Installation & User Guide



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**TWO CHANNEL AMPLIFIER** 



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## FEATURES

- Stereo amplifier with 45 watts per channel
- Multiple turn-on modes
- Stable into low impedance loads (2.66 ohms)

### Installation friendly design

- 12V DC control output
- Individual input gain controls for each channel
- 3V 30V AC/DC voltage-trigger
- Cascading outputs
- Automatic protection circuit with front panel indicator
- 5-way Gold plated binding posts for all speaker outputs
- Gold plated RCA jacks

## **PRODUCT OVERVIEW**



Red "Power" LED confirms the amplifier is connected to a live AC power outlet. (and that the master power switch is on).



Figure 1

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A45-X2 x 1

Removable AC power cord x 1

# PREPARING FOR INSTALLATION

#### Placement

Place the A45-X2 on a flat level surface like a table or shelf. It should be placed upright so that its weight rests on the four attached feet. Placing the weight of the amplifier on the rear or front panel may result in damage to the amplifier's connectors and controls.

The A45-X2, like any hi-fi component, will last much longer if it is given adequate ventilation for proper cooling. When installing the A45-X2 in a cabinet, be sure that the rear of the cabinet is open to fresh air to provide proper cooling. **See Figure 2**. If the cabinet's design will not



behind unit to accommodate cables and connectors.



accommodate an open rear, install two small "boxer fans" to provide continuous airflow into and out of the cabinet. **See Figure 3.** Place the A45-X2 so that there is at least 5" of free air space above the chassis. If the amplifier is located on a carpeted surface, place a board under the amplifier's feet. Do not block the ventilation holes on the top and bottom of the A45-X2.



Figure 3

## **TURN-ON MODES**

The Turn-On Mode selector switch gives you three options for turning the A45-X2 on and off.



Slide the switch with your fingernail or a 1/8" slotted screwdriver blade.

Constant: The auto turn-on circuitry is off. The front panel master power switch operates the amplifier. In is "On", out is "Off".

Audio Sense: The master switch on the front panel must be in the "On" position. The amplifier is off when there is no audio signal present at either the left or the right input, but the sensing circuitry is on. The turn-on sensing circuitry looks for a tiny amount of audio signal present at any of the audio inputs. If it detects a signal, the amplifier is turned on. Once the audio signal stops, the sensing circuit waits three minutes, and then turns the amplifier off.

3-30 Volt AC/DC Trigger Input: The master switch on the front panel must be in the "On" position. The amplifier is off when there is no 3-30V AC or DC voltage detected at the trigger input. Once the sensing circuitry detects a voltage and a line-level audio signal is detected at the input, the amplifier is turned on. Once the voltage stops, the sensing circuit instantly turns the amplifier off. Voltage trigger can be supplied by connecting a 12Volt AC wall adapter to the switched outlet of your stereo receiver. DO NOT USE A DC WALL ADAPTER. The long discharge time of the DC adapter's filter capacitor will delay the turn-off of the amplifier.

## **TOOLS REQUIRED**

- 1/8" Slotted screwdriver
- Wire stripper
- Wire labels

#### INSTALLATION

- 1. Select an appropriate location for the A45-X2
- 2. Run all the necessary wiring to the A45-X2. Label the wires for future reference.

- Strip 1/4" of insulation from the end of each speaker wire. Tightly twist the end of each wire until no frayed ends remain.
- Unscrew the Red and Black speaker wire connectors.
- Insert each wire into the appropriate hole and tighten the connector until the wire is securely clamped.
- Connect the Pre-Amplifier or Receiver to the RCA connector terminal labeled: INPUT.
- Set the position of the Turn On Mode switch. Connect 12 Volt trigger if applicable.
- Connect the AC power cord to the A45-X2, and then plug it into an "Unswitched" AC outlet.
- Turn the Master Power switch on. The switch is located on the front panel of amplifier.

#### **Control Output**

This terminal provides a 12Volt DC signal suitable for triggering automated switchers, motorized screens, some electric curtain controls, etc. The trigger voltage is present only when the amplifier is active or "On". When the amplifier turns "Off", the 12-Volt signal is off.

#### **Cascade Audio Outputs**

The "Cascade Audio Outputs" enable you to connect another amplifier to your preamplifier output. The connectors are gold-plated RCA phono jacks. Connect them to another amplifier's inputs with a standard audio patch cable. The outputs are not buffered; if you wish to daisy chain more than 3 JobSite amplifiers you will need a buffered distribution amplifier.

## **Level Adjustment Screws**

The front panel level adjustment screws allow you to adjust the level of the A45-X2, relative to other amplifiers in your system. Use a 1/8" slotted screwdriver to adjust the screws. If the A45-X2 is the only amplifier in your system, leave the screws at their factory default position (turned fully clockwise).

## TROUBLESHOOTING

#### No sound on one channel

You could have a short circuit or loose wire at the speaker or amplifier terminals. Check that the connections are secure and that there are no loose strands of wire crossing from the positive to the negative terminals at the back of the amplifier and/or the speaker.

Short circuit or a break in the speaker wire. Disconnect the speaker wire at both ends, separate the 2 conductors at both ends and test with a meter for a short circuit. If there is no short, connect the two conductors at one end and test with a meter for continuity.

#### Speaker is not working

Connect the speaker to a channel that plays another speaker.

#### Audio cable to input is bad

Connect another cable that is known to be good.

#### No sound on both channels

Audio cable to the main inputs is bad. Connect another cable that is known to be good.

#### Active LED ON or OFF

Check trigger mode 12V trigger voltage.

#### Hum from the speakers

Hum may be caused by a ground loop between two of the other components in the system. To test for a ground loop, try reversing the ac plugs of each of the components in the system. Check for faulty cables, faulty source material, an ungrounded phono system or a defective component.

#### Amp will not turn on

AC power cord must be plugged into a working outlet.

Master power switch must be on. 12V trigger must be present.

## Bass sound is weak and the stereo image is "phasey" or "blurry" sounding in one room

The loudspeakers are wired out of phase. Reverse the connections at the back of one speaker.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

**Power handing:** 45 watts x 2

Frequency response: 10 Hz to 100 kHz +/- 3dB

Signal noise ratio: >= 85dB

Power supply AC120V, 60 Hz

Power consumption 200 watts

**Dimensions:** 17" wide x 2-5/16" high (including feet) x 13-1/8" deep

Warranty: 2 year limited

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