



Dolby Speaker SB218XL

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 **Caution:** Vibration from this type of speaker system may cause cabinets to shift. Failure to secure the bottom speaker cabinet to the building structure may result in the speaker system tipping or falling, which may cause damage or injury.

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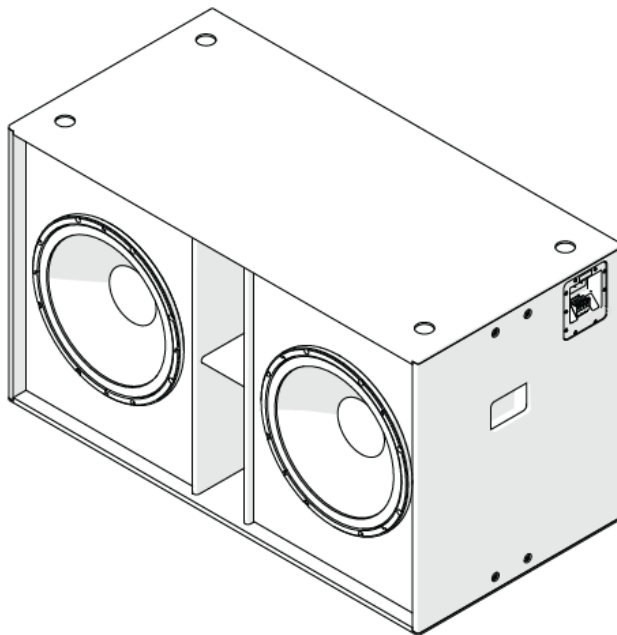
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Introduction to Dolby Speaker SB218XL

The Dolby Speaker SB218XL (also referred to as SB218XL in this manual) is designed to meet the needs of high-performance Low Frequency Effects (LFE) channels in large Dolby Atmos or premium large format (PLF) cinemas. The SB218XL delivers extended low-frequency response and high output, filling large theaters with solid low-frequency impact to every seat in the venue. With intuitive ergonomic design and features, the SB218XL enables quick, easy installation and service. Built on the foundation of the Dolby industry-leading system design and support philosophy, the SB218XL provides elevated premium large format (PLF) performance and streamlines speaker integration.

Figure 1: Dolby Speaker SB218XL



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- [SB218XL key features and benefits](#)
- [Selecting the wire for the SB218XL](#)
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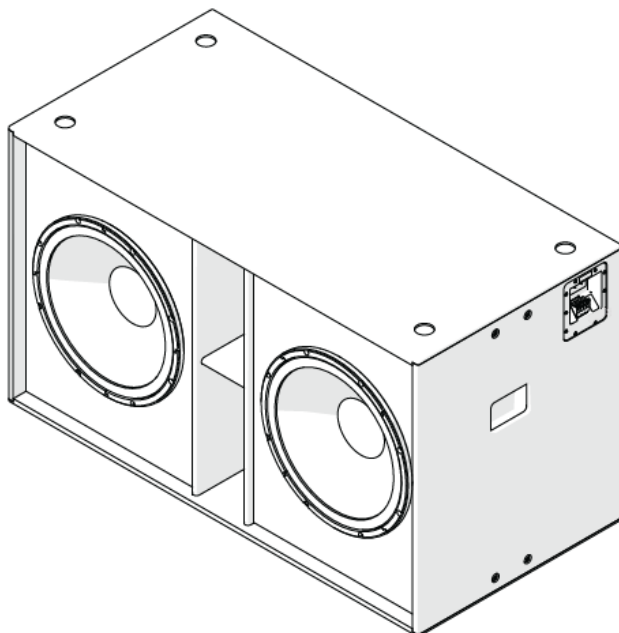
2.1 About this documentation

This documentation provides the key features and benefits of the Dolby Speaker SB218XL and shows you how to install the system in a typical cinematic exhibition environment.

2.2 SB218XL key features and benefits

Dolby Speaker SB218XL is a single enclosure, dual-chamber, dual-driver, high-performance LFE subwoofer designed to produce low frequencies.

Figure 2: Dolby Speaker SB218XL



- Contains two 18-inch woofers that can be driven in parallel, or driven individually to maximize available amplifier power.
- Each 18-inch driver is contained in an independent chamber within the cabinet that provides improved performance and reliability.
- The advanced input plate incorporates a unique flip-card printed circuit board that enables electrical routing for parallel wiring of the drivers powered from a single amplifier channel, or individual wiring to the amplifier channel on each driver. With the SB218XL flip card, you can select either biamp mode or single-amplifier mode.
- Rubber feet on the bottom of the cabinet provide vibration control.
- Integrated handles on the sides of the speaker cabinet are positioned at the center of gravity to improve safety and comfort during handling and installation.
- Integrated mounting points are provided for using tie plates (BKT.136, sold separately) when coupling two SB218XL cabinets together safely and securely in a stacked configuration.
- BKT.FLR floor bracket kit (sold separately) enables secure installation to the building structure. The kit includes two brackets and four M10 washers.
- The advanced input plate features a high-current, spring-loaded terminal block, which enables quick installation with no crimp tools or spade lugs needed, vastly simplifying installation.

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2.3 Selecting the wire for the SB218XL

It is important that you select the correct wire gauge for the SB218XL.

Typically, no more than 0.5 dB (or 11%) of power should be lost in the cabling. The SB218XL input plates accept an American Wire Gauge (AWG) of 18 AWG to 6 AWG (1 mm² to 16 mm²). Typically, we recommend a wire gauge of 14 AWG to 10 AWG (2.5 mm² to 6 mm²).



Note: The input terminals are marked with indicators to show the polarity. Per International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standards, a positive voltage on the positive marked input results in the transducers moving outward. You must verify the positive and negative markings for each respective product. Always tie the cable down to the available hardware to minimize any buzzing or pullouts. If possible, after wiring is completed, play sound through the speaker to identify any connection issues, buzzing, or rattling.

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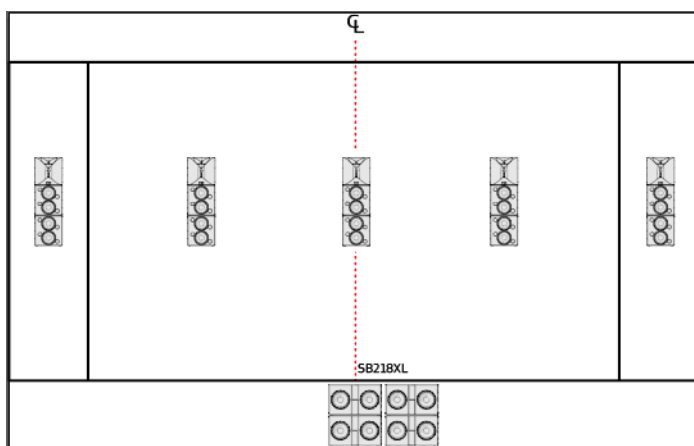
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2.4 Installing Speaker SB218XL in a typical auditorium

In a typical auditorium, the SB218XL is installed at the front of the auditorium, near ground level, and equal with the screen plane.

The following figure shows the placement of the speaker, as indicated in the Dolby Atmos Specifications. When multiple screen subwoofers are used, closely clustering the cabinets can increase the efficiency through mutual coupling, as shown in this figure. If a single cabinet or cluster is used, it should be placed near screen center, but asymmetrically with respect to the center of the room to minimize stimulation of standing waves (room modes). Other configurations are also acceptable, such as uniformly spacing multiple cabinets along the front wall to improve coverage.

Figure 3: Typical auditorium installation



The .GLL format file for software simulation modeling

There is a .GLL file that you can use to simulate SB218XL in acoustical simulation software. You can download the .GLL file at <https://www.dolby.com/us/en/professional/cinema/products/SB218XL>. To run the .GLL file, use EASE or EASE Focus software. EASE Focus software is free and can be downloaded from <https://focus.afmg.eu/index.php/fc-downloads-en.html>.

Following is a description of the SB218XL .GLL file:

- **SB218 XL .GLL file**

The speaker entry point into the simulation is at the bottom of the speaker. For correct simulation, place the height entry point (z axis) at the platform that is attached to the building structure or the auditorium floor height.

2.5 Additional information

Additional information regarding the SB218XL is available.

- System weight for stability calculations is approximately 94.1 kg (207.5 lb).
- Amplifier selection is aided by additional data, as indicated in the SB218XL specifications. (See the link at the end of this section.)
- The power-draw specification provides the actual power draw in watts at the rated V_{rms} in the design, instead of calculated power. This can aid in optimizing amplifier power budgets, as the measured power is almost always lower than calculated power (sometimes significantly).
- The maximum voltage peak specification is useful for selecting an amplifier that has a voltage rail at or above the rating for the speaker maximum dynamic performance. Some amplifier companies provide this data in their respective technical data sheets (or provide the data by request).
- Wire gauge selection should always use industry-standard practice based on the speaker rated ohms and cable length. Typical maximum acceptable power loss is 0.5 dB, or less than 11%.

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Assembling Dolby Speaker SB218XL

This chapter provides instructions for assembling and installing Dolby Speaker SB218XL.

The following sections provide instructions on how to assemble and install Speaker SB218XL.

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- [Connecting electrical components](#)

3.1 Assembling and installing Dolby Speaker SB218XL

This section provides instructions for assembling and installing an SB218XL.

About this task

The SB218XL is designed to not shift during use when placed directly on a flat and level concrete floor. Installation on any other surface type may cause the cabinets to shift during use. Should the SB218XL shift during use, regardless of the surface type it is installed on, it must be secured to the building structure. The Installer is responsible for inspecting any installation of an unsecured SB218XL to ensure that it does not shift over time. The Installer assumes all responsibility and liability for the installation of this product.

3.1.1 Securing an SB218XL cabinet

Instructions are provided to install a single SB218XL cabinet. When stacking a second SB218XL speaker on an installed unit, refer to the link at the end of this section.

About this task

Parts and tools:

- Installer-provided 6 mm hex driver.
- BKT.FLR brackets (not required when installing on the ground).
- Installer-provided serviceable thread-locking compound (recommended).
- Installer-provided acoustic or nonhardening caulking (recommended).



Note: BKT.FLR floor brackets are available from Dolby (sold separately) to secure the speaker system to the building structure. When using the BKT.FLR brackets, the installer must supply the mounting hardware necessary to secure the speaker system to the building structure. The holes in the bracket are sized for M10 or 3/8- inch bolts.

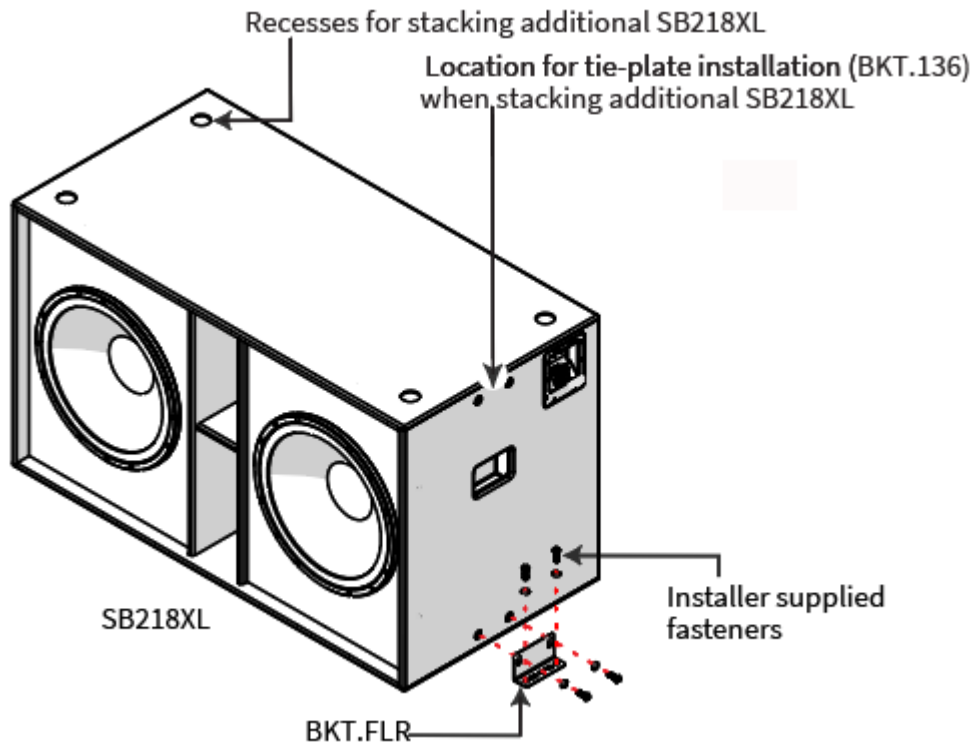


Note: Check with local building codes, and always refer the installation to a qualified professional.

Procedure

1. Determine the proper placement of the system.
2. Determine if it is necessary to secure the SB218XL to the building structure to prevent the speaker system from shifting during use.
3. Remove the four M10 bolts from the bottoms side of the SB218XL speaker cabinet, as shown in the following figure. These bolts are pre-installed in the SB218XL cabinet.

Figure 4: Secure a single SB218XL speaker



4. Reinstall the M10 bolts with the M10 washers, included with the BKT.FLR kit, securing the BKT.FLR brackets, and then tighten the M10 bolts to 12 Nm (8.9 ft-lb, 106 in-lb).
5. Secure the SB218XL to the building structure with installer provided mounting hardware.



Note: Proper selection and installation of mounting hardware is the exclusive responsibility of the installer. We recommend using M10 bolts and a serviceable thread-locking compound (for example, Loctite 243). We also recommend applying acoustic or other nonhardening caulk to the bottom side of the bracket to isolate speaker vibration from the building structure.



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3.1.2 Stacking two SB218XL speakers

Instructions are provided for stacking a second SB218XL speaker on an installed unit.

About this task

Parts and tools:

- Installer-provided 6 mm hex driver.
- BKT.136 tie-plates (sold separately).
- BKT.FLR brackets (recommended [sold separately]).
- Installer-provided serviceable thread-locking compound (recommended).
- Installer-provided acoustic or nonhardening caulking (recommended).



Note: BKT.136 tie (coupling) plates are available (sold separately) and are used to connect two SB218XL speakers together in a stacked configuration to prevent movement or shifting of the cabinets during use. These tie plates must be installed on stacked units prior to system use.

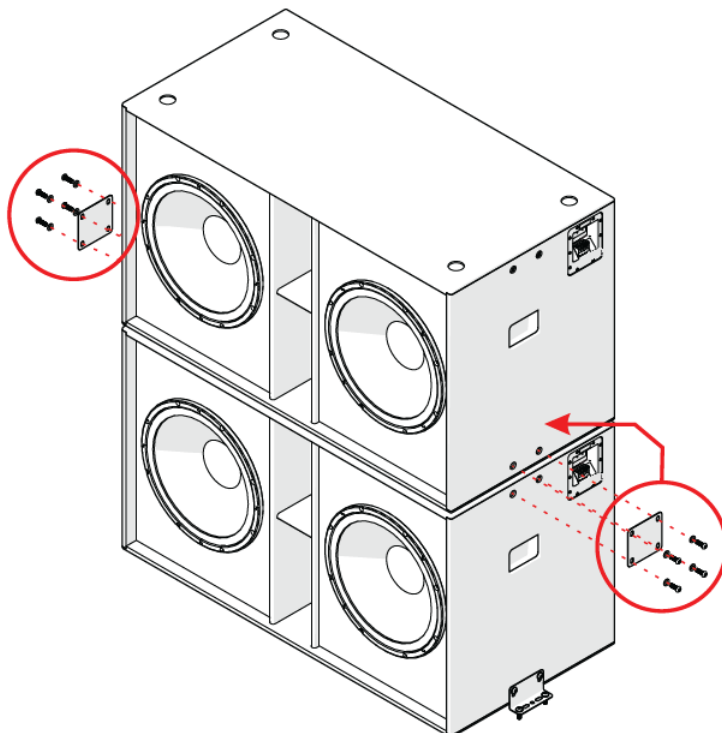


Note: BKT.FLR floor brackets are available from Dolby (sold separately) to secure the speaker system to the building structure. When using the BKT.FLR brackets, the installer must supply the mounting hardware necessary to secure the speaker system to the building structure. The holes in the bracket are sized for M10 or 3/8- inch bolts.

Procedure

1. Place the upper SB218XL on top of the lower secured cabinet, ensuring that the rubber feet of the upper unit properly seat within the recesses of the lower unit.
2. Locate the two-bolt tie-plate mounting locations on the sides of each cabinet.
3. Remove the two M10 bolts from the side of the lower SB218XL cabinet, and then remove the two M10 bolts from the side of the upper SB218XL cabinet.

Figure 5: Remove M10 bolts from lower and upper cabinet



4. Reinstall the M10 bolts through the BKT.136 tie plates using the included M10 washers (packaged with BKT.136), and then tighten the M10 bolts to 12 Nm (8.9 ft-lb, 106 in-lb)



Note: We recommend a serviceable thread-locking compound (for example, Loctite 243). When installing the M10 bolts.



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3.2 Connecting electrical components

To be sure that the speakers work correctly, you must connect all electrical components properly.

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Required tool: Wire stripper



Caution: Turn off all amplifiers when connecting speaker wiring.

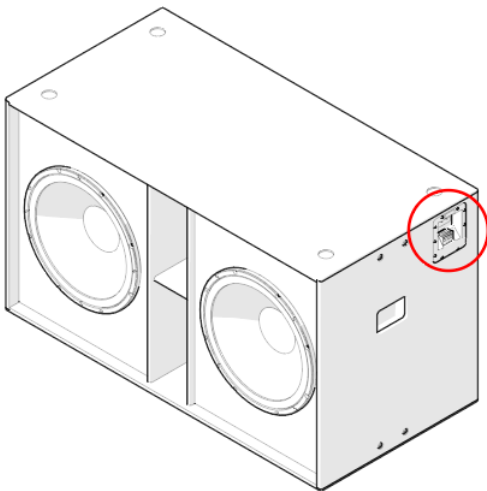
The Speaker SB218XL connectors accept an American Wire Gauge (AWG) of 18 AWG to 6 AWG (1 mm² to 16 mm²). Typically, a wire gauge of 14 AWG to 10 AWG is recommended (2.5 mm² to 6 mm²).

Basic information is provided regarding the SB218XL input plates, choosing between the two modes of operation, and installing the wiring. Detailed information regarding speaker operating modes is also provided.

Connecting and configuring the SB218XL

The SB218XL input plate is mounted on the side of the speaker for easy access to the wiring and the flip card, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 6: SB218XL input plate location



The input plate contains a flip card that you can use to select the operation mode. To remove the flip card, pull it straight out (rocking it a little if needed). The flip card orientation determines whether the drivers are operated in parallel or individually. If you turn the flip card so the arrow points to the left, the wiring connection to position 1 powers both of the 18-inch speaker drivers in parallel. If you turn the flip card so the arrow points to the right, each of the drivers is independent and must be powered individually by separate amplifier channels. Terminal pair 1 powers the left driver, and terminal pair 2 powers the right driver (when viewed from the front). This requires connections to both wiring position 1 and wiring position 2. (See the following two figures.)

Figure 7: SB218XL parallel operating mode

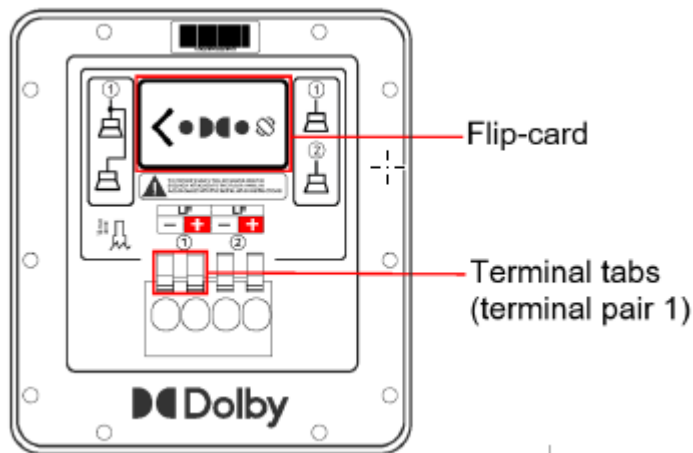
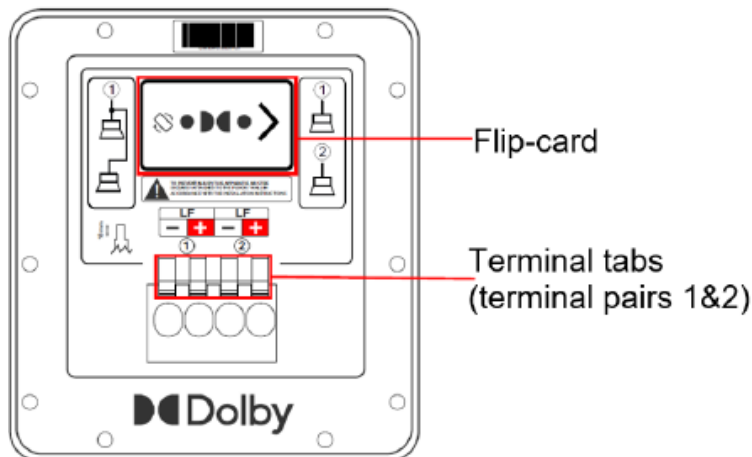


Figure 8: SB218XL independent operating mode



Note: The input terminals are marked with indicators to show their polarity. Per IEC standards, a positive voltage on the positive marked input results in the transducers moving outward. You must verify the positive and negative markings for each respective product. Always tie the cable down to the available hardware to minimize any buzzing or pullouts. If possible, after wiring is completed, play sound through the speaker to identify any connection issues, buzzing, or rattling. Refer to the figures in the wiring sections that follow.

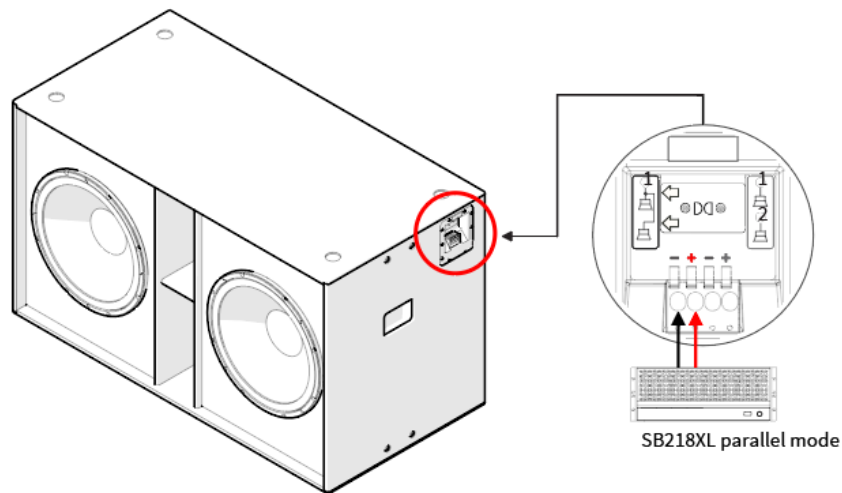
To install wires into the advanced input plate:

1. Strip back the wire insulation/sheath to 18 mm (0.7 in).
2. Locate the orange terminal tab and push it inward. This terminal tab is spring loaded; pushing it inward opens the gap in the hole directly below the tab.
3. Insert the wire fully into the hole.

4. Release the terminal tab. The spring mount clamps the wire securely.
5. Inspect the terminal for any stray wire strands.

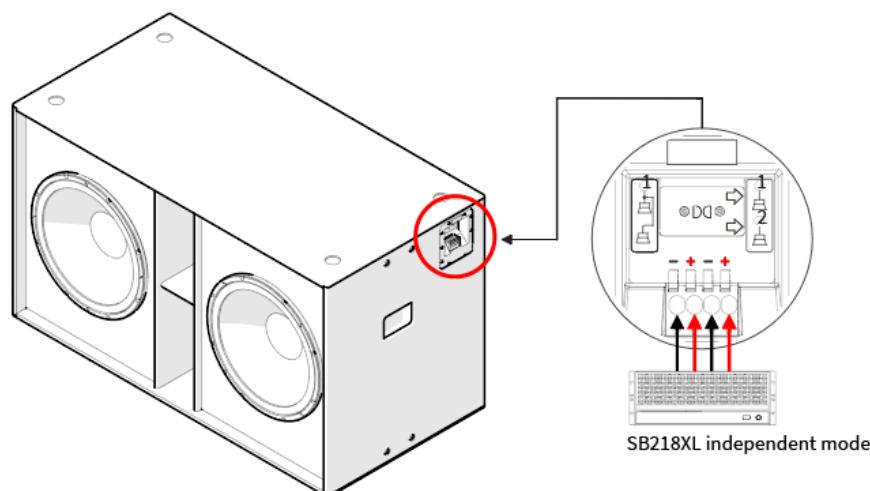
The low-frequency parallel configuration is a 4-ohm load to a single amplifier channel.

Figure 9: Low-frequency parallel wiring configuration



The alternate low-frequency cabinet wiring configuration provides independent wiring of the two drivers for two 8-ohm loads that are driven by independent amplifier channels. You should use the same recommended processing for both channels. V_{rms} limiting remains the same as in parallel mode, as only the amplifier power requirement decreases by 50 percent for the respective amplifier channel. In this configuration, you need to point the flip card to the right.

Figure 10: Low-frequency independent-wiring configuration



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Dolby Speaker SB218XL specifications

The specifications and dimensions for Dolby Speaker SB218XL are provided here.

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4.1 SB218XL specifications

These are the specifications for the SB218XL.

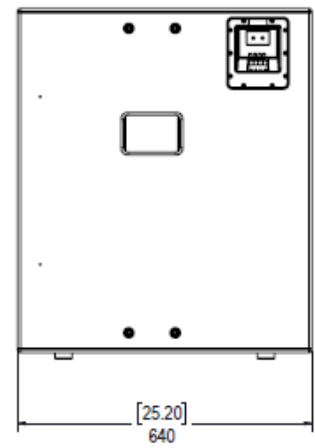
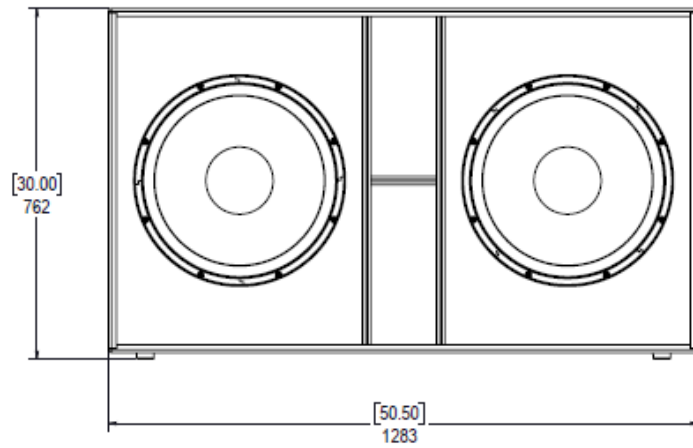
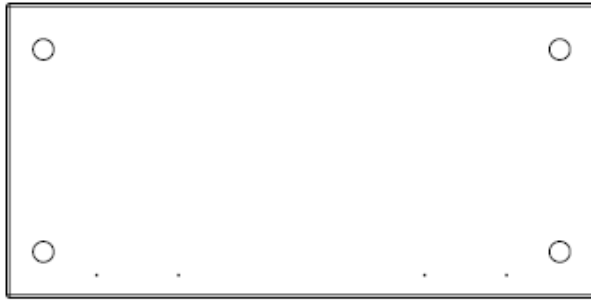
Table 1: Dolby Speaker SB218XL specifications

Specification	Technical data	Notes
Frequency range	22 Hz - 170 Hz	-6 dB in half-space conditions using required processing.
Usable low-frequency response	19 Hz	-10 dB in half-space conditions.
Coverage window	Omni	
Rated impedance	4 ohms parallel mode/8 ohms independent mode	
Sensitivity @ 1 watt	102 dB	Measured with 12 dB crest pink noise @ 2 V _{rms} in half-space conditions with required highpass filter and lowpass filter.
Power handling	1,600 W @ 80 V _{rms}	12 dB crest pink noise for two hours with required highpass filter and lowpass filter, based on AES2-2012 standard, calculated power based on rated impedance.
Power draw	1,140 W	Measured average power over five seconds at the rated V _{rms} using 12 dB crest pink noise with required highpass filter and lowpass filter. This measured power draw from the amplifier is useful for estimating amplifier sizing in overall system design.
Maximum voltage peak	200 Vpk	Measured Vpk over 100 hours using a Hann-shaped sine-wave burst at the maximum excursion frequency of the system. This data is useful for setting peak stop limiters and amplifier selection.
Maximum continuous sound pressure level (SPL) @ 1 meter	134 dB	Calculated from rated sensitivity and power.
Measured acoustic peak SPL @ 1 meter	144 dB	Measured peak SPL over five seconds at rated V _{rms} using 12 dB crest pink noise with required highpass filter and lowpass filter.
SB218XL weight	207.5 lb (94.1 kg)	



Note: These specifications provide typical values and do not represent absolute limits.

4.2 Dolby Speaker SB218XL dimensions



Dolby Speaker SB218XL digital signal processing requirements

The tables in this chapter show the Dolby Speaker SB218XL digital signal processing requirements for the different modes of operation.

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5.1 SB218XL digital signal processing requirements

There are a variety of SB218XL digital signal processing requirements.

Table 2: SB218XL general filtration, gain, and delay requirements

Highpass filter	Lowpass filter	Polarity	Delay
23 Hz, 24 dB (4th order Butterworth)	170 Hz, 24 dB (4th order Butterworth)	Positive	None

Table 3: SB218XL parametric equalization requirements

EQ frequency	Constant Q		Constant bandwidth	EQ gain
23 Hz	3 Q	0.48 bandwidth	0.68	+3.5 dB
33 Hz	4 Q	0.36 bandwidth	0.48	+2 dB
45 kHz	2.87 Q	0.5 bandwidth	0.65	+2 dB
120 Hz	1.41 Q	1.0 bandwidth	1.34	-3 dB



Note: There are two principal implementations for parametric EQ filters in DSP processors. You need to select either the Constant Q or Constant Bandwidth mode in your DSP user interface. The DSP UI may provide both Q or bandwidth settings, or it may show only bandwidth, with no option to input or show Q. To correctly match the intended performance of this Dolby product, confirm with your DSP manufacturer as to which implementation is used. The Dolby CP850 and Dolby CP950 cinema processors use constant-bandwidth parametric EQ filters.

Table 4: SB218XL limiter requirements

RMS limiting	Attack time	Release time	Peak stop
80 V _{rms}	45 ms	720 ms	200 V _{pk}



Setting system limiters

You can run system limiters with the required digital signal processing engaged.

About this task

We recommend that you set up the system gain structure with the amplifier channel volumes turned all the way up if the volume setting is easily accessible by any user, such as via a front-panel knob that is not behind a security panel. Disconnecting the speakers from the amplifier during this process will most likely result in conservative settings. You can connect the speakers to the amplifier during this process if caution is observed when increasing the stimulus level and confidence in the measuring setup is secured.



Caution: Speaker damage as a result of exceeding the power handling specifications defined in Chapter 4 is not covered under the warranty.



Caution: Hearing damage can occur by prolonged exposure to excessive sound pressure levels (SPL); the speaker is easily capable of generating a SPL sufficient to cause permanent hearing damage to performers, production crew, or audience members. Make sure that you avoid prolonged exposure to SPL in excess of 90 dB.

Procedure

1. Connect a wide-bandwidth multimeter with averaging to the amplifier output. A wide-bandwidth meter has a rated measuring bandwidth of at least 20 kHz with an averaging function that is more than five seconds (very important for low-frequency outputs).
2. Access the RMS limiter setting in the DSP and set it to the maximum value, such that no limiting should occur.
3. Set the attack and release times based on the highpass filter, according to the recommended digital signal processing settings for the speaker being measured. If that data is not available, we recommend these settings:
 - highpass filter <30 Hz: Attack 45 ms, release 720 ms
 - highpass filter 30 Hz to 59 Hz: Attack 16 ms, release 256 ms
4. Mute all outputs into the system, except for the output you are setting.
5. Play low-level pink noise into the amplifier channel and confirm that the expected speaker is playing (if the speaker is connected to the amplifier) and the multimeter is reading the voltage.
6. While monitoring the meter, slowly turn up the pink noise until the V_{rms} is at the published rating. For low-frequency outputs, an average of at least five seconds at the same pink-noise level is required for the reading to stabilize. Typically, some amplifier clipping will occur. However, if the amplifier clipping light is almost solid, stop increasing the pink noise and leave it at a V_{rms} level below the published rating.
7. While pink noise is playing at the rated V_{rms} (or there is heavy amplifier clipping), turn down the threshold on the root mean square (RMS) limiter block until the measured V_{rms} goes down slightly.
8. Turn up the stimulus gain, and confirm that the V_{rms} does not increase beyond the rated V_{rms} . If it does, turn down the limiter threshold again until the V_{rms} is not above the speaker rating when the stimulus is driven heavily.

It is preferable and safe to measure each amplifier channel individually. However, to save time it is acceptable to copy the limiter settings to other channels that share identical speaker models, identical amplifier models, and identical gain structure after the limiter in the signal path (including any amplifier front-panel volume controls). It is also acceptable to copy the limiter settings to

identical channels if the auditorium and/or gain structure is different before the limiter in the signal path.



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