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Please read the following notes carefully. They will help you to install your loudspeakers correctly and safely.

- Switch off the amplifier and all sources before making connections to your sound system.
- When you switch on the system or change sources, set the volume control to minimum and turn up the level gradually.
- The position of your Volume Control is NOT a reliable guide as to the maximum capabilities of your system. Playing the system with extreme settings of volume and tone controls may damage the amplifier and loudspeakers.
- Do not connect loudspeaker terminals to the mains supply.
- Ensure that your loudspeakers are correctly wired and are in phase.
- Do not subject your loudspeakers to excessive cold, heat or sunlight.
- WARNING: To reduce the risk of fire or electrical shock do not expose this product to rain or moisture.
- The product must not be exposed to dripping and splashing and no object filled with liquids such as a vase of flowers - should be placed on the product.
- No naked flame sources such as candles must be placed on the product.
- Do not place heavy objects on top of loudspeaker cabinets. If you play them with the grilles removed be careful to protect the drive units from children and pets.
- and the fixings provided. Your dealer will advise you.
- Do not attempt to dismantle the loudspeaker. There are no user serviceable parts inside and you will invalidate the warranty.

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• Do not use makeshift stands. Always fit a manufacturer' approved stand using the instructions

USER WARNINGS

- Safely unpacking
- Check you have:

- Loudspeaker preparation
- Positioning your loudspeakers
- Connecting your loudspeakers
- Looking after your loudspeakers



Your speakers are heavy. Take care when removing them from their packaging.



Always take care when lifting heavy objects. Lift the speakers out by their sides.





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Carefully remove each loudspeaker from its packing carton. Do NOT lift speakers via the polythene bag. Be especially careful when removing large floorstanding speakers.

The carton top says, "Open other end". So you,

- Open the bottom

- Remove polystyrene
- Open bag containing speaker
- Tape the carton flaps back
- Turn over carton with loudspeaker still inside

- Lift carton off, leaving loudspeaker standing on the floor. You may now remove the polythene bag.

If possible, keep the packaging in case you need to move or return your speakers.

SAFELY UNPACKING

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FITTING SPIKES (EVO-30,40,50)

Floor standing Evolution² speakers are supplied with a set of floor spikes. Invert the loudspeaker and place the top on a soft surface. Screw the spikes into the bushes fitted in the base of the cabinet. Carefully return the loudspeaker to its normal position. Adjust the height by screwing in or out one or more of the spikes until the loudspeaker is stable. For wood or soft floors spike seats and self-adhesive pads are provided.

WARNING: Floor standing speakers are heavy - the spikes can penetrate softer floors materials and damage wood and stone floors over extended periods.



CONNECTIONS AND TERMINALS

Choosing and Preparing Cables

Specialist audio cable usually offers better performance than general purpose 'bell' or 'zip' wire.

Choose a cable of suitable diameter – cable that is too thin will limit the dynamics of the sound and may impair the bass response. Audio cable is polarised, with two cores of different colours, or often a raised rib of coloured tracer in the case of twin cable.

Split the twin cores to a depth of about 40mm. Carefully strip the insulation from each end, leaving about 10mm of bare wire. If the cable is stranded, lightly twist to gather any loose strands.

Crossover Networks

Evo loudspeakers use a specially designed bi-wireable crossover panel with four terminal binding posts. Please follow the drawing carefully to see the correct orientation of the loudspeaker terminals. The upper terminals connect to the treble unit and the lower pair to the bass units. As supplied, the treble terminal pair is connected to the bass terminal pair via removable metal straps. These should be left in place for standard single cable installations.

Connecting Loudspeaker Terminals

Unscrew the terminal. Thread the bared end of each cable through the hole in the bottom of the terminal post. Ensure that there are no loose strands which may touch adjacent terminals. Retighten the terminal securely. NOTE: When connecting loudspeakers, the cables to left and right channels should be of equal length, regardless of the distance of the speakers from the amplifier.



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STANDARD









Positioning the speakers. Place the speakers so that you are the same distance from each. The distance between the speakers should be the same as between you and the speakers.

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For best results the speakers should be at least 10 inches (20cm) in front of a wall and at least 30 inches (70cm) from any corner.

Angle speakers inward by $5^{\rm o}$ to $30^{\rm o}$ for a clearer, more tuneful mid range.



If the loudspeakers are placed too close to the walls the bass will increase but may be boomy and indistinct. If the loudspeakers are placed further away from the walls, the inward angle may be increased by upto 40%, although this may restrict the width of the optimum listening position. As personal taste plays a large role, experiment with different configurations and play a wide range of programme before finalising the position of your speakers.

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Using separate cables for treble and bass units in a Bi-wiring configuration reduces intermodulation effects and improves headroom and clarity. To Bi-wire, you will need to install two lengths of twin core cable between the amplifier and each loud-

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speaker. Unscrew each terminal a few turns and remove the metal straps.

Connect the cables between the amplifier and the loudspeakers as indicated and re-tighten all the terminals securely.

Note: Some amplifiers have two pairs of output terminals to facilitate bi-wiring but this is not essential. The advantages of bi-wiring are fully retained if your amplifier has only one pair of output terminals per channel (as in the illustration).



Bi-wired - a single amplifier, with separate wires to drive the bass/mid unit and the treble unit. Note that the wiring link bars are removed.

Amplifier Amplifie

Bi-amplified - two amplifiers. One drives each section. Note that the wiring link bars are removed.

Important Note, please make sure that heavy multi-standard

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cables are well connected and clamped. Single loose strands arcing can cause a noise in the woofers like a faulty speaker.

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Do not open the speakers; there are no user serviceable parts inside.



Remove marks from the cabinet and polish it with a soft, slightly damp cloth.



Avoid getting any liquid behind the grille. .

THE EVOLUTION SIGNATURE SERIES

The Evolution Signature series is a range of versatile loudspeakers designed for superlative reproduction in Stereo applications and as the Front loudspeakers in no-compromise Home Cinema applications where they offer a performance unsurpassed in their class. These loudspeakers exhibit exceptional performance characteristics based upon the following concepts.

- Very low distortion across the entire audio band.
- Low excursion requirement of the cone drivers.
- High flux magnet systems enabling good dynamic response and impulse control.
- Broadband dispersion for excellent stereo image and staging.

THE CABINET

The enclosure of your speaker is finished to a high-quality furniture standard. Real wood walnut veneers are selected and carefully pattern matched by hand. Over a period of several days a high quality hard lacquer finish is achieved. This involves the application of several coatings of lacquers, each being cut and polished before the next coat is applied. Only through this time-consuming and skilled technique, can we achieve the deep and lustrous finish that is the characteristic hallmark of Wharfedale premium loudspeakers.

Instead of the usual cuboid shape, Evo loudspeaker cabinets feature a beautiful curvaceous design, with a special purpose; - to reduce to negligible levels internal cabinet standing waves and reflections. Skilful engineering in 'MDF' (Medium Density Fibre Board), universally known to be one of the best enclosure materials, has resulted in an ideally shaped, very strong, internally multiple braced, low resonance structure.

Parallel-sided tall boxes promote the creation of unwanted acoustic waveforms within the box by reflection up and down its length; these both add and subtract at different frequencies, creating anomalies in the forward response. The multiple curved and braced interior of the Evo cabinet prevents this - the result is a soundstage of unexampled clarity and precision with pinpoint imaging, even frequency distribution and inherently low coloration.

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• Careful attention to component design, operation, integration and acoustics.

ABOUT YOUR LOUDSPEAKER

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THE DRIVE UNITS

THE BASS DRIVERS

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The bass driver(s) incorporates a new design of cone utilising our own Kevlar bi-weave process. Kevlar has immense longitudinal strength and is used in many structures where high strength and light weight are key attributes. Kevlar can be found liberally used in Formula 1 racing cars, aeroplanes, boats, spacecraft, skis and even golf clubs.

These fibre bundles are woven and impregnated with special bonding resins that are subsequently pressure formed and heat cured. The resulting material is stiff, rigid and exhibits very low levels of internal resonance. Consequently, energy losses in the cone transfer mechanism are very low.

Similarly, lateral voice coil strength is very high. We use a combination of half hard aluminium and resin bonded glass fibre. This, in turn, contributes towards some of the lowest distortion figures ever seen in conventional drivers. The dust cap/cover is of the same material as the cone.

The bass drivers operate only over the low frequency range. They are only used over their true pistonic range. The cone is terminated with a conventional large half roll of synthetic butyl rubber with excellent inherent damping qualities.

A high performance traditional ferrite magnet system is used. Motional noise can be a problem with high output bass systems. We address this by moving air through vents in the voice coil. The magnet system is also fully vented throughout.

THE BASS MIDRANGE DRIVERS (Evo-30,40,50)

In any system featuring a cone bass/mid driver, performance and dispersion in the upper midrange band is critical, and even more so when (as in our Evo 30 and 40 models) the midrange driver is crossing over to a dome tweeter, even one with as wide and well maintained a response as our Evo dome tweeters.

By using a very low mass ultra stiff Kevlar cone in our bass/midrange drivers we provide virtually loss-less energy transfer from the coil ensuring good impulse and dynamic response times. This, combined with a carefully developed cone profile and a precisely shaped central coil cap projection, allows the higher bass and midrange frequencies to provide not just extension but also wide dispersion at the bass unit's upper crossover point. The result is a seamless crossover transition to the tweeter without the compromised off-axis performance usually associated with most 2 way designs.

THE 50mm SOFT DOME MIDRANGE (Evo-50)

Derived from our flagship 'Airedale Heritage' loudspeaker, we have designed a series of dome mid-range units which are exclusively used in our high-end loudspeaker products. Although costly to produce, the benefits of a using a dome mid-range – particularly one with such as wide bandwidth as our own – are lower distortion through this region, better integration throughout the frequency spectrum and an extremely wide dispersion - all contributing to a very relaxed, natural presentation.

Because each driver in a multi-way system covers a smaller bandwidth, dynamic range and transient response are hugely improved. Often this is at the cost of frequency integration but when our unique dome technology is deployed, integration between upper and lower drive units is virtually seamless.

THE 25mm I" SOFT DOME TWEETER

The highest frequencies are handled by a soft dome driver. Our extensive research has proven these are a better choice than the metallic based domes that typically add their own character to the treble. A feature of the tweeters, as with the mids, is wide dispersion and very low distortion, again typically less than 1% at 100dB at 1 metre. The unit features a high flux neodymium magnet structure, producing a typical efficiency of 93dB 1W@1m. This unit has a frequency response extending far beyond audible frequencies to around 45kHz.

THE CROSSOVER AND WIRING

High quality OFC cable is used in each loudspeaker for internal wiring. High quality resin fibreglass printed circuit boards are used throughout, and all connections are made to audiophile standards. All inductors used are perfect layering wound and bonded and use large gauge wire for very low insertion loss.

All capacitors used are either, low loss, low ERC polypropylene or high quality audio grade reversible electrolytics.

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LOUDSPEAKER SPECIFCATIONS

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| | Evo-8 | Evo-10 | Evo-30 | Evo-40 |
| Transducer Complement | 2 Way | 2 Way | 2.5 Way | 2.5 Way |
| Cone Bass driver | 5" 125mm | 6.5" 175mm | 6.5" 170mm | 6.5" 170mm |
| Cone Bass/Mid Driver | | | 6.5" 170mm | 6.5" 170mm |
| Soft Dome Midrange | | | | |
| Soft Dome Tweeter | 1" 25mm | 1" 25mm | 1" 25mm | 1" 25mm |
| Nominal impedance | 6 Ohms | 6 Ohms | 6 Ohms | 6 Ohms |
| Impedance variation (Ohms) | 4.0 - 17.0 | 4.0–16.0 | 4.0-17.0 | 4.0-16.0 |
| Frequency response +/- 3dB | 55Hz-28kHz | 50Hz-28kHz | 35Hz-28kHz | 30Hz-28kHz |
| Low frequency limit -10dB | 45Hz | 40Hz | 35Hz | 30Hz |
| Upper frequency limit -10dB | 32kHz | 32kHz | 32kHz | 32kHz |
| SPL 1W @ 1m | 87dB | 88dB | 89dB | 89dB |
| Typical Distortion - to 300Hz | <7% | <7% | <5% | <5% |
| (100dB@1m) - over 300Hz | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% |
| Continuous Programme Power | 75 Watts | 100 Watts | 125 Watts | 150 Watts |
| Recommended Amplifier Power | 30–150W | 30-200W | 50–250W | 50–300W |
| Max Peak SPL | 107dB | 109dB | 111dB | 112dB |
| Nominal coverage horizontal | 90 to 12kHz | 90 to 12kHz | 90 to 12kHz | 90 to 12kHz |
| Nominal coverage vertical | 70 to 12kHz | 70 to 12kHz | 70 to 12kHz | 70 to 12kHz |
| Enclosure type bass/mid | ported | ported | ported / sealed | ported / sealed |
| Volumes bass/mid | 10 litres | 15.3 litres | 28 / 15 litres | 37 / 15 litres |
| System Fb | 50Hz | 45Hz | 35Hz | 35Hz |
| Crossover frequencies | 2.0kHz | 2.2kHz | 150Hz,2.2kHz | 150Hz, 2.2kHz |
| Construction material | 15 & 25mm MDF | 15 & 25mm MDF | 15 & 25mm MDF | 15 & 25mm MDF |
| Finish | Especially selected Deep | p Figured Walnut Veneer sealed with "natural feeling" semi matt hardcoat clear lacquer | r. All trims finished in tungsten | metallic. |
| Component part numbers | | | | |
| Bass driver | 13118 | 17167 | 17169 | 17169 |
| Bass/Mid Driver | | | 17168 | 17168 |
| Dome Midrange Driver | | | | |
| Tweeter | 0367 | 0371 | 0371 | 0371 |
| Product dimensions H x W x D | 330 x 185 x 336 | 380 x 227 x 356 | 920 x 229 x 400 | 1110 x 229 x 400 |
| Net weight | 7.0kg x 2 | 8.1kg x2 | 20.8kg | 24.0kg |
| Carton dimensions H x W x D | 440 x 485 x 375 | 490 x 575 x 395 | 1060 x 600 x 460 | 1250 x 600 x 460 |
| Gross weight | 15.5kg | 18.5kg | 46.0kg | 54.0kg |
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Evo-50

| 3 Way |
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| 6.5" 170mm |
| 6.5" 170mm |
| 2" 50mm |
| 1" 25mm |
| 6 Ohms |
| 4.0-27.0 |
| 30Hz-28kHz |
| 27Hz |
| 32kHz |
| 90dB |
| <5% |
| <1% |
| 150 Watts |
| 50–300W |
| 113dB |
| 90 to 15kHz |
| 70 to 15kHz |
| ported / sealed |
| 33 / 13 litres |
| 30Hz |
| 150Hz, 1.3kHz, 6.5kHz |
| 15 & 25mm MDF |
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| 17169 |
| 17168 |
| 07104A |
| 0371 |
| 1160 x 229 x 400 |
| 25.6kg |
| 1270 x 600 x 460 |
| 58.0kg |

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BASS AND BASS/MIDRANGE DRIVE UNIT SPECIFICATIONS



| | 17168 | 17169 | 17167 | 13118 | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| | 170mm (6.5") Bass | 170mm (6.5") Bass/Mid | 170mm (6.5") Bass/Mid | 125mm (5") Bass/Mid | |
| Frame material | Aluminium | Aluminium | Aluminium | Aluminium | |
| Cone & dome material | Woven Kevlar | Woven Kevlar | Woven Kevlar | Woven Kevlar | |
| Surround | s r b p Single roll | s r b p Single roll | s r b p Single roll | s r b p Single roll | |
| Spiders | Single | Single | Single | Single | |
| Coil size & type | 25mm Aluminium | 25mm Aluminium | 25mm Aluminium | 25mm Aluminium | |
| Winding spec | 4 layer Cu x 11.5mm | 2 layer Cu x 11.2mm | 2 layer Cu x 15mm | 2 layer Cu x 11.5mm | |
| Magnet (D1 x D2 x H) | 70 x 32 x 15 ferrite | 70 x 32 x 15 ferrite | 70 x 32 x 15 ferrite | 80 x 32 x 15 ferrite | |
| Magnet weight | 106gm | 106gm | 106gm | 168gm | |
| Gap flux density | 0.9 T | 1.0 T | 1.0 T | 1.0 T | |
| Top plate thickness | 6mm | 6mm | 6mm | 6mm | |
| Optimum working range | 40Hz – 500Hz | 54Hz-4000Hz | 54Hz-4000Hz | 58Hz-5000Hz | |
| Venting | Coil, pole | Coil, pole | Coil, pole | Coil, pole | |
| Thiele Small parameters | 4 – φ4 | $4 - \Phi 4$ | $4 - \phi 4$ | 4 – φ4 | |
| Effective cone diameter | 140mm | 140mm | 140mm | 105mm | |
| Re | 5.8Ω | 5.8Ω | 3.4Ω | 3.4Ω | |
| Fs | 40Hz | 54Hz | 54Hz | 58Hz | |
| Qms | 7.13 | 4.67 | 4.75 | 3.14 | |
| Qes | 0.69 | 0.84 | 0.66 | 0.37 | |
| Qts | 0.63 | 0.71 | 0.58 | 0.33 | |
| Mms | 28.11gm | 16.62gm | 17.17gm | 8.01gm | |
| Cms | 0.54mm/N | 0.51mm/N | 0.51mm/N | 0.93mm/N | |
| Vas | 17.76L | 16.77L | 16.94L | 9.69L | |
| BL | 7.78t/m | 6.3t/m | 5.48t/m | 5.22t/m | |
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MIDRANGE SPECIFICATIONS

| Part number | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Dome material & size | |
| Coil size & type | |
| Magnet d1 x d2 x h | |
| Magnet weight | |
| SPL 1w @ 1m | |
| Fs | |
| Frequency range -3dB | |
| per frequency limit -10dB | |
| | |

Distortion at 100dB @ 1m typically < 1%





TWEETER SPECIFICATIONS

| Part number | 0367 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Dome material & size | 25mm textile |
| Coil size & type | 25mm aluminium |
| Magnet d1 x h | 25.4 x 4mm Neodynium |
| Magnet weight | 14gm |
| SPL 1w @ 1m | 93dB |
| Fs | 1.3kHz |
| Frequency range -3dB | 800Hz-40kHz |
| Ipper frequency limit -10dB | 45kHz |
| istortion at 100dB @ 1m | typically $< 1\%$ |
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CROSSOVER SPECIFICATIONS

| Crossover sections | 2 way, 2.5 way, 3 way |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Туре | Butterworth |
| Wiring | HQ OFC cable |
| Connections | solder |
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CROSSOVER SCHEMATICS









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Servicing of Opus products should only be carried out by authorised service agents. If service is required the equipment should be returned, securely packaged, preferably using original packaging, to your dealer.

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your dealer.

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Your loudspeakers have been constructed to the highest standards of quality

The acoustic components and the whole system have been manufactured to

tolerances of +/- 1.5 decibel of sound pressure level for each driver throughout the operation range of the unit.

All drive unit components are referenced to the original test record set on file in our factory quality control department. This enables us to give a extended guarantee of identical replacement parts should they ever be required.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

In the UK equipment may be returned to the IAG Service Centre. In the USA equipment may be returned to the Service address shown on this page. Always telephone before returning any equipment. A note should be enclosed giving your name, address, telephone number, and a brief description of the

If you require Service outside the Warranty period, do not hesitate to contact

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