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*Thank you for purchasing an  
Arendal Sound product.*

*We hope you enjoy it as much  
as we enjoyed creating it”*

- Team Arendal Sound

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## BUILDING BRIDGES.

*Being our entry-level subwoofer range, there is nothing about our brand new 1961 Subwoofers performance or build quality that would suggest it being so. HDF cabinets with Premium painted matte finishes and magnetic grills, to mention couple.*

*Using our newly designed proprietary 12.2" driver, driven by the unique 550W RMS Avalanche 550 IQ DSP smart amplifier, dynamics and performance is stellar. The HDF cabinet volume has been sized to produce an optimally damped system, producing low distortion, extremely dynamic and natural deep bass. Using many of the same features from 1723 series, you can be sure this subwoofer packs extreme amounts of listening pleasure regardless of its price point.*

*Our Avalanche 550 IQ smart amplifier marks a new era in terms of adjustability, versatility and not mention the dozens of sensor technologies which makes sure signal quality and performance are world class which.*

*High performance in a compact design – conceived as a smaller subwoofer that will fit any living room decor, you will be amazed how large a room 1961 Subwoofer 1S will be happy driving.*

*1961 Subwoofer 1V breaks all standards when it comes to performance. 1961 Subwoofer 1V is simply put a 1961 Subwoofer 1S on steroids. Bigger and vented. 1961 Subwoofer 1V can deliver massive performance on movies, with real attention to detail and nuance in music. Movies or music. Perfect for both.*

*Expect nothing less from an Arendal Sound product.*

*1961. Building bridges. Premium products for everyone.*

# STORY OF ARENDAL

I was born and raised in Arendal 1978, Norway. As a kid I enjoyed many activities, such as catching fish for my cat Johnas, riding my bike, playing football and video games, and hanging out with friends. Of course not a day went by without wrestling with my older brother Dan Benny.

My dad, Jan, founded an electronic store in the 70's and it quickly became the top selling store of it's kind throughout Norway. On a good Saturday it was not unusual to sell 40-50 color TV's, which were hot tech at the time. Today he spends his elder days as a fisherman, just like my grandfather Olav before him.

During my younger days there was rarely a weekend when I was not (somewhat reluctantly!) dragged out of bed on a Saturday morning to help sell my grandfather's catch from the night before to the neighbourhood. I was often told "your grandfather has caught a lot of fish, you need to help him sell it". Dragging all the fish with me, I walked several kilometers and knocked on many doors utilizing some maybe desperate sales tactics to charm the older ladies. My customers may have felt sorry for me seeing me walk around with fish, but I was able to sell them and returned home with pockets full of money. My grandfather gave me a cut of the sales so I could buy candy and save the rest in order to purchase more audio products. These were some of the best memories of my childhood.

As you may have guessed, I was introduced to the audio world at a very early age. When I turned 14 I started to work part time at my dad's store. When your hobby is electronics and you work in such an environment you

get the urge to purchase and test as many products as you can, which I did with great joy. Normally, instead of a paycheck, I brought home new speakers or amplifiers that had to be tested. My very first setup was a stereo system with some huge speakers which could play very loud. It was hugely annoying to my mother. Does that sound familiar?

It's one thing to have fun with audio equipment, but another very different thing to understand it. I studied electronics for 8 years, graduated from Grimstad with an engineering degree and was lucky enough to get a job in the oil industry. After working in the oil industry for a while, I knew that it wasn't the field for me. Audio was my passion and that's what I wanted to work with.

With 15 years of business experience in the audio industry and after shipping tens of thousands of audio products throughout Europe and beyond, I wanted something else. Something of our own which had been lingering in the air for many years. At our 10th anniversary, what better way to celebrate and continue the story, than with the release of our own speaker brand?

The idea of Arendal Sound was born.

It was no coincidence. We've spent years researching, listening to our customers, planning, developing, engineering and investing in Arendal Sound. I always wanted our team to have something to be extraordinarily proud of and enthusiastic about. It had to be something that was based on solid acoustic engineering principles

and yet aesthetically beautiful, surrounded by a unique story - ours. Arendal Sound builds upon traditional and historic Norwegian elements, where solid craftsmanship and finish quality are a top priority, backed with pleasure in the use and pride in the ownership. We even want to show our beautiful country to our overseas customers and invite them to Norway.

We are a family and team with the same mentality and goal, to create market leading products, packed with incredible value, backed with our highly acclaimed customer support that extends beyond the date of purchase.

To me, business comes second and at the end of the day, it's my family who are most important. Without them it would have been hard. I would especially like to thank my wife, Heidi, as she has been by my side all this time showing extreme patience and understanding. And of course my two little kids, Marcus and Leander, they are the dessert in life as my mom and dad say.

*We hope you will enjoy our products as much as we enjoyed making them.*



**Jan Ove Lassesen**  
Founder of Arendal Sound





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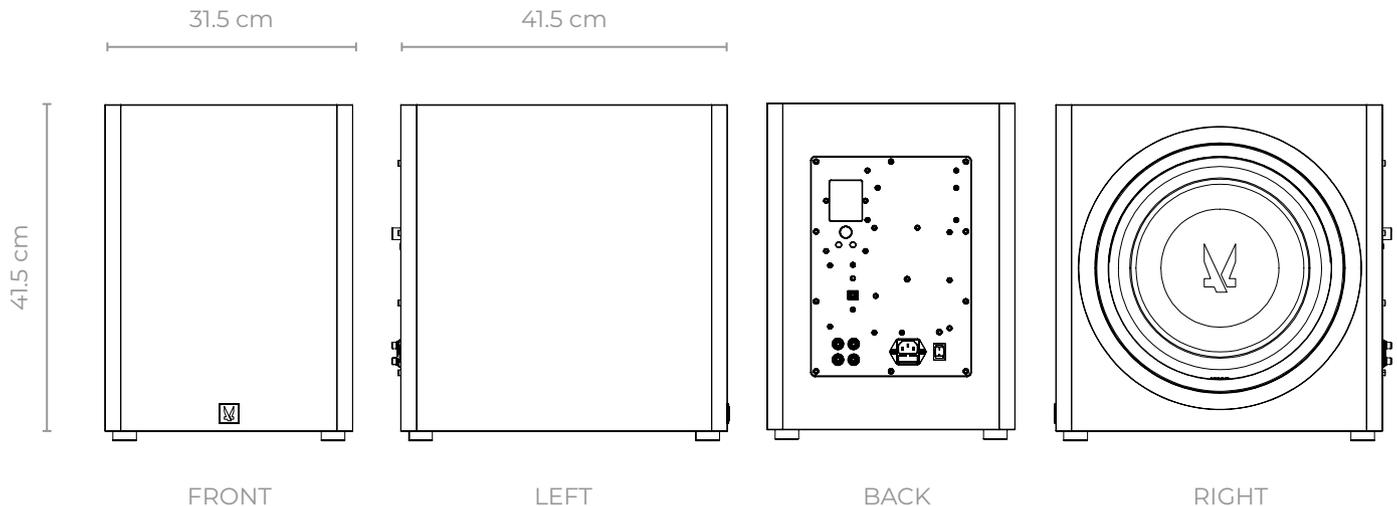
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# SPECIFICATIONS

Being our current entry-level subwoofer, there is nothing about 1961 Subwoofer 1S performance that would suggest it being so. Using our proprietary 12.2" driver driven by our unique 550W RMS Avalanche 550 IQ DSP amp, the cabinet volume has been sized to produce an optimally damped system, producing low distortion, extremely dynamic and natural deep bass. Using many of the same features from 1723 series, you can be sure this subwoofer packs extreme amounts of listening pleasure (and pressure..) regardless of its price point. Conceived as a smaller subwoofer that will fit any living room decor, you will be amazed how large a room 1961 Subwoofer 1S will be happy driving.

Woofer	12.2"
Enclosure	Sealed
Enclosure material	High Density Fiberboard (HDF)
Amplifier	Avalanche 550IQ, 550W RMS
Power cable	1.5 meters
Frequency response	
	EQ1 19-200Hz (+/-3dB)
	EQ2 26-200Hz (+/-3dB)
Dimensions without feet	41.5H x 31.5W x 41.5D cm
Dimensions with feet	42.7H x 31.5W x 41.5D cm
Weight	20.0 kg
Break-in for optimal performance	50 hours





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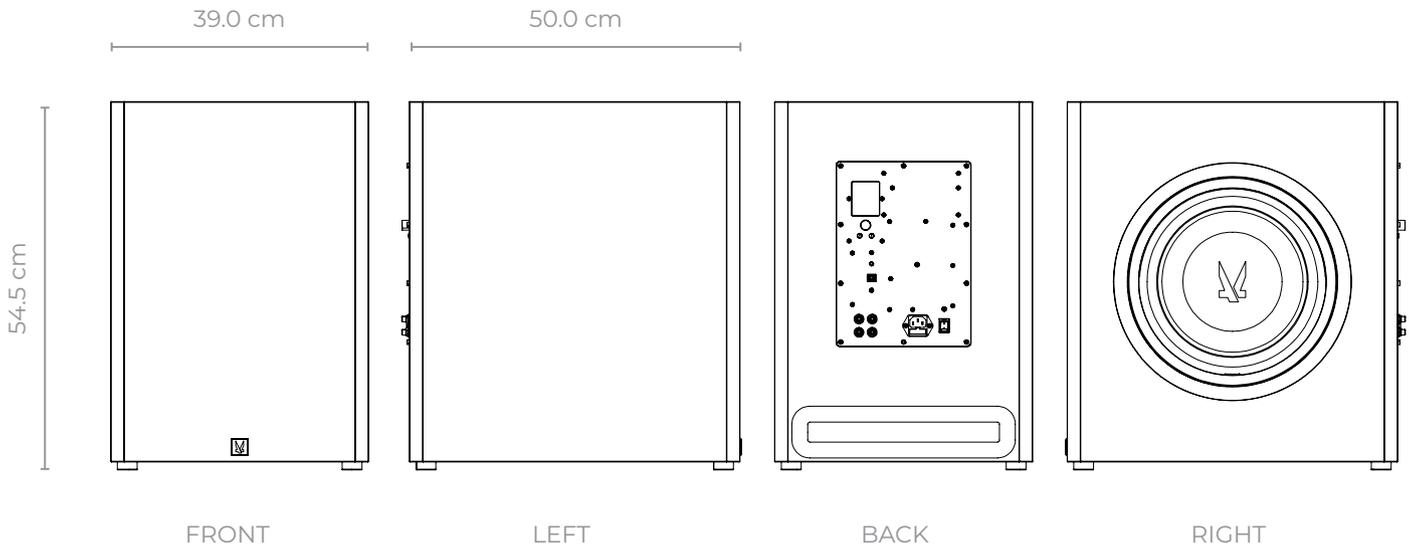
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# SPECIFICATIONS

The 1961 Subwoofer 1V is simply put a 1961 Subwoofer 1S on steroids. Same solid HDF enclosure but larger and equipped with a high precision slot port. Using our proprietary 12.2" driver driven by our unique 550W RMS Avalanche 550 IQ DSP amp, the cabinet volume has been sized to produce an optimally damped system, producing low distortion, extremely dynamic and natural deep bass. Using many of the same features from 1723 series, you can be sure this subwoofer packs extreme amounts of listening pleasure (and pressure..) regardless of its price point. The enclosure is ported, which can also be sealed for those who wants the edge in extra dynamics over sheer depth. 1961 Subwoofer 1V can deliver massive performance on movies, with real attention to detail and nuance in music. Movies or music. Perfect for both.

Woofer	12.2"
Enclosure	Vented
Enclosure material	High Density Fiberboard (HDF)
Amplifier	Avalanche 550IQ, 550W RMS
Power cable	1.5 meters
Frequency response	
	EQ1 16-200Hz (+/-3dB)
	EQ2 20-200Hz (+/-3dB)
Dimensions without feet	54.5H x 39.0W x 50.0D cm
Dimensions with feet	55.7H x 39.0W x 50.0D cm
Weight	36.1 kg
Break-in for optimal performance	50 hours







# AVALANCHE 550IQ AMPLIFIER

## - *Revolutionary Smart amplifier*

“*Revolutionary*” is rarely used in the audio industry, especially for speakers and subwoofers. The new Avalanche 550 IQ subwoofer amplifier from Arendal Sound is one exception, measured in performance and technology. State of the art amplifier designed and developed from scratch to give performance and features you could only ask for at much higher price levels.

Research and development over two years, fully customized by Arendal Sound. The 550 IQ is a beast of an amplifier.

We welcome the Avalanche 550 IQ amplifier.

## *Highlights:*

- Hi-res 1.8” LCD display
- Revolutionary smart subwoofer amplifier
- Full 550W RMS down to 10Hz
- Extensive multi sensors to protect and preserve signal quality
- Safety controls



## ***Smart Technology***

“Smart” or “intelligent” is also rarely used for subwoofers. The 550 IQ boasts killer performance and has features under the hood no one else in the industry has seen before.

Avalanche 550 IQ has some serious technology to offer. Multiple sensors in the digital and analog domain from inputs to outputs to preserve dynamics and clean bass. It has a powerful microcontroller (MCU) which is the brain that controls and reads all data that passes the signal flow. To make sure the signal is as untouched as virtually possible, from its original source to the output from the subwoofer.

## ***550 IQ controls***

- Over/under voltage safeties on its power supply inputs (coming from your power socket) and amplifier output stage
- Thermal variations throughout the complete amplifier
- All signal processing such as conversions
- EQ filters
- Multiple limiters
- Display interface for the 1,8” LCD
- Multi control buttons
- And more

Subwoofer amplifiers will never be the same again...



# 12,2" WOOFER

## *Why 12.2"?*

It was only natural to make the less expensive 1961 series with a smaller driver than that of its bigger brother the 1723 series with their 13,8" drivers. We still wanted to have a slight edge over conventional 12" drivers in terms of surface area so we created a 12,2" driver which requires less excursion and power to achieve the same SPL levels as a standard 12". The result is lower distortion, higher power handling and most importantly - tighter bass. Every part for this driver has been customized to deliver high output, low distortion, accurate bass.

## *Design features*

Ultra-high temp polyimide former with aluminum wire voice coil for low mass, high motor force and optimal thermal dissipation.

Benefits:

- Aluminum wire has very low weight compared to Copper
- Ultra-high temp Polyimide prevents insulation

After thorough optimization and testing (using FEA, Klippel and other methods) we refined a motor featuring multiple aluminum shorting rings with focused field "T" pole design. The result is a linear magnetic field over a long voice coil throw, with very low inductance and stable function at higher power.

The symmetrical suspension consists of a heavily analysed isoprene surround and Connex spider with integrated

tinsel leads. All combined to create a very high excursion with linear suspension. Again, contributing to high output and low distorting accurate bass.

Our cone consist of long fiber pulp that has a superior stiffness to weight ratio to deliver a properly self damped driver. The result is a cone that achieves optimal pistonic motion at all frequencies it is asked to produce and beyond.

The entire moving assembly is designed to have the lowest possible weight while still achieving the desired frequency rolloff. A lower total moving mass combined with low inductance typically lends itself to having better transient response, dynamics, "slam" and "impact".

Air flow venting underneath the dust cap (vents in cone body) and spider (vents in frame) are added for two very important reasons. Air heated by the voice coil is forced away with each stroke of the cone diaphragm. This continuous exchange of air mitigates thermal compression and increases the woofer's overall power handling capability. Second, the airflow relieves asymmetric compliance (suspension stiffness) and noises (ie, distortion) due to non-linear compression and rarefaction of air typically trapped under the dust cap and spider. Typical, vented pole designs will be limited in effectiveness due to the lack of airflow volume - At the highest power and excursions, where free, smooth airflow is needed most, the pole vent alone is not sufficient.



# PLACEMENT & SETUP

Subwoofer placement can make or break system performance. As the foundation of rhythm, timing and impact upon which music or movie soundtracks are built, a poorly positioned subwoofer will deliver uneven, tuneless, slow and soggy bass. The whole system will not sound good. End of.

The performance of a subwoofer is inextricably linked to the room in which it sits. It is therefore impossible to optimize the subwoofer without considering the room and its contribution. This contribution takes two forms. The first is the structure of the waves reflected within the room and how they super-impose on top of each other to deliver excessive peaks at certain frequencies, whilst causing total cancellations at others. The second is the room's ability to absorb bass (or as you will hear it, let bass leak out) through flexible structures like stud walls.

Even though what follows may seem contrary to what many will say (or rather parrot what they have heard) there are good, solid acoustic reasons for what follows. Here is why...

## ***Corner placement***

Arendal Sound therefore recommend starting with a front corner placement. Try to use the corner with the most solid structure - usually brick or block, or if in a timber framed construction; the one with the larger, thicker timbers which are usually an outside wall. Don't get too hung up on this, as your room is what it is.

But why a corner? For starters, a corner delivers the most

possible boundary gain, increasing for free, the apparent bass output. You may not want all of this output, but you can always turn the subwoofer down and as a result, you will enjoy increased dynamic headroom and lower distortion. That bit is standard subwoofer lore, but that's not the whole story, because corner placement delivers two other benefits.

The first of these is that you have greatly simplified the structure of room modes (the peaks and dips the overlapping bass waves produce) and therefore the ease with which you can tune the bass to flat with EQ, for more listening positions. This may sound counter-intuitive, as corner placement is known for emphasising the axial modes - the main ones that are associated with the room's largest dimensions. What corner placement does is greatly reduce the number of reflections within the room, because in subwoofer terms, the wall against which the subwoofer sits, is effectively removed from the equation of the first reflections.

How so? If you place a subwoofer at some point out in the room, all of the walls have a first reflection that will bounce around the room to create modes. If you place a subwoofer against a wall, the first reflection of that wall is, to all intents and purposes, removed as the few inches of clearance between the subwoofer and wall, mean they are effectively the same place. Remember, we're dealing with wavelengths of metres in length, so even 30cm is comparatively irrelevant. So, as that wall is effectively at the subwoofer, its reflection has been removed. Put the subwoofer in the corner and you have effectively removed two walls.

You will still get the first reflection from the opposing walls, but that's half the number of first reflections and the resulting peak/dip structure in the room might be slightly increased, but it will be simpler and more likely to be similar across a wider number of seating position. This presents a far simpler proposition for the Auto EQ in your AV-Receiver or Processor.

### ***But there is more***

Each first reflection, sits on an indirect path to your ears, that is longer than the direct path from the subwoofer. So, it seems obvious that each reflection having travelled further, is time delayed. That a succession of delayed signals arriving at your ear will time smear the original signal into a longer, drawn out version. This is clearly not accurate and is just another form of distortion of the original signal, robbing the signal of dynamic impact and obscuring bass texture.

This is important because, whilst we tend to visualize sound in a two dimensional world of frequency versus amplitude and love a graph showing a flat response, our brain very much processes sound using information from the third dimension of time. Indeed, our brain has a very difficult time differentiating a loud sound, from a quieter one that lasts longer.

Of course, in an ideal world, we would have a flat response and a smooth fast decay of sound, but the decay time dominates our aural perception, so these algorithms will turn a given frequency down below the flat response, in order to trick our brains into hearing it as flat. Against this

background, it's easy to see why putting a subwoofer into a corner, removes reflections, simplifying the response in both the frequency and time domains in a way that modern equalisation likes to see and deal with and our ear will hear as tighter and better defined.

### ***But I want more subwoofers!***

As a manufacturer of fine subwoofers, Arendal Sound will not argue with you! In our defence, the benefits of multiple subwoofers are well known, for extending headroom, lowering distortion and increasing the depth of audible response. There is no argument there. So where do you put this second subwoofer?

The optimal position for a second subwoofer, is co-located on top of the first one. This is true, even if you can't put the first one in a corner. The second best position is co-located next to the first one. There is a school of thought that mirror image position of the first one is best, especially now some AV-Receivers and processors have independently equalisable subwoofer channels and the new, object based surround formats, can carry two channels of sub-bass equalisation. However, we would suggest that one (or effectively one in the case of two co-located) better subwoofer will give superior bass.

In much the same way our Subwoofer 2 and 3 take advantage of using the mutual acoustic coupling of two drivers to deliver significant performance gains in place of one, larger driver, without the drawbacks, two co-located subwoofers confers the same advantages - Namely, you get the full monty of a 6dB gain in output, or 6dB

reduction in distortion for a given volume setting. Spread the subwoofers further apart, and that advantage halves to closer to 3dB. 3dB is still a useful output, but separation makes a number of factors more difficult to deal with.

For one, rooms are rarely acoustically symmetrical. Even if all of the walls are the same size and structure, it's unlikely that every piece of furniture in the room is a mirror image and it all counts - Each subwoofer will have a different in-room response and require a different EQ solution. Also, whilst each subwoofer will be EQable, different listening positions will have a different path length to each subwoofer. You will just have made it harder for your AVR or Processor to achieve an EQ solution as now, not only is it fighting the room and it's dimensions, but also the changing dimension of listener to subwoofer distance to not just one subwoofer, but two.

It is arguable that in the case of stereo programme, stereo bass from two equally distributed subwoofers should be superior. However, the ear/brain makes virtually no use of the sub 80Hz subwoofer bass wavelengths to form a believable stereo image and very few recordings actually mix the bass into different channels - It is nearly always summed into an equal mono signal. In acoustic recordings where a double bass may have been recorded in real space (as an example) it's still the frequencies above the normal 80Hz crossover that carry all of the directional information. Thus, one source of better bass that serves all channels, is the better overall solution, for more listening positions.

### ***But you mentioned stacking the two subs?***

This comes back to the room and integrating the subwoofers within it. In all practical terms, the raw bass performance of the two subwoofers sitting next to each other across the corner will be the same as two stacked, so

why risk slipping a disk trying to lift one up?

Basically, it's an extension of working with the room in the way the corner position does, with a couple of added benefits.

If there is one dimension that corner placement (or all other placements for that matter) does not deal with, it's that of the floor to ceiling - normally somewhere in the 2.4-2.7m region which correlates with the 60-70Hz region. Of course, being in the corner on the floor has removed the floor's contribution first reflection, just as it did with the two adjacent walls, but stacking goes further.

The subwoofer effectively act as a point source, with a spherical wavefront, restricted by the walls and floor. When you stack subwoofers, this spherical wavefront starts to behave more like a cylinder emanating from a line source. Stack them all the way to the ceiling to achieve a cylindrical wavefront, you then get a phenomenon where bass power only halves with a doubling of distance, rather than quarters. So, perversely, you can play the full stack quieter, for the same perceived bass at the listening position, meaning it's actually less intrusive in the rest of the house. The full stack also completely removed the floor and ceiling from the room mode equation, making it by far the easiest arrangement to EQ.

Even if we rewind to having just two stacked subwoofers, you've gone a long way in terms of improving all of the possible parameters that you can. You have gained the most you can in headroom and distortion terms. There are no differential path lengths to make EQ difficult. You are moving toward a cylindrical wavefront, simplifying EQ and reducing time domain distortions from first reflection from the ceiling, improving impact, texture and timing.

### ***But That Looks Awful!***

Nobody said this was an absolute, just the least compromised in acoustic terms. The reality of a harmonious domestic existence may decide otherwise, so side by side is a close second best, with any position that moves the subwoofers apart, progressively worse.

We will note that there are many other combinations of multiple subwoofer installations including one in each corner, or the center of each wall. However, we would suggest that whilst these are the staggering results that can be achieved in a professional install with a high end processor (and very expensive measurement and off-board correction equipment) simply positioning the subs so and hoping an automated EQ will sort it out, is still a long way from being a practical reality.

### ***Conclusion?***

The conclusion is a mix of standard recommendations and our, electro-acoustic engineering focused approach to our subwoofers.

We could in some cases recommend couple subwoofers to spread them apart, or stacked in a corner. The ultimate bass experience is enough stacked Subwoofer 1Ss or Vs to reach your ceiling! There are many combinations to bass nirvana.

That's just a few of the combinations we can think of and of course, we can't see the possibilities or restrictions of every room out there. No two rooms are the same and that's why, ultimately there is no one-size-fits-all approach to subwoofers.

We encourage everyone to get in touch with us at ***support@arendalsound.com*** to get expert help on choosing the right Arendal Sound subwoofer(s) for you and placement options.



# HOW TO CONNECT

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## *How to connect the subwoofer*

### **Connecting to a stereo setup**

Depending on your subwoofer layout, we recommend two different methods of connecting the subwoofer(s) for a normal stereo playback system, where there is no dedicated subwoofer output from the source.

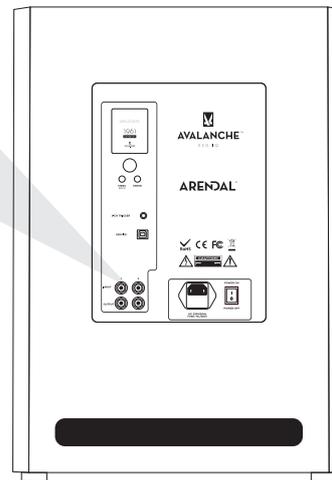
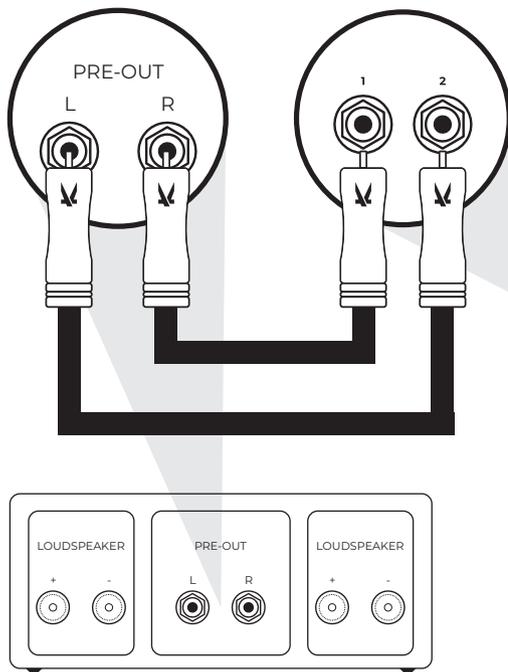
### **Unique combined A/V-Receiver and Stereo system connection**

The Avalanche 550 IQ amplifier has the ability to utilize two separate systems on the subwoofer inputs. You can use the trigger signal to assign one of the inputs when it

has a signal, and when it does not it will automatically connect to the other input when it receives a signal. This means you can have one subwoofer and use it both for your home cinema system as well as your separated stereo system.

### **Single subwoofer connection**

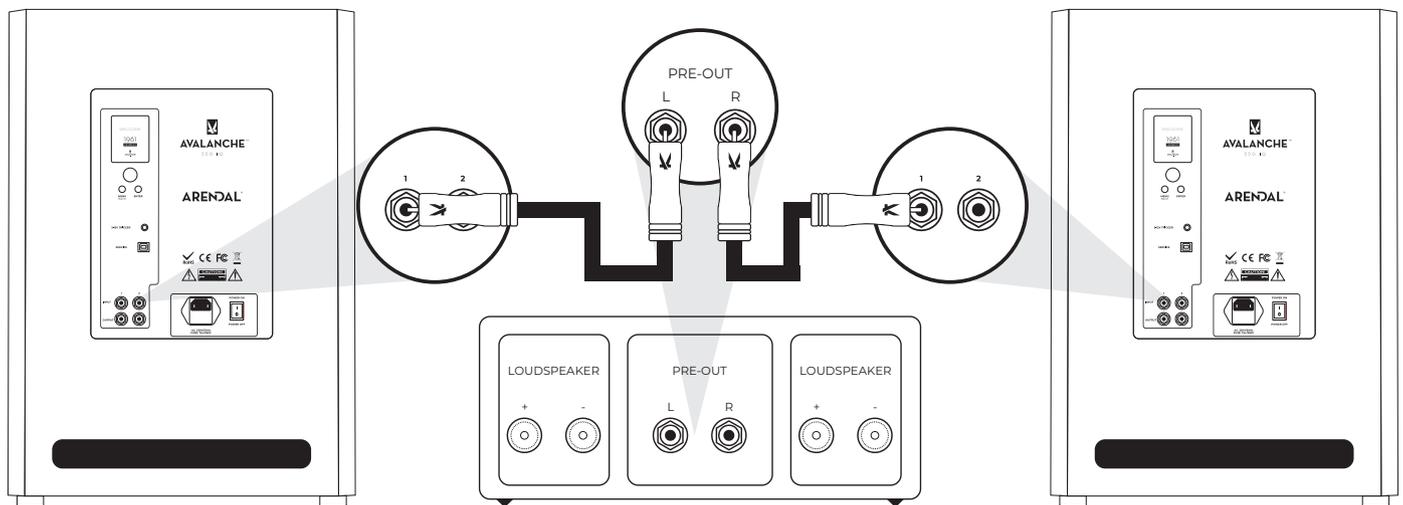
When hooking your subwoofer up to an existing stereo setup, where there is no dedicated subwoofer output from your source we recommend that you use both L and R variable outputs (output level controlled by the amplifier volume control) from the source into the subwoofers amplifier. This will ensure that the signal is correctly summed as a mono signal to the subwoofer. If only using the L or R signal some of the bass may disappear as some songs have independent bass tracks on the Left and Right channel causing only one of them to be heard through the subwoofer instead of a summed mix.



## Dual subwoofer connection

When using two separate subwoofers in a music system we recommend using L and R outputs to each subwoofer (L goes to left subwoofer, R goes to right subwoofer) instead of summing a mono signal on each subwoofer if they are located on each side of the front speakers. This will ensure a true stereo image throughout the entire frequency spectrum. Note that this method is not recommended if using the two subwoofers in any other configuration than on each side of the room close to the main speakers. For any other configuration we recommend summing a mono signal to each subwoofer.

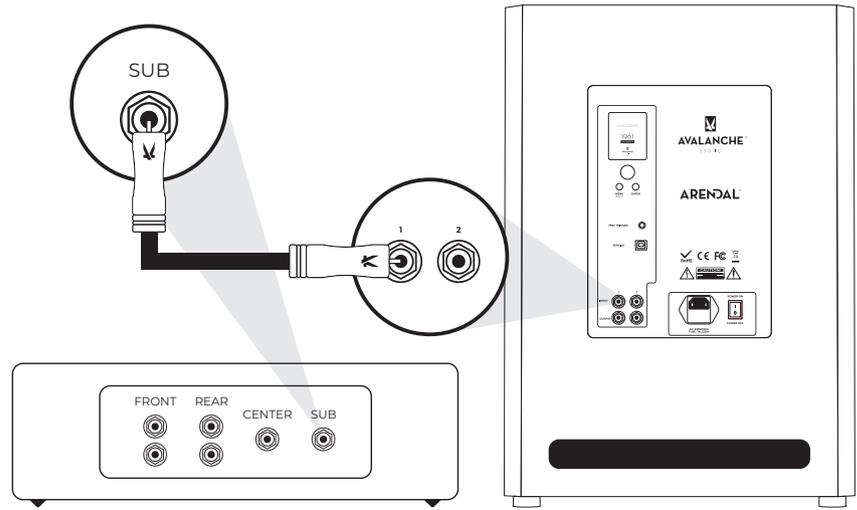
If both subwoofers are placed at the same position (side by side or stacked), we recommend summing the signal to mono to both subwoofers.



### **Connecting to an A/V-Receiver**

For a typical AV Receiver/Processor connection, we recommend using a single RCA (fig. 1) cable between the receiver's Subwoofer output (SW Out, LFE Out or similar, please refer to your product manual) and connect to the LFE input on the subwoofer amplifier. Where an AVR/Processor has two or more subwoofer outputs, only use one to each subwoofer. There is no advantage in using two outputs into one subwoofer.

Finally you have a solution with both worlds into one.



### ***Subwoofer operation***

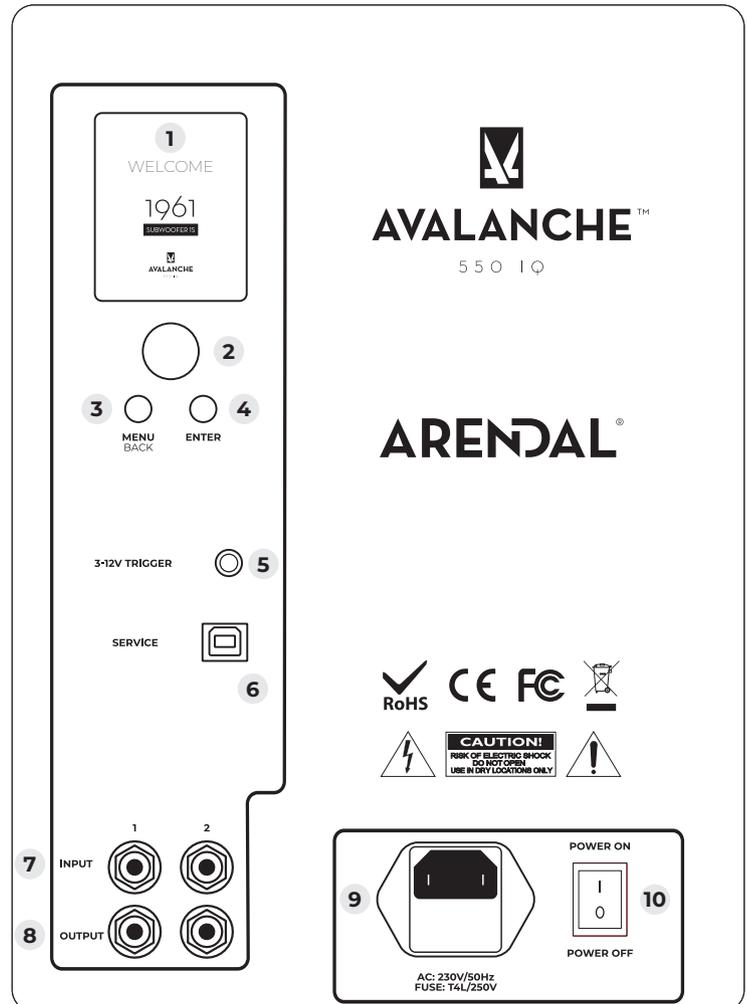
Enclosure tuning on Subwoofer 1V offers the ability to be used with either vented or sealed alignments. By removing the foam plug from the port, low frequency output can be extended with different bass character. The subwoofer offers greater deep bass extension and more power as a vented design. As a sealed enclosure it offers even better transient response and a smoother roll-off that may suit music listeners and/or smaller rooms better.

# AMPLIFIER OPERATIONS

## AVALANCHE 550IQ

### *Quick panel overview*

1. **High resolution 1.8" LCD colour display.**
2. **Adjustment knob** - To navigate the menu.
3. **Menu & Back button** - Enter the menu or back from settings/menu.
4. **Enter button** - Enter any setting in the menu or entering submenus.
5. **3-12V trigger** - Triggers the subwoofer unit on/off.
6. **Service input** - USB input for uploading firmware.
7. **Input 1 & 2** - RCA inputs.
8. **Output 1 & 2** - RCA outputs.
9. **Power inlet** - With fuse holder.
10. **Mains power switch** - On and off.



## ***Menu operation***

When the amplifier has been turned on, and the greeting has been presented, the amplifier is ready to use. To check its status simply press any button or use the adjustment knob to activate the LCD screen. From there you can enter the menu by using the “MENU” button.

To store any settings in the menu, press enter. By pressing the Menu/Back button, any adjusted setting will not be saved.



## ***Main Menu***

### **1. Levels**

- Adjusting input gain and output levels of the subwoofer.

### **2. Crossover**

- Setting desired Low Pass Frequency, Phase, Signal invert and EQ modes.

### **3. Parametric EQ**

- 3 band parametric equalizer for optimizing the subwoofers frequency response to your room.

### **4. Setup**

- Memory bank, number of subs, subsonic filter, assigning inputs, on time, wake-up sensitivity, backlight and firmware version.

### **5. Reset All**

- Resets all stored settings back to factory default.

## ***Levels Menu***

### **1. Ref. Levels**

- On/off, this sets the subwoofer level to reference position, which is typically the standard for most AV equipment standard calibration levels. We recommend using this setting for anyone with home cinema processors or receivers.

### **2. Master Level**

- Adjustable output volume from -20dB to +20dB in 0.5dB increments. Only available if Ref. Level is set to off.

### **3. Input Gain**

- The input gain will correctly adjust the subwoofer amplifier input gain according to how high the output is from your source. If you know how high the output gain is from your source, here is how to adjust it properly; 1V output set to +6dB, 2V output set to 0dB, 4V output set to -6dB, or 8V output set to -12dB. The -6dB setting works well with most modern AV equipment as their output levels generally are around 4-8V. Analog preamps typically has a lower output voltage.

## **Main Menu**

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Levels

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Parametric EQ

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Setup

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Reset all

## **Levels Menu**

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Ref. Level

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Master Level

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Input Gain

## ***Crossover Menu***

### **1. LPF Bypass**

- On/Off. If On is selected, then the Low Pass Filter will be disabled. For Home Cinema use, where an AVR is used we recommend LPF Bypass – On. For stereo users you may leave this setting Off, so you can adjust the Low Pass Filter under next step.

### **2. LPF Frequency**

- The Low Pass Frequency is adjustable from 30 Hz to 160 Hz in 1 Hz increments. The number chosen here means the frequencies above will be filtered away to avoid high tones coming from your subwoofer – nobody wants to hear Diana Krall’s voice through the subwoofer anyways...

### **3. LPF Slope**

- The Low Pass Frequency Slope mean at which rate the frequencies should be tapering off, from the LPF Frequency point chosen. It is adjustable from 6dB/Oct to 24dB/Oct with 6dB increments. So, if you already set the LPF frequency to 100Hz, then setting the LPF Slope to 12dB/Oct will ensure that the signal has 12dB lower output at one octave above 100Hz (one octave above 100Hz is 200Hz).

### **4. Phase**

- Adjustable from 0-180 degrees. We recommend leaving the phase at 0 degrees when using an AV-Receiver/Processor with time alignment (speaker distance) feature. For music setups the phase needs to be adjusted so the subwoofer blends with the front speakers.

Pro tip; Have a friend/wife/mom help adjusting the phase while you sit in your listening position. Play some music with a steady bass beat, and when you hear the most amount of bass, the phase is correctly adjusted.

### **5. Signal Invert**

- This feature inverts the signal, which means the same as 180 degrees phase, however this is “true” 180 degrees at all frequencies. Phase adjusting above will shift somewhat with frequency.

Pro tip; If you are adjusting phase manually above, and you found it to couple better with the speakers at a phase or more than 90 degrees, we would recommend that you turn Signal Invert on, and redo the phase adjustment. Staying as close to 0 on the phase adjustment will ensure the most coherent phase in the entire frequency range.

### **6. EQ Mode**

- EQ1 gives a flat ground plane response, which will give great emphasis on the lower octaves in-room. For movies this can be especially appealing. For smaller rooms and/or music listening, the EQ2 setting can be beneficial. The bass will roll off with 12db/octave from around 40Hz which will give a smooth bass response in smaller rooms for the lower octaves. Typically, EQ2 setting will sound “faster” as it has a lack of output in the deepest bass which will give the bass a heavier sound to it.

## **Crossover Menu**

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LPF Bypass

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LPF Frequency

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LPF Slope

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Phase

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Signal Invert

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EQ Mode

## *Parametric EQ*

### 1. EQ Band

- 3 selectable EQ bands, to optimize frequency response in your room.

### 2. Enable

- To enable the selected EQ band or not.

### 3. Freq.

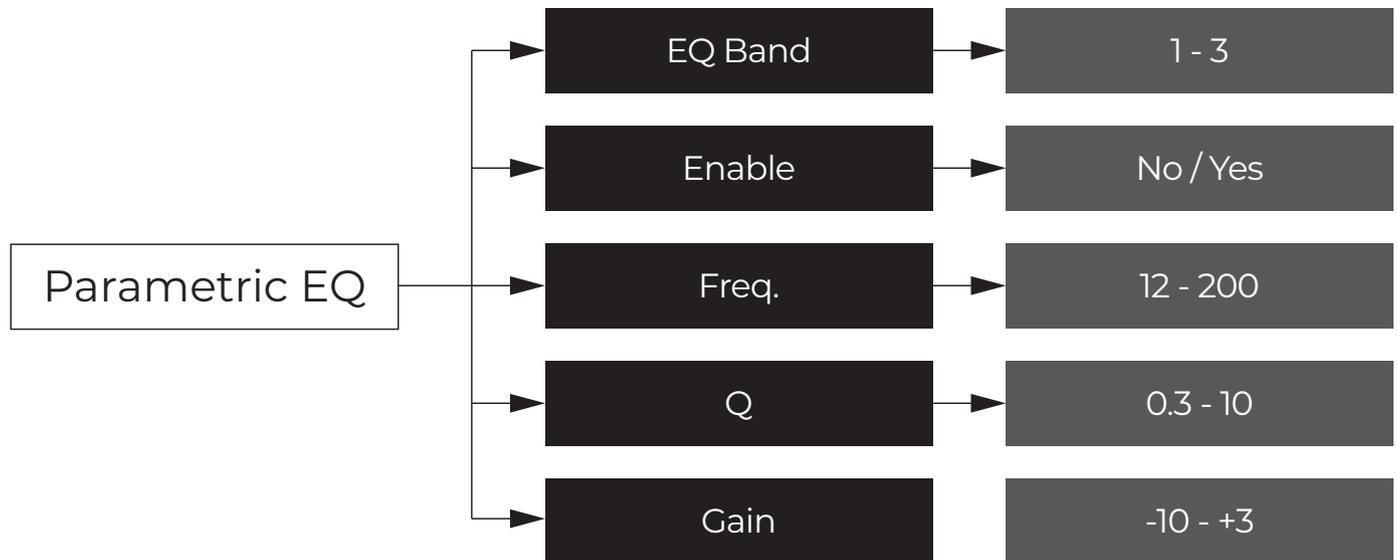
- Adjustable frequency from 12 to 200 Hz, in 1 Hz increments. This enables a pinpointed adjustment of any irregularities in the room response.

### 4. Q

- The Q of a frequency adjustment means how wide or small area surrounding the selected frequency you want to affect. A very high Q will target a very small surrounding area of the selected frequency, whereas a very low Q will select a very wide area surrounding the selected frequency.

### 5. Gain

- Adjust how much you want to increase or decrease the levels at the selected frequency. Selectable from -10 dB to +3dB.



## **Setup**

### **1. Memory bank**

- Can store up to 4 different amplifier presets.

### **2. Number of subs**

- This setting is only enabled if you have chosen Reference level On, in the level menu. This setting will enable 1, 2, or 4 subwoofers to have reference level in room, for ease of adjustment from an AVR or similar source. It will decrease the output sensitivity of each subwoofer to come as close as possible for the sum of all subwoofers to reference level for a single subwoofer used alone.

### **3. Subsonic filter**

- Selectable subsonic filter settings, that will filter away the deepest frequencies. Selectable from 12 Hz to 31 Hz. In off mode the amplifier has an internal subsonic filter at 10 Hz to prevent instabilities in the power supply.

**Input / Turn-on**  
- Selectable input turn on process, choose from Auto-on, 12V trigger signal and Dual Source mode. The Dual Source mode is created for customers that use the same subwoofer in two systems, one typically being stereo and one for home cinema. This setting enables one input to be triggered and locked by 12V signal, and when the 12V signal is turned off, the other input will be active for auto-on function.

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### **5. Input Selection**

- This option will let you choose whether you want the setting on step 4. to be active for Input 1, Input 2 or Input 1 and 2 together. We do not recommend using Input 1+2 unless you have a stereo signal (L & R) that has to be summed in the amplifier. For Dual Source, the input selection will be locked to Input 1 – 12V / Input 2 – Auto-on.

### **6. On Time.**

- Selectable on time from 5 to 60 minutes, in 5-minute increments. This setting adjusts how long after the amplifier will stay active after it has received a signal on the input(s) (Auto-on mode only).

### **7. Wake-up Sens.**

- The wake-up sensitivity when the amplifier is in Auto-on mode, High sensitivity means it react very easily to any input signal, Normal is what typically works well with modern AV receivers and similar sources, and High is for environments that require a slower wake-up sensitivity. The input gain under “level” menu will also impact the subwoofers sensitivity to turn on.

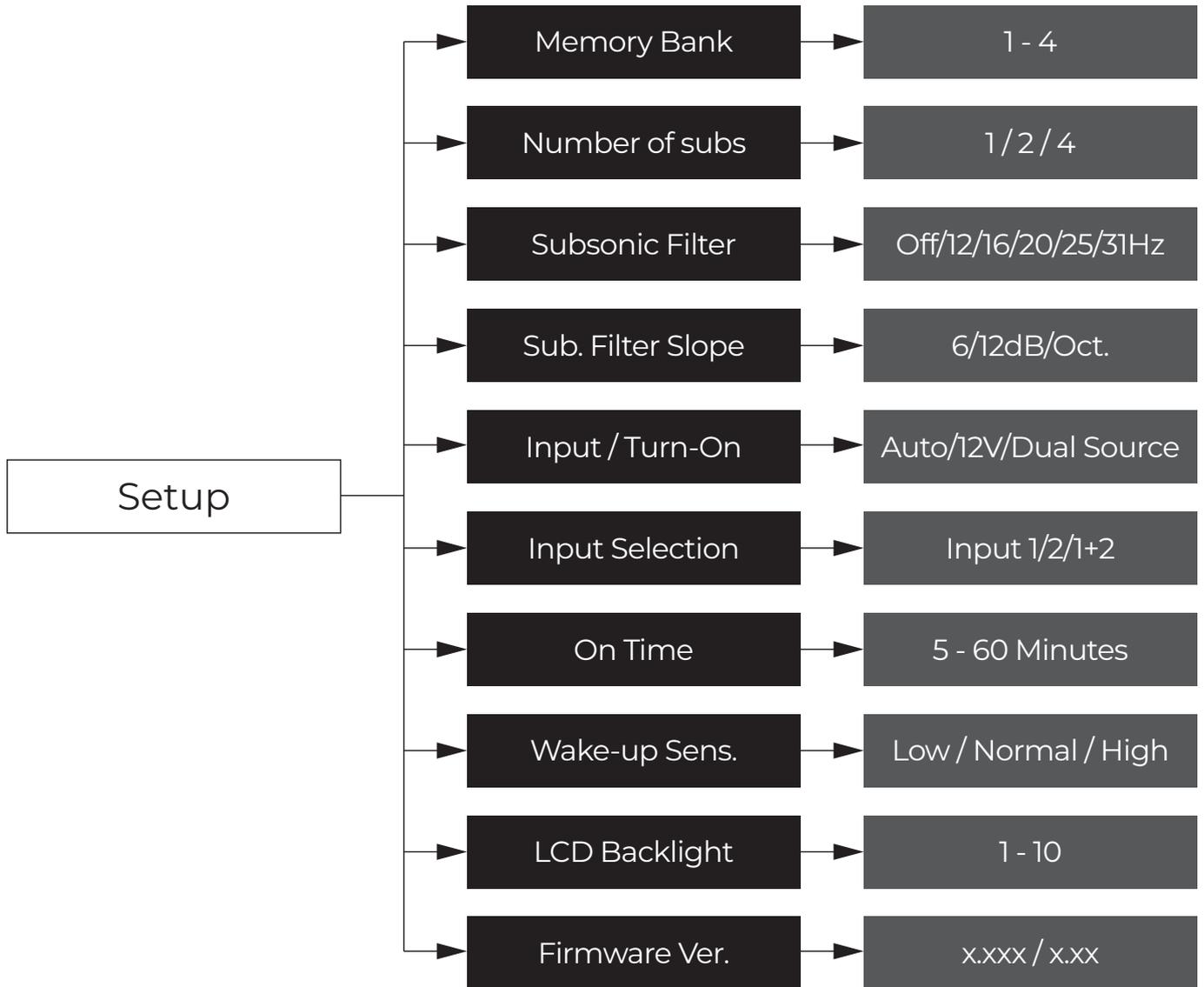
### **8. LCD Backlight**

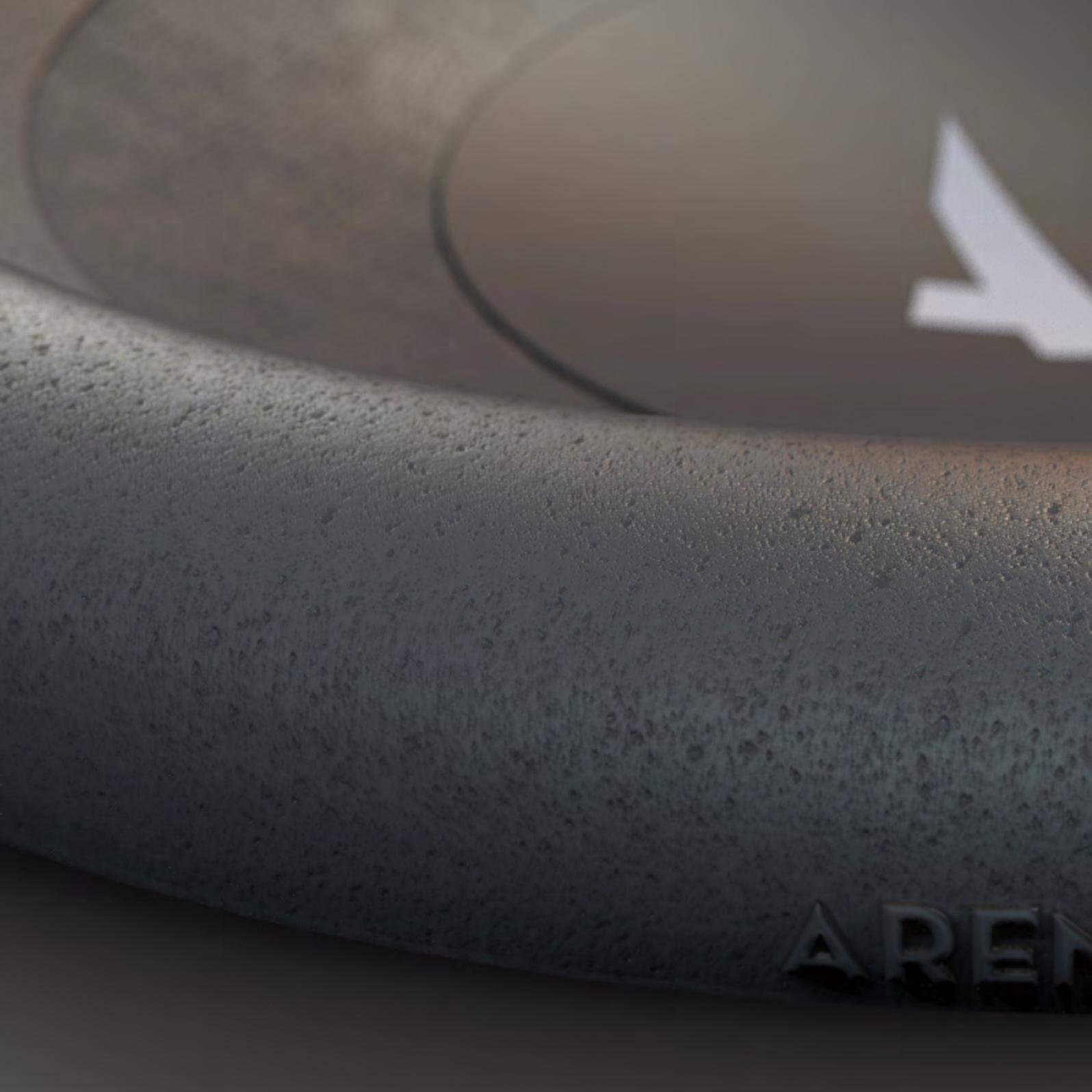
- Adjustable backlight on the LCD display from dim to bright.

### **9. Firmware Ver.**

- States the firmware version of the amplifier.

**Reset All** - Reverts all changes back to default settings. This will erase all memory bank settings as well.





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# SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Read these instructions.
- Keep these instructions.
- Heed all warnings.
- Follow all instructions.
- **Do not shower or bathe (with) this product. It does not like water nor soap.**
- Do not restrict the natural ventilation for this product. Do not cover amplifier plate with polar bear hide or similar as this product is built to handle even the cold northern climates without such heating devices.
- **Large house pets like dogs, big cats or bears should be trained not to cuddle or sleep against this product to avoid overheating, scratches and bite marks.**
- Clean this product only with dry cloth.
- Do not install near any heat sources such as an open fireplace, radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- Protect the power cord, signal cables or speaker cables from being walked on, chewed on or pinched particularly at plugs and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
- Only use attachments and accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus 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 apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
- Check that there are no cables under the carpet that may be damaged by the spike/cone feet. Do not walk the product on the spike feet as this may cause them to become detached from the cabinet and cause damage. Take care not to impale yourself with the spike feet.
- Do not place this product on an unstable stand, tripod, bracket or table. The product may fall causing serious injury and serious damage. Any mounting of the product should follow the manufacturer's instructions.

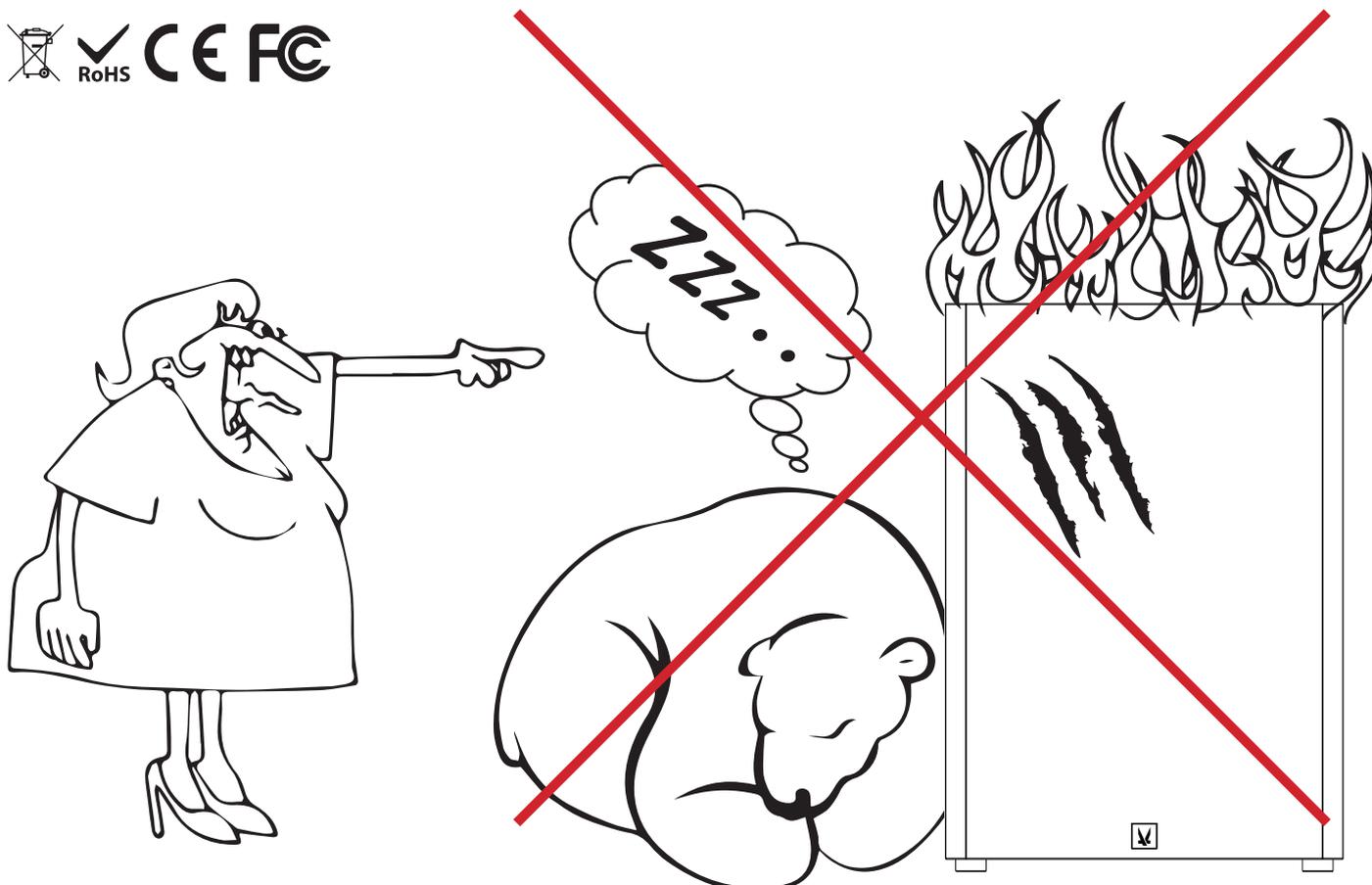


- For continued protection against fire hazard, use fuses only of the correct type and rating. Mains fuses are located inside the appliance as well as on its back panel. Replacement of the internal fuse should be entrusted to an authorized operative. User-replaceable fuse types are shown in the specification.
- **WARNING:** To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, this apparatus should not be exposed to rain, snow or moisture and objects filled with liquids, such as vases, should not be placed on this apparatus.

- The mains plug of the power supply cord shall remain readily operable.
- **WARNING:** This product is capable of producing very high sound pressure levels. Please exercise restraint in its operation to prevent hearing damage.



**CAUTION!**  
RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK  
DO NOT OPEN  
USE IN DRY LOCATIONS ONLY





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- Folgen Sie diese Anweisungen.
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- Die natürliche Durchlüftung darf nicht eingeschränkt werden. Dieses Produkt kann selbst die Kälte des Nordens ohne Kälteschutzmaßnahmen vertragen und darf daher mit einem Bärenfell oder ähnliches nicht bedeckt werden.
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- Schützen Sie das Stromkabel, die Cinchkabel oder Lautsprecherkabel gegen Bissen, Tritten oder Quetschungen, insbesondere an Steckverbindungen und in der Nähe des Geräts.
- Verwenden Sie ausschließlich vom Hersteller spezifiziertem Zubehör.
- Trennen Sie dieses Produkt vom Strom während Gewittern oder bei längeren Zeiten ausser Betrieb.
- Jegliche Wartungen und Reparaturen müssen vom Fachpersonal durchgeführt werden. Reparaturen sind bei jedem Defekt notwendig, z.B. Schaden am Stromkabel, beschädigte Stromstecker, Flüssigkeitseintritt, kleine Objekte verloren im Produkt, Aussetzung des Regens oder der Feuchtigkeit, Fehlbetrieb oder Sturz des Produkts.
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- Stellen Sie das Produkt nie auf un stabile Ständer, Stative, Tische oder Halterungen. Das Produkt kann in dem Fall stürzen und ernste Schäden/ Verletzungen herbeiführen. Die Anbringung bzw. das Aufstellen des Produkts darf ausschließlich nach den Anweisungen des Herstellers folgen.
- Um Brandgefahr zu vermeiden dürfen nur Sicherungen mit der passenden Spezifikationen verwendet werden.
- Die Netzsicherungen befinden sich im Gerät, sowie auf der Rückseite. Netzsicherungen im Gerät dürfen nur durch autorisiertes Fachpersonal ausgetauscht werden. Durch den Benutzer austauschbare Sicherungen werden in der Produktspezifikation angegeben.
- WARNUNG: Um Stromschlag oder Brandgefahr zu vermeiden, darf dieses Gerät dem Regen, der Schnee oder der Feuchtigkeit nicht ausgesetzt werden. Vasen oder andere Gefäße mit Flüssigkeiten dürfen auch nicht auf dieses Gerät gestellt werden.
- Der Stecker des Netzkabels muss jederzeit zugänglich bleiben.
- ACHTUNG: Dieses Produkt kann sehr hohe Schallpegel erzeugen. Mäßigung im Hörpegel über längere Zeiten ist angebracht, um Gehörschäden zu vermeiden.



# SIKKERHETSINSTRUKSJONER

- Les disse instruksjonene.
- Ta vare på disse instruksjonene.
- Vær oppmerksom på alle advarsler.
- Følg alle instruksjonene.
- Ikke bad (med) dette produktet. Det liker ikke hverken vann eller såpe.
- Ikke begrens den naturlige ventilasjonen for dette produktet. Ikke tildekk forsterker platen med isbjørnepels eller liknende, da produktet er bygget for å håndtere selv de kaldeste nordlige klima uten slike varmemprodukter.
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- Rens produktet kun med en tørr klut.
- Ikke installer nær varmekilder som åpent ildsted, varmeovn, peis eller andre apparater (inklusive forsterkere) som produserer varme.
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- Benytt kun tilleggsutstyr og tilbehør som er spesifisert av produsenten.
- Koble apparatet fra strømmettet under tordenvær eller når det ikke skal brukes over lengre perioder.
- Henvis all service til kvalifisert servicepersonell. Service kreves når apparatet har blitt skadet på noe vis, som når en strømkabel eller plugg er skadet, væske har blitt sølt eller objekter har falt ut av apparatet, apparatet har vært utsatt for regn eller fuktighet, ikke har normal funksjonalitet, eller har fått støt.
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- Strømkabelen til strømforsyningen skal være lett tilgjengelig.
- ADVARSEL: Dette produktet kan yte veldig høye lydtrykk. Vennligst vis aktsomhet for å unngå hørselsskader.



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- Lea estas instrucciones.
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- Siga todas las advertencias.
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- No se duche o bañe con este producto. El agua y el jabón dañarán este producto.
- No impida la ventilación natural de este producto. No cubra el amplificador con una piel de oso polar o una protección contra el frío similar. Este producto está diseñado para resistir incluso el clima frío del norte sin necesidad de calentadores.
- Animales domésticos de gran tamaño como perros, gatos o incluso osos han de ser instruidos para que no se acurruquen o duerman pegados a este producto para evitar sobrecalentamiento, rayaduras o marcas de dientes.
- Limpie este producto exclusivamente con un paño suave y seco.
- No instale este producto junto a fuentes de calor como radiadores, chimeneas, hornos u otros aparatos que produzcan calor (amplificadores incluidos).
- Proteja el cable de alimentación, los cables de señal y los cables de altavoz ante posibles pisotones, mordiscos o pinzaduras, especialmente cerca de los conectores y de las entradas/salidas del equipo.
- Use tan solo accesorios especificados por el fabricante.
- Desconecte este aparato durante tormentas eléctricas o períodos largos sin uso.
- Remita el equipo a personal cualificado para cualquier reparación. Una reparación será necesaria en caso de cualquier daño, como por ejemplo en el cable de alimentación o su enchufe, líquidos vertidos sobre el equipo, objetos perdidos dentro del equipo, exposición a lluvia o humedad, caídas o funcionamiento defectuoso.
- Compruebe que los cables no son pisados por los pies de apoyo del producto. No traslade este producto sobre sus pies de apoyo, ya que podrían aflojarse y causar daños. Evite empalar cualquier parte de su cuerpo con los pies de este producto.
- No coloque este producto sobre un soporte inestable. El producto podría caer, causando heridas y daños serios. El montaje de este producto ha de seguir las instrucciones del fabricante.
- Use tan sólo fusibles del tipo y especificación correctos a fin de evitar peligros de incendio. Los fusibles están situados dentro de este aparato, así como en su panel posterior. El reemplazo de fusibles debe ser realizado por personal cualificado y autorizado. Los fusibles que pueden ser reemplazados por el usuario se muestran en las especificaciones técnicas.
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- El enchufe de corriente del cable de alimentación debe permanecer accesible en todo momento.
- **ADVERTENCIA:** este producto es capaz de general niveles de presión sonora muy elevados. Úselo con la debida contención a fin de evitar daños auditivos.

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CAUTION

INPUT

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OUTPUT

POWER



AC 220V/50Hz  
FUSE T4A/250V

Detailed description: This block contains a power control section. It features a large black rocker switch labeled 'POWER' at the top right. Below the switch is a fuse holder with a fuse labeled 'FUSE T4A/250V'. The text 'AC 220V/50Hz' is printed below the fuse holder. The entire section is enclosed in a white border.

# WARRANTY

Luckily for you and for us, Arendal Sound products are extremely durable products that have gone through extreme stress tests during development. However failures may happen and if they do, you will always know we are here to back you up.

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