



# GTA

High Performance  
Monoblock Amplifiers

500M 

1000M 

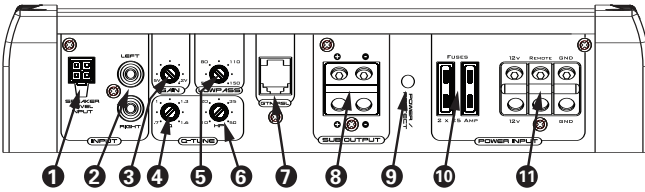
## Introduction

Thank you for choosing Boston Acoustics and congratulations, you've made the right choice. You're now equipped for the open road. Your high performance GTA amplifiers are engineered to perform and built to last. These products represent the pinnacle of performance and innovation that Boston Acoustics is famous for. We hope you enjoy your amplifier and the road ahead.

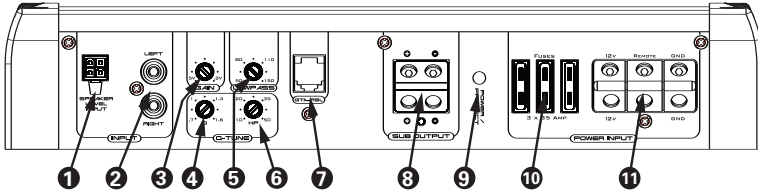
<b>Technical Specifications:</b>	<b>GTA-500m</b>	<b>GTA-1000m</b>
<b>Rated Power (CEA-2006-A):</b> @ 2-Ohm (Mono) @ 4-Ohm (Mono)	500 Watts x 1 300 Watts x 1	1000 Watts x 1 600 Watts x 1
<b>Impedance Stability:</b>	2Ω	2Ω
<b>Frequency Response (-3dB):</b>	10Hz–150Hz	10Hz–150Hz
<b>Signal-to-Noise Ratio:</b> (A Weighted)	>90dB	>90dB
<b>THD+N:</b>	1%	1%
<b>Lowpass Crossover:</b> Frequency Range: Slope (dB Per Octave):	50Hz - 150Hz 12dB	50Hz - 150Hz 12dB
<b>Subsonic Filter (Highpass):</b> Frequency Range: Slope (dB Per Octave):	10Hz - 50Hz 12dB	10Hz - 50Hz 12dB
<b>Signal Voltage Input Range:</b> Low Level (RCA) Input: Speaker Level Input:	200mv - 5v 400mv - 10v	200mv - 5v 400mv - 10v
<b>Fuse Amp Rating (ATC):</b>	2 x 25 Amp	3 x 35 Amp
<b>Dimensions:</b> Width: Height: Depth:	10 5/8" (268mm) 2 3/4" (60mm) 8 3/8" (211mm)	12 1/2" (318mm) 2 3/8" (60mm) 8 3/8" (211mm)

<b>Parts List:</b>	<b>GTA-500m</b>	<b>GTA-1000m</b>
<b>Owners Manual:</b>	x 1	x 1
<b>3mm Hex Wrench:</b>	x 1	x 1
<b>4mm Hex Wrench:</b>	x 1	x 1
<b>Speaker Level Input Cable:</b>	x 1	x 1
<b>Mounting Screws:</b>	x 4	x 4
<b>Replacement Fuses (ATC):</b>	x 2 (25 amp)	x 3 (35 amp)

## GTA-500m



## GTA-1000m



- ❶ Speaker Level Input
- ❷ RCA Input (Left and Right)
- ❸ Gain (250mv to 5.0v - continuously variable)
- ❹ Q-Tune™ "Q" Adjustment (0.707 to 1.6 - cont. variable)
- ❺ Lowpass Crossover Adjustment (50Hz to 150Hz - cont. variable)
- ❻ Q-Tune™ Highpass (Subsonic) Adjustment (10Hz to 50Hz - cont. variable)
- ❼ GTA-RSL Port (Remote Gain)
- ❽ Speaker Output Block
- ❾ Status LED (Blue = Normal / Red = Fault Mode)
- ❿ Fuse (Replace with same value only, refer to specifications on page 2)
- ⓫ Power Block (12v / Remote / Ground)

## Status LED

The Boston Logo will illuminate "Blue" under normal operating conditions.

The LED will illuminate "Red" during start-up and under fault conditions. If the LED is still red after start-up, please refer to troubleshooting on page 8.

## Speaker Level Input Cable

GTA amplifiers offer a dedicated speaker level input for ease installation into factory systems when an RCA (low level) signal is not available. Wiring code for the cable is industry standard;

**White Solid = Left Positive**

**White w/ Black Stripe = Left Negative**

**Gray Solid = Right Positive**

**Gray w/ Black Stripe = Right Negative**

**Warning:** Do not connect both Speaker Level and RCAs into the amplifier at the same time as damage to the amplifier may occur.

## **Installation - General**

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**WARNING!** Before driving the amplifier mounting screws through any surface, be sure of what is behind that surface. Check for the gas tank, brake lines, and any vehicle wiring harness. Never run wires outside or under the vehicle or where they could become broken or interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle.

### **Before You Install**

Before you install the unit, disconnect the negative (-) battery cable in the engine compartment of the vehicle. Doing so will prevent damage to both the electrical system of the vehicle and the amplifier during installation.

### **Battery and Charging System**

In order for the amplifier to function correctly, the electrical system of the vehicle should be professionally checked for overall electrical capacity. When used, the amplifier will increase the demand on the battery and alternator. Therefore, both should be thoroughly evaluated before installing the amplifier to ensure they are in normal operating condition and able to handle the increased demand the amplifier will present to the vehicle's electrical system.

### **Wire Routing**

Do not run the power wire near any low-level signals or audio cables such as the RCAs from the head unit. Noise can be introduced into the amplifier when this occurs. It is helpful to diagram the wire layout first before any installation is initiated.

### **Choose the Mounting Location**

Plan your installation so that the amplifier is mounted where adequate ventilation is available. **Never mount an amplifier in the engine compartment of a vehicle!**

### **Passenger and Trunk Compartment Mounting**

If the amplifier is mounted under a seat, be sure that there is adequate space around the amplifier once installed, 1" (25mm) recommended minimum. Do not allow seat padding or other obstructive material to press down on the amplifier.

When mounting in a trunk, choose a location that will be protected from sliding cargo or other materials. Mount the amplifier to solid surfaces only. Do not mount to plastic trim panels. Do not mount the amplifier with Velcro, double-stick tape, or by wedging into position. Amplifier should be mounted using the screw mounts in the endpanels and with the provided mounting screws.

### **Cooling**

Position the amplifier so that there is adequate space around the amplifier once installed, 1" (25mm) recommended minimum.

## Installation - Wiring

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### Amplifier Fuses

Although the amplifier has an internal fuse (s), additional fuse protection should be installed as close as possible to the battery on the positive (+) power wire going to the amplifier. An inline fuse should be installed at no more than 18" (46cm) on the positive (+) power wire. The rating of the inline fuse should equal the value of the internal fuse of the amplifier if only the single amplifier is connected to this wire. If other devices are connected to this wire, the fuse value should be of sufficient capacity to handle the demand.

### Wire Gauge

The amplifier accepts up to 4-gauge (8-gauge on GTA-500m) stripped wire at the DC power and ground input terminals, and 4-gauge (8-gauge on GTA-500m) is recommended as a minimum. Wire runs should be kept to the minimum practical length.

### Power 12v and Ground (GND) Connection

Strip approximately 5/8" (16mm) of insulation. The positive (+) power wire is installed into the amplifier terminal marked "12v". The negative (-) wire is installed into the terminal marked "GND". The ground wire should be as short as possible and connected directly to the chassis of the vehicle. Make sure that the chassis connection point is free of rust, grease, dirt, paint, and other materials that may insulate the ground wire from making proper connection. Tighten the 12v and GND terminals with the supplied 4mm (3mm on GTA-500m) hex wrench to secure the wire into the terminals. If the power wire must be routed through a drilled or existing hole, use a nylon panel grommet to prevent the insulation from fraying. Failure to do so could lead to an electrical short if the wire insulation is worn through and the power wire is shorted to ground.

### Remote Input Connection

Connect the REMOTE trigger lead from the head unit to the amplifier using the 3mm hex wrench to tighten the connector on the power block of the amplifier. (refer to the diagram on page 3).

### Speaker Output Connection

Prepare each wire by stripping approximately 5/8" (16mm) of insulation. The positive (+) speaker wires are installed into the amplifier terminal marked "SPEAKER OUTPUT" / "+" (refer to the diagram on page 3). The negative (-) speaker wires are installed into the amplifier terminal marked "SPEAKER OUTPUT" / "-". Tighten the "SPEAKER OUTPUT", "+", and "-" terminals with the supplied 3mm hex wrench to secure the wires into the terminals. If the speaker wires must be routed through a drilled or existing hole, use a nylon panel grommet to prevent fraying the wire insulation. Failure to do so could lead to an electrical short if the wire insulation is worn through and the speaker wires are shorted to ground.

**WARNING! Subwoofer impedance must not fall below 2-ohms**

## Tuning The Amplifier - Subwoofer(s)

### 1) Head Unit

The head unit should have all controls such as bass, treble, balance, and fader set to the flat or centered position. The volume control should be at the minimum setting. If the head unit has any equalization or bass management features such as *boost*, they should be deactivated at this time. Turn head unit on, and verify that the Blue status LED (logo) is illuminated on the amplifier.

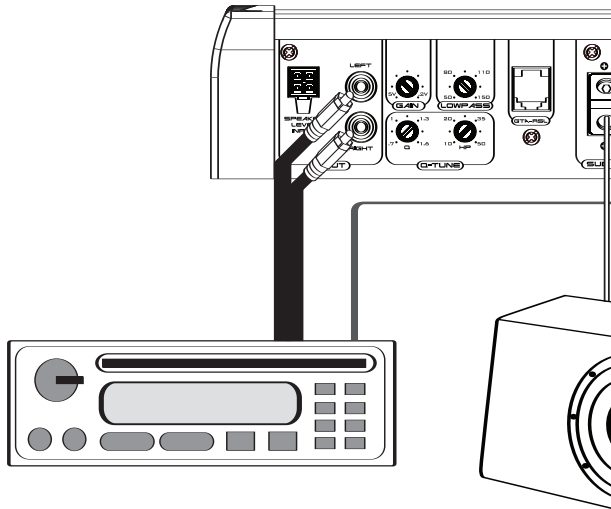
### 2) Volume

With the chosen musical track playing, turn the head unit volume control up until the maximum level of undistorted signal is heard from the speakers. For most head units, this will be at the end of the volume control range.

**WARNING!** A distorted signal from the head unit sent to the amplifier can cause speaker failure at higher listening levels.

### 3) Input Sensitivity Control (Gain)

Turn control (refer to the diagram on page 3) all the way counterclockwise (minimum position). In this position, the amplifier will be less sensitive to the input signal from the head unit. Slowly rotate this control clockwise until maximum undistorted playing level is heard from the subwoofer(s). Listen closely for faults such as bottoming from the subwoofer(s). If fault is detected, rotate input sensitivity control counterclockwise until fault is eliminated. At this point, the maximum undistorted subwoofer playing level has been defined.



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GTA-500m Amplifier Powering a Subwoofer

## Tuning The Amplifier - Subwoofer(s)

### 4) Lowpass Crossover Control

Experiment with the crossover point settings while the subwoofer is active. A higher setting will increase the perceived output, and a lower setting will make the bass response more omnidirectional. Since the Lowpass cannot be disengaged, set to 15Hz if using an outboard processor or electronic crossover on the headunit.

### 5) Q-Tune™ Control

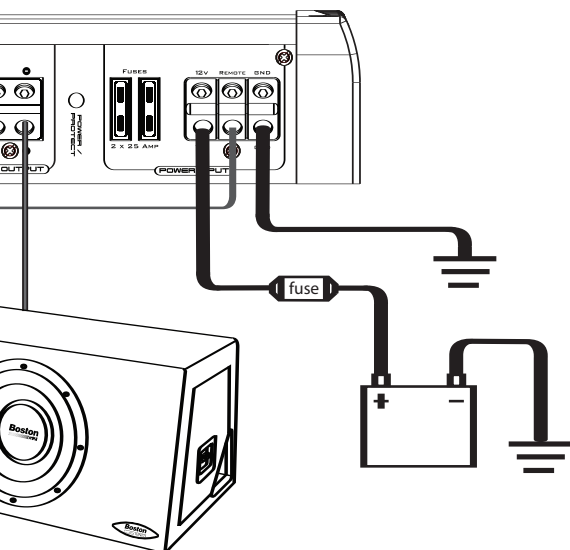
Once the highpass crossover point has been determined, use the Q-Tune™ control (refer to the diagram on page 3) to increase the bass information centered around the highpass crossover point.

Setting the Q-Tune™ control is done in conjunction with setting the levels on the input sensitivity and highpass crossover (subsonic) frequency controls. You may find while setting the Q-Tune™ that over-excursion may be detected in the subwoofer (s); lowering the Q-Tune™ input sensitivity or raising the highpass crossover point will eliminate this. Minor adjustments to each setting are required to fine-tune the system.

Setting the Q-Tune™ is a subtle process. It is recommended that the Q-Tune™ setting be left in the 0.7 position and adjusted only after the input sensitivity and highpass crossover ranges are known. Small adjustments to the Q-Tune™ setting are all that are required to fine-tune the system.

### 6) GTA-RSL Control

The remote level control (GTA-RSL) gives you independent level adjustment of the subwoofer's output level beyond the standard system volume control. Please refer to the RSL's manual for installation instruction. The GTA-RSL is available separately, please consult your authorized Boston Acoustics dealer.



Connection Diagram:

(80Hz Lowpass, 35Hz Highpass, and Q of 1.2)

# ***Amplifier Troubleshooting Guide***

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## **Status LEDs on Amplifier not Lit—Head Unit (Source) Turned “ON”**

- Verify Remote turn-on wire from source to amplifier has proper voltage  
Power (B+) connections at amplifier, terminal blocks, and battery are secure  
Ground (GND) connections at amplifier and vehicle chassis are secure  
Battery B+ fuse and amplifier fuse are OK  
B+ at battery and B+ at amplifier have proper voltage

## **Status LEDs Lit, no Output from Speakers—Speakers in Normal Operating Condition**

- Verify High-level cables from speaker(s) to amplifier are securely connected  
RCA or Speaker Level Input from amplifier to source are securely connected  
Sensitivity adjustment on amplifier is correctly adjusted

## **Engine Noise from Speaker(s)**

- Turn source “OFF” and disconnect RCA cables at amplifier  
If noise stops, check equipment and cables leading to amplifier  
Verify RCA cables are of good quality with no breakage to internal shields  
RCA cables from source to amplifier are not run alongside power

## **Amplifier Output Distorted—Music not Recorded with Intentional Distortion**

- Verify Source output to amplifier is not distorted  
Amplifier input sensitivity is correctly adjusted

## **Amplifier Shutting Down, RED LED Lit—Amplifier in Thermal Protection Mode**

- Verify Amplifier is mounted with adequate space around heatsink  
Amplifier is not mounted under carpet  
Speakers meet correct impedance for application (mono or stereo hookup)

## **Amplifier not Turning “ON”, RED LED Lit—Amplifier not Connected to a Shorted Speaker**

- Verify Speaker crossover is not defective  
High-level cables from speaker to amplifier are not shorted

## **Amplifier not Turning “ON”, RED LED Lit—Speakers, Crossovers, and Cable OK**

- Internal fuse needs to be replaced  
Verify Replace fuse with fuse of same value

## **Amplifier not Turning “ON”, RED LED Lit—Speakers, Crossovers, and Cable OK**

- Amplifier requires service

If Service Seems Necessary:

First, contact the dealer from whom you purchased the product, or contact us via e-mail at:

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