## BALLISTER





## **Key Features**

- · Horn-loaded long-throw subwoofer
- 1000W 18" woofer in light-weight aluminium chassis
- Symmetrical loading design
- Skid-lock system for safe stacking
- WaveShaper design for improved throw
- 36mm woofer mounting board
- Speakon NL8 connectors with link
- Mach SafeCoat scratch resistant surface
- 18mm, 13 ply Birch

## **DESIGN CONCEPT**

The Ballister Sub is designed to work in long-throw applications together with very high output top-boxes such as line arrays or large traditional arrays. Traditional sub-bass designs in this product category are often high-Q designs with limited bandwidth and the need for heavy EQ'ing. Through EQ'ing, a flat frequency response can be achieved, but as a consequence, distortion and power compression is increased and the impulse response deteriorates. In order to achieve a more natural and musical bass response, the Ballister Sub is designed as a broadband subwoofer that combines very high output with a low-Q design. The result is a highly nuanced, defined and musical sub-bass reproduction with very high sound pressure.

In order to achieve high output in a low-Q design, emphasis has been placed on optimising drive unit efficiency and horn path length within the desired cabinet dimensions and minimizing power compression. In addition, research into the creation of eddy currents at the horn flare exit has resulted in the design of a special WaveShaper. The WaveShaper improves throw and mechanical stability of the cabinet as well as optimises coupling and directivity control when multiple subs are stacked. The Ballister Sub is built around a special 18" woofer. Cooling and coil design of the unit builds on new techniques and materials such as carbon fibre. Highly efficient heat management enables the 4" coil to handle the same amount of power as a large 5" coil while maintaining advantages of a lightweight design and therefore obtaining very high sensitivity. Power compression is extraordinarily low and the power handling is a solid 1kW AES. Special chassis and surround design has allowed the use of a cone with 10% larger cone area than traditional 18" designs. The 0.128 sq. metre cone adds 1 dB to the output of the drive unit itself. Loaded in the Ballister cabinet, the driver is capable of delivering 135 dB continuous output. The woofer weighs in at only 10 kg and keeps the weight of the

Ballister Sub to a low 72kg. Ballister is an easy 2-man lift and can be stacked four-high without the use of lifting equipment.

A special symmetrical loading design has been made to ensure that air pressure is uniform throughout the cone area. This approach enables the drive unit to maintain a perfect pistonic movement even at maximum excursion, thus maintaining clarity and reliability at maximum SPL. For extra stability, the drive unit is mounted in a 1.5" (36mm) thick mounting board.

Semi-recessed wheels are integrated in the back for easy transport and do not take up extra space when the Ballister is loaded in a truck. A special skid-lock system ensures easy and safe stacking. The cabinet is built of 18mm, 13 ply hardwood, screwed, glued and coated with the Mach SafeCoat. The special grill design further reinforces the stability of the cabinet. Speakon NL8 terminals with link option are used for fast and easy connection. The Ballister Sub is designed as a half horn. When paired with a second Ballister Sub, it forms a double-sided horn with extended sub frequency response and improved throw.

18"

1000 watt

4000 watt

105dB

8 ohm

135 dB

141 dB

49-160 Hz

39-160Hz

1400 watt into 8 ohm

### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Woofer: Power handling, AES: Power handling, peak: Sensitivity 1w/1m: Impedance: Maximum SPL, continues: Maximum SPL, peak: Frequency range +1/-3dB: Frequency range +1/-3dB (8 pcs.): Recommended amplifier:

#### Weight & Measurements:

 Dimensions (HxWxD):
 93,6x59x83 / (36.9x23.2x32.7 in)

 Weight:
 72 kg / (158 lbs)

 Finish:
 Black SafeCoat coating

 Grille:
 2 mm. steel with foam backing

 Input connectors:
 2 x recessed Speakon® NL8

## **ARCHITECTURAL SPECIFICATIONS**

The loudspeaker system shall be a horn-loaded subwoofer with an AES power handling of 1000 watt and a frequency response from 49-200Hz. The loudspeaker system shall have a sensitivity of 105 dB at 1 watt/1 meter and a maximum continues output of 135 dB. The loudspeaker system shall have one 18" woofer with a 4" voice coil. The woofer shall have an 8-ohm load. The enclosure shall be constructed of 18mm Plywood, protected with the SafeCoat surface, equipped with a skid lock system and wheels integrated in the back. It shall have dual recessed Speakon NL8 connectors. It shall be 93.6cm(36.8in) high, 59cm(23.2in) wide and 85cm(33.5in) deep with a weight of 72kg(158.4lbs). The loudspeaker system shall be the Mach Ballister Sub.



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## FREQUENCY RESPONSE

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