

Ci7-TOP

Manual (2.1 EN)



Symbols on the equipment

Please refer to the information in the operating manual.

WARNING!
Dangerous voltage!

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General Information

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Safety precautions



WARNING!

Information regarding use of loudspeakers

Never stand in the immediate vicinity of loudspeakers driven at a high level. Professional loudspeaker systems are capable of causing a sound pressure level detrimental to human health. Seemingly non-critical sound levels (from approx. 95 dB SPL) can cause hearing damage if people are exposed to it over a long period.

In order to prevent accidents when deploying loudspeakers on the ground or when flown, please take note of the following:

When setting up the loudspeakers or loudspeaker stands, make sure they are standing on a firm surface. If you place several systems on top of one another, use straps to secure them against movement.

Only use accessories which have been tested and approved by d&b for assembly and mobile deployment. Pay attention to the correct application and maximum load capacity of the accessories as detailed in our specific "Mounting instructions" or in our "Flying system and rigging manuals".

Ensure that all additional hardware, fixings and fasteners used for installation or mobile deployment are of an appropriate size and load safety factor. Pay attention to the manufacturers' instructions and to the relevant safety guidelines.

Regularly check the loudspeaker housings and accessories for visible signs of wear and tear and replace them when necessary.

Regularly check all load bearing bolts in the mounting devices.

CAUTION!

Loudspeakers produce a static magnetic field even if they are not connected or are not in use. Therefore make sure when erecting and transporting loudspeakers that they are nowhere near equipment and objects which may be impaired or damaged by an external magnetic field. Generally speaking, a distance of 0.5 m (1.5 ft) from magnetic data carriers (floppy disks, audio and video tapes, bank cards, etc.) is sufficient; a distance of more than 1 m (3 ft) may be necessary with computer and video monitors.

Ci7-TOP

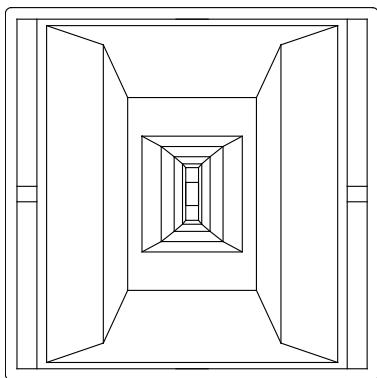


Fig. 1: Ci7-TOP loudspeaker

The Ci7-TOP is the installation version of the C7-TOP loudspeaker. It is acoustically compatible with the standard road version differing only in cabinet construction and mounting hardware.

The Ci7-TOP loudspeaker is a two-way hornloaded loudspeaker which provides full range coverage at very high SPLs. The constant directivity design of the coaxial horns used in the Ci7-TOP maintains a nominal 75°x 40° dispersion down to 600 Hz. Two passively coupled drivers are used - a 15" low/mid driver back loaded by a vented enclosure and a 1.5" exit HF compression driver with a titanium diaphragm.

The Ci7-TOP cabinet is constructed from marine plywood and has an impact resistant paint finish. The front of the loudspeaker cabinet is protected by a rigid metal grill, covered with an acoustically transparent foam. Four M12 and four M16 threaded inserts are provided for attaching installation hardware. Depending on which pair of M16 threaded inserts are used, the Ci7-TOP cabinet may be deployed for either 75° x 40° or 40° x 75° coverage.

NOTICE: Only operate Ci7-TOP loudspeakers with a correctly configured d&b amplifier, otherwise there is a risk of damaging the loudspeaker components.

Weather resistant (WR) option

NOTICE: The WR option enables operation of loudspeakers in changing ambient conditions, however it is not intended to enable permanent, unprotected operation of loudspeakers outdoors.

- Provide an additional cover over the loudspeakers.
- Aim the cabinets either horizontally or with a downward tilt.

Cabinet design

Component	Description
Cabinet	Plywood to DIN 68705 Part III. Equivalent to flame spread class 3. Temperature range from -200° C to +100° C.
Wood joints	Bonded waterproof to stress class D4.
Cabinet paint	Two component PU paint (seaworthy, chemical resistant and temperature resistant to 110° C).
Screws	Stainless steel (VA).
Driver cones	Impregnated with silicone spray or coated.
Driver components/ Crossover network	The coil and pole plate are also treated with silicone. The crossovers are sprayed with silicone on both the solder and component sides.

Connections

Ci7-TOP cabinets are fitted with a single NL4 connector and are driven using pins 1+/1-.

Installation loudspeakers with the weather resistant option are supplied with a fixed cable (PG).

Cable type: H-07-RN-F 2 x 2.5 mm²/AWG 13
Standard length: 5.5 m (18 ft)

Pin equivalents of NL4 connectors and fixed cable option (PG) are listed in the table below.

NL4	1+	1-	2+	2-
PG	Brown (+)	Blue (-)		

Operation with D6 or D12

Select the controller setup C7-TOP.

Within the D12 amplifier this is available in "Dual Channel" and "Mix TOP/SUB" mode.

Up to a total of two Ci7-TOP loudspeakers can be driven by each D6 or D12 amplifier channel.

In applications with low continuous levels and low ambient temperatures up to three cabinets can be connected to a D12 channel.

Controller settings

For acoustic adjustment the functions CUT, HFA and CPL can be selected.

CUT

Set to CUT, a high pass filter with a 130 Hz cut off frequency is inserted in the controller signal path. The Ci7-TOP is now configured for use with the d&b active subwoofers.

HFA circuit

In HFA mode (High Frequency Attenuation), the HF response of the system is rolled off. The HFA circuit provides a natural, balanced frequency response when a unit is placed close to listeners in near field or delay use.

High frequency attenuation begins gradually at 1 kHz, dropping by approximately 3 dB at 10 kHz. This roll-off mimics the decline in frequency response experienced when listening to a system from a distance in a typically reverberant room or auditorium.

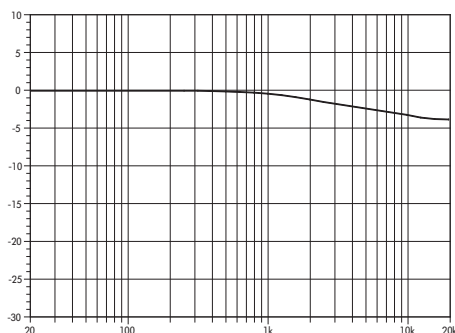


Fig. 2: Frequency response correction of HFA circuit

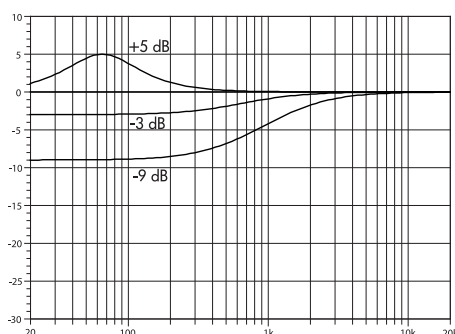


Fig. 3: Frequency response correction of CPL circuit

CPL circuit

The CPL (Coupling) circuit compensates for coupling effects between the cabinets when building closely coupled arrays. CPL begins gradually at 1 kHz, with maximum attenuation below 250 Hz, providing a balanced frequency response when cabinets are used in arrays of two or more. The function of the CPL circuit is shown in the diagram opposite and can be set in dB attenuation values between -9 and 0, or a positive CPL value which creates an adjustable low frequency boost around 65 Hz (0 to +5 dB).

Operation with E-PAC (version 3 with display only)

Selecting C7-TOP mode enables the E-PAC to drive one Ci7-TOP loudspeaker. LO IMP mode allows the E-PAC to drive two Ci7-TOP loudspeakers with a 6 dB reduction of input level to the speakers.

The CUT and HFA settings are available. The characteristics of the CUT and HFA settings are explained in the previous section "Operation with D6 or D12 - Controller settings".

Operation with P1200A

Up to two Ci7-TOP cabinets can be driven by each P1200A power amplifier channel fitted with a C7-TOP controller module. Fitting one C7-TOP and one subwoofer controller module allows a single mainframe to drive two Ci7-TOP and two active subwoofer cabinets.

The CUT and HFA settings are available. The characteristics of the CUT and HFA settings are explained in the previous section "Operation with D6 or D12 - Controller settings".

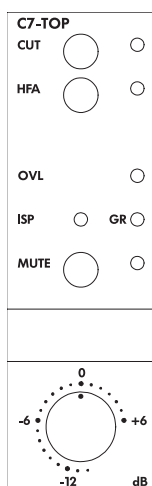


Fig. 4: Controls on C7-TOP controller module

Dispersion characteristics

The diagrams below show dispersion angle vs frequency plotted using lines of equal sound pressure (isobars) at -6 dB and -12 dB. The nominal 75° horizontal dispersion is maintained from 17 kHz down to 600 Hz.

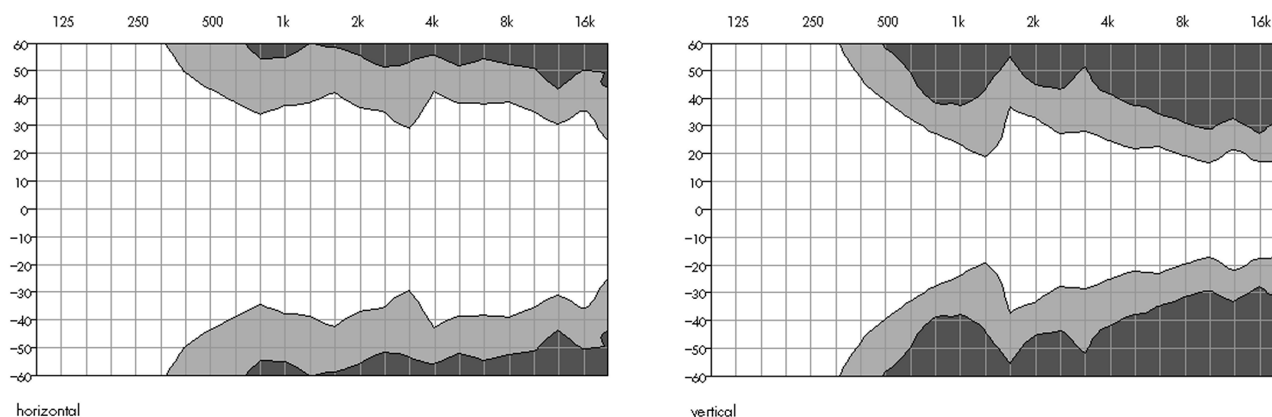


Fig. 5: Ci7-TOP isobar diagrams

Technical specifications

Ci7-TOP system data

Frequency response (-5 dB).....	68 Hz - 18 kHz
Max. sound pressure (1 m, free field) with D12.....	138 dB
Max. sound pressure (1 m, free field) with D6.....	134 dB
Max. sound pressure (1 m, free field) with P1 200A.....	136 dB
(SPLmax peak, pink noise test signal with crest factor of 4)	
Input level (100 dB SPL / 1 m).....	-19 dBu

Ci7-TOP loudspeaker

Nominal impedance.....	8 ohms
Power handling capacity (RMS / peak 10 ms).....	200 / 800 W
Nominal dispersion angle (hor. x vert.).....	75° x 40°
Components.....	15" driver
.....	1.5" compression driver
.....	passive crossover network
Connections.....	1 x NL4
.....	optional fixed cable (H-07-RN-F 2 x 2.5 qmm/AWG 13)
Pin assignments.....	NL4: 1+/1-
.....	Fixed cable: Brown + / Blue -
Weight.....	50 kg (110 lb)

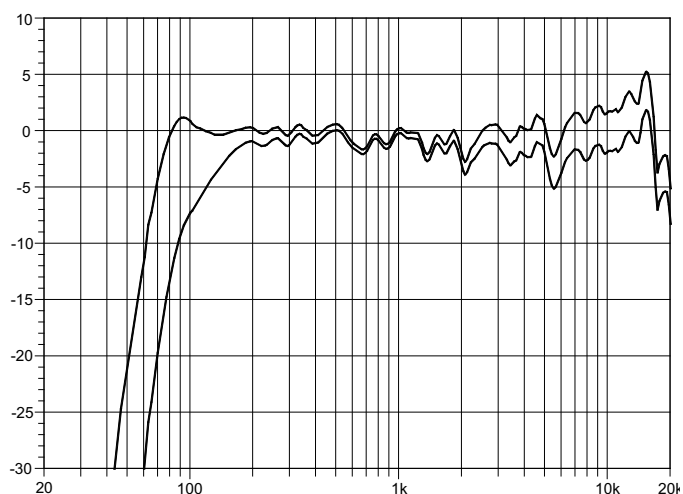


Fig. 6: Ci7-TOP frequency response, standard, CUT and HFA switch settings

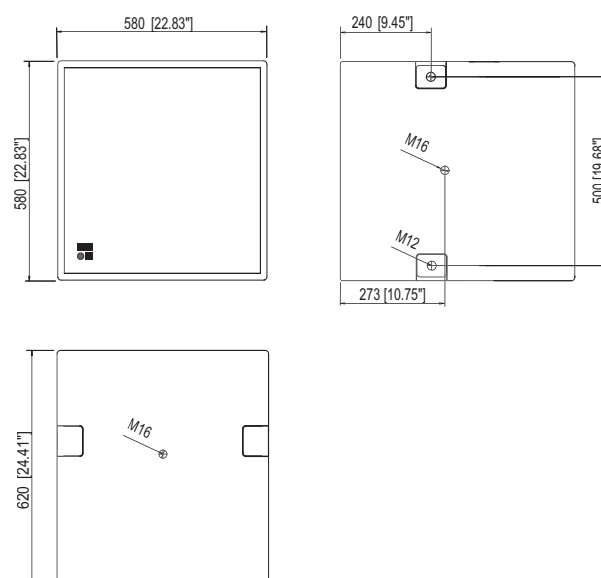


Fig. 7: Ci7-TOP cabinet dimensions in mm [inch]

Manufacturer's declarations



EU conformity of loudspeakers (CE symbol)

This declaration applies to

- Ci7-TOP Z2263

manufactured by d&b audiotechnik GmbH.

All production versions of this type are included, provided they correspond to the original technical version and have not been subject to any later design or electromechanical modifications.

We herewith declare that said products are in conformity with the provisions of the respective EC directives including all applicable amendments.

A detailed declaration is available on request and can be ordered from d&b or downloaded from the d&b website at www.dbaudio.com.

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