K3



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Safety

Instructions



Inspect the system before any deployment.

Perform safety related checks and inspections before any deployment.

Perform preventive maintenance at least once a year.

Refer to the preventive maintenance section for a list of actions and their periodicity.

Insufficient upkeep of the product can void the warranty.

If any safety issue is detected during inspection, do not use the product before performing corrective maintenance.

Check for issues. A rigging system part or fastener is missing or loose. A rigging system part exhibits: bends, breaks, broken parts, corrosion, cracks, cracks in welded joints, deformation, denting, wear, holes. A safety cue or label is missing. A loose part is not adequately secured.



Never incorporate equipment or accessories not approved by L-Acoustics.

Read all the related PRODUCT INFORMATION documents shipped with the products before exploiting the system.



Do not store the product on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table.



Beware of sound levels.

Do not stay within close proximity of loudspeakers in operation.

Loudspeaker systems are capable of producing very high sound pressure levels (SPL) which can instantaneously lead to permanent hearing damage to performers, production crew and audience members. Hearing damage can also occur at moderate level with prolonged exposure to sound.

Check the applicable laws and regulations relating to maximum sound levels and exposure times.



Work with qualified personnel for rigging the system

Installation should only be carried out by qualified personnel that are familiar with the rigging techniques and safety recommendations outlined in this manual.

Ensure personnel health and safety

During installation and set-up personnel must wear protective headgear and footwear at all times. Under no circumstances is personnel allowed to climb on a loudspeaker assembly.

Respect the Working Load Limit (WLL) of third party equipment.

L-Acoustics is not responsible for any rigging equipment and accessories provided by third party manufacturers. Verify that the Working Load Limit (WLL) of the suspension points, chain hoists and all additional hardware rigging accessories is respected.

Respect the maximum configurations and the recommended safety precautions.

For safety issue, respect the maximum configurations outlined in this manual. To check the conformity of any configuration in regards with the safety precautions recommended by L-Acoustics, model the system in Soundvision and refer to the warnings in Mechanical Data section.

Be cautious when flying a loudspeaker configuration.

Before installing/raising the product, check each individual element to make sure that it is securely fastened to the adjacent element. Always verify that no one is standing underneath the product when it is being installed/raised. Never leave the product unattended during the installation process.

As a general rule, L-Acoustics recommends the use of secondary safety at all times.

Be cautious when ground-stacking a loudspeaker array.

Do not stack the loudspeaker array on unstable ground or surface. If the array is stacked on a structure, platform, or stage, always check that the latter can support the total weight of the array.

As a general rule, L-Acoustics recommends the use of safety straps at all times.

Risk of falling objects

Verify that no unattached items remain on the product or assembly.

Risk of tipping

Remove all rigging accessories before transporting a product or an assembly.

Take into account the wind effects on dynamic load.

When a loudspeaker assembly is deployed in an open air environment, wind can produce dynamic stress to the rigging components and suspension points.

If the wind force exceeds 6 bft (Beaufort scale), lower down and/or secure the product or the assembly.



Intended use

This system is intended for use by trained personnel for professional applications.



Read the OWNER'S MANUAL before installing the system.

Use the loudspeaker system components described in the manual and follow the operating instructions.

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Long term exposure to extreme conditions may damage the product. For more information, refer to the **Products weather protection** document, available on the website.

Read the maintenance section of this document before servicing the product.



Contact L-Acoustics for advanced maintenance.

Any unauthorized maintenance operation will void the product warranty. Before sending a product to L-Acoustics for maintenance, save all user presets to files using LA Network Manager.

Introduction

K3 long throw line source



Part of the K Series, K3 is a full range line source system designed for mid-sized mobile applications. Housing the internationally recognized K2 system components into a compact enclosure, K3 is ideal for applications

that require long throw, reinforced low-frequency contour, broad bandwidth and limited footprint such as live events in mid-sized festivals, and tours, performing arts, corporate events in large exhibition halls or special events.

With exceptional bandwidth for its size - 42 Hz - 20 kHz - K3 can be used as a stand-alone system boasting strong output and innate reinforced LF contour without the need of a flown companion subwoofer. For infra reinforcement and augmented LF resources, K3 can be supplemented by the KS28 subwoofer.

K3 features Panflex[™] to offer four horizontal directivity patterns: 70° or 110° symmetrical or 90° asymmetrical on either side. With Panflex and inter-element angles ranging from 0° to 10°, a K3 line source coverage can be precisely tailored to any audience geometry.

On its own K3 can be used as a main system for vocal and music reinforcement in most applications, or as a complement to K1 or K2 as outfills or delays. Deployed with KS28 subwoofer, K3 is perfect as a compact main system for demanding live events in conventional and LISA deployments.

How to use this manual

The K3 owner's manual is intended for all actors involved in the system design, implementation, preventive and corrective maintenance of the K3 system. It must be used as follows:

- 1. Read the technical description for an overview of all system elements, their features, and their compatibilities.
 - Electro-acoustical description (p.14)
 - Rigging system description (p.21)
- 2. Prepare the system configuration. Consider the mechanical limits and the available acoustical configurations.
 - Mechanical safety (p.35)
 - Loudspeaker configurations (p.37)
- 3. Before rigging the system, perform mandatory inspections and functional checks.
 - Inspection and preventive maintenance (p.41)
- 4. To deploy the system, follow the step-by-step rigging instructions and refer to the cabling schemes.
 - Rigging procedures (p.61)
 - Connection to LA amplified controllers (p.109)

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Contact information

For information on advanced corrective maintenance:

- contact your Certified Provider or your L-Acoustics representative
- for Certified Providers, contact the L-Acoustics customer service: customer.service@l-acoustics.com

Symbols

The following symbols are used in this document:



This symbol indicates a potential risk of harm to an individual or damage to the product. It can also notify the user about instructions that must be strictly followed to ensure safe installation or operation of the product.



This symbol notifies the user about instructions that must be strictly followed to ensure proper installation or operation of the product.



This symbol notifies the user about complementary information or optional instructions.

System components

Loudspeaker enclosures

К3	2-way active WST $^{\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}}$ enclosure: 2 x 12" LF + 4" HF diaphragm
KS28	Flyable subwoofer 2 x 18''
KS21	High power compact subwoofer: 1x21''
Kara II	2-way active WST [®] enclosure: 2 x 8" LF + 3" HF diaphragm

Powering and driving system

LA4X / LA8 / LA12X	Amplified controller with DSP, preset library and networking capabilities
la-rak II avb	Touring rack containing three LA12X, LA-POWER II for power distribution, LA-PANEL II for audio and network distribution, and two LS10 for AVB distribution

Refer to the LA4X / LA8 / LA12X owner's manual for operating instructions.

Loudspeaker cables

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SP cables	4-point speakON loudspeaker cables (4 mm ² gauge)
	SP cables come in four sizes: SP.7 (0.7 m/2.3 ft), SP5 (5 m/16.4 ft), SP10 (10 m/32.8 ft) and SP25 (25 m/82 ft)
SP-Y1	breakout cable for two passive enclosures (2.5 mm ² gauge) provided with a CC4FP adapter
	4-point speakON to 2 × 2-point speakON
DO	8-point PA-COM loudspeaker cables (4 mm ² gauge)
	DO cables come in three sizes: DO.7 (0.7 m/2.3 ft), DO10 (10 m/32.8 ft) and DO25 (25 m/82 ft)
DOSUB-LA8	breakout cable for four passive enclosures (4 mm ² gauge)
	8-point PA-COM to 4×2 -point speakON
DOFILL-LA8	breakout cable for two 2-way active enclosures (4 mm ² gauge)
	8-point PA-COM to 2 x 4-point speakON
DO3WFILL	breakout cable for one 2-way active enclosure and two passive enclosures (4 mm ² gauge)
	8-point PA-COM to 1 x 4-point speakON and 2 x 2-point speakON

Information about the connection of the enclosures to the LA amplified controllers is given in this document.

Refer to the LA4X / LA8 / LA12X owner's manual for detailed instructions about the whole cabling scheme, including modulation cables and network.

Rigging elements

K3-BUMP	Flying frame for K3
K3-BAR	Extension bar for K3-BUMP
K3-RIGBAR	Rigging bar and pullback for K3 (includes LA-SLING2T)
KARADOWNK3	Interface for flying Kara below K3
LA-RAKMOUNT	Mounting cradles for LA-RAK
K3-TILT	Rigging element for stacking K3 on KS28
KS28-OUTRIG	Stability bars for KS28

BPCHAIN 1.5T	Extension sling 1.5 tons (included in K3-BUMP)
la-sling2t	Lifting chain (DIN EN 818-4) 2-leg , 8 mm
Delta 1.5t	Azimuth angle tuning accessory 1.5T
K2-JACK	4 tilt adjustment screw jacks + bar for K2-CHARIOT

Transportation accessories

K3-CHARIOT	Chariot for up to 4 K3
K3-CHARIOTCOV	Protective cover for 4 K3 on K3-CHARIOT
K3-CHARIOTLID	Protective lid for K3-CHARIOT
K3-BUMPFLIGHT	Modular flightcase for 1 K3-BUMP and rigging elements

Software applications

Soundvision	3D acoustical and mechanical modeling software
LA Network Manager	Software for remote control and monitoring of amplified controllers

Refer to the Soundvision help. Refer to the **LA Network Manager** help.

Loudspeaker cables





Rigging elements



Electro-acoustical description

Directivity

Adjustable fins

The K3 enclosure features an adjustable horizontal directivity system. Using the adjustable fins, horizontal directivity can be adjusted with four different settings: 70° / 110° symmetric or 90° asymmetric. A specific K3 preset must be used for each directivity setting.

Within a line source, different directivity settings can be combined to improve the coverage of the audience geometry.

70° setting





90° settings







110° setting



Mixed settings

Directivity

Horizontal



Dispersion angle diagram of a K3 array with 70° fins setting, using lines of equal sound pressure at -3 dB, -6 dB, -12 dB.



Dispersion angle diagram of a K3 array with 90° fins setting, using lines of equal sound pressure at -3 dB, -6 dB, -12 dB.



Dispersion angle diagram of a K3 array with 110° fins setting, using lines of equal sound pressure at -3 dB, -6 dB, -12 dB.

Preset description

[K3 70] [K3 90] [K3 110] [KARAIIDOWNK3] [KARADOWNK3]

loudspeaker elements	outputs	channels	routing	gain	delay	polarity	mute
LF	OUT 1	LF	IN A	0 dB	0 ms	+	ON
HF	OUT 2	HF					ON
LF	OUT 3	LF	IN A	0 dB	0 ms	+	ON
HF	OUT 4	HF					ON

[KS28_60] [KS28_100] [KS21_60] [KS21_100]

outputs	channels	routing	gain	delay	polarity	mute
OUT 1	SB	IN A	0 dB	0 ms	+	ON
OUT 2	SB	IN A	0 dB	0 ms	+	ON
OUT 3	SB	IN A	0 dB	0 ms	+	ON
OUT 4	SB	IN A	0 dB	0 ms	+	ON

[K\$28_60_C] [K\$28_100_C] [K\$28_60_Cx] [K\$28_100_Cx] [K\$21_60_C] [K\$21_100_C] [K\$21_60_Cx] [K\$21_100_Cx]

loudspeaker elements	outputs	channels	routing	gain	delay	polarity	mute
SR	OUT 1	SR	IN A	0 dB	0 ms	+	ON
SB	OUT 2	SB					ON
SB	OUT 3	SB					ON
SB	OUT 4	SB					ON

Connectors

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SpeakON connectors can be used interchangeably as IN or LINK connector.



К3

 2×4 -point speakON

Internal pinout for L-Acoustics 2-way active enclosures

speakON points	1+	1 -	2 +	2 -
Transducer connectors	LF +	LF -	HF +	HF -



KS28

1 × 4-point speakON



KS21

2 × 4-point speakON

Internal pinout for L-Acoustics subwoofers

speakON points	1 +	1 -	2 +	2 -
Transducer connectors	LF +	LF -	Not linked	Not linked

Rigging system description

К3

On both sides, K3 integrates two arms to connect another element of the rigging system, such as an enclosure or a flying frame.

- At the front, a rotating arm provides a fixed point around which the enclosure can freely rotate until its connection at the rear.
- At the rear, a sliding arm enables the inter-element angle setting and the inter-element rear connection.

The angles between adjacent enclosures are secured by an automatic system that is activated in advance and locks itself during the stacking and lifting procedures.

Eight angle positions are available: 0.25°, 1°, 2°, 3°, 4°, 5°, 7.5°, 10°.



Two ergonomic handles on both sides of the enclosure are available for transportation.



KS28

KS28 features three ergonomic handles on each side.



KS28 features two ground runners for enclosure protection. Two tracks on the top of the enclosure fit the ground runners in stacking deployment.



KS28 features eight L-shaped side runners for side protection and upright stacking.





Rigging elements for flown arrays

K3-BUMP

K3-BUMP is a rigging frame designed for flying K3.



Four holes are available on the central bar of K3-BUMP for site angle adjustments. Four additional holes are available to add K3-BAR to K3-BUMP as an extension to increase the site angle.



K3-BUMP is equipped with ball-locking pins to match the enclosure rigging system.



K3-BAR

K3-BAR is an extension bar designed to be combined with K3-BUMP.



By adding a K3-BAR to the K3-BUMP, the site angle range can be increased. Seventeen holes are available on the K3-BAR which can be attached to the K3-BUMP as a rear or a front extension and in position A or B, thus offering a total of 68 discrete positions for pick-up points.

The rear extension is suited to downwards site angles. The front extension is suited to upwards site angles.



K3-RIGBAR

Secured at the bottom of the array, K3-RIGBAR can be used as a pullback either with K3-BUMP or another K3-RIGBAR as the main lifting accessory.



K3-RIGBAR is equipped with two shackles to secure LA-SLING2T.

The external holes are dedicated to implement an additional safety.

K3-RIGBAR can be used as the main lifting accessory, to provide a lightweight solution for flying up to 16 K3.

K3-RIGBAR must be used with LA-SLING2T.



KARADOWNK3

KARADOWNK3 is a rigging interface for a Kara / Kara II array under a K3 array.



The four tabs on the top are compatible with the K3 rigging system.

The four slits fitted with ball-locking pins accommodate the Kara / Kara II rigging arms.



DELTA 1.5T

DELTA 1.5T is designed for azimuth setting.

Combined with K3-BUMP and K3-BAR, DELTA 1.5T can be used to control the azimuth angle while K3-BAR controls the site angle.

The recommended space between the two lifting points is 1 m / 33 ft.

By adjusting the height of both pickup points, it is possible to adjust the azimuth angle from -10° to +10°.





+ 10°





LA-RAKMOUNT

LA-RAKMOUNT is designed to stack one LA-RAK II AVB on top of a flown array. LA-RAKMOUNT is composed of two mounting cradles with rails.

The two cradles are screwed on K3-BUMP. LA-RAKMOUNT must be used along with two K3-BAR.





Rigging elements for stacked arrays

K2-JACK

K2-JACK is a set of two bars and four feet with screw jacks and hand wheels. K2-JACK can be fitted onto K3-CHARIOT to improve stability or correct floor discrepancies.



During transportation, make sure the bolts are tightened.



K2-JACK cannot be stored on K3-CHARIOT.



storage position

position in use

With K2-JACK, the site angle of the K3 array can be adjusted between -23° and $+13^{\circ}$.



K3-TILT

K3-TILT is a site angle adjustment accessory that interfaces between KS28 and K3 in a stacked array. It is used in combination with two KS28-OUTRIG to ensure stability.



Do not use K3-TILT in a flown array.

The opening angle of K3-TILT can be adjusted between 0 and -20°.



K3-TILT features two shackles to implement an additional safety.

KS28-OUTRIG

KS28-OUTRIG is a set of two stability bars for KS28. KS28-OUTRIG matches the rigging system of KS28.



Storage and handling elements

K3-CHARIOT

K3-CHARIOT is a chariot designed for the transportation and storage of blocks of up to four K3. It features two rear rigging arms to secure the lower K3.

During transportation, the blocks must have an inter-enclosure angle of 10° to avoid any separation of the enclosures. This angle must be set using the enclosure rear rigging arm pin. The automatic locking system must remain unloaded.

The K3-CHARIOT rear rigging arm must be at its -15° site angle position.



K3-CHARIOTCOV

K3-CHARIOTCOV is a protective cover for four K3 on K3-CHARIOT.

K3-CHARIOTCOV features four flaps with velcro fasteners at the top to pull out the rigging arms of the top enclosure in order to mount K3-CHARIOTLID.



K3-CHARIOTLID

K3-CHARIOTLID can be used to store equipment on top of K3 during transportation. Its load capacity is up to 400 kg/881.8 lb.



Multiple K3-CHARIOTLID can be stacked for storage. Refer to Stacking multiple K3-CHARIOTLID on K3-CHARIOT (p. 104) for more information.



Rigging system description

K3-BUMPFLIGHT

K3-BUMPFLIGHT is a flightcase for transporting the accessories of the K3 system.

The flightcase contains:



- 1. 1 LA-SLING2T / 1 BPCHAIN 1.5T
- 2. 1 K3-RIGBAR
- **3.** 1 K3-TILT
- **4.** 1 KS28-OUTRIG
- 5. 1 KARADOWNK3
- **6.** 1 DELTA 1.5T
- **7.** 1 K3-BUMP
- 8. 1 K3-BAR

LA-RAKMOUNT can be added to K3-BUMPFLIGHT. Secure LA-RAKMOUNT to K3-BUMP before adding K3-BAR. It is also possible to add an extension to K3-BUMPFLIGHT with K3-BUMPFLIGHTADDLAYER. Adding K3-BUMPFLIGHTADDLAYER gives the possibility to double the number of accessories.

Mechanical safety

Flown configurations

The K3 rigging system complies with 2006/42/EC: Machinery Directive. It has been designed following the guidelines of BGV-C1.

2006/42/EC: Machinery Directive specifies a safety factor of 4 against the rupture. The flown deployments described in this manual achieve a safety factor of **4 or more**.

Refer to Soundvision for the safety factor of a specific deployment.

The **safe limit** gives the maximum number of elements for which the safety factor is compliant with the 2006/42/ EC: Machinery Directive, within the use defined in this manual and regardless of the other deployment parameters (site angles, inter-enclosure angles, etc.).

The **maximum limit** gives the maximum number of elements for which the safety factor can be compliant with the 2006/42/EC: Machinery Directive, when the other deployment parameters provide the best mechanical conditions.

For mixed arrays refer to your Soundvision model.

К3

configuration	rigging accessory	safe limit	maximum limit
flown	K3-BUMP	16	24
	K3-BUMP + K3-BAR	16	24
	K3-BUMP + 2 K3-BAR + 2 LA- SLING2T + LA-RAKMOUNT	18 K3 + 1 LA-RAK II AVB	24
flown and pullback	K3-RIGBAR	16	16

K3 + Kara II

configuration	rigging accessory	safe limit	maximum limit
flown with a downfill	KARADOWNK3	12 K3 + 6 Kara II	18 K3 + 6 Kara II

KS28

configuration	rigging accessory	maximum / safe limit
Flown	KS28-BUMP	16

Other configurations

For other configurations, respect the recommended maximum limit for optimal stability.

Use safety straps

Always use safety straps on stacked arrays higher than four enclosures.

К3

configuration	rigging accessory	safe limit	maximum limit
Stacked	K3-CHARIOT + K2-JACK	4	6
Stacked	K3-BUMP	4	6

K3 + K528

configuration	rigging accessory	safe limit	maximum limit
Stacked	K3-TILT + KS28-OUTRIG	5 enclosures	4 K3 + 4 KS28

KS28

configuration	rigging accessory	maximum limit
Ground-stacked	No rigging accessory or KS28-OUTRIG (optional)	4 or 5

Assessing mechanical safety



Mechanical safety of the rigging system

Before any installation, always model the system in Soundvision and check the **Mechanical Data** section for any stress warning or stability warning.

In order to assess the actual safety of any array configuration before implementation, refer to the following warnings:



Rated working load limit (WLL) is not enough

The rated WLL is an indication of the element resistance to tensile stress. For complex mechanical systems such as loudspeaker arrays, WLLs cannot be used per se to determine the maximum number of enclosures within an array or to assess the safety of a specific array configuration.

Maximum pullback angle

If a pullback accessory is available, the pullback angle must not exceed a 90° negative site angle.

Mechanical modeling with Soundvision

The working load applied to each linking point, along with the corresponding safety factor, will depend on numerous variables linked to the composition of the array (type and number of enclosures, splay angles) and the implementation of the flying or stacking structure (number and location of flying points, site angle). This cannot be determined without the complex mechanical modeling and calculation offered by Soundvision.

Assessing the safety with Soundvision

The overall safety factor of a specific mechanical configuration always corresponds to the lowest safety factor among all the linking points. Always model the system configuration with the Soundvision software and check the **Mechanical Data** section to identify the weakest link and its corresponding working load. By default, a stress warning will appear when the mechanical safety goes beyond the recommended safety level.

Safety of ground-stacked arrays in Soundvision

For ground-stacked arrays, a distinct stability warning is implemented in Soundvision. It indicates a tipping hazard when the array is not secured to the ground, stage or platform. It is the user's responsibility to secure the array and to ignore the warning.

Additional safety for flown arrays

When flying an array, use available holes to implement a secondary safety.

Considerations must be given to unusual conditions

Soundvision calculations are based on usual environmental conditions. A higher safety factor is recommended with factors such as extreme high or low temperatures, strong wind, prolonged exposition to salt water, etc. Always consult a rigging specialist to adopt safety practices adapted to such a situation.
Loudspeaker configurations

Line source

Deployed as a line source, the system operates over the nominal bandwidth of the K3 enclosure, with an adjustable horizontal directivity.

The [K3 70], [K3 90], and [K3 110] presets allow for a reference frequency response in long throw applications. Each preset is dedicated to a horizontal directivity setting.

K3 is driven by the LA4X / LA8 / LA12X amplified controllers.

Enclosure	К3
Preset	[K3 70] [K3 90] [K3 110]
Frequency range (-10 dB)	42 Hz - 20 kHz

Line source with low-frequency element

A K3 line source can be deployed with additional subwoofer enclosures to extend the bandwidth in the low-end or increase sub-low resources.

The [K3 70], [K3 90], and [K3 110] presets allow for a reference frequency response in long throw applications. Each preset is dedicated to a horizontal directivity setting.

The [xxxx_60] presets provides the subwoofers with an upper frequency limit at 60 Hz in separated or coupled configuration for an optimal frequency coupling with the K3 line source.

Amplified controllers compatibility

	LA4X	LA8	LA12X
К3	√	\checkmark	\checkmark
KS28	_	_	√
KS21	√	\checkmark	√

K3 line source with KS28 or KS21

2 K3 : 1 KS28 / 3 K3 : 2 KS21^{*}







Enclosure	K3 KS28 or KS21	
Preset	[K3 70] [K3 90] [K3 110]	[xxxx_60]
Frequency range (-10 dB)	25 Hz - 20 kHz (KS28)	
	29 Hz - 20 kHz (KS21)	



Grouping subwoofers

Place the subwoofer enclosures side by side. If not possible, the maximum distance between two adjacent acoustic centers must be 2.8 m or 1.7 m if the upper frequency limit of the subwoofer system is at 60 Hz or 100 Hz, respectively.



Use [xxxx_xx_C] or [xxxx_xx_Cx] on a reversed subwoofer in a cardioid configuration

The cardioid configuration consists in reversing 1 element in an array of 4 subwoofers.

Refer to the subwoofer owner's manual and to the Cardioid configurations technical bulletin.

KS21 cannot be mechanically coupled with a K3 line source in an array. The KS21 and K3 arrays must be flown or stacked independently. Refer to the **KS21 owner's manual** for more information on how to set up a KS21 array.



Delay values

Do not forget to add the pre-alignment and geometric delays depending on the configuration.

Pre-alignment delays

K3 + KS28

presets	pre-alignment delay values and polarity settings			
[K3] + [KS28_60]	K3 = 0.5 ms	+	KS28 = 0 ms	-
[K3] + [KS28_60_C]	K3 = 6 ms	+	KS28 = 0 ms	-
[K3] + [KS28_60_Cx]	K3 = 4 ms	+	KS28 = 0 ms	-

K3 + KS21

presets	pre-alignment delay values and polarity settings			
[K3] + [KS21_60]	K3 = 0 ms	+	KS21 = 0 ms	-
[K3] + [KS21_60_C]	K3 = 5.5 ms	+	KS21 = 0 ms	-
[K3] + [KS21_60_Cx]	K3 = 5 ms	+	KS21 = 0 ms	+

Additional downfill element

All K3 system configurations can be combined with an additional Kara / Kara II line source downfill system. This allows an extension of the vertical coverage to the closer audiences.

Kara / Kara II

The Kara / Kara II enclosures are driven by the LA4X / LA8 / LA12X amplified controllers.

Enclosure	К3	Kara / Kara II
Preset	[K3 70] [K3 90] [K3 110]	[KARAIIDOWNK3] [KARADOWNK3]
Frequency range (-10 dB)	42 Hz - 20 kHz	

Do not add any delay between the K3 and Kara / Kara II elements of a mixed line source.



Using the Kara / Kara II system

Refer to the Kara II owner's manual for the operating modes of Kara / Kara II as a main system.

Inspection and preventive maintenance

How to do preventive maintenance

Inspect the system before any deployment and after any corrective maintenance operation.

Perform preventive maintenance at least once a year.

Refer to the maintenance manuals for advanced maintenance.

Rigging and hardware

Perform the Rigging part inspection (p.42) on each rigging part.

Use the Mechanical system overview (p.42) to identify critical parts of the system and apply the specific checks described in the Inspection references (p.50).

Do the Rigging check (p.53).

If any parts are damaged, contact your L-Acoustics representative for further instructions.

Acoustics

Perform the Enclosure check (p.57).

Perform the Listening test (p.59) to detect any degradation in sound quality.

Rigging part inspection

About this task

For critical rigging parts, use the Inspection references (p.50) for comparison and specific manipulations.

Prerequisite

Perform the inspection in a well-lit environment.

Procedure

- 1. Check that the rigging part is present.
- 2. If applicable, disassemble the rigging part from the enclosure or the rigging accessory.

Check that the tethers are intact and safely secured.

3. Inspect the part from every side.

Compare with the **reference pictures**.

Check for:

- corrosion
- wear and cracks
- bends and dents
- holes
- missing safety cues
- missing identification labels
- missing or loose fasteners



Replacing screws

If a screw is loose, remove and replace it.

Always use the new screws provided in the repair kit.

If no new screw is available, add blue threadlocker before reusing the screw.

Do not apply more than the indicated torque.

4. Check the geometry of the part to identify critical deformations.

Place the rigging part on a flat surface or hold a level against it.

5. Check the moving parts.

Make sure that the mechanism engages correctly.

What to do next

If a problem is detected, perform the authorized maintenance operations or contact your L-Acoustics representative.

indicates a functional check.

Mechanical system overview

Critical parts of the lifting chains are highlighted.



indicates a visual inspection. The



Perform the Rigging part inspection (p.42) on critical parts.

For each part, refer to the Inspection references (p.50).



Replacing screws

If a screw is loose, remove and replace it. Always use the new screws provided in the repair kit. If no new screw is available, add blue threadlocker before reusing the screw. Do not apply more than the indicated torque.

K3 array with K3-BUMP and K3-BAR



K3 array with K3-BUMP and KARADOWNK3



K3 array with K3-RIGBAR as pullback



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K3 array with K3-BAR, LA-RAKMOUNT, and K3-BUMP

Refer to Inspection references (p.50).



K3 array with K3-CHARIOT and K2-JACK





K3 stacked on K3-TILT and KS28 with KS28-OUTRIG



K3 stacked on K3-CHARIOT with K3-CHARIOTCOV and K3-CHARIOTLID



Inspection references

Ball-locking pins

Reference pictures



tether (K3-BUMP)



tether (K3-BAR)







tether (K3)

Moving parts

- 1. Press the push button. The ball-locking mechanism is retracted.
- 2. Release the button. The ball-locking mechanism is activated.



3. Insert the pin in each storage and rigging hole. Pull and rotate the pin. The pin must remain inside the hole.



If the pin is inserted in two plates, the ball must pass through both plates and lock the pin in place.



If the check fails, immediately withdraw the product from use and contact L-Acoustics.

Related tasks

Rigging part inspection (p.42)

Shackles

Moving parts

Drive the shackle axis in its lodging. Make sure that the end is flush with the shackle.





Related tasks

Rigging part inspection (p.42)

Runners and corner stops

- Runners are not worn out.
- Screws are tightened.

Reference pictures



KS28 ground runner and corner stops



KS28-OUTRIG runner

Contact your L-Acoustics representative for repair instructions.

Related tasks

Rigging part inspection (p.42)

KS28 corner stop

K3 owner's manual (EN) version 2.0

Rigging check

Procedure

- **1.** Position one K3 on top of another one.
- **2.** Secure the front rigging arms at the LINK holes.



• The front rigging arms can be deployed with some resistance, and rotate correctly.



• The ball-type plunger protrudes out the rigging system.



3. Secure the rear rigging arms at the LINK holes.



• The rear rigging arms can be deployed with some resistance, and slide correctly.



• The ball-type plunger protrudes out the rigging system.



4. Secure the rear rigging arms at one of the inter-enclosure holes.



- 5. Press the button to activate the automatic locking system.
 - The latch slightly retracts when the button is pushed (yellow label visible).



- 6. Hold and lift the array to lock the inter-enclosure angles.
 - The two enclosures remain attached.
 - The automatic locking system button locks and the latches engage (no yellow label visible).



7. Disassemble the two enclosures.

Risk of trapping fingers When disassembling the enclosures, hold the top one by the handles.



8. Repeat the procedure with the other enclosures.

Acoustical check

Enclosure check



This feature is available on:

LA4X

LA12X

ENCLOSURE CHECK measures impedance at the reference frequencies for the connected loudspeaker family. The measured impedance is compared to the expected range allowing for fast detection of loudspeakers presenting circuit continuity issues.

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The results can be used for preliminary diagnosis but cannot replace a comprehensive quality control.

Prerequisite

ENCLOSURE CHECK measurements can only be reliable if the following requirements are met:

Environment and temperature:

- Ambient temperature must be comprised between 0 °C / 32 °F and 40 °C / 104 °F. Ideal temperature is 20 °C / 68 °F.
- Enclosures must be at room temperature. If warm from a recent high level use or recently moved from a cold environment, let the loudspeakers reach room temperature before starting.

Enclosures:

- Enclosures must be included in the embedded factory preset library.
- Enclosures must be in nominal operating conditions:
 - Remove covers or dollies obstructing the loudspeakers or the vents.
 - Check for obvious physical damage or air leak: visually inspect the grill, gasket, cabinet, and connector plate for loose, missing or damaged parts.

Connection:

- Use only 10 m / 30 ft 4 mm² / AWG 11 speaker cables.
- Do not connect enclosures in parallel.

Amplified controllers:

- LA4X must run at least firmware version 1.1.0.
- LA4X load sensors must be calibrated. Refer to the **Load Sensor Calibration Tool** technical bulletin for more information.
- LA4X must warm up for at least 10 minutes after power up. Do not power off, reboot or switch to standby mode to avoid resetting the countdown.
- Load a preset corresponding to the connected loudspeaker's family. Presets from the user memories may be used on condition they are made of presets supported in the embedded factory preset library.

Procedure

- 1. Power up the amplified controller. Let LA4X warm up for at least 10 minutes.
- 2. Connect the loudspeaker enclosures to the amplified controller.
- 3. Load a preset from or built from the embedded library corresponding to the connected loudspeaker family.
- On the amplified controller, use the encoder wheel to select MONITORING & INFO. Press the OK key or the encoder wheel to validate.
- 5. Use the encoder wheel to select ENCLOSURE CHECK.

Beware of sound levels.

Although the sound pressure levels generated for the ENCLOSURE CHECK are moderate, do not stay within close proximity of the loudspeakers and consider wearing ear protection.

6. Press the OK key or the encoder wheel to launch the ENCLOSURE CHECK.

The amplified controller generates short sinusoidal signals simultaneously for each connected output.

The amplified controller displays the results for each output.

7. Depending on the displayed results, follow the instructions in the table.

result	interpretation	instructions
OK	measured impedance is within expected range	enclosure is in working order electrically
?	unsupported preset family	only supported enclosures should be tested
NC	Not Connected	if cables are connected: a. inspect the cables and connections b. go to step 8 (p.58)
NOK	measured impedance is not within expected range	a. check that all the prerequisites are met, in
UNDEF	measured impedance is undefined	 b. inspect the cables and connections c. go to step 8 (p.58)

8. Under NC, NOK and UNDEF results, press and hold the corresponding OUT key.

The amplified controller displays:

• the tested frequencies,

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- information on the measured impedance:
 - OPEN for open circuit (found in NC results),
 - SHORT for short circuit (found in NOK results), or
 - a percentage of variation from the expected range (found in NOK and UNDEF results)
- the number of operational transducers out of the total

Low variations from the expected range are acceptable: displayed percentage can be different from 0 and all transducers considered operational.

Listening test

enclosure	preset	usable bandwidth
КЗ	[K3 70]	42 Hz - 20 kHz
Kara II	[KARA 70]	55 Hz - 20 kHz
KS28	[KS28_100]	25 Hz - 110 Hz
KS21	[KS21_100]	31 Hz - 100 Hz

Procedure

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- 1. Load the preset on an LA4X / LA8 / LA12X amplified controller.
- **2.** Connect a sinus generator to the amplified controller.

Risk of hearing damage

- Set a low sound level to start and use ear protection to adjust before testing.
- **3.** Scan the bandwidth focusing on the usable range. The sound should remain pure and free of unwanted noise.

Troubleshooting for LF speakers

One or more LF speaker produces distorted, buzzing, rubbing, clicking, muffled or weak sound.

Possible causes

- The screws are not tightened with the appropriate torque.
- There is an air leak in the gasket.
- There is dust on the cone.
- The cone is damaged.
- The surround is torn or delaminated.
- The voice coil or the spider is damaged.

Procedure

- 1. Perform the speaker disassembly procedure.
- 2. Visually inspect the cables and the connectors.
- 3. Visually inspect the speaker cone, the voice coil and the spider.

If any damage is visible, replace the speaker.

- 4. Carefully clean the speaker with a dry cloth.
- Perform the reassembly procedure. Replace the speaker gasket and the screws. Apply the recommended torque.
- 6. Repeat the listening test.

If the problem persists, replace the speaker.

Troubleshooting for HF drivers

One or more HF driver produces high-frequency harmonic distortions, strange vibrations or weak sound.

Possible causes

- There are foreign particles on the air gap.
- The diaphragm is not centered correctly.
- The screws used for reassembly are too loose.
- The diaphragm is damaged.

Procedure

- **1.** Perform the diaphragm disassembly procedure.
- 2. Visually inspect the diaphragm and the voice coil.

If any damage is visible, replace the diaphragm.

- **3.** Clean the air gap thoroughly. Use double-face adhesive tape to remove any particles.
- **4.** Perform the diaphragm reassembly procedure. Apply the recommended torque.
- 5. Repeat the listening test.

If the problem persists, replace the driver.

Rigging procedures

Preparing a block of four K3

Type of deployment	stacked array
Rigging accessory	K3-CHARIOT
Min number of operators	2

Procedure

1. Prepare K3-CHARIOT.

Fully rotate the rear rigging arms of K3-CHARIOT to attach a first K3.





2. Position a first K3 on K3-CHARIOT.



3. Secure the enclosure at the front using the LINK hole.



4. Lift the rear of the enclosure and rotate the dolly rear rigging arm in its upward position.



5. Secure the enclosure using the LINK hole.



6. Position another K3 on the first one.



Keep holding the enclosure with the handles until the front rigging arm is secured.

7. While holding the handle, rotate the front rigging arm and secure it with both LINK pins.



8. Slide the rear rigging arm and secure it with both pins, in the LINK and 10° holes.



9. Make sure the automatic locking system button is unloaded. If the button has been pressed, pull to disengage the latch.



10. Repeat steps 6 (p.63) to 9 (p.64) until the block of four is complete.

Pre-setting the inter-enclosure angles

Procedure

1. On both sides, remove the pin from its current angle hole.



2. Position the pin at the chosen angle hole and slide the rigging arm until the pin goes in.



3. Press the lock button to lock the inter-enclosure angle.



Flying

Flying an array with K3-BUMP and K3-BAR

Type of deployment	flown array	
Rigging accessory	K3-BUMP	
	2 × Ø19 mm shackles WLL 3.25 t (provided)	
	K3-BAR	
Min number of operators	2	

Prerequisite



Preset inter-enclosure angles

Preset the inter-enclosure angles before performing this procedure. Refer to Pre-setting the inter-enclosure angles (p.65).

Procedure

- 1. Prepare a block of K3 enclosures. Refer to Preparing a block of four K3 (p.61).
- 2. Connect K3-BAR to K3-BUMP.
 - a) Remove the pins from K3-BAR and position K3-BAR on K3-BUMP. Refer to Soundvision to identify the extension and position of the bar.



b) Secure K3-BAR to K3-BUMP with the pins.





c) Lift K3-BUMP using the motor.



3. Lower K3-BUMP to facilitate the connection between the enclosures and the rigging frame.



- 4. Secure K3-BUMP on top of the array.
 - a) Attach the front rigging arm on both sides. Rotate the arm and secure it with the K3-BUMP pin.



b) Lower the K3-BUMP and secure the connection with the K3 pin. If the pin resists, move the frame back and forth.



c) Lower the rear of the K3-BUMP.



d) Attach the rear rigging arm to the frame.



- e) Slide the arm to its 5° position.
- f) Preset the angle at 5° with the enclosure pin.

g) Secure the arm with the K3-BUMP pin.



5. Raise the array to lock the inter-enclosure angles.



6. Remove the chariot from the array.

a) Hold the chariot with one hand. Remove the back pin on both sides.



b) Hold the chariot with one hand. Remove the front pin on both sides.


Attaching a block of four K3 under K3

Prerequisite



Preset inter-enclosure angles

Preset the inter-enclosure angles before performing this procedure. Refer to Pre-setting the inter-enclosure angles (p.65).

Procedure

1. Attach the front rigging arms on both sides.



a) Rotate the front rigging arm to align its hole with the K3 rigging hole.



b) Secure the front rigging arm to the LINK of the flown array with the ball-locking pin.



c) Lower the flown array and secure the assembly with the LINK pin.



If you cannot insert the pin, then move the flown array back and forth with the enclosure handle.



2. Lock the inter-enclosure angles of the block.

The array swings.



3. Attach the lower block of K3 (top enclosure) rear rigging arms of the top enclosures to the back of the array. a) Turn the wheels inside the chariot.



b) Pull back the bottom enclosures while lowering the array until the array and the top enclosure of the second block are in contact.



c) Slide the rear rigging arm and secure it with the pin using the LINK hole.



d) Secure the chosen angle with the ball locking pin.Position the pin at the entrance of the chosen angle hole and slide the rigging arm until the pin goes in.



e) Press the button to activate the automatic locking system.



4. Raise the array to lock the inter-enclosure angles.



- 5. Remove the chariot from the array.
 - a) Hold the chariot with one hand. Remove the back pin on both sides.



b) Hold the chariot with one hand. Remove the front pin on both sides.



Adding a pullback with K3-RIGBAR

Type of deployment	flown array
Rigging accessory	K3-RIGBAR
	2 × Ø19 mm shackles WLL 3.25 t (provided)
Min number of operators	2

Pickup points must be aligned with the linking points.



Procedure



Optionally, secure another K3-RIGBAR on the top enclosure to replace K3-BUMP as the main lifting accessory.

- 1. Prepare an array of K3. Refer to Flying an array with K3-BUMP and K3-BAR (p.67).
- 2. Raise the array.
- **3.** Secure the LA-SLING2T to the second motor hook.



Make sure the chains are not twisted.

4. Attach K3-RIGBAR to the sling using the two 3.25 t WLL shackles. Use the interior holes of the bar.



The external holes are dedicated to additional safety.

The additional safety must either be:



A two-leg bridle sling with a pickup point higher than the LA-SLING2T.

5. Attach the K3-RIGBAR to the bottom enclosure.



Do not use the rear rigging middle hole.



Two safety slings.







Use the rear rigging hole.



6. Adjust the height of the pickup-point.



Do not raise the rear pick-up point above the front pick-up point. The chains must be as vertical as possible.



Under K3-RIGBAR



Rigging a Kara II downfill array under a K3 array with KARADOWNK3

Type of deployment	flown array
Rigging accessory	KARADOWNK3
Min number of operators	2

About this task



Reference rigging manuals

This procedure is complementary to the rigging instructions available in the main system rigging manuals. Refer to **the Kara II owner's manual** for more details.

The following procedure also applies for Kara.

Prerequisite

- Prepare and raise a K3 array. Refer to Flying an array with K3-BUMP and K3-BAR (p.67).
- Prepare an array of three Kara II with 0° interenclosure angles.
- Position the Kara II array under the K3 array.





Make sure the latches on the bottom K3 are in storage position.



Procedure

- **1.** Take out the four rigging arms on the top Kara II enclosure.
 - a) Lock the front rigging arms in linking position.





b) Slide up the rear rigging arms and select the same inter-element angle, from 0° to 10°.



2. Secure a KARADOWNK3 on top of the Kara II array.









- 3. Lower the K3 array as close as possible to the assembly without resting on it.
- 4. Disconnect the rear rigging between the two top Kara II enclosures.



5. Connect KARADOWNK3 to the bottom of the K3 array.

Risk of crushing injury.

Keep fingers away from the contact area between the ledge and the cabinet.



a)

Risk of cable damage.

Disconnect any cable from the K3 bottom connector.

Rotate the top Kara II upwards and secure the rear KARADOWNK3 tabs to the K3 rigging.



b) Secure the front KARADOWNK3 tabs to the K3 rigging.

Slightly lower the K3 array if necessary.



c) Reconnect the top Kara II at the rear to the assembly.



6. Raise the array.



7. Set the inter-enclosure angles.



Refer to the Kara II owner's manual.

Securing LA-RAK II AVB on LA-RAKMOUNT

Type of deployment	flown array
Rigging accessories	LA-RAKMOUNT (2 rails for 1 LA-RAK II AVB [*])
	8 M8×30 screws (provided with LA-RAKMOUNT)
	K3-BUMP
	LA-RAK II AVB
Additional accessories	electric screwdriver with torque selector
Min number of operators	2

Procedure

1. Position and secure the two rails on the K3-BUMP.

Use the electric screwdriver. Set the torque to 5 N.m. Before securing the side rails, make sure the frame pins are on the outside.



The following procedure is also applicable for previous LA-RAK products.

Rigging procedures

2. Install two K3-BAR on both sides of the K3-BUMP.



Remove the LA-RAK II AVB coupling bars.
Turn the bars to release the spring-loaded safety and slide them out.



4. Position the LA-RAK II AVB on the rails.



 Secure the LA-RAK II AVB with the coupling bars. Insert the spring-loaded safety in the LA-RAK II AVB rails, give a quarter turn and slide the bar until the safety locks into place.





Coupling bars

Always insert the coupling bars so that the round metallic safety is pointed upward (depending on the tilt angle):

from the back for a negative angle (rear extension) from the front for a positive angle (front extension)

Stacking

Stacking K3 on KS28 with K3-TILT

Type of deployment	stacked array
Rigging accessory	K3-TILT
	KS28-OUTRIG
Min number of operators	2



Stacking KS28

Refer to **KS28 documentation** for more information.

Procedure

1. Secure KS28-OUTRIG under KS28.



Risk of crushing injury.

Keep fingers away from the contact area between the ledge and the cabinet.







2. Optionally, secure an additional KS28 on top.



Connect each enclosure on both sides before adding the new one.



Rigging procedures

3. Place the K3-TILT on top of KS28.



4. Secure the K3-TILT to KS28.



5. Place one K3 on KS28.



Align the enclosure to the arms of K3-TILT.



- 6. Secure K3 to the K3-TILT.
 - a) Secure the front arms of K3-TILT to the bottom front of the enclosure.

Connect the K3 ball-locking pin to the front arms of K3-TILT.



b) Secure the rear arms of K3-TILT to the bottom rear of the enclosure. Connect the K3 ball-locking pin to the rear sliding arms of K3-TILT.



c) Set the site angle with the rear arms of K3-TILT.

Remove the ball-locking pin of the sliding arms and lift the enclosure to set the angle.



Set the angle and secure the sliding arm with the ball-locking pin. Multiple angles are available:



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Number of stacked K3 on KS28

Refer to Soundvision for the maximum number of enclosures.

7. Add another K3 to the first one.

Refer to Preparing a block of four K3 (p.61).

Attaching K2-JACK stabilizers to K3-CHARIOT

Type of deployment	stacked array
Rigging accessory	K2-JACK
	K3-CHARIOT
Min number of operators	2

Procedure

- 1. Attach the K2-JACK to the K3-CHARIOT:
 - a) Insert the K2-JACK studs through the K3-CHARIOT.



b) Raise and turn the K2-JACK handles to secure the locking system.



i Dust

During the K2-JACK stabilizers first use dust will come off the threaded rod. It is expected and does not indicate a malfunction.

2. Prepare the K2-JACK stabilizers.

Rotate the threaded rod counter-clockwise so the central part of the stabilizer is closest to the base.



3. Attach the stabilizers to the bar.



Insert the feet in the guides at both ends of the bar.



Pivot the feet so they come in contact with the bar.



Lock the feet in position by giving a quarter-turn to the locking system.

4. Rotate the feet clockwise to raise the K3-CHARIOT off the ground. Stop raising the stack as soon as the wheels get off the ground.



Adjusting the K3-CHARIOT site angle

Type of deployment	stacked array
Rigging accessory	K2-JACK
	K3-CHARIOT
Min number of operators	2

Procedure

1. Verify the wheels are as close as possible to the ground without touching it.



2. Loosen one stabilizer bolt and tighten the other one depending of the target site angle.



Tighten the bolt by hand only.

Negative site angle



Positive site angle



3. Adjust the site angle:

Tipping hazard

Adjust either the stabilizer at the front or at the back of the stack. Do not adjust both the front and back of the stack.



With the front screw jacks for a positive site angle.

4. Tighten the front or back bolts depending on the site angle.



Tighten the bolt by hand only.



With the back screw jacks for a negative site angle.





Stacking K3 on K3-BUMP

Type of deployment	stacked array
Rigging accessory	K3-BUMP
Min number of operators	2

Procedure

- **1.** Place K3-BUMP on the ground.
- **2.** Position a first K3 on K3-BUMP.
 - a) Prepare the front and rear rigging arms. Secure the arms wih the ball-locking pins.



b) Turn K3 upside down and position it on K3-BUMP.



c) Secure the front and rear rigging arms to the K3-BUMP.



3. Repeat step 2 (p.101) to position another K3 on the first one.



Transporting

Stacking multiple K3-CHARIOTLID on K3-CHARIOT

Type of deployment	stacked array
Rigging accessory	K3-CHARIOTLID
	K3-CHARIOT
Min number of operators	1

Prerequisite

The rear rigging arms of K3-CHARIOT are on storage position.

Procedure

1. Position one K3-CHARIOTLID on K3-CHARIOT.

The longer side must be on the rear rigging arms of K3-CHARIOT.



2. Secure K3-CHARIOTLID to the front rigging arms of K3-CHARIOT using the locking pin.



3. Position another K3-CHARIOTLID (reverted) on the first one. The longer side must be on the front side of K3-CHARIOT.



Storing multiple K3-CHARIOTLID on K3-CHARIOT

Alternate the position of each K3-CHARIOTLID.



4. Repeat steps 1 to 3 until each K3-CHARIOTLID is stacked on K3-CHARIOT.



Mounting K3-CHARIOTLID to K3

Type of deployment	stacked array
Rigging accessory	K3-CHARIOTLID
	K3-CHARIOT
Min number of operators	1

Prerequisite

An array of four K3 is stacked on K3-CHARIOT.

Procedure

- 1. Prepare the top enclosure for K3-CHARIOTLID.
 - a) Lift the front rigging arms and secure the ball-locking pin to the LINK position.
 - b) Lift the rear rigging arms and secure the ball-locking pin to 0.25° position.



2. Put K3-CHARIOTCOV on K3.

Open the top flaps to pull out the front and rear rigging arms of the top enclosure.



3. Position one K3-CHARIOTLID on K3.



Rigging procedures

4. Position the back of K3-CHARIOTLID on the rear rigging arms. The rear rigging arm must be in the notch of K3-CHARIOTLID.



 Connect the front rigging arms of K3 Secure the ball-locking pin to the front rigging arm.


Connection to LA amplified controllers

Enclosure drive capacity per amplified controller

Make sure the total number of connected enclosures does not exceed the maximum number of enclosure per controller (refer to the footnote).

	LA4X	LA8	LA12X
	per output * / total	per output * / total	per output * / total
К3	1 / 2	2 / 4	3 / 6
Kara II	2 / 4	3 / 6	3 / 6
KS28	_	-	1 / 4
KS21	1/4	2 / 6 ^b	2 / 8

Cabling schemes for K3 / Kara II

Refer to the cabling schemes to connect the enclosures to different types of output connectors.

Two-channel speakON output



Four-channel CA-COM output



 ^b LA8 can drive up to two KS21 or KS21i per output, but no more than six per controller at high level.
 ^{*} For passive loudspeakers, the value corresponds to the number of enclosures in parallel on the output. For active loudspeakers, the value corresponds to the number of sections in parallel on the output.

Cabling schemes for KS28

Two-channel speakON output



Four-channel CA-COM output



Corrective maintenance

Tools and consumables

Before performing maintenance on this product, make sure all the tools listed are available. Reference are given for FACOM[®] products in this table. Other manufacturers can be used.

Name	Reference	Distributor
Torque screwdriver (2 - 10 N.m) *	A.404	FACOM
T25 Torx bit	EX.125	FACOM
T30 Torx bit	EX.130	FACOM
flat plastic tool	-	-
4 mm hex bit	-	-
blue threadlocker	-	-
compressed air blower	-	-



^{*} included in the L-Acoustics Maintenance Toolcase.

Maintenance Toolcase

The Maintenance Toolcase is a carry-on suitcase that includes all the tools required to perform maintenance on L-Acoustics products. This toolcase is aimed at Certified Providers.

The Maintenance Toolcase uses a Peli[™] 1510 Protector case that features three pre-cut layers of foam to safely fit the tools. The Maintenance Toolcase includes tools manufactured by Facom[®], Fluke[®], Tohnichi, ABUS and Würth.

К3

Introduction

This section contains the following maintenance procedures:

- Grill (p.114)
- Fins (p.117)
- LF speaker (p.118)
- Connector plate (p.119)
- HF driver (p.120)
- HF diaphragm (p.121)

For advanced maintenance, contact your L-Acoustics representative.

K3 exploded view

In order to operate, follow the order outlined here. Each assembly refers to the corresponding Disassembly/Reassembly (D/R) procedure and the necessary repair kit.



Using the G03519 reconing kit

Follow the instructions to remove the LF speaker from the enclosure.

Perform the reconing procedure according to the information provided by the manufacturer.

Use the screws and fasteners provided in G03519 for reassembly.





Disassembly and Reassembly procedures

D/R - Grill

Tools

- torque screwdriver
- T25 Torx bit

Disassembly

Procedure

1. Loosen the captive screw at the bottom of the grill.



2. Push on the safety hook towards the right to release the grill.



3. Remove the grill.



Reassembly

Procedure

1. Insert the top of the grill.



2. Push the grill into place.



3. Tighten the captive screw.



D/R - Fins

Tools

- torque screwdriver
- T30 Torx bit
- flat plastic tool

Repair kit

G03523 *

Kit HP 12'' K3 - 8 ohms



S100143 M6×25 Torx

Prerequisite

Grill removed.

See Grill (p.114).

Exploded view



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For safety reasons, always use the new screws and spare parts provided in the KR. If no new screws are available, use blue threadlocker.

Use a flat tool made of **smooth plastic** to avoid scratching the fins.

Use the flat tool to unhook the fin clips.



D/R - LF speaker

Tools

- torque screwdriver
- T30 Torx bit

Repair kit

G03523 *

Kit HP 12'' K3 - 8 ohms







12" speaker gasket

12" LF speaker - 8 Ω

Prerequisite

Grill removed.

Fin removed.

See Grill (p.114). See Fins (p.117).

Exploded view



For safety reasons, always use the new screws and spare parts provided in the KR. If no new screws are available, use blue threadlocker.



Gradually tighten the screws following a star pattern.



If the speaker gasket is damaged, remove and replace it.

Position the connectors towards the side of the enclosure.



D/R - Connector plate

Tools

- torque screwdriver
- T25 Torx bit
- flat plastic tool

Repair kit

G03522

Kit HP K3 Driver 4" - 8 ohms

G03518 - KR compression driver 4" K3 or G03522 - KR diaphragm 4" K3



S100086

M5×16 Torx

Exploded view



For safety reasons, always use the new screws and spare parts provided in the KR. If no new screws are available, use blue threadlocker.



Gradually tighten the screws following a star pattern.

Use a flat tool as a lever to remove the connector plate.

Position the connector plate with the connectors towards the top of the enclosure.



D/R - HF driver

Tools

- torque screwdriver
- T30 Torx bit

Repair kit

G03522*

Kit HP K3 Driver 4" - 8 ohms



* The screws and fasteners are also provided in the G03518 (Kit Diaphragm for K3 (4" Driver - 8 ohms))

Prerequisite

Connector plate removed.

See Connector plate (p.119).

Exploded view

For safety reasons, always use the new screws and spare parts provided in the KR. If no new screws are available, use blue threadlocker.

Carefully disconnect the cables before removing the driver assembly.

Use the positive (red) connector as a reference point to position the driver assembly.



D/R - HF diaphragm

Tools

- torque screwdriver
- 4 mm hex bit
- compressed air blower

Consumables

• double face adhesive tape

Repair kit

G03518

Kit Diaphragm for K3 (4" Driver - 8 ohms)



18189 diaphragm assembly (with shims)

Prerequisite

Connector plate removed.

HF driver removed from the cabinet.

The driver is placed on a flat surface



See Connector plate (p.119). See HF driver (p.120).



Disassembly

Procedure

- Remove the four screws securing the cover. Use the 4 mm hex bit.
- **2.** Remove the cover.
- 3. Carefully remove the diaphragm.
- If there are shims on the dome, carefully remove them.
 Take note of how many and what kind of shims are present.

Reassembly

About this task



For safety reasons, always use the new screws and spare parts provided in the KR.

Procedure

1. Clean the dome and the air gap.

Make sure the air gap is perfectly clean before reassembly.

- Ņ Use a blower or double face adhesive to remove any particle.
- 2. Place the same kind and number of shims that were initially present.
- 3. Carefully place the diaphragm, using the positive (red) connector as reference point.
- 4. Position the cover and turn it to align it with the screw holes.



Gradually tighten the screws following a star pattern.

5. Secure the cover using four S100258 screws. Use the 4 mm hex bit. Set the torque to 3 Nm.

What to do next

Perform the Acoustical check (p.57) procedures.

Specifications

K3 specifications

Description	2-way active WST^® enclosure: 2 x 12" LF + 4" HF diaphragm, amplified by LA4X / LA8 / LA12X
Usable bandwidth (-10 dB)	42 Hz - 20 kHz ([K3 70])
Maximum SPL ¹	143 dB ([K3 70])
Nominal directivity (-6 dB)	horizontal: 70° / 110° symmetric or 90° asymmetric
	vertical: depending on number of elements and array curvature
Transducers	LF: $2 \times 12^{"}$ neodymium cone driver
	HF: 1 × 4" diaphragm compression driver, neodymium
Acoustical load	LF: bass-reflex, L-Vents
	HF: DOSC waveguide, L-Fins
Nominal impedance	LF: 8 Ω
	ΗΓ: 8 Ω
Connectors	2 × 4-point speakON
Rigging and handling	flush-fitting 4-point rigging system
	2 handles
	inter-enclosure angles: 0.25°, 1°, 2°, 3°, 4°, 5°, 7.5° or 10°
Weight (net)	43 kg / 95 lb
Cabinet	premium grade Baltic birch plywood
Front	coated steel grill
	acoustically neutral 3D fabric
Rigging components	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating
Finish	dark grey brown Pantone 426 C
IP	IP55

¹ Peak level measured at 1 m under free field conditions using pink noise with crest factor 4 (preset specified in brackets).

K3 dimensions



Kara II specifications

Description	2-way active WST® enclosure: 2 x 8" LF + 3" HF diaphragm, amplified by LA4X / LA8 / LA12X
Usable bandwidth (-10 dB)	55 Hz - 20 kHz ([KARA II 70])
Maximum SPL ¹	142 dB ([KARA II 70])
Nominal directivity (-6 dB)	horizontal: 70° / 110° symmetric or 90° asymmetric (35°/90°)
	vertical: dependent upon the number of elements and the line source curvature
Transducers	LF: 2 × 8" neodymium cone drivers
	HF: 1 × 3" neodymium diaphragm compression driver
Acoustical load	LF: bass-reflex
	HF: DOSC waveguide, L-Fins
Nominal impedance	LF: 8 Ω
	ΗF: 8 Ω
Connectors	IN: 1 × 4-point speakON
	LINK: 1 × 4-point speakON
Rigging and handling	4-point captive rigging system
	2 side handles
	2 rear handles
	inter-enclosure angles: 0°, 1°, 2°, 3°, 4°, 5°, 7.5° or 10°
Weight (net)	26 kg / 57 lb
Cabinet	premium grade Baltic birch plywood
Front	coated steel grill
	acoustically neutral 3D fabric
Rigging components	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating
Finish	dark grey brown Pantone 426 C
IP	IP55

¹ Peak level measured at 1 m under free field conditions using pink noise with crest factor 4 (preset specified in brackets).

Specifications

Kara II dimensions



KS28 specifications

Description	Flyable subwoofer 2 x 18'' , amplified by LA12X
Low frequency limit (-10 dB)	25 Hz ([KS28_100])
Maximum SPL ¹	143 dB ([KS28_100])
Directivity	standard or cardioid
Transducers	2 × 18" neodymium cone drivers
Acoustical load	bass-reflex, L-Vents
Nominal impedance	4 Ω
Connectors	IN: 1 × 4-point speakON
Rigging and handling	flush-fitting 2-point rigging system
	6 ergonomic handles
	2 ground runners
	8 side runners
Weight (net)	79 kg / 174 lb
Cabinet	premium grade Baltic beech and birch plywood
Front	coated steel grill
	acoustically neutral 3D fabric
Rigging components	high grade steel
Finish	dark grey brown Pantone 426 C

¹ Peak level at 1 m under half space conditions using pink noise with crest factor 4 (preset specified in brackets).

KS28 dimensions





KS21 specifications

Description	High power compact subwoofer: 1x21'' , amplified by LA4X / LA8 / LA12X
Low frequency limit (-10 dB)	31 Hz ([KS21_100])
Maximum SPL ¹	138 dB ([KS21_100])
Nominal directivity (-6 dB)	standard or cardioid configuration
Transducers	1 × 21" neodymium cone driver
Acoustical load	bass-reflex, L-Vents
Nominal impedance	8 Ω
Connectors	IN: 1 × 4-point speakON
	LINK: 1 × 4-point speakON
Rigging and handling	flush-fitting 2-point rigging system
	4 handles
	8 corner stops
	2 ground runners
	1 pole mount with M20×150 insert
Weight (net)	49 kg / 108 lb
Cabinet	premium grade Baltic beech and birch plywood
Front	coated steel grill
	acoustically neutral 3D fabric
Rigging components	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating
Finish	dark grey brown Pantone 426 C

¹ Peak level at 1 m under half space conditions using pink noise with crest factor 4 (preset specified in brackets).

KS21 dimensions



K3-BUMP specifications

Description	Flying frame for K3
Weight (net)	35 kg / 77 lb
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

K3-BUMP dimensions



K3-RIGBAR specifications

Description	Rigging bar and pullback for K3 (includes LA-SLING2T)
Weight (net)	18 kg / 40 lb
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

K3-RIGBAR dimensions



LA-SLING2T specifications

Description	Lifting chain (DIN EN 818-4) 2-leg , 8 mm
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating
Weight (net)	3.7 kg / 1.2 lb
Lifting chain (DIN EN 818-4)	2-leg, 8 mm
Steel grade	8
Nominal length incl. hooks	1000 mm / 39.4 in
Maximum sling angle β_{max}	60°
Load rating	2.8 t for β: 0° - 45°
	2 t for β: 46° - 60°

LA-SLING2T illustration



KARADOWNK3 specifications

Description	Interface for flying Kara below K3
Weight (net)	13 kg / 29 lb

Material high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

KARADOWNK3 dimensions



LA-RAKMOUNT specifications

Description	Mounting cradles for LA-RAK
Weight (net)	7 kg / 15 lb
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

LA-RAKMOUNT dimensions



DELTA 1.5T specifications

Description	Azimuth angle tuning accessory 1.5T
Weight (net)	8 kg / 18 lb
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

DELTA 1.5T dimensions



K3-TILT specifications

Description	Rigging element for stacking K3 on KS28
Weight (net)	14 kg / 31 lb

Material high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

K3-TILT dimensions







K3-BAR specifications

Description	Extension bar for K3-BUMP
Weight (net)	16 kg / 35 lb
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

K3-BAR dimensions





BPCHAIN 1.5T specifications

Description	Extension sling 1.5 tons (included in K3-BUMP)
Weight (net)	4 kg / 9 lb
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

BPCHAIN 1.5T dimensions

 1280 mm / 50.4 in

 98 mm / 3.8 in

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19 mm / 0.7 in	
	112 mm / 4.4 in 🖡

KS28-OUTRIG specifications

Description	Stability bars for KS28
Weight (net)	9.4 kg / 20 lb
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

KS28-OUTRIG dimensions

		1035 mm / 40.7 in	
1	83 mm / 3.2 in	-	<u>. </u>

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55 mm / 2.1 in

K3-CHARIOT specifications

Description Chariot for up to 4 K3

Weight (net)

47 kg / 104 lb

K3-CHARIOT dimensions





K2-JACK specifications

Description	4 tilt adjustment screw jacks + bar for K2-CHARIOT
Weight (net)	10.1 kg / 22.3 lb (for one stabilizer)
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

K2-JACK dimensions



K3-CHARIOTLID specifications

Description	Protective lid for K3-CHARIOT
Weight (net)	12 kg / 26 lb
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

K3-CHARIOTLID dimensions



Installing a laser inclinometer

The K3 rigging system is compatible with the following laser inclinometers:

- TEQSAS[®]
- LAP-TEQ PLUS (part of the L-ACOUSTICS® TECH TOOLCASE)
- TEQSAS[®] LAP-TEQ (legacy model)
- KSG[®] RECLINE Compact
- SSE[®] ProSight

LAP-TEQ / LAP-TEQ PLUS sensor and display compatibility

The legacy LAP-TEQ sensors are compatible with the new TEQSAS® LAP-TEQ PLUS displays. Conversely, the new sensors are not compatible with the legacy displays.

TEQSAS® LAP-TEQ PLUS / LAP-TEQ / KSG® RECLINE Compact

Procedure

- 1. Remove the four M4 Torx screws (T20) from the plate.
- 2. Put thread-locker in the four threaded inserts.
- 3. Position the sensor so it points toward the front of the K2-BUMP.
- 4. Secure the sensor with the four screws.
- 5. Connect the XLR cable to the sensor.
- 6. Follow the manufacturer instructions to calibrate the inclinometer.



Using LASER-MAGPLATE with TEQSAS LAP-TEQ PLUS

LASER-MAGPLATE is a magnetic plate that allows to secure an inclinometer to a flying frame (such as K3-BUMP) without using any tool. LASER-MAGPLATE is compatible with TEQSAS LAP-TEQ PLUS.

Secure the inclinometer to the LASER-MAGPLATE before using it.

Procedure

1. Remove the alignment screws from the plate.



2. Place the inclinometer.



3. Tighten the alignment screws.



4. Place the LASER-MAGPLATE to the flying frame or to the enclosure.
SSE PROSIGHT2

SSE Prosight2 is a SSE product. Refer to the SSE Fitting guides for more information on how to mount SSE Prosight on a K Series bumper.



K2-BUMP and K3-BUMP have the same rigging configuration.

Use the Mounting Kit for L-Acoustics K2 bumpers documentation to mount SSE Prosight2 on K3-BUMP.

K2-LASERMOUNT

The L-Acoustics K2-LASERMOUNT is a support plate designed to attach a remote laser inclinometer to the side of a K2 or K3 enclosure. It is compatible with five sensor models: TEQSAS® LAP-TEQ PLUS (part of the L-Acoustics Tech Toolcase, refer to spec sheet), TEQSAS® LAP-TEQ (legacy model), KSG® RECLINE Compact, Alignarray ® UVM, and SSE® ProSight.

Procedure

1. Mount the inclinometer on the K2-LASERMOUNT.

Refer to the figure below for the position of the screws on the support plate for each model. Use thread-locker on each screw.



To mount the LAP-TEQ PLUS / LAP-TEQ / RECLINE, use the bracket delivered with the inclinometer.





It is also possible use the LASER-MAGPLATE associated with the LAP-TEQ PLUS or LAP-TEQ. In this case, the inclinometer must be calibrated for a vertical use.



2. Rotate the front arm and secure it with its pin.



3. Position the K2-LASERMOUNT on the side of the enclosure.



4. Maintain the K2-LASERMOUNT in position by tightening the knob.



5. Secure the K2-LASERMOUNT by running the sling inside and around the K3 handle and locking it on itself.

Recommendation for speaker cables

Follow the recommended maximum length for loudspeaker cables to ensure minimal SPL attenuation.



Cable quality and resistance

Only use high-quality fully insulated speaker cables made of stranded copper wire.

Use cables with a gauge offering low resistance per unit length and keep the cables as short as possible.

The table below provides the recommended maximum length for loudspeaker cables depending on the cable gauge and on the impedance load connected to the amplifier.

cable gauge			recommended maximum length					
			8 Ω load		4 Ω load		2.7 Ω load	
mm ²	SWG	AWG	m	ft	m	ft	m	ft
2.5	15	13	30	100	15	50	10	33
4	13	11	50	160	25	80	17	53
6	11	9	74	240	37	120	25	80

Use the more detailed L-Acoustics calculation tool to evaluate cable length and gauge based on the type and number of enclosures connected. The calculation tool is available on our website:

https://www.l-acoustics.com/en/installation/tools/



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