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SPIRATECH™ Series

AR-215

3-Way, Line Array unit
High Power and High Directivity

Description :

The AR-215 enclosure is part of a Series of systems, which allows the assembly of different Line Arrays.

As with all the other components in this Series, it has been conceived to offer very high sonic performance, outstanding presence and extreme clarity, while meeting each and every one of the parameters that define the Line Array Technology.

The various elements found in the enclosure make use of sophisticated loudspeaker coupling techniques in order to implement the appropriate shading, thus permitting total control of the horizontal dispersion and avoiding the cancellations inherent to conventional P.A. Systems.

Furthermore, the use of complex wave-guides, permits an absolute control over the vertical coverage, an utmost necessity when directing our sonic energy to specific areas. The end result is a clear message without bouncing or reflected specific frequencies.

The necessary Vertical Coverage is obtained via the system's enclosures separation and angle setting between the same.

The full Line Array system will produce a coherent wave front which provides the interesting peculiarity of only losing 3dB every time we double the distance from the sound source. Conventional systems lose 6 dB in the same circumstances. This Line Array inherent advantage permits large SPL at long distances while offering bearable levels in the near field.

Another noticeable point is the easy set up procedure, thanks to our rugged and reliable flying assembly that permits a precise yet rapid installation.

Applications :

This powerful and highly modular system offers great directivity and flexibility. Therefore it can be used to sound small events up from one thousand listeners to large concerts in open spaces. It meets the standards of the SLAS, (Scalable Line Array System), which adapts easily and can be used successfully in the most diverse tasks.

Although the system has been designed to cover medium to long distances, (Long Throw), it can, just by adding near field units from the same series, (AR-210), become a full coverage P.A. for medium to large events.

The minimum configuration consists of four AR-215, the full advantage of a Line Array rig is reached with eight units. Furthermore, the AR-215 offers full-range response, (45Hz - 18KHz), which permits, in many cases, its use without subwoofers. When these are necessary, the Series' own ARS-218 will reproduce the frequencies as low as 30 Hz, filling-in that band of frequencies up to the 80 Hz mark.

The SpiraTech enclosures, conceived as fully operational Line Array devices, offer a series of specific characteristics:

- Continuous and coherent wave front
- Pattern Control
- Uniform SPL
- High resolution sound reproduction
- Configurable and predictable coverage
- Minimal signal process and settings

The recommended applications include:

- Auditoria
- Stadia
- Concert Halls
- Convention Centres
- Theatres
- Open-air concerts and general events
- Large Ballrooms



Specifications and characteristics

Frequency Response (Hz)	±3dB (1 x AR215) 45Hz - 18kHz ±3dB (8 x AR215) 40Hz - 18kHz
Horizontal coverage angle (-6dB)	90° nominal (250Hz - 18kHz)
Vertical coverage angle (-6dB)	Variable, configuration dependant
Typical with 8 cabinets (0° Splay)	30° nominal
Sensitivity 1 x AR215 (dB/2,83V@1m)	Low 102dB - Mid 106dB - High 115dB
Sensitivity 8 x AR215 (dB/2,83V@1m)	Low 113dB - Mid 119dB - High 126dB
SPL Max / Peak (dB SPL@1m)	1 x AR215 135dB - 140dB 8 x AR215 158dB - 161dB
Recommended signal processor	RAM Audio LMS 244 Digital Processor

Constructive elements

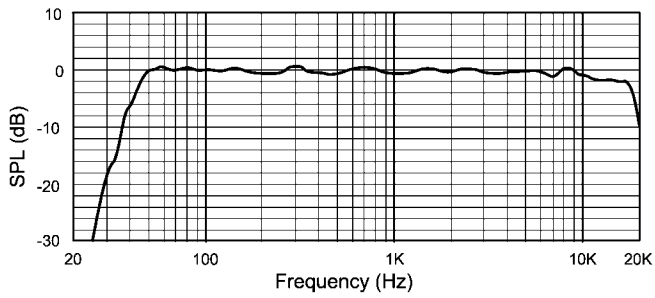
Low frequency	2 x 15" transducers with 4.5" coil Double inner suspension, 1500W AES (750W AES per unit)
Mid frequency	4 x 6.5" transducers with 2" coil Neodymium magnet, 800W AES (200W AES per unit)
High frequency	2 x Compression driver, 2" throat, 3" coil Titanium membrane, Neodymium magnet 180W AES (90W AES per unit)

Enclosure & suspension Hardware

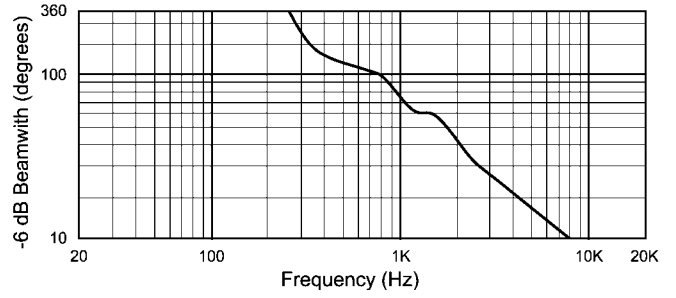
Enclosure	Horizontal parallelepiped construction 18mm Baltic cross ply, tongue and groove assembly throughout. 35mm front panel and outer frame. Bi-component epoxy finish
Protection grill	1.5mm laminated steel with textured epoxy finish
Enclosure protections	Skids on all resting surfaces
Handles	Cut in the enclosure for ease of handling
Connectors	Two Neutrik NL8 connectors on steel back plate
Dimensions (H x W x D)	1240 x 456 x 632 mm (48.8 x 18 x 24.8 inches)
Net weight	94 Kg (207 Pounds) including inserted rigging system
Rigging system	Self-contained, integrated Rigging system with no protruding or loose parts for ease of transport and assembly. Designed to rig and fly up to 20 enclosures with a 1:5 design factor.

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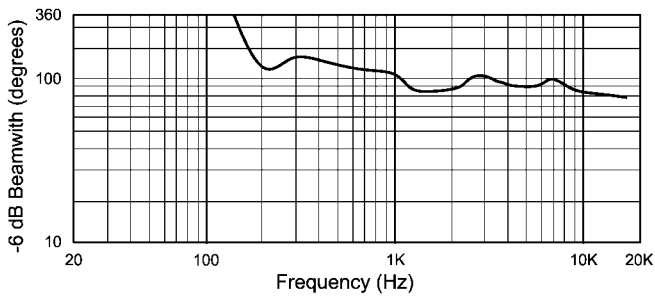
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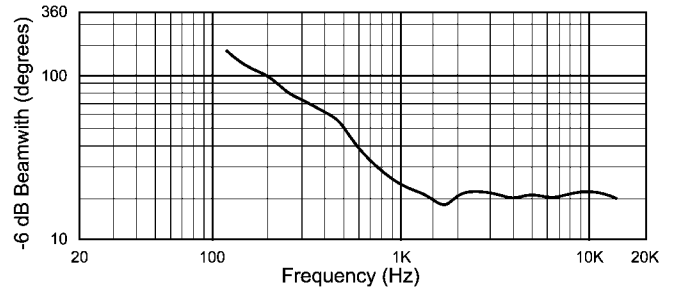
Global normalized response (Single cabinet)



Vertical coverage (Single cabinet)



Horizontal coverage (Typical array)



Vertical coverage (Two cabinets @ 10°)

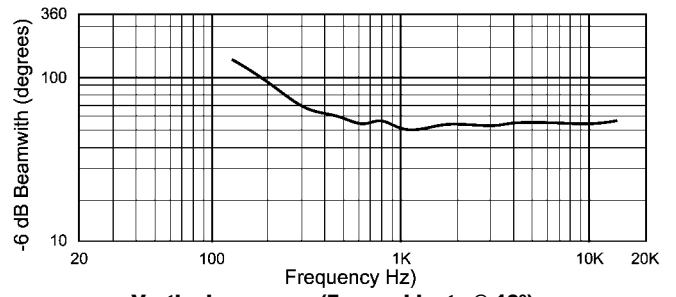
Acoustic response measuring system

The Acoustic Measures of this Line Array Unit have been made taking into account its use context, this is as an individual cabinet to be part of a Line Array Assembly.

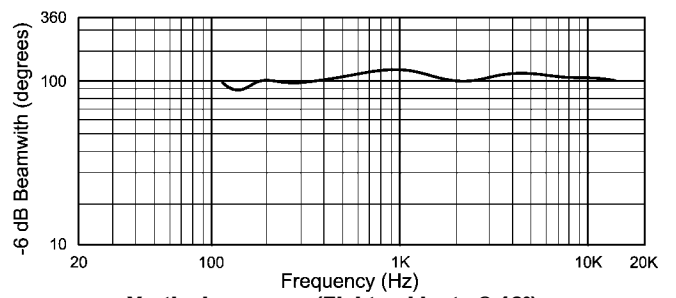
The measure of Frequency Response is that of a single AR-215 enclosure with our recommended, and in the case of our RAM Audio LMS 244, preset, controller settings for crossover, levels and EQ as defined in our accompanying software.

The Vertical Coverage shown in the graphs, from one to eight AR-215, corresponds to a given system with a Splay angle of 10 degrees between adjacent enclosures, except for the one specified at 0 degree which corresponds to a Vertical Line Array with 0 degree Splay angle.

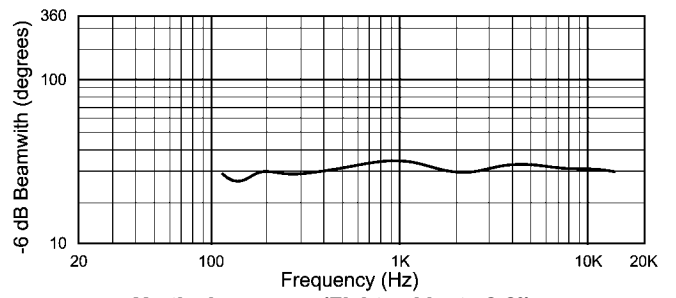
All measures have been taken according to the Gathered Technique with a calibrated microphone centred on the enclosure or Array axis. The polar pattern data are taken symmetrically with respect to the reference axis, at 5 degree intervals, from 0 to 355°, using an LMS digital measuring system.



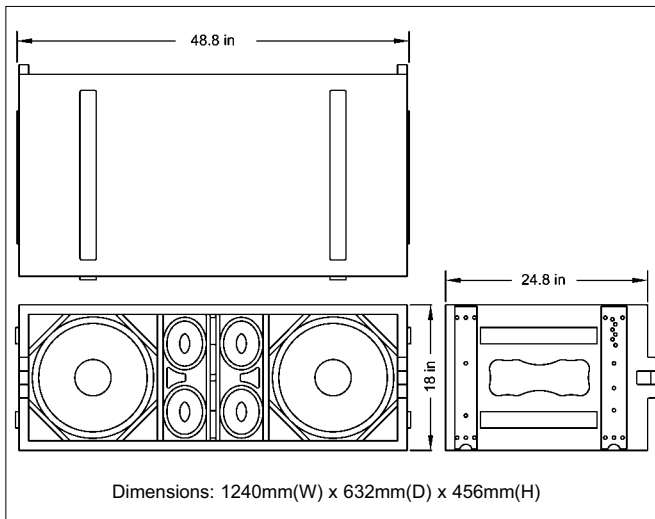
Vertical coverage (Four cabinets @ 10°)



Vertical coverage (Eight cabinets @ 10°)



Vertical coverage (Eight cabinets @ 0°)



Dimensions: 1240mm(W) x 632mm(D) x 456mm(H)

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SPIRATECH™ ARRAYS

The configurable Arrays obtained with the AR-215 are scalable systems, (SLAS), easily and rapidly adapted to any particular need. They follow the theory of the spiral Line Arrays. The enclosures have to be flown vertically and oriented according to the coverage required and always as a multi-enclosure system.

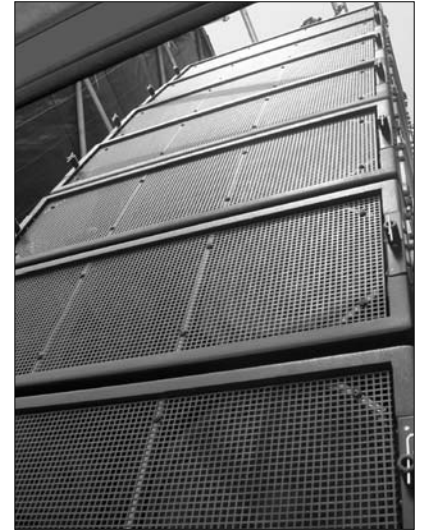
The 90° Horizontal coverage is constantly maintained, regardless of the Splay between the units and their amount, directly proportional to the Vertical Coverage required.

The Vertical Coverage needed, as well as the SPL, are obtained through preset Splay angulations, while the array is assembled on the ground and depend on the number of AR-215 enclosures used.

Our very user friendly flying fixtures permit choosing the Splay angles between 0 and 10 degrees according to the simulation program and avoids the disagreeable chore of having to do so simultaneously to lifting the cabinets.

Up to twenty AR-215 can be flown from the supporting frame TF-215. When the Bottom frame BF-215 is installed and the slings tight between the two, the array becomes a solid assembly free from any unwanted movement or vibration.

The Bottom Frame permits as well to fly under the main system, smaller Line Array units, (AR-210), much more efficient and predictable than any ground stacked front-fill. These enclosures have a greater Horizontal Coverage of 120° to achieve a perfect near field presence.



TF-215 Assembly Top Frame

Designed to support up to twenty AR-215, the frame is made of laser cut steel, with an epoxy finish. It lifts the suspended Line Array from one or two anchoring points. The back transversal bar receives the slings to rigidify the Array with the use of the Bottom Frame.



BF-215 Assembly Bottom Frame

Built from laser cut steel, this frame serves the purpose of rigidifying the Array permitting the tensioning of the slings placed on the Top Frame. It also receives the interface frame IFF-210 to assemble the smaller AR-210 Line Array units.



DAR-215 Protection cover and transport dolly

This rugged front cover provides exceptional protection to the AR-215 enclosures and permits an easy handling on horizontal surfaces thanks to its heavy-duty castors. A positive locking system makes them an integral part of the enclosure and fit for extreme transport conditions. While not in use, they stack to become unobtrusive.



FC-215 Assembly Frames, Transport Flight-case

This rigid, ergonomic and practical transport flight-case accepts two double sets of top and bottom frames. All inner surfaces are lined with high-density polyurethane foam and divided so that every element is individually protected.

