Genelec 1032A Monitoring Speaker

System

The bi-amplified GENELEC 1032A is a two way active monitoring speaker designed for high output, low coloration and broad bandwidth. It is based on the famous 1031A near field monitor but offers extended low frequency output with an increased maximum SPL.

Due to its compact size, integrated construction, excellent dispersion and precise stereo imaging this speaker system is ideal for Near Field monitoring, mobile vans, broadcast and TV control rooms and home studios. Designed as an active speaker, this unit contains drivers, power amplifiers, active crossover filtering and protection circuitry. The DCW™ Technology used provides excellent frequency balance even in difficult acoustic environments.

Drivers

The low frequencies are reproduced by a 10" (250 mm) bass driver loaded in a 24 liters vented cabinet. The -3dB point lies at 40 Hz and the low frequency response extends down to 36 Hz (-6dB).

The high frequency driver is a 1" (25 mm) metal dome with pure piston behavior up to 23 kHz. The uniform dispersion control is achieved with the revolutionary DCW Technology pioneered by Genelec. The DCW also provides perfect phase and delay uniformity at the crossover frequency.

Both drivers are magnetically shielded.

Crossover

The active crossover network consists of two parallel bandpass filters. Acoustically the filters are complementary and the slopes are 24 dB/octave. The crossover frequency is set to 1.8 kHz. Using the active crossover controls ('treble tilt', 'bass tilt' and 'bass roll-off') this speaker to be exactly matched to any room environment.

Amplifiers

The amplifier unit is mounted to the rear of the speaker enclosure on quick release vibration isolators, to ensure rattle free operation and long term reliability. The bass and treble amplifier produce respectively 180 W and 120 W of short term power. The fast, low distortion amplifiers are capable of driving a stereo system to peak output levels in excess of 124 dB SPL at 1 m. The unit incorporates a special protection circuitry for driver overload protection and amplifier thermal overload protection. Variable input sensitivity allows for accurate level matching to the console output section.

Installation

Each 1032A monitor is supplied with a mains cable and an operating manual. After unpacking, place the speaker so that its acoustical axis (see figure 2) is aimed towards the listening position. Do not place the speaker in a horizontal position as this may cause acoustical cancellation problems around the crossover frequency.

Sufficient cooling for the amplifier must be ensured if the speaker is installed in a restricted space such as a cabinet or integrated into a wall structure. The minimum clearance for the amplifier is 10 centimeters (4") to any object. The space adjacent to the amplifier must either be ventilated or sufficiently large to dissipate heat so that the ambient temperature does not rise above 35 degrees Celsius (95°F).

Before connecting up, ensure that the mains switch is off (see figure 1). Check that the mains voltage selector is correctly set (Models sold in Europe have a fixed 230 V setting). Audio input is via a 10 kOhm balanced XLR connector, but unbalanced leads may be used as long as pin 3 is grounded to pin 1 of the XLR (see figure 3). Once the connection has been made, the speakers are ready to be switched on.
Setting the input sensitivity

The input sensitivity of each speaker can be adjusted to match the mixing console output level or other source by using the input sensitivity control on the rear panel (see figure 1). A small screwdriver is needed for the adjustment. The manufacturer default setting for this control is -6 dBu (fully clockwise) which gives SPL of 100 dB @1m at -6 dBu input level. Note that to get the full output level of 113 dB SPL, an input level of +7 dBu is needed at this setting.

Setting tone controls

The response of the system may have to be adjusted to match the acoustic environment. The adjustment is done by setting the three tone control switch groups ‘treble tilt’, ‘bass tilt’ and ‘bass roll-off’ on the rear panel. The factory settings for these controls are ‘All Off’ to give a flat anechoic response. See Table 1 for suggested tone control settings. Figure 5 shows the effect of the controls on the anechoic response. Always start adjustment by setting all switches to ‘OFF’ position. Then set only one switch to the ‘ON’ position to select the response curve needed. If more than one switch is set to ‘ON’ (within one switch group) the attenuation value is not accurate.

Console top mounting

If the 1032A’s are used for near field monitoring, avoid mounting the speakers on the meter bridge of the console. Instead position them slightly behind the console by using floor stands or wall mounts. This prevents the first reflections from the console surface from coloring the direct sound.

Maintenance

No user serviceable parts are to be found within the amplifier unit. Any maintenance or repair of the 1032A unit should only be undertaken by qualified service personnel.

Safety considerations

Although the 1032A has been designed in accordance with international safety standards, to ensure safe operation and to maintain the instrument under safe operating conditions, the following warnings and cautions must be observed:

1. Servicing and adjustment must only be performed by qualified service personnel. The amplifier’s rear panel must not be opened.
2. Do not use this product with an unearthed mains cable as this may lead to personal injury.
3. To prevent fire or electric shock, do not expose the unit to water or moisture. Do not place any objects filled with liquid, such as vases on the speaker or near it.
4. Note that the amplifier is not completely disconnected from the AC mains service unless the mains power cord is removed from the amplifier or the mains outlet.

WARNING!

This equipment is capable of producing sound pressure levels in excess of 85 dB, which may cause permanent hearing damage.

Accessories

Order code
Flightcase 1032-401
Protective grille 1032-409
Wall mount 1032-404-V/H*
Floor stand 1032-405-V/H*

*State the desired speaker orientation V=vertical or H=horizontal when ordering these accessories.

Guarantee

This product is supplied with two year guarantee against manufacturing faults or defects that might alter the performance of the unit. Refer to supplier for full sales and guarantee terms.
SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

Lower cut-off frequency, -3 dB: <40 Hz
Upper cut-off frequency, -3 dB: >22 kHz

Free field frequency response of system:
42 Hz - 21 kHz (±2.5 dB)

Maximum short term sine wave acoustic output on axis in half space, averaged from 100 Hz to 3 kHz:
@ 1m  > 113 dB SPL
@ 0.5m  > 119 dB SPL

Maximum long term RMS acoustic output in same conditions with IEC weighted noise (limited by driver unit protection circuit):
@ 1m  > 103 dB SPL
@ 0.5m  > 109 dB SPL

Maximum peak acoustic output per pair above console bridge, @ 1 m from the listening position with music material:  > 124 dB

Self generated noise level in free field @ 1m on axis:  < 10 dB (A-weighted)

Harmonic distortion at 90 dB SPL @ 1m on axis:
Freq:  50…100 Hz  < 1%
> 100 Hz  < 0.5%

Drivers:
Bass 10" (250 mm) cone
Treble 1" (25 mm) metal dome
Both drivers are magnetically shielded.

Weight: 21.7 kg  (48 lb.)
Dimensions:
Height 495 mm  (19 1/2")
Width 320 mm  (12 5/8")
Depth 290 mm  (11 7/16")

CROSSOVER SECTION

Input connector XLR female:
pin 1  gnd
pin 2  +
pin 3  -

Input impedance: 10 kOhm balanced

Input level for 100 dB SPL output @ 1m:
variable from +6 to -6 dBu

Input level for maximum short term sine wave output 113 dB SPL @ 1m:
variable from +19 to +7 dBu

Subsonic filter below 40 Hz: 18 dB/octave
Ultrasonic filter above 25 kHz: 12 dB/octave
Crossover frequency, Bass/Treble: 1.8 kHz
Crossover acoustical slopes:
24 - 32 dB/octave

Treble tilt control operating range in 2 dB steps:
from +2 to -4 dB & MUTE
Bass roll-off control operating range in 2 dB steps:
from 0 to -8 dB @ 40 Hz
Bass tilt control operating range in 2 dB steps:
from 0 to -8 dB @ 80 Hz & MUTE

The 'CAL' position is with all tone controls set to 'off' and the input sensitivity control to maximum (fully clockwise).

AMPLIFIER SECTION

Bass amplifier short term output power with a 4 Ohm load: 180 W
Treble amplifier short term output power with an 8 Ohm load: 120 W

Long term output power is limited by driver unit protection circuitry.
Slew rate 80V/µs

Amplifier system distortion at nominal output:
THD ≤ 0.05%
SMPIE-IM ≤ 0.05%
CCIF-IM ≤ 0.05%
DIM 100 ≤ 0.05%

Signal to Noise ratio, referred to full output:
Bass > 100 dB
Treble > 100 dB

Mains voltage: 230, 100/200 or 115/230V according to region
Voltage operating range: ±10%

Power consumption:
Idle 20 VA
Full output 200 VA

Figure 4. The upper curve group shows the horizontal directivity characteristics of the 1032A in vertical configuration measured at 1 m. The lower curve is a 1/3 octave band power response, measured in an IEC approved reverberation chamber.

Figure 5. The upper curve group shows the effect of the bass tilt control on the free field response. The lower curves show the effect of the treble tilt and bass roll-off controls.