
SOUNDSTREAM®

EXACT

5.3

Component
Speaker System
OWNER'S MANUAL

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T E C H N O L O G I E S

Component Speaker System

INTRODUCTION AND REGISTRATION

Congratulations on your purchase of the Soundstream EXACT5.3 Component Speaker System. You now own one of the finest car audio speaker systems available.

As with all high quality car audio components, professional installation is recommended. Your dealer's knowledge and experience can ensure a problem-free, cosmetically integrated installation. If you plan on installing the EXACT5.3 speaker system yourself, please review this Owner's Manual first before attempting installation. In addition, it's a good idea to keep the manual for future reference.

EXACT5 Serial Number _____
EXACT1 Serial Number _____
Date of Purchase _____
Date of Installation _____
Dealer's Name _____

HARDWARE AND CONNECTOR PARTS LIST

Before beginning your installation, please check to see that the number of parts contained in your box match the list below:

Hardware

- 2 each - flush-mount cups
- 16 each - 1 1/4" #8 sheet metal screws (for mounting EXACT5)
- 2 each - 1/4" 6-32 machine screws (for EXACT1 flush mount cup spring clips)
- 4 each - stainless steel tweeter spring clips (for EXACT1 flush mount cup)
- 4 each - 1/2" #8 sheet metal screws (for mounting EXACT5.3X)
- 4 each - 1/2" flat head screws (for EXACT1 surface mounting)
- 1 each - template set

Connectors

- 4 each - 1/4" tab female gold insulated slip-on connectors (for EXACT5 woofers)
- 16 each - gold spade connectors (for connecting to crossover)
- 4 each - 1/8" gold round female connectors (for connecting EXACT1 to speaker wire)
- 4 each - vinyl insulators (for insulating EXACT1 speaker connectors)

EXACT5.3 DESIGN

The EXACT5.3 Component Speaker System is the result of highly focused engineering effort. Each element of the EXACT5.3 represents several advances in automotive speaker technology. When the EXACT5.3 project was initiated, the following goals were established:

- High performance sound reproduction in the automotive environment
- Ease of installation
- Superb ergonomics and visual appeal
- High output capability
- Ability to “tailor” sound to each vehicle

Through extensive testing and development, the EXACT5.3 has been designed to provide extremely consistent on and off-axis response in the automobile. Installation flexibility and ergonomics are enhanced by the mounting versatility of both the EXACT5 midrange/woofer and the EXACT1 tweeter. Finally, the high output capability and low frequency extension of the EXACT5.3 are atypical of 5” drivers due to the excursion capabilities of the EXACT5 and the steep crossover slopes of the EXACT5.3X.

These efforts have resulted in an extremely flexible speaker system that performs flawlessly in a

FEATURES

EXACT5 Midrange / Woofer

The EXACT5 represents a departure from typical midrange/midbass drivers by combining massive midbass *and* exceptionally smooth midrange.

- **Die-cast Magnesium Frame** designed specifically for extra long excursion. Results in higher output and extended low frequency response.
- **Copper Inductance Cap** for lower distortion and extended high frequency response.
- **Natural Fiber Cone** designed for optimum rigidity and damping with minimal “coloration”.

EXACT1 Soft Dome Neodymium Tweeter

The EXACT1 tweeter is an ultra-high performance 1” Neodymium tweeter designed to deliver outstanding high frequency reproduction.

- **Fourth-generation Neodymium Magnetic Assembly** providing performance comparable or superior to tweeters three times the size.
- **Specially-treated Textile Dome** for a natural, smooth response to 20 kHz.
- **Ferrofluid-immersed Voice Coil** enhances heat dissipation.

EXACT5.3X Passive Crossover Network

The EXACT5.3X Passive Crossover represents a new concept in crossover philosophy. The EXACT5.3X crossover consists of high quality, multi-element components with two switchable functions. A three position switch controls the tweeter level and a two position switch controls the midrange presence. The combination of each allows for a multitude of control options. Dual inputs allow for multi-channel amp operation of woofer and tweeter circuits.

- **24 dB/octave Acoustic Summation Crossover Slopes** for smooth response.
- **Variable Tweeter and Midrange Controls** for added flexibility.
- **Dual Inputs** for multi-amp operation and further flexibility.
- **Dynamic Tweeter Level Control** allows for improved power handling and continuous output.
- **Ultra-low DCR Inductors** for minimal signal loss (High power Air-core type in woofer path).
- **Mylar Film Capacitors** to ensure low saturation and accuracy in the high frequencies.

LOCATION AND MOUNTING

The first step in a successful installation is thorough planning. Choose the location for your speaker components carefully. Follow these suggestions to ensure proper imaging and the best performance:

- Select a location where each tweeter and midrange/woofer can be mounted close to each other. A good rule of thumb is a maximum of one foot from midrange/woofer to tweeter.
- Choose a location that offers the least amount of sound obstruction.
- Try to mount the components on the same plane.
- Always check behind the chosen mounting locations to make sure that there are no obstructions (e.g., trunk springs, gas tank, window track) or wires in the way, as well as to make sure that there is ample support on which to mount the components.

INSTALLING THE EXACT1 TWEETER

The EXACT1 tweeter can be installed in a variety of ways: a simple yet elegant installation cup is provided for flush mounting; or the tweeter may be easily disassembled for custom applications, such as installation in vents, custom painting, or mounting behind a factory grille. Hardware is provided for each mounting configuration.

For surface mounting, locate a flat mounting surface for the EXACT1. A direct “on-axis” location is not necessary, as the EXACT1 provides extraordinary “off-axis”

Flush Mounting

- 1) Cut a 1 7/8” diameter hole through the mounting surface. If the surface is covered with cloth or carpet, be careful not to tear or pull the material. Sometimes it is a good idea to peel the material away and then trim it by hand.
- 2) Secure the cup in the mounting cutout by using the spring clips and screw provided. Slip the spring clips through the bottom of the cup and tighten the screw until the cup is firmly seated. See Figure 1.
- 3) Once the cup is secure, mount the tweeter into the cup making sure to pass the tweeter wires through the openings in the cup. The tweeter will lock into the cup when turned clockwise. See Figure 2.

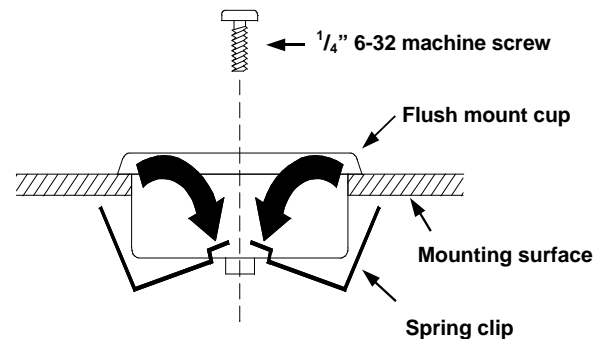


FIGURE 1

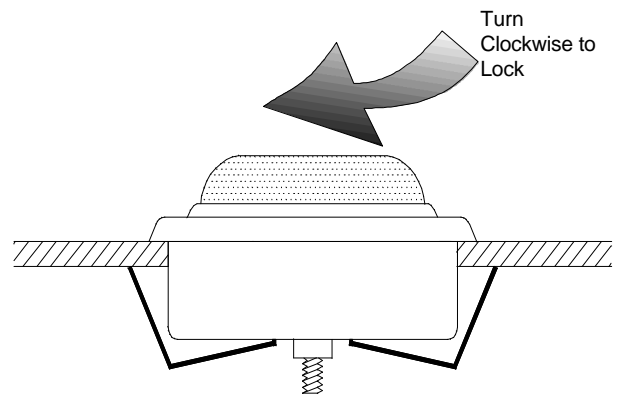
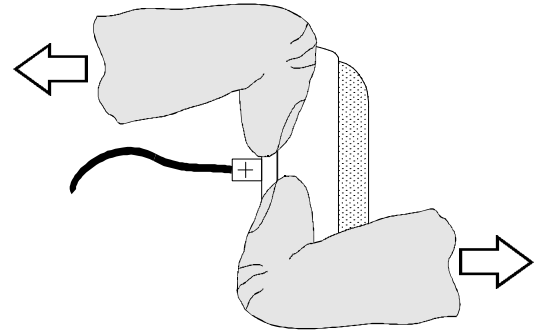
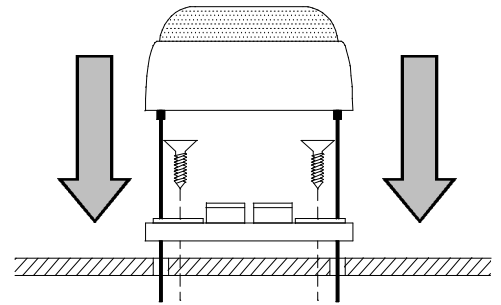


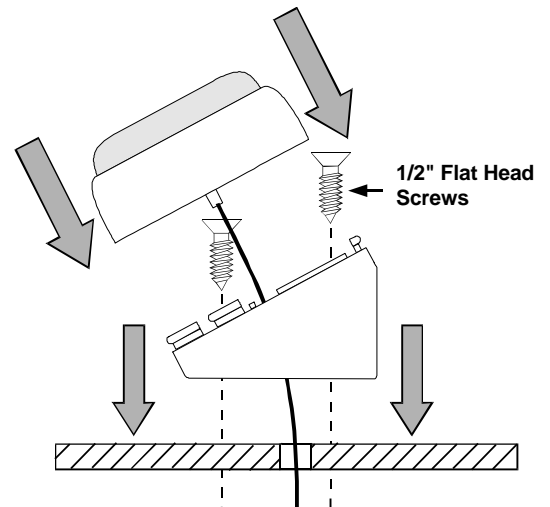
FIGURE 2

**TWEETER
SURFACE
MOUNTING**

- 1) Remove the tweeter's plastic backplate by separating the plate from the tweeter housing with your two thumb nails at one of the terminal locations, gently prying the two pieces until they snap apart. See Figure 3.
- 2) Mark the location in which you are going to mount the tweeter using the supplied template and drill holes for each of the two wires. Also drill small "pilot" holes for the two mounting screws.
- 3) Mount the backplate with the two 1/2" flat head screws. See Figure 4 below.
- 4) Feed the wires through the holes and attach them to the speaker wires going to the crossover. Position the tweeter over the backplate and then simply snap it back on. Be sure to feed the Red wire through the (+) marked hole.

**FIGURE 3****FIGURE 4****TWEETER
ANGLE
MOUNTING**

- 1) Remove and discard the tweeter's plastic backplate as described above.
- 2) Drill out the appropriate holes in the back of the angle mount. Mark the location in which you are going to mount the tweeter using the supplied template and drill holes for each of the two wires. Also drill small "pilot" holes for the two mounting screws.
- 3) Mount the angle mount backplate with the two 1/2" flat head screws. See Figure 5.
- 4) Feed the wires through the holes and attach them to the speaker wires going to the crossover. Position the tweeter over the backplate and then simply snap it back on.

**FIGURE 5**

INSTALLING THE EXACT5 MIDRANGE- WOOFER

The EXACT5 Midrange/Woofers can be mounted on the front or rear of a panel; gaskets are provided for both options. The bolt hole configuration will fit a variety of standard OEM patterns making it ideal for direct replacement. Best performance is achieved when the speaker is securely mounted to a door panel or rear deck. There should be no gaps between the speaker and the mounting surface, as this will impair its low frequency performance. Be certain that both the panel and the speaker are securely mounted to prevent unwanted vibration.

- 1) Mark the speaker location by using the template provided.
- 2) Cut the opening and debur the edges with a file.
- 3) Hold the speaker in place against the mounting surface and mark the mounting bolt holes.
- 4) Drill the appropriate size pilot holes for the screws provided.
- 5) Make all speaker connections prior to mounting the speaker to the panel. Since the die-cast basket of the EXACT5 is rigid and will not flex, it is possible to affix the woofer to the panel with less than eight screws (however, you will need to use a minimum of four screws to assure a good seal).
- 6) Place the EXACT5 into the trim ring, make the speaker wire connections, then install the speaker/trim ring assembly to the panel using the screws provided. Affix the grille.
- 7) When routing speaker cables to the driver, it is important to form a drip loop in the cable below the level of the driver to keep water from reaching it. See Figure 6.

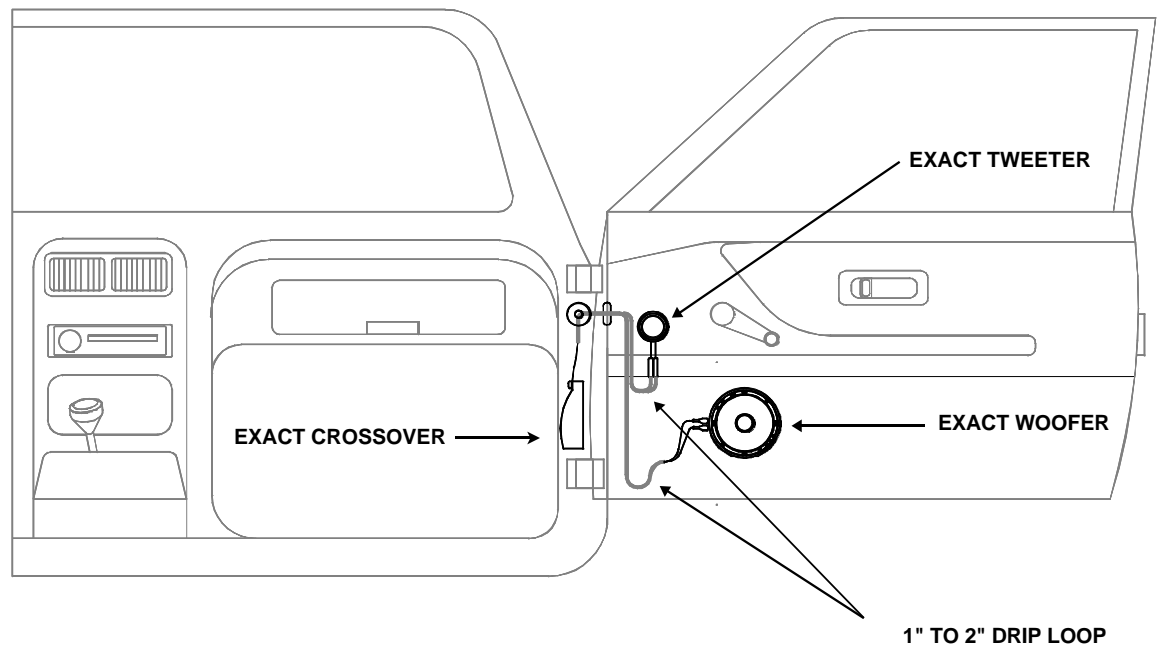


FIGURE 6

**MOUNTING
THE
EXACT5.3X
CROSSOVER**

The EXACT5.3X Passive Crossover can be mounted in virtually any location inside the vehicle. Be sure not to mount the EXACT5.3X outside the vehicle, or in a location where it may be exposed to dirt or moisture (e.g., the engine compartment, inside a wheel housing, inside a door, at the bottom of a leaky trunk).

**TWEETER
LEVEL
CONTROL**

Tweeter Attenuation

The EXACT5.3 system has been designed to provide optimum sound in a variety of installation locations. The provided crossover allows for three positions of tweeter level control: HIGH, MED and LOW. The LOW position is useful for using the EXACT5.3 in rear-fill applications. A switch under the clear plastic crossover cover sets one of the three positions. See Figure 7.

**MIDRANGE
LEVEL
CONTROL**

Midrange Attenuation

The provided crossover also allows for two positions of midrange level control. A switch under the clear plastic crossover cover sets one of the two positions -- MIDRANGE PRESENCE -- ON/OFF. The ON position provides increased midrange, a feature useful for adjusting midrange vocal presence. See Figure 7.

**DYNAMIC
TWEETER
LEVEL
CONTROL**

Tweeter Protection Activation

Under high power/high volume conditions, the dynamic tweeter level control (DTLC) circuit may activate. The purpose of DTLC is to prevent failure of the tweeter by reducing its output when necessary. Upon activation of the DTLC circuit, there will be an audible decrease in high frequency output as well as a visual indication from the DTLC light bulb (see Figure 7). The circuit is self-resetting -- if the DTLC activates, turn the volume down and normal operation will resume momentarily.

DTLC Light Bulb

Tweeter Control

Midrange Control

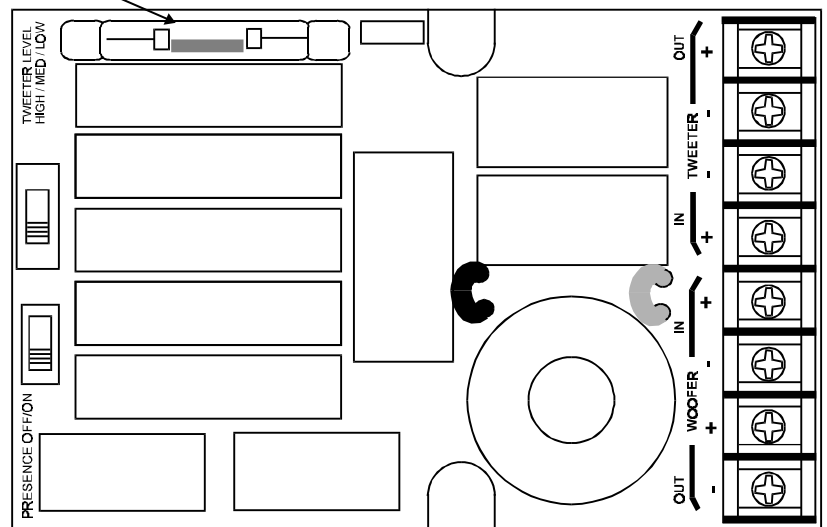
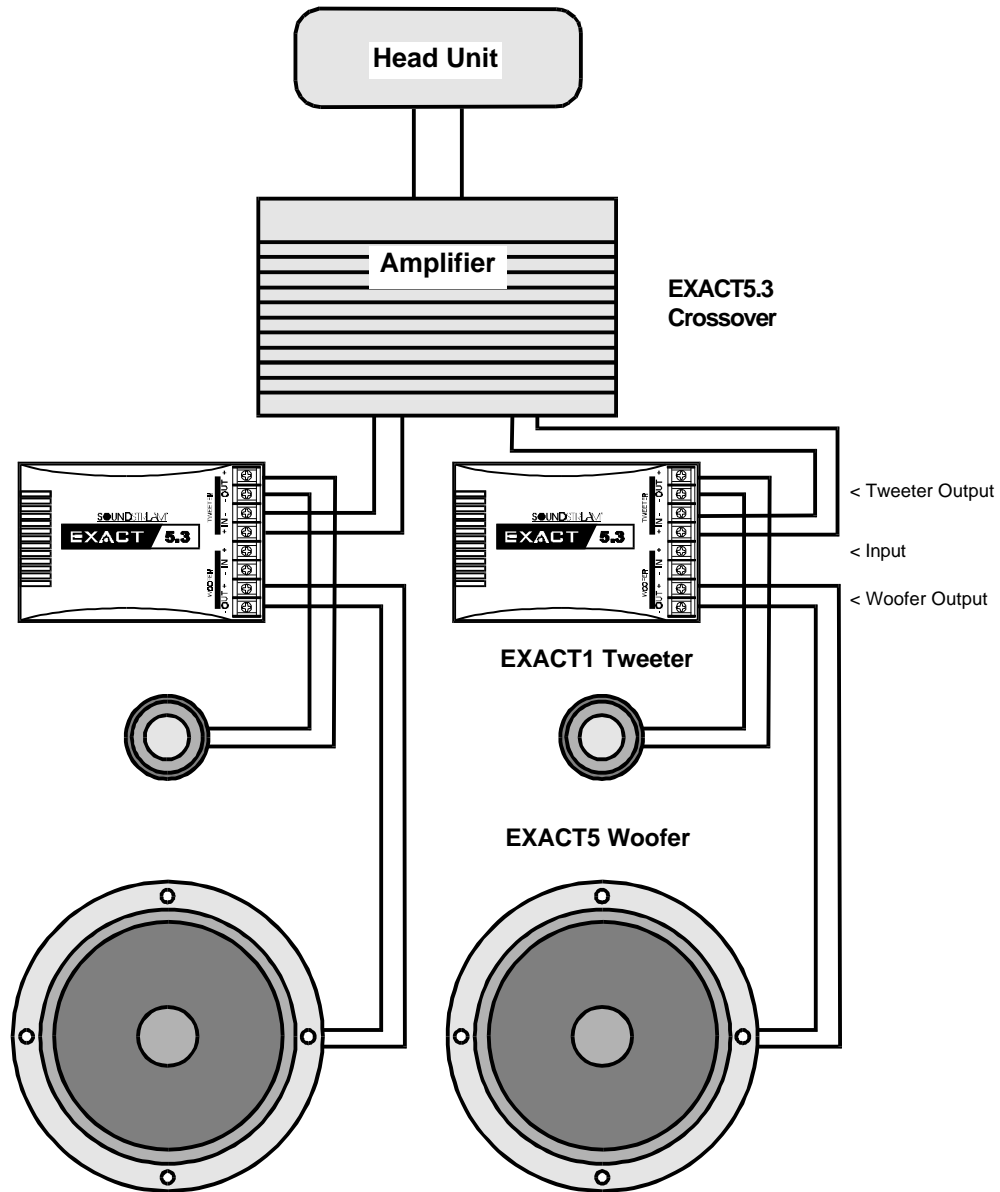


FIGURE 7

WIRING**EXACT5.3 Wiring Diagram**

Figure 8 shows a diagram illustrating the wiring of the EXACT5.3 Component Speaker System. It is important to make sure that all connections are in phase; that is positive (+) is connected to positive (+), and negative (-) is connected to negative (-), since an out-of-phase connection will cause a dislocated image and low bass output. We suggest using a minimum of 16 gauge (ideally 12 gauge) premium cable. The connectors provided with this system will accommodate wire from 12 gauge to 16 gauge.

**FIGURE 8**

**NOTES
ON
BI-AMPING**

Bi-Wiring

The EXACT5.3 component system includes the EXACT5.3X passive crossover which is optimized for the speakers. The EXACT5.3X allows for dual amp inputs. See Figure 9.

This feature allows for a 4 channel amplifier or two 2 channel amplifiers to power the four individual drivers of an EXACT5.3 system. The benefit of this is added dynamics and level setting flexibility. A head unit's fader control could be used as a tweeter level control. (See note about crossover modification for bi-amping.)

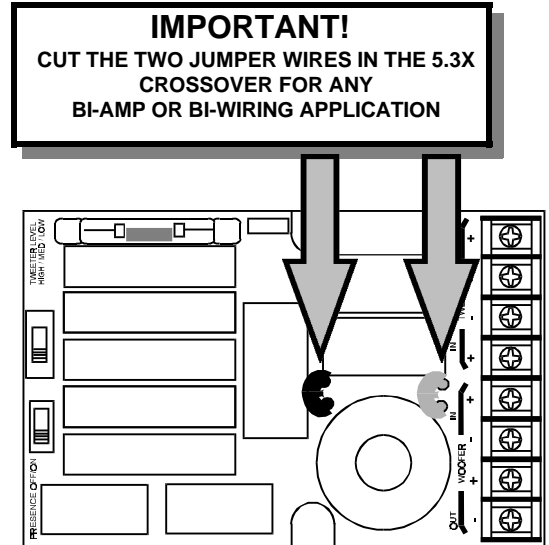
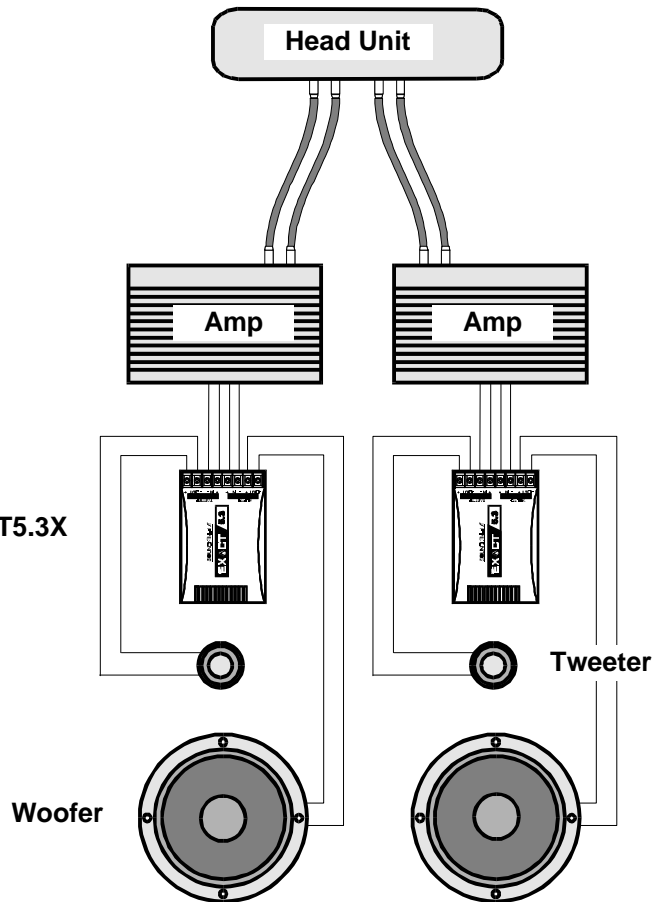


Figure 9 Dual Amp Bi-Wire



**NOTES
ON
BI-AMPING
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Bi-Amping

True bi-amping can also be accomplished with an external electronic crossover. See Figure 10. Even greater dynamics can be realized with bandwidth limited amplifiers. If you decide to bi-amp, please follow the recommendations below :

- 1) Use at least a 12dB/octave high pass filter no higher than 1500 Hz on the tweeters.
- 2) Use at least a 12dB/octave low pass filter no lower than 6000 Hz on the woofers.

This “staggered” active arrangement allows one full octave of bandwidth between the amp’s active range and the speaker’s passive range. This stagger allows the purpose-designed passive network to operate as intended. You will gain the benefit of dedicated amplifiers and retain the sound quality designed into the passive crossover.

IMPORTANT!
CUT THE TWO JUMPER WIRES IN THE 5.3X CROSSOVER FOR ANY BI-AMP OR BI-WIRING APPLICATION

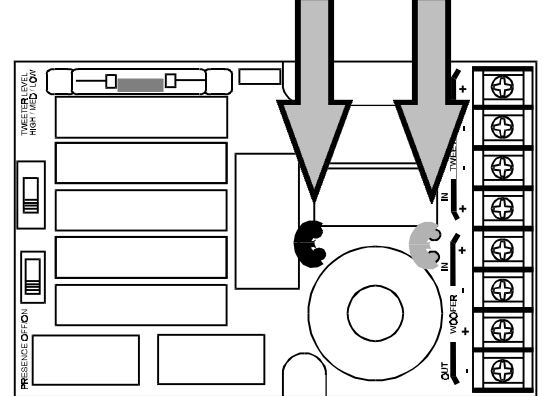
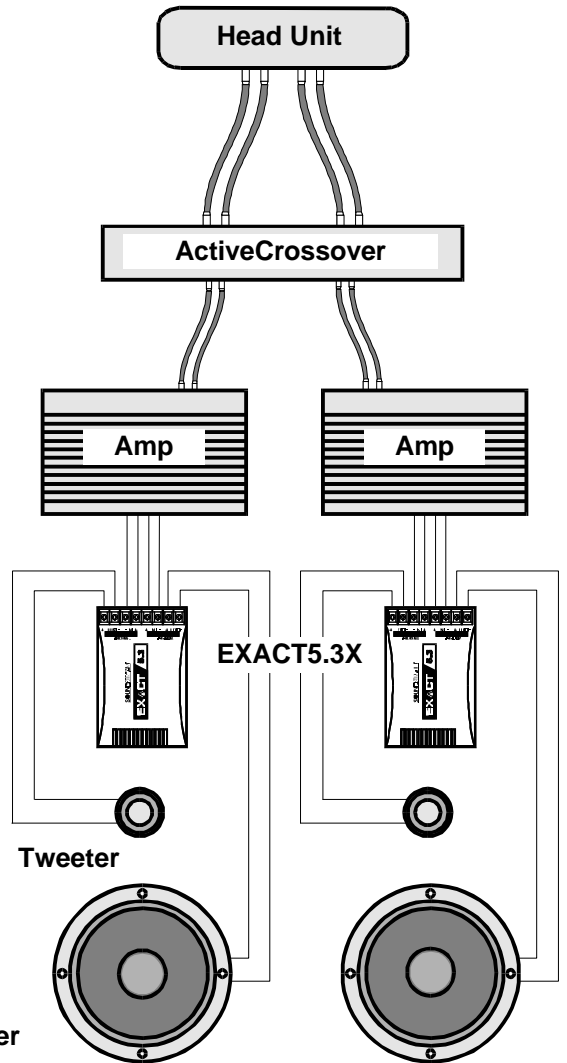
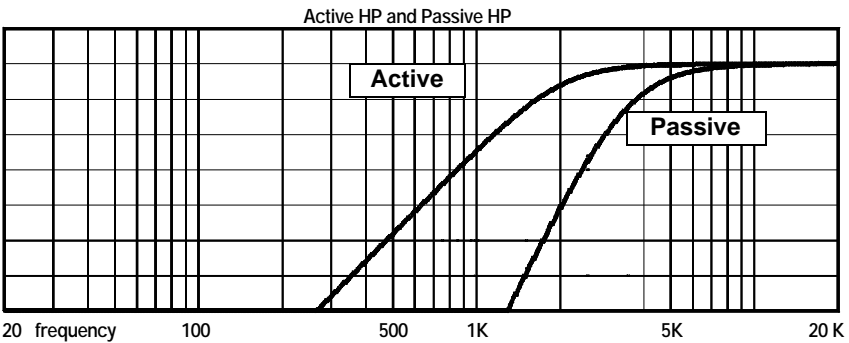
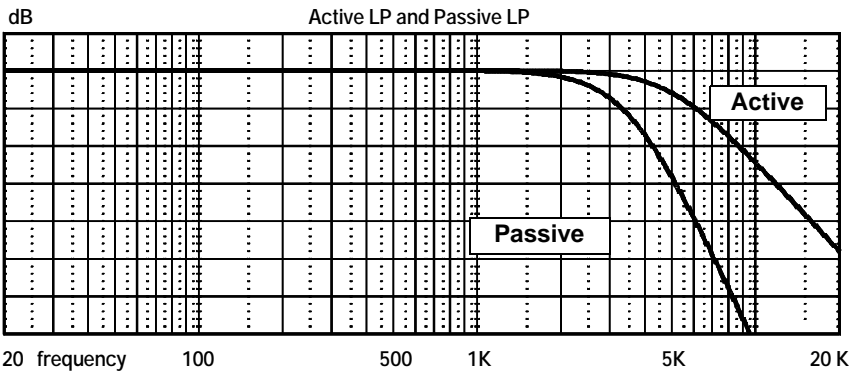


Figure 10 Active/Passive Bi-Amp



SPECIFICATIONS**EXACT5.3 System Specifications**

Frequency Response	50 Hz - 20,000 Hz \pm 3dB
Sensitivity	90 dB SPL at 1 meter (2.83v) 96 dB SPL at .5 meter (2.83v)
Continuous Power Handling	70 watts
Peak Program Power Handling	140 watts
Nominal Impedance	4 Ω
Crossover Slope Rate	24 dB/octave ASC
Crossover Dimensions	3.25" (W) x 1.5" (H) x 5.125" (D)

EXACT5 Midrange/Woofer

Frequency Response	50 Hz - 7,000 Hz \pm 3dB
Continuous Power Handling	70 watts with EXACT5.3X Crossover
Peak Program Power Handling	140 watts with EXACT5.3X Crossover
Sensitivity	90 dB SPL at 1 meter (2.83v)
Nominal Impedance	4 Ω
Nominal Driver Diameter	5 1/4"
Mounting Cut-Out Diameter	4 3/4"
Mounting Depth	2 1/2"

EXACT1 Soft Dome Neodymium Tweeter

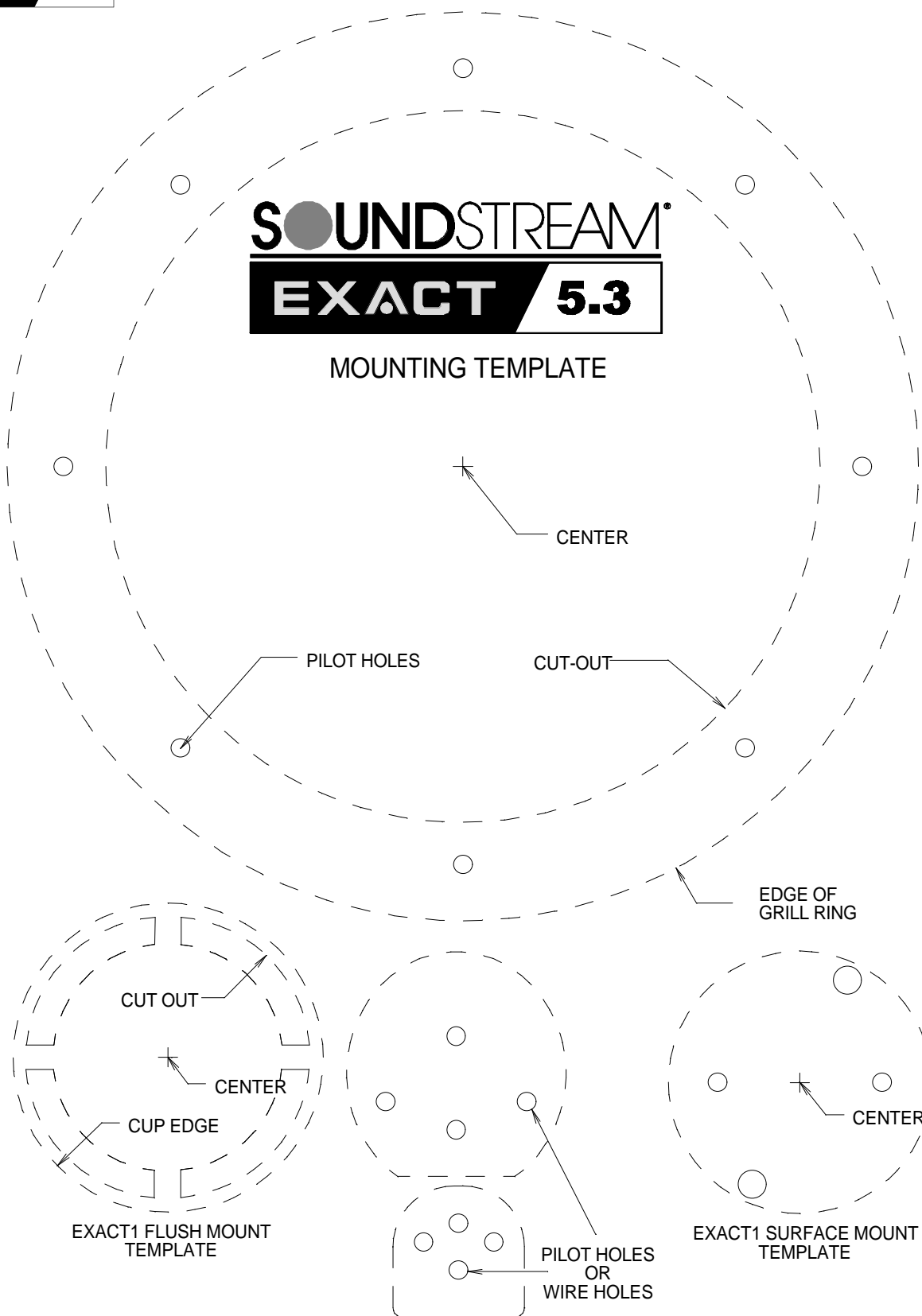
Frequency Response	2,500 Hz - 20,000 Hz \pm 3dB
Sensitivity	90 dB SPL at 1 meter (2.83v)
Nominal Impedance	4 Ω
Nominal Tweeter Diameter	1"
Mounting Cut-Out Diameter	1 7/8"
Mounting Depth (flush mount)	1/2"

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MOUNTING TEMPLATE

CENTER

PILOT HOLES

CUT-OUT

EDGE OF GRILL RING

CUT OUT

CENTER

CUP EDGE

EXACT1 FLUSH MOUNT
TEMPLATE

PILOT HOLES
OR
WIRE HOLES

EXACT1 SURFACE MOUNT
TEMPLATE

EXACT1 ANGLE MOUNT:
DRILL PILOT HOLES FOR MOUNTING SCREWS
THEN DRILL 3/16" WIRE HOLES USING USING
REMAINING HOLE LOCATIONS