



THIEL

Model ViewPoint[®]

Coherent Source[®]

flat-panel video display speaker

OWNER INFORMATION

Congratulations on your purchase of the THIEL ViewPoint loudspeaker. This fine product is the result of a dedicated effort to provide very accurate and realistic sound reproduction. We have used very high quality components and taken great care in the ViewPoint's construction. Properly installed and used with good associated equipment, the ViewPoint will provide you with a great deal of sonic enjoyment for many years.



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CONNECTING THE SPEAKERS

The ViewPoint uses 5-way binding posts which accept several types of speaker cable termination. *Make sure that all connections are tight.* It is essential for proper performance that both speakers in a stereo system be wired in the same polarity. The speaker's input terminals are color coded to facilitate this. The wire connected to the red ringed input terminal of each speaker should connect to the respective positive (+) output terminals of the amplifier; the wire connected to the black ringed input terminals should be connected to the respective negative (-) output terminals of the amplifier. The speakers should be connected to the amplifier with high quality cable to ensure minimal loss of power and proper control by the amplifier.

BREAK-IN

The ViewPoint, like most speakers, requires a period of playing before they perform optimally. The time depends on how loudly the speakers are played; more time is required if played softly, less if played loudly. At least 50 hours at moderately loud levels are required before the speaker is performing near optimum.

ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT

The ViewPoint is a very high quality sound reproducer and will benefit from use with high quality associated equipment. Since it is extremely accurate, it will reveal sources of distortion generated elsewhere in the system. For example, distortion resulting from poor recordings or inferior electronics will be reproduced accurately.

POWER REQUIREMENTS

It is important to have enough power to play at the level you desire without distortion. If high sound levels are desired, the ViewPoint's are designed to be used with amplifiers rated up to 200 watts per channel (into 8 ohms). If you play the speakers more loudly than the volume the amplifier can cleanly produce, the amplifier will produce overload (clipping) distortion. The sound will become compressed, strained, and in extreme cases, obviously distorted. This distortion is actually non-musical *additional energy* and since it is concentrated in the high frequency region where the speaker is least able to handle it, tweeters can be damaged in extreme cases.

Keep in mind that sound *quality* is usually much more important than sound *quantity*. There can be large differences in the sonic performance of two amplifiers of equal power, and this is more important than large differences in power. Most everyone will be happier with a 100 watt amplifier of high sonic quality than a 200 watt amplifier of mediocre sonic quality. For this reason, we feel there is no substitute for listening in making your amplifier decision.

The question "how much power do I need?" does not have the simple answer most people expect because it is not determined only by the loudspeaker's efficiency, but also by the volume desired and the size of the room. If all three factors are average, about 100 watts per channel is required. Each factor can raise or lower this amount by about three times.

1) Usually, people who "don't like music loud" can decrease their power to about one-half. Also, people who like music loud should increase their power by 2 times or more. Most people fall within a normal range.

2) A speaker with a low efficiency of 84 dB/W-m will require twice the power of an average 87 dB/W-m speaker and one with a high rating of 90 dB/W-m will require only half the power of an average speaker. Usually, high efficiency can be obtained only by trading off sonic quality—there are very few speakers that provide a very high level of both. The ViewPoint is just above average efficiency (88 dB) and therefore requires an average amount of power for average volume levels.

3) A small room will need less power for a given loudness level than a large room. A very small room of 1000 cu ft (11' x 11' with an 8' ceiling) will require about half the power of an average size room. A large room of 6000 cu ft (20' x 30' with a 10' ceiling) will require twice the average power. If the listening room is connected to another room by a large open area, the required power will increase, but not by the amount of the combined room volume. If the room has a “dropped” ceiling with light panels, the ceiling will be almost transparent acoustically and the space above the ceiling should be added. If the panels are heavy they will act as a more normal ceiling.

With all this in mind, a person who doesn't like to play music very loudly and has a small room can get quality sound with the ViewPoint with as little as 50 watts whereas a person who sometimes likes to play loudly and has a large room may need 200 watts or more.

GRILLE

The ViewPoint's grille can be removed by slightly bending the grille in towards its center and then springing it out of the vertical mounting grooves that run along both sides of the front of the cabinet.

SERVICE

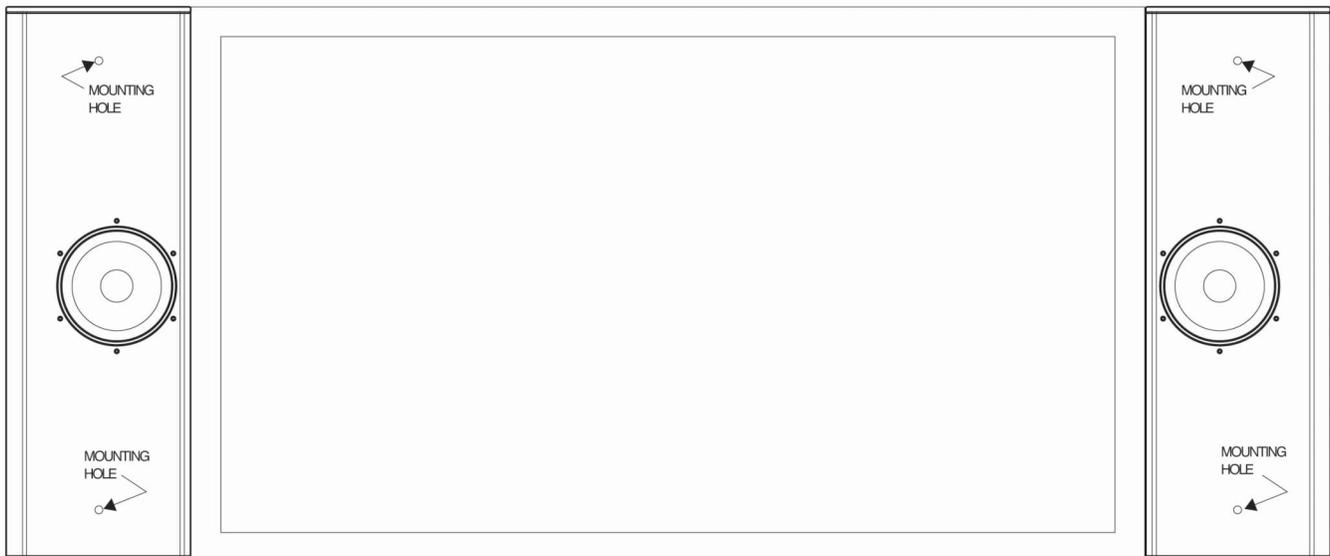
If your speaker system requires service, contact your authorized THIEL dealer. If you need to contact THIEL, service information and technical support is available at (859) 254-9427, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, or via e-mail at service@thielaudio.com. Our web site address is www.thielaudio.com.

VIEWPOINT WALL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1) Hold the speaker against the wall, against the plasma side, and in the desired location. Then mark the mounting hole locations by inserting a #1 philips screwdriver or a pencil through the mounting holes.

2) Set the speaker aside and drill $\frac{1}{8}$ " holes at the marks through the wall surface material. If a stud is encountered, continue drilling a pilot hole. If there is no stud, expand the $\frac{1}{8}$ " hole to $\frac{3}{8}$ " and install the provided anchor.

3) Connect the speaker input wires and screw the speaker to the wall using either the wood screw or anchor screw. Make final alignment adjustments before tightening the mounting screws. Install the grille as described above.



THIEL VIEWPOINT SPECIFICATIONS

Amplitude Response	60 Hz-20 kHz \pm 3 dB
Phase Response	Minimum \pm 10°
Sensitivity	88 dB@2.8 V-1m
Impedance	4 ohms (3 ohms minimum)
Recommended Power	50-400 watts
Size	8 " W x 5" D x Custom H
Weight	18 pounds

LIMITED 10 YEAR WARRANTY

THIEL warrants every THIEL ViewPoint system against defects in materials and workmanship to the original owner for a period of ten years from the date of purchase. THIEL will, at no charge, replace any defective part and make any repairs necessary to ensure its proper performance when the defective unit is returned to us postpaid.

This warranty does not cover damage due to accident or abuse and is void if the unit has been tampered with.

This warranty is automatic and no registration is required. This warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may also have other rights which are particular to your state.

The following information is for your records.

Serial Numbers _____

Purchase Date _____

Purchased From _____

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