# JBL S Y N T H E S I S

# SMA-8300 SMA-4750

8 & 4-Channel Bridgeable Class D Amplifier



# **Owners Manual**

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# **IMPORTANT Safety Instructions**

- 1. Read these instructions.
- 2. Keep these instructions.
- 3. Heed all warnings.
- 4. Follow all instructions.
- 5. Do not use this apparatus near water.
- 6. Clean only with a dry cloth.
- 7. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- 8. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- 9. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding-type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong is provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
- 10. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched, particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
- 11. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- 12. Use only with a cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.
- 13. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- 14. 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.
- 15. Use the mains plug to disconnect the apparatus from the mains. The mains plug inlet is the disconnect device for this product.
- 16. WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPARATUS TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.
- 17. DO NOT EXPOSE THIS EQUIPMENT TO DRIPPING OR SPLASHING AND ENSURE THAT NO OBJECTS FILLED WITH LIQUIDS, SUCH AS VASES, ARE PLACED ON THE EQUIPMENT.

### CAUTION

#### **RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK. DO NOT OPEN.**



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THIS SYMBOL ON THE PRODUCT MEANS THERE ARE IMPORTANT OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS GUIDE.

#### Correct disposal of this product (Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment)



This symbol means the product must not be discarded as household waste and should be delivered to an appropriate collection facility for recycling. Proper disposal and recycling help protect natural resources, human health and the environment. For more information on disposal and recycling of this product, contact your local municipality, disposal service, or the shop where you bought this product.

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# Introduction

Congratulations, and thank you for purchasing a JBL Synthesis SMA series high-performance amplifier. The SMA8300 & SMA-4750 amplifiers are designed, engineered, and manufactured to the industry's highest quality standards and provide cinema system integrators the advanced features and flexibility required for challenging, 21st-century cinema-sound applications.

Please take the time to study the owner's manual so that you can obtain the best possible performance from your amplifier. For more information and other languages, visit <u>https://www.jblsynthesis.com/</u>.

Should further assistance be required feel free to contact JBL Synthesis technical support at the numbers below.

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Outside the US and Canada: +44 1707 668 012

### What's in the Box

- 1. JBL Synthesis SMA Amplifier
- 2. Quick-start guide and safety sheet
- 3. Rackmount brackets and fastening screws
- 4. AC Power Cord(s) quantity and type vary by region

# **Front Panel Overview**



#### **1 BACK BUTTON**

Press this button to navigate back one level when navigating menus.

#### 4 STANDBY BUTTON

Turns the amplifier power on or off. The Power button has an integrated power LED that illuminates blue when the power is on and red when the power is off.

#### 2 ENCODER

This encoder supports rotary and pushbutton operation. It is used to navigate the menus and select on-screen options. It is also used to adjust individual channel or overall system volume.

#### 5 LCD (DISPLAY)

This color LCD provides product information and visual feedback for operating the amplifier from the front panel.

#### 3 MENU BUTTON

Pressing this button will enter the Main menu, where amplifier settings can be edited.



#### 1 ETHERNET

(NETWORK CONTROL) PORT Connect this RJ45 port to a computer or network for monitoring and controlling the amplifier over Category 5e wiring via the web client.

#### 4 12V TRIGGER IN/OUT

Trigger In allows the amplifier to be turned on or off by an external source. Trigger Out allows the amplifier to control the power state of other connected equipment.

**NOTE**: Trigger Out is pass-thru only; the amplifier does not supply a 12V signal on its own.

#### 2 DANTE/AES67 PRIMARY & SECONDARY PORTS This implementation of DANITE/A

This implementation of DANTE/AES67 allows for up to 64 channels of digital audio over Category 5e wiring.

#### 5 ANALOG AUDIO INPUT CONNECTORS

Connect your audio source outputs to these inputs using balanced analog XLR cables. These inputs are high impedance, balanced connections. 3 AC POWER INLET Connect the included AC power cord to this standard 15A, IEC type 320 inlet. Supported mains voltage range is 100-240V~.

#### 6 OUTPUT TERMINAL (BINDING POST) CONNECTORS

Accepts up to 10 AWG wire, banana connectors, or terminal forks. See the "Wiring Output Connectors" section for information on wiring these connectors.

NOTE: Custom wiring should only be performed by qualified personnel. Class 2 output wiring is required in Single Ended mode. Class 3 output wiring is required in Bridge mono operation.

# Installing the Amp

### UNPACKING

Unpack your amplifier and inspect for any damage that may have occurred during transit. If damage is found, notify the shipping company immediately. Only you can initiate a claim for shipping damage, though JBL will be happy to help as needed. If the product arrived showing signs of damage, save the shipping carton for the shipper's inspection.

We also recommend that you save all packing materials for use if you ever need to transport the unit. Never ship the unit without the factory carton and packing materials.

### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

For installation, you will need the following (not supplied):

- Input wiring cables
- Output wiring cables
- Phillips screwdriver
- Rack for mounting amplifier (or a stable surface for stacking)
- Category 5e or higher cabling

WARNING: Before you start to set up your amplifier, read and observe the Important Safety Instructions included in the box. These instructions can also be downloaded from the product page at <a href="https://www.jblsynthesis.com">www.jblsynthesis.com</a>

**CAUTION**: Before you begin, make sure your amplifier is disconnected from the power source.

It is recommended that you mount the unit in a standard 19-inch (48.3 cm) equipment rack (EIA RS-310B). You may also place a single amp on a solid, stable surface or stack multiple amps.

### **RACK MOUNTING**

1. Attach the rack ear brackets to the sides of the amplifier using the provided machine screw fasteners into the threaded holes  $(1 \pm 0.1$ Nm recommended torque).



2. Install into rack and connect cabling.

### **PROPER COOLING**

When using an equipment rack, mount units directly on top of each other. Close any spaces in the rack with blank panels (open spaces will reduce cooling efficiency). Once mounted in the rack, ensure the sides of the amplifier are well ventilated and that the fan openings are not obstructed, as air flow is side-to-side. The rack should be a minimum of 2 inches (5.1cm) away from the sides of the amplifier. Ensure that the ambient temperature does not exceed 45 degrees Celsius (113 Fahrenheit).

# **Hardware Setup**

### CONNECTING THE AC POWER CORD

Connect your amplifier to the AC mains power outlet using the supplied AC power cord. First, connect the IEC end of the cord to the IEC connector on the amplifier. Then plug the other end of the cord to the AC mains.



The third (ground) prong of the supplied AC power cord connector is a required safety feature. Do not attempt to disable this ground connection by using an adapter or other methods.

Make certain the AC mains voltage and current ratings are sufficient to deliver full power to all amplifiers. SMA Series amplifiers use a universal power supply. The AC voltage requirements are 100V-240V~, 50/60Hz. If power is lost, when power returns, the amplifier will automatically boot into the last known state.

### POWER UP PROCEDURE

When turning on the amplifier for the first time:

- 1. Ensure all connections are disconnected (except the power cord).
- 2. Turn on the amplifier by using the rear AC mains rocker switch. The Power indicator will light blue and the amplifier will boot as long as sufficient mains power is provided.
- 3. Configure the amplifier via the front panel display or the Web UI as described in this manual.
- 4. Once the amplifier has been properly configured for the application, turn off the power by using the rear AC mains rocker switch then disconnect the power cord.
- 5. Turn down the level of your audio source.
- 6. Make all connections as described in "Wiring Input Connectors" and "Wiring Output Connectors."
- 7. Once all connections have been made, reconnect the power cord and turn on the amplifier power.
- 8. Using the ENCODER, reduce the output volume of the amplifier to its minimum.
- 9. Turn your audio source up to an optimum level.
- 10. Now, increase the output volume of the amplifier to your liking.
- 11. Refer to all device meters and ensure that at no point in the signal chain is the signal being clipped in any way. If any of the amplifier's Clip indicators light yellow, reduce the source level until the RED clipping meters no longer light.
- 12. Turn the amplifier's ENCODER clockwise until the desired loudness or power level is achieved, while making sure the amplifier's clip LEDs do not light.

**IMPORTANT**: Always turn off the amplifier — by using the rear AC mains rocker switch — and disconnect the power cord before making any wiring or installation changes.

IMPORTANT: When powering a fully configured Cinema system, always turn the amplifiers ON last and OFF first.

### PRECAUTIONS

Your amplifier is protected from internal and external faults, but you should still take the following precautions for optimum performance and safety:

- Configure the amplifier for proper operation, including input and output wiring hookup. Improper wiring can
  result in serious operating difficulties. For information on wiring and configuration, please consult "<u>Wiring
  Input Connectors</u>" and "<u>Wiring Output Connectors</u>."
- 2. Use care when making connections, selecting signal sources, and controlling the output level.
- 3. Do not short the ground lead of an output cable to the input signal ground. This may form a ground loop and cause oscillations.



# Never connect the output to a power supply, battery, or power main Electrical shock may result.

- 4. Tampering with the circuitry or making unauthorized circuit changes may be hazardous and invalidate all agency listings.
- 5. Do not operate the amplifier with the Clip LEDs constantly flashing.
- 6. Do not overdrive the preamplifier/processor, which will cause clipped signal to be sent to the amplifier. Such signals will be reproduced with extreme accuracy, and loudspeaker damage may result.
- 7. Do not operate the amplifier with less than the rated load impedance. Due to the amplifier's output protection, such a configuration may result in premature clipping and speaker damage.

**REMEMBER:** JBL/ HARMAN is not liable for damage that results from overdriving other system components.

# WIRING INPUT CONNECTORS

JBL Synthesis recommends using pre-built or professionally wired balanced cables (two-conductor plus shield). Balanced wiring provides better rejection of unwanted noise and hum, however, an unbalanced line may also be used.

The cables used for input at the amplifier side must be XLR male, as the amp input connectors are female. The images below show the amplifier inputs and corresponding male XLR connector for balanced wiring.



This amplifier comes Dante Ready. To activate Dante, use the Dante Activator tool from Dante Controller software (v4.5 or later). Once your device is discovered in the software, you will see your purchase options.

The primary and secondary RJ45 connectors are used to send/receive network audio channels.

### WIRING OUTPUT CONNECTORS

Before making any output connections, ensure the power cord is disconnected from the amplifier and carefully review the total impedance for loudspeakers connected to each amplifier output. If multiple loudspeakers are connected to an output (i.e., in series, parallel, or series-parallel), be certain the total system impedance is within allowed specification for the output. See "<u>Specifications</u>" for supported load specifications.

JBL Synthesis recommends using two-conductor or four-conductor, heavy gauge speaker wire. As shown in the image below, you may use terminal forks, banana plugs, or bare wire up to 10 AWG for your output connectors. When using bare wire, JBL recommends that output wiring is tinned. To reduce strain on input and output wiring, horizontal lacer bars such as the Middle Atlantic® part# LBP-4R90 are recommended.

Distance	Wire Size
Up to 25 ft. (7.6m)	16 AWG
26-40 ft. (7.9-12.2m)	14 AWG
41-60 ft. (12.5-18.3m)	12 AWG
> 60 ft (18.3m)	10 AWG



For low-impedance loads, refer to the table above and select the appropriate size of wire based on the distance from amplifier to speaker.



CAUTION: Never use shielded cable for output wiring.



**CAUTION:** Never connect the speaker return to the chassis of the amplifier, or damage to the amplifier may result.

**↓** 

**NOTE**: Custom wiring should only be performed by qualified personnel. Class 2 output wiring is required in Single Ended mode. Class 3 output wiring is required in Bridge mono operation.

For application-specific output connection diagrams, including how to wire outputs for bridge mono operation, see "<u>Application Examples</u>."

# **Configuring the Amp Using the Front Panel Display**

The SMA amplifiers can be configured in two ways: via the Web UI, and via the front panel display. While both methods are sufficient, <u>setup using the Web UI</u> is recommended as it tends to be more efficient.

### MENU STRUCTURE

This diagram shows the high-level SMA-8300 & SMA-4750 front panel menu structure.



Below is a general guide as to how to navigate the menu using the front panel display.



# THE HOME SCREEN

The Home Screen (shown below) is the first screen displayed in the amplifier's front panel display once the amplifier has completed the boot sequence.



This diagram illustrates how to navigate the menu from the Home Screen using the front panel display.



# ADJUSTING CHANNEL VOLUME

Channel volume can either be controlled globally or independently per channel. The volume range is from -80dB to 0dB. The minimum/maximum global volume limits are governed by the channel with the highest or lowest volume setting. For gain structure purposes, it is important to note that volume adjustment occurs at the end of the DSP signal chain and before output limiting.

### To adjust system (global) volume:

From the Home screen, turn the ENCODER until "all channels" are selected. Press the ENCODER, then rotate the ENCODER to adjust the global (master) volume. The volume levels for all channels will be adjusted respectively.



### To adjust the volume of a particular channel:

From the Home screen, rotate the ENCODER until the desired channel is highlighted. Press the ENCODER, then rotate the ENCODER to adjust the individual channel volume.



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# **INPUT SOURCE / MIXING**



The amplifiers ship from the factory with each output channel sourced from its respective analog input (analog input 1 goes to output 1, analog input 2 goes to output 2, etc.).

### To edit Input Source / Mixing settings:

- From the Home screen, press the MENU button.
- Select the "Configure Amplifier" option from the menu using the ENCODER.
- Select the "Input Source/Mixing" option from the menu.
- Turn the ENCODER to navigate to the desired input channel and press the encoder to select.
- If a channel is already selected and you wish to deselect it, navigate to it and press the encoder
- When finished, press the "BACK" button to exit the menu.

INPUT SOL	JRCE/MIXIN	3	🔇 СН 1 / 8 🗲
Analog 1	Analog 2	Analog 3	Analog 4
Analog 5	Analog 6	Analog 7	Analog 8
Net 1	Net 2	Net 3	Net 4
Net 5	Net 6	Net 7	Net 8

If desired, one additional input channel can be assigned and consequently mixed to each output channel. Use the same process to select an additional input channel to be mixed to one output channel. When performed successfully, the front panel display will appear with two highlighted channels as shown below.

### To add a 2<sup>nd</sup> input channel to an output channel:

- From the Home screen, press the MENU button.
- Select the "Configure Amplifier" option from the menu using the ENCODER.
- Select the "Input Source/Mixing" option from the menu.
- Turn the ENCODER to navigate to the desired additional input channel and press the encoder to select.
- When finished, press the "BACK" button to exit the menu.



# **INPUT SETUP**



Input sensitivity selects the input voltage level that's required to generate a full-rated, amplified output. One way that this feature may be used is to match input levels between balanced and unbalanced connections. Input Gain, on the other hand, is used to make additional adjustments beyond what input sensitivity can do.

**NOTE**: Input settings will also affect Dante / AES67 signal flow.



### Input Sensitivity:

- From the Home screen, press the MENU button
- Select the "Configure Amplifier" option from the menu using the ENCODER.
- Select the "Input Setup" option from the menu using the ENCODER
- Scroll and select the channel at the top right of the screen using the ENCODER
- Select the "Input Sensitivity" option from the menu
- Turn the ENCODER to select the desired input sensitivity (+4dBu, +10dBu, or +16dBu)
- Use the ENCODER to make the selection
- When finished, press the BACK button to exit the menu

### Input Gain:

- From the Home screen, press the MENU button
- Select the "Configure Amplifier" option from the menu using the ENCODER.
- Select the "Input Setup" option from the menu using the ENCODER
- Scroll and select the channel at the top right of the screen using the ENCODER
- Select the "Input Gain" option from the menu
- Use the ENCODER to edit
- Press the ENCODER to make the selection
- When finished, press the BACK button to exit the menu

# OUTPUT SETUP

SMA Series amplifiers are extremely capable and flexible. In the Output Setup menu, the following items can be adjusted:

- Hi-Z/Low-Z on an individual channel basis (SMA-8300 must be bridged to support HiZ)
- 70Vrms or 100Vrms operation
- Channel assignments Any input can be sent to any amplifier output
- Mono Bridge Output Output pairs can be bridged for mono operation
- Output faders can be paired
- Volume & Polarity can be adjusted



### **Configuring Output Bridging**

- From the Home screen, press the MENU button.
- Select the "Configure Amplifier" option from the menu using the ENCODER.
- Select the "Output Setup" option from the menu using the ENCODER.
- Use the ENCODER to select "Output Bridging"
- Use the ENCODER to navigate and engage the bridging of adjacent amplifier output channels





### LoZ/HiZ Configuration

- From the Home screen, press the MENU button.
- Select the "Configure Amplifier" option from the menu using the ENCODER.
- Select the "Output Setup" option from the menu using the ENCODER
- Use the ENCODER to select "LoZ/HiZ Configuration"
- Scroll and select the channel at the top right of the screen using the ENCODER
- Use the ENCODER to select between LoZ and HiZ



MODEL	SINGLE-ENDED CONFIGURATION	BRIDGED CONFIGURATION
SMA-4750	LoZ / 70V	LoZ / 70V / 100V
SMA-8300	LoZ	LoZ / 70V / 100V





This screen allows for controlling individual channel output gain and mute, as well as the selection of inverted or normal polarity.

### **Volume & Polarity**

- From the Home screen, press the MENU button
- Select the "Configure Amplifier" option from the menu using the ENCODER.
- Select the "Output Setup" option from the menu using the ENCODER
- Use the ENCODER to select "Volume & Polarity"
- After selecting the channel, use the ENCODER to select from the available parameters
- Press the ENCODER to change the state of a checkbox
- Press the ENCODER and rotate to change the gain



# SPEAKER TUNINGS



Speaker tunings can be selected from the Speaker Tunings screen.

Speaker tunings apply DSP settings to a particular output channel, making it easy to optimize a speaker's performance.



### To select a speaker tuning for a channel:

- From the Home screen, press the **MENU** button
- Select the "Configure Amplifier" option from the menu using the **ENCODER**
- Use the ENCODER to select the "Speaker Tunings" option from the menu
- At the top of the screen, use the ENCODER to select the channel for which you wish to select a speaker tuning
- A box will appear that reads "Clear Tuning"
- Press the **ENCODER**. A list of available speaker tunings will appear on the screen
- Use the **ENCODER** to navigate the list then press the **ENCODER** to select the matching speaker series/model
- If applicable, additional prompts will appear to allow selection of the specific speaker model and additional options
- Repeat for any additional channels

NOTE: For active bi-amp configurations with the JBL Synthesis SCL-1, please refer to the SCL-1 owner's manual



From the DSP Setup menu, input level, PEQ, crossover, delay, and limiter settings can be adjusted to optimize the loudspeaker performance. To easily optimize DSP settings for a particular JBL Synthesis Custom Loudspeaker (SCL) model, see the "<u>Speaker Tunings</u>" section.

This screen shows the status of each DSP module (block). When a module is highlighted, it is enabled.



**NOTE**: "Input Source / Mixing" is also accessible from the CONFIGURE AMPLIFIER screen.



The amplifiers have an Input Delay (pre-crossover) and Output Delay (post-crossover) DSP module for each channel.

The Output Delay can be used to time-align the various drivers in a multi-way speaker system or for closeproximity zone delay (to compensate for the slap-delay artifacts caused when bleed from an adjacent channel is audible). A total of up to 2000ms of delay time is available for each output channel.

The Input Delay can be used for delaying the system to the reference, or whenever more delay time is required than the Output Delay has to offer. The Input Delays provide an additional 2 seconds of delay time for each channel. Delay can be adjusted in milliseconds, feet, or meters.

INPUT DELAY	< CH 1 / 8 >
ENABLED:	
MILLISECONDS:	0000.00
FEET:	0000.00
METERS:	0000.00

### To edit delay settings manually:

- From the Home screen, press the MENU button
- Select the "Configure Amplifier" option from the menu using the ENCODER
- Select the "DSP Setup" option from the menu
- Select the "Input Delay" or "Output Delay" icon for the channel you wish to edit
- Use the ENCODER to navigate, make selections, and edit settings
- When finished, press the "BACK" button to exit the menu

### Available options/parameters:

### • Enable (Off, On)

Turns the Delay on or off

• Seconds (Input Delay: 0 – 2000ms, Output Delay: 0 – 2000ms) Adjusts the delay time in ms.

• Feet (Input Delay: 0 – 2250ft, Output Delay: 0 – 2250ft) Adjusts the delay time in fee.

• Meters (Input Delay: 0 – 646m, Output Delay: 0 – 646m) Adjusts the delay time in meters

# PEQ (Parametric EQ)



Input and Output PEQs are available. Each PEQ section contains 8 configurable biquads. The Output (postcrossover) PEQs are typically used for speaker tuning settings, and the Input (pre-crossover) PEQs provide additional EQ filtering for the system if required.

### To edit PEQ settings manually:

- From the Home screen, press the MENU button.
- Select the "Configure Amplifier" option from the menu using the ENCODER.
- Select the "DSP Setup" option from the menu.
- Select the pre or post-crossover "PEQ" icon for the channel you wish to edit.
- Use the ENCODER to navigate, make selections, and edit settings.
- When finished, press the "BACK" button to exit the menu.



### Available options/parameters:

### Enable (Off, On)

Turns the PEQ on or off.

### Band (Band 1 – Band 8)

Selects the filter band for editing.

### Туре

Selects the type of filter for the band.

### Frequency (20Hz – 22kHz)

Sets the center/corner frequency of the band.

### Gain (±20dB)

Sets the amount of gain (boost/cut) applied to the band.

### Q (0.10 - 10)

Sets the Q of the band for Bell-type filters or adjusts the resonant peak for 2nd Order low-pass/high-pass filters (only visible when one of these filter types is selected).

### Available filter types:

- Bell
- Low-shelf
- High-shelf
- LP 1<sup>st</sup> Order (6dB/oct low-pass filter)
- HP 1<sup>st</sup> Order (6dB/oct high-pass filter)
- LP 2<sup>nd</sup> Order (6-12dB/oct low-pass filter with variable resonant peak using the Q parameter)
- HP 2<sup>nd</sup> Order (6-12dB/oct high-pass filter with variable resonant peak using the Q parameter)
- All-pass 1<sup>st</sup> Order (90° phase shift)
- All-pass 2<sup>nd</sup> Order (180° phase shift)

### Crossover



Crossover filter settings can be edited from the Crossover screen. Crossover filters are used to restrict the range of frequencies sent to a loudspeaker or driver for protection and sound optimization.

### To edit crossover settings manually:

- From the Home screen, press the MENU button.
- Select the "Configure Amplifier" option from the menu using the ENCODER.
- Select the "DSP Setup" option from the menu.
- Select the "XOVER" icon for the channel you wish to edit.
- Use the **ENCODER** to navigate, make selections, and edit settings.
- When finished, press the "BACK" button to exit the menu.

OUTPUT CRC	SSOVER	< СН 1 / 8 >
HP ENABLED :		
HP TY PE :	L-R 12	~
HP FREQ :		00020
LP ENABLE D		
LP TYPE :	L-R 12	~
LP FREQ :		00020
GAIN		+00

### Available options/parameters:

### HP Enable (Off, On)

Enables or disables the high-pass filter

HP Type (Butterworth 12 – 24 – 36dB/octave, Linkwitz-Riley 12 – 24 – 36dB/octave) Selects the high-pass filter type and slope rate in dB/octave

### HP Freq (20Hz – 20kHz)

Sets the high-pass filter corner frequency

#### LP Enable (Off, On)

Enables or disables the low-pass filter

LP Type (Butterworth 12 – 24 – 36dB/octave, Linkwitz-Riley 12 – 24 – 36dB/octave) Selects the low-pass filter type and slope rate in dB/octave

### LP Freq (20Hz – 20kHz)

Sets the low-pass filter's corner frequency

#### Gain (-80 to 24dB)

Adjusts the crossover output gain, pre limiter

### Polarity (Normal, Inverted)

Selects between normal or inverted polarity for the selected output

## Limiter (LevelMAX<sup>™</sup>)



Limiters are used to set a "ceiling" on the output level to protect drivers from over-excursion. The thermal limiters in the amplifiers can also protect against thermal driver failure (overheating). For advanced users, LevelMAX can be configured manually using the information found in <u>this guide</u>. If you are not already familiar with how to configure the parameters in the figure below, it is NOT recommended that you configure LevelMAX manually.

### To edit limiter settings manually:

- From the Home screen, press the **MENU** button
- Select the "Configure Amplifier" option from the menu using the ENCODER
- Select the "DSP Setup" option from the menu
- Select the "Limit" icon for the channel you wish to edit
- Use the **ENCODER** to navigate, make selections, and edit settings
- When finished, press the "BACK" button to exit the menu

OUTPUT LIMIT	<	CH1/8 >
ENABLED:		
MODE:	ADVANCED	~
PEAK THRESHO	LD (VPK):	100
PEAK RELEASE	(sec):	00.01
RMS THRESHOL	d (VRMS):	100
RMS RELEASE	(sec):	00.01
THERMAL VOLT	AGE (VRMS)	100
TIME CONSTANT	(sec):	010

### Available options/parameters:

Enable (Off, On) Turns the Limiter on or off

### Mode (Automatic, Advanced)

Sets the operation mode. In automatic mode, the software determines the best settings based on the signal characteristics

### RMS Voltage (1 – 200VRMS)

Sets the RMS voltage limit for the output

### Thermal Voltage (1 – 200V)

Sets the long-term output power limit of the amplifier to what the loudspeaker load can handle without overheating and going into thermal compression. This is based on the AES power/voltage ratings of drivers outlined in the AES2-2012 standard

### Time Constant (1 – 600 sec)

Sets the time it takes for the thermal limiter to adjust output voltage. This is based on the AES power/voltage ratings of drivers outlined in the AES2-2012 standard

# **Device Presets**

Device presets allow configuration, DSP, channel assignment, gains, and other settings to be stored for later recall. A device preset can be used to configure the amp for a specific application and speaker model. For example, you may wish to use one device preset that optimizes the DSP settings for a JBL Synthesis bi-amplified speaker whilst using another preset for a pair of loudspeakers with different characteristics. Subtle changes can also be made between device presets, such as a change of input channel assignments. Device presets can be stored within the amplifier as well as backed up to a PC using the web client.

DEFAULT is the factory default device preset and cannot be overwritten. It sets up the amplifier for pass-thru operation with no DSP features enabled. Presets 1-20 are user device presets and can be overwritten.

The following bullets outline which settings are stored to device presets and which are not:

### **Settings Stored to Device Presets**

- DSP Settings
- Levels
- Mutes
- Internal Amp Wiring (channel assignment, dualmono/bridge mode)
- Input Source Assignments (analog and network)

# SAVE PRESET



# To save the current settings as a device preset from the front panel:

- From the Home screen, press the MENU button
- Select the "Configure Amplifier" option from the menu using the ENCODER
- Select the Preset ID to which you wish to save the preset
- Select the "Save" option
- Select "YES"

SAVE PRES	ET	IP: 192.168.1.10 JBL-SMA-8	
PRESET:		Default	~
Last applied Changes ma	preset: Ide sinc	'Default' e last apply:	yes
Analog In 1	0.0dB		IG CH1
Analog In 2	0.0dB		IG) СН2
Analog In	0.0dB		IG) СН
			SAVE

**NOTE:** Any unsaved settings will be retained in the amplifier after a power cycle. However, settings should be saved before loading another device preset if you wish to recall them later. Otherwise, they will be lost.

# Front Panel Lighting/Display OptionsFront Panel Security

• Network Settings

**Settings NOT Stored to Device Presets** 

# LOAD PRESET



### To load a device preset from the front panel:

- From the Home screen, press the MENU button
- Select the "Configure Amplifier" option from the menu using the ENCODER
- Select the "Load Preset" option
- Use the ENCODER to navigate presets. As each preset is selected, the preset number, name, and configuration will be displayed on-screen
- Once the desired preset has been selected, use the ENCODER to select "LOAD"

LOAD PRESE	T	IP: 192. JBL-SM	168.1.10 A-8
PRESET:		Default	~
Last applied p Changes made	reset:' e since	'Default' e last apply: yes	
Analog In 1 (	0.0dB	(NO TUNING)	CH1
Analog In 2 (	0.0dB	(NO TUNING)	CH2
Analog In (	).0dB	(NO TUNING)	CH
		LC	DAD

# **Application Examples**

# SINGLE-ENDED MODE

Typical input/output wiring is shown in the image below.

**INPUTS:** Connect the input wires for each channel. See "<u>Wiring Input Connectors</u>" for further information on analog input wiring.

If an input signal is intended to drive multiple outputs, it can be routed as such using the procedure in the "<u>Input</u> <u>Source / Mixing</u>" section.

**OUTPUTS:** Be sure to maintain proper polarity (+/–) between the amplifier terminals and the speakers. Connect the positive (+) lead of the Channel 1 speaker to the positive (+) terminal of Channel 1 of the amp. Repeat this process for the negative (–) lead. Repeat for all remaining speakers that will be in use. See "<u>Wiring Output</u> <u>Connectors</u>" for additional information on output wiring.



### System Wiring in Single-Ended Mode

**NOTE**: Always route the input and output wires in separate bundles.

# **BRIDGE MONO MODE**

**INPUTS**: See "<u>Wiring Input Connectors</u>" and "<u>Input Source / Mixing</u>" for further information on analog input wiring.



Front panel amplifier mode settings

**OUTPUTS:** Be sure to maintain proper polarity (+/–) between the amplifier terminals and the speakers. Connect the positive (+) lead of Speaker 1 to the positive (+) terminal of Channel 1 of the amplifier. <u>Next, connect the negative (–) lead of Speaker 1 to the negative (–) lead of Channel 2 of the amplifier.</u> Repeat for all remaining speakers that will be used in bridge mode. See "<u>Wiring Output Connectors</u>" for additional information on output wiring. See "<u>Output Setup</u>" for information on configuring an output pair for bridge mono operation.



System Wiring in Bridge Mono Mode (JBL Synthesis SSW-1 shown)

**NOTE**: Always route the input and output wires in separate bundles.

# **System Settings**

# LIGHTING / DISPLAY OPTIONS



These options can be used to turn off the front panel LCD.

# To Edit Lighting Options:

- From the Home screen, press the MENU button
- Select the "System Settings" option from the menu using the ENCODER
- Select "Lighting/Display Options" from the menu
- Scroll and select the setting using the ENCODER
- When done, press the BACK button to exit this menu



### Available options/parameters:

• LCD Display (Always On, 30 sec, 5 min, 30 min) This option allows the LCD to go to sleep after a specified period of inactivity. Once asleep, any button press will wake up the LCD

# SECURITY / FRONT PANEL LOCKOUT

The front panel can only be <u>locked via the Web UI</u>. If it has been locked, it can be unlocked using the Web UI or by pressing any button on the front panel of the amplifier and following the unlock procedure as described below:

### To Unlock the Amp using the front panel display:

- From the Home screen, press any button
- Using the ENCODER, enter the PIN
- When finished, use the ENCODER to select "UNLOCK"

UNLOCK DEVIC	ε
Enter the PIN to	unlock.
UNLOC K	CANCEL

# **POWER MODES**



### **To Edit Power Mode Settings:**

- From the Home screen, press the MENU button
- Select the "System Settings" option from the menu using the ENCODER
- Select the "Power Modes" option from the menu
- Turn and press the ENCODER to select the desired settings
- When done, press the BACK button to exit this menu



### Available Options:

### • SIGNAL SENSE

The SIGNAL SENSE power mode allows the SMA amplifiers to conserve power during periods of inactivity. The amplifier will automatically enter standby after a period of inactivity. By default, this will occur 60 minutes after audio is no longer present at the input of the DSP for a given channel. The unit will exit standby when audio is sensed again at the input of the amplifier.

### Available options/parameters:

**Wake-on-LAN:** Allows amplifier to be turned on from standby by a network message via 3<sup>rd</sup> party controller (received on the ethernet port)

Enable On Network Inputs: Amplifier will wake upon the presence of a signal on a network input

Auto-Standby Timeout: Determines how many minutes the amp will remain on without a signal

Auto-Standby Threshold: Sets the threshold to determine the signal/no-signal condition

### • 12V TRIGGER

The state of the device is controlled solely by the external 12V trigger signal (this mode will be automatically selected when a 12V trigger signal is present).

**NOTE:** The front panel standby button will be non-operational in 12V trigger mode. The standby button will briefly flash blue for 10 seconds when pressed, and the amplifier will power on for a 5-minute window to allow the power mode to be changed.

### • ALWAYS ON

The state of the device is controlled solely by the standby button and WakeOnLan.

# DIAGNOSTICS



The Diagnostics screen provides a read-only list of amplifier information.

### To Enter the Diagnostics Screen:

- From the Home Screen, press the MENU button
- Select the "System Settings" option from the menu using the ENCODER
- Select the "Diagnostics" option
- Use the ENCODER to scroll the menu

DIAGNOSTICS	IP: 192.168.1.10 JBL-SMA-8
DEVICE NAME:	JBL-SMA-8
FIRMWARE:	sma-1234
SERIAL NUMBER:	IP00004 -LO0000010
MFG DATE:	2024-12-26

### Information Displayed:

- DEVICE NAME
- FIRMWARE VERSION
- SERIAL NUMBER
- MANUFACTURED DATE

# **Network Settings**



Network settings can be configured from either the front panel display or the Web UI. DHCP is enabled by default, allowing the SMA amplifier to automatically obtain an IP address when connecting to an Ethernet switch or router with an active DHCP server, or when using Auto-IP.

### To Enter the Network Settings Screen:

- From the Home Screen, press the MENU button
- Select the "Network Settings" option from the menu using the ENCODER
- Use the ENCODER to select and edit the network settings
- Use the ENCODER to press the SAVE button when finished editing

NETWORK SETT	IF J	2: 192. BL-SM	168.1.10 IA-8	
MODE:		Онс	P	~
IP:	192	168	001	010
SUBNET:	255	255	255	000
GATEWAY:	192	168	001	001
MAC ADDRESS:				
				SAVE

### **Available Parameters:**

### • MODE

"DHCP" - allows the amplifier to automatically obtain an IP address from a DHCP server or via Auto-IP "STATIC" – allows manual configuration of the amplifier network settings

### IP ADDRESS

Allows for viewing and editing the IP address of the amplifier

SUBNET

Allows for viewing and editing the subnet mask of the amplifier

GATEWAY

Allows for viewing and editing the gateway address of the amplifier if required to access the network. If using a router, the gateway address will typically be the router address

### MAC ADDRESS (Informational only)

Allows for viewing the MAC Address of the amplifier

# Dante / AES67



The Dante / AES67 page if for informational purposes only. It will show the status of the connection/links.

### To Enter the Dante / AES67 Screen:

- From the Home Screen, press the MENU button
- Select the "DANTE / AES67" option from the menu using the ENCODER
- Press the BACK button to exit the menu

AES67	IP: 192.168.1.10 JBL-SMA-8
PRIMARY LINK:	Not connected
SECONDARY LINK:	Not connected
SYNC:	NO

### **Available Parameters**

PRIMARY LINK

Connected/Not Connected

• SECONDARY LINK

Connected/Not Connected

• SYNC

YES / NO

# **Configuring The Amp Using the Web Client**

This section of the manual describes how to configure the SMA amplifier for your application using the PC web client. This includes assigning input channels, editing internal routing and DSP settings, and configuring output settings.

# ACCESSING THE WEB CLIENT TO CONFIGURE THE AMPLIFIER OVER A NETWORK

To access the web client, the amplifier must be connected to a TCP\IP network via the rear panel Ethernet port and, in some cases, configured for the network. Additionally, your PC must be connected to the same network as the amplifier. When using the same PC to access more than one amplifier through the Web Client, each amplifier can be individually configured using a single tab. Each tab name will show the name of the corresponding amplifier. If the graphics appear incorrect, you may need to clear the cache of your web browser.

### To Access the Web Client:

- 1. Open a web browser on your PC
- Locate the IP address of the unit using the front panel display as shown to the right
- Type the IP address of the unit in the browser address bar and press "Enter"
- 4. The browser should display the Web interface as shown below



# MONITOR PAGE

The monitor page provides a high-level overview of the amplifier settings and status. This includes input and output meters, Dante/AES67 Status, presets, DSP block status, output volume levels, muting, channel fader linking, and limiter and fault status. You can access all of these parameters by clicking on the respective buttons. You can also store and recall presets from this page.

JBL-SMA-000002	MONITOR INPUT OUTPUT & TUNING ROUT	FING & MIXING SETTINGS
Customizable		
Name INPUT CLIPPING	Store/Recall Presets	OUTPUT LEVEL Output Volume
	1: Default RECALL STORE SIG GEN SETTINGS	
-20		
-40 -80		
-120	4 💿 💷 🕰 👫 🔼 💭 🕼 🔛 🛃 🛛 NO TUNING	M M M M M M M Mute/Unmute
		LINK? LINK33 LINK44 LINK56 LINK? LINK? LINK/Unlink LINK72 LINK33 LINK44 LINK56 LINK? LINK?
-20		
-80	DSP Settings	
5 6 7 8		Output Meters / Limiter / Fault
Locked: Primary Status: Secondary Status:	Dante/AES67 Status	TEMP LIMIT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

### **ROUTING AND MIXING**

The amplifiers ship with each output channel sourced from its respective analog input (e.g., analog input 1 goes to output 1, etc.) as shown below. A maximum of 2 input channels can be assigned and consequently mixed to each output channel by selecting the checkbox next to the intersection of the desired in/out combination. Channel names are customizable, and levels can be adjusted to create the desired mix.

			MONITOR IN	IPUT OUTPUT	& TUNING	ROUTING & MIXING	SETTINGS		
						2			
MIXING									
Custo	mizable	AMP CH 1	AMP CH 2	AMP CH 3	AMP CH 4	AMP CH 5	AMP CH 6	AMP CH 7	AMP CH 8
	s	Output channel 1	Output channel 2	Output channel 3	Output channel 4	Output channel 5	Output channel 6	Output channel 7	Output channel 8
<b>[</b>			IDGE IFF		FF				FF
ANLG IN 1	Analog input 1		Odl	3 OdB		0dB 0d	3 OdB	OdB	OdB
ANLG IN 2	Analog input 2	0018	Odi	3 OdB		0dB 0d	3 OdB	0dB	OdB
ANLG IN 3	Analog input 3	Mix Le	odi evel	3 🔽 OdB		0dB 0d	3 OdB	0dB	OdB
ANLG IN 4	Analog input 4	OdB	Odi	3 OdB		OdB Od	3 OdB	0dB	OdB
ANLG IN 5	Analog input 5	OdB	Odi	3 OdB		0dB 🗸 0d	3 OdB	0dB	OdB
ANLG IN 6	Analog input 6	OdB	Odi	3 OdB		0dB 0d	3 🔽 OdB	0dB	OdB
ANLG IN 7	Analog input 7	OdB	Odl	3 OdB		0dB 0d	3 OdB	OdB	OdB
ANLG IN 8	Analog input 8	OdB	Odl	3 OdB		OdB Od	3 OdB	OdB	OdB

**NOTE**: Network (Dante) input channels will only be shown if the device has an active Dante license. To activate Dante, use the Dante Activator tool from Dante Controller software (v4.5 or later). Once your device is discovered in the software, you will see your purchase options.

### **Bridged Mode**

As shown below, bridged mode can be engaged by clicking the "ON/OFF" button below the word "BRIDGE". By default, all amplifier channels are set to single-ended (SE) operation.

MIXING		Bridge	d Mode	SE Mode	SE Mode
		AMP CH 1	AMP CH 2	AMP CH 3	AMP CH 4
		Output channel 1	+ Output channel 2	Output channel 3	Output channel 4
		BRI	IDGE N	BI	RIDGE OFF
ANLG IN 1	Analog input 1		0dB	Od	B OdB
ANLG IN 2	Analog input 2		0dB	Od	BODB
ANLG IN 3	Analog input 3		0dB	V 0d	BOdB
ANLG IN 4	Analog input 4		OdB	Od	B 🗸 OdB

# INPUT

The INPUT page is designed to facilitate the configuration of parameters related to input channels, such as input gain, mute/unmute, input sensitivity, delay, and PEQ.

### **Input Monitor Section**



### DSP & Channel Selection

To select which input channel to configure, simply click on the corresponding number in the "DSP" portion of the INPUT page as shown below (Channel 1 is currently selected).



### Delay

Delay can be specified in milliseconds, feet, or meters. When one input field is used to specify the amount of delay, the other two will update to show the equivalent delay in their corresponding units of measurement.

DELAY					
OFF	0ms <mark>+</mark> -	FEET	oft +	METERS	0m + -

### Setting the PEQ

The DSP section includes 8 biquads for each channel that can be configured as the following filter types by using the "FILTER TYPE" drop-down menu:

BELL LOW SHELF HIGH SHELF LOW PASS 1ST ORDER HIGH PASS 1ST ORDER ALL PASS 1ST ORDER

### LOW PASS 2ND ORDER HIGH PASS 2ND ORDER ALL PASS 2ND ORDER

**NOTE**: The 1<sup>st</sup> Order Low Pass and High Pass filters have a slope of -6dB/octave. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Low Pass and High Pass filters generally have a slope of -12dB/octave, though that will vary with the Q factor selected. The 1<sup>st</sup> Order All Pass creates a 90-degree phase shift, and 2nd Order All Pass creates a 180-degree phase shift.

In the figure shown below, the first biquad is configured as a "BELL" with 6dB of gain at 60Hz using a Q factor of 2. The center frequency, Q factor, and gain can all be adjusted via manual entry or by clicking the up/down buttons.



NOTE: The parameters for a specific PEQ band will only be configurable if that PEQ band is "ON."

# **OUTPUT & TUNING**

The OUTPUT & TUNING page is designed to facilitate the configuration of parameters related to output channels, such as gain, mute/unmute, polarity, impedance, delay, crossover, limiter, and PEQ.



### **Signal Generator Section**

- 1. As seen in the figure to the right, the following parameters can be adjusted here:
  - a. On/Off
  - b. Gain (Range: -80 to 0dB)
  - c. Signal Type
    - i. Pink noise
    - ii. White Noise
    - iii. Sine Tone



### DSP

To select which input channel to configure, simply click on the corresponding number in the "DSP" portion of the OUTPUT & TUNING page as shown below (Channel 1 is currently selected).



# Setting the PEQ

The output PEQ also contains 8 biquads for use on each output channel. The instructions for configuring the output PEQ are identical to those of the input PEQ. Click <u>here</u> to navigate to the PEQ configuration instructions.

### Crossover

Available options for the crossover include Butterworth 12 - 24 - 36dB/octave and Linkwitz-Riley 12 - 24 - 36dB/octave. These can be selected as shown below, along with the corner frequency, gain (-80 to +24dB), and Enable/Disable.

CROSSOVER	HP and LP Enable/Disable
HIGH PASS	OFF LOW PASS OFF 0
L-R 12	L-R 12
BW 12	20Hz 0dB
L-R 24	
BW 24	Selection
L-R 36	
BW 36	TIC ADVANCED

### LevelMAX<sup>™</sup> (Limiter)

Limiters are used to set a "ceiling" on the output level to protect drivers from over-excursion. The thermal limiters in the amplifiers can also protect against thermal driver failure (overheating). For advanced users, LevelMAX can be configured manually. If you are not already familiar with how to configure the parameters in the figure below, it is NOT recommended that you configure LevelMAX manually.

AUTOMATIC	ADVANCED	TRANSDUCER THERMAL LIMITING
OUTPUT THERMAL LIMITIN         PEAK Threshold (VPK)       RMS Threshold (VRMS)         100          Release (sec)       0.1	IG TRANSDUCER THERMAL LIMITING THERMAL VOLTAGE (VRMS) 100 - 100 - 0.1 - 10 - 10 - 10 -	AMP OUTPUT GAIN REDUCTION 0 dBFS 0 dB 20 dBFS 15 dB 40 dBFS 30 dB

### Speaker Tunings

Speaker tunings apply DSP settings to a particular output channel, making it easy to optimize a speaker's performance.

### Selecting a Speaker Tuning

- 1. As seen in the figure to the right, you can select between different speaker tunings by selecting:
  - a. Brand
  - b. Market
  - c. Series
  - d. Model
  - e. Usage
- Regarding Usage: For active bi-amp configurations with the JBL Synthesis SCL-1, please refer to the SCL-1 owner's manual



TUNINGS	
JBL Synthesis	~
Cinema	~
SCL	~
SCL-1	~
Select Usage	~
Passive	
Active Bi-Amp LF	
Active Bi-Amp HF	

# SETTINGS

The SETTINGS page is used to obtain information about your unit, configure system-level settings, and manage network and software details. The following items can be found on this page:

<ul> <li>Amp ID inform</li> <li>Customizable (50 characters special characters special characters system Monit temperature a supply status</li> </ul>	nation Amp Name s or less, no cters) oring such as and power	<ul> <li><u>Power modes:</u> <ul> <li><u>Always ON</u></li> <li><u>Signal Sense</u></li> <li><u>12V Trigger</u></li> </ul> </li> <li>Network Settings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Front Panel Display Settings</li> <li>System Updates</li> <li>Reboot, Reset, and PIN setting (recommended)</li> <li>Unit Identification Feature</li> <li>Import/Export Configuration</li> </ul>
	MONITOR	INPUT OUTPUT & TUNING ROUTING & MIX	
AMP NAME	JBL-SMA-000002	POWER MODES ALWAYS ON ~	
AMP MODEL	SMA_8300	The state of the device is controlled solely by the standby	ALWAYS ON
AMP SERIAL #	IP0004-LO0000010	button.	SYSTEM ACTIONS
AMP DATE CODE	2024-12-26	NETWORK	Firmware Update
FIRMWARE VERSION	sma-1567	MANUAL DHCP	Update your firmware version update by uploading the latest firmware file.
MAC ADRESS	00-16-5A-00-00-02	IP ADDRESS	Hardware version: 5.3
SYSTEM MOI	NITORING	192.168.0.104	Get a firmware file from the Harman repository.
PWR SUPPLY STATUS	ОК		Reboot
PWR SUPPLY TEMPS	36°C 0°C	GATEWAY	Device will be unavailable briefly while it reboots.
CHANNEL 1 TEMP	40°C		Reset
CHANNEL 2 TEMP	41°C		Device will reset all user settings to default. The firmware version will remain the same.
CHANNEL 3 TEMP	41°C	ALTERNATIVE DNS SERVER	RESET
CHANNEL 4 TEMP	41°C		PIN Enter the PIN to lock the device
CHANNEL 5 TEMP	42°C	SAVE NETWORK DETAILS	
CHANNEL 6 TEMP	42°C		
CHANNEL 7 TEMP	42°C		PRINT
CHANNEL 8 TEMP	42°C		
			Click to put the networked device into a Locate state —the Standby LED will flash GREEN to physically identify the device
			IMPORT EXPORT

**NOTE:** Depending on the situation, it may be appropriate to set a PIN code to lock the amplifier(s). It is highly recommended in situations where someone other than the responsible installer/technician may accidentally change the settings.

### **Firmware Update Process**

Occasionally, a new version of firmware will become available. When this is the case, it is strongly recommended that you perform the update for your amplifier. You can perform the update via the "SETTINGS" page of the Web UI under "SYSTEM ACTIONS" as shown below.

JBL-SMA-000002	MONITOR	INPUT OUTPUT & TUNING ROUTING & I	MIXING SETTINGS
AMP NA	ME JBL-SMA-000002	POWER ALWAYS ON ~	
AMP MOD	EL SMA_8300 L# IP0004-L00000010	The state of the device is controlled solely by the standby button.	SYSTEM ACTIONS
AMP DATE CO	DE 2024-12-26	NETWORK	Firmware Update
FIRMWARE VERSI	DN sma-1567	MANUAL DHCP	Update your firmware version update by uploading the latest firmware file. Firmware version: sma-1567
MAC ADRE	SS 00-16-5A-00-00-02	IP ADDRESS 192.168.0.104	Hardware version: 5.3 FIRMWARE UPDATE
SYSTEM I	ONITORING	SUBNET MASK	Get a firmware file from the Harman repository.
PWR SUPPLY STAT	JS OK		Reboot
PWR SUPPLY TEM	PS 36°C 0°C	GATEWAY	REBOOT
CHANNEL 1 TE	40°C	PREFERRED DNS SERVER	Reset
CHANNEL 2 TE	41°C		Version will remain the same.
CHANNEL 3 TE	IP 41°C	ALTERNATIVE DNS SERVER	RESET
CHANNEL 4 TEI	MP 41°C	SAVE NETWORK DETAILS	PIN Enter the PIN to lock the device.
CHANNEL 5 TE	41°C		LOCK
CHANNEL 6 TE	42°C		

### To update the firmware for your amplifier:

- 1. Click "Get a firmware file from the Harman repository"
- 2. Download the latest firmware update zip file to your computer
- 3. Unzip the compressed folder
- 4. Click the "FIRMWARE UPDATE" button
- 5. Click "Choose File"
- Select the firmware file from the unzipped folder (the extension will be ".swu")
- Click "UPDATE FIRMWARE" to begin the update process
- The front panel display of the amplifier will show the firmware update progress bar move from 0% to 100% over a period of a few minutes
- 9. Allow the amplifier to automatically reboot
- Once the process is completed, connect to the web client to verify that the firmware version has been updated



### Firmware Update Process (continued)



Click "UPDATE FIRWMARE" to begin the update



The Update Progress Bar shows that the FW update has been sent to the amplifier

1000	MONTON MENT CUTTOTATIONNE MONTHE-AMERICA	<u>877963</u>
	NETWORK	FRONT PANEL CONTROL UNITED TOTAL UNITED TOTAL SYSTEM ACTIONS Foreware Update
	Update Firmware	
AMP MONITO		
	100%	
		Press Transis with transit of your wellings to defined. The formation services with research for under
		THE CONTRACTOR OF A

Finally, the front panel display of the amplifier will show the actual firmware update process. The amplifier must be allowed to automatically reboot so that the firmware update can be completed.

NOTE: It is good practice to clear the browser cache after a successful firmware update.

### Reset

The Reset function allows an SMA amplifier to be reverted to its default settings. When initiated, it will perform the following tasks:

- Erase all user presets (this includes all user DSP and configuration settings)
- Reset all system settings

### To RESET the amplifier:

- 1. Click the "RESET" button
- 2. Confirm that you wish to perform a reset

Reset Device will reset all user settings to default. The firmware version will remain the same. RESET

### Locking And Unlocking the Amplifier Using a PIN

The amplifiers can be locked and unlocked via the Web UI using a PIN. When an amp is locked, the settings cannot be changed without first unlocking it. Setting a PIN and locking the amplifier is highly recommended in situations where someone other than the responsible installer/technician may accidentally change the settings.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**: Make sure to store your PIN safely. In order to reset the PIN, press and hold the BACK button in the front panel until the display shows the volume monitoring view.

### To LOCK the amplifier using the PIN:

1. Click the "LOCK" button

LOCK	

2. Choose and enter a PIN twice and click "LOCK" to lock the device



When the amplifier is locked, there are several areas on the monitor page that will indicate such (as seen in the image below).



### To UNLOCK the amplifier using a PIN:

- 1. Click the "UNLOCK" button
- 2. Enter the PIN and click "UNLOCK" to unlock the amplifier

# **System Protection**

### FAULTS

The amplifier will enter a fault state if it senses an unsafe condition. This protection is for both internal and external faults. Be sure that the load connected to the amplifier is within the 2.7-16 Ohms limit (5.4-16 Ohms in Bridge Mono mode). If wiring and load are verified as correct and the fault condition persists, <u>contact JBL Synthesis</u> technical support. If for any reason a loss of power occurs, the amp will return to its most recent state upon reboot.

Fault	Display Message	Description
High Voltage	"Over Voltage	The power supply's high voltage rails are no longer
_	Protection"	within a safe operating range for the amplifier or other
		components attached
Low Voltage	"Under Voltage	The power supply's high voltage rails are no longer
	Protection"	within a safe operating range for the amplifier or other
		components attached
OCP	"Over Current	At the amplifier output, either a low resistance load is detected or
	protection"	a short circuit is detected
Thermal	"Over Temperature	An amp channel and/or the power supply has
	Protection"	exceeded the maximum acceptable temperature
		threshold
DCerror	"DC Error"	DC Voltage has been detected at the output of the amplifier
Power Manager	"PMU Fault"	Power Manager Fault
Fault		
Power Supply Fault	"PSU Fault"	Power Supply Fault

### THERMAL LIMIT

If the amplifier power supply and/or any channels become too hot for safe operation, a thermal fault will occur. If a channel's temperature reaches 80° Celsius, a message will appear in the front panel display to indicate the onset of audio compression. The amplifier will continue to run in this state until either the temperature is reduced to a safe operating range, or if the temperature continues to rise, the channel will shut off to protect itself above 100° Celsius. The amplifier will exit the thermal fault state only when the temperature drops back below the thermal limit.

### AC UNDER/OVER-VOLTAGE PROTECTION

If the AC line voltage drops below the acceptable operating voltage of the amplifier, the amplifier's power supply will turn off and the Power LED will flash red. The amplifier will power on when the AC line voltage returns to safe operating levels.

### **FAN-COOLED CHASSIS**

SMA series amplifiers are cooled by quiet, variable-speed fans. Maximum fan noise level of the SMA amplifier is 51dBA. The fans will pull air from side-to-side. The following fault conditions cause the fan to turn on full speed

- High frequency fault (excessive high frequency signal content has been sensed at the output of the amplifier)
- Thermal fault (excessive power supply or channel temperature is detected)

NOTE: The fan adjusts itself according to the temperature and will automatically ramp up and down based on it.

### UNIVERSAL SWITCHING POWER SUPPLY

The SMA Series amplifiers incorporate a switching power supply designed for high efficiency and high output power. They accept AC supply voltages from ~100V to ~240V.

# Troubleshooting

### Power indicator and LCD are off

- Confirm the amplifier is plugged in to power
- Confirm AC power is supplied to the amplifier
- Ensure rear panel power switch is in the "ON" position

### Power indicator is continuously flashing red

• The AC line voltage has dropped below 50V at the power supply. See "<u>System Protection</u>" for information on AC under/over voltage protection

### Pressing the standby button does not immediately wake the amplifier. Power indicator flashes blue briefly

- The amplifier is asleep via the 12V trigger
- Confirm that the 12V trigger signal is present
- If needed, press the standby button to allow for a 5 minute window to change the power mode. See "<u>Power</u> <u>Modes</u>" section

### Over temperature protection fault is indicated in the display

- The amplifier is becoming too hot for safe operation; allow the amplifier to cool
- Check for loads less than  $2.7\Omega$  (SE Operation) or  $5.4\Omega$  (Bridge Mono Operation)
- Check for excessive input levels
- Check for proper ventilation. See the "Proper Cooling" section for information on rack mounting and cooling
- See the "System Protection" section for detailed information on thermal limits

### Some other fault is indicated in the display

• There are a number of conditions that result in a fault error being displayed: the operating temperature exceeds 100°C, or an output short circuit is detected. See the "<u>System Protection</u>" section for more information on these protection features

### **Distorted sound**

- Load is wired incorrectly, or Dual/Bridge mode is configured incorrectly both should be verified. See the "<u>Wiring Output Connectors</u>" section and "<u>Output Setup</u>" section for more information
- Input is overloaded by a signal level that is too high. Turn down the amplifier input level controls, or turn down the output of the source signal until the channel input meter is no longer at clip
- If the signal sounds distorted even though the channel input meter does not indicate clipping, the signal may be distorted before it reaches the amplifier input. Check the gain staging and the output levels of the upstream components

### No sound, despite Power LED being blue and level meters indicating presence of an input signal

- Speaker not connected. Power off the amplifier, disconnect the AC power cord, then verify speaker connection
- Short circuit due to speaker failure. From the front panel display, determine which channel has the short. Power down the amplifier then disconnect the AC power cable. Remove the shorted load from the channel (and possibly attached cables) and have it checked by a qualified technician. Reconnect the power cord and power up the amplifier. If the shorted condition remains after the load is removed, contact <u>JBL Synthesis</u> <u>technical support</u>

### Input meters do not indicate presence of input signal, and audio is being sent to the amplifier's input

- Input signal level is very low. Double check the gain structure of the system and ensure that the amplifier's input levels are set accordingly
- Input routing is not configured correctly for application. See "Input Setup"

### If all else fails...

- Contact an authorized JBL Synthesis dealer
- Contact JBL Synthesis technical support

# Specifications SMA-8300

Connectors	
Analog audio input	8x XLR (Balanced)
Digital audio input (Dante/AES67)	2x RJ45
	8x Binding Posts, accommodates 10AWG
Speaker output	wire, spade and banana termination
	1x 3.5mm (in)
12VDC trigger control	1x 3.5mm (out)
Network/monitoring/control	1x RJ45
Power	Standard IEC
Power (2 channels driven, 0.5% THD max)	
Rated Power (8Ω)	300W
Rated Power (4Ω)	600W
Rated Power (8 $\Omega$ Bridged, one zone driven)	1,200W
Performance	
Digital signal processing	96kHz, 32-bit floating point
Frequency response (4Ω, 20Hz – 20kHz)	±0.1dB
Total harmonic distortion	
(at full rated power, from 20Hz – 20kHz)	0.02%
Analog input signal to noise ratio (ref. Rated power, 'a'-wtd.)	>112dB
Analog input signal to noise ratio (ref. Rated power, 20Hz –	
20kHz)	>99dB
Damping factor (20Hz to 100Hz)	>1000
Input impedance (nominally balanced, nominally unbalanced)	70 k $\Omega$ balanced, 35 k $\Omega$ unbalanced
Maximum input level (low amp gain mode)	+21dBU
Load impedance stereo/dual mode	$2.7\Omega - 16\Omega$ load
Impedance bridge mono	$5.4\Omega - 16\Omega$
Maximum fan noise (REF. dB SPL @ 1M)	51dBA
Electrical	
Power supply	100–240V, 50/60Hz
Physical	
Dimensions incl. rack ears, connectors, controls	3.5 x 19.0 x 17.0 in
(H x W x D)	(88.9 x 482.6 x 432.6 mm)
Dimensions excl. rack ears, connectors, controls	3.5 x 17.0 x 15.7 in
(H x W x D)	(88.9 x 431.8 x 400.0 mm)
Net Weight	23.1 lb (10.5 kg)
Recommended operating ambient temperature range	0° to 45°C
Recommended storage temperature range	-30° to 70°C

Connectors	
Analog audio input	4x XLR (Balanced)
Digital audio input (Dante/AES67)	2x RJ45
	4x Binding Posts, accommodates 10AWG
Speaker output	wire, spade, and banana termination
	1x 3.5mm (in)
12VDC triager control	1x 3.5mm (out)
Network/Monitoring/Control	1x R.I45
Power	Standard IEC
Power (2 channels driven 0.5% THD max)	
Poted Power (20)	7501//
Rated Power (40)	1.5000
Rated Power (80 Bridged, one zone driven)	2,500W
Performance	
Digital signal processing	96kHz, 32-bit floating point
Frequency response (4Ω, 20Hz – 20kHz)	±0.5dB
Total harmonic distortion	
(at full rated power, from 20Hz – 20kHz)	0.02%
Analog input signal to noise ratio (ref. Rated power, 'a'-wtd.)	>114dB
Analog input signal to noise ratio (ref. Rated power, 20Hz –	
20kHz)	>99dB
Damping factor (20Hz to 100Hz)	>1000
Input impedance (nominally balanced, nominally unbalanced)	70 kΩ balanced, 35 kΩ unbalanced
Maximum input level (low amp gain mode)	+21dBU
Load impedance stereo/dual mode	2.7Ω –16Ω load
Impedance bridge mono	5.4Ω – 16Ω
Maximum fan noise (REF. dB SPL @ 1M)	51dBA
Electrical	
Power supply	100–240V, 50/60Hz
Physical	
Dimensions incl. rack ears, connectors, controls	3.5 x 19.0 x 17.0 in
(H x W x D)	(88.9 x 482.6 x 432.6 mm)
Dimensions excl. rack ears, connectors, controls	3.5 x 17.0 x 15.7 in
(H x W x D)	(88.9 x 431.8 x 400.0 mm)
Net Weight	21.8 lb (9.9 kg)
Recommended operating ambient temperature range	0° to 45°C
Recommended storage temperature range	-30° to 70°C

# POWER DRAW AND THERMAL

			120V AC	C/60Hz		230V AC/50Hz				
Condition	Load	d Line Power Dissipa		Dissipated	as Heat	Line current	Power Dissipated as Heat			
		current (amps)	watts	BTU	kcal/hr	(amps)	watts	BTU	kcal/hr	
At Idle Awake	N/A	0.634	66.3	226	57.0	0.434	65.4	223	56.3	
1/8 Power Pink Noise Typical of program material just at clip	4 ohms	6.69	187	638	161	3.46	166	566	143	
	8 ohms	3.52	104	355	89.5	1.83	95.7	326	82.3	
1/4 Power Pink Noise Typical of program material at extreme clip	4 ohms	12.9	327	1115	281	6.51	264	900	227	
	8 ohms	6.43	156	532	134	3.32	134	457	115	

### JBL Synthesis SMA-8300 Single Ended Mode

### JBL Synthesis SMA-8300 Bridge Mono

		120V AC/60Hz				230V AC/50Hz			
Condition	Load	Line	Power Dissipated as Heat			Line	Power	Dissipated	l as Heat
		current (amps)	watts	BTU	kcal/hr	current (amps)	watts	BTU	kcal/hr
At Idle Awake	N/A	0.634	66.3	226	57.0	0.434	65.4	223	56.3
1/8 Power Pink Noise Typical of program material just at clip	4 ohms	14.4	400	1364	344	7.14	300	1023	258
	8 ohms	6.84	202	689	174	3.52	180	614	155
1/4 Power Pink Noise Typical of program material at extreme clip	8 ohms	13.0	337	1149	290	6.57	274	934	236

### JBL Synthesis SMA-4750 Single Ended Mode

			120V A	AC/60Hz			230V A	C/50Hz		
Condition	Load	Line	Power Dissipated as Heat			Line Power Dissipated as Heat Line Power Diss			<sup>·</sup> Dissipated	as Heat
		current (amps)	watts	BTU	kcal/hr	current (amps)	watts	BTU	kcal/hr	
At Idle Awake	N/A	0.55	54.8	187	47.2	0.41	54.5	186	46.9	
1/8 Power Pink Noise Typical of program material just at clip	4 ohms	7.93	184	627	158	4.08	156	532	134	
	8 ohms	4.12	100	314	86.0	2.14	92	314	79.2	
1/4 Power Pink Noise Typical of program material at extreme clip	4 ohms	16.7	381	1299	328	8.81	260	887	224	
	8 ohms	7.71	159	542	137	3.97	132	450	115	

#### JBL Synthesis SMA-4750 Bridge Mono

			120V A	C/60Hz		230V AC/50Hz			
Condition	Load	Line	Power	Power Dissipated as Heat			Power Dissipated as Hea		
		current (amps)	watts	BTU	kcal/hr	current (amps)	watts	BTU	kcal/hr
At Idle Awake	N/A	0.55	54.8	187	47.2	0.41	54.5	186	46.9
1/8 Power Pink Noise	4 ohms	16.6	426	1453	367	8.04	315	1074	271
Typical of program material just at clip	8 ohms	8.03	190	648	163	4.12	160	546	138
1/3 Power Pink Noise Typical of program material at extreme clip	8 ohms	16.3	370	1262	318	7.84	270	921	232







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