

RS SERIES

Rackmount 100V slave amplifiers

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User Manual





Caution: Please read this manual carefully before operating
Damage caused by misuse is not covered by the warranty

Introduction

Thank you for choosing the Adastra RS-series rackmount 100V slave amplifier as part of your public address system. This amplifier is designed to offer high quality, dependable service for mobile and installed systems. Please read this manual fully and follow the instructions to achieve the best results with your new purchase and to avoid damage through misuse.

Warning

To prevent the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose any components to rain or moisture. If liquids are spilled on the casing, stop using immediately, allow unit to dry out and have checked by qualified personnel before further use. Avoid impact, extreme pressure or heavy vibration to the case. No user serviceable parts inside – Do not open the case – refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.

Safety

- Check for correct mains voltage and condition of IEC lead before connecting to power outlet
- Use double insulated speaker wire with adequate current rating for 100V speaker connections
- Do not use 8Ω and 100V terminals at the same time
- Do not allow any foreign objects to enter the case or through the ventilation grilles

Placement

- Keep out of direct sunlight and away from heat sources
- Keep away from damp or dusty environments
- For rack-mounting, ensure adequate support for the weight of the amplifier
- Ensure adequate air-flow and do not cover cooling vents at the front and rear of the amplifier
- Ensure adequate access to controls and connections

Cleaning

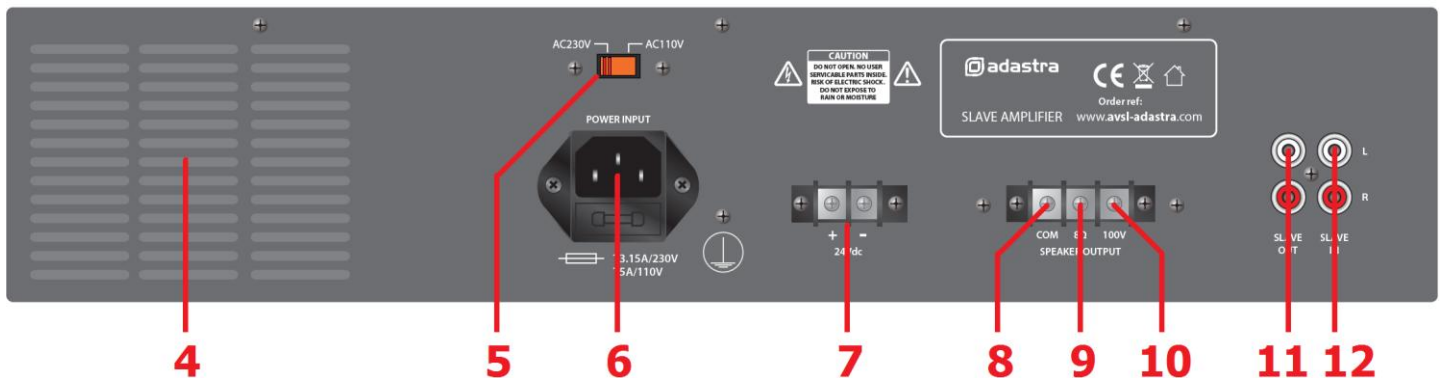
- Use a soft cloth with a neutral detergent to clean the casing as required
- Use a vacuum cleaner to clear ventilation grilles of any dust or debris build-ups
- Do not use strong solvents for cleaning the unit

Front panel



1. MASTER volume control
2. POWER, SIGNAL, PEAK LED indicators
3. Power switch

Rear panel



4. Ventilation grille - do not cover
5. Mains voltage switch
6. IEC mains inlet & fuse holder
7. 24Vdc power connection (not RS360)
8. COM speaker terminal
9. 8Ω speaker terminal
10. 100V speaker terminal
11. SLAVE OUT connectors (RCA)
12. SLAVE IN connectors (RCA)

Connection and setup

Connect the rear IEC inlet (6) to the mains using the supplied mains lead (or an equivalent approved type). Ensure that the voltage is correct as indicated on the voltage selector (5) and that the mains outlet is switched on.

Alternatively, the RS120 and RS240 can be powered by a 24V battery, such as a lorry or boat battery, by connecting the "+" and "-" of the battery to the 24Vdc INPUT (7) on the rear panel.

Note: Ensure that DC cables are capable of handling the current (10A min. recommended)

The RS series amplifiers are intended to be fed from a mixer or mixer-amplifier signal output, providing additional power amplification for 100V speaker systems.

The signal input should be connected to the SLAVE IN dual RCA connectors (12) on the rear panel.

RS series slave amplifiers are mono, so any stereo input signals will be summed together to provide a monaural output.

Further slave amplifiers can be connected from the rear SLAVE OUT RCA sockets (11), allowing banks of amplifiers to operate together in large public address systems.

Speaker outputs

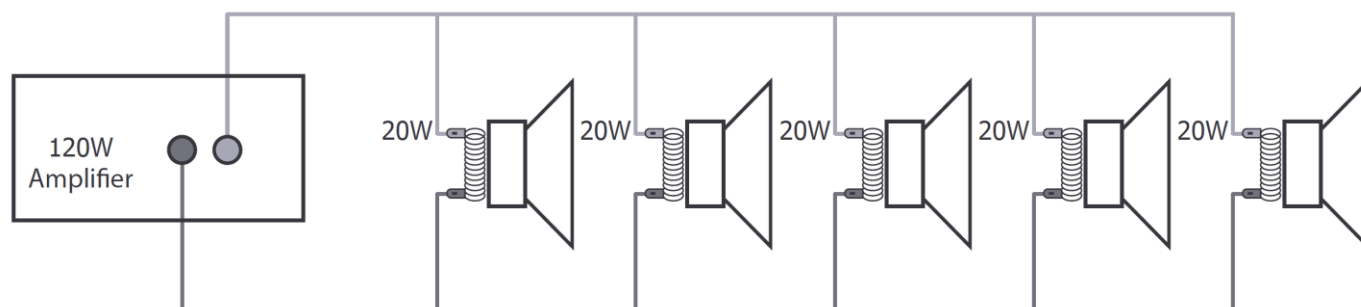
The RS series slave amplifiers can be used either as 100V line amplifiers or standard low impedance power amplifiers. These 2 configurations cannot be used together, so it is important to decide which method will be used at the start.

Information about the differences between 100V and low impedance systems are detailed on the following pages.

100V line systems

For 100V line systems, connect the amplifier to the first speaker in the system using double-insulated speaker wire which has adequate current rating to handle the total output of the amplifier.

Connect the "100V" (10) output terminal to the positive (+) connection of the speaker and "COM" output (8) to the negative (-) connection of the speaker. Connect further speakers in parallel to the first speaker with all positive terminals and connected together and all negative terminals connected together as shown below.

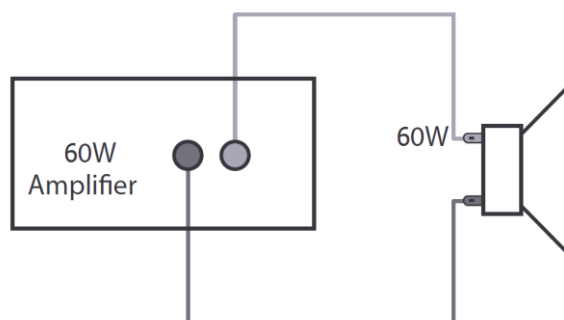


A 100V line speaker system can comprise of many speakers connected together. The determining factor for how many speakers can be used on a single amplifier is the power rating. For most purposes, it is advised to connect as many speakers as needed with a combined wattage of no more than 90% of the amplifier's output power rating.

The terminals of a 100V speaker are connected to a transformer and in some cases, this transformer may be "tapped" for different power ratings. These tapings can be used to adjust the wattage (and output volume) of each speaker in the system to help achieve the ideal total power of the system for the amplifier.

Low impedance systems

The RS series slave amplifiers can provide an output for a single 8Ω speaker by connecting the "8Ω" output (9) to the positive (+) speaker connection and "COM" output (8) to the negative (-) speaker connection. It is important to ensure that the speaker load is no less than 8Ω and that the power handling of the speaker is equal to or greater than the output power of the amplifier.



Operation

When all connections to the amplifier are made, turn the MASTER volume control (1) fully down and switch on the power (3) and the power LED will illuminate.

Ensuring that the signal is active on the SLAVE IN inputs, turn up the MASTER gradually to the maximum required volume level.

The output of the amplifier is represented on the SIGNAL LED and when the amplifier is running at its peak output, a PEAK LED will illuminate.

Care should be taken that the Red PEAK LED is only lit momentarily during use.

Anything longer than a short flash of this LED may be indicating distortion or clipping of the output signal and the MASTER volume should be turned down.

Powering down

To avoid loud pops through the speakers, turn down the MASTER control before powering down.

Specifications

	RS120	RS240	RS360
Power supply	110/230Vac, 50/60Hz (IEC)		
DC power	24Vdc screw terminals	24Vdc screw terminals	N/A
Output power: RMS	120Wrms	240Wrms	360Wrms
Output: Line	RCA slave out		
Input	RCA slave in		
Controls	Master volume		
THD	<1.0%		
Dimensions	433 x 363 x 89mm	433 x 363 x 89mm	433 x 403 x 89mm
Weight	8.88kg	10.06kg	11.60kg

Troubleshooting

No power LED on control panel	Ensure IEC lead is in good condition and connected properly
	If 24Vdc power input is being used, check battery is charged
	Ensure POWER switch is on and check mains inlet fuse
Power LED is on but no other LEDs and no output	Check input signals and condition of input connection leads
	Check MASTER volume control is turned up
POWER and SIGNAL LEDs lighting but no output	Check speaker output terminals are connected correctly
	Check speakers are working (test on another amp if available)
Output is very loud or distorted	Check level of input signal is not too high
	Reduce MASTER volume level
Output is working but at very low level	Check SLAVE IN signal level is not too low
	Increase MASTER volume level
	Check for quiet recording of media files on USB
	Check VOX override is not unintentionally suppressing audio playback
Amplifier overheating	Ensure cooling vents are clear from debris and dust
	Check that 4Ω or 8Ω speakers are not connected to 100V terminals
	Ensure total 100V speaker wattage is lower than amplifier rating
	Ensure that 100V and 8Ω speakers are not both connected
	Ensure that total load connected to 8Ω output is not less than 8Ω



Disposal: The "Crossed Wheelie Bin" symbol on the product means that the product is classed as Electrical or Electronic equipment and should not be disposed with other household or commercial waste at the end of its useful life. The goods must be disposed of according to your local council guidelines.

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