PLD Amplifiers

User Manual

PLD4.2 – 4 Channel, 1600 W Amplifier

PLD4.3 – 4 Channel, 2500 W Amplifier

PLD4.5 - 4 Channel, 5000 W Amplifier



EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

The term "WARNING!" indicates instructions regarding personal safety. If the instructions are not followed the result may be bodily injury or death.

The term "CAUTION!" indicates instructions regarding possible damage to physical equipment. If these instructions are not followed, it may result in damage to the equipment that may not be covered under the warranty.

The term "IMPORTANT!" indicates instructions or information that are vital to the successful completion of the procedure.

The term "**NOTE**" is used to indicate additional useful information.



The intent of the lightning flash with arrowhead symbol in a triangle is to alert the user to the presence of un-insulated "dangerous" voltage within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to humans.



The intent of the exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is to alert the user to the presence of important safety, and operating and maintenance instructions in this manual.



IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS





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WARNING!: TO PREVENT FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS EQUIPMENT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

- · Keep these instructions.
- · Heed all warnings.
- Follow all instructions.
- Do not use this apparatus near water.
- Clean only with a dry cloth.
- Do not block any ventilation opening. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
- Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
- Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply
 cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture,
 does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
- The appliance coupler, or the AC Mains plug, is the AC mains disconnect device and shall remain readily operable after installation.
- Adhere to all applicable, local codes.
- Consult a licensed, professional engineer when any doubt or questions arise regarding a physical equipment installation.

FCC Statement



NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

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The QSC PLD4.2, PLD4.3 and PLD4.5 amplifiers are in compliance with European Directive 2002/95/EC – Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS).

The QSC PLD4.2, PLD4.3 and PLD4.5 amplifiers are in compliance with "China RoHS" directives. The following chart is provided for product use in China and its territories:

	QSC PLD4.2, PLD4.3, and PLD4.5 Amplifiers									
部件名称 (Part Name)		有毒有害物质或元素 (Toxic or hazardous Substances and Elements)								
	铅 (Pb)	汞 (Hg)	镉 (Cd)	六价铬 (Cr(vi))	多溴联苯 (PBB)	多溴二苯醚 (PBDE)				
电路板组件 (PCB Assemblies)	Х	0	0	0	0	0				
机壳装配件 (Chassis Assemblies)	X	0	0	0	0	0				

O: 表明这些有毒或有害物质在部件使用的同类材料中的含量是在 SJ/T11363 2006 极限的要求之下。

⁽O: Indicates that this toxic or hazardous substance contained in all of the homogeneous materials for this part is below the limit requirement in SJ/T11363_2006.)

X: 表明这些有毒或有害物质在部件使用的同类材料中至少有一种含量是在 SJ/T11363_2006 极限的要求之上。 (X: Indicates that this toxic or hazardous substance contained in at least one of the homogeneous materials used for this part is above the limit requirement in SJ/T11363_2006.)

Warranty (USA only; other countries, see your dealer or distributor)

QSC Audio Products 3 Year Limited Warranty

QSC Audio Products, LLC ("QSC") guarantees its products to be free from defective material and/or workmanship and will replace defective parts and repair malfunctioning products under this warranty when the defect occurs under normal installation and use, provided the unit is returned to our factory, one of our authorized service stations or an authorized QSC International Distributor via pre-paid transportation with a copy of proof of purchase (i.e., sales receipt). This warranty provides that the examination of the return product must indicate, in our judgment, a manufacturing defect. This warranty does not extend to any product which has been subjected to misuse, neglect, accident, improper installation, or where the date code has been removed or defaced. QSC shall not be liable for incidental and/or consequential damages. This warranty gives you specific legal rights. This limited warranty is freely transferable during the term of the warranty period. The warranty on QSC products is NOT VALID if the products have been purchased from an unauthorized dealer/online e-tailer, or if the original factory serial number has been removed, defaced, or replaced in any way. Damage to, or loss of any software or data residing on the product is not covered. When providing repair or replacement service, QSC will use reasonable efforts to reinstall the product's original software configuration and subsequent update releases, but will not provide any recovery or transfer of software or data contained on the serviced unit not originally included in the product.

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The QSC limited warranty is valid for a period of three (3) years from date of purchase in the United States and many (but not all) other countries.

For QSC warranty information in countries other than the United States, contact your authorized QSC international distributor. A list of QSC International distributors is available at www.qsc.com.

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Introduction

Built for system integrators, the PLD series amplifiers provide multi-channel amplification with built-in DSP and enough power to drive wide varieties of speaker systems with optimal energy efficiency. The PLD Series consists of three light-weight, 2RU, four-channel amplifiers with on-board DSP and flexible channel combining. These amplifiers not only provide the power and processing to make your system perform better, they offer outstanding efficiency ensuring that energy costs are kept to a minimum over the life of the installation.

PLD amplifiers feature Flexible Amplifier Summing Technology (FAST). Depending on the model, 1600, 2500, or 5000 Watts of total power can be distributed across one to four outputs.

The PLD Series amplifiers use QSC's third-generation class-D power-amplifier design in combination with a custom power stage utilizing a new output device. In addition, PLD amplifiers employ the proven PowerLight power supply in conjunction with Power Factor Correction (PFC) which aligns the current waveform with the AC mains voltage waveform. PFC enables the PLD Series amplifiers to draw current from the wall in a more efficient and controlled manner resulting in very high power from a single standard AC breaker. Additionally, the PLD Series amplifiers offer multi-stage sleep modes saving energy when possible without sacrificing performance. The result is an exceptionally powerful and flexible platform that offers low weight and efficiency.

With four channels of amplification plus signal processing in just 2RUs, the PLD series replaces equipment taking up as much as three times the rack-space.

A single PLD Series amplifier is a capable and sophisticated loudspeaker processor. Integration of processing and amplification means that the DSP knows exactly what the amplifier is doing so dynamics processing can be far more accurate and effective. This approach employs both RMS and Peak Limiters that allow the amplifier and loudspeaker to produce more output without being pushed to distortion or destruction.

The on-board DSP offers four channels of crossover filters, 5-band parametric EQ/Low-shelf/High-shelf, alignment delay and dynamics processing — everything needed to optimize a loudspeaker system. Additionally when using QSC loudspeakers, PLD amplifiers provide Intrinsic Correction™, a combination of filtering, limiting and loudspeaker knowhow that was first developed for QSC's WideLine line-array loudspeakers. Intrinsic Correction compensates for the non-linearity in array and horn design resulting in exceptional performance.

The PLD also includes manufacturers' recommended tunings for the most popular passive loudspeakers. A system setup wizard helps you select the right preset, or select one of the 20 configuration templates and create tunings that you can save in the user preset library.

With a dedicated front panel user interface, complete with LED meters and indicators, a 400 x 240 TFT color display, a rotary encoder and navigation buttons, the PLD amplifiers provide an intuitive means to control the system.

Unpacking

There are no special unpacking instructions. You may want to keep the shipping material for the unlikely event that the amplifier should need returning for service.

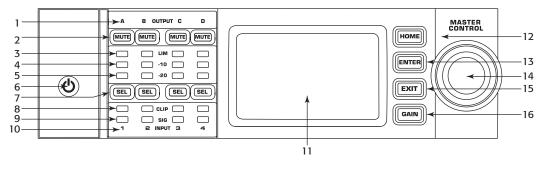
Package Contents

- 1. Ouick-Start Guide TD-000351-00
- 2. Warning Information Sheet TD-000420-00
- 3. PLD Amplifier

- 4. IEC AC Power Cord
- 5. USB Cable

Features

Amplifier Front Panel



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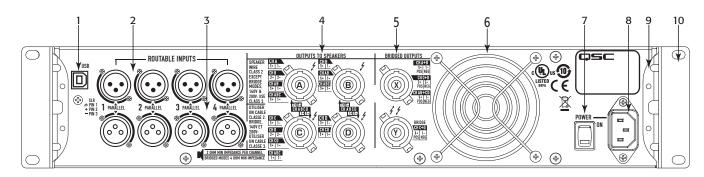
- 1. Output channels are labeled A, B, C, and D
- 2. Output Channel Mute Buttons and LEDs (Red)
- 3. Output Channel Limiter LEDs (Red)
- 4. Output Channel -10 dB Below Limiter Activation LEDs (Blue)
- 5. Output Channel -20 dB Below Clip LEDs (Blue)
- 6. Soft Power Button (Blue/Red)
- 7. Channel Select Buttons and LEDs (Amber for Input, Blue for Output)
- 8. Input Channel Clip LEDs (Red)

- 9. Input Channel Signal-Present LEDs (Blue)
- 10. Input channels are labeled 1, 2, 3, and 4
- 11. LCD Graphic Display
- 12. HOME Button
- 13. ENTER Button
- 14. MASTER CONTROL Knob
- 15. EXIT Button
- 16. GAIN Button

Amplifier Rear Panel



NOTE: The PLD4.3, and PLD4.5 models have a different rear panel configuration than the PLD4.2 rear panel. The difference is the position of the fan and the connectors.



- Figure 2 -

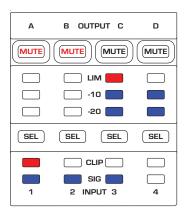
- 1. USB Type B, 4-Pin
- 2. Four XLR-F Female Line Input Connectors
- 3. Four XLR-M Male Line Output Connectors
- 4. Four NL4 Output Connectors (Individual and Parallel)
- 5. Two NL4 Output Connectors (Bridged Outputs)

- 6. Cooling Fan
- 7. Power Switch
- 8. Locking IEC Power Connection (100 240 VAC, 50 60 Hz)
- 9. Rear Rack-mount Brackets
- 10. Front Rack-mount Brackets

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Amplifier Control





- Figure 3 -

Off Mode





- Rear power switch is off, the amplifier is not operable. The power switch is the AC Mains disconnect.
- The power button is not illuminated.
- Turn the power switch to on. The amplifier enters the mode it was in when power was removed. The power button is illuminated based on the mode.

Run Mode



- From Standby or Mute All modes, press and release the power button on the front panel.
- The power button is illuminated blue.
- The amplifier is fully operable; audio can pass.

Standby Mode



- From Mute All or Run modes, press and hold the power button on the front panel for two to three seconds.
- The power button illuminates solid red.
- The front panel LCD is off.
- The amplifier is not operable; audio will not pass.

Mute All Mode



- From the Run Mode, quickly press and release the power button.
- The power button flashes red.
- The outputs are muted and amplifiers are off.
- The front panel and DSP functionality are fully operable. Any changes you make are saved and take effect in the Run Mode.

Master Control Knob



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- Scrolls up/down and right/left to select menu items and parameters
- Adjusts parameters

ENTER Button



- Navigates into the menu structure
- Enters the edit mode for adjusting parameters
- Confirms the changes you make and exits edit mode.

EXIT Button



- Navigates out of the menu structure and parameter selection.
- In the edit mode, pressing EXIT reverts the value back to its prior state, and exits the edit mode.

HOME Button



- If you are on the Home screen, pressing HOME displays the alternate Home screen. Pressing HOME again returns you to the primary Home screen.
- If you are on a navigation screen, pressing HOME takes you to the home screen.
- If you are on an edit screen, pressing HOME will confirm any value being edited and take you to the Home screen.

GAIN Button





- Pressing the GAIN button from any screen takes you to the output gain screen for the most recently accessed output channel.
- Pressing GAIN again confirms the gain change and returns to the screen you were on when you pressed GAIN.
- The Gain button illuminates green when selected.

SEL Buttons





- Use these buttons to navigate between input channels or output channels. For example, if you are adjusting output gain on channel A, pressing the channel B SEL button takes you to the gain adjustment for channel B.
- The SEL buttons are active only when the LCD screen is on an input or output parameter adjustment screen.
- The SEL buttons illuminate blue for output channels, and amber for input channels.

LIM LEDs



• Illuminates red when the Limiter is engaged.

-10 and -20 LEDs

-10 & -20



• Indicates the output level of the channel.

CLIP LEDs

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Illuminates red when the input signal is being clipped.

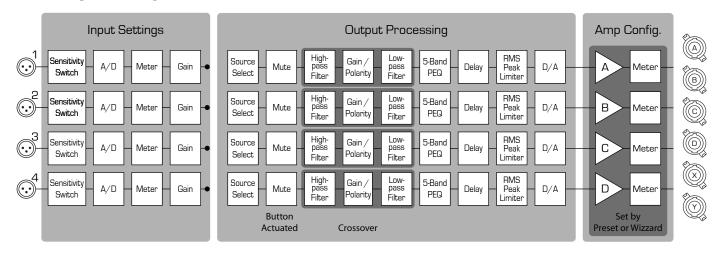
SIG LEDs

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Illuminates blue when a signal is present.

PLD Amplifier Signal Flow

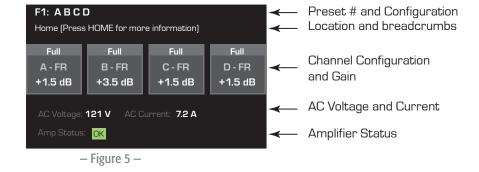


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Screen TypesInformational

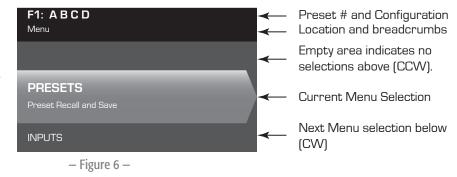
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Informational screens, like the HOME screen, are designed to provide you with a good amount of useful information at a glance.



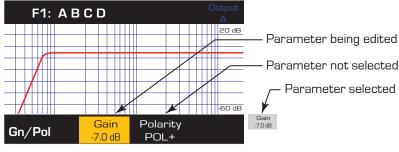
Navigational

Navigational screens provide the means to move around and select menu items. Use the Master Control knob, ENTER and EXIT buttons for navigation. This is an example of one type of navigational screen, there are others.



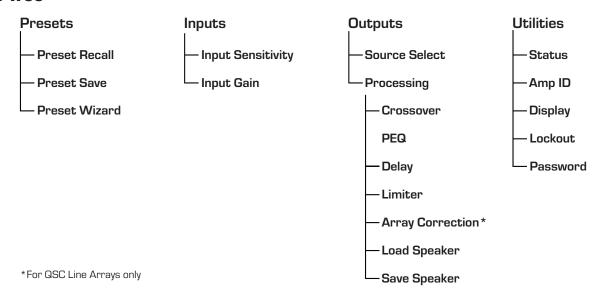
Parameter Editing

Parameter editing screens allow you to select, edit, and confirm changes for various system parameters. Use the ENTER button to edit and confirm changes to parameters. Use the Master Control knob to select parameter, and make adjustments. Use the EXIT button to exit the edit mode without saving changes.



- Figure 7 -

Menu Tree



About Presets

The PLD amplifiers are preset driven. In order to get the most out of the amplifiers, an understanding of how presets work is essential. A Preset, in the context of the PLD amplifiers, is a combination of amplifier configuration (inputs and outputs), DSP and loudspeaker assignments. When a preset is recalled it can change the output routing and wiring and/or any of the DSP settings.

The PLD amplifiers come with 20 unchangeable factory presets, and 50 user-defined presets. The factory presets are designed to be starting points for creating the presets you need for your particular installation. Factory presets F1: thru F9: have no DSP or loudspeaker assignments, only output configurations. Factory presets F10: thru F20: include basic settings along with the output configurations.

Creating User-defined Presets

A preset can be created in two ways, the first is to modify an existing preset, then save this as a new preset. The second is to use the Preset Wizard to create a Preset from scratch.

Save As a New Preset

After selecting a starting preset, navigate through the Input and Output menus to select and modify the parameters needed for your system. After modifying the parameters for each channel, return to the Preset menu and save your work. If you started with a user-defined preset, you can update the preset you started with using the SAVE function or, you can use the SAVE AS function.

Preset Wizard

The Preset Wizard simplifies the preset creation process, and allows you to create a preset from the ground up. The Preset Wizard provides a mechanism for you to select the desired power and load. Based on these selections, the best amplifier configuration is selected and you are then allowed to select and assign loudspeakers to each output.



NOTE: By default, all 50 of the user-defined presets are configured the same as factory preset F1. Either method described above "overwrites" some existing preset. The main difference is the SAVE function overwrites only the preset number you started with, and the SAVE AS function allows you to save to a different user preset number and change the name.

Installation

The following steps are written in the recommended installation order.

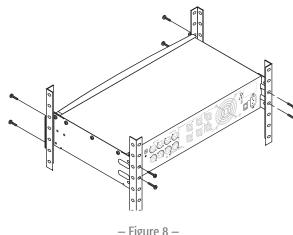
Mount the PLD Amplifier

The PLD Series amplifiers are designed to be mounted in a standard rack-mount unit. The amplifiers are 2RU high, the PLD4.3 and 4.5 are 381 mm (15 in) deep, the PLD4.2 is 229 mm (9 in) deep.

Depending on the depth of your rack, the Rear Rack Ear Support kit (FG-000031-00) may be required for rack mounting. Refer to http://qsc.com/products/ under Accessories for details.



CAUTION!: Be sure that nothing is blocking the front or rear ventilation openings, and that each side has a minimum of 2 cm clearance.



- Figure 8 -

1. Use the proper fastening hardware (not included) to secure the amplifier in the rack. The PLD4.3 and PLD4.5 have four front and four rear mounting tabs. The PLD4.2 has four front mounting tabs.

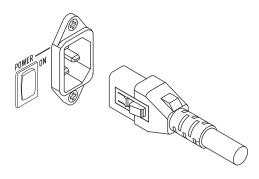
AC Mains



WARNING!: When the AC Power is on, there is a potential of having dangerous voltage at the output terminals on the rear of the amplifier. Use caution not to touch these contacts. Turn off the AC Mains disconnect switch prior to making any connections.

The PLD amplifiers have a Universal power supply 100 – 240 VAC, 50 – 60 Hz, with an IEC locking connector.

1. Connect the IEC AC power cord to the rear AC inlet and the AC source.



- Figure 9 -



AC Power

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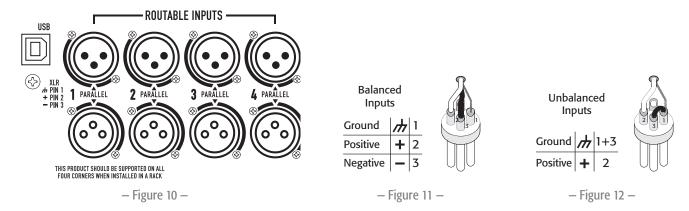
If the amplifier has no audio for fifteen minutes, the amplifier stops switching. The amplifier returns to the Run mode the instant audio is present."

When you remove power from the amplifier, then re-apply the power, the amplifier returns to its last state.

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Inputs

Connect the Audio Inputs



There are four female XLR connectors labeled 1 through 4 that provide the audio inputs to the PLD amplifiers. A single input can be routed to one or a combination of outputs. You can use from one to four of the inputs. The inputs are 10 k Ω balanced or unbalanced, with a selectable sensitivity of either +4 or +14 dBu. There are four male XLR connectors in parallel with the four female connectors. The male XLRs are for daisy chaining to the inputs of other amplifiers.

- 1. Make sure your audio source devices are powered off.
- 2. Connect the input source XLRs to the four female XLRs. (Figure 10)



NOTE: The PLD Series has the capability of routing the inputs to different outputs. Be sure that the connections you make here match the configuration of the amplifier.

USB (Optional)

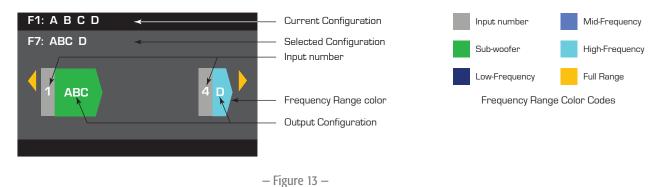
The USB cable (supplied) connects to a Mac or PC for use with the Amplifier Navigator software. You can update the amplifier firmware, save and deploy configuration files, and more. Refer to the Amplifier Navigator online help for details.

Outputs

The PLD amplifiers have four configurable outputs. You can set the power, combine outputs (bridged and parallel), and adjust the DSP for each output. When the output configuration of the amplifier changes, the output connections, controlled by relays, change accordingly. Use the diagrams shown in Figure 14 thru Figure 22 as a reference for wiring the loudspeakers.

Select the Output Configuration

The first step is to select a Preset based on the loudspeakers being connected to the amplifier. You can use a factory preset, and then adjust the parameters as needed, then save the configuration as a user-defined preset. In addition, you can use the "Power Distribution Charts" on page 15 to create presets from the ground up. When the configuration is changed, all four channels are automatically muted.





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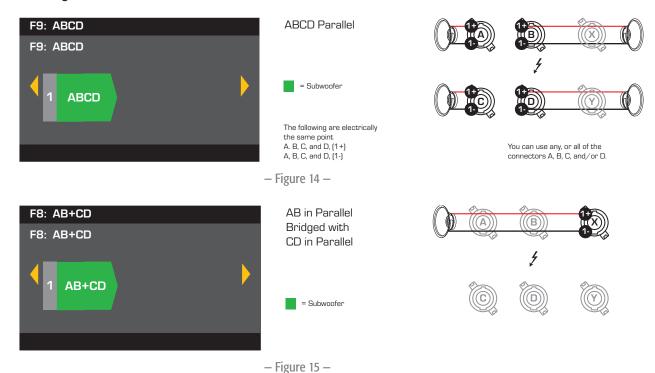


IMPORTANT: QSC recommends that you connect jumpers where the terminals are the same points electrically. Refer to Figure 14 thru Figure 22.

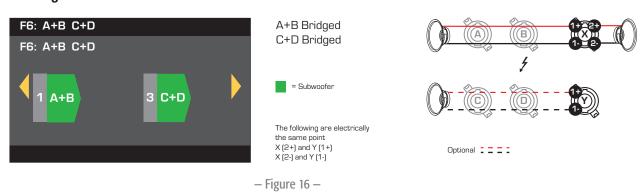
- 1. Turn the AC Mains power switch to on. The amplifier starts in the Run mode, or the last mode it was in before power was turned off.
- 2. Press and release the front-panel power button. The button flashes red, the amplifier is in Mute All mode.
- 3. Select the configuration appropriate for your loudspeakers, using either Preset Recall, or the Preset Wizard.

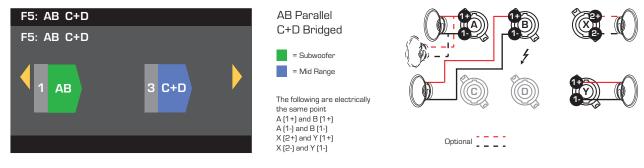
The following is a list of configurations for 1-, 2-, 3-, and 4-channel outputs. This is not an exhaustive list, but is intended to give you an idea of what is available and how the outputs would be wired.

One-Channel Configurations

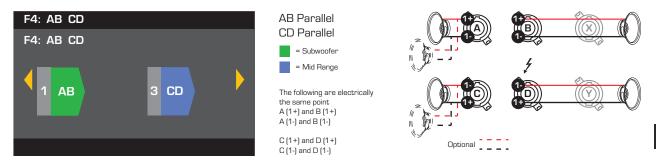


Two-Channel Configurations

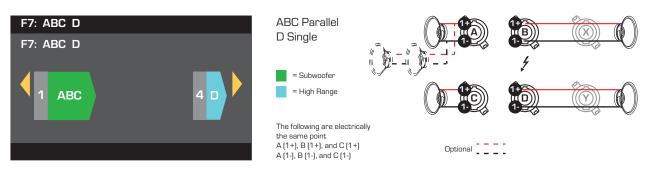




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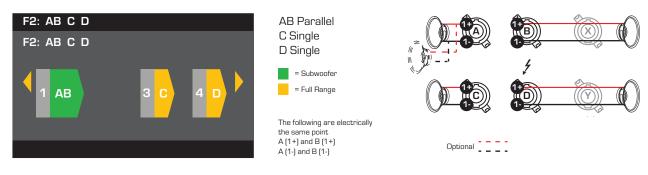
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Three-Channel Configurations



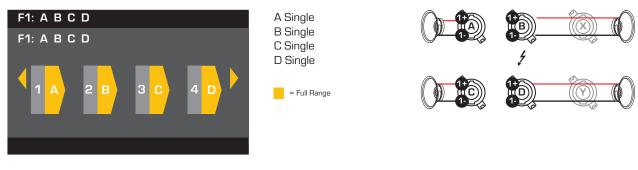
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Four-Channel Configuration



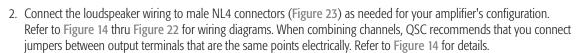
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Connect the Loudspeakers



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- Figure 23 -

3. Connect the male NL4 connectors to the female NL4 connectors, on the rear of the amplifier, according to your amplifier's configuration.

The following table shows you which pins on which NL4 you can use for each mode. Where there is more than one connector for a given mode, the PLD allows you to use one, all or some of the available connectors. For example, in ABCD Parallel mode, you can use pins 1+ and 1- of NL4 (A, B, C, and D), (A, or B, or C, or D), or (A and B), and so on; the pins are all in parallel and electrically the same point. It is recommended that where the pins are electrically the same, you use all available pins whether by jumpers between pins, or direct wiring to each loudspeaker

		M	ode		U	utput Connecto	rs
NL4	Separate	AB Parallel	ABC Parallel	ABCD Parallel	Stan	dard	Bridged
Α	Ch A 1+ / 1- Ch B 2+ / 2- ¹	1+/1-	1+/1-	1+/1-		B	
В	1+/1-	1+ / 1-	1+/1-	1+/1-			
		CD Parallel					
С	Ch C 1+ / 1- Ch D 2+ / 2- ¹	1+/1-	1+/1-	1+/1-			
D	1+/1-	1+ / 1-		1+/1-			
						– Figure 24 –	

	A+B Bridged	C+D Bridged	AB+CD Bridged
Х	1+/1-	2+/2-1	1+/1-
Υ		1+/1-	

- Table 1 -

AC Power On

After connecting the outputs to the loudspeakers, you may turn the amplifier on.

- 1. Make sure the output gain settings for all audio-source devices (CD Players, Mixers, Instruments, etc.) at the lowest output (max attenuation).
- 2. Turn on all audio sources.
- 3. Turn the AC Mains power switch on the back of the amplifier to ON. The amplifier starts in the state it was in when power was removed.
- 4. You can now bring up the outputs of your audio sources.

Power Distribution Charts

The following charts show the maximum power output for each channel in each configuration, and under different loads.

				P	LD 4.3	<u> </u>	Total Po	wer: 2	500W						
			8 Ω I	.oad				4 Ω I	Load				2 Ω I	Load	
Configuration		А	В	С	D		А	В	С	D		А	В	С	D
4 CH (A B C D)		625	625	625	625		650	650	650	650		600	600	600	600
3 CH (AB C D)		10	00	625	625		1200 650 650			1200		600	600		
3 CH (A+B C D)		12	50	625	625		11	50	650	650		62	25	600	600
2 CH (AB CD)		10	00	10	00		12	00	12	.00	1200		00	1200	
2 CH (AB C+D)		10	00	12	50		12	00	1150			12	00	62	25
2 CH (A+B C+D)		12	50	12	50		11	50	1150			62	25	62	25
2 CH Alt (ABC D)			1100		625			2000		650			2500		600
1 CH (ABCD)	ĺ		11	00			2100		2100			25	00		
1 CH (AB+CD)			25	00				23	70				22	30	

- Table 2 -

¹ For Bi-Amp operation.

			P	LD 4.5		Total Po	wer: 5	000W							
		8 Ω l	Load		Г		4 Ω I	Load				2 Ω l	Load		
Configuration	А	В	С	D		А	В	С	D		Α	В	С	D	
4 CH (A B C D)	1150	1150	1150	1150		1250	1250	1250	1250		625	625	625	625	
3 CH (AB C D)	12	00	1150	1150		2250 1250 1250			2100		625	625			
3 CH (A+B C D)	22	50	1150	1150		11.	1150 1250 1250			625		625	625		
2 CH (AB CD)	12	00	12	:00		22	50	22	50		2100		2100		
2 CH (AB C+D)	12	00	22	250		22	50	11	50	2100		00	625		
2 CH (A+B C+D)	22	50	22	:50		11.	1150 1150		1150 1150			62	25	62	25
2 CH Alt (ABC D)		1150		1150		2400 1250		2400 1250				4100		625	
1 CH (ABCD)		11	50			2300		2300 4			42	200			
1 CH (AB+CD)	4200				42	250				22	250				

- Table 3 -

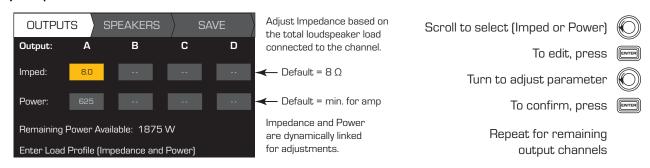
Preset Wizard



NOTE: The power levels shown in this procedure are taken from the PLD4.3 unless indicated otherwise. PLD4.2 will show less power and PLD4.5 will show greater power.

HOME > PRESETS > PRESET WIZARD > ENTER

Step 1 — Adjust Impedance and Power



Possible Output Mode Combinations using the Preset Wizard



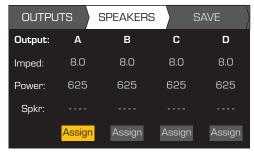
Modes: A B = Separate Channels / A+B = Bridge Mode / AB = Parallel Mode

^{*} Precentages are used to represent the power for different amplifier models.

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Step 2 – Select Output Channel for Speaker Assignment



When you are finished setting the Impedance and Power for each output, continue to scroll to access the SPEAKERS tab.

Loudspeaker assignment is optional, you can assign a loudspeaker to one or more channels, or none at all.

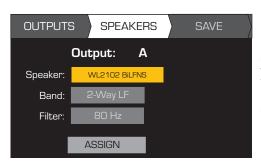
Scroll to select Output channel



To Assign a loudspeaker, press Continue to Step 3.



Step 3 — Select Speaker Type for Channel



Band and Filter selections are based on the Speaker you select. You must select a loudspeaker before selecting Band and Filter. To edit Speaker, press



Scroll to select a Speaker model



To confirm, press



Scroll to select (Band, Filter)



To edit, press



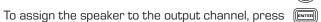
Turn to adjust parameter



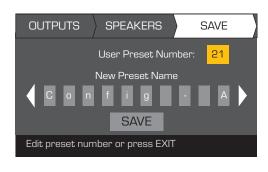
To confirm, press



Scroll to select ASSIGN



Step 4 – Select User Preset Number



When you have finished selecting loudspeakers, continue to scroll to access the SAVE tab.

Scroll to the Save screen



To edit User Preset number, press



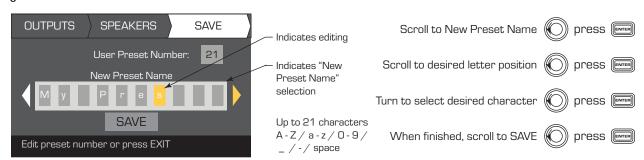
Turn to adjust parameter



To confirm, press



Step 5 — Assign New User Preset Name



Create New Preset from an Existing Preset

To create a preset from an existing preset, recall the preset with the desired output configuration, modify the Input parameters, Output parameters, then save the preset. In addition, you can save the preset as you are going thru the creation process.

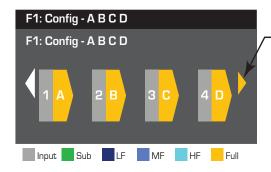
Recall a Preset

A Preset includes the output configuration, input parameters, and loudspeaker profiles (DSP, load, and assignments). There are 20 factory presets that can be recalled, but not overwritten.

- Factory presets F1: thru F9: contain output configurations only.
- Factory presets F10: thru F20: contain the output configurations and basic DSP for the configurations.
- There are 50 user presets that can be recalled and overwritten.

HOME > PRESETS > PRESET RECALL > ENTER

Step 1 — Select Preset



-Indicates more Presets

Scroll to desired Preset 20 Factory, 50 User-defined



Step 2 - Confirm Selection



To select the Preset configuration, press



To confirm the selection, press



The message at the bottom changes to: "Recalling Preset now..." You may hear relays clicking

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Set up the Inputs



NOTE: Changes made to input levels are in real time.

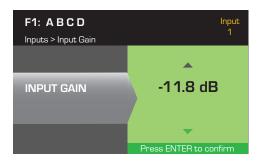
HOME > INPUTS > INPUT SENS > ENTER

Step 1 — Select Input Sensitivity



HOME > INPUTS > INPUT GAIN > ENTER

Step 2 - Set Input Gain



Scroll to select (+14 or +4 dBu) (The background turns to green.)



To confirm selection, press



To move to the next input, press



Repeat procedure for remaining input channels.

Scroll to select (-100 thru 20 dB) (0.1 dB increments)



To confirm selection, press



To move to the next input, press



Repeat procedure for remaining input channels.

Set up the Outputs



NOTE: Changes made to outputs are in real time.

Source Select

The PLD amplifiers are equipped with an internal router that allows you to select the input sources for each of the four output channels.

- The default setting is Input 1 to Output A, 2 to B, 3 to C, and 4 to D.
- Table 4 gives the possible input routings for a single output channel.

When you combine inputs, the input audio is summed equally to the output.

HOME > OUTPUTS > SOURCE SEL > ENTER

Step 1 — Select Input Source for each output channel



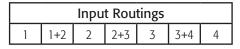


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Scroll to select Input combination (1), (1+2), (2), (2+3), (3), (3+4), or (4)



To confirm selection, press ENTER



To move to the next output, press



Repeat procedure for remaining input channels.

The Speaker Processing section allows you to make adjustments to the Crossover, EQ, Delay, Limiter, and QSC Array details for each output channel. In addition, you can load a pre-defined loudspeaker then make any adjustments needed, and save the changes as a user-defined loudspeaker. Depending on the loudspeaker selection, various parameters are not available for adjustment. When you make adjustments, you are making them in real time. If audio is passed while making changes, it is affected by the change.

The following instructions are not all in menu order, and all are optional. Repeat the following procedure for each output channel as necessary.

Load Speaker Profile

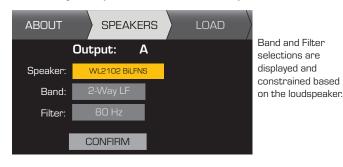
HOME > OUTPUTS > SPKR PROC > LOAD SPKR > ENTER

A loudspeaker profile includes all the DSP and loudspeaker characteristics available in the SPKR PROC section. When you LOAD a loudspeaker, you are loading all of the DSP and characteristics of that loudspeaker. You can start by loading a loudspeaker and then make modifications and save your new profile, or you can build the profile without loading a loudspeaker, and then save it as a new profile. If you load a QSC loudspeaker, the amplifier is set for that specific loudspeaker and some parameters may be locked out because they are set to their optimal value by the Intrinsic Correction Calculator, and should not be adjusted. The PLD supports a number of loudspeakers from other manufacturers. Refer to the list under "Included Loudspeaker Profiles" on page 26. There may be additions to this list in the futrue that can be loaded with firmware updates.



NOTE: If you make changes to any of the loudspeaker processing parameters, and then LOAD a loudspeaker profile, all the changes you made are overwritten.

Step 1 – Load an Existing Loudspeaker for the Selected Output



To edit Speaker, press Scroll to select Speaker model Band and Filter selections are displayed and To confirm, press

Scroll to (Band, Filter)

To adjust, press

Adjust selected parameter

To confirm, press

Scroll to LOAD

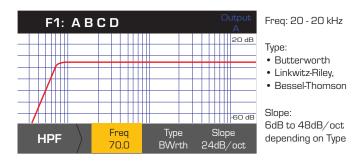
To Load the speaker profile to the selected output, press



Crossover

HOME > OUTPUTS > SPKR PROC > CROSSOVER > HIGH-PASS (OR LOW-PASS) > FREQ > ENTER

Step 1 — Set the Crossover High- and/or Low-pass filters



Scroll to select (Freq, Type, Slope)

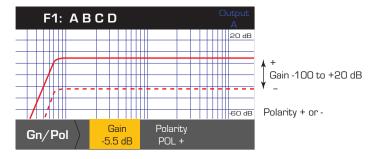
To edit, press

Turn to adjust parameter

To confirm, press

To exit, press





Scroll to select (Gain or Polarity)

To edit, press



Turn to adjust parameter

To confirm, press

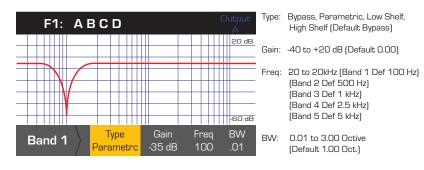
To exit, press

Parametric EQ

HOME > OUTPUTS > SPKR PROC > PEQ > BAND 1, 2, 3, 4, OR 5 > BAND BYPASS > ENTER

The graph is a composite of all five bands. Each band has a full range of 20 Hz to 20 kHz.

Step 1 — Set the Crossover EQ



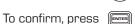
Scroll to select (Type, Gain, Freq, BW)



To edit, press



Turn to adjust parameter



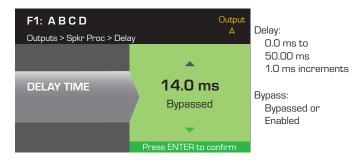
To exit, press



Delay

HOME > OUTPUTS > SPKR PROC > DELAY > DELAY TIME > ENTER

Step 1 - Set the Output Delay Time



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Scroll to (Delay Time or Bypass)



To edit, press



Turn to adjust parameter



To confirm, press



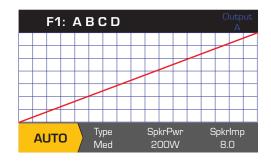
To exit, press

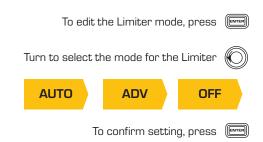


Limiter

HOME > OUTPUTS > SPKR PROC > LIMITER > ENTER

Step 1 — Set the Limiter Mode





HOME > OUTPUTS > SPKR PROC > LIMITER > AUTO



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NOTE: SpkrPwr maximum output depends on the amplifier and the output configuration you select. The maximum for separate channels is 1250 W, a single combined channel (ABCD or AB+CD) can be up to 5000 W depending on the amplifier.

Step 2 - Set the AUTO Mode Parameters



Type - the Auto Limiter Type is a protection level and its values are, Mild, Medium and Aggressive. This Type parameter, along with the Power Rating and Impedance drive an algorithm designed to maximize the performance of your loudspeakers. They set the RMS and Peak threshold values as well as their attack and release setting.

SpkrPwr - if a single speaker is being driven, the SpkrPwr should be the continuous power rating of that loudspeaker. If multiple speakers are being driven this value should be the combined power rating for the load.

SpkrImp - if a single speaker is being driven, the SpkrImp should be the nominal impedance of that loudspeaker. If multiple speakers are being driven this value should be the combined impedance for the load.

HOME > OUTPUTS > SPKR PROC > LIMITER > ADV

Step 3 — Set the ADV Mode Parameters



Array Correction



NOTE: You must have a QSC line array loaded in order to access the Array Correction parameters.

HOME > OUTPUTS > SPKR PROC > ARRAY > ENTER

Step 1 — Set Splay Angle and Number of Boxes in the Array



Save a Loudspeaker

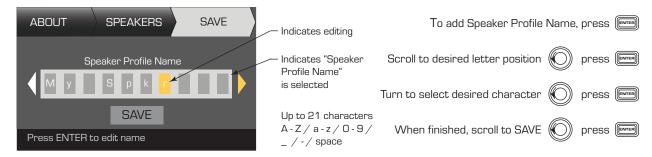
HOME > OUTPUTS > SPKR PROC > SAVE SPKR > ENTER

When you Save a speaker profile, you are saving all of the output settings currently active for the channel. The new profile you save does not need to be Loaded, it is already active.

Step 1 — Save a Loudspeaker with Custom Load Profile



Step 2 — Name the Loudspeaker Profile



Save the Preset

After modifying the Inputs and Outputs for all channels, save the current settings as one of the 50 user-defined presets (U1: thru U50:). Each of the user presets, by default, is the same as factory preset F1: Config A B C D, so when you save the preset you are "overwriting" the preset currently in that numbered position. If you started by recalling a factory preset, you must use the SAVE AS feature. If you started with a user-defined preset, you can overwrite the preset you started with using the SAVE feature, or use the SAVE AS feature to overwrite a different user preset.

HOME > PRESETS > PRESET > SAVE > SAVE AS > ENTER

Step 1 - Save a New Preset - Select and Edit Preset Number



To edit User Preset number, press

Turn to select desired number (1 thru 50)

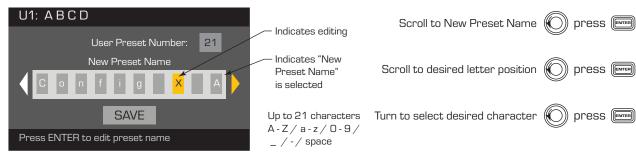


To confirm User Preset Number, press



Step 2 — Name the Preset

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Step 3 — Save the Preset



When you are finished naming, press



Scroll to SAVE





To confirm Save, press



HOME > PRESETS > PRESET SAVE > SAVE > ENTER

Use this procedure when you are saving the preset by overwriting the currently active user preset. After you use the SAVE AS feature to save the preset you are working on, it then becomes the currently active preset, and you can use the SAVE feature to save periodically as you work on the preset.

Step 1 - Overwrite Preset



To save, press

To exit without saving, press

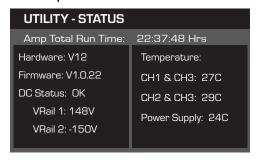
To confirm the save, press



Utilities

HOME > UTILITIES > STATUS > ENTER

Step 1 — Check the amplifier's health



Amp Total Run Time: HH:MM:SS

Hardware version

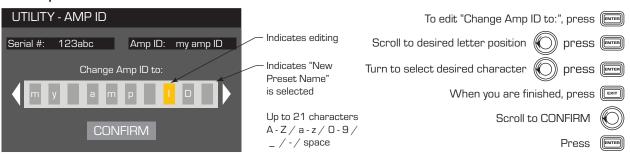
Firmware version update thru Amplifier Navigator

DC Status:

VRail 1 = +147VDC +/-5V typical VRail 2 = -147VDC + / -5V typical

HOME > UTILITIES > AMP ID > ENTER

Step 2 – Name the Amplifier



HOME > UTILITIES > PASSWORD > ENTER

The default password for all amplifiers is **QSC** - all uppercase. The password is case sensitive, can be up to 10 characters long, and contain,

A-Z a-z 0-9 _ - space

Step 1 - Add or change the Password



To enter "Current Password:", press

Temperature (PLD 4.3 & 4.5)

Thermal Limiting starts at 69°C

Thermal Shutdown at 80°C

With the first letter position selected, press

Turn to select desired character press



When you complete the current password, the "New Password:" is automatically selected Repeat the procedure for the "New Password:"

Scroll to CONFIRM



Press



HOME > UTILITIES > LOCKOUT > ENTER

All controls are locked except the Mute buttons, the front-panel and rear power buttons, the Enter button and Master Control knob to unlock the amplifier.

Step 2 — Enter Password to lock or unlock



With "Enter Password:" selected, press

With the first letter position selected |



Scroll to desired character press



When you complete the password correctly, CONFIRM is automatically selected.

To lock or unlock the amplifier, press



Included Loudspeaker Profiles

QSC Audio	EV	Peavey
AP-5102	ELX112	PR10
AP-5122	ELX115	PR12
AP-5122m FOH	ELX215	PR15
AP-5122m MON	TX2152	PV115
AP-5152	TX2181	PV118
GP118-sw		PV12M
GP212-sw	JBL	PV215
GP218-sw	JRX112M	PVX12
S8T	JRX115	PVX15
S10T	JRX118S	SP218
S12	JRX125	SP4
WL118-sw	MRX515	Yamaha
WL-2102	MRX518S	BR12
WL212-sw	MRX525	BR12M
WL218-sw	MRX528S	BR15
	PRX415M	C115V
B52	PRX425	S115V
LX1515V3	SRX712M	S215V
LX18V3	SRX715	SM15V
MX1515	SRX718S	SW218V
MX18S	SRX722	3002100
	SRX725	
Cerwin-Vega (CV)	SRX728S	
EL-36C	SRX738	
TS-42	VRX932LA	

Specifications

	PLD4.2	PLD4.3	PLD4.5		
4 Ch. Continuous ¹					
8Ω	400 Watts	625 Watts	1150 Watts		
4Ω	400 Watts	625 Watts	1250 Watts		
2Ω	325 Watts	625 Watts	625 Watts		
2 Ch. Continuous ¹					
Ω 8	800 Watts	1250 Watts	2250 Watts		
4Ω	800 Watts	1200 Watts	2250 Watts		
2Ω	650 Watts	1200 Watts	2100 Watts		
1 Ch. Continuous ¹					
8Ω	1600 Watts	2500 Watts	4200 Watts		
4Ω	1600 Watts	2500 Watts	4200 Watts		
2Ω	1600 Watts	2500 Watts	4250 Watts		
1 Ω	1600 Watts	2500 Watts	3700 Watts		
Typical Distortion					
8Ω	0.01 - 0.03%	0.01 - 0.03%	0.01 - 0.03%		
4Ω	0.03 - 0.06%	0.03 - 0.06%	0.03 - 0.06%		
Maximum Distortion					
4Ω - 8Ω	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%		
Frequency response (8 Ω)	20 Hz - 15 kHz +/- 0.2 dB	20 Hz - 15 kHz +/- 0.2 dB	20 Hz - 15 kHz +/- 0.2 dB		
, , ,	20 Hz - 20 kHz +0.2 dB / -0.7 dB	20 Hz - 20 kHz +0.2 dB / -0.7 dB	20 Hz - 20 kHz +0.2 dB / -0.7 dB		
Noise					
Unweighted Output Unmuted	-101 dB	-101 dB	-101 dB		
Weighted Output Muted	-109 dB	-109 dB	-109 dB		
Gain (1.2V setting)	34.0 dB	38.4 dB	38.4 dB		
Damping factor	>150	>150	>150		
Input impedance	>10k, balanced or unbalanced	>10k, balanced or unbalanced	>10k, balanced or unbalanced		
Maximum input level					
(3.9V setting)	12.28V (+24 dBu)	12.28V (+24 dBu)	12.28V (+24 dBu)		
(1.2V setting)	3.88V (+14 dBu)	3.88V (+14 dBu)	3.88V (+14 dBu)		
Controls and indicators (front)		el SELECT Buttons • Channel Input Signal and , GAIN Navigation Buttons • Control Knob	CLIP LED Indicators • Channel Output and		
Controls and indicators (rear)	AC Power Disconnect	AC Power Disconnect	AC Power Disconnect		
Input connectors	Female XLR	Female XLR	Female XLR		
Output connectors	NL4	NL4	NL4		
Amplifier and load protection	Short circuit, open circuit, thermal, RF pro	otection. On/Off muting, DC fault shutdown, a	active inrush limiting, input current limiting		
AC Power Input	Universal Power Supply 100 - 240 VAC, 5	0 - 60 Hz			
Dimensions (HWD)	3.5" x 19" x 12" (89 x 482 x 305 mm) 3.5" x 19" x 16" (89 x 482 x		3.5" x 19" x 16" (89 x 482mm x 406mm)		

^{1 - 1.0} kHz sine wave, 1% THD, 1 channel driven

	BTU/hr	kcal/hr
Idle		
PLD 4.3	225	57
PLD 4.5	286	72

Load per Channel	8	Ω	4	Ω	2 Ω		
	BTU/hr	kcal/hr	BTU/hr	kcal/hr	BTU/hr	kcal/hr	
1/8th Power							
PLD 4.3	684	172	794	200	1040	262	
PLD 4.5	811	204	1144	288	1124	283	
1/3rd Power							
PLD 4.3	983	248	1261	318	1869	470.988	
PLD 4.5	881	222	1708	430	1737	438	
Full Power							
PLD 4.3	2498	629	2925	737	4198	1058	
PLD 4.5	3116	785	5318	1340	4208	1060	

Idle

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Thermal loss at idle or with very low signal level.

1/8 Power

Thermal loss at 1/8 of full power is measured with pink noise. It approximates operating with music or voice with light clipping and represents the amplifier's typical "clean" maximum level, without audible clipping. Use these figures for typical maximum level operation.

1/3 Power

Thermal loss at 1/3 of full power is measured with pink noise. It approximates operating with music or voice with very heavy clipping and a very compressed dynamic range.

Full Power

Thermal loss at full power is measured with a 1 kHz sine wave. However, it does not represent any real-world operating condition.

NOTE: Specifications are subject to change without notice.