



# W18As

bi-amped, active loudspeaker system

instruction manual







The lighting flash with arrowhead symbol within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated 'dangerous voltage' within the product's enclosure, that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to humans.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions

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- Never install the product without providing adequate airflow to cool it. Never obstruct the air intake openings on it. Leave enough room to get to the mains power socket and the mains connector on the back panel.
- In case the external fuse needs replacement, substitute it only with one of the same type and rating, as stated on the product.
- Always make sure the Power switch is in its '0' (= off) position before doing any operation on the connections of the product.
- Before attempting to move the product after it has been installed, remove all the connections.
- To disconnect the power cable of this product from the mains supply never pull the cable directly. Hold the body of the plug firmly and pull it gently from the mains supply outlet.

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Never attempt to hang the product by any means not expressly provided or approved by the manufacturer (i.e. ropes, chains, belts or whatever medium, throgh carring handles, bolts, hooks or whatever). In case the product is factoryfitted with specific mounting hardware, always verify before installation that the lifting and/or hanging system you intend to use is of a proper type and can carry the product weight with the safety ratio required by the regulations in force.

- To avoid shocks, kicks, or whatever action, always reserve a protected area with no access to unqualified personnel as installation site of the product. In case the product is used near children and animals closest supervision is necessary.
- This product can generate very high acoustic pressures which are dangerous for the hearing system. Always avoid operation at loud levels if anyone is excessively near to the product (at least 1 m of distance).

Never expose children to high sound sources.

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#### Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment Attention !



The crossed out wheeled bin symbol that can be found on this product means that the product is covered by the Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive. The symbol is intended to indicate that waste from electrical and electronic equipment must be subject to a selective collection.

For more details on available collection facilities please contact your local government office or the retailer where you purchased this product. The solid bar underneath indicates that the product has been put on the market after 13th August

#### INFORMATION ON PROPER DISPOSAL

#### Information on Disposal for Users (private households)

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authorities and ask for the correct method of disposal. In Switzerland: Used electrical or electronic equipment can be returned free of charge to the dealer,

even if you don't purchase a new product. Further collection facilities are listed on the homepage of www.swico.ch or www.sens.ch.

#### Information on Disposal for Professional Users

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In Spain: Please contact the established collection system or your local authority for takeback of your

In other Countries outside the EU: please contact your local authorities and ask for the correct

## Introduction

The 2-way bass reflex enclosure incorporates:

custom designed, high quality components.

2 amplifiers:

600 + 250 W continuous

850 + 350 W peak

2 independent processors

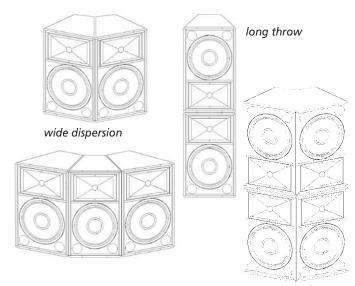
24dB/Oct electronic crossover

The bass reflex enclosure, constructed from birch plywood, is equipped with a custom designed 18" low frequency woofer and a 2" driver with constant directivity horn for the mid/high frequencies, each driven by its own dedicated power amplifier. A high slope 24dB/Oct. electronic crossover and two processors (one for each amplifier) optimize the dynamic range and frequency response of the system, while protecting the drivers from thermal and electrical overloads, resulting in increased reliability and outstanding performance.

Its adaptability to various applications allows the W18As to be used in any type of installation ensuring optimum results to any professional requirement for sound reinforcement and distribution. The trapezoidal enclosure design is based on solid technical reasons:

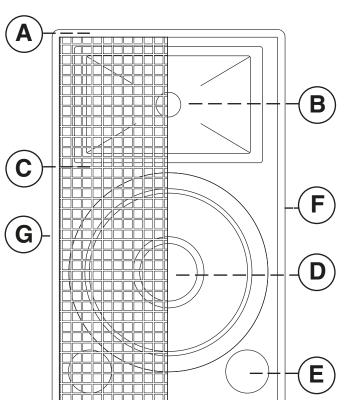
- directivity remains constant and controlled, even when two or more enclosures are installed side by side.
- the problems related to interferences and irregularities in frequency response and directivity, typically encountered when using multiple enclosures, are thus dramatically reduced.

Multiple enclosures arrays can be assembled for wide dispersion and/or long throw.



long throw / wide dispersion

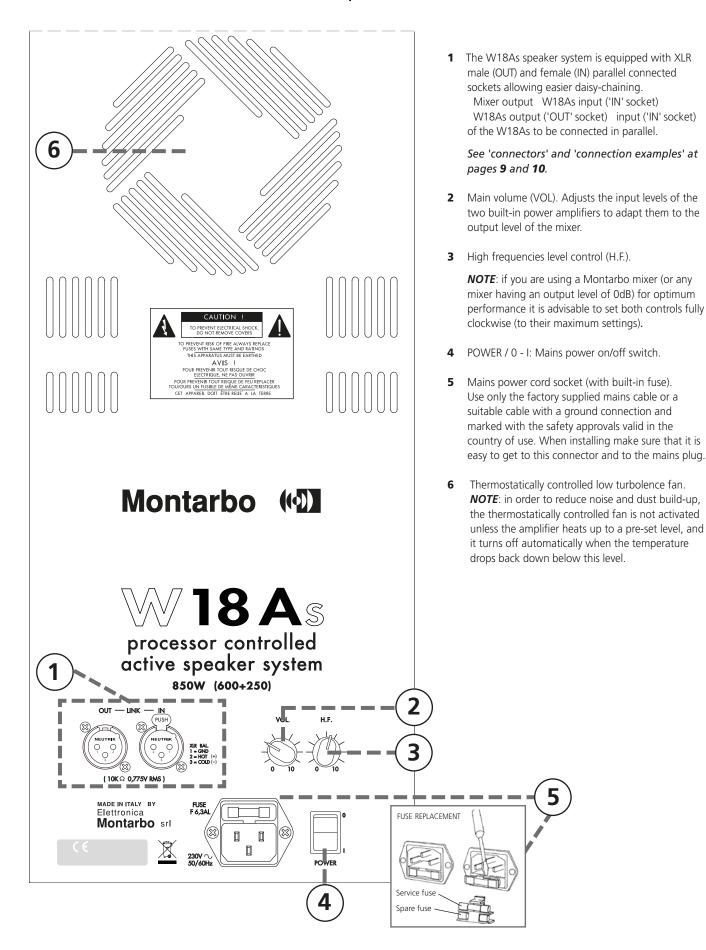
## Description



- A High grade birch plywood construction, phenolic glued; polyurethane painted
- **B** Constant directivity, high frequency horn (dispersion 90° x 60°) with 2" dynamic driver (featuring aluminum flat wire voice coil, kapton former, titanium dome)
- **C** Powder coated, perforated, steel grid.
- **D** 18" high efficiency woofer
- **E** Tunig ports
- **F** Side recessed handles
- **G** Control and connection panel

Construction and components conform to the highest professional standards for maximum reliability.

## Control and connection panel



## Important!



#### **Product care and maintenance**

- This product has been designed for use in tropical climates and particularly warm weather conditions.
- Never place burning candles or other sources of open flame on top of the device.
- Never expose the enclosure to heat sources (heaters or other products that produce heat).
- Never expose the enclosure to direct sunlight, excessive vibrations or mechanical shocks.
- Avoid operating and storing the enclosure in damp or dusty places: this may lead to malfunctions and premature degrading of specifications.
- Avoid using the enclosure close to strong sources of electromagnetic interferences (e.g. video monitors, high power electrical cabling). This may lead to degradation of audio quality.
- When setting up the system up outdoors, be sure to protect it against rain.
- Care should be taken so that objects do not fall and liquid is not spilled onto the enclosure. In public event don't let people, musicians, technicians or anyone put glasses, cups, ashtrays or cigarettes on the enclosure.
- Always leave the protective grid mounted on the enclosure.
- Use a soft brush or a jet of air to clean the enclosure. Do not use alcohol, solvents or detergents.
- Take care of your connector cables. Make sure that they are not damaged, knotted or twisted.
- Do not force connectors and controls.
- Make sure the mains power switch is off ('0') before starting any connection.
- As long as it is plugged in there can be dangerous electrical potentials inside the device, so, before undertaking any sort of maintenance work etc., always make sure it has been unplugged from the mains socket.



#### **Mains power connection**

- Make sure the mains power switch is off ('0').
- Check that mains voltage corresponds to the voltage indicated on the panel, under the mains socket.
- Use only the factory supplied mains cable or, if a different plug style is needed, a suitable cable with a ground connection and marked with the safety approvals valid in the country of use.
- Leave enough room to get to the mains power socket and the mains connector on the back panel.

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#### Connection to the mixer

If the mixer has <u>XLR balanced outputs</u>: use standard balanced XLR connectors.

If the mixer has  $\underline{\mathsf{XLR}}$  unbalanced outputs: in this case, unless using a Montarbo mixer, make sure that the  $\mathsf{XLR}$  outputs on the mixer are unbalanced to IEC 268 standard:  $1 = \mathsf{GND}$ ,  $2 = \mathsf{HOT}$ ,  $3 = \mathsf{GND}$ .

If the mixer has JACK balanced outputs (stereo jacks): it is possible to use stereo jack-XLR adapters, wired according to IEC 268: pin 1 = ground (sleeve), pin 2 = tip, pin 3 = ring.

If the mixer has JACK unbalanced outputs (mono jacks): use suitable Jack-XLR male adapters unbalanced according to IEC 268: pin 1 = ground, pin 2 = tip, pin 3 = ground

#### See 'connectors' at page 7.

- Always use only heavy gauge, high quality **SHIELDED cables** (signal cables).
- Always make sure that the mixer and the powered enclosures are switched off before connecting them. This will to avoid annoying noises and signal peaks, which can also be dangerous for the enclosures themselves.



#### Parallel connection of two or more systems

• Always use only heavy gauge, high quality SHIELDED cables (signal cables). Connect the LINK OUT socket of the first system to the LINK IN socket the second system and the LINK OUT of the second system to the LINK IN of the third, and so on.

See 'connection example' at page 7.



#### Input sensitivity and clipping. How to avoid clipping

Every amplified speaker system is characterized by a value of input sensitivity. The sensitivity is defined as the value of the amplifier's input signal that will result in maximum power output. An increase in input signal over that threshold will result, not in increased power, but in a distortion phenomenon called 'clipping' (output stage saturation).



In this condition, the speaker will operate improperly. The diaphragm will exceed it's excursion limits, and the voice coil will overheat beyond it's thermal limits, resulting in overheating and premature failure. The active processors will help in avoiding clipping, by reducing the amplifier gain and thus the input sensitivity, but this type of protections may be overridden in very extreme conditions.

What the active processor cannot modify is a signal that is distorted before getting to the active speaker's input.



The effects of this type of signal are the same as described above.

#### How to avoid clipping

The simplest way to avoid clipping is to check each level in the signal's chain. Start from each input channel of the mixer and adjust the gain control and the equalizer's controls so that the PFL meter will never (or only occasionally) indicate more than OdB. In simpler mixers, check that the 'clip' or 'peak' indicator is always off, or blinks only occasionally. If these levels are exceeded, reduce the channel's input gain. Once the desired mix is obtained, adjust the output level so that it never exceeds the active speaker's or the power amplifier's input sensitivity, as displayed on the master output VU-meter. In model W18As the input sensitivity is OdB.

## Specifications

#### Speaker system

• Components:

- bass frequencies Nominal diamete Frequancy range Sensitivity
Rated impedance
Net weight
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- mid/high frequencies

Exponential horn Nominal coverage Cutoff frequency Throat diameter Material Dimensions Net weight

Driver
Throat diameter
Nominal impedance
D.C resistance D.C. resistance
Power capacity
Sensitivity
Frequency range
Voice coil diameter
winding material
former material
Dome material
Inductance Inductance Flux density Overall diameter Depth Net weight

Impedance

• Frequency response

• Sensitivity (1W / 1m)

Max SPL

#### 2-way bass reflex

custom designed to Montarbo specs

18" high efficiency woofer 18" 32÷2000Hz

101dB 32Hz 2,8 Ohms 0.31 0.293 0,376m<sup>3</sup> 3,85% 19,8T/m 0,104m<sup>2</sup> 0.0099m 600W r.m.s.

2" driver coupled with a constant directivity horn

(H x V) 90° x 60° 500 Hz 50 mm aluminium fusion 435x270x230 mm 3 Kg

50 mm 8 ohms 6,2 ohms 180 Watt RMS 108 dB 500 ÷ 20kHz 74,5 mm aluminum flat wire kapton titanium 0,17 mH 1,95 T 165 mm

4 ohm (bass) / 8 ohm (mid/high)

40Hz ÷ 20kHz - bass: 40Hz ÷ 800Hz - mid/high: 800Hz ÷ 20kHz

101 dB SPL 131 dB

Built-in electronic crossover:

800Hz crossover frequency 24dB/Oct slope

Built-in power amplifiers 2 MOSFET (class AB);

Construction and finish

2 independent processors • Max. output power 850 W continuous / 1200 W peak - bass 600 W continuous (4 ohms @ 0,1%THD)

850 W peak

- mid-high 250 W continuous (8 ohms @ 0,1%THD)

350 W peak

Forced cooling, thermostatically controlled low turbolence fan 35Hz ÷ 25kHz +0/-1dB 10KOhms (balanced)

• Frequency response Input impedance Input sensitivity 0dB (775 mV) • Noise referred to input - 108dB (A weighted) 220 V.A.C. 50÷60 Hz / Fuse: F 6,3AL Power supply

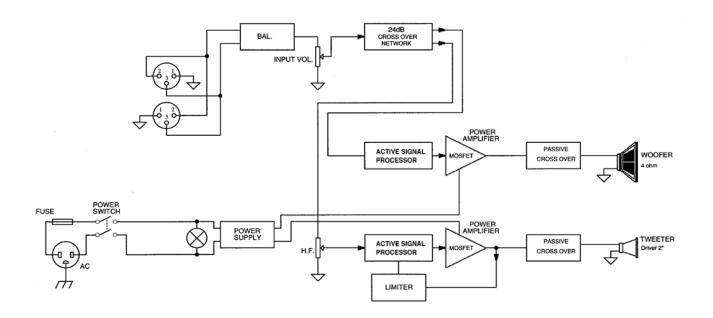
on request 117 V.A.C. 50÷60Hz / Fuse: F10AL

Balanced male (OUT) and female (IN) XLR Connections inputs wired in parallel

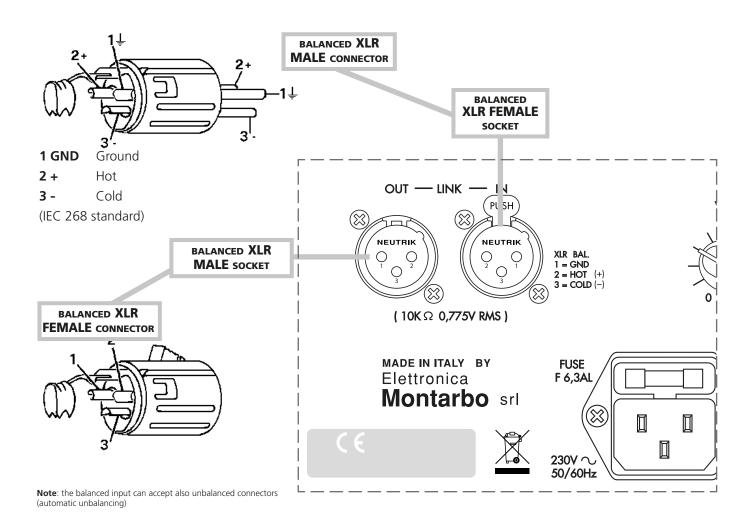
Phenyl-glued multiply birch Polyurethane paint

54 x 87 x 45 cm Dimensions (w x h x d) Weight 55,7 Kg

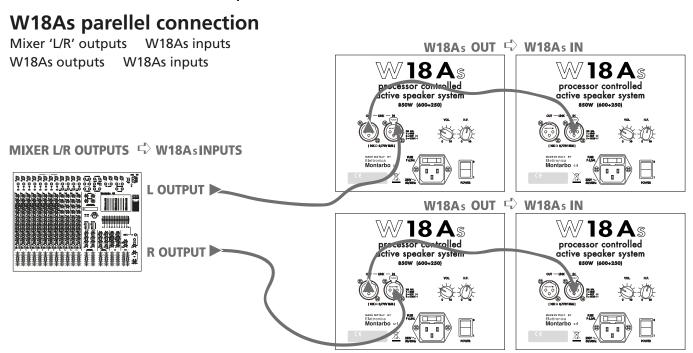
## Block diagram



### Connectors



## Connection example



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### العربية

### هام! التعليمات الخاصة بالسلامة والعناية

### إنذار!

من أجل حمايتك أنت والآخرين ومن أجل عدم حدوث إلغاء لشهادة الضمان الخاصة بهذا المنتج، يرجى قراءة هذا الجزء من دليل الاستخدام بعناية قبل الشروع بتشغيل هذا المنتج.

لقد تمر تصنيع وتصميمر هذا المنتج بعناية فائقة ليتمر استخدامه كنظامر سماعات فعال في التطبيقات النموذجية الذي يقوم بتعزيز نظام الصوت أو نظام التسجيل الصوق. إن عملية الاستخدام لأغراض وتطبيقات أخرى لم يتم التنويه عنها عن طريق الشركة الصانعة حتى الآن والتي تتعلق بتصميم هذا المنتج، ولذلك تقع المسؤولية على عاتق المستخدم أو على الشخص الذي قام بتركيب نظام السماعات.

#### من أجل تفادي الحرائق أو التعرض لصدمة الكهربائية:

لا يجوز أن يتعرض الجهاز للتقطير أو الرش أو أية أشياء مليئة بالسوائل، مثل المزهريات، التي توضع على الجهاز. ولا تدع أي سائل يمكن أن يتسرب داخل المنتج. وفي حالة تسرب أي سائل، قم على الفور بفصل التيار الكهربائي، وارجع إلى التعليمات الخاصة بالصيانة قبل عملية التشغيل مرة أخرى.

هذا المنتج مطابق إلى درجة ١ من العزل، وللاستخدام الأمن ننصح بتوصيل الجزء المحمى (الأرضى) مع المخرج الأرضى.

يرجى عدم وضع أي شمع مشتعل على سطح هذا المنتج أو أي مصادر أخرى.

قبل القيام بتوصيل هذا المنتج إلى التيار الرئيسي تأكد من الفولتيج الموجود على المخرج الرئيسي هو المطابق والمحدد على المنتج.

يجب أن يكون هذا المنتج موصول في مخرج أرضى متوافق مع شروط السلامة من خلال كيبل الكهرباء المرفق.

عند الحاجة إلى استبدال كيبل الكهرباء يرجى استخدام نفس النوعية حصريا بالمواصفات والخصائص.

يعتبر هذا المنتج موصول مع منفذ الكهرباء حتى لو كان المفتاح الكهربائي الرئيسي في حالة توقف ومؤشر الطاقة في حالة توقف. مادام المنتج موصول بالكهرباء فهذا يعني بان هناك خطر كامن بالجهد الكهربائي للمنتج، ولذلك وقبل البدء بأية صيانة يرجى التأكد من فصل الكيبل من المفتاح الرئيسي للتيار.

يرجى عدم وضع أي شيء على كيبل الكهرباء مطلقا، كذلك عدم وضع كيبل الكهرباء في الطريق حتى لا يتعثر به الناس عند المرور من فوقة، كذلك عدم الضغط عليه مطلقا.

يرجى التأكد من توفير مصدر للهواء من أجل تبريد المنتج قبل البدء بالتركيب.

يرجى عدم إغلاق مصدر الهواء للمنتج مطلق وكذلك إبقاء مساحة كافية للوصول إلى مفتاح الطاقة الرئيسي وكذلك الرابط الرئيسي في الجزء الخلفي.

عند الحاجة إلى استبدال أي فيوز خارجي، استبدله فقط بنفس النوع الأصلي والتصنيف كما هو مذكور على المنتج.

دائما تأكد بأن مفتاح التشغيل في حالة توقف قبل الشروع في أي خطوة بتوصيل المنتج بالتيار الكهربائي.

قبل المحاولة بتحريك المنتج وبعد تركيبة يرجى فصل جميع التوصيلات.

قيل القيام بفصل كيبل الكهرباء للمنتج، يرجى عدم سحب الكيبل مباشرة، قمر بتثبيت جسم القابس أولا ومن ثمر سحبه ببطء من مخرج التيار الكهربائي الرئيسي.

### تحذير!

هذا المنتج لا يحوى قطع غيار خاصة تفيد المستخدم. من أجل تفادى حدوث أي صدمة كهربائية للمنتج يرجى عدم فتح هذا المنتج أو أزاحه الجزء الخلفي. ومن أجل الصيانة والخدمة يرجى الرجوع إلى وكيل مونتاربو الرئيسي في بلدك وإحضار المنتج إلى الأشخاص المخولين بالصيانة عن طريق الوكيل الرئيسي.

قبل تثبيت المنتج على أي سطح من أي نوع تأكد من الشكل والحجم وقوة التحمل أن تكون مطابقة لحجم ووزن المنتج عن طريق سلسة، كذلك يرجى بأي حال من الأحوال عدم تعليق المنتج على مكان معين إلا إذا كان ينصح به من قبل المصنع مثل (الحبال، السلاسل، الأحزمة أو المقبض المحمولة المتوسطة الحجم، كذلك البراغي، المنجل أو غيره). وفي حالة إذا كان المنتج مزود من المصنع بمتراس (للتركيب) على الحائط، يجب دائما التأكد قبل التركيب ومعاينة قوة تحمل هذا الجزء الصلب إثناء الحمل أو تعليق المنتج على سطح معين بحيث أن يكون مطابق لمواصفات السلامة من حيث الوزن والنسبة الموضوعة من قبل الشركة المصنعة.

من أجل تجنب أي صدمات أو ركلات أو أي تأثير على المنتج دائما قم بتوفير مكان خاص لحفظ المنتج وكذلك عدم السماح لأشخاص غير مؤهلين لتركيب المنتج، وفي حالة استخدام المنتج بالقرب من دواليب الأطفال والحيوانات فأن المراقبة والإشراف هنالك مطلوب.

يمكن أن يصدر هذا المنتج ضغط صوتي عالى والذي يشكل خطر على النظامر السمعي، دائما تجنب التشغيل لمستويات عالية وفي حالة إذا كان أي شخص قريب للمنتج (يجب أن تكون هنالك مسافة متر على الأقل).

#### يرجى عدم تعريض الأطفال لمصدر ذو صوت عالي.

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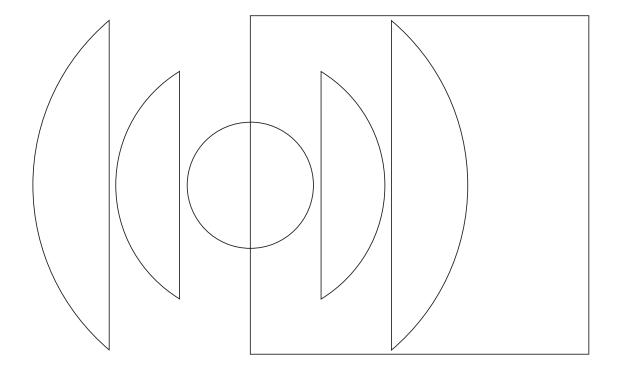
Before placing the product on a surface of any kind, make sure that its shape and load rating safely match the product size and weight. Never attempt to hang the product by any means not expressly provided or approved by the manufacturer (i.e. ropes, chains, belts or whatever medium, through carrying handles, bolts, hooks or whatever). In case the product is factory-fitted with specific mounting hardware, always verify before installation that the lifting and/or hanging system you intend to use is of a proper type and can carry the product weight with the safety ratio required by the regulations in force.

To avoid shocks, kicks, or whatever action, always reserve a protected area with no access to unqualified personnel as installation site of the product. In case the product is used near children and animals, closest supervision is necessary.

This product can generate very high acoustic pressures which are dangerous for the hearing system. Always avoid operation at loud levels if anyone is excessively near to the product (at least 1 m of distance).

Never expose children to high sound sources.

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The information contained in this manual has been carefully drawn up and checked. However no responsibility will be assumed for any inexactitude.

This manual can not cover all the possible contingencies which may arise during installation and use of the product. Should further information be desired, please contact us or our local distributor.

Elettronica Montarbo srl can not be considered responsible for damages which may be caused to people and things when using this product.

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