

# MEGA-6000 MEGA-6000U1 MEGA-6000U2

# **Owner's Manual**



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# IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS







CAUTION: To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not remove the cover. No user-serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified personnel.

WARNING: To prevent fire or electric shock, do not expose this equipment to rain or moisture.

CAUTION: To reduce the risk of fire, replace only with same type fuse (see specifications).







ATTENTION: Pour eviter les risques de choc électrique, ne pas enlever le couvercle. Aucun entretien de pièces intérieures par l'usager. Confier l'entretien au personnel qualifié.

AVIS: Pour eviter les risques d'incendie ou d'électrocution, n'exposez pas cet article à la pluie ou a l'humidité.

ATTENTION: Pour diminuer le risque d'incendie, remplacer par des fusibles de même type (voir caractéristiques).

#### **EXPLANATION OF GRAPHICAL SYMBOLS**



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to humans.



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

#### **EXPLICATION DES SYMBOLES GRAPHIQUES**



Le symbole éclair avec point de flèche à l'intérieur d'un triangle équilatéral est utilisé pour alerter l'utilisateur de la presence à l'intérieur du coffret de "voltage dangereux" non isolé d'ampleur suffisante pour constituer un risque d'elétrocution.



Le point d'exclamation à l'intérieur d'un triangle équilatéral est employé pour alerter les utilisateurs de la présence d'instructions importantes pour la fonctionnement et l'entretien (service) dans le livret d'instruction accompagnant l'appareil.

#### DATE OF MANUFACTURE

The date of manufacture of this Anchor Audio product can be determined by the eight digit serial number code. The fourth digit denotes the year, the third digit (letter) denotes the month (A=Jan, B=Feb, etc.) Example: "AWDO1432" states that the unit was manufactured in April of 2000.

Thank you for choosing an Anchor Audio portable sound system. Our products incorporate state-of-the-art design and the finest quality of materials and workmanship. We're proud of our products and appreciate the confidence which you have shown by selecting an Anchor system.

I hope you'll take a few of minutes to review this manual. We've incorporated several unique features into our products, and your knowledge of how to use them will enhance the performance and your enjoyment of the system.

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David Jacobs, President on behalf of all Anchor Employees

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# **System Inspection & Inventory**

Check unit carefully for damage which may have occurred during transit. Each Anchor product is carefully inspected at the factory and packed in a special carton for safe transport.

# Inventory

NOTE:
All damage
claims must
be made with
the freight
carrier.

- · MegaVox Pro sound system
- · Warranty registration card

All damage claims must be made with the freight carrier. Notify the freight carrier immediately if you observe any damage to the shipping carton or product. Repack the unit in the carton and await inspection by the carrier's claim agent. Notify your dealer of the pending freight claim.

# **Returning Systems For Service or Repair**

IMPORTANT:
Save the
shipping
carton and
packing
materials.
They were
specially
designed to
ship your unit

safely.

Should your unit require service, contact your dealer or the Anchor Audio Customer Service Department at (800) 262-4671 to obtain a Return Authorization (RA) number. All shipments to Anchor Audio must include an RA number and must be shipped prepaid. C.O.D. shipments will be refused and returned at your cost.

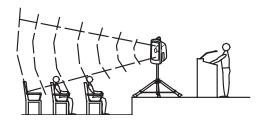
# Warranty Registration

Please fill out the warranty card and return it with a copy of your invoice to Anchor's Customer Service Department. This will activate your limited six year warranty.



# **Setting Up The MegaVox Pro**

For best results, it is recommended that the PA system be placed above the heads of the audience and above the height of the tallest obstruction using a speaker stand or table. This will benefit the listeners in the rear while minimizing the risk of overpowering the listeners in front.

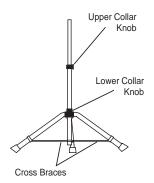


# **Sound System Placement**

The ideal placement of the PA system is between the crowd and the presenter, facing the crowd. This will give the audience a direct signal path and keep the person with the microphone behind the sound system, helping to prevent feedback from occurring.

# **Stand Setup**

- 1. Loosen the Lower Collar Knob.
- Separate the stand legs until the leg support cross braces are parallel to the floor.
- 3. Tighten the Lower Collar Knob.
- 4. Extend the center pole by loosening the Upper Collar Knob.
- 5. Adjust the height and retighten the Upper Collar Knob.
- 6. Place the Anchor sound system on the stand.





# **Single Unit Setup**

Place the unit along the aisle with the least amount of pedestrian traffic. Point the unit towards the center of the audience.

# Connect A MegaVox Pro Companion Speaker

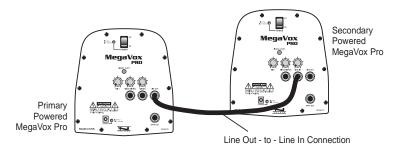
NOTE:
The line-out
connection
can also be
used to send
the signal to a
sound system
in a different
room or a
recording
device.

Use a speaker cable (SC-50) to connect Speaker Out on the primary unit to the unpowered companion speaker (MEGA-6001).

No electric power is required for an unpowered companion speaker.

# **Connect MegaVox Pro Powered Systems**

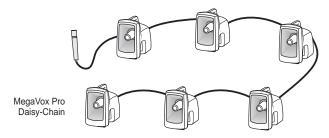
Utilize the Line Output feature by connecting a cable (EX-50PP) from Line Out of the primary MegaVox Pro to Line In on the secondary powered MegaVox Pro. Connect the second MegaVox Pro to an electrical outlet and turn the unit on. Set the volume of the second Megavox Pro to maximum so full volume control will be at the primary system.





# **Daisy-Chaining**

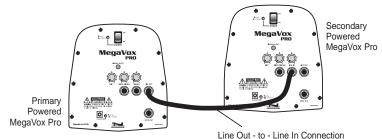
By using the Line Output method described above you can connect up to six powered MegaVox Pro PA Systems together expanding your coverage area.



# **Daisy-Chain Setup**

To connect your MegaVox Pro units, use a shielded cable with 1/4" phone plugs on each end (EX-50PP).

- 1. Turn the power switch off and turn the volume to maximum on each MegaVox Pro.
- 2. Connect the Line Out on the primary (first) MegaVox Pro to the Line In on the next MegaVox Pro.



or outside areas with large exposed walls or patios may create multiple reflections of the original sound. Altering the PA system position will minimize the sound

reflections.

NOTE: Auditoriums

- 3. Continue connecting your powered MegaVox Pro systems Line Out to Line In to complete your chain.
- 4. Power on the speakers in order, primary unit first. This will avoid speaker popping which can cause damage.
- 5. Use the volume control on the primary unit to set the volume for the entire chain.
- 6. Power off speakers in reverse order, primary unit last. This will avoid speaker popping which can cause damage.



CAUTION: Feedback can

be damaging

to both your

and a persons hearing.

equipment

#### **Feedback**

Feedback is a howling or shrill sound that is self-generated by the sound system. It is caused by microphone pickup of the sound emanating from the speaker and then being re-amplified. Once generated, this can be a self-sustaining phenomenon.

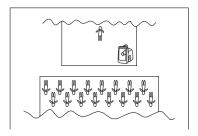
#### Causes of Feedback

- Microphone too close, pointing towards or in front of speaker.
- Volume setting too loud for room.
- Sound reflections from hard surfaces, walls, etc.

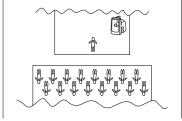
# **Avoiding & Eliminating Feedback**

• Point the microphone into a different direction.

- Keep the microphone away from the speaker; position the speaker in FRONT of the microphone.
- Reduce the volume of the sound system. Have all volume controls set to minimum prior to powering on the sound system.
- Place sound dampening material over hard surfaces; curtains or sound dampening foam.



Acceptable Microphone is located behind sound system.



Unacceptable
Microphone is in front of sound system.

# **BATTERY OPERATION**



# **Caring For Built-in Batteries**

IMPORTANT:
For longer
battery life,
always store
your system
with the
battery in a
fully charged
condition or

the charger

plugged in.

It is very important that you fully charge the batteries in your system before first use and as soon as possible after each and every use, even if operated only briefly to preserve battery life.

# When The Battery LED Flashes or Won't Light

The Battery LED will begin to flash when the battery charge is low. To prevent damage, the automatic protection circuit turns the unit off when the batteries approach their critical discharge point.



# **Charging The Batteries - AC Power Source**

NOTE: MegaVox Pro is an AC/DC powered unit that can be used while charging. The following steps outline the necessary procedure to charge the batteries:

- 1. With the MegaVox Pro power switch off, plug the Charger into an AC outlet.
- Connect the Charger cord into charger input. The Charger LED will light, indicating the batteries are being charged.



3. When the batteries are fully charged (about 6-8 hours), the Charger LED will flash.

# **Expected Service Time From Batteries**

NOTE:
When an
external
speaker is
powered by
the MegaVox
Pro, battery
service per
charge will
decrease
considerably.

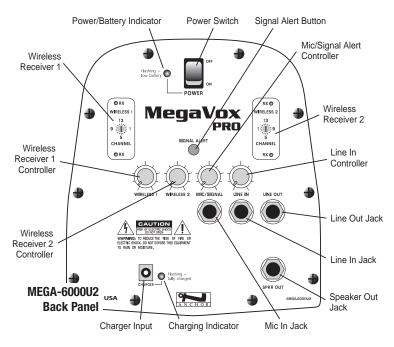
Battery service time will vary depending on the volume level, tone control settings, type of program usage and if a companion speaker is used with the system. You can expect about 8-12 hours of operation at medium volume, 3-6 hours at full volume of continuous music input (usually longer for speech applications).



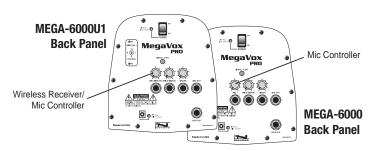
# **MegaVox Pro Control Panel**

NOTE: Instructions for wireless operation can be found on page 10.

- 1. Set all input level controls to minimum before turning on the power.
- 2. Plug a microphone into a Mic jack, or an audio source into the Line-in jack.
- 3. Turn POWER on, the red LED near the switch will light. If the LED flashes or dose not light, charge the battery.
- Slowly increase the level control adjacent to the input jack used to desired volume.



NOTE:
All in/out line
connections
must be made
with shielded
cable to avoid
hum, buzzing,
or radio
interference.



# **GENERAL OPERATION**



#### MIC 1

# Mic 1 (MEGA-6000 only)



An unbalanced, low impedance microphone input. For use with the wired mic supplied with your unit, or any mic with a 1/4" phone plug which does not require phantom power.

#### MIC1/WIRELESS

# Mic 1/Wireless (MEGA-6000U1 only)



The built-in receiver is connected to this input. Use the controller to adjust the wireless mic volume. Inserting a plug into this input disconnects the wireless input—to use a wired and wireless mic simultaneously, plug the wired mic into the Mic 2 input.

#### MIC2/SIGNAL

# Mic 2/Signal



An unbalanced, low impedance microphone input. For use with the wired mic supplied with your unit, or any mic with a 1/4" phone plug which does not require phantom power. The controller adjusts both the signal alert and mic volume.

#### LINE IN

#### Line In



The line input (1/4"-phone jack) is used for playback of a tape player, musical instrument or similar source. It may be used simultaneously with the mic inputs for a composite output.

#### LINE OUT

#### Line Out



The output signal is a composite of all the inputs. Use it to record your presentation, or to "daisy chain" another powered sound system to the MegaVox Pro for greater crowd coverage.



# Speaker Out

SPKR OUT

Use the speaker output to drive Anchor's model MEGA-6001 companion speaker (in addition to MegaVox Pro's built-in speakers) for greater output. When an external speaker is powered by the MegaVox Pro, battery service per charge will decrease considerably.

# SIGNAL ALERT

# **Signal Alert Button**



The Signal Alert provides an air horn type tone. The level is controlled by the MIC/SIGNAL volume control. Caution, this can produce VERY high or harmful sound pressure levels.



# **Diversity Wireless by Anchor Audio**

Anchor Audio UHF wireless is a 16 channel, diversity wireless system that utilizes two independent antennae to receive signal. The diversity feature means that the receiver will process the stronger of the two antenna signals, effectively minimizing dropouts and interference from other transmitting sources. The antennae are mounted internally so there are no obstructions or risk of damage.

#### **Receiver Channel Selection**

NOTE: If you experience ongoing interference with your wireless system, the selected frequency may be incompatible with other RF systems in your area. Try a different

channel.

Before you use your UHF wireless system, you will need to select a wireless frequency channel. The wireless receiver is mounted inside the MegaVox Pro and can be set to any of 16 available channels.

- 1. Locate the Wireless Channel selector on the back panel.
- 2. Using the supplied screwdriver, set the frequency of the receiver to 1 thru 16.

# RX WIRELESS 1 13 9 15 CHANNEL

#### **Transmitter Channel Selection**

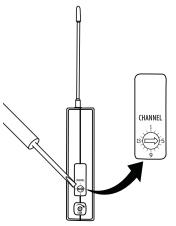
Handheld Transmitter:

- 1. Unscrew battery cover on lower end of microphone.
- 2. Set the channel selection dial to match the channel setting on the receiver.
- 3. Replace the battery cover.



#### Body-pack Transmitter:

- The channel selection dial is located on the side of the transmitter.
- Set the channel selection dial to match the channel setting on the receiver.



NOTE:
Be sure that
the MIC/LINE
switch is in
the "MIC"
position when
a mic is
plugged into
the TX.

# WIRELESS OPERATION



# **Wireless Microphone Operation**

Both the receiver and microphone must be set to the same channel.

dual wireless unit, make sure each microphone is set to a different

channel frequency.

CAUTION: Harmful

walking in

front of a

feedback may occur when

sound system or speaker with a wireless microphone. Always point mic away

from speakers.

When using a

NOTE:

- 1. If you are using a body-pack transmitter, insert the plug from the mic into the jack marked MIC on the transmitter.
- 2. Turn the transmitter power switch to ON. (The red LED will flash when the mic is turned on. If the red LED stays on, the battery is low.)
- 3. Turn the MegaVox Pro power switch to ON.
- 4. The RX indicators will light (one indicator at a time lights) when the wireless signal is being transmitted and received.

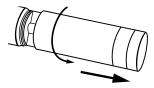
**MEGA-6000U1 Only:** The audio signal from the built-in wireless receiver is fed to the MIC 1/Wireless input. Unplug any other mic from the MIC 1/Wireless input when using the wireless system.

# **Replacing Transmitter Battery**

Handheld Transmitter:

- 1. Unscrew battery compartment cover on lower end of mic.
- 2. Install 2 fresh 'AA' alkaline batteries.

3. Replace the battery cover.



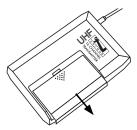
and slide forward

Place batteries into slot

Body-pack Transmitter:

- 1. Slide open battery cover on front of transmitter box.
  - 2. Install 2 fresh 'AA' alkaline batteries.
  - 3. Close the battery cover.









#### **MEGA-6001**

Unpowered MegaVox Pro companion speaker

#### SS-550

Heavy-duty brushed aluminum speaker stand

#### HC-1650MV

Custom travelling hardcase with built-in wheels & fold down handel

#### **VL-35**

Vinyl storage slip cover

#### RC-6000

Replacement AC charger/adapter

#### **MEGA-BAT**

Replacement battery

#### WH-6000

Handheld wireless microphone/ transmitter

### **WB-6000**

Wireless body-pack transmitter (order mic separately)

## CM-60

CollarMic microphone (use with WB-6000 transmitter)

# **HBM-60**

Headband microphone (use with WB-6000 transmitter)

#### LM-60

Lapel microphone (use with WB-6000 transmitter)

#### **SC-50**

Speaker cable with 1/4" male phone plugs on each end - 50'

#### EX50PP

Shielded speaker cable with 1/4" male phone plugs on each end - 50'

# **SPECIFICATIONS**

# **MegaVox Pro**

Rated power output: 22 watts

Max SPL @ rated power: 126 dB @ 1 meter

Frequency response: 400 Hz - 10 kHz

Inputs

Line input: Hi-Z, unbalanced, 1/4"-phone

Mic input 1: Lo-Z, unbalanced, 1/4"-phone

(used for wireless on MEGA-6000U1)

Mic input 2: Lo-Z, unbalanced, 1/4"-phone

Outputs

Line output: Lo-Z, 1/4"-phone (post fader)

Speaker output: 8, unswitched, 1/4"-phone

Battery type: 12 volt rechargeable, 5.0 AH

Operation time: 6 -10 hours (dependent upon use)

Charger (RC-6000): 18V DC/universal input

(100Vac - 240Vac, 50 - 63Hz)

Dimensions (HWD): 13 x 9 x 14", 33 x 23 x 36 cm

Weight: 15 pounds, 6.8 Kg

Specifications subject to change without notice.



Distorted sound:

# TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

# Having trouble with the PA system?

Condition Possible Cause

No sound (power LED not lit): • power switch OFF

• batteries fully discharged (LED flashes briefly)

Charge indicator doesn't light: • confirm proper charger; replace if necessary

No sound (power LED lights):

• no output from source

input cable unplugged

• input volume control low or off

Shortened battery life:
• short in external speaker cable or speaker

• total external speaker impedance < 8

poor connection on input cable

batteries not fully chargedbatteries need replacement

•

· input signal too strong

Excessive hum or noise:

• input cable not shielded

# Having trouble with the wireless system?

Condition Possible Cause

No sound (RX ON indicator lights): • wireless volume control low or off

· no mic plugged into belt-pack transmitter

No sound (RX ON indicator off): • sound system not turned on

· transmitter power switch turned off

• low battery or no battery in transmitter

