USER'S MANUAL

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OVERBASS
Ko40

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

CAUTION

This symbol, wherever it appears, alerts you to important operating and maintenance istructions in the accompanying literature. Read the manual!

• To reduce the risk of electric shock, disconnect the amplifier from the AC mains before installing audio cable. Reconnect the power cord only after making all signal connections.

• Connect the amplifier to a two-pole, three wire grounding mains receptacle. The receptacle must be connected to a fuse or circuit breaker. Connection to any other type of receptacle poses a shock hazard and may violate local electrical codes.

• Do not install the amplifier in wet or humid locations without using weather protection.

• Do not allow water or any foreign object to get inside the amplifier. Do not put objects containing liquid on, or near, the unit.

•No naked flame sources such like lighted candles should be placed on the device.

• To reduce the risk of overheating the amplifier, avoid exposing it to direct sunlight. Do not install the unit near heat emitting appliances, such as a room heater or stove.

• The amplifier should be placed so that its location does not interfere with its proper ventilation. For example, the appliance should not be situated on a bed, carpet, or similar surface that may create an obstacle for the ventilation openings.

• This amplifier contains potentially hazardous voltages. Do not attempt to disassemble the unit. The unit contains no user serviceable parts. Repairs should be performed only by factory trained service personnel.

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K-array is the new voice that sings aloud, "outside the chorus", and whose performance is better than any other products. Born on-the-road, in the PA world, where you get no discount, you have to give your best as fast as you can, often with a "compressed" budget, K-Array systems have been designed to give precise answers to precise needs. K-Array systems are driven by new generation digital engines, with power/dimension/weight ratios that are ten times better than any other professional products; these systems can be remotely controlled and come with a lot of on-board software. K-array systems can shape their performance following your taste and needs. Inside K-array systems you will find something that only K-array can offer: the best in technology, proudly conceived, designed and produced in Italy. If they were cars, they would be Ferrari. Don't agree to pay for a simple brand, claim performance, and don't believe those who maintain that these products are only for few people, the only truth is that K-array systems are unique, but affordable and within everybody's reach!

HP Sound Equipment

Overbass Ko40

The **Ko40** is a self-powered high output subwoofer. It has an incredible reserve of power that ensures very high pressure maintaining the sound quality constant. The **Ko40** is ideal for medium and big live applications, especially on touring P.A. systems. The **Ko40** is designed to easily integrate with others **K-array** products, for example with **KH4** or **KH15** line array satellites.

The **Ko40** can be used also with **KS4**, to make a very directional high power subwoofer.

The **Ko40** uses a 21" inches very high excursion cone driver for very low frequencies with 6" voice coil, powered by a power amplifier of 3500 watt RMS. The woofer is mounted in a box that ensures high rigidity and resistance to vibrations.

The transducer of **Ko40** is driven by an internal DSP module, a dedicated remote control software allows to control the speaker from PC. All the **Ko40** components are designed by **K-array** R&D department and custom made under **K-array control quality system**.

2. AC POWER DISTRIBUTION

All amplifier modules and the rest of the audio equipment connected to it (mixing consoles, processors, etc.) must be connected to the AC power distribution in a proper way, preserving AC line polarity and connecting earth ground such that all grounding points are connected to a single node or common point using the same cable gauge as the neutral and line(s) cables. Bad grounding connections between speakers and the rest of the audio system may produce noise, hum and/or serious damage to the input/output stages in the system's electronic equipment.

CAUTION

Before applying AC to any K-array self-powered speaker, be sure that the voltage potential difference between neutral and earth ground is less than 5 VAC.

CAUTION

In the connectors marked with this symbol there is a dangerous high voltage. Wirings connected to these connectors require installation by trained personnel or the use of ready certificated cables.

CAUTION

When the unit is ready for use, after the installation, the power AC switch should be easily accessible..

3. VOLTAGE REQUIREMENTS

Ko70 and Ko40 operate safely and without audio discontinuity if the AC voltage stays within either of two operating windows: 95-125 or 100-240 V, at 50 or 60 Hz.

WHEN YOU SWITCH ON THE UNIT:

The main power supply slowly ramps on t he green display on the user panel lights up, and the green leds on the left side lights up flashing, indicating that the system is enabled and ready to process audio signals

CAUTION

If the Display does not illuminate or the system does not respond to audio input after ten seconds, remove AC power immediately. Verify that the voltage is within the proper range. If the problem persists please contact HP Sound Equipment or an authorized service center.

NOTE

It is recommend that the supply be operated in the rated voltage windows, at least a few volts away from the turn on/off points so that small AC voltage variations do not cause the amplifier to cycle on and off.

4. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS

The Ko40 present a dynamic load to the AC mains, which causes the amount of current to fluctuate between quiet and loud operating levels. Since different cables and circuit breakers heat up at varying rates, it is essential to understand the types of current ratings and how they correspond to circuit breaker and cable specifications. The maximum continuous RMS current is the maximum RMS current in a period of at least ten seconds. It is used to calculate the temperature increase in cables, which is used to select cables that conform to electrical code standards. It is also used to select the cable size and gauge and the rating for slow-reacting thermal breakers. The maximum burst RMS current is the maximum RMS current in a period of approximately one second. It is used to select the rating for most magnetic breakers. The maximum instantaneous peak current during burst is used to select the rating for fast-reacting magnetic breakers

For best performance, the AC Cable voltage drop should not exceed 10 Volts, or 10% at 115V and 5% at 230V.

The minimum electrical service amperage required by a system of Ko40 is the sum of their maximum continuous RMS current. We recommend allowing an additional 30% above the minimum amperage to prevent peak voltage drops at the service entry.

5. POWER CONNECTOR WIRING CONVENTIONS

The Ko40 requires a grounded outlet. It is very important that the system be properly grounded for both safety and proper operation. Use the following wiring diagram to create power cables and distribution systems.

CAUTION

The Ko40 require a ground connection. Always use a grounding outlet when connecting these units.

CAUTION

Do not operate the unit if the power cables are frayed or broken.

CAUTION

Keep all liquids away from the Ko15 amplifiers to avoid hazards from electrical shocks.

6. CONNECTIONS

The Ko40 presents two 10k ohm balanced inputs impedance to three-pin XLR connectors with the following connections:

- pin1 = Ground
- pin2 = Signal +
- pin3 = Signal -

CAUTION

Shorting an input connector pin to the case can form a ground loop and cause hum.

Pins 2 and 3 carry the input as a differential signal; pin 2 is hot relative to pin 3, resulting in a positive pressure wave when a positive signal is applied to pin 2. Use standard audio cables with XLR connectors for balanced signal sources. Make sure that pin 1 (shield) is always connected on both ends of the cable.

If abnormal noises such as hiss and popping are produced by the loudspeaker, disconnect the audio cable from the speaker. If the noise stops, then most likely the problem is not with the loudspeaker. Check the audio cable, source, and AC power for the source of the problem.

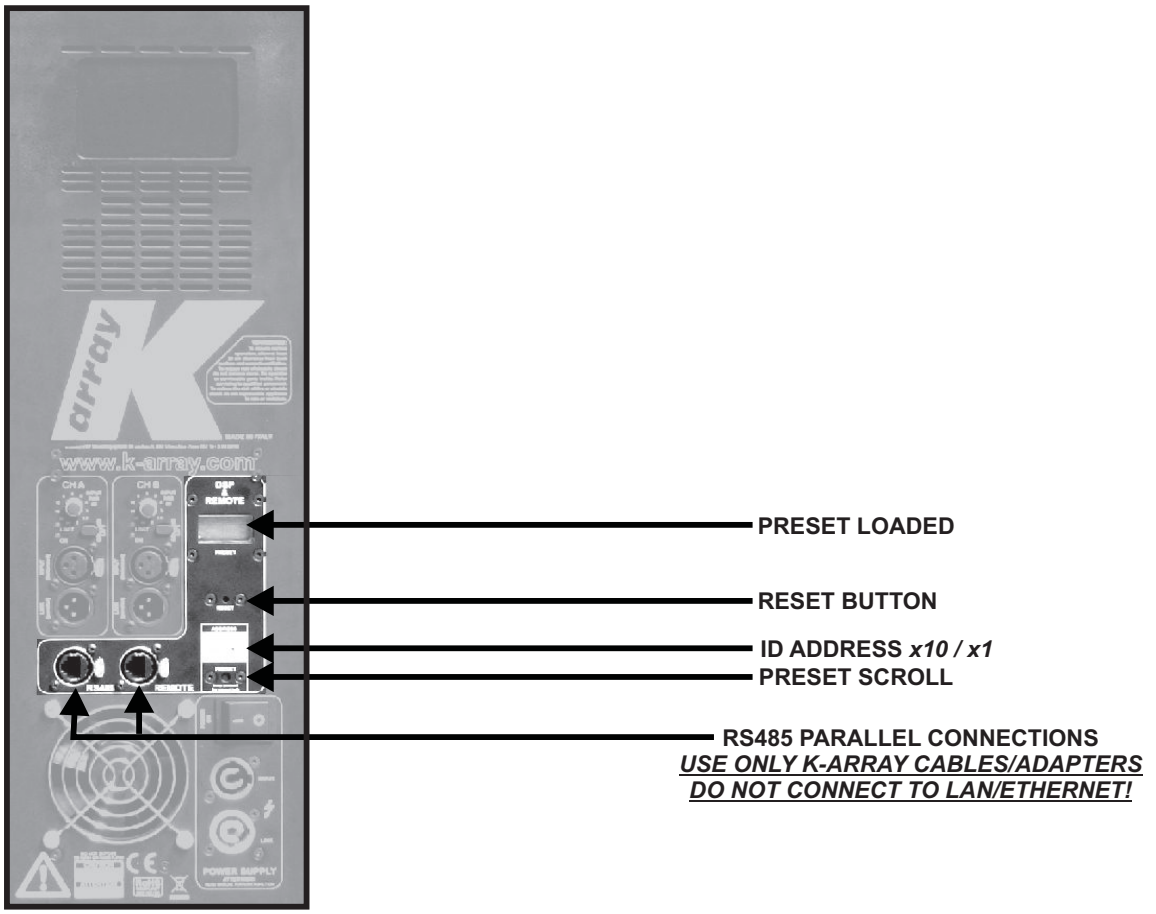
Audio signals can be easily-chained using the loop output connector on the user panel of the Ko40. A single source can drive multiple Ko40 with a paralleled input loop, creating an unbuffered hard-wired loop connection. When driving multiple K-array systems, make certain that the source device (mixer, etc.) can drive the total load impedance presented by the paralleled input circuit of the array. The audio source must be capable of producing a minimum of not distorted 20 dBV (10-Vrms into 600 ohms). The maximum peak SPL is produced with a +4dB signal.

7. AMPLIFICATION AND PROTECTION CIRCUITRY

The Ko40 is powered by the K-array digital power amplifier with a total power of 3000 watts. All the specific functions for the Ko70 such as crossovers, frequency, phase response, and loudspeakers protection are determined by a DSP processor installed inside the amplifier. All K-array speakers are shipped with the cone drivers in correct alignment. However, if a loudspeaker needs to be replaced, make sure the replacement is reinstalled with the correct polarity. Incorrect cone driver polarity impairs the system performance and may damage the component.

8. DSP CONTROL & REMOTE CONTROL

The Ko40 have a powerful DSP that manages all the functions of the speakers. Each system can store on board 16 preset that can be recalled pushing the PRESET button. Once the preset will appear on the lower line of the display it will become automatically available after few seconds. If you desire to set a preset as "default" you just need, once selected it, to keep pressed for five seconds the PRESET button. After that, this preset will automatically be recall each time you will switch on your module. It is also possible to remote each module by an RS485 serial port. In order to remote your system, you need to set each module on a different address, so that, in your chain, no one module will have the same address. Two rotary encoder allow you to set the desired address number that will appear on the top line of the display. Using the remote control software it is possible to mute each system, select a desired preset loaded on-board or download a new preset pack.



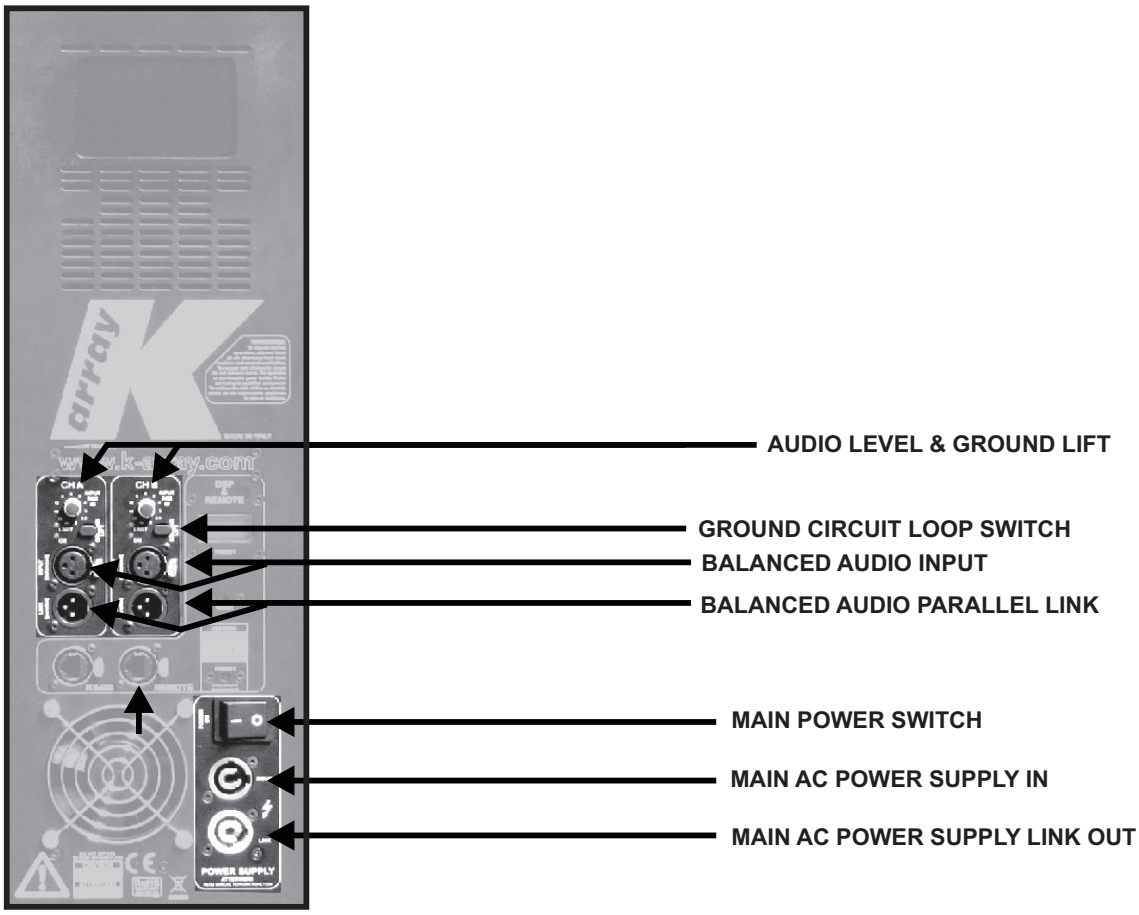
9. CLONER FUNCTION

It is possible to clone the entire presets bank from Speaker to Speaker without any PC connected. We will call SpeakerA the one with the presets bank that you want clone, and SpeakerB the one that will be upgraded.
Set the SpeakerA on ID 99, will appear CLONER on the display
Keep SpeakerB on any ID number between 10 and 90.
Turn off both the speakers and connect by a RJ45 8 poles cable
Turn on the SpeakerB and after the SpeakerA
SpeakerA will start to clone, on the display will appear a cont down (00/15, 01/15, etc)
Wait till 20 seconds after 15/15
Change the ID of the SpeakerA to any other ID and turn off both Speakers
Turning on the SpeakerA check that it is on mode 16x16 and NOT 4x4.
If SpeakerA is in mode 4x4, just turn off the speaker and keep press the Preset button during the turning on
The preset are cloned to the SpeakerB

10. POWER SUPPLY & AUDIO SECTION

Ko40 modules are using PowerCon connectors for power supply. It is possible, using the link connector, to have more modules on the same power supply line. You can wire a max of 4 modules on the same line if the use of them will be within the 50% of their max power. For full power use connect max two modules on the same power supply line.

The Audio section includes a female balanced XLR connector and a male XLR connector wired in parallel. Thanks to these connectors it is possible to feed a module and to send the same signal to another one through the LINK connector. It is possible to connect till 30 different modules in parallel on the same balanced line (with a source of 600 ohm output impedance). A Level Control potentiometer (PAD) allows different set levels. The ground lift switch can help to solve ground loop problems due to wrong ground wiring.



CAUTION

To connect high quantity of modules together by remote control, is suggested to use K-array special 3 pole cables XLR adapters(K-XM45 and K-XF45).

11. MAINTENANCE

INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

The K array systems are an assembly of mechanical devices, and are therefore subject to wear and tear over prolonged use, as well as damage from corrosive agents, extreme impact, or inappropriate use. Such inspection includes examination of all load-bearing components for any sign of undue wear, twisting, buckling, cracking, rusting, or other corrosion. Metal seams and welds should be examined for any sign of separation or deformation. HP Sound Equipment strongly recommends that written documentation be maintained on each K-array system, noting date of inspection, name of inspector, points of system checked, and any anomalies discovered.

CAUTION

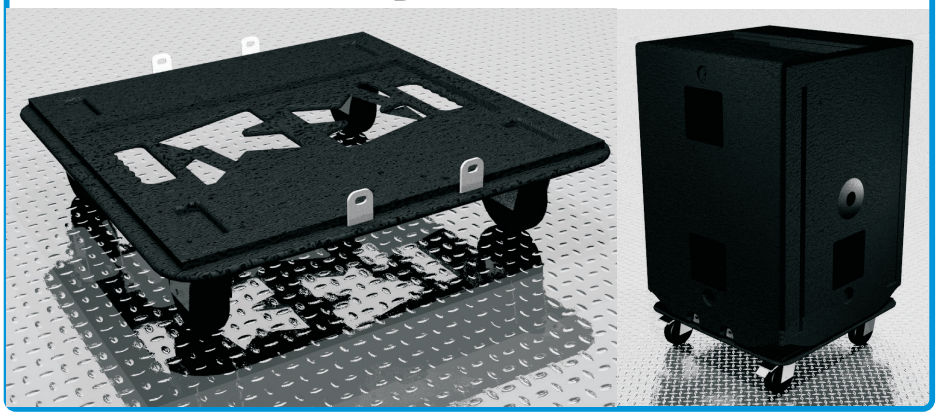
Because of the safety issue involved, users must adopt and ad here to a schedule of regular inspection and maintenance. In touring applications, key components must be inspected be for each use.

REPLACEMENT PARTS

Any component found to be defective, or any safety-related component you even suspect might be defective, should be replaced with the equivalent, approved part. Parts specific to a K-array system should be ordered directly from HP Sound Equipment. No attempt should be made to substitute what appears to be equivalent or “mostly the same” generic replacements. To the best of our knowledge, most of these suppliers are reputable and their products are reliable. However, HP Sound Equipment has no way of assuring the quality of products made by these various suppliers. Therefore, HP Sound Equipment is not responsible for problems caused by components that were not supplied by HP Sound Equipment.

12. ACCESSORIES

KO-TR1 - trolley



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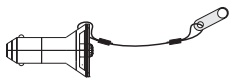
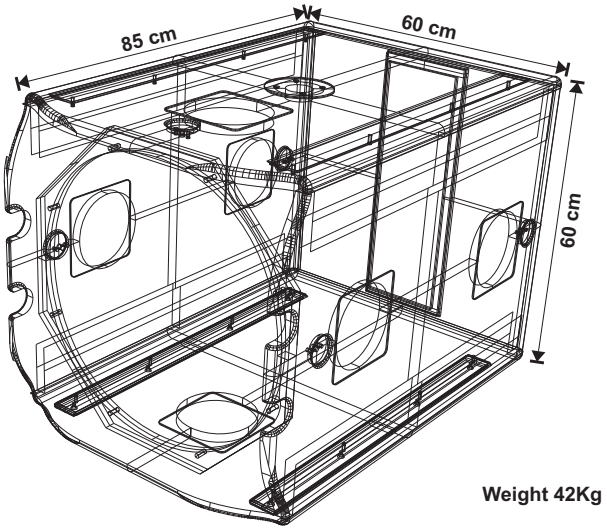


KO-COVER1
Protection strong bag

13. PHYSICAL



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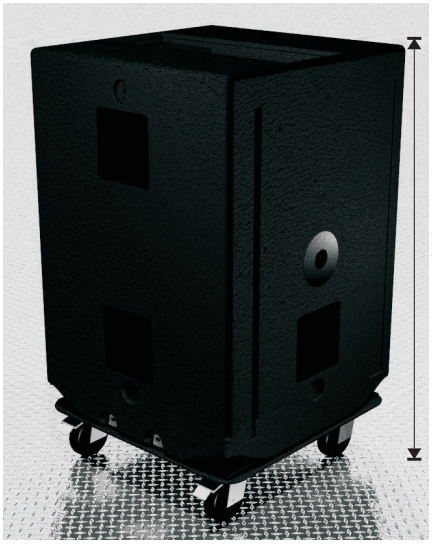
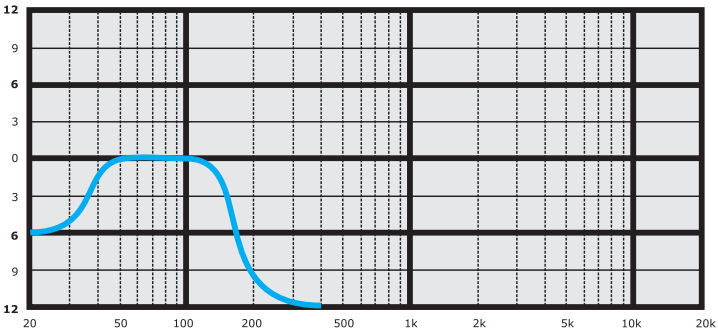
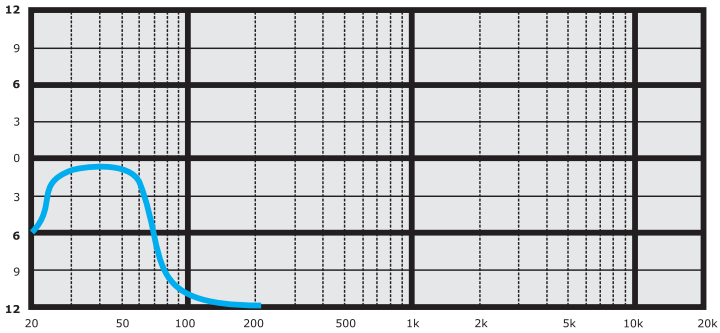


Ko40 Presets

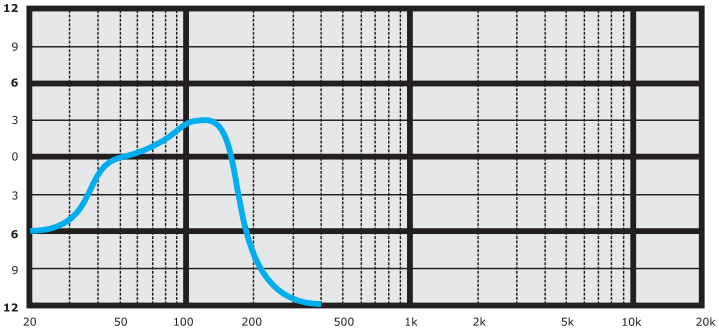
Ko40F - Flat preset



Ko40I - Infra sub



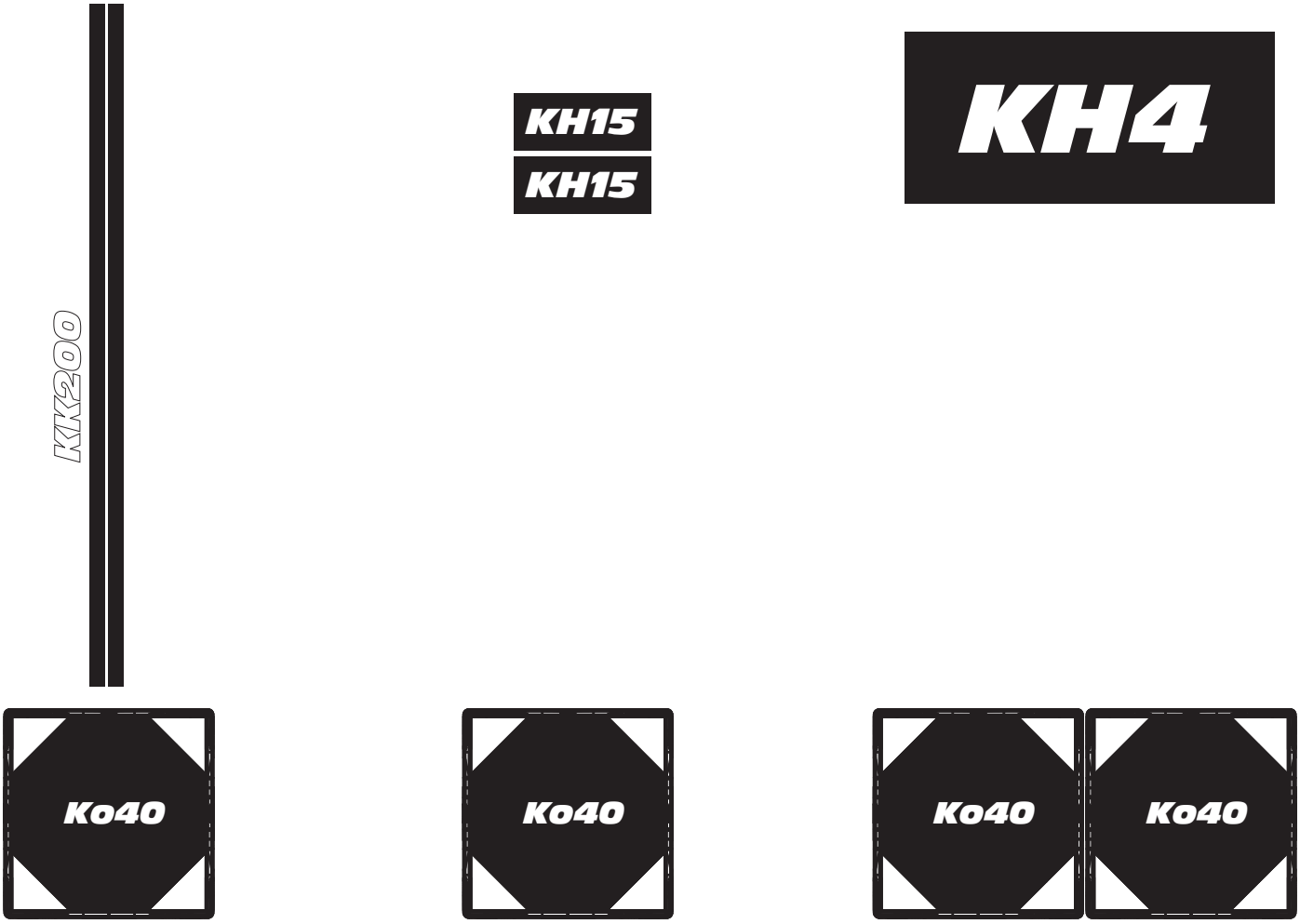
Ko40D - 120 Hz enhancement



Preset with 1 mt delay
Ko40I_1, Ko40D_1, Ko40F_1

Check for new presets on www.k-array.com

15. CONFIGURATIONS



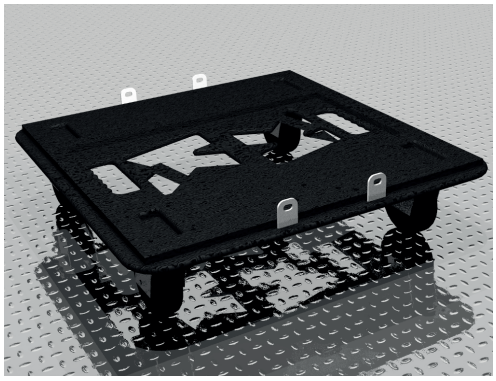
	KO40
	Acoustics
Speakers power handling	2000 W (AES)
Max power	4000 w [1]
Impedance	8 Ω
Frequency range	25 Hz - 150 Hz
SPL 1W/1mt	96.5 dB [2]
Maximum SPL	136 dB continuous - 140 dB peak
	Coverage
	Omni
	Cross over
Type	DSP controlled
Frequency	150 Hz suggested (DSP dependent)
	Transducers
	1 x 21” Neodymium speakers with 6” voice coil
	Audio Input
Connectors	1 X male + 1 X female parallel 3-pin balanced XLR
Wiring	Pin1 = ground / Pin2 = hot (+) / Pin3 = cold (-)
	Remote control Input
Connectors	2 x female 8-pin RJ45
	Power Input
Connectors	2 x PowerCon IN/OUT
	Amplifiers
Type	Class D - DSP controlled
Power	4000 W @ 8 Ω [3]
Protection	Dynamic limiter, over current, over temp, short circuits
	AC power
Operating range	85-270 Vac 50-60 Hz with PFC (auto range)
P. nom	900 VA
Power factory (1/2 max out/8Ω)	0.90
Minimum operation voltage	70 Vac
Maximum operation voltage	400 Vac
	Physical
Dimensions	60 x 60 x 85 cm (23.62” x 23.62” x 33.46”)
Weight	42 Kg (171.96 lbs)

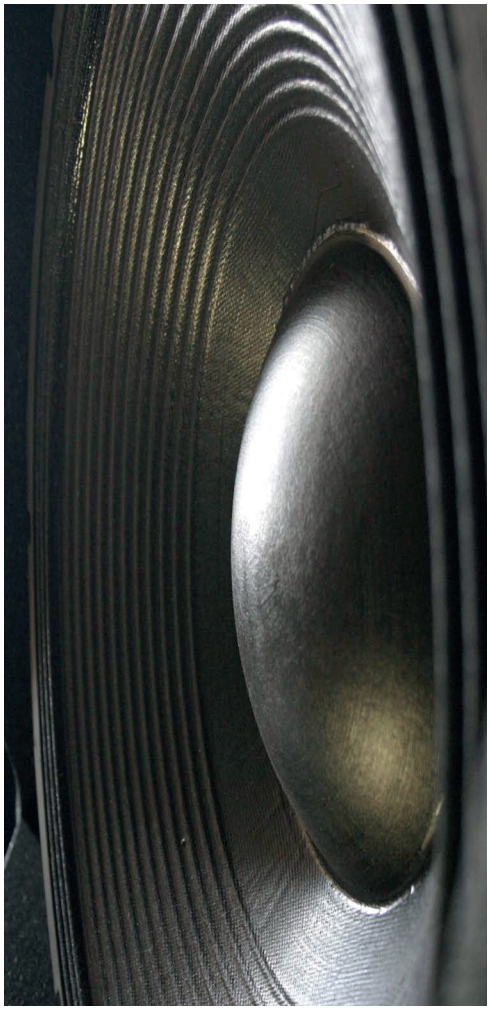
Notes for data
1. Maximum RMS applicable power for a musical signal, the reference signal is the one proposed by EIAJ standard.
2. Measured @4 mt then scaled @1 mt
3. Amplifier wattage rating is based on the maximum unclipped burst sine wave RMS voltage that the amplifier will produce into the nominal load impedance.

New materials and design are introduced into existing products without previous notice. Present systems may differ in some respects from those presented in this brochure.

Accessories:

- **K-OTR1:** Trolley for KO40
- **K-OCOVER1:** Cover for KO40





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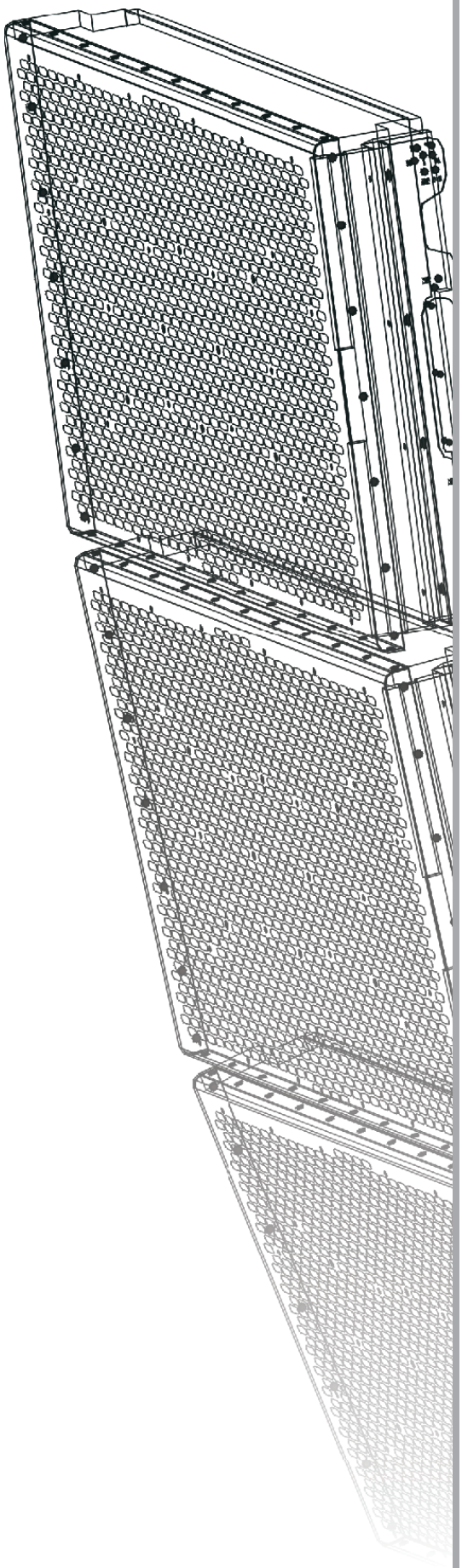

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