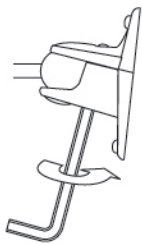


Fig. 11



How tight? To hold the speaker in position and prevent any slippage, the clamp assembly must get a good "bite" into the ball and form a solid joint. You need not be timid about the tightening procedure. Of course, it is possible to over-tighten and strip the threads on just about any screw—but it will take a lot to do so here. The OmniMount assembly is designed to withstand well in excess of the tightening force necessary for your speaker to hold position; yet the clamp assembly needs to be tightened only enough to lock and hold the speaker firmly at the chosen angle of adjustment. When that point is reached, no further tightening is necessary.

If the speaker loses its position—do not attempt to move the speaker without first loosening the tension screw. Reposition, then re-tighten the tension screw further until the speaker is held firmly in place.

FINAL STAGES OF TIGHTENING AND POSITIONING . . .

6.1-Check that the final rotational position for the ball shaft is correct. Place the appropriate size wrench on the shoulder nut. With equal pressure push against the ball shaft in the opposite direction as you tighten the nut. This will minimize the stress on both the mounting plate and the ceiling.

NOTE: If you try to move the ball shaft without first loosening it where it joins the mounting plate, lateral forces will transmit to the mounting plate fasteners. The resulting stress, transferred to the mounting surface, could weaken the installation.

6.2-If you need to readjust the lateral position of the ball shaft, **always** loosen the jam nut first.

Remember: tighter does not mean better! Over-tightening fasteners can weaken the installation and damage your speaker.

Whenever you need to readjust the position of the speaker to move freely around the ball, re-adjust to the **new** position and **then** re-tighten. Always remember to support the speaker when repositioning and when tightening the clamp assembly.

! **6.3-IMPORTANT** Since the ball will slowly compress under pressure, you should check the clamp after 15 minutes and tighten again if necessary. Then check once more in approximately one hour. Always support the weight of the speaker while positioning it and tightening the clamp.

Congratulations! Your installation is now complete!

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Model 30.0 STMP



Mounts from ceiling, wall, floor, or deck to top, back, bottom or sides of speaker.

General Mounting Information (For Walls, Ceilings, Decks, Shelves, Floors, etc.) and Installation Instructions



Precautions-Read this section carefully

Whenever a speaker is affixed to a wall or ceiling, you must take special care to mount it securely to prevent it from falling and causing damage or injury. For a safe and secure installation use good judgement and common sense throughout all phases of the installation.

Load

The OmniMount 30.0 STMP— will support speakers weighing up to 30 pounds (11.4 Kg). Be aware of basic physical laws that affect balance, stability and weight distribution. If your speaker is heavier than 30 pounds, we manufacture larger mounts with greater maximum weight ratings.

Mounting Surfaces

Carefully evaluate the composition, construction and strength of the surface you are mounting to. OmniMount 30.0 Series products are packaged with fasteners intended for use in mounting to interior ceilings/walls of standard joist or beam/stud construction. The installation instructions provided here are limited to this type of ceiling construction.

OmniMount 30.0 Series products can be mounted to steel beams, concrete slabs and other types of ceiling construction. This type of construction does, however, require special anchors and fasteners for a secure and safe installation. There are standard construction practices and fastening products available for mounting to these types of structural surfaces. Seek professional help or contact OmniMount Systems technical support for more information.

The safety and security of your installation is most critically dependent on how securely the OmniMount 30.0 mounting plate is affixed to the ceiling.

When mounting things to walls or ceilings here are some of the most common installation errors:

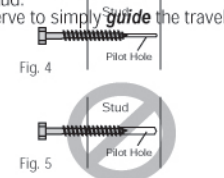
Not locating the precise center of the stud or joist—screwing fasteners into an edge rather than the center of the stud or joist. This results in either splitting the wood or only partially engaging the screw shaft. (See Figs. 1 & 2)



To maximize pull-out strength, the screw shaft needs to be located in the center of the joist. (See Fig. 3)

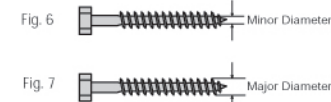
Screw Related Installation Errors.

Drilling a pilot hole is necessary to prevent the wood from splitting. The pilot hole is also required to provide a straight pathway for the screw to travel as it penetrates the stud. A pilot hole should serve to simply **guide** the travel of the screw. (See Figs. 4 & 5)

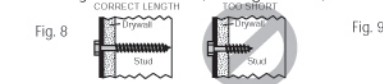


Drilling "pilot" holes that are too large for the diameter of the screw shaft significantly reduces "pull-out" strength.

Screws have a major diameter and a minor diameter. (See Figs. 6 & 7)
The pilot hole should always be smaller than the minor diameter of the screw shaft.



Always use screws long enough to penetrate deeply into the joist or beam. (See Figs. 8 & 9)



Locating the Center of a Joist or Stud

Do not rely on a measuring tape alone. Standard stud construction practice places wall studs on 12" or 16" centers. Standard joist construction practice places joists on 16" or 24" centers. But in reality, joists and studs are not always consistently on these centers. You find the greatest discrepancy in joist and stud centers when you measure from the corner of a room, starting with the first joist or stud. It may be helpful to locate several studs or joists on the wall or ceiling and measure their approximate centers.

There are a variety of electronic and magnetic stud or joist finders available on the market. They can be useful tools for finding joists or studs. But it is essential that you locate the exact center of the joist or stud. How to do this is detailed in these installation instructions.

About The Speaker You Are Mounting To...
Some manufacturers provide "OmniMount prepped" threaded inserts on the back of their speakers. Such speakers have inserts that line up precisely with the hole centers in the OmniMount clamp plate.

Be sure to provide adequate reinforcement to the speaker if it is determined that such reinforcement is necessary.

When no threaded inserts for mounting purposes have been provided by the speaker manufacturer, a speaker can still be safely mounted on the wall. But you have to be sure that it is put together strongly enough with materials strong enough to support its own weight with the #14 coarse thread screws and anchors provided. Most compact speakers are made well enough and use adequate materials with adequate thickness for mounting with an OmniMount assembly. The #14 screws should not be used in masonite®, thin panel wood, or plastic. Such materials will likely require different fastening hardware and methods. The speaker may also need reinforcement to be mounted safely. If your evaluation raises any questions about the speaker's construction or material strength, contact your dealer or the speaker manufacturer and **ASK QUESTIONS!** More on this later...

More Precautions-Read this section carefully.

Fasteners

Attaching the clamp assembly and the mounting plate/ball shaft requires fasteners appropriately selected for strength and composition of the mounting surfaces involved. The type of fasteners and anchors OmniMount Systems has provided have been carefully selected. They are suitable for the majority of installation situations as discussed in these instructions. Occasionally, there will be an installation situation for which the fasteners provided are not suitable. If it is determined that different fasteners are required, they must always be 5/16 in. diameter for the mounting plate, 1/4 in. diameter for the clamp assembly. Fasteners must always be used in **all** available mounting holes. Never use smaller diameter fasteners (if you drill pilot holes, the holes should be **smaller** than the core diameter of the screws). Do not over-tighten fasteners. Over-tightening can weaken the mounting surface, damage the fasteners, and make the attachment **less** secure.



If you are not sure about the suitability of the fasteners provided for your installation, **ASK QUESTIONS!**

NOTE: A second person is necessary to hold the speaker in place during the tightening procedure.

Securing the clamp assembly to the speaker.

There are four things you need to know about your speaker before you begin:

- 1- Are any internal components (such as the crossover network) directly behind the location onto which you will be mounting the clamp assembly?
- 2- Is the material you are mounting into strong enough to safely support the load?
- 3- Is internal reinforcement needed?
- 4- Are the fasteners provided suitable for your installation?

NOTE: When mounting the clamp assembly, you will need a minimum of 1/4" clearance inside the speaker enclosure away from any internal components. The easiest way to find out if you have adequate clearance, is to check directly with the speaker manufacturer. Or, you can check yourself by carefully removing the largest driver (speaker component). Move any insulation out of the way and physically check the clearance. If you check by removing the driver, be careful not to over-tighten the screws when you replace it. If you had planned to mount the clamp assembly to the back of the speaker and discover later that components are mounted on the inside rear, you will have to use a different OmniMount Model such as the 30.0 WB—. Review the options with your dealer. It is very likely that OmniMount will have a suitable alternative. Usually, good quality speakers are made of good

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