Indication light
- 6 Micro USB charging slot
- 7 Lanyard holes
- 8 Clip-holes



**Hold Volume up button together with Power ON/OFF button for 3 seconds** - Bluetooth channel activates.

**Hold Volume down button together with Power ON/OFF button for 3 seconds** - AUX channel ON/OFF activates.

## Preparation of the Microphone

Take the microphone from the packaging and charge it before using it for the first time - described in next paragraph.

## Microphone Battery Charging

### CHARGING PROCEDURE FOR MICROPHONE UNIT

Before using it for the first time, the microphone should be charged accordingly:

- Connect one end of the USB cable to the Micro USB charging slot and connect the other end of the USB cable to the USB charger or your computer.
- If the USB charger is used, connect it to a 100-240V power supply outlet.

A fully charged microphone will last up to 7 hours of use. If microphones are used daily, they should be charged frequently.

It will take up to 3-4 hours for the microphone to obtain a full charge.

### MICROPHONE STATUS INDICATION WHILE IT'S CHARGING

- **Steady orange** - microphone is charging
- **Steady green** - microphone is fully charged

### MICROPHONE STATUS INDICATION WHILE IT'S PAIRED TO THE PENTACLASS

- **Blinking green** - microphone is paired to the PentaClass
- **Blinking red** - microphone is paired to the PentaClass, but the battery is running out and it will last up to 30 minutes
- No status indication - microphone is disconnected from the PentaClass, (is not paired), or the Battery has fully discharged

## MICROPHONE BATTERY STATUS INDICATION CHECK

It is possible to check the battery level by pushing any button on the microphone:

- If the status indication is **green** - battery is charged.
- If the status indication is **red** - battery power is low.
- If there is no status indication - battery is fully discharged.

## HOW TO STORE MICROPHONE

The microphone unit has Lithium-polymer battery. Do not store it in extreme temperatures, including, but not limited to, leaving it in the hot sun. Elevated temperature and allowing the battery to sit at the 100% maximum charge for extended periods of time will shorten your battery's life.

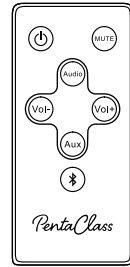
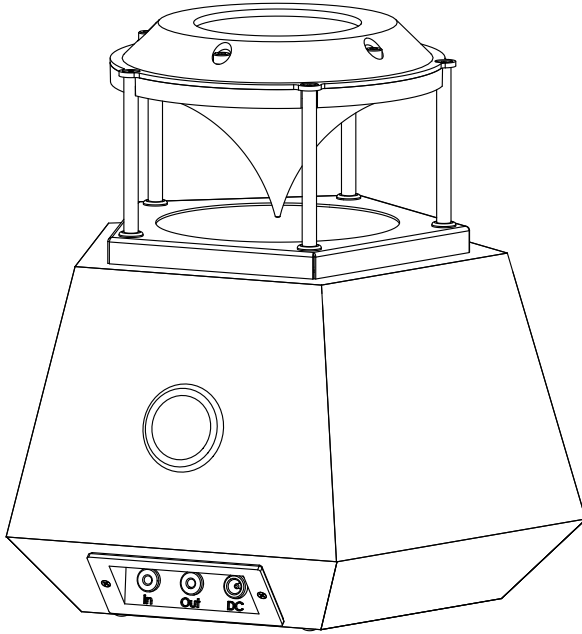
# Microphone IR Remote Control Operating Range

Your PentaClass microphone is multifunctional device, it can also be operated as remote control using infrared transmission to control the PentaClass. It is necessary to point the remote directly at the PentaClass.

The remote will function well within a radius of about 7 meters (23 feet) and within a 140 degree angle from the PentaClass IR sensor location level. If the PentaClass does not respond to the remote control, move a little closer.

# Certes PentaClass Models

## PentaClass A



PentaClass A is a specially designed multimedia system for classrooms with an omnidirectional 360° sound field. This PentaClass A utilizes audio cables for delivering the audio signals to the speaker. It is suitable for classrooms or meeting rooms where there is no need for voice amplification or wireless Bluetooth connectivity.

PentaClass A also is perfect for a daisy chain as slave speaker.

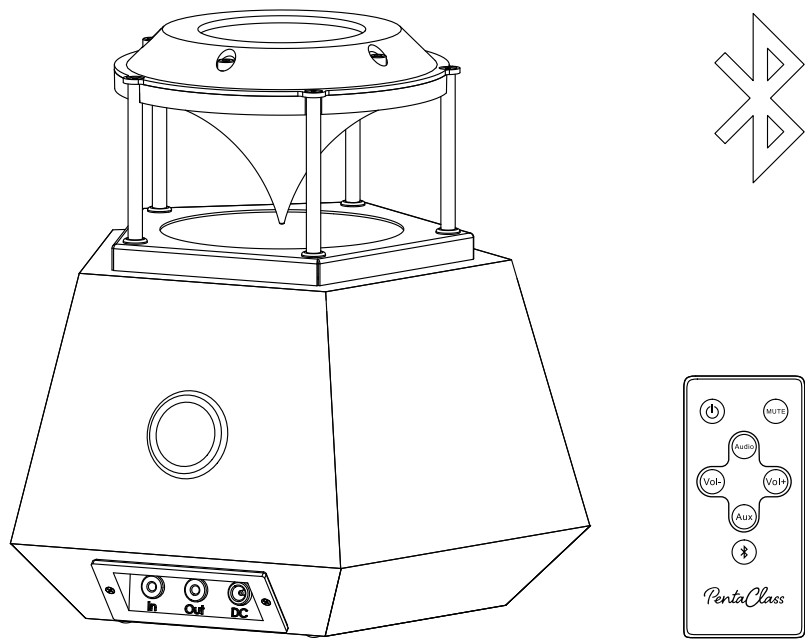
Because the PentaClass is a modular system you can make the following upgrades:

- Certes PentaClass A upgrade to Certes PentaClass AB (Bluetooth version) by ordering the additional Bluetooth Kit (part no. 100111 Bluetooth module).
- Certes PentaClass A upgrade to Certes PentaClass AM, (Microphone version with Bluetooth). Simply purchase the upgrade pack (part no. 106100 Microphone)
- Certes PentaClass A upgrade to Certes PentaClass ABM, (Microphone version with Bluetooth). Simply purchase the Microphone upgrade pack (part no. 106100 Microphone) and Bluetooth Kit (part no. 100111 Bluetooth module).

### NOTE

\* Upgrades should only be installed by trained dealer personal or authorized repair service.

# PentaClass AB



PentaClass AB is a multimedia classroom system with an omnidirectional 360° sound field. It has been designed for both wired and wireless audio connectivity with a Bluetooth audio-ready device. PentaClass AB is the perfect solution for contemporary users using Bluetooth-enabled devices. PentaClass AB is recommended for rooms where voice amplification is unnecessary.

Because the PentaClass is a modular system you can make the following upgrades:

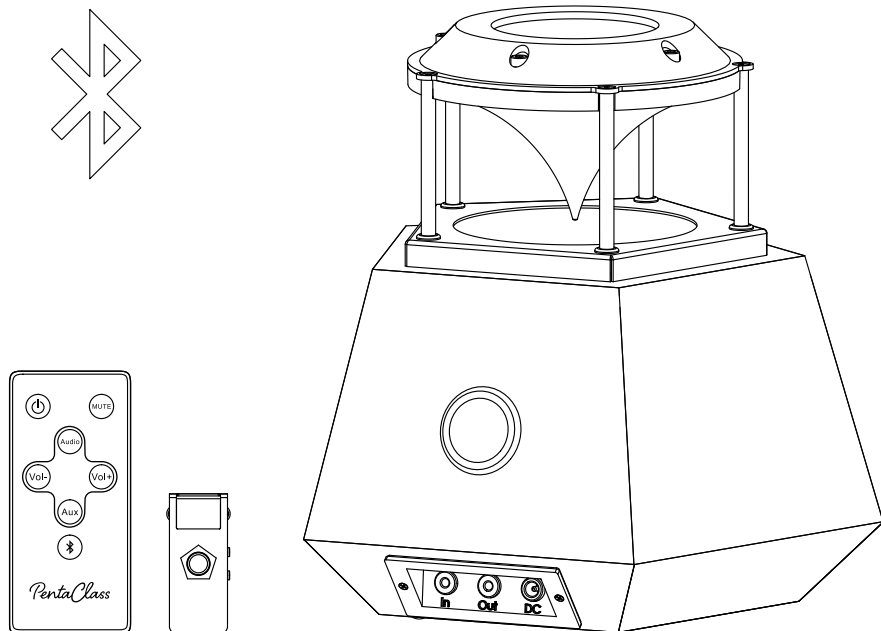
- Certes PentaClass AB upgrade to Certes PentaClass ABM, (Microphone version with Bluetooth). Simply purchase the Microphone upgrade pack (part no. 106100 Microphone).

## NOTE

Upgrades should only be installed by trained dealer personal or authorized repair service.



# PentaClass ABM



PentaClass ABM is a fully equipped omnidirectional classroom, conference or meeting room audio system with built-in Bluetooth and teacher's / presenters microphone.

The wireless 2.4 GHz microphone, (which is designed for comfortable all day use), the Bluetooth connectivity and all the many other features allow you to experience all the benefits offered by PentaClass.

Certes PentaClass AB upgrade to Certes PentaClass ABM, (Microphone version with Bluetooth). Simply purchase the Microphone upgrade pack (part no. 106100 Microphone).

# PentaClass microphone

Certes PentaClass ABM comes with a thumb-sized microphone/remote control. The smallest speaker's microphone on the market. 60x25x13mm (2.36"x0.79"x0.39"). The microphone weighs just 20 grams (0.71 ounces).

## MICROPHONE FEATURES

### 2-in-1

The microphone has dual functionality - a microphone and a remote control.

### FREQUENCY HOPPING

This ensures that only the cleanest frequency bands are automatically selected for the connection between the microphone and PentaClass.

### UN-COMPRESSED VOICE

The PentaClass microphone uses a state-of-the-art transmitter and receiver that operate in the 2.4 GHz worldwide license-free band. Thanks to this digital transmission, you get pristine, high-definition voice reproduction.

### ACOUSTIC FEEDBACK CANCELLATION

The built in Digital Signal Processor, minimizes the possibility of acoustic feedback.

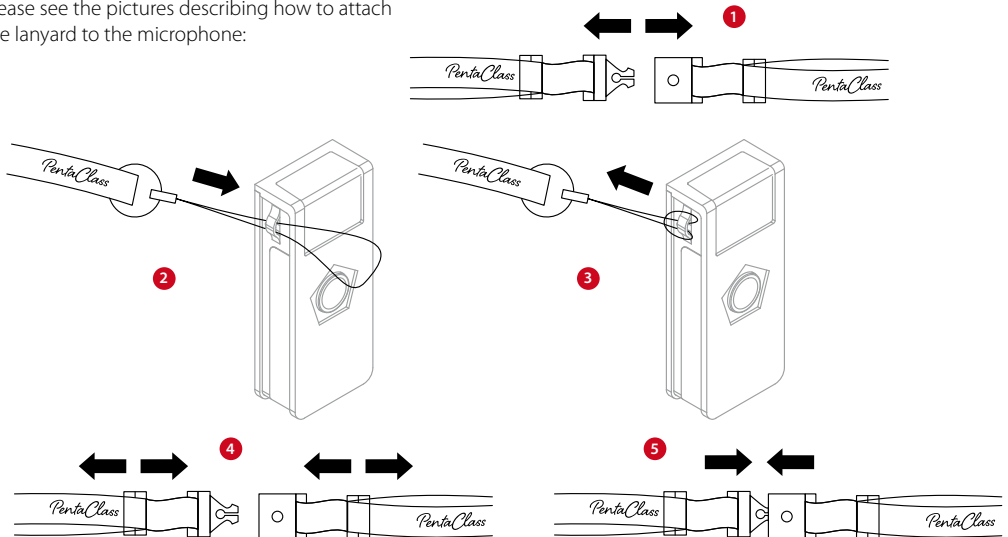
### TWO WEARING OPTIONS

Thanks to its small form factor, the microphone can be worn with a lanyard or clip. Just choose the option that suits you best.

## MICROPHONE LANYARD

The Certes PentaClass microphone lanyard is designed for frequent and comfortable use. Its length is adjustable from 55cm - 85cm. The lanyard is made of soft nylon material and has a safety break-away clip.

Please see the pictures describing how to attach the lanyard to the microphone:



- 1 Split lanyard into two pieces using safety break-away clip.
- 2 Loop the lanyard strap through the lanyard holes located on both sides of the microphone.
- 3 Pull the strap through until it is tight.
- 4 Adjust the length using 2 clips located in each side of the lanyard.
- 5 Connect the breakaway safety clip.

The safety break-away clip also can be used as a clip for easily taking the lanyard off your neck.

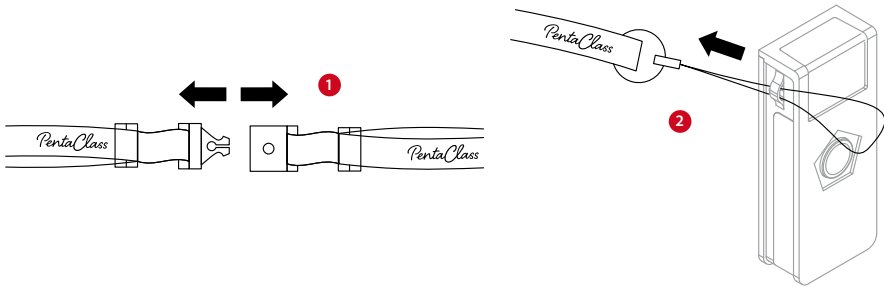
For better microphone performance adjust the microphone lanyard length as short as possible so the microphone is closer to your mouth.

### MICROPHONE CLIP

The microphone is completely wireless so you do not need any uncomfortable or unsightly wires on you.

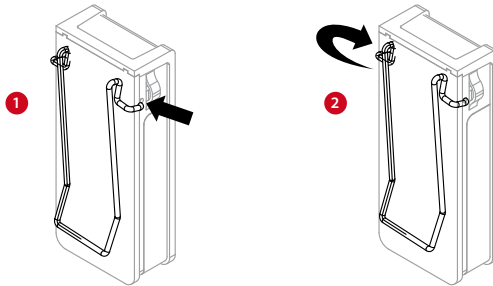
It is best to remove the microphone lanyard before using the microphone with the microphone clip.

- 1 To easily remove the microphone lanyard; Split lanyard into two pieces by using the safety break-away clip.
- 2 Unloop the lanyard strap through the lanyard holes located on both sides of the microphone.



Please see the pictures of how to attach the microphone clip.

- 1 Put the one end of the clip into the correct clip-hole located on the side of microphone and gently push until it fits into place.
- 2 Take other end of clip, gently stretch it and put the another end of the clip in the other clip-hole located on the opposite side of the microphone and gently push until it fits into place.



To remove the clip from the microphone - gently pull the microphone clip from the sides so you can remove it from the clip-holes one at a time.

For better microphone performance please clip it on your clothing 10-15cm or 4-6 inches from your mouth.

### NOTE

Be careful when attaching clip - try to not scratch the plastic parts of microphone.

# Operational Description

## Turning on the PentaClass

- 1 Plug the power adapter into the power input on the PentaClass.
- 2 Plug the power cord into to a 100-240V AC wall outlet.
- 3 To start the speaker push the On/Off button on the remote control.

## Connectivity

All versions of the PentaClass have different connectivity options, so depending on the PentaClass system you have purchased, please choose the correct one for your PentaClass.

### Connecting to Device Using Aux Input

This type of connectivity is available for all PentaClass versions:

- 1 Connect your audio device, (phone, PC or another), using the 3.5mm mini-jack male/male cable, to the AUX input located on the speaker's connector plate.
- 2 Start the speaker.
- 3 Play the audio from your device. Please note - it is recommended that you set the sound level to about 60% on your device to avoid sound distortion. Control the volume by using volume up/down buttons of the PentaClass's remote control.

### Connecting to the PentaClass Using Bluetooth

Only PentaClass AB and PentaClass ABM versions have Bluetooth connectivity. The PentaClass A version has no Bluetooth connectivity unless you have upgraded your PentaClass A version with the Bluetooth Kit (part no. 100111 Bluetooth module).

#### COMMON BLUETOOTH SIGNAL SOURCES

- Mobile phone
- Computer
- Tablet
- Other device incorporating Bluetooth technology.

To activate Bluetooth by the unit's remote control please do the following:

- 1 Turn on the speaker.
- 2 Press the Bluetooth button to activate the Bluetooth channel.
- 3 The **PentaClass speaker Status indicator should start blinking in blue**. This command will activate the Bluetooth channel and it will become scanable for Bluetooth devices for 1.5 minutes.
- 4 In the list of Bluetooth devices on the Settings page of your device please find the Bluetooth device named PentaClass-000000.... (the last 6 symbols will differ as they display the mac address of your PentaClass).
- 5 Connect your device to the PentaClass Bluetooth channel.

#### NOTE

- The Bluetooth channel is closed by default for security reasons.
- The Bluetooth channel cannot be opened while the PentaClass is linked to the microphone.

- There is no password for the Bluetooth connection.
- Once your Bluetooth device has established a connection to the PentaClass, it will be stored in the PentaClass' memory. The PentaClass will remember your device.
- For security reasons the Bluetooth connection must be activated from your Bluetooth device every time you restart the PentaClass.
- In the event that someone has made an unauthorized connection to the PentaClass, you can erase paired Bluetooth devices from the PentaClass' memory by following these steps: While PentaClass is turned ON, open Bluetooth channel, then push the mute button on the remote, - The PentaClass should display a white light.
- When the PentaClass is connected to an audio source via Bluetooth, the Bluetooth connection disconnects when the microphone sends its pairing command.

## Connecting the Microphone to the PentaClass

### MICROPHONE PAIRING

Microphone pairing is designed to be as simple as possible – just press the button on the mic and the system is ready to use. You can use any PentaClass microphone with any PentaClass system in your school or facility. Just follow these steps:

**If you pair your microphone with the same PentaClass you were paired with previously, (Pairing Method1):**

- Regardless of the PentaClass' status, whether it is turned On or Off, you can pair it with your PentaClass microphone.
- Turn the microphone towards the PentaClass and HOLD the On/Off button on the microphone for THREE seconds - The microphone's LED Indication light will illuminate green for 3 seconds and will then change to an orange light which confirms that the command has been sent to the PentaClass.
- Release microphone's On/Off button.
- The status indication light on the top of the PentaClass will light Violet and then Orange or Yellow, (depending on the Aux input status - see Mixer description), followed by 3 short beeps. This indicates that the microphone is paired successfully.

**If you pair a microphone with a new PentaClass, (Pairing Method 2):**

- Regardless of your PentaClass' status, whether it is turned On or Off, you can pair it with your PentaClass microphone.
- Turn the microphone towards the PentaClass and HOLD the On/Off button on the microphone for TEN seconds – The microphone LED will display a green light for 3 seconds and will then change to orange for 7 seconds, then a short Red light will confirm that the command has been sent to the PentaClass.
- Release the microphone's On/Off button.
- The status indication light on the PentaClass will display Violet and then Orange or Yellow (depending on Aux input status - see Mixer description), followed by 3 short sound beeps. This means that the microphone is paired successfully.

### NOTE

- Your PentaClass microphone can only keep the last PentaClass speaker pairing data in its memory, so if you use multiple PentaClass speakers with one microphone, please use Pairing Method 2 so that you are not pairing with the last paired PentaClass speaker.
- When the PentaClass is connected to the audio source via Bluetooth, the Bluetooth connection will stop when the microphone sends a pairing command.
- You can use multiple PentaClass microphones per building since there is no interference between two rooms / auditoriums next to each other and every microphone pairs point-to-point to the correct PentaClass speaker.
- The PentaClass microphone's range is 15m, (45'), and has a frequency hopping feature but in Wi-Fi busy environments the range can be decreased. Please check carefully to be certain that the local Wi-Fi network doesn't interfere with a paired PentaClass system before installation.
- If the link is lost between the microphone and PentaClass speaker the radio module will try to re-establish the connection within 15 seconds.

## DISCONNECTING MICROPHONE

To disconnect the microphone from the PentaClass just push the On/Off button on the microphone -> the microphone will disconnect from the PentaClass but the PentaClass will remain ON.

## Power Saving Mode

To save on power, the Certes PentaClass audio system has an automatic sleep function that engages after 20 minutes of inactivity. The microphone has an automatic sleep function when it is not linked to the PentaClass for a 1 minute.

## Channel Mixer and Status Indication

### System status indication

System status indication is a feature that allows you to determine your PentaClass' status. The indicator light is located on the top of the PentaClass speaker. Following are the various colors and the status they represent.

#### LIST OF SYSTEM STATUS INDICATION LIGHTS:

- None - PentaClass is turned OFF.
- Any color - PentaClass is tuned ON.
- White - indicates that the PentaClass settings are being reset or that it has just been plugged in to a power outlet but is not yet turned ON.
- Green - default status indication that denotes the PentaClass is turned ON and the AUX channel is opened.
- Red - Indicates that the AUX channel is turned off. It is recommended that you close the AUX channel when the PentaClass is connected to a long audio cable that produces a buzzing sound when the cable is not connected to an audio source.
- Blue - The PentaClass is connected to a Bluetooth device and the AUX channel is turned Off.
- Orange - The microphone is connected to the PentaClass and the Aux channel is turned Off.
- Bright Blue - The PentaClass is connected to a Bluetooth device and the AUX channel is turned On.
- Yellow - The microphone is connected to the PentaClass and the Aux channel is turned On.
- Violet - Indicates that the PentaClass is receiving an IR, (Infrared), signal from the remote control unit.
- Blinking any colour - Mute function is activated.

There is also an Audio preset visual signal described on (↗ page 24).

## Channel Mixer




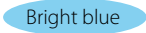



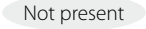

#### MIXER STATUS INDICATION

The PentaClass can mix 2 channels simultaneously:

- Aux in + Bluetooth (AB and ABM models only)
- Aux in + Microphone (ABM model only)

The Aux in channel can be turned off by pressing the AUX button on the remote control (↗ page 12).

To display the status of any channel activity, every channel has its own color indication displayed on the top of the PentaClass speaker:

	Aux	BT	Mic
Aux	 Green	 Bright Blue	 Yellow
BT	 Bright blue	 Blue	 Not present
Mic	 Yellow	 Not present	 Orange

NOTE

Bluetooth and microphone channels cannot be operated simultaneously to avoid conflicting signals.

# Volume Adjustment

There are two methods of adjusting volume:

- 1 Primary PentaClass amplifier volume adjustment - this can be controlled by using the remote control or microphone volume up and down buttons
- 2 Audio source and microphone volume adjustment - This can be controlled by the audio source device or the microphone.

NOTE

- When the PentaClass amplifier exceeds 80% of it's volume the bass is automatically decreased to prevent audio distortion.
- It's recommended you set your audio source volume to about 60% and then control the PentaClass's volume by using the remote control.
- When the PentaClass is turned On for the first time, or after reconnecting to a power outlet, the volume resets to the default level. **Be careful to decrease your audio source volume level to prevent speaker damage before turning on the PentaClass speaker.**
- The PentaClass has DRC - Dynamic Range Compression which helps prevent the speaker from being damaged if the music volume becomes too high.

CAUTION

Protect your hearing: Do not listen to the PentaClass at full volume for a long period of time.

# Feedback Cancellation

Your PentaClass microphone has two elements for audio feedback cancellation. This means that the microphone will attempt to cancel audio feedback, but if the volume level is too high you will hear an unpleasant sound regardless. If this unpleasant sound occurs please lower your microphone volume by using Volume down buttons on the remote control or on the microphone itself.

For a better performance it is recommended that you locate the PentaClass speaker as far away as possible from the person using the microphone.

# Audio Presets

This function allows you to select pre-equalized audio settings. The PentaClass has 4 audio presets for various usage scenarios and better sound performance:

- Multimedia - is the default preset tuned for multimedia as such as videos or movies
- Voice - tuned for voice frequency
- Music - tuned for music listening
- Bass - tuned to emphasize low frequencies

To indicate the active preset the PentaClass status indicator will flash a particular number of times to denote the chosen preset when you are switching between presets:

- Multimedia x 1
- Music x 3
- Voice x 2
- Bass mode x 4

## System Reset

### Bluetooth Reset

You can erase a paired Bluetooth enabled device from the PentaClass by following these steps:

- While PentaClass is turned ON, open the Bluetooth channel (↗ page 20) - The System indicator will blink blue.
- Then push the mute button (↗ page 11), - Your PentaClass will display a white light that confirms the Bluetooth reset has been successful.

After resetting the Bluetooth settings, all paired devices will be erased from the Bluetooth module memory. After a Bluetooth reset on the PentaClass you will be need to delete the previously paired PentaClass device in your mobile phone, iPad, tablet or other Bluetooth enabled device.

To pair your Bluetooth enabled device again just repeat the simple Bluetooth pairing steps (↗ page 20).

### System Setting Reset

You can reset your PentaClass system settings to the factory default by following these steps:

- Be sure the PentaClass is turned OFF, (Status indicator is not illuminated), but the PentaClass is connected to a power outlet.
- While the PentaClass is turned OFF push the Bluetooth channel activation button on the remote control (↗ page 11), - The PentaClass will display a white light.

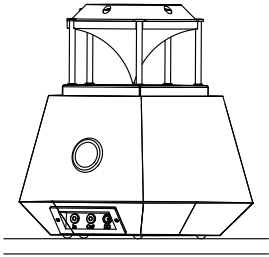
Your PentaClass has now been reset to its factory settings.



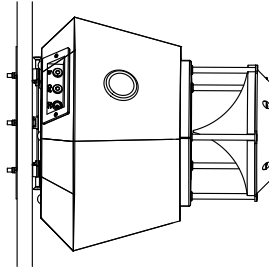
# Installation

## Determine Speaker Location

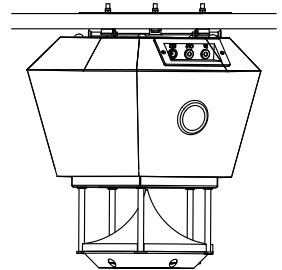
The PentaClass speaker has three options for installation:



Place it on the table.

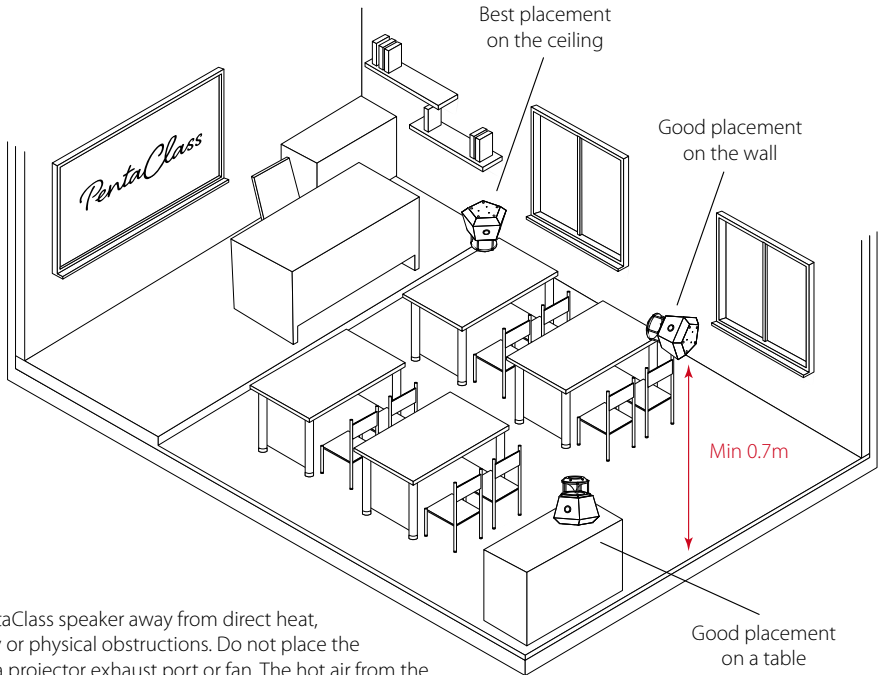


Mount it on a wall.



Mount it on the ceiling.

The PentaClass speaker should be placed on a surface at least 0.7 meter, (2.5'), from the floor. Choose a location as far as possible away from the speaker who will be using the microphone, (PentaClass Model ABM model). Choose a location with the clearest direct line of sight, without obstacles such as furniture, walls, people, etc. between the PentaClass speaker and the microphone for best performance. We recommend placing or mounting your PentaClass speaker in the middle of the room where people are seated. If you like you can choose a location near the projector in order to share the same power source.



### NOTE

Place the PentaClass speaker away from direct heat, high humidity or physical obstructions. Do not place the speaker near a projector exhaust port or fan. The hot air from the projector can cause overheating and failure of your PentaClass speaker.

# Installation materials / tools needed

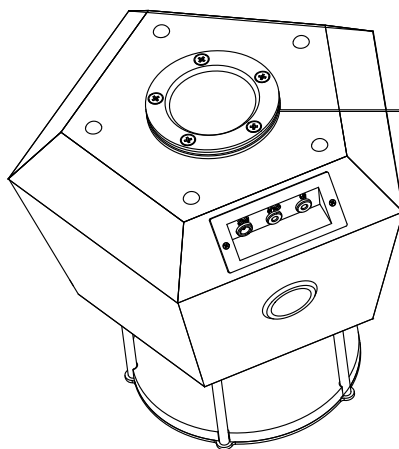
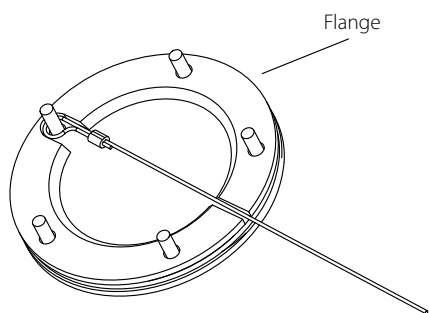
- Drill with 4 and 6mm bit
- Screw driver
- Flange and Ceiling Bracket
- Safety wire
- Anchors: Needed for mounting on drywall (3x)
- Screws: M4x14, Countersunk head screw DIN 965 (5x)
- Screws: wood screws or screws appropriate for anchors (3x)
- For False ceiling: Plate for false ceiling, M4x30, Countersunk head screw DIN 965 (3x) and M4 ISO7040 Nylon (5x)

## Safety Rules for Installation



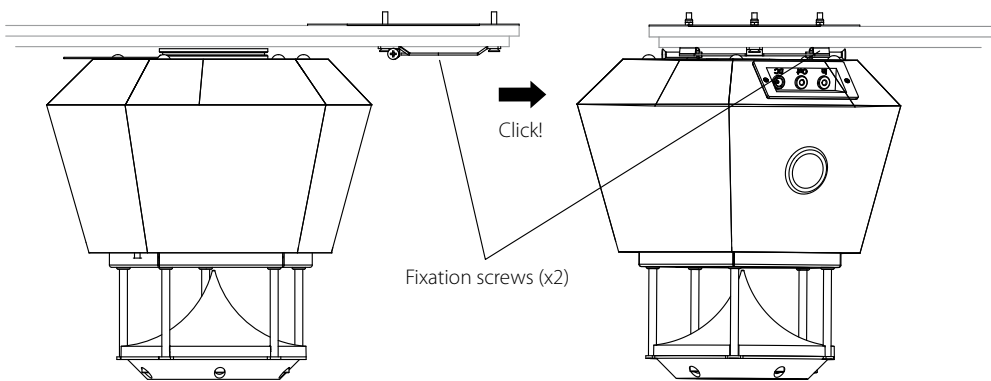
Use the suspension wire to be sure the speaker is installed safely.

**Always attach the safety wire to the speaker as shown in the picture below. Affix the safety wire to a secured location like a pipe or embedded hook.**



## Mounting on the ceiling

- 1 Use the ceiling bracket as a template to mark the holes on the surface.
- 2 If installing on concrete, drill three holes with a 6mm or 0.24" diameter drill and plug in dowels (anchors).
- 3 Fasten the ceiling bracket using the appropriate screws for the ceiling surface material, (i.e.; wood, metal or plaster screws).
- 4 Use screws M4x14, Countersunk head screw DIN 965 (5x) to fasten flange to the speaker.
- 5 Insert the groove of the flange into the bracket.
- 6 When the PentaClass is inserted into the bracket, turn the PentaClass so that the power and audio cables can be inserted easily.
- 7 Tighten the two fixation screws from sides.
- 8 Use the safety wire to be sure the PentaClass speaker will not fall.



Always attach the safety wire to the speaker as shown in the picture on page 26. Carefully attach the other end of the safety wire to secure surface with the proper fixation screw.

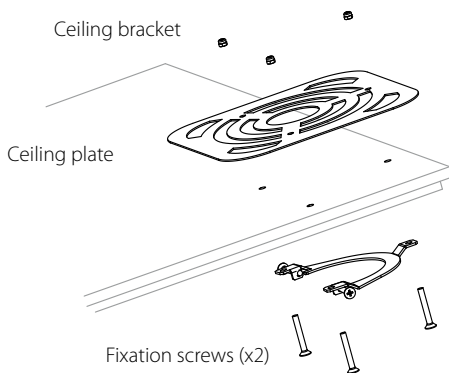
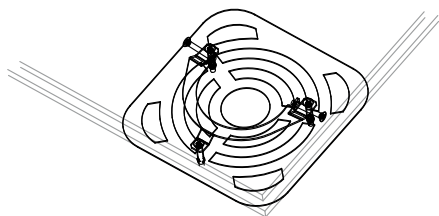
## Mounting Procedure for a Suspended Ceiling

- 1 Use the Ceiling Plate as a template to mark hole locations on the suspended ceiling tile.

### PLEASE NOTE

Position the ceiling plate along the corner of the ceiling tile.

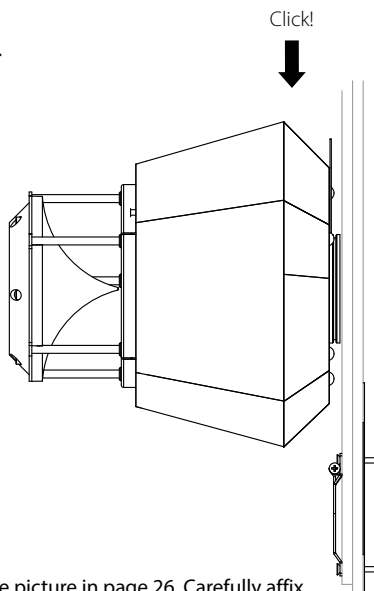
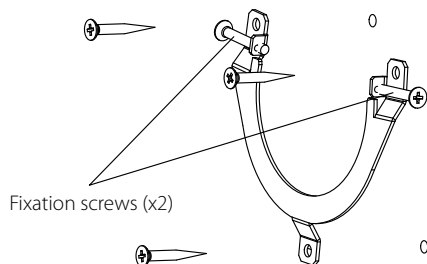
- 2 Drill three holes in ceiling tile with 4mm or 0.157" diameter drill.
- 3 Fasten ceiling bracket to the ceiling plate by using screws M4x30.
- 4 Use screws M4x14, Countersunk head screw DIN 965 (5x) to fasten flange to the speaker.
- 5 Put the suspended ceiling tile back in place.
- 6 Insert the groove of the flange into the bracket.
- 7 When the PentaClass is inserted into the bracket, turn the PentaClass to the best position for inserting the power and audio cables.
- 8 Tighten two fixation screws from the sides.
- 9 Use the safety wire to insure that the PentaClass speaker is secure.



Always attach the safety wire to the speaker as shown in the picture in page 26. Carefully affix the other end of the safety wire to a secure surface with the proper fixation screw.

# Mounting procedure for wall

- 1 Use the ceiling bracket as a template to mark the holes in the surface.
- 2 If installing on concrete, drill three holes with 6mm or 0.24" diameter drill bit and plug in dowels (anchors).
- 3 Fasten the bracket using the appropriate screws for the wall surface material, (i.e.; wood, metal or plaster screws).
- 4 Use screws M4x14, Countersunk head screw DIN 965 (5x) to fasten flange to the speaker.
- 5 Insert the groove of the flange into the bracket, (as shown in the picture in page 28).
- 6 When the PentaClass is inserted into the bracket, turn the PentaClass to the best position for inserting the power and audio cables.
- 7 Tighten the two fixation screws from the side.
- 8 Use the safety wire to insure that the PentaClass speaker is secure.



**Always attach the safety wire to the speaker as shown in the picture in page 26. Carefully affix the other end of the safety wire to a secure surface with the proper fixation screw.**



## Low Voltage Connection

The speaker has AUX IN and AUX OUT 3.5 mm female connectors and a DC connector. First insert the power cable into the power input on the PentaClass. Then insert the audio cables if required. Your PentaClass can be connected to a variety of different A/V devices. Please use only high quality stereo/mono cables, (3.5 mm mini jacks), when connecting your audio source equipment. Input voltage for the PentaClass speaker is: 18-19VDC, 2.2 A. Use only an original PentaClass power supply unit.



## High Voltage Connection

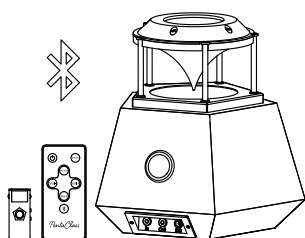
If applicable do not connect the PentaClass speaker to the power supply until the ceiling installation is completed! Use only a genuine PentaClass power supply unit. The supply unit input voltage is: 100-240VAC, 1A.

# Daisy Chaining

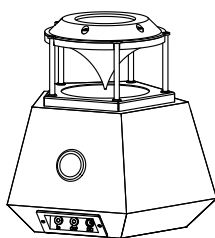
Optionally you can connect several PentaClass speakers in daisy chain by using the AUX channel. Choose one PentaClass speaker to be the master unit. Plug your source audio cable into the audio input of this unit. It is recommended that you do not connect more than 3 speakers in daisy chain.

## CONNECTING PROCEDURE FOR DAISY CHAINING

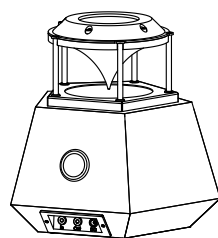
- Use audio cables to connect the speakers to each other. Use the in and out ports on the speakers as shown in the pictures.
- Each speaker requires a separate DC power adapter.
- Reset of all the speakers to the default settings, (see the resetting procedure).
- Turn on the speakers using the remote control unit.



Master



Slave



Slave

## CONTROL OF DAISY CHAINED UNITS

One remote control can be used to control the daisy chained units. Please note that if you point the remote control towards the one PentaClass it can send IR commands to another PentaClass as well.

The volume for all daisy chained PentaClass speakers can be adjusted simultaneously by adjusting the audio source device's volume.

# Troubleshooting

## Most common Problems and Solutions

### No sound is coming out of the PentaClass

- Please make sure the system is turned on and that the status indicator light on the top of the PentaClass is illuminated.
- Be sure that the power supply of the speaker is connected correctly.

### Cannot connect the microphone

- Please check the battery status of the mic. Most mic problems are related to low battery levels in the microphone.

### Low volume

- Check the volume level of the PentaClass speaker. Increase the volume from your audio source device.

### Feedback

- Decrease the volume level.
- Increase the distance between the speaker and microphone.

### Signal Connection Problems

- Check the AUX connections cables, plugs and ports. Be sure all connections are tight and that the cables are not damaged anywhere.

### Lack of Bass

- Your PentaClass has specially tuned audio frequencies. Try changing the EQ presets as described or decrease the volume of PentaClass and increase your audio source volume.

### Remote control doesn't work

- Check the batteries of the remote control - replace the battery if necessary.
- Check the battery status of the microphone - charge if necessary.

# Pentaclass Technical specification

## INPUT SOURCE SPECIFICATIONS

Stereo Sources	Maximum input voltage should not exceed 300 mV in AUX input. Do not use any multi-channel sources like 3-channel, Dolby Digital 5-channel, etc.
Mono Sources	Maximum input voltage should not exceed 150 mV per input channel.
Line Level Sources	Although preamps, projector outputs, and music mixers are popular, it is possible to "overdrive" the PentaClass with these devices, leading to premature failure and a loss of warranty coverage.

## SPEAKER SPECIFICATION

Frequency Response	80 Hz - 20 kHz
Output	45 W @ 8 Ω
Loudness	86 dB
Signal to noise ratio (typical)	106 dB
Total harmonic distortion + noise (typical)	0.07% @ PO = 1 W
Inputs	1 x AUX, 3.5 mm stereo
Output	1 x AUX, 3.5 mm stereo, mixed
Bluetooth (only in AB and ABM models)	Professional level Bluetooth chip. Range up to 15 m (depends on wireless environment).
Microphone receiver (only in ABM model)	2.4 GHz radio frequency with frequency hopping
Power Requirements	110V/240V AC 50-60Hz 1A
Power saving mode	Turning off system after 20 min. inactivity
Amplifier	Class D, 44 100 kHz sample rate, 24 bit resolution, digital audio processor (DAP), dynamic range compression (DRC), soft mute
Mixer	Built in AUX, Bluetooth (AB and ABM models), and AUX, microphone (ABM model)
Control	Infrared remote control with 7 buttons (Speaker power on/off, Mute, Audio presets, Speaker volume up, Speaker volume down, AUX on/off, Bluetooth on/off (enabled for AB and ABM models))
Built in equalizer presets	Speech, multimedia, music
Acoustics	Omni-directional, plywood sound box, fine tuned port. Designed for rooms up to 120 m <sup>2</sup> (1291 sq ft).
Dimensions (W x H x D)	24 x 24 x 23 cm (9.45 x 9.45 x 9.06 in)
Weight	3 kg (6.61 lbs)
Mounting	Universal wall/ceiling mount supplied
Included accessories	Power supply, power cord, remote control, wall/ceiling mount, user manual

## MICROPHONE SPECIFICATION (only in ABM model)

Signal transmitter	2.4 GHz radio frequency with frequency hopping
Built in microphone	Dual microphone system with feedback cancellation
Level control	AGC (Auto Gain Control)
Total harmonic distortion (typical)	0.004 % @ 1 KHz
Signal to noise ratio (typical)	92 dB
Power	Built in rechargeable Li-Po battery
Battery life with full charge (active mode)	7 hours
Recharging time	up to 4 hours
Dimensions (W x H x D)	2.5 x 6.0 x 1.3 cm (0.79" x 2.36" x 0.40")
Weight	20 g (0.71 ounces)
Charger	Micro USB supplied. Power Requirements 110V/240V AC 50-60Hz 1A
Control in remote control mode	Infrared remote control built in with 3 multifunctional buttons (Speaker power on/off, Mute, Audio presets, Speaker volume up, Speaker volume down, AUX on/off, Bluetooth on/off)
Control in microphone control mode	3 multifunctional buttons (Microphone on/off, Mute, Microphone volume up, Microphone volume down)
Wearing options	Lanyard or clip (both included)
Included accessories	Charger, lanyard, clip

*Features and specifications are subject to change without prior notice.*

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