



# **SLS™ CS50 and CS50-CM User's Guide**

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1. **INSTALLER ASSUMES ALL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THIS PRODUCT.**
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6. Any supplied rigging hardware is intended only for use with the specified loudspeaker. The installer assumes all risk of loss and/or injury arising from the use of the supplied rigging hardware with any other loudspeaker.
7. This guide is meant only for the purpose of instructing the installer in the intended use of SLS supplied rigging. All other rigging is considered part of the venue and/or installer supplied equipment and is not addressed in this guide.
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9. Do not install on a structure that is prone to abnormal vibration, movement, or chance of impact. Failure to do so could result in damage to the equipment and/or damage to the mounting surface.
10. Make sure that no water pipes, natural gas lines, electrical wire, or conduit are present where the speaker is to be installed. Cutting or drilling into water pipes, natural gas lines, electrical wire, or conduit could cause serious personal injury or property damage.
11. Prior to installation, always inspect all hardware components for wear, deformations, corrosion, and missing or damaged parts.
12. This product is intended for installation in dry indoor locations only. Premature product failure or serious personal injury could occur if this product is used outdoors or in wet indoor environments.
13. No open flame sources should be placed on or near the apparatus. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus that produces heat.
14. Only clean product with a dry or damp cloth.
15. Do not block any ventilation openings.

16. Hearing damage may result from prolonged exposure to excessive sound pressure levels (SPL). The loudspeaker is easily capable of generating SPL sufficient to cause permanent hearing damage to performers, production crew, and audience members. Caution should be taken to avoid prolonged exposure to SPL in excess of 90 dB.
17. The products covered by this manual are not intended for use in high-moisture environments. Moisture can damage the product and cause corrosion of electrical contacts and metal parts. Avoid exposing the speakers to rain or direct moisture.
18. Keep speakers out of extended or intense direct sunlight.
19. The loudspeaker can generate considerable acoustical energy and may move during use. The system must be mounted in a way that allows sufficient clearance for this movement without risk of contact with the building structure, rigging, or other equipment.
20. Installed systems should be inspected at least annually or as required by local laws. The inspection shall include a visual survey of all corners and load bearing surfaces for signs of cracking, water damage, delamination, or any other condition that may decrease the strength of the rigging frame and speakers. The rigging hardware must be inspected for fatigue at least annually or as required by local laws. The inspection shall include a visual survey of the hardware for signs of corrosion, bending or any other condition that may decrease the strength of the hardware.
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# Introduction

## 1.1 CS50 and CS50-CM Overview

The SLS™ CS50 and CS50-CM are cinema loudspeakers that are used as the mid/high frequency component in the System 100A screen channel system for 5.1 and 7.1 cinema auditoriums and small Dolby Atmos® equipped auditoriums. In addition, you can also use these speakers as stand-alone screen channels for the smallest 5.1 and 7.1 cinema auditoriums.

- For the CS50, 3/8"-16 dedicated size inserts and bolts are provided for use with the included yoke.
- For the CS50-CM, M10 dedicated size inserts and bolts are provided for use with the included yoke.



Figure 1-1 CS50 and CS50-CM Front View

## 1.2 CS50 and CS50-CM Specifications

Following are the CS50 and CS50-CM general specifications\*:

- Frequency response: 40 Hz to 20 kHz
- Sensitivity: 1 watt @ 1 M: 99 dB
- Continuous power rating: 120 watts
- Maximum continuous rated SPL at 1 meter: 120 dB
- Drivers: 12-inch mid frequency, PRD500 ribbon high frequency
- Size
  - Width: 14.8 inches (376 millimeters)
  - Height: 27.5 inches (699 millimeters)
  - Depth: 11.3 inches (287 millimeters)
- Net weight: 49 pounds (22.2 kilograms)
- Shipping weight: 55.1 pounds (25.1 kilograms)

\* SLS Audio reserves the right to make changes to existing products without notice.

## 1.3 CS50 and CS50-CM Processor Settings

Following are the CS50 and CS50-CM processor settings. (SLS Audio reserves the right to make changes to existing products without notice.)

Crossover Section	Frequency	Slope		
Highpass filter	40 Hz	12 dB Octave (second order) Butterworth		

Limiting Section <sup>1</sup>	Threshold/RMS Voltage	Attack	Release
	31 V	16 ms	256 ms

<sup>1</sup> See [Appendix B](#)

### 1.3.1 System 100A Bi Amp

Following are the System 100A Bi amp specifications for a CS50 or CS50-CM when paired with a CSB115 or CSB115-CM.

Crossover Section	Frequency	Slope	Delay	Gain <sup>1</sup>	Phase
Highpass filter	80 Hz	24 dB Octave (fourth order) Linkwitz/Riley		-6 dB	In

<sup>1</sup> Assumes amplifiers have equal voltage gain.

Equalization Section <sup>1</sup>	Frequency	Q	Bandwidth <sup>2</sup>	Level
Low frequency	None required			0
High frequency/medium frequency	None			

<sup>1</sup> Equalization settings were developed in an anechoic environment.

<sup>2</sup> Different DSP manufactures are not consistent in their implementation of digital parametric equalizations.

SLS recommended filters are not replicated by all DSP devices. If the DSP device being used continuously varies the bandwidth of the filter depending on the gain, the DSP does not match our settings. (Most of these devices do not allow filter Q to be shown.)

Limiting Section <sup>1</sup>	Threshold/RMS Voltage	Attack	Release
Low frequency	40 V	16 ms	256 ms
High frequency/medium frequency	31 V	8 ms	128 ms

<sup>1</sup> See [Appendix B](#)



## Installing the Speakers

### 2.1 Installing the CS50 or CS50CM as a Mid/High Loudspeaker

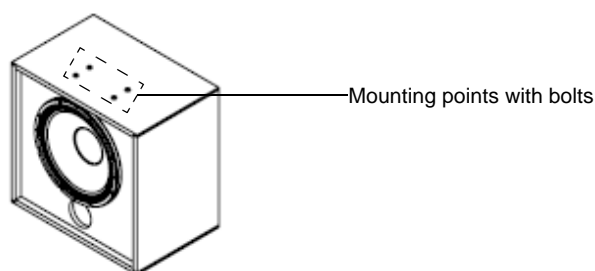
To complete a System 100A screen channel for small to medium auditoriums, the CS50 mounts to a CSB115, or a CS50-CM mounts to a CSB115-CM loudspeaker. These installations differ only by the tools required. For instructions, proceed to [Section 2.1.1](#). When installing the CS50 (-CM) without a CSB115 (-CM), proceed to [Section 2.2](#).



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#### 2.1.1 Installing the Speaker with the CSB115 or CSB115-CM

When used with the CS50 or CS50-CM, you must position the CSB115 or CSB115-CM with the four yoke-mounting points on the top of the speaker, as shown in the following figure.



**Figure 2-1** Position the CSB115 or CSB115-CM

### Tools Required for CS50 Installation

- 7/32-inch Allen wrench to remove the bolts on the CSB115 for installation of the yoke into the available 3/8"-16 installation points
- 5/32-inch Allen wrench to anchor the mid-high cabinet vertical angle
- Tools and installer-supplied hardware to anchor the CSB-115 to the building structure.
- #2 Phillips screwdriver for attaching speaker wire to the barrier strip

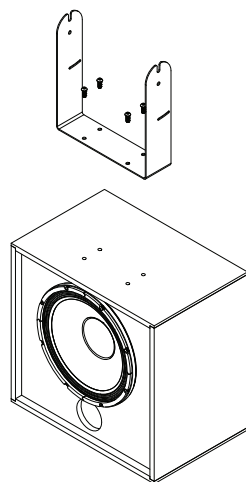
### Tools Required for CS50-CM Installation

- 6 mm Allen wrench to remove the bolts on the CSB115-CM for installation of the yoke into the available installation points
- 5/32-inch Allen wrench to anchor the mid-high cabinet vertical angle
- Tools and installer-supplied hardware to anchor the CSB115-CM to the building structure
- #2 Phillips screwdriver for attaching speaker wire to the barrier strip

### Installing the Yoke

The slots on each side of the yoke enable you to tilt the speaker forward and secure it at the correct angle. To install the yoke:

1. Remove the four bolts on the top of the speaker using the 7/32-inch Allen wrench for the CSB115, or the 6 mm Allen wrench for the CSB115-CM, as shown in the following figure.
2. Align the yoke provided with CS50 or the CS50-CM with the two slots on the sides of the yoke arms positioned toward the back of the speaker. If the mid/high needs to rotate up, turn the yoke 180 degrees from what is shown in the following figure.
3. Position the yoke over the top of the four holes, reinsert the bolts through the yoke and speaker, and tighten them.

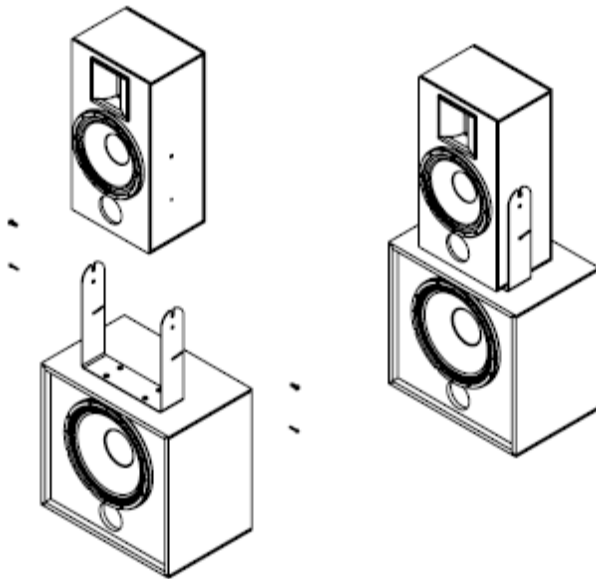


**Figure 2-2** Installing the Yoke on the CSB115 or CSB115-CM

### Attaching the CS50 or CS50-CM to the Speaker

To attach the CS50 or CS50-CM to the yoke and speaker:

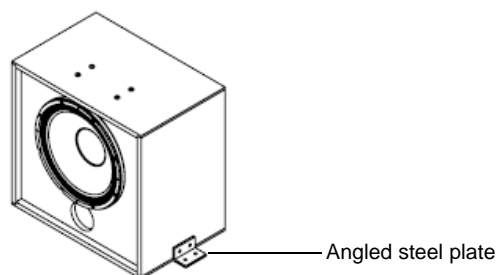
1. Loosen the two bolts on the side of the speaker using a 7/32" Allen wrench for the CSB115 or a 6 mm Allen wrench for the CSB115-CM, as shown in the following figure. Be sure that there is enough space for the yoke to slide between the screw and cabinet side.
2. Remove the two vertical set bolts from the CS50-CM or CS50-CM using a 5/32-inch Allen wrench.
3. Place the speaker into the top slots in the yoke and loosely tighten the bolts.
4. Set the vertical angle of the speaker and then tighten the two bolts.
5. Insert the vertical set bolts and tighten to anchor in the vertical angle.



**Figure 2-3** Correct Speaker Placement for CSB115/CSB115-CM

### Securing the CSB115 or CS115-CM with Installer-Provided Hardware

To prevent-screen channel movement during operation, you must secure the CSB115/CSB115-CM to a platform that is attached to the building structure with installer-supplied hardware. The following figure shows an example of installer-supplied hardware that you can use for this purpose. We recommend #10 × 2" wood screws or 4-5 mm diameter wood screws to penetrate the speaker cabinet by a minimum of 0.75-inches (19 mm) to a maximum of 1.5-inches (38 mm). To attach an angled steel plate to the speaker, the wood screws must be at least two inches (51 mm) apart.



**Figure 2-4** Use Installer-Supplied Hardware to Anchor CSB115/CSB115-CM to Building Structure



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**Warning:** THE CSB115 OR CSB115-CM MAY VIBRATE OUT OF POSITION IF NOT SECURED TO A PLATFORM THAT IS ATTACHED TO THE THE BUILDING STRUCTURE. CONSULT A PROFESSIONAL MECHANICAL OR STRUCTURAL ENGINEER TO APPROVE ALL ATTACHMENTS TO THE THE BUILDING STRUCTURE. USE AN APPROPRIATE SIZE AND QUANTITY OF FASTENERS TO SECURE HARDWARE TO THE BUILDING STRUCTURE. WE RECOMMEND #10 × 2" WOOD SCREWS OR 4-5 mm DIAMETER SCREWS. HARDWARE MUST BE SECURELY TIGHTENED.

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## 2.2 Installing the CS50 or CS50-CM Without a CSB-115 or CSB115-CM

For very small auditoriums, you can use a single CS50 or CS50-CM loudspeaker as a screen channel without using a CSB-115 or CSB115-CM.



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## 2.2.1 Installing the Speaker

To provide stability and prevent screen-channel movement during operation, you must secure the yoke that is provided with the CS50 and CS50-CM to the building structure. A minimum of four attachment points is required.

### Tools Required for CS50 Installation

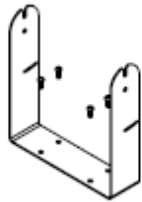
- 5/32-inch Allen wrench to anchor the mid/high cabinet vertical angle
- #2 Phillips screwdriver for attaching speaker wire to the barrier strip

### Tools Required for CS50-CM Installation

- 5/32-inch Allen wrench to anchor the mid/high cabinet vertical angle
- #2 Phillips screwdriver for attaching speaker wire to the barrier strip

To install:

1. Mount the yoke to the building structure with installer-supplied hardware using a minimum of four fasteners. We recommend M10 or 3/8" size bolts.



**Figure 2-5** Attaching the Yoke to the Building Structure



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**Warning:** USE THE APPROPRIATE QUANTITY OF M10 OR 3/8" BOLTS TO SECURE THE HARDWARE TO THE BUILDING STRUCTURE. HARDWARE MUST BE SECURELY TIGHTENED.

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2. Align the yoke provided with CS50 or the CS50-CM with the two slots on the sides of the yoke arms positioned toward the back of the speaker. If the mid/high needs to rotate up, turn the yoke 180 degrees from what is shown in the following figure.

3. Loosen the two bolts on the side of the cabinet using the 7/32-inch Allen wrench for the CS50 or the 6 mm Allen wrench for the CS50-CM, as shown in the following figure. Be sure that there is enough space for the yoke to slide between the screw and cabinet side.
4. Remove the two vertical set bolts from the CS50-CM or CS50-CM using a 5/32-inch Allen wrench.
5. Place the speaker into the top slots in the yoke and loosely tighten the bolts.
6. Set the vertical angle of the speaker and then tighten the two bolts.
7. Insert the vertical set bolts and tighten to anchor in the vertical angle.

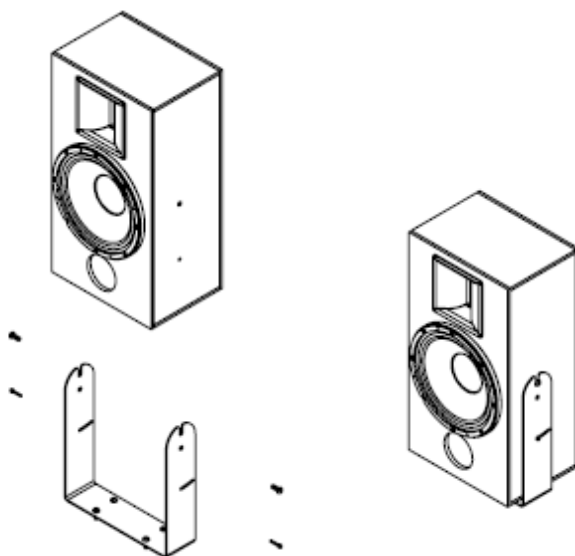


Figure 2-6 CS50/CS50-CM Yoke Placement

## 2.3 Connecting Audio

The input barrier strip accepts 16- to 12-gauge wire, with either #6 spade lugs or bare wire. Always use industry-standard practices for selecting wire gauge, based on the product power rating and cable length. Note that the barrier strip is marked with a plus (+) or red indicator to show the polarity. Per IEC standard, a positive voltage on the positive marked input results in the low-frequency drivers moving outward. Always tie down the cable to available hardware to minimize any buzzing or pullouts.



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**Warning:** TURN OFF ALL AMPLIFIERS WHEN CONNECTING THE LOUDSPEAKER WIRING.

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## 2.4 Test the Speaker For Buzzing or Rattling

If possible, play sound through the speaker to identify any connection issues or rattling.

## 2.5 Dimensions

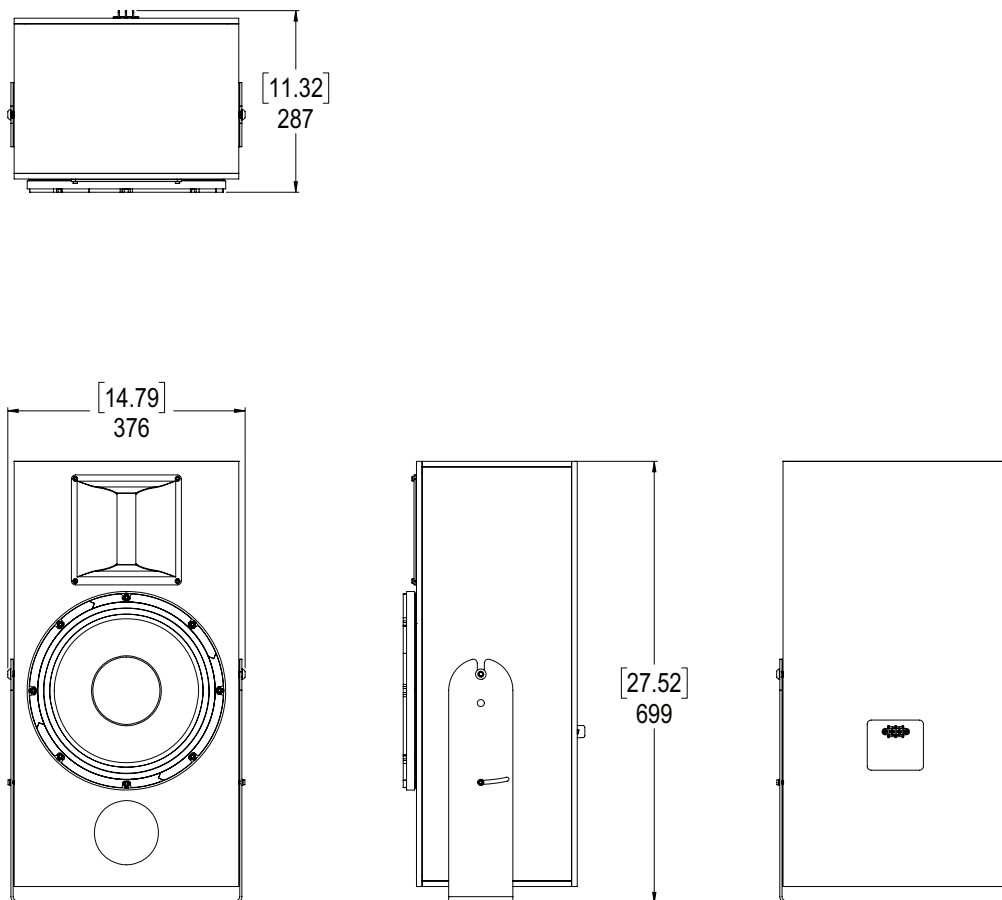
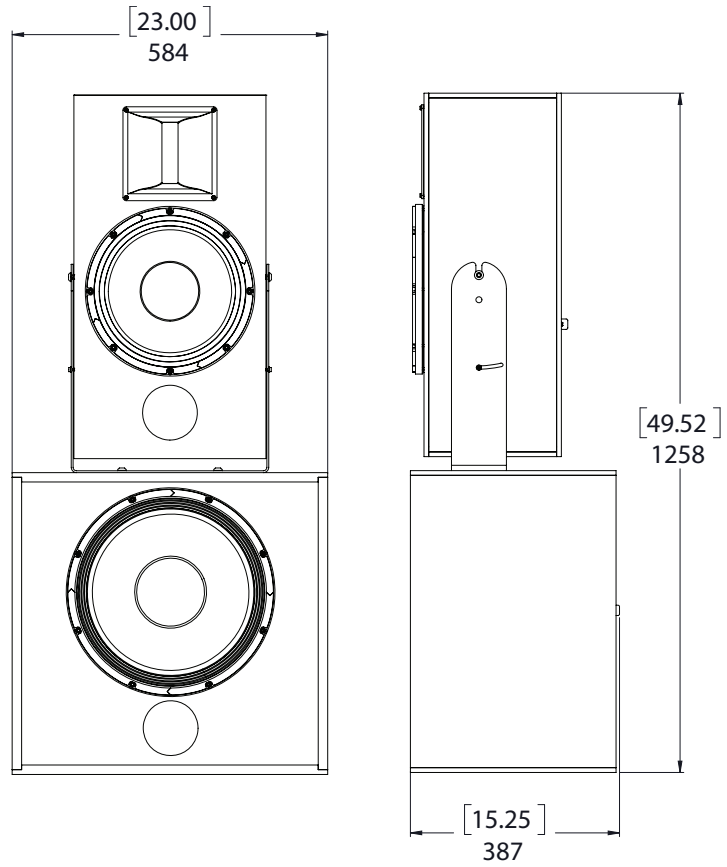


Figure 2-7 CS50/CS50-CM [Inches] Millimeters



**Figure 2-8** CS50/CS50-CM used in System 100A [inches] Millimeters



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# Environmental Compliance and Regulations

## A.1 EU Environmental Regulations and Compliance

Following are the CS50 and CS50-CM EU environmental regulations and compliance information.

### Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive (RoHS)

All Dolby® products comply with the requirements of the EU RoHS Directive. For the Dolby Declarations of Conformity, go to <http://www.dolby.com/us/en/about/environmental-commitment.html>

### Product End-of-Life Information

This product is electronic equipment and should be disposed of in accordance with all applicable laws. Do not dispose as household waste. Do not dispose of the product in a fire. Please dispose of this product by taking it to your local electronic waste collection point or recycling center. For information regarding where to recycle electronic equipment, contact your local dealer. For additional information regarding Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and product disposal go to <http://www.dolby.com/us/en/about/environmental-commitment.html>

## A.2 Russian Environmental Regulations and Compliance

Following is the CS50 and CS50-CM Russian environmental compliance information.

### Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive

This product complies with Russian EAC RoHS requirements.



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## Setting System Limiters

### B.1 Setting up System Limiters

This documentation explains how to set up system limiters to protect your loudspeaker and provide maximum performance when the digital signal processor (DSP), amplifier, and loudspeaker hardware are all variables. The following procedure provides a limiter setting threshold that can protect loudspeakers in a majority of use cases. However, the speaker drivers may still be vulnerable to content issues, such as sustained feedback or large, low-frequency transients below box tuning. Good system design and common sense should be the rule.

1. Obtain an audio source (to generate pink noise) and a true RMS voltage meter with a bandwidth of at least 20 kHz that can average a reading over a period of at least 10 seconds.
2. Complete the room tuning and set the amplifier gain.  
To prevent future user error, consider setting the amplifiers at full gain, unless the amplifier gain setting is hardware or software protected. In such a case, you can optimize the amplifier gain to achieve the best signal-to-noise ratio.
3. After completing the room tuning and setting the amplifier gain, bypass the limiter on the DSP that you are using for protection, and leave all other DSP functions for that output engaged. For example, the highpass filter, crossovers, equalization, and so on.
4. Mute all system outputs except the output that is currently being calibrated.
5. Place the voltage meter across the amplifier +/- output terminals and turn up the pink noise source until the reading on the meter is slightly above the specified Threshold/RMS voltage rating for that speaker driver and its recommended processor settings (see [Section 1.3](#)).
6. Play the pink noise only long enough to obtain a stable RMS average voltage reading. For high-frequency drivers, this is typically five seconds, and for full range loudspeakers or subwoofers, it is typically ten seconds.
7. Set the limiter to a minimum ratio of 100:1, and then input the attack and release times recommended by the speaker manufacturer.
8. Engage the limiter, and decrease the threshold until the voltage is lowered to the specified rating, without changing the pink noise gain.
9. Repeat the above procedure for each driver and/or passive loudspeaker you are using.
10. If a predictive peak stop limiter is available on the DSP, engage it at 6 dB above the RMS setting.
11. Monitor for amplifier clipping. If clipping occurs during system use, lower the peak-stop threshold until the amplifier clips slightly. Alternatively, you can engage the self-contained limiter circuit in the amplifier (if it has such a limiter circuit).

You need to perform this procedure only once, as long as the combined amplifier-limiter does not change. However, amplifier gain changes modify the limiter action. If the amplifier gain is decreased, protection engages early, which limits driver output. If the amplifier gain is increased, protection engages only after the driver reading is above the safe RMS voltage.