

**PA-10** 

STEREO POWER AMPLIFIER

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# **PACKAGE CONTENT**

- 1 AC CABLE
- 1 GN Link Cable
- 1 User Manual

### DESCRIPTION

The PA-10 is the new stereo Power Amplifier of the Gold Note series 10 featuring a lot of innovations which have always distinguished Gold Note's designs. PA-10 has been developed to offer great power considering its small size. The product is designed as the perfect companion of the DS-10 4in1 DAC completing a conveniently sized High-End System without renouncing to the power and Gold Note sound quality.

The PA-10 is a fully balanced amplifier featuring a BTL design (Bridge-Tied-Load) which allows the unit to be easily bridged and work as a mono amplifier increasing its power rate from 75Watt per channel @  $8\Omega$  to a considerable 600Watt @  $4\Omega$  load. Using two PA-10 will increase the performance of your stereo system noticeably. The existing flexibility of the stereo power amplifier could even be largely extended with the mono application for all kind of speakers that require really high power and great energy.

Like the flagship model PA-1175 MKII, PA-10 features a unique adjustable Damping Factor design allowing for an ideal matching with any kind of loudspeakers: PA-10 can drive either large and difficult speakers (DF default setting) or high sensitivity and mini-monitor speakers (DF low activated on the rear).

The proprietary GN LINK technology allows putting the PA-10 into a Master-Slave-Mode with other sources like the DS-10 or a second PA-10. When connected via the GN Link cable, the unit will go in standby mode and will re-activate itself only when receiving a signal from the master unit. The GN Link-Function guarantees major user-friendliness since you will be switching ON/OFF the entire audio chain from one source only.

Top-level electronic components combined with outer connections RCA, XLR and gold plated speaker terminals complete the high-level build quality of the product. PA-10 is built around a very solid steel chassis completed by massive panels of aluminum to avoid RFI and EMI.

The aesthetic of the chassis is derived from the other series 10 products integrating the PA-10 seamlessly into a coherent concept that is inspired by the Italian design tradition.

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### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

### MAIN DETAILS

Power output: 2 x 75W @ 8 $\Omega$  in stereo mode and

up to 600W @  $4\Omega$  in mono (BTL).

Frequency response: 10Hz-30kHz at +/-1dB

THD+N — Total Harmonic Distortion: 0,05%

Noise floor: -80dBV

Damping factor: selectable high/low

### **AUDIO INPUTS**

Stereo RCA, stereo XLR balanced

Input sensitivity: 1,4V RMS on RCA and 1,4V RMS on XLR

Input impedance:  $13K\Omega$  RCA/XLR

## **AUDIO OUTPUTS**

Speaker terminals: Gold Plated Binding Posts

### **POWER**

Mains supply: 100/240V, 50/60Hz

Power consumption: <1W in standby | <10W no

signal

170W at a 1/4 of nominal power | 1400W max.

# **DIMENSIONS & WEIGHT**

Dimensions: 200mm W x 80mm H x 260mm D

Total weight: 4kg

### **FINISHES**

Brushed Aluminum: Black, Silver or Gold

### **HIGH POWER AMP**

The PA-10 is capable of:

2 x 75W @ 8 $\Omega$  Stereo load

2 x 150W @  $4\Omega$  Stereo load

2 x 300W @ 2 $\Omega$  Stereo load

1 x 300W @ 8 $\Omega$  Mono (BTL) load

1 x 600W @ 4 $\Omega$  Mono (BTL) load

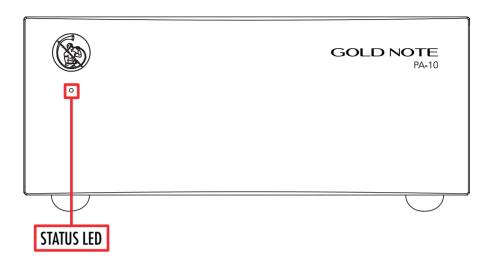
### ADJUSTABLE DAMPING FACTOR

Adjustable GN property Damping Factor playing alternatively more difficult low sensitivity speakers or easy load and mini monitors.

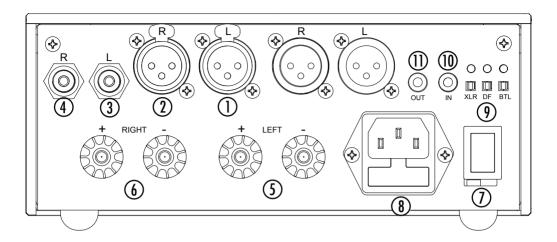
### **GN LINK**

The 3.5mm plugs GN LINK IN & GN LINK OUT are used to synchronize the PA-10 amplifier with other units with the same feature allowing a simultaneous switching ON/OFF (Master-Slave- Mode).

# FRONT PANEL



The status led turn blue when the PA-10 is powered.



### **AUDIO INPUTS**

#### STEREO MODE

- 1. XLR LEFT balanced input
- 2. XLR RIGHT balanced input
- 3. RCA LEFT unbalanced input
- 4. RCA RIGHT unbalanced input

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

IN MONO (BTL) MODE ONLY THE LEFT INPUTS ARE ACTIVE.

### **SPEAKER OUT**

#### STEREO MODE

- 5. LEFT CHANNEL
- 6. RIGHT CHANNEL

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

IN MONO (BTL) MODE, CONNECT THE POSITIVE SPEAKER TERMINAL TO THE POSITIVE LEFT CHANNEL OUTPUT AND THE NEGATIVE SPEAKER TERMINAL TO THE NEGATIVE RIGHT CHANNEL OUTPUT.

### **POWER**

- 7. MASTER SWITCH ON/OFF
- **8.** AC IEC plug with integrated fuse holder drawer 6,3A T 5x20mm at 100/240V
- **9.** Press BTL switch for use in Mono, the Led above turns blue.

Press DF switch for low damping factor, the Led above turns blue.

Press XLR switch to activate the XLR inputs, the Led above turns blue.

### **GN LINK**

- **10.** 12V IN trigger with 3.5mm plug to synchronise the switching ON/OFF
- **11.** 12V OUT trigger with 3.5mm plug to synchronise the switching ON/OFF

### WARRANTY AND SERVICE

### WARRANTY

To validate the warranty is necessary to register the unit on the Gold Note internet web site within 15 days from the purchase on the appropriate area of the web site: <a href="www.goldnote.it/warranty">www.goldnote.it/warranty</a>

If the unit is not registered correctly or has been purchased from a different country of the purchaser home address the unit will not be covered by any warranty and the registration will be refused.

The warranty does not does not cover in any case: Tubes, Phono Cartridge Styli and Batteries.

### **SERVICE**

Every GOLD NOTE® product is the result of meticulous technological research, and consequently their correct functioning is guaranteed. In spite of this it is possible that problems may emerge which non-specialist users cannot resolve.

In this case, contact your dealer to be advised on how the fault can be solved.

Do not return any object directly to the factory or to the national distributor or without being authorised to do so.

In such cases both GOLD NOTE® and the distribution agents operating within your territory decline responsibility of any kind.

For more information please visit www.goldnote.it/service

### **PLEASE NOTE**

Descriptions and technical characteristics may vary at any time and without notice.

# FAQ AND TROUBLESHOOTING

### FAQ

ACTION	DESCRIPTION	HOW TO ADJUST IT
CLEANING THE UNIT	The Unit is dirty and needs to be cleaned	With EXTREME care use ONLY diluted alcohol and a very soft 100% cotton cloth to sweep dust and stains out.     Anyacidornotextremelysoftclothwillirreversibly damage the amplifier fine aesthetic.     Do not use any alcohol to clean the anodized label or the printed parts.

## **TROUBLESHOOTING**

SYMPTOM	DESCRIPTION	CAUSE	REMEDY
SPEAKER HUMMING PROBLEMS	The speakers hum when the amplifier is connected to the system	The unit not is correctly coupled with the Ground on DC.	, ,
		The interconnect input and/or output cables are not shielded.	
SWITCHING ON/OFF BUMP	The unit bumps any time is switched ON or OFF	It is important to notice that it does not produce any risk even if the bump is high	'
THE UNIT DOES NOT WORK WHEN THE STAGE IS SWITCHED ON		The AC Stage plug is disconnected from the AC wall plug	
		The interconnect cables are not properly connected to the amp.	'''
		One of the fuses is blown	Substitute the fuse with one of the same value

If you have any questions contact us:

service@goldnote.it

For spare parts visit the official Gold Note store at:

http://www.akamaiaudio.it/



#### **WARNING!**



### TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE

#### THIS APPLIANCE TO RAIN OR MOISTURE



#### **CAUTION!**

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK). NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE.
REFER ONLY TO QUALIFIED GOLD NOTE SERVICE PERSONNEL FOR SERVICE

Do not disassemble any part of the product.

Do not use any part of the product for other purposes.

For service and problems of any kind, contact qualified Gold Note personnel.

Protect the product from rain and humidity and keep away from heat sources, electric and electronic motors etc.

The power Chord supplied must be used only on this unit.

Gold Note does not have responsibility for any improper use of this unit.

This appliance has a serial number located on the rear panel.			
Please record the model and serial number and retain them for your records.			
Serial Number:			
Model:			

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

- 1. Read these instructions and store them.
- 2. Heed all warnings.
- 3. Follow the instructions.
- **4.** Do not use this apparatus near water.
- **5.** Clean only with a dry cloth.
- **6.** Do not block the ventilation openings and install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- **7.** Do not install near heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- **8.** Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarised or grounding-type plug: a polarised 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.

- **9.** Protect the power cord from being walked on orpinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
- **10.** Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.

**11.** Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus.

When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.

- **12.** Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- **13.** Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel only.

Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way (such as when the power 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) and in any case when the apparatus does not operate normally or has been dropped.









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