



*"Blast your sound to the next level"*

**AVIATOR S 218 A**

***User manual***



This manual has been designed to help AVIATOR S 218 A system users from Pro DG Systems to its correctly use and understand its benefits and versatility.

**Before using the product, carefully read “Precautions” section of this manual (pages 4 - 5).** Please keep this document in a safe place for future reference.

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# Precautions

Please read, keep and follow all safety and use instructions.

Important Safety Instructions.

1. Heed all warnings.
2. Do not overload the box to avoid damage to the speakers.
3. Do not use this product near water. If the box is used outdoors, make sure that no humidity can enter the box.
4. Clean only with a dry cloth.
5. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
6. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves or similar (including amplifiers).
7. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding-type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wider blade or third prong is provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit in your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
8. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched, particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where it exits from this product.
9. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
-  10. Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket or table specified by the manufacturer or sold with the product. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/product combination to avoid injury from tip-over.
11. Unplug this product during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
12. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel. Servicing is required when the product has been damaged in any way such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the product, the product has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.

## WARNINGS / CAUTIONS:



This symbol on the product means there is uninsulated, dangerous voltage within the product enclosure that may present a risk of electrical shock.



This symbol on the product means there are important operating and maintenance instructions in this guide.



This symbol indicates that the product cannot be treated as ordinary household waste, it must be deposited at the corresponding collection point for electrical and electronic equipment.



This product contains magnetic material. Consult your doctor on whether this might affect your implantable medical device.



Contains small parts which may be a choking hazard. Not suitable for children under age 3.

## Warranty

All the Pro DG Systems products have a 24-month warranty period, which begins from the invoice date of the first purchase.

Consult everything relevant to the warranty conditions at Pro DG Systems website:  
<https://prodgsystems.com/20-vc-warranty.html>

Or via email at: [info@prodgsystems.com](mailto:info@prodgsystems.com)

## Declaration of conformity



**Pro DG Systems** declares that the product with reference **AVIATOR S 218 A** complies with the objectives expressed in the following **European Directives**:

- Low voltage 2014/35/UE.
- Electromagnetic compatibility 2014/30/UE.
- RoHS 2011/65/UE. About restrictions on the use of certain dangerous substances in electrical and electronic equipment.
- RAEE / WEEE 2012/19/UE. About waste electrical and electronic equipment.
- General Product Safety 2023/988/UE.



And it complies with the following **European Harmonized Standards**:

- EN 60065:2014. Audio, video and analog electronic devices.
- EN 55032:2012. Electromagnetic compatibility of multimedia equipment. Part 1: emission requirements.
- EN 55103-2:2009. Electromagnetic compatibility. Part 2 Immunity.

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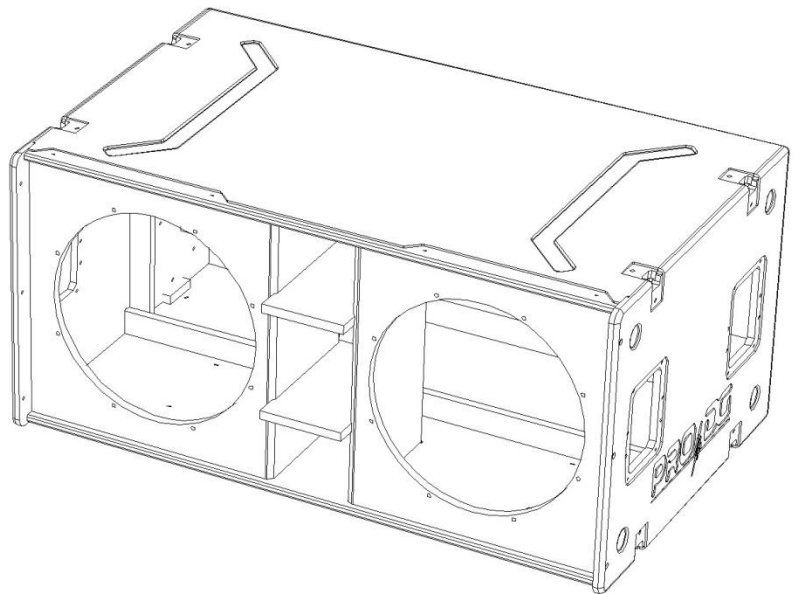


## Description

**AVIATOR S 218 A** it is one of the subwoofer systems of the new **AVIATOR Series**.

The new AVIATOR Series from **Pro DG Systems** has been developed with the purpose of offering the best quality-price ratio on the market. It has a completely modernized appearance, great power and reduced weight thanks to the incorporation of state-of-the-art Lavoce Italiana neodymium components.

**Designed in Spain**, the new AVIATOR S 218 A is the double 18" self-powered subwoofer system with the best quality-price ratio on the market.



Equipped with two 18" speakers with neodymium magnet from Lavoce Italiana in a tuned enclosure.

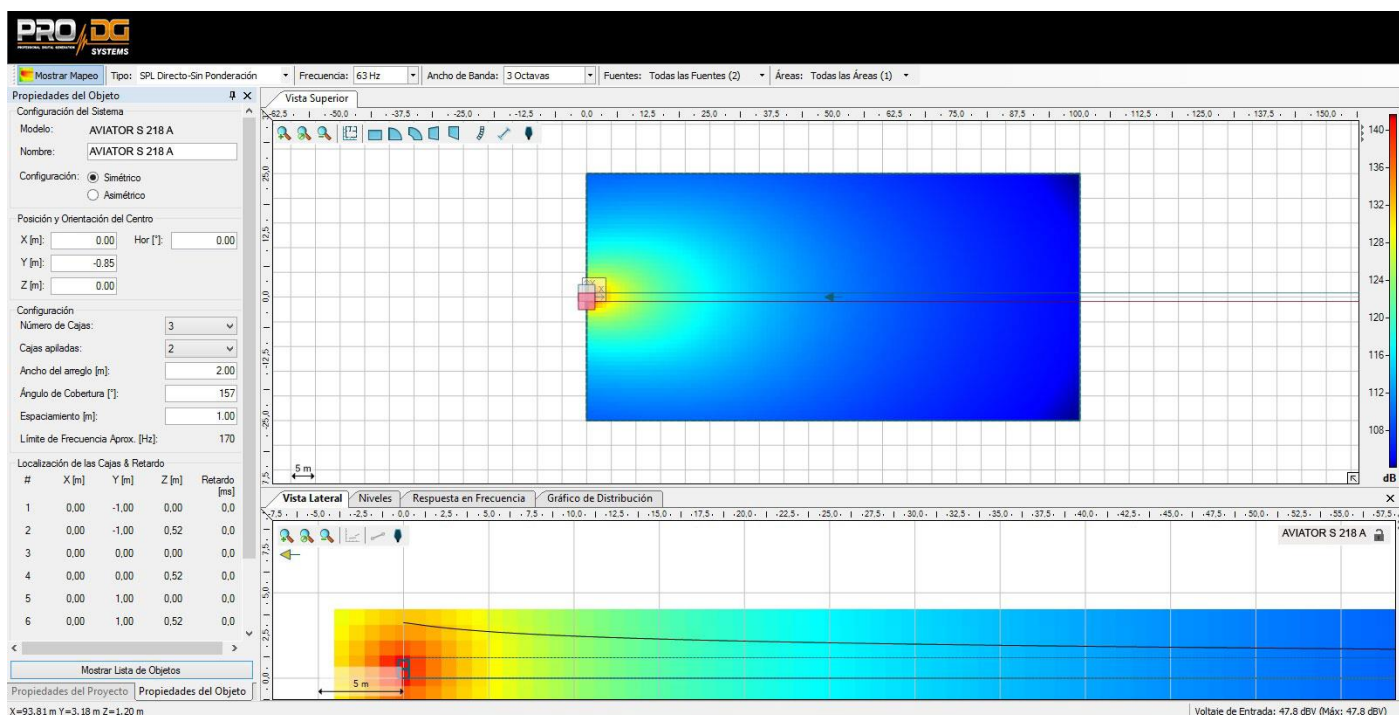
Features a new **state-of-the-art Class-D amplification module and its own DSP**, very intuitive to use for easy handling and absolute control. It incorporates a switching power supply and a limiter system to guarantee the protection of both the amplifier and the other components as well. Includes factory presets.



Remote processing, control and management are carried out through **ProDGnet** software. **ProDGnet** software allows an instantaneous and intuitive view of the status of all systems, as well as absolute control of the different parameters individually (unit by unit).

**Ease Focus prediction software** is available.

At Pro DG Systems we know the importance for professionals of having a flexible, easily configurable system that guarantees maximum sound performance without the cost of external processors or additional wiring.



The joint use of *ProDGnet* processing software and *Ease Focus* prediction software allows you to achieve this objective in seconds, achieving:

- Remote SPL level control.
- Frequency response uniformity for the entire public.
- Digital direction of sound projection in listening areas.
- Reduction of the sound pressure level in areas that should be avoided, such as the stage, walls, or unused balconies.
- Simplification and streamlining of assembly times.

The construction of AVIATOR S 218 A system is made of birch plywood using CNC machining, with a special polyurea finish resistant to impacts and inclement weather. Its front part is protected by a robust metal grille and acoustic foam.

AVIATOR S 218 A has anchorages to securely fix several stacked units and act as anchor points in case the system needs to be hung.

It incorporates side handles for easy handling.

The perfect solution as main PA at outdoor events or permanent installation. Ideal for working in live concerts, theaters, coverage under amphitheaters, places of worship, corporate applications and all types of events where high performance and versatility are necessary.

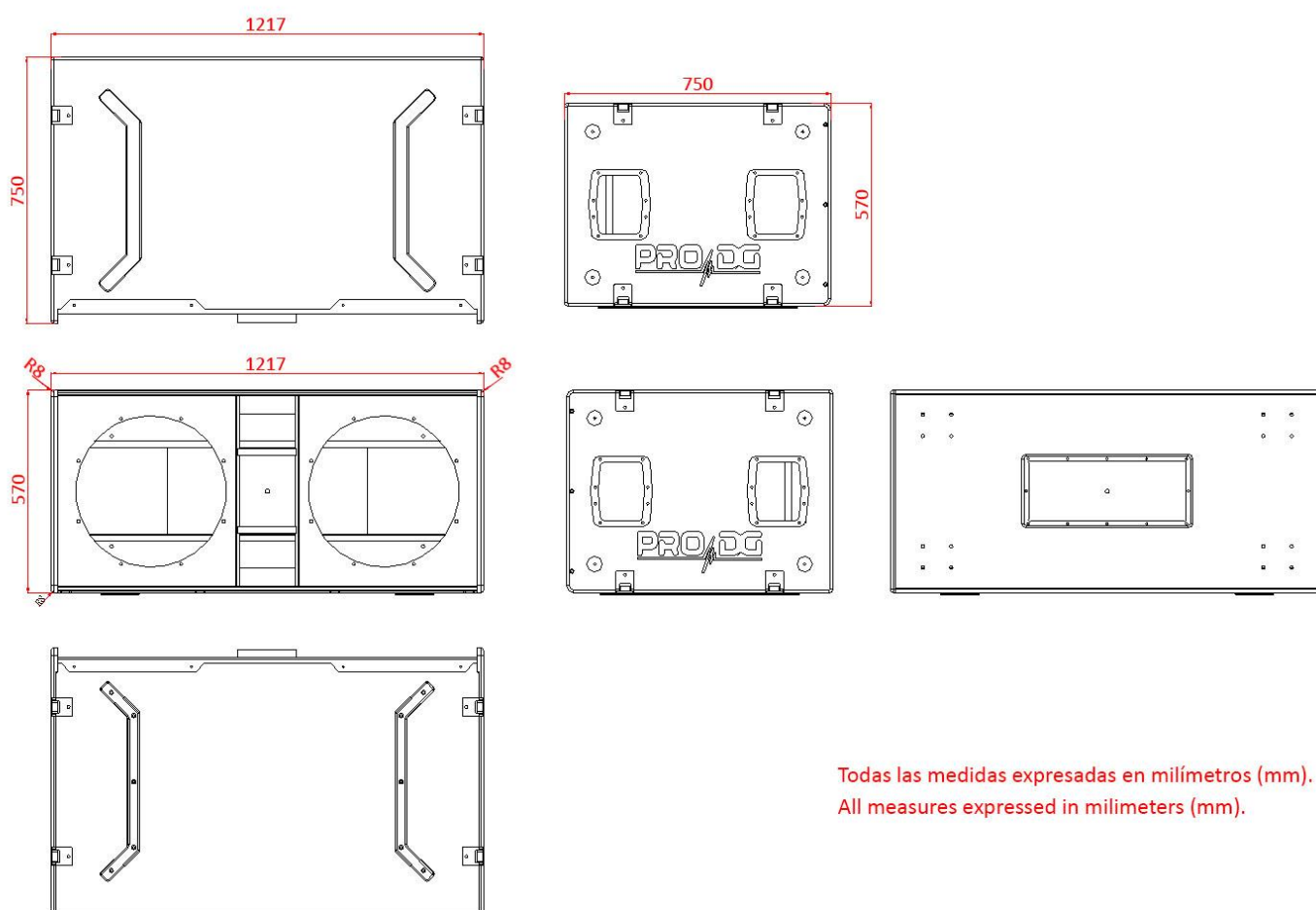


## Technical datasheet

AVIATOR S 218 A	
Power handling	3000 W RMS / 6000 W program / 12000 W peak.
Maximum SPL Calculation	1m / 135 dB continuous / 138 dB program / 141 dB peak.
Nominal impedance	4 Ohm.
Frequency range	30 - 125 Hz.
Dispersion angle	Omnidirectional.
Components	Two Lavoce Italiana 18" speakers. Neodymium. 1500 W RMS (per unit).
Recommended Frequency cut-off *	Up to 90 Hz. Linkwitz-riley 24 filter.
Amplifier	<p>State-of-the-art Class-D. 2 x 2000 W RMS @ 8 Ohm.</p> <p>Surge protection up to 265 V AC, output protection against overload, clip, limiter.</p> <p>Input type: balanced.</p> <p>Input impedance: 20000 ohms.</p> <p>Input sensitivity: 4.9 V (+16 dBu).</p>
DSP	24 Bit / 96 KHz. 6 factory presets with on-screen selection button.
Pro DG net	1 RS485 input + 1 output link RS485 for network control of the entire system.
Connectors	<p>1 x XLR female (input signal), 1x XLR male (output link).</p> <p>PowerCON NAC3FCB (current supply).</p>
Controls	On / off switch and master volume. Preset selector cursor.
Power supply	AC 90~265V - 50 / 60HZ.
Construction	Birch plywood using CNC machining. 2mm thick perforated steel front grille, with oven-dried black electrostatic powder paint finish. Includes acoustic foam.
Paint	Special polyurea finish resistant to impacts and inclement weather. Black color (standard).
Dimensions (height x width x depth)	570 x 1217 x 750mm (22,44 x 47,92 x 29,53 in).
Weight	94 Kg (207,24 lbs) net / 98,5 Kg (217,16 lbs) with packaging.

\* Disrespect the suggested frequency cuts-off on the different ways may cause components breakage.

## Architectural specifications



# User guide. First steps

## Turning On / Off

Turning on any sound system must be done from back to front. Turn on sources such as CD players first, then the mixer, then the processors, and finally the self-powered loudspeakers. If you have several self-powered loudspeakers, it is advisable to turn them on sequentially one by one.

When turning off the sound system, follow the reverse process, turning off the self-powered loudspeakers before any other element of the system.

Disconnect the device using the mains plug. Both the power connector and the plug must always be accessible and must never be covered or blocked.

To disconnect the power, remove the Powercom type cable from the power connector located on the equipment amplifier, perform this operation on all loudspeakers.

**Important:** do not unplug the computer when music is playing..

## Limiter

AVIATOR S 218 A amplifier has a limiter system to protect the equipment.

An excessive level makes the equipment sound bad, causing hearing fatigue, with consequent damage to your health.

## Equalization

This system does not need additional equalizers. In any case, values higher than +3dB are not recommended.

Remote control and processing are carried out through the **ProDGnet** software (see page 16 for more information).

## Overheating

The amplifier has a cooling system by incorporating an aluminum heatsink plate and forced ventilation. In case of overheating the amplifier will mute to protect itself. In most cases it will be enough to let the unit cool down for it to work properly again.

You must ensure that the ventilation grilles are free of dust and dirt, as well as preventing their obstruction.

## User guide. Troubleshooting

Problem	Cause	Solution
The unit does not sound.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The signal source is not sending a signal over the cable.</li><li>2. Defective cable.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Check the mixer output indicator to see if the signal is being sent.</li><li>2. Make sure the cables are connected correctly. If so; use another cable.</li></ol>
The unit does not sound at its maximum level.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The mixer or signal source has insufficient output.</li><li>2. Possible overheating of the unit.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. If you use a mixer, be sure to use balanced output if it has one. Use a mixer or signal source with a higher output level.</li><li>2. Lower the master level of the table.</li></ol>
Distorted sound signal.	The mixer or other signal is distorting.	Lower the overall mixer output level or channel gain. Check that the signal source is ok.
Distorted and very loud sound signal.	The system is being overloaded with too much input signal and has reached maximum power.	Lower the mixer output level.
Noise when the unit is connected to a mixer.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Probably the output has unbalanced output. Poorly constructed unbalanced to balanced cables are being used.</li><li>2. The connections to the electrical network are not correct.</li><li>3. The signal cable is too long or too close to the AC line.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Check output and replace wiring.</li><li>2. Plug the mixer and powered box into the same outlet.</li><li>3. Use a signal cable as short as possible and avoid it being too close to the AC power cable.</li></ol>

Noise or buzz when light controls are used in the same environment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The sound system is connected to the same phase than the lights.</li> <li>2. The sound cables are too close to the light cables.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Connect the sound system and lighting system to different phases. Request the help of an electrician.</li> <li>2. Aleje los cables de audio de los cables de luces.</li> </ol>
The system does not turn on even though the power cable is correctly connected, both to the network and to the box.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Defective cable.</li> <li>2. Internal fuse blown.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check the cables, connectors and power outlet with a tester or multimeter.</li> <li>3. Contact your Pro DG Systems distributor or authorized professional to perform the repair.</li> </ol>



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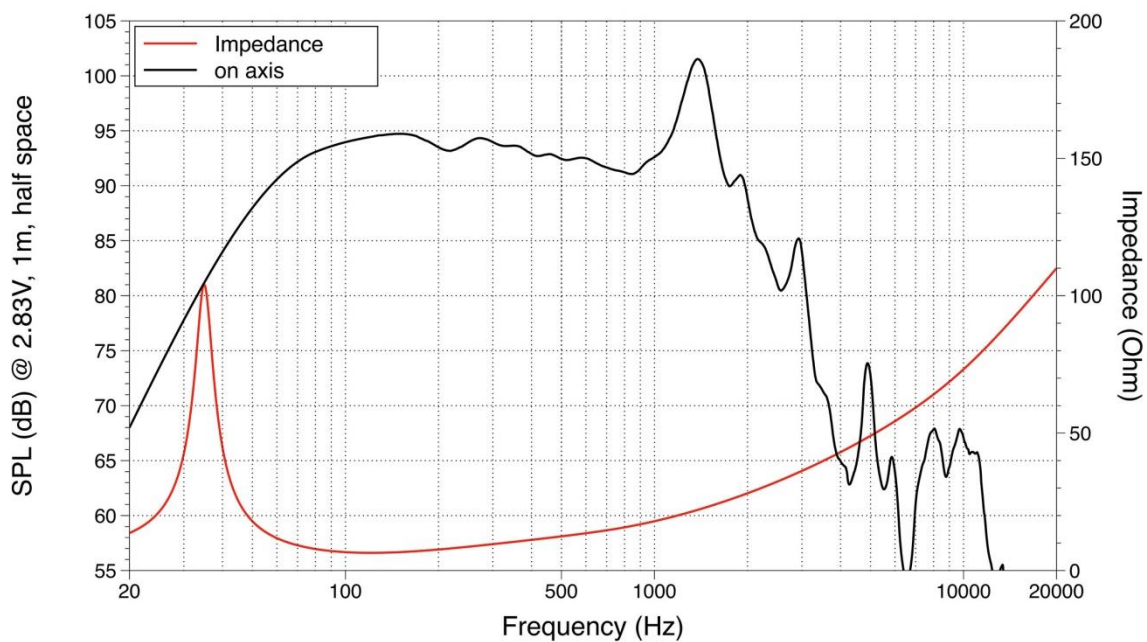
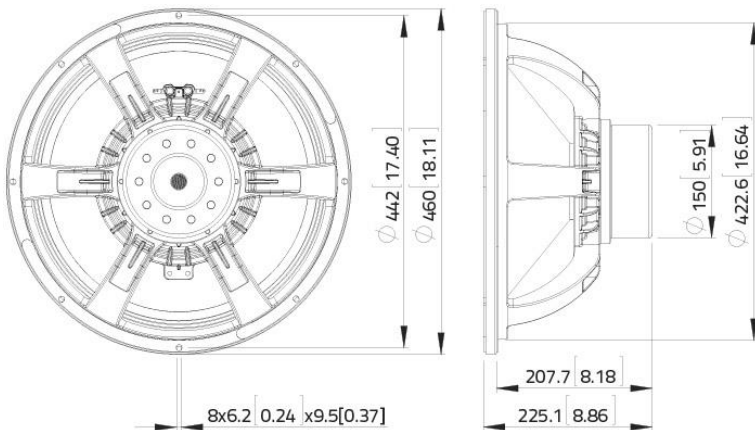
# Speakers

AVIATOR S 218 A includes two 18” Lavoce Italiana speakers with neodymium magnet.



Main characteristics
Power handling of 1500 W RMS / 3000 W program
Optimized cooling system
Optimized neodymium magnetic system
4” copper voice coil
Aluminum demodulating ring
11 Kg weight (per unit)

## Architectural



# Amplifier

AVIATOR 218 A has a **new state-of-the-art Class-D amplifier module and own DSP**, very intuitive to use for easy handling and absolute control.

Incorporates two channels with 2000 W RMS @ 8 Ohm.

Input type: balanced. Input impedance: 20000 ohms.

Input sensitivity: 4.9 V (+16 dBu).

Switching power supply with overvoltage protection up to 265 V AC, output protection against overload and limiter system to guarantee protection of the amplifier as well as other components. Includes factory presets.



1. On / Off switch.
2. Powercom connector for current output (link).
3. Powercom connector for current input.
4. Output 1 Signal Limiter Led / Clip.
5. Output 2 Signal Limiter Led / Clip.
6. LCD screen.
7. Push button for presets selection.
8. Signal input connector.
9. Signal output connector (link).
10. Potentiometer for audio output level regulation.
11. Ethernet network input connector (ProDGnet).
12. Ethernet network output connector (ProDGnet).

## DSP. *ProDGnet*

Remote processing, control and management are carried out through ***ProDGnet*** software.



***ProDGnet*** software allows an instantaneous and intuitive view of the status of all systems, as well as absolute control of the different parameters individually (unit by unit).

To operate with *ProDGnet* software from your PC you will only need:

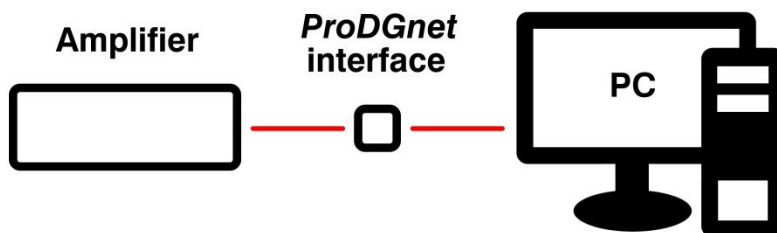
- Download ProDGnet software at Pro DG Systems website (section “Support” > “Software”): <https://prodgsystems.com/19-scrpt-software.html>

Easy to download, all the necessary drivers for installation are included.

**Important:** the software is currently available for any version of Windows (32 and 64 bits).

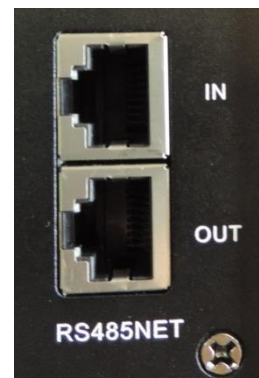
- Acquire *ProDGnet* interface (optional), to connect the DSP module housed in the amplifier with your PC. To purchase *ProDGnet* interface contact us at: [info@prodgsystems.com](mailto:info@prodgsystems.com) or consult your authorized Pro DG Systems distributor.

### ***ProDGnet interface***

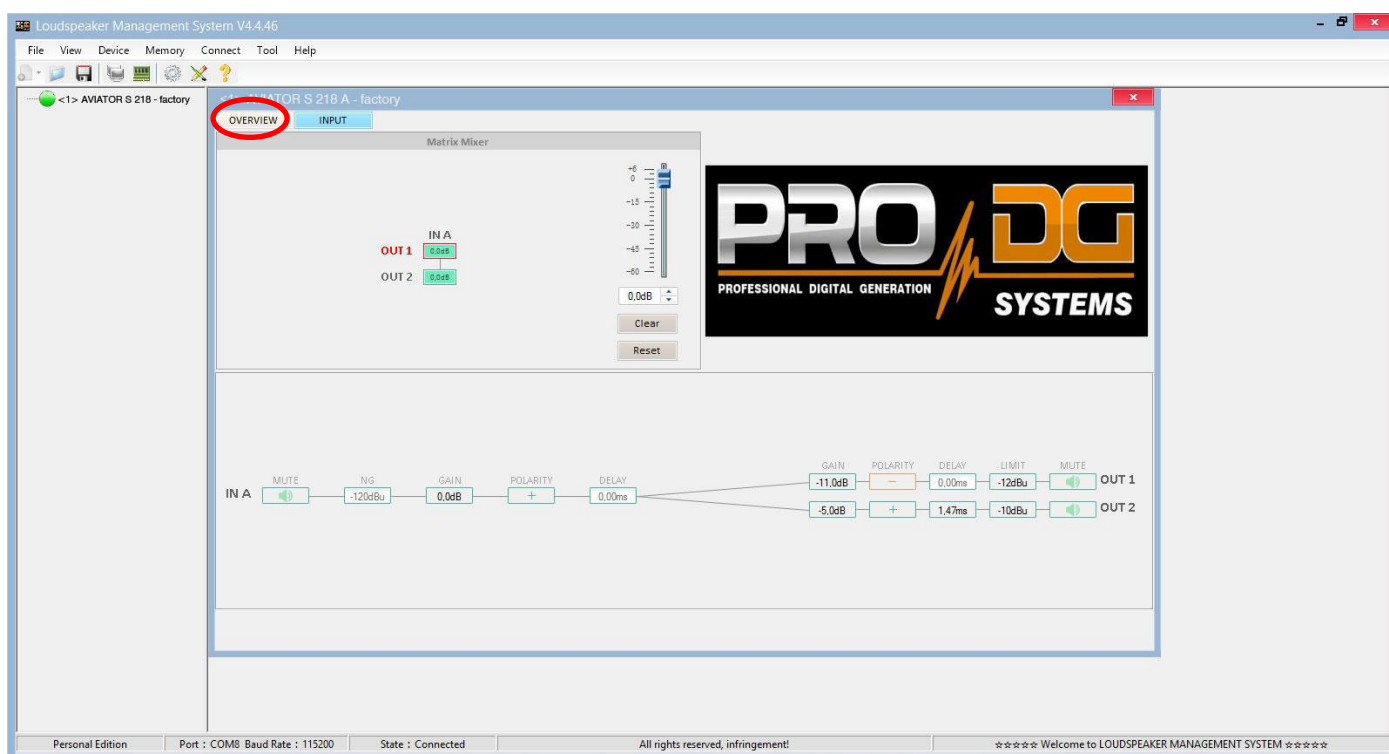


Below is a **guide for use** and information on the different menus of the *ProDGnet* software, which we can see **when we connect the DSP module of the unit to the PC**, through the ProDGnet interface:

Once the software is downloaded on your PC; create your network of Pro DG Systems systems, to do this connect the Ethernet cabling to the different units;

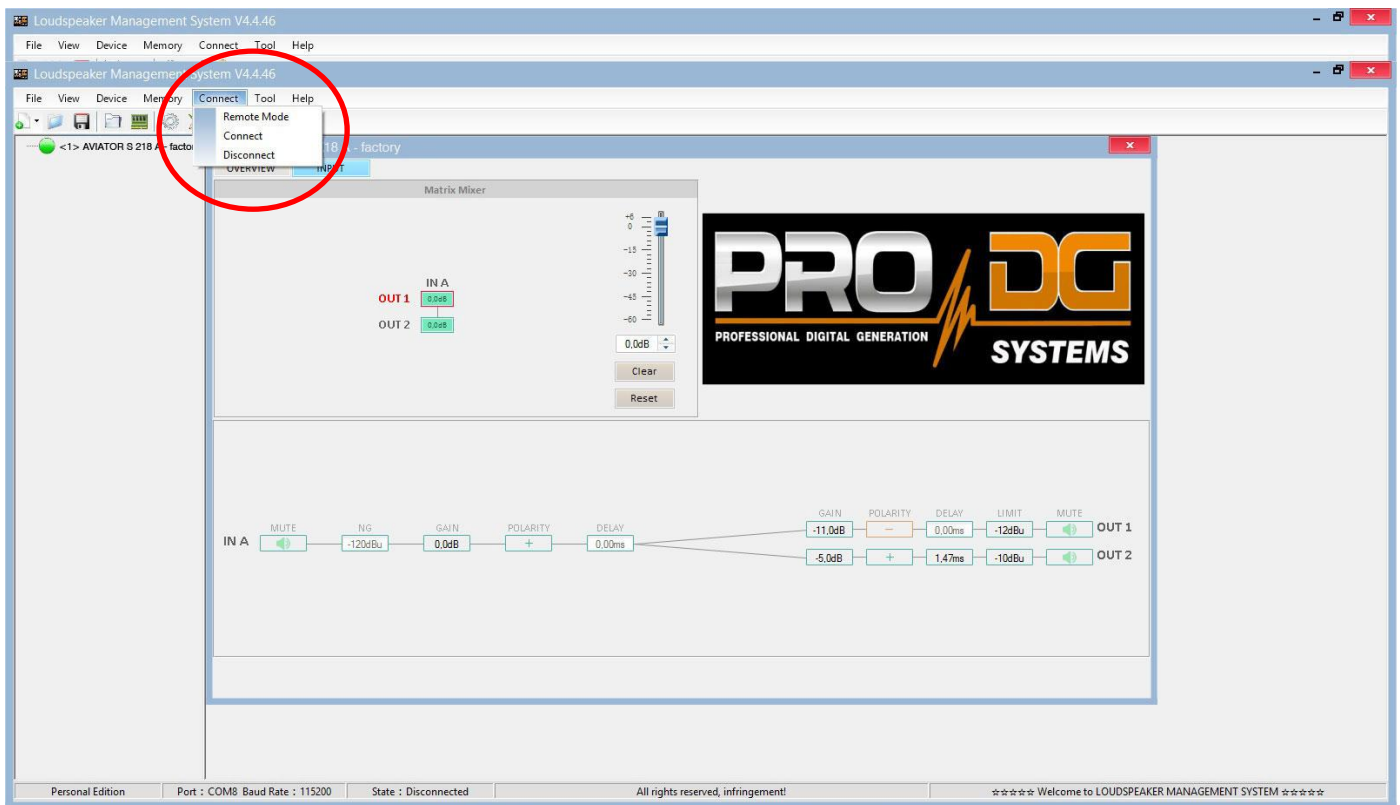


When you start the software, the **general menu** will be displayed by default. (OVERVIEW);



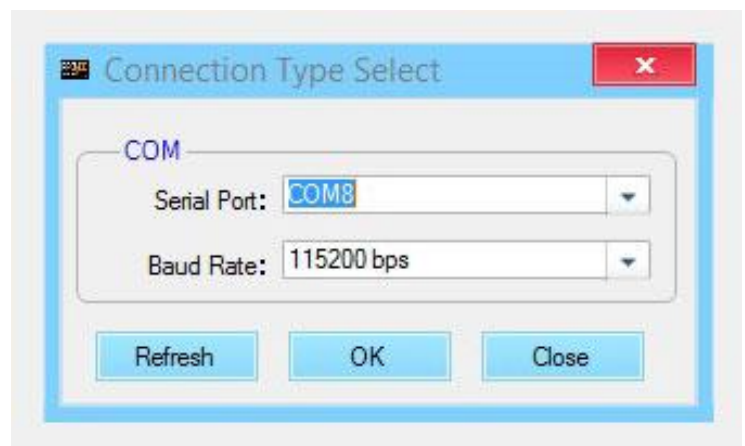
This menu allows modifying different options on input A and outputs 1 and 2, such as: Mute, Limiter, Gain, Polarity and Delay.

When clicking **“Connect”** > **“Remote mode”**, in the top bar;



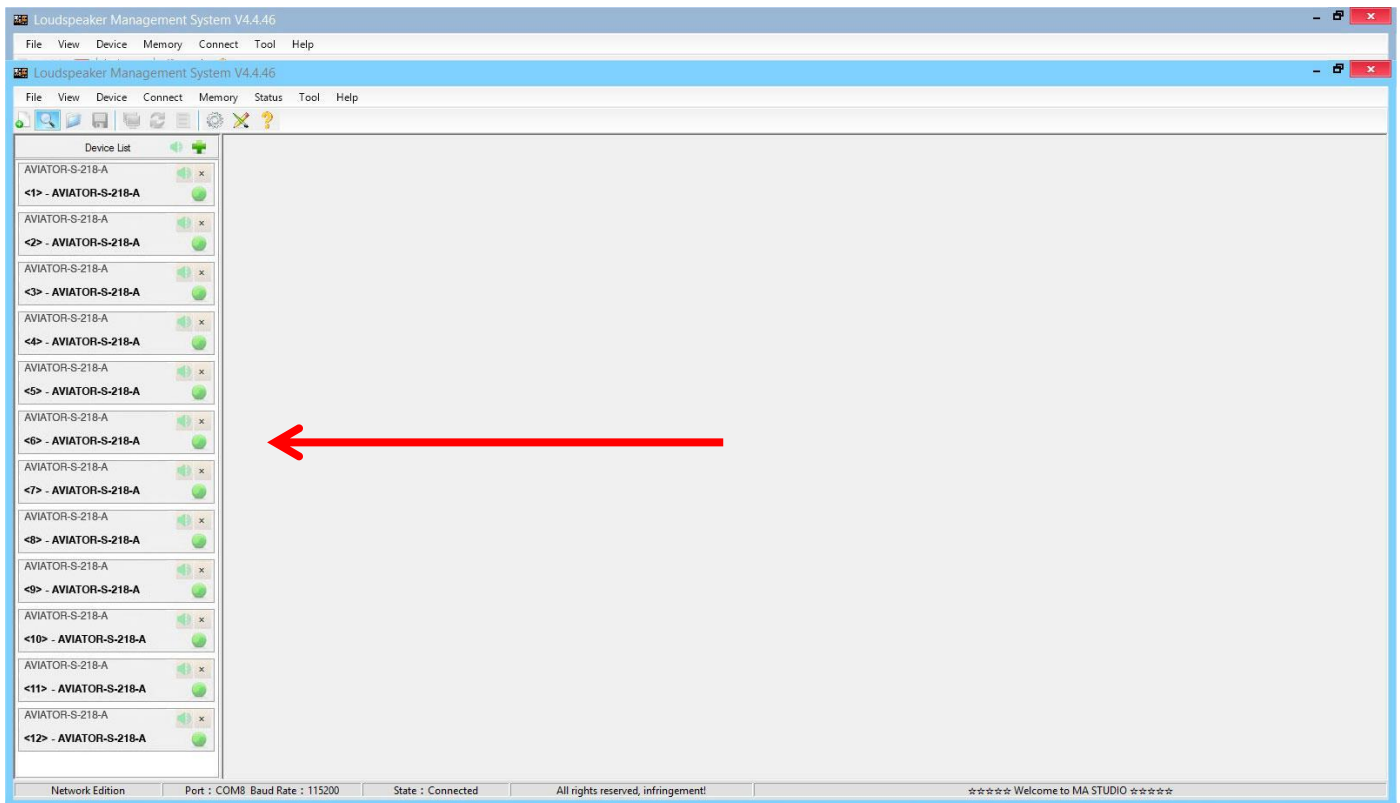
The following dialog box will appear;

Allowing connection to the DSP module of each unit connected to the Ethernet network.

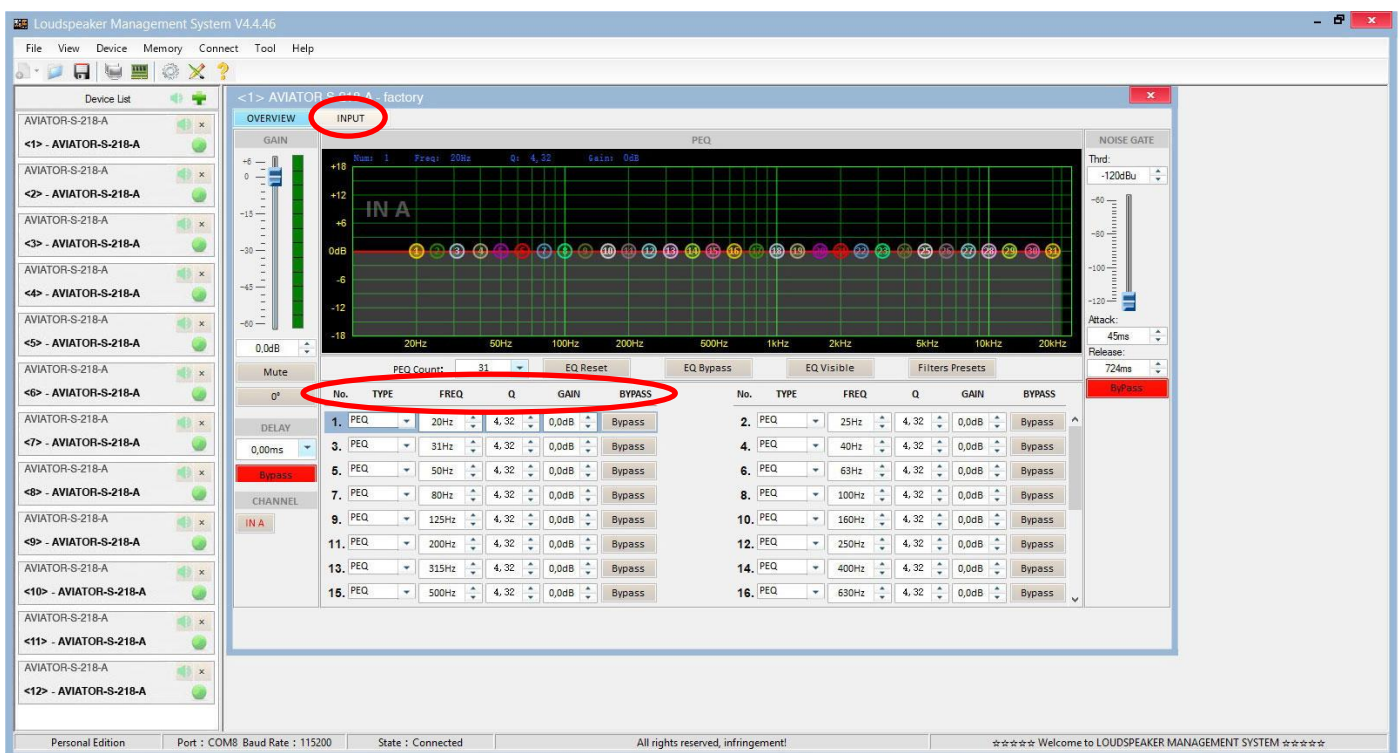


After pressing **“OK”** all connected units will be displayed (in green) to the left of the menu;



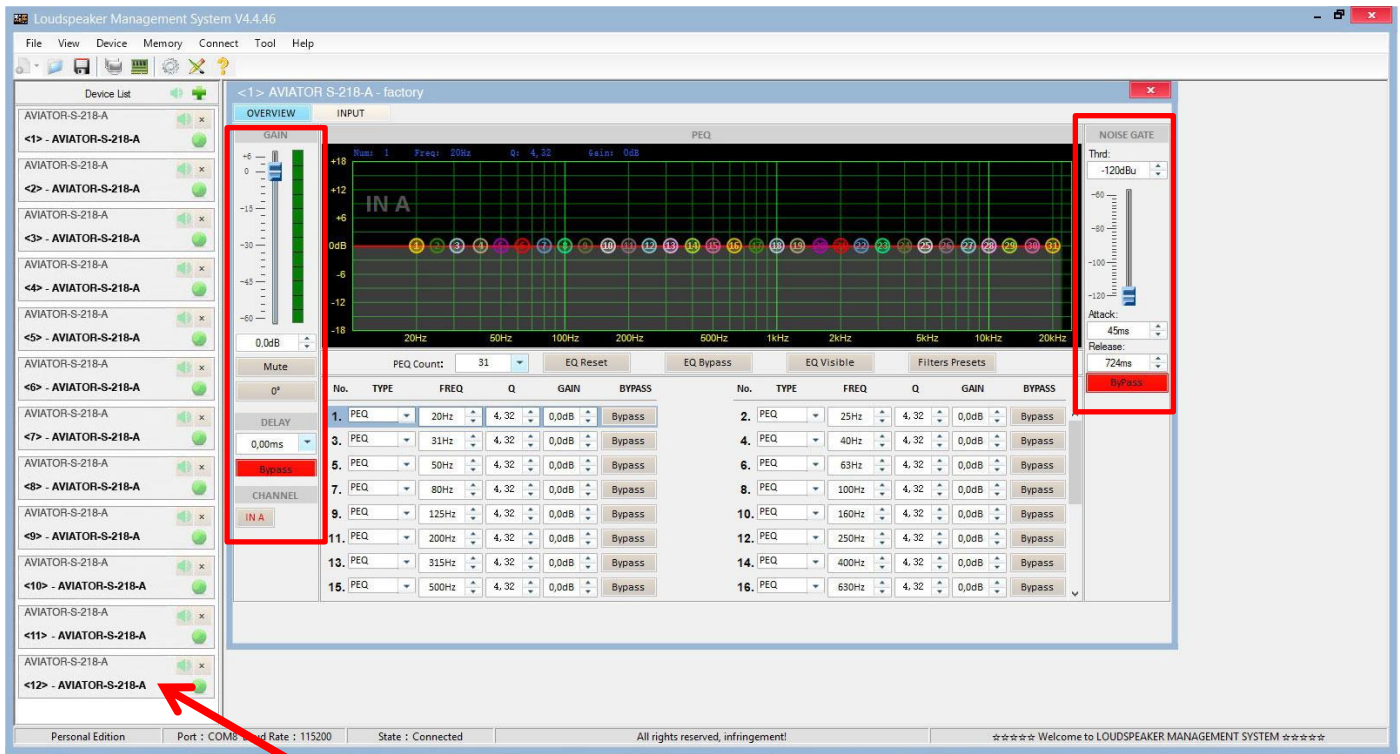


By clicking on the **INPUT** menu, a 31-band parametric equalizer is displayed, allowing you to select the type of Filter, Frequency, Bandwidth (Q), Gain and Bypass;



On the left of the menu, you can manually modify Gain, Mute, Delay, Bypass and input channel selection.

To the right of the menu is a noise gate where we find Threshold, Attack, Release and a Bypass of the input noise gate.



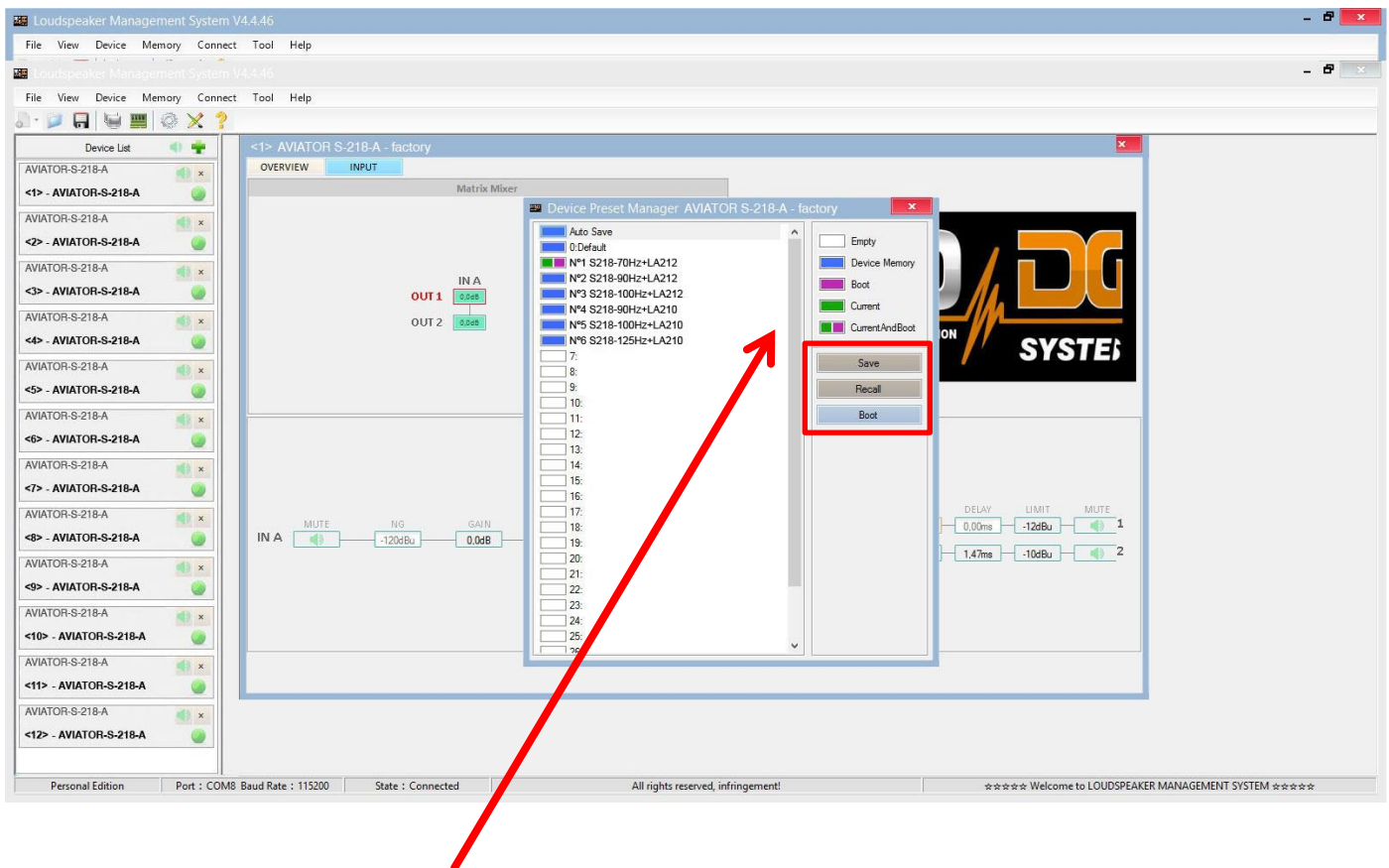
To apply changes to any of the units connected to the ProDGnet network, simply click on the desired unit.

To select factory stored presets, it will be necessary to click “Memory” > “Preset manager”.






The unit has 6 factory presets.



Then, the factory stored preset selection menu will be displayed;



The meaning of the colors shown next to each preset is as follows:

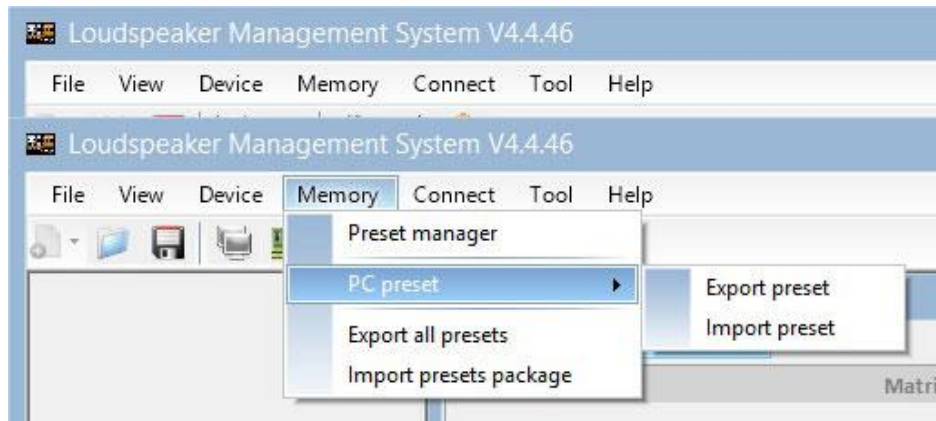
-  Empty Preset.
-  Preset stored in memory.
-  Preset that we want to appear by default when turning on the unit.
-  Currently selected preset.
-  Preset currently selected and that will appear by default when turning on the unit.

“**Save**” allows saving changes made to the selected preset.

“**Recall**” allows reloading a stored preset.

“**Boot**” allows setting the selected preset as the desired preset that will appear by default when turning on the unit.

To Import or Export presets individually (preset by preset), from PC to amplifier unit or vice versa, it will necessary to click “Memory” > “PC preset”.

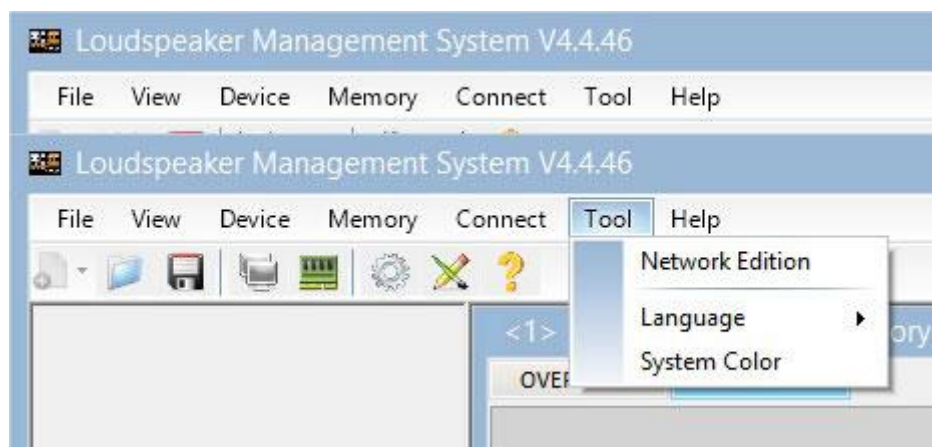


The “Export all presets” tab allows **exporting all the presets stored on the PC to the unit.**

The “Import presets package” tab allows **importing all the presets stored on the unit to the PC.**

To change the language, click “Tool” > “Language”.

If you want to **change the menu color**, click “Tools” > “System Color”.

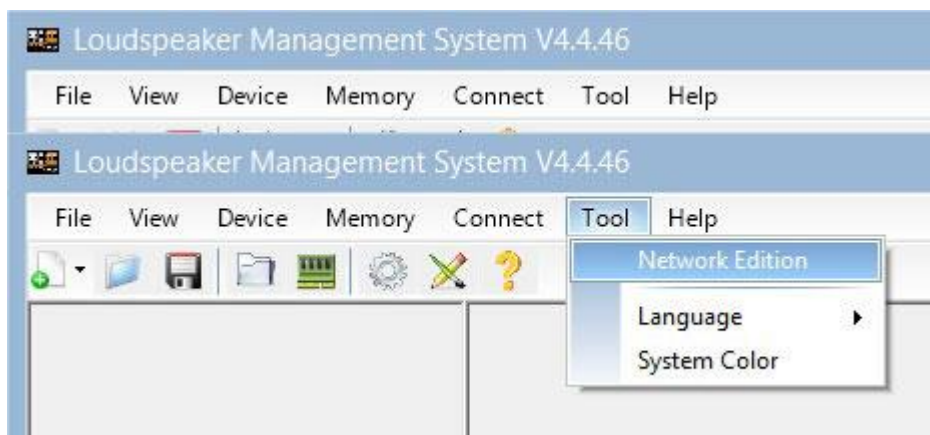




By having a network of systems connected to each other through Ethernet cabling and RS485 protocol, you have the possibility of **creating a group of systems**, which allows any change or equalization made to be applied to all the units that are part of the same network.

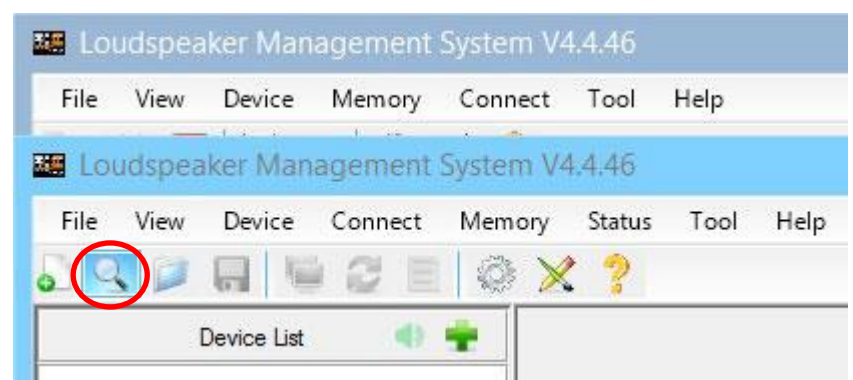
For example, if we have twelve units AVIATOR S 218 A, when creating a group made up of these units, any change or equalization made will be applied to all units;

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To create a system group, click “Tool” > “Network Edition”

Then click on the magnifying glass icon;

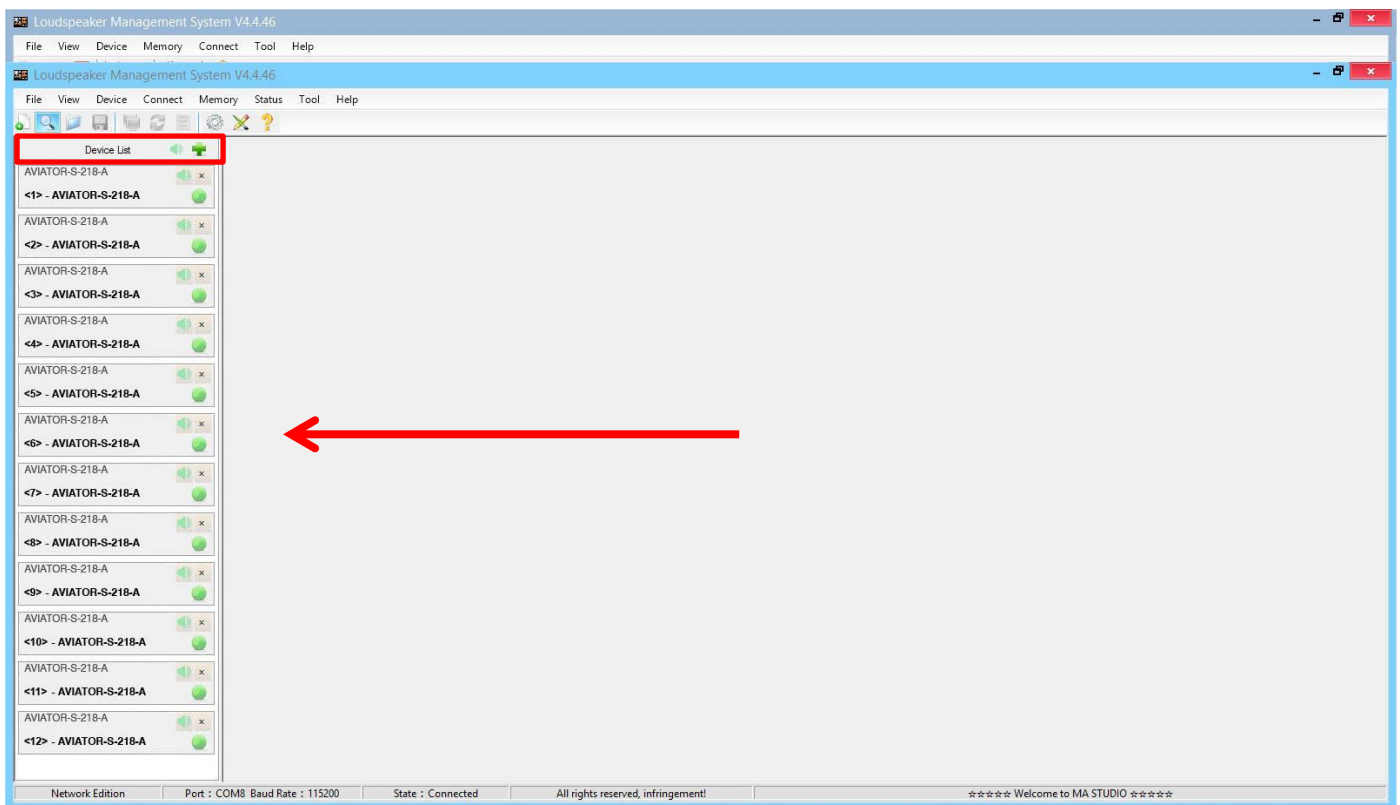




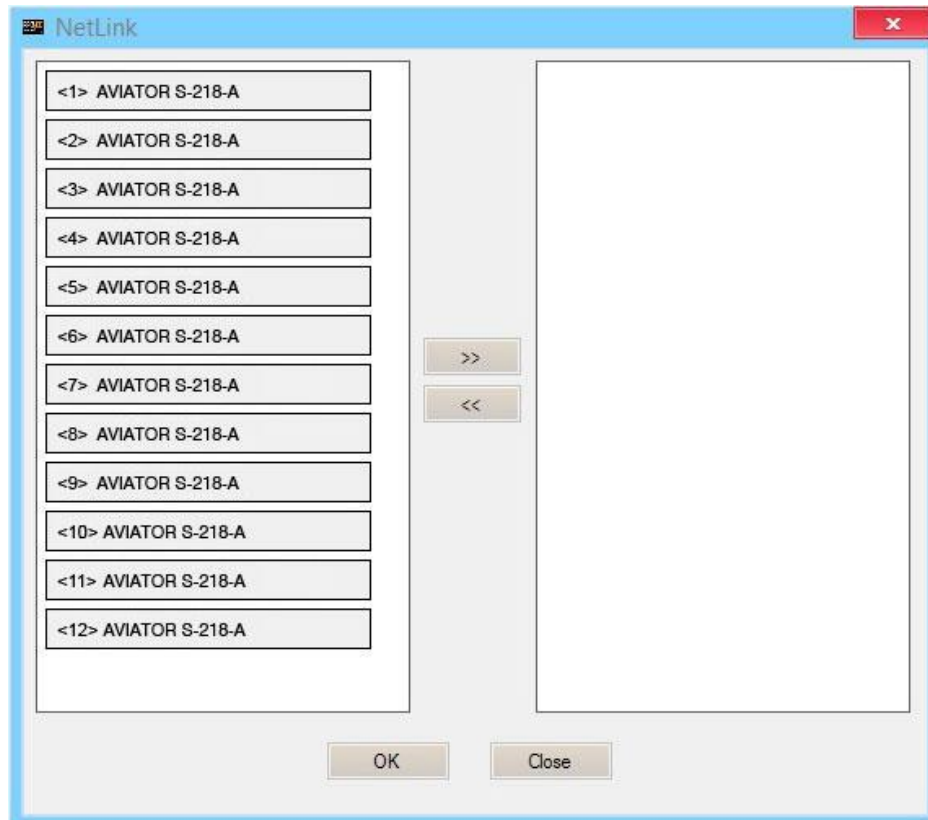
The following dialog box will appear. Click “**OK**” button”.



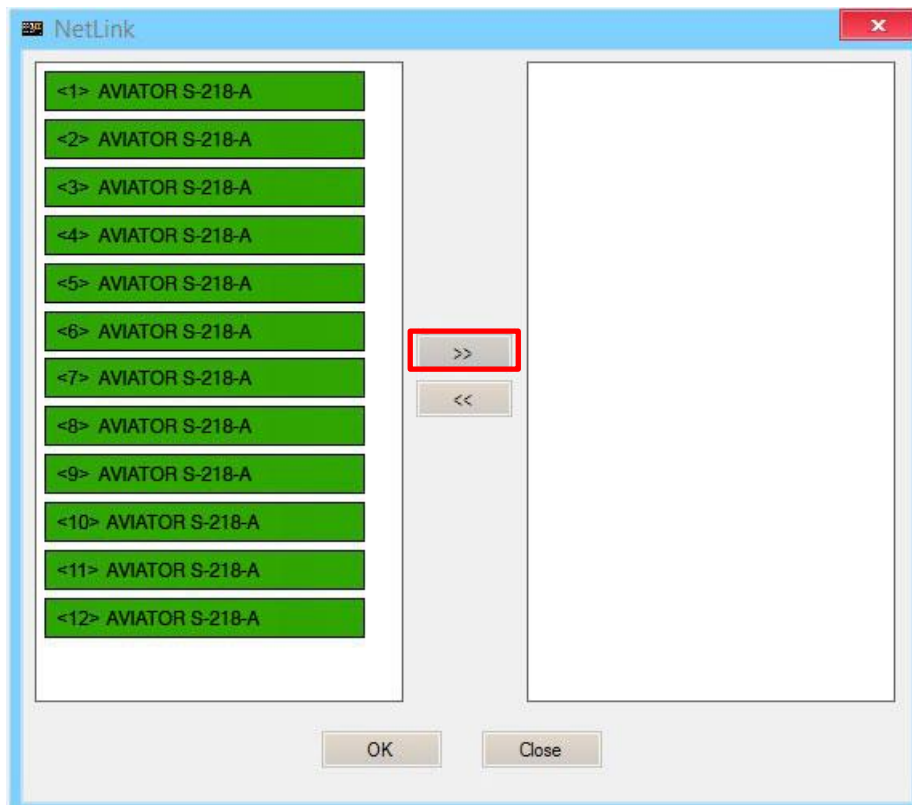
Once the previous step has been completed, all the units connected to the network will be displayed on the left of the menu (the group has not been created yet). Then click “**Device List**” button”.



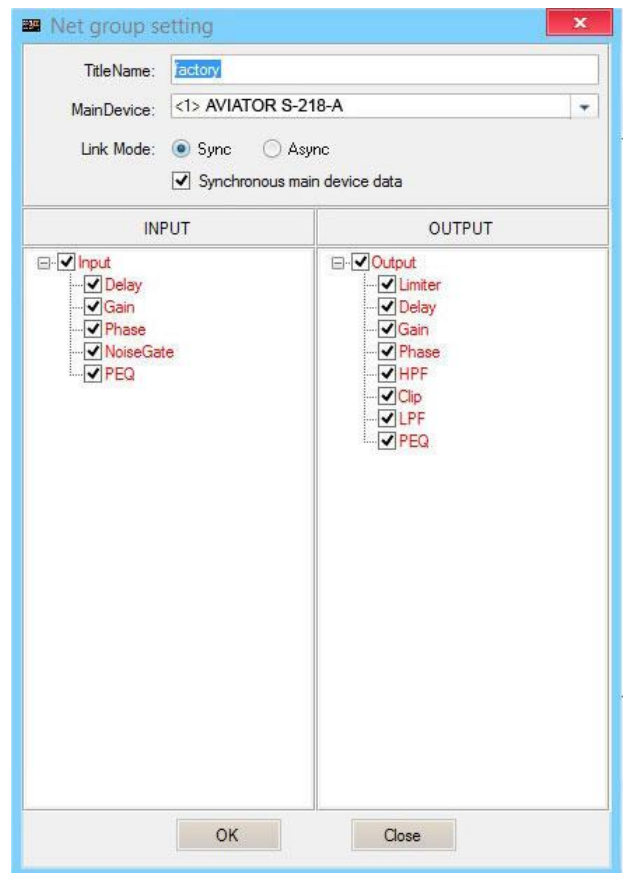
The following dialog box will appear;



Next, we will select all the units that will be part of the group and click on the right arrow icon, the units that are displayed in the box on the right are the ones that will be part of the same group;



We will press “**OK**” button, which will cause the following dialog box to appear, in which we can modify the name of the created group, as well as different parameters of it;



By pressing “**OK**” button in the previous step, the group creation process will be completed. In the menu on the left we can see that all the selected units are already part of the same group.

## DSP. Selecting presets in the unit itself

It is possible to select stored presets in the DSP unit, directly from the AVIATOR S 218 A amplifier. To do this, follow the following steps:

1. Connect the system to the mains and put the switch button in ON position.



2. Once the main menu is displayed on the LCD screen, we will proceed to unlock the unit, to do this, press the preset selection button for a few seconds;

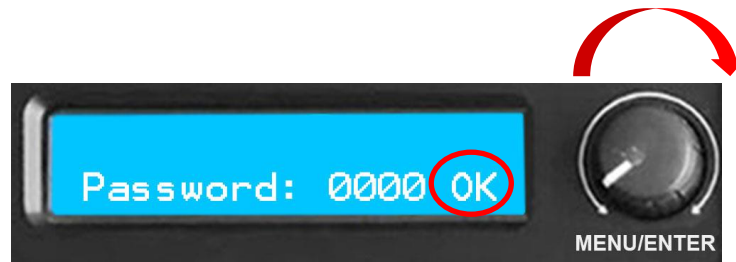


Until the password menu appears;



**Important:** request the password to Pro DG Systems technical support department via email at: [sat@prodgsystems.com](mailto:sat@prodgsystems.com) or to your authorized Pro DG Systems distributor.

3. Enter the password and turn the preset selector knob clockwise to press "OK" (without holding, just click);



Once this step is completed, the main menu at the beginning will be displayed again. If everything has been done correctly, the “padlock” (screen lock) icon will no longer be displayed in the main menu;



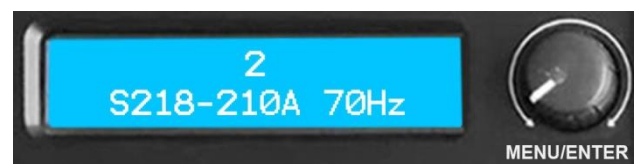
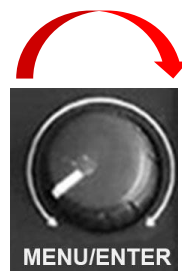
4. After completing step 3; press the preset selection button two times without holding it (just double click), this will cause the preset selection menu to appear;



**X2**



You can now navigate between the different presets stored in the unit and select the one you want by pressing the button. By default, the unit has 6 factory presets.





**The included factory presets** have been developed to ensure the perfect combination of use with the different Line Array models from AVIATOR Series, the factory presets for AVIATOR S 218 A are the following:

- Preset nº1: **S218-210A 90Hz**; to combine AVIATOR S 218 S with AVIATOR LA 210 A. Frequency cut-off applied to AVIATOR S 218 A; 90 Hz.
- Preset nº2: **S218-210A 70Hz**; to combine AVIATOR S 218 S with AVIATOR LA 210 A. Frequency cut-off applied to AVIATOR S 218 A; 70 Hz.
- Preset nº3: **S218-212A 90Hz**; to combine AVIATOR S 218 S with AVIATOR LA 212 A. Frequency cut-off applied to AVIATOR S 218 A; 90 Hz.
- Preset nº4: **S218-212A 70Hz**; to combine AVIATOR S 218 S with AVIATOR LA 212 A. Frequency cut-off applied to AVIATOR S 218 A; 70 Hz.
- Preset nº5: **CARDIO FRONT**; to use AVIATOR S 218 A in cardioid format, in this configuration the front part (grill) will be placed towards the public.
- Preset nº6: **CARDIO TRAS**; to use AVIATOR S 218 A in cardioid format, in this configuration the rear part (amplification module) will be placed towards the public.

\* The order of the presets that appears by default in the unit may vary depending on the region where the system is supplied, maintaining the mentioned characteristics of each preset.

The user of the system is free to choose the preset that best suits the acoustic needs of the event.



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## Placement for best performance

Generally, the construction of a subwoofer system generates omnidirectional sound dispersion, incorrect placement of subwoofer systems can generate undesirable effects on sound dispersion, such as cancellations (passages), excessive summation in the rear, poor coverage in the public area, etc.

The correct placement of the subwoofer systems depends on the characteristics of the place to be provided with sound, which is a key point to guarantee the success of the event. You will find some examples down below.

In summary:

- **In-Block** and **L & R stack** configurations; create a lot in the control area and also create the famous “passages” or cancellations in the public area.
- **Reversed stack** and **In-line cardioid** configurations; create a significant decrease in level on the stage and a slight decrease in pressure in the audience area.
- With **In-line horizontal configuration**; we will obtain a narrow and long coverage, with a sufficient level on the stage and a homogeneous response in the audience area.
- **End-Fired** configuration; produces homogeneous coverage and a fairly significant level reduction on the stage.
- With **In-arch configuration**; the response remains homogeneous, expanding the coverage and reducing the rear level.

### In-Block subwoofers configuration

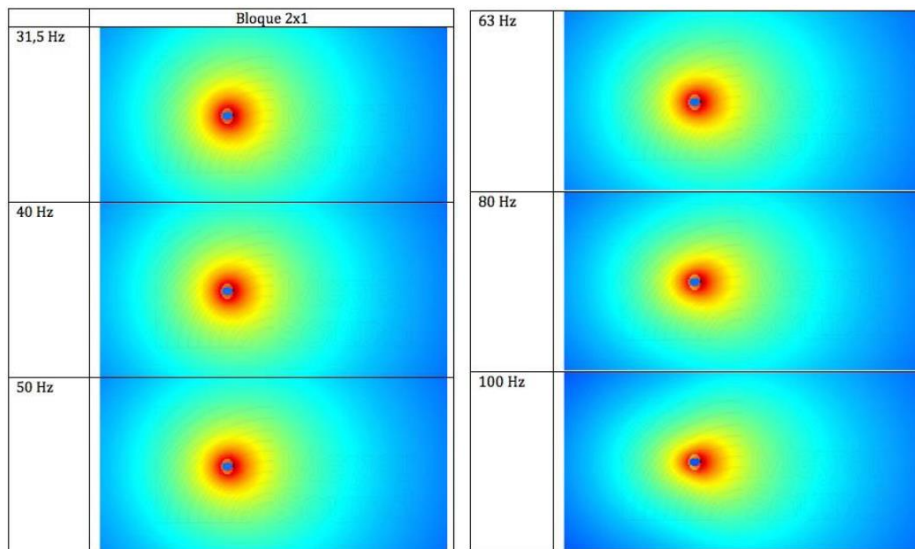
Using two in-line subwoofers.

Two sources fed with the same signal, time, level and polarity.

This configuration generates omnidirectional sound dispersion throughout virtually the entire operating frequency range.

The pressure level is +1.5 dB compared to the configuration of two subwoofers stacked on top of each other.





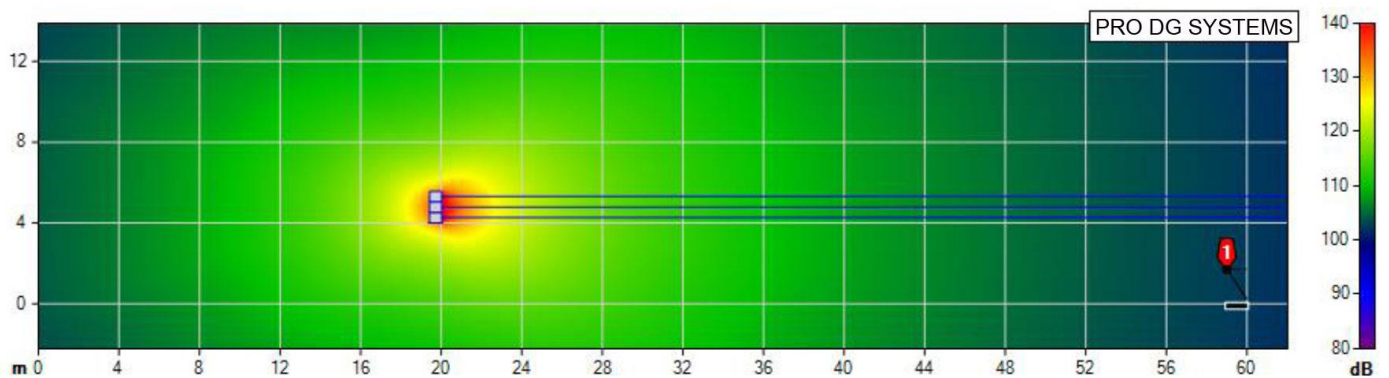
## L & R stack subwoofers configuration

Using 3 subwoofers in stack format

The results are very similar to those obtained with the block configuration are obtained.

We gain some dB, but still had no control at the rear.

Not having control over the rear generates more dB in the audience area, but it will bother your stage colleagues.



## Reversed stack configuration

Placing three subwoofers in a stack format, with one of its units reversed.

Next, we will place the measurement microphone on the back, with the subwoofer in reversed position disconnected and the other two subwoofers on work, we will take a phase reference.



Front view



Rear view

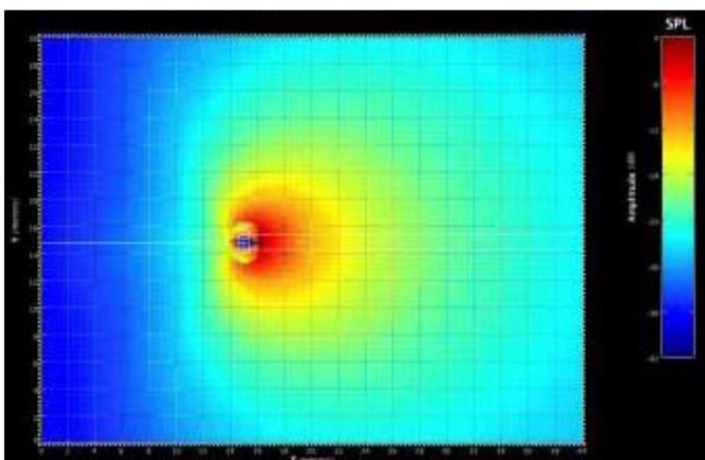
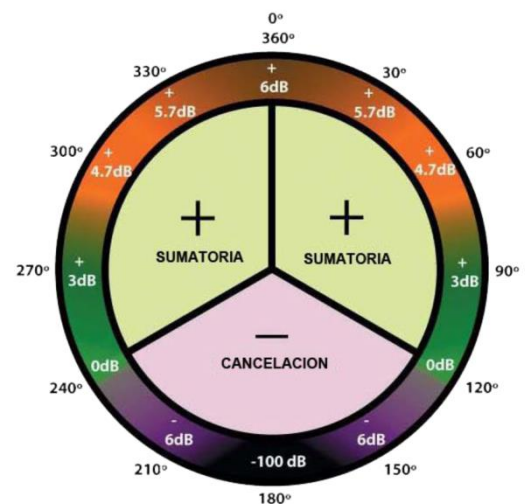
Then we connect the subwoofer in the reversed position and disconnect the other two subwoofers, we will take another reference and adjust it in phase by applying the corresponding delay (approximately 3ms), finally, we will apply a polarity change to the subwoofer in the reversed position.

## What happen?

We will create interferences or constructive frequencies in the front, and destructive frequencies in the back.

That is, we will achieve a significant decrease in level on the stage and a slight decrease in pressure in the audience area.

Example of dispersion at 70 Hz:

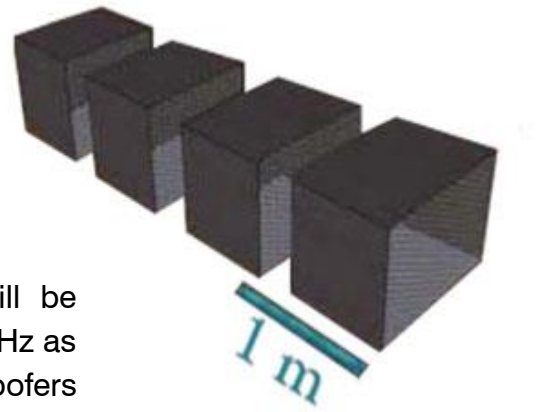


## End-Fired configuration

Placing four in-line subwoofers, one after the other.

Although it is not a cardioid configuration, it is directional, producing attenuation in the rear and quite a bit in the front.

The physical separation distance between subwoofers will be determined by the key frequency. If, for example, we take 85 Hz as the key frequency, the separation distance between subwoofers will be 1m:



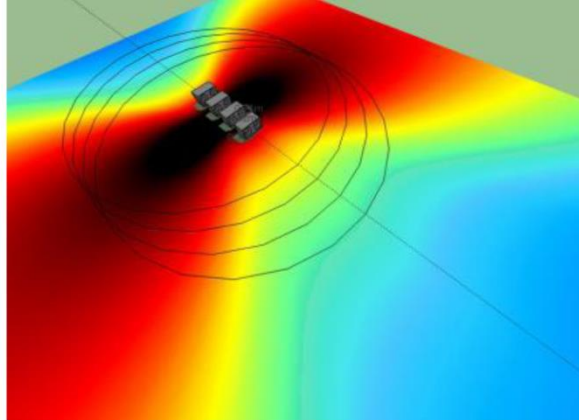
We must obtain the  $\lambda$  wavelength (lambda).

$\lambda = V/F = m$  V: speed of sound; 340 meters per second. F: frequency in Hz.

$340m \times sec / 85 \text{ Hz} = 4m. / 4 \text{ (1/4 of the desired wavelength)} = 1 \text{ m}$

Once the subwoofers are physically located, it will be necessary to apply delay to generate the necessary separation electronically, the objective is to make the four units behave as one.

This is what happens if we do not apply electronic delay:



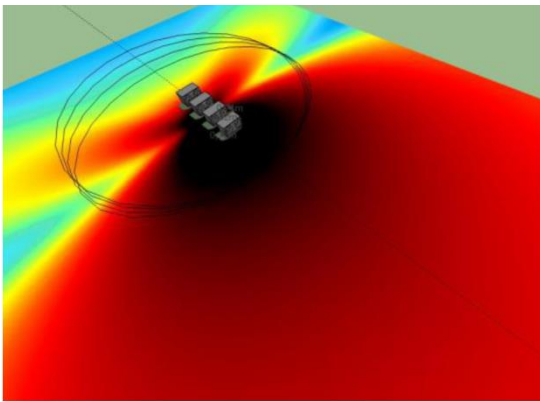
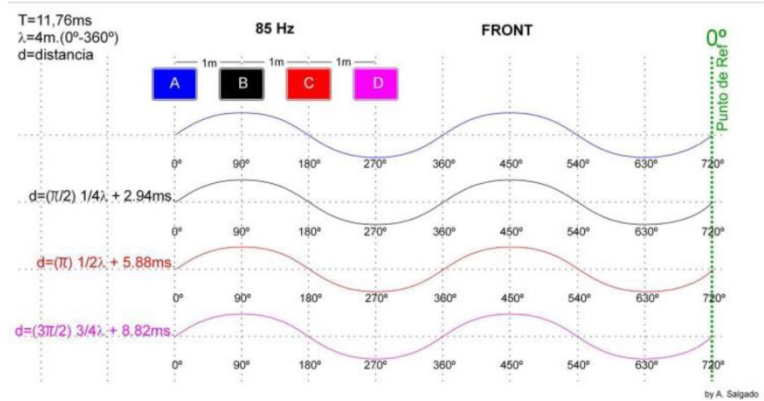
The delay that we must apply will be determined by the following formula:

$T = 1 / F$ ;  $1 / 85 \text{ Hz} = 0,01176 \text{ sec} / 4 \text{ (1/4 of a cycle)} = 0,00294 \text{ sec} \times 1000 = 2,94 \text{ ms}$

Therefore;

- Subwoofer 1. Delay; 0 ms (It is understood that it is the closest unit to the stage)
- Subwoofer 2. Delay; 2,94 ms
- Subwoofer 3. Delay; 5,88 ms
- Subwoofer 4. Delay; 8,82 ms

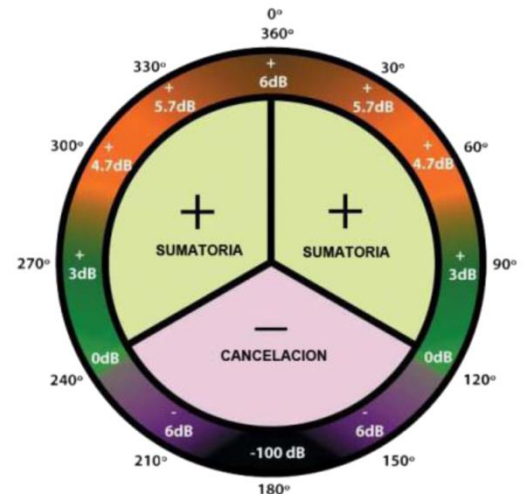
Result of our configuration.  
Completely matched in phase



Lobe behavior after applying the electronic delay

As a result, in the rear part we obtain a large sum of constructive frequencies as all the sources are in 90° phase (summation), on the contrary in the rear part we have the four units in 180° push-phase (cancellation).

Therefore, we can consider that this configuration is not cardioid and is directional.





## In-line cardioid configuration

Using two in-line subwoofers.

This configuration is formed with two sources spaced  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the wavelength of the key frequency that we select. It is necessary to be clear about this concept; two parallel signals but with different paths, at the same point produce comb filters.

$\frac{1}{8}$  above the chosen key frequency, producing the first destructive frequency and the first cancellation.

Example: if we choose 40 Hz as the key frequency, we will have the first cancellation at 80 Hz (or what is the same in its first octave), which is not appropriate, because it destroys the frequency response of our configuration. And the same thing will happen with each odd multiple ( $80 \times 3 = 240$  Hz,  $80 \times 5 = 400$  Hz, etc).

If we choose 85 Hz as the key frequency; We must obtain the  $\lambda$  wavelength (lambda).

$\lambda = V/F = m$  V: speed of sound; 340 meters per second. F: frequency in Hz.

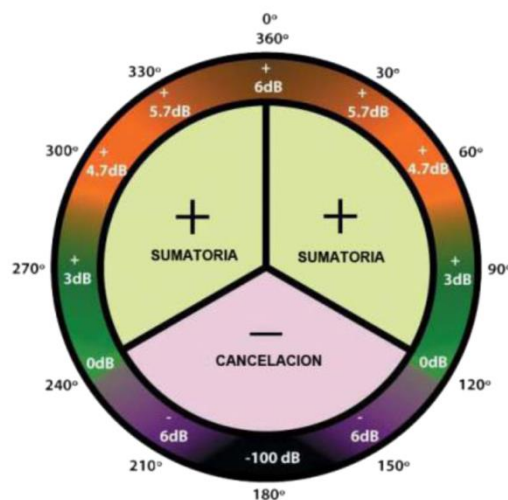
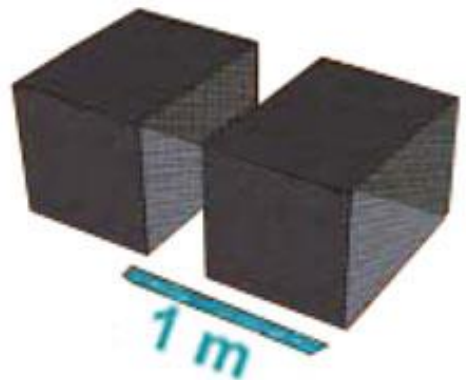
$340m \times sec / 85 Hz = 4m. / 4 (1/4 \text{ of the desired wavelength}) = 1 m$

We can know that the physical distance between subwoofers will be 1 m

We have physically separated the subs  $90^\circ$  at 85 Hz, now we are going to electronically separate the rear sub another  $90^\circ$ , for this we convert  $90^\circ$  at 85 Hz in time.

$T = 1 / F$ ;  $1 / 85 Hz = 0,01176 \text{ sec} / 4 (1/4 \text{ of a cycle}) = 0,00294 \text{ seg} \times 1000 = 2,94 \text{ ms}$ .

In this way we will have the rear sub separated by  $90^\circ$  physically (with respect to the front) and another  $90^\circ$  electronically;  $90^\circ + 90^\circ = 180^\circ$

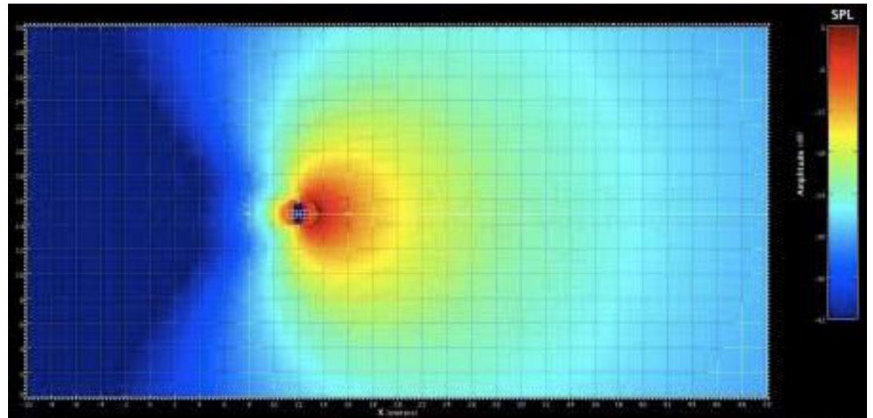


## What happen?

Total cancellation of destructive frequencies. By simply reversing the polarity of the rear sub we once again have summation or constructive frequencies on the front.

Since the rear sub is physically distanced  $90^\circ$  from the front and another  $90^\circ$  electronically;  $90^\circ - 90^\circ = 0$  constructive frequencies. But since it is inverted in polarity we obtain cancellation in the rear part (stage) and summation in the front part (audience area).

Example of dispersion at 70 Hz:



With this configuration we lose 1.5 dB compared to an in-block configuration of two subwoofers, but we will let our monitor colleagues work.

## In-line horizontal configuration

Placing eight subwoofers besides to each other.

This configuration is based on the theory of Harry F. Olson published in his book “Acoustical Engineering” in which it is mentioned that; *placing two speakers at a distance equal to or less than half the wavelength of the upper cut-off frequency will create a highly directional forward lobe of energy.*

As we know, a standard L & R subwoofers configuration produces summation and cancellation zones dependent on the physical separation and, therefore, the wavelength of the frequency, appearing the typical “corridors”.

To avoid these effects we are going to create a central line of subwoofers and reduce the distance between the elements, so that their separation is not greater than half their wavelength of the maximum frequency to be reproduced.;

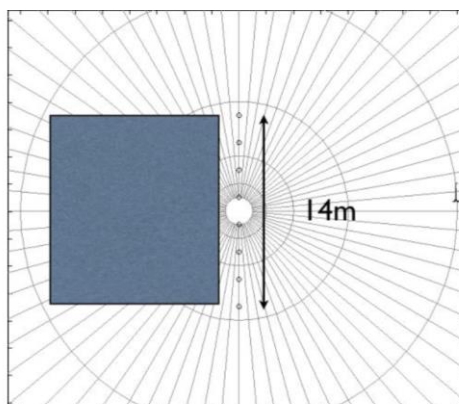
$\lambda$  Wavelength (lambda).

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Choosing 100 Hz as example of maximum frequency, the result will be;

$340m \times sec / 100 Hz = 3,4m / 2 = 1,70 m$  (distance between subwoofers that we should not exceed).

As an example, we will make a configuration covering 14 m long and placing the subwoofers at a distance of 1.70 m from each other.



Once the subs are placed 1.70 m from each other, we will see the behavior of different frequencies to different degrees, taking the central axis as a reference. To observe the existing phase relationship in degrees we will use the formula;

$D \times F \times 360 / 340$       D; separation distance.      F; Frequency.

360 a complete cycle and 340 the speed of sound.

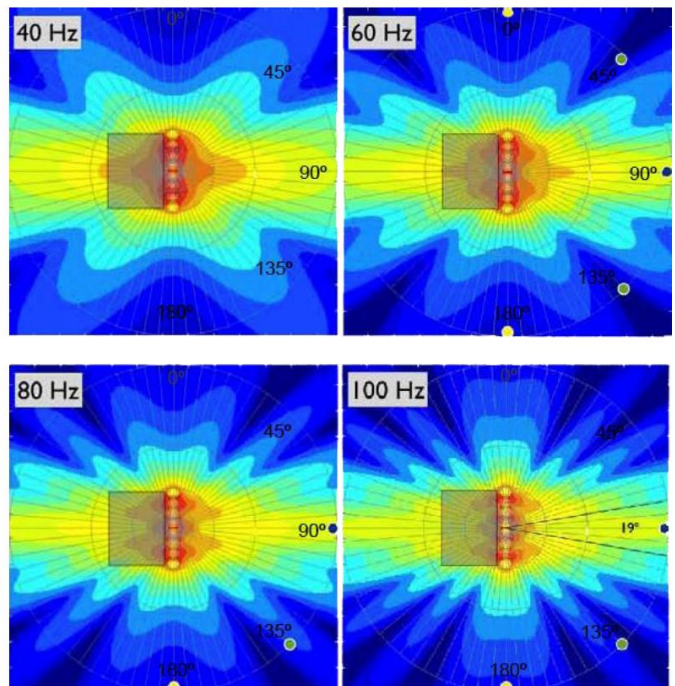
We take as example a phase relationship in degrees for 100 Hz;

$$1,70 \times 100 \text{ Hz} \times 360 / 340 = 180^\circ$$

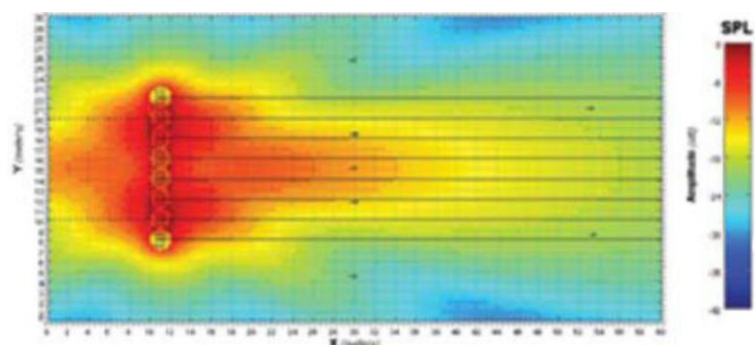
As we can see, the pattern narrows as we increase the frequency.

**Conclusions:** we should not separate the subwoofers more than  $240^\circ$  from the maximum frequency to be played, if we do so cancellations and the famous “passages” will appear.

This configuration is designed to work in closed spaces where we have side walls and we should not place the sub closest to the wall more than  $120^\circ$  from the maximum frequency to be reproduced.

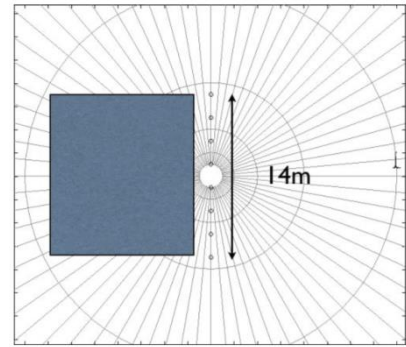


This configuration has a fairly narrow and long pattern, as a limit of coverage we will have the subwoofers placed in the extreme and in the stage part we will also have a lot of energy, which can be annoying for the monitor colleagues.



## In-arc configuration

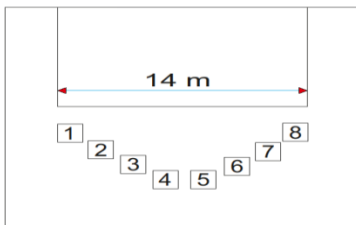
As with the configuration of eight subwoofers in-line horizontal, the difference is that we are going to sacrifice pressure in the central part, in exchange for gaining general coverage and reducing the pressure level on the stage.



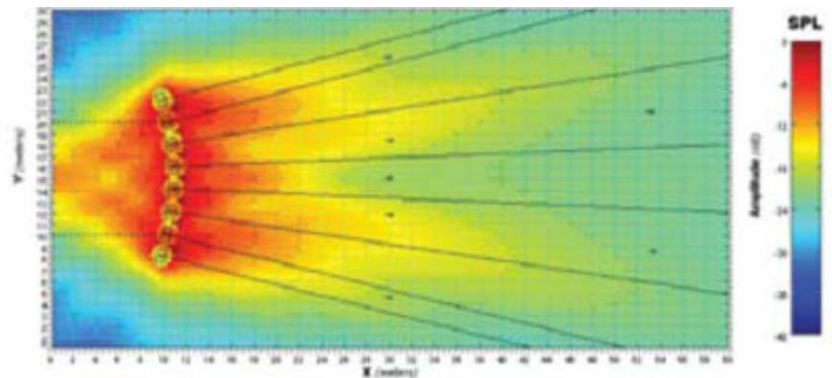
Taking the previous example as a starting point; we place the subwoofers at a distance of 1.70 m from each other and apply the following delays;

- Subs nº 4 and 5; 0 ms    - Subs nº 3 and 6; 1,50 ms    - Subs nº 2 and 7; 3 ms    - Subs nº 1 and 8; 4,50 ms

The lobe behavior will be as follows:



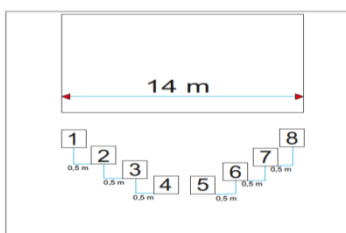
## Virtual arch



As we can see, we have gained general coverage with respect to the in-line horizontal configuration, but we have a slight reduction in level in the central area, this can be solved by placing a subwoofer above sub No. 4 and another above sub No. 5, thus recovering the level in the central zone.

If there is not enough processing available, we can make a physical arc by placing the subs in the following way:

- Subs nº 1 and 8; 0 m
- Subs nº 2 and 7; 0,5 m regarding sub 1 and 8
- Subs nº 3 and 6; 0,5 m regarding sub 2 and 7
- Subs nº 4 and 5; 0,5 m regarding sub 3 and 6



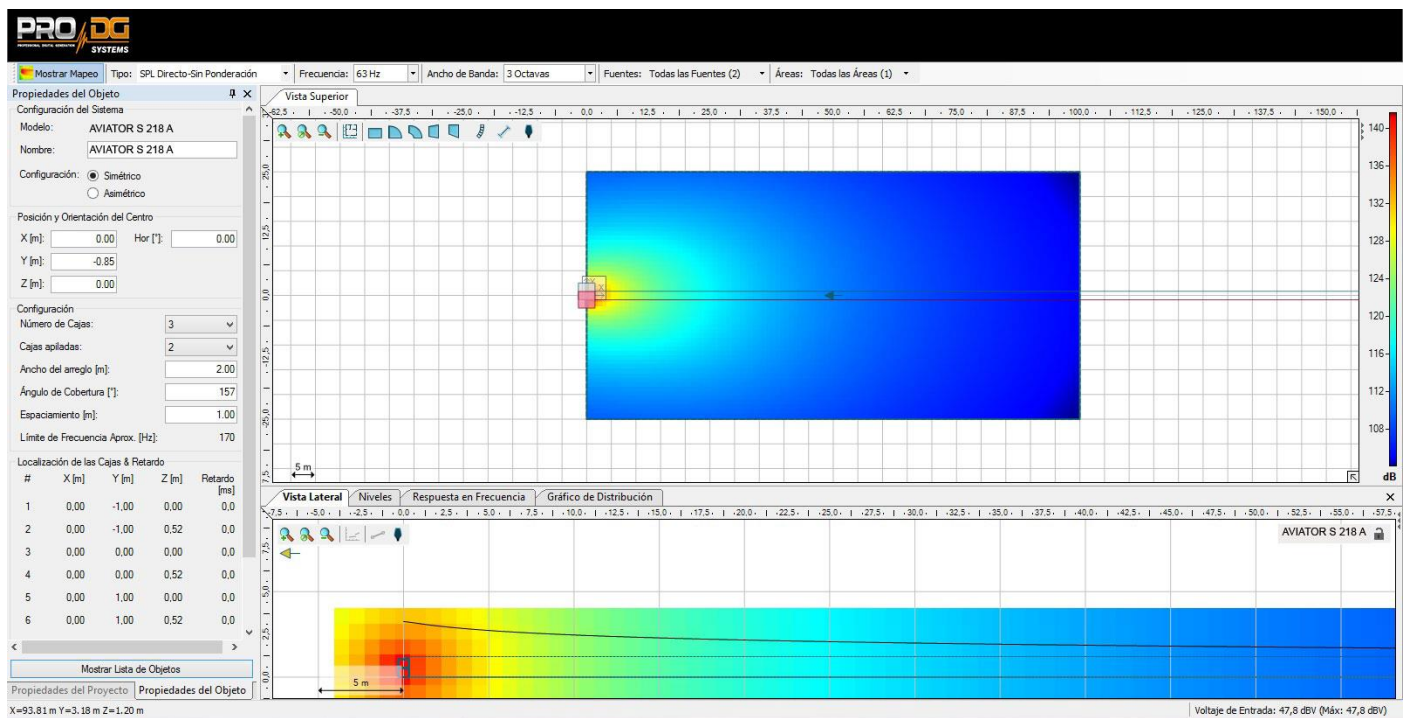
## Physical arch

This configuration is increasingly used, it achieves a very homogeneous coverage, a good level in the audience area and a significant reduction in the stage area, its performance is very good in combination with Line Array systems.



# Ease Focus prediction software

At Pro DG Systems we know that manufacturing high-quality speakers is an important part of the job. The guarantee of being able to use the systems properly is the other fundamental part of our work. Good tools make the difference to achieve optimal use of systems.



AVIATOR S 218 A has Ease Focus V3 prediction software with which we can simulate the behavior of different systems in different places and circumstances, as well as obtain information on coverage, frequency, SPL and general behavior of the system, in a simple and comfortable way for the user. It is very easy to use and we have training courses for users of Pro DG Systems products. For more information, consult our technical service at: [sat@prodgsystems.com](mailto:sat@prodgsystems.com)

Ease Focus prediction software can be downloaded directly at Pro DG Systems website: <https://prodgsystems.com/19-scrpt-software.html>

You can download the user guide of Ease Focus 3 software [here](#)

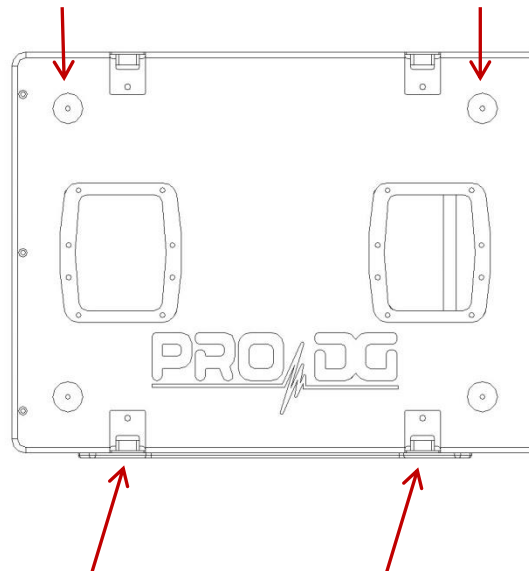
You will find GLL files to simulate the behavior of AVIATOR S 218 A at: [www.prodgsystems.com](http://www.prodgsystems.com)



# Hardware

## Vertical use of the system

AVIATOR S 218 A incorporates rubber feet, which allow it to be placed in a vertical position without direct contact between the box and the floor or surface, thus avoiding scratching the paint of the box and the surface where it is placed.

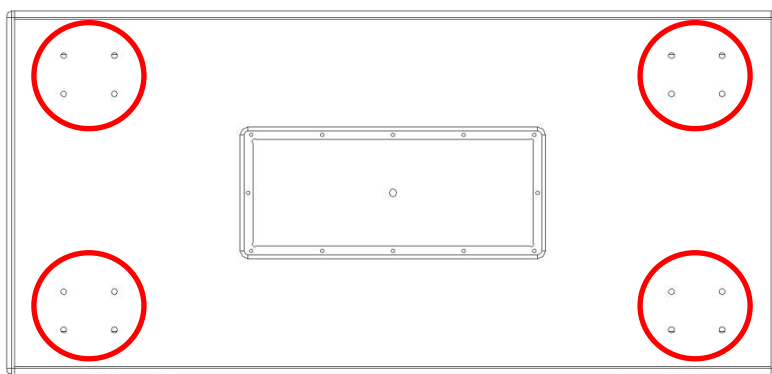


## Anchorage

When several AVIATOR S 218 A units are stacked; The anchorages included on the sides allow the secure fixation of the assembly, through the use of slings or fixing straps. Also serving as rigging points in case the system needs to be hung.

## Wheels

The rear side of AVIATOR S 218 A has points for fixing wheels, thus facilitating its handling and transportation. Wheels are not included, possibility of being supplied by Pro DG Systems as optional equipment.



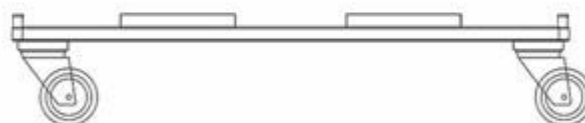
## Accessories

### TR S 218

Transport trolley for two or three units AVIATOR S 218 A.

It has a special polyurea finish resistant to impacts and inclement weather.

It has a brake system and slots for fixing it using slings, etc.



### CV S 218

Protection cover for two units AVIATOR S 218 A.

Made of waterproof material.

Complete system wiring ready to work.





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