

### User's manual

# X14FD

# **XCELLENCE**

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#### **Safety Instructions**

- 1. All safety instructions must be read before using this device.
- 2. The exclamation mark in the triangle indicates internal components which if replaced can affect safety.
- 3. The lightning symbol within the triangle indicates the presence of dangerous uninsulated voltages.
- 4. This device must not be exposed to rain or humidity. It must not be used for example near swimming pools, fountains or any other place where it might be affected by liquids.
- 5. Only clean the device with a dry cloth.
- 6. Do not situate the equipment where its ventilation system might be interfered with.
- 7. Do not install the device near heat sources such as radiators, heaters or other heat-emitting elements.
- 8. The equipment must be repaired by qualified technical service personnel when:
- A. The mains supply cable is damaged, or
- B. Any object or liquid has damaged the device; or
- C. The equipment does not function normally or correctly; or
- D. The equipment has been exposed to the rain; or
- E. The chassis is damaged
- 9. Disconnect the device in the case of electric storms or during long periods of disuse.
- 10. Never hang the equipment by its handle.
- 11. Only use manufacturer recommended accessories.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1. General product information

Amate Audio thanks you for the trust placed in our Xcellence loudspeaker systems. The Xcellence series combines the convenience of a self-powered system and the flexibility of the DSP (digital system processing) for cabinet control. More than 45 years' experience in amplifier and acoustic cabinet design using the highest technology and components come together to give you a product ideal for a multitude of applications, especially those which require high levels of sound pressure. Stadiums, theatres or big events will become the perfect places for their use. We suggest you read the following information with attention, assured that it will be of maximum use in helping you to achieve the best results and optimum performance.

#### 1.2. Features and presentation

#### X14FD

- Self-powered two-way acoustic system
- XLR electronically balanced input & output
- AC PowerCon input & link
- EtherCon RJ45 input & link
- Ethernet connectivity with Dante<sup>TM</sup> audio networking
- 1000W class D amplifier for bass range
- 500W class D amplifier for high range
- 24-bit AD/DA converters with 112 dB dynamic input, 48 kHz sampling rate
- DSP Controls (presets, parametric EQs, delay, mute, volume and limiter)
- Amplifier self-diagnostics: input level, temperature, limiter active
- Overvoltage protection (>250V-400V)
- 14" neodymium coaxial speaker with 3" voice coil
- Neodymium compression driver with 3" titanium diaphragm
- 80 x 80° dispersion

#### 2. X14FD FEATURES

The X14FD coaxial speaker is ideal for a multitude of applications. It includes 1000W bi-amplification for the low range woofers, 500W for the high range compression driver and digital signal control by DSP. The manufacturer presets make it easy, flexible and user-friendly. The result is a clean, high quality sound whether for nearfield listening or at full power in larger sites.

At electroacustics level, the X14FD coaxial speaker gives an absolute symmetrical response free of secondary lobes. It includes a 14" woofer with a 3" voice coil and a 3" compression driver with a titanium dust cap.

With its shaped 35° form, the X14FD it's recommended for stage monitor applications, giving an even frequency response and a dispersion very valuated by sound engineers.

#### 2.1. Technical description

The X14FD cabinet comes with DSP control and full range sound delivery thanks to its direct radiation transducers and acoustic bass reflex cabinet. As a full range system, its response is 48Hz-20kHz (-10dB).

It has 1500W continuous amplification (1000W + 500W), thermal protection, output short circuit protection, independent peak and RMS power limiters for each channel, and protection against overvoltage. The DSP includes several presets which can be selected either accessing the cabinet's rear control panel or via the computer with Ethernet connection.

The X14FD cabinet is connected using the XLR balanced connector. Mains supply is through PowerCon. It is built in birch plywood, which has a high resistance to vibrations and humidity with black Polyurea paint coating. The front face is protected by a 1.5 mm thick steel grille with acoustically transparent grey cloth. It includes two in-built back handles for an easy and comfortable transport.

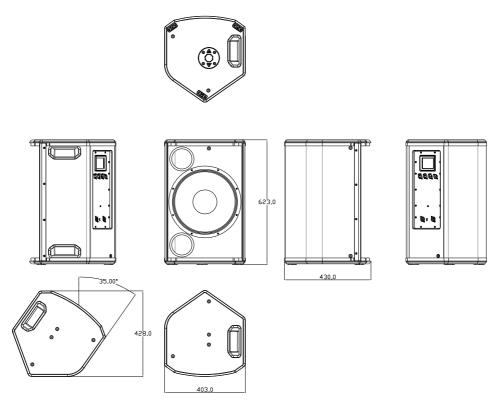


Fig. 1. X14FD external dimensions

#### 3. PRESETS

The X14FD includes several manufacturer presets for different types of application.

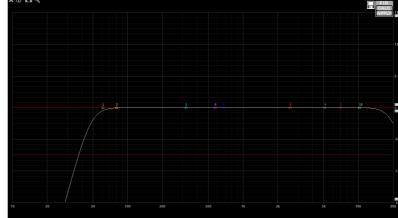
The DSP system can also store up to 25 other presets, depending on user

requirements.

#### **PRESET 1: Flat**

Single enclosure without subwoofer,

full range, flat response. For pole mount or hanged applications.

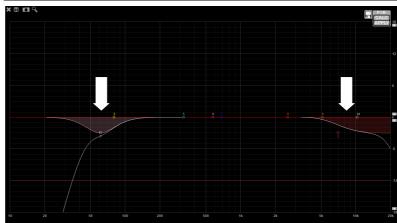


#### PRESET 2: Speech

Single enclosure without subwoofer,

full range, flat response. For speakers using microphone.

- -3dB low
- -3dB high



#### **PRESET 3: Monitor**

Single enclosure without subwoofer,

full range, flat response. For stage monitor applications.



PRESET 4: HPF80 PRESET 5: HPF90 PRESET 6: HPF100

For using with subwoofer. HPF at 80Hz / 90Hz / 100 Hz.

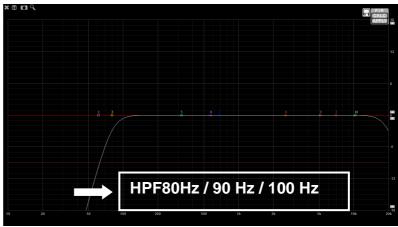


Fig.2. Presets for X14FD

#### 4. CONTROL AND CONNECTION PANEL

The X14FD control panel contains the following elements:

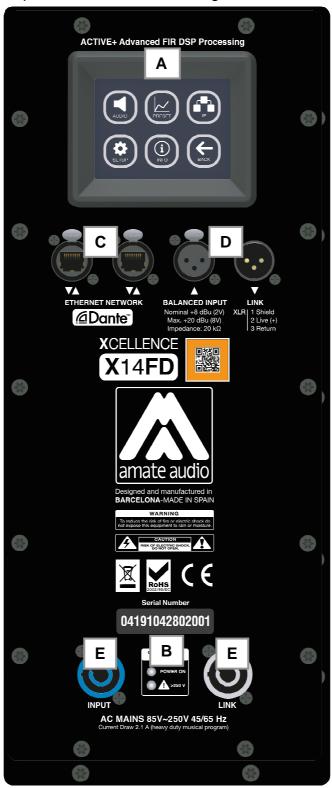


Fig. 3. X14FD control and connection panel

A) TOUCHSCREEN: Displays information about the System status: current preset, network IP, amplifier temperature and signal input level. Allows the user to configure the system without the need of an external computer: IP address setting, Preset

selection, Delay, Gain, Limiter, ECO mode on/off, Signal LEDs on/off, etc. For more information about the available functionality, read the Annex I of this manual.

**NOTE:** The default PIN to access the setup menu is "1234"

**B) AC INPUT/OVERVOLTAGE PROTECTION:** These LEDS show the status of the AC mains supply.

- **POWER ON:** (Blue) when lit, the equipment is ON and the AC input level is within the permitted range (up to 250 VAC).
- >250V: (Red) when activated, the AC voltage is permanently out of the permitted range of the equipment, so it will remain under protection until this condition is solved. Revise your connections and mains power installation and consider that other equipment connected to this line may have been damaged.

**C) NETWORK:** Two 8-pin RJ45 / EtherCon® compatible connectors for connection to Ethernet network up to 1Gbps. This connection can be used for remote control via software (DSPStudio) and for streaming audio via Dante<sup>TM</sup>. Please refer to Amate Audio DSPStudio Quick Installation Guide for more information on remote connection. The two connectors are interconnected by means of an internal switch, so they can be used interchangeably and allow the chain connection of several boxes.

**IMPORTANT:** If Dante is used it is not recommended to chain more than eight units, due to latency reasons.

#### D) BALANCED INPUT/LINK:

XLR-3 Female balanced signal connector for signal input.

XLR-3 Male connector for parallel connection of various cabinets with the same input signal.

Nominal Input sensitivity: +8dBu (2 Vrms)

Maximum Input Voltage without input compression: +14dBu (4Vrms)

Maximum Input Voltage without clipping: +20dBu (8Vrms)

**IMPORTANT:** Please always use balanced microphone cable with the following pin assignment:

1= Shield (Ground) 2= Live (+) 3= Return (-)

#### E) AC MAINS INPUT/LINK: Mains supply connection via PowerCon.

- Blue connector for AC in.
- Grey connector to feed other units in parallel. Linking up to four units is possible, provided that a quality cable of a minimum section of 3x2.5mm<sup>2</sup> is used. Connecting more than four units in parallel may lead to a voltage drop in the cable that will reduce the equipment performance.



Always use mains power cable supplied by manufacturer.

Never connect the Xcellence cabinets to an unearthed mains supply or by using an unearthed mains cable.

#### 5. CONNECTING

## 5.1. Parallel connection Analog Audio Signal:

Connect the signal (mixing desk output) to INPUT on the first unit. Use the LINK output to transfer the INPUT signal to the second unit and thus sequentially for further units. All of the units in this chain must be switched on.

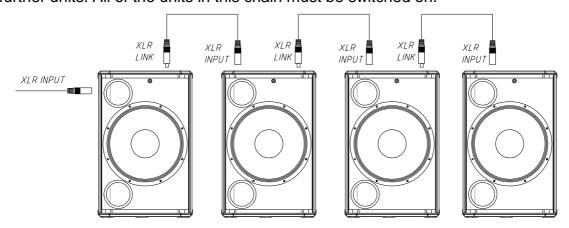


Fig. 4. Parallel connection for the X14FD (signal)

#### **Mains Power:**

For the mains connection in parallel use the cable with grey Neutrik PowerCon NAC3FCB at one end and the blue Neutrik PowerCon NAC3FCA at the other end.

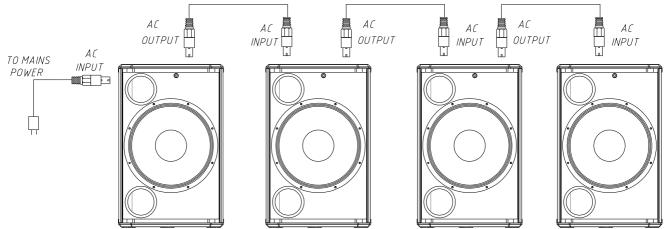


Fig. 5. Parallel connection for the X14FD (mains). You can link up to four units



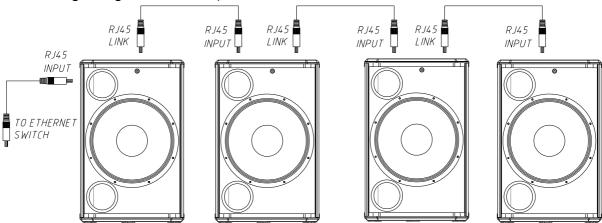
Do not connect more than four X14FD units using the AC Mains link connector. Do not connect Xcellence series units in parallel using PowerCon-PowerCon without earth.

#### **Network:**

The two available Ethernet ports via the EtherCon RJ-45 connector are internally switched and both can be used as input and link to other cabinets. All of the units in this chain must be switched on.

The number of units allowed in parallel or daisy-chain depend on whether Dante audio networking is being used.

When using Dante, a maximum number of 8 cabinets is recommended due to latency reasons. When not, there is no specific limit for daisy-chaining (control and monitoring using DSPStudio®).



**Fig.6.** Parallel connection for the X14FD (Audio network). You can link up to eight units when using Dante networking, or more when not using it.

#### 5.2. Parallel connection with subwoofer

You can connect the X14FD in parallel with a subwoofer. Please, follow the same parameters as explained in figures 4, 5 and 6, both for audio signals and mains. In any case more than 4 units for mains and 8 units for Dante audio should be linked.

#### 6. OVERVOLTAGE PROTECTION

The active Xcellence series models incorporate an exclusive protection by Amate Audio against mains voltage overload and other related problems (loss of neutral, connection between phases, etc). In the mains input an electronic circuit compares the input voltage with a reference value. When the input exceeds 250 Volts, the circuit reacts by blocking the input tension until it returns to its correct limits (230V +/-10%). When the ">250V" LED lights up red, the unit stops running, until the correct voltage is re-established.

Generally the cause of such an anomaly tends to be a neutral voltage drop or incorrect connection of the equipment to 400V supply. Whenever the overvoltage LED lights up, check the tension of the electrical phases: other devices in the sound system are also at risk of electrical fault and severe damage.

#### 7. MOUNTING AND INSTALLATION

Flying an X14FD system is easy, fast and secure. To perform any operations related to flying the system, read the present document, and act on the warnings and advice given.

Only experienced installers with adequate knowledge of the system and local safety regulations should fly speaker cabinets.

It is the user's responsibility to ensure that the systems to be flown and the flying accessories (such as chains, eyebolts, lock pins...) comply with state and local regulations. They should be regularly inspected and replaced if in doubt.

When flying enclosures from ceiling support structures, extreme care should be taken to assure the load bearing capabilities of the structures. **Do not fly systems from unsafe structures.** 

All flying accessories that are not supplied by Amate Audio are the user's responsibility. Use at your own risk. Remember that no risks should be taken with regards to public safety.

#### 7.1. Placement

When possible, cabinets should be located in a high position, slightly inclined to the audience. If the loudspeakers are located too low, the listeners at the end of the room will not hear a good sound quality.

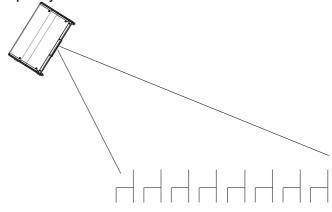
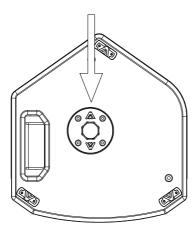
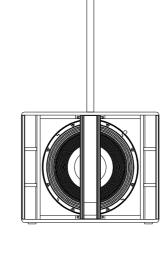


Fig. 7. Flying placement

#### 7.2. X14FD with subwoofer

X14FD is equipped with a 35 mm socket for mounting the speaker on a subwoofer (use SP/CRTL bar) or on a tripod. Be careful not to use this system on non-flat surfaces as it may become unstable.





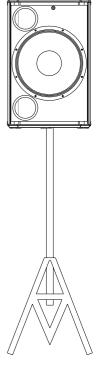


Fig. 8. X14FD 35 mm bottom socket

#### 7.3. Using X14FD as stage monitor

The cabinet's shape of X14FD allows it to be used as stage monitor without requiring any other accessory. Please, be aware to use the MONITOR preset in this case.

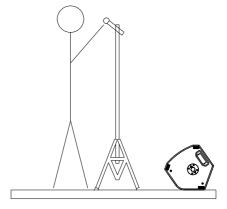


Fig.9. X14FD used as stage monitor

#### 7.4. Rotating the "Amate Audio" logo

The "Amate Audio" logo located in the bottom of the top grill could be adapted to the cabinet's orientation (horizontal or vertical).

#### 8. MOUNTING ACCESSORIES

#### 8.1. ACRM8

The X14FD provides several M8 flying points. Their correct use will permit the flying in horizontal position.

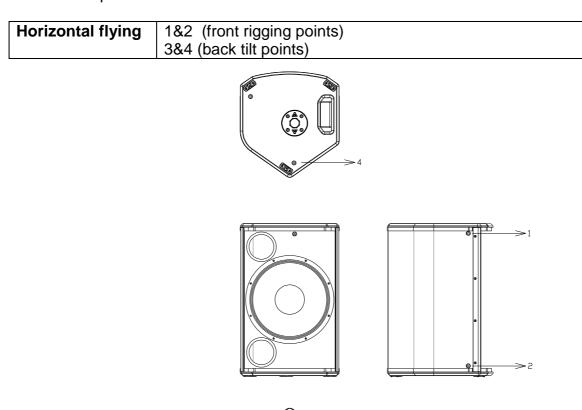


Fig. 10. X14FD horizontal flying points

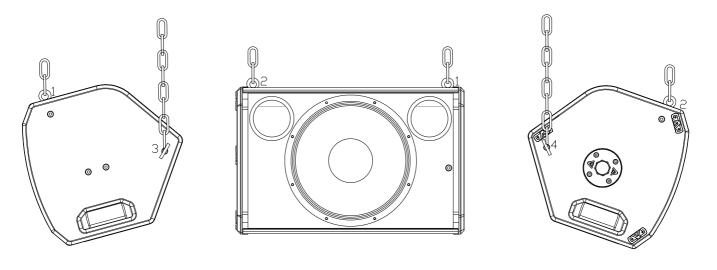


Fig. 11. X14FD horizontal flying

#### 8.2. HR-L and HR-L/GT

The HR-L and HR-L/GT are two optional accessories for flying one X14FD (vertical orientation) (see "HR-L and HR-L/GT user's manual" for further information).

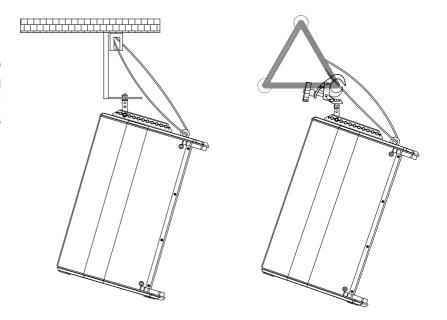
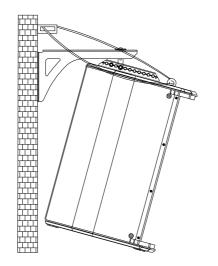


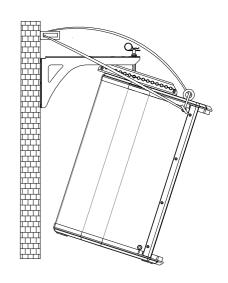
Fig. 12. Flying of one unit with HR-L and HR-L/GT

#### 8.3. SP-WHR

The SP-WHR is an optional accessory for hanging one X14FD on wall (vertical orientation) (see "SP-WHR user's manual" for further information).

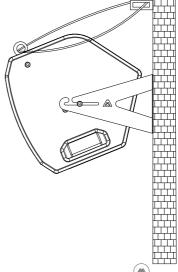


**Fig. 13.** Flying of one unit with SP-WHR



#### 8.4. UB-L

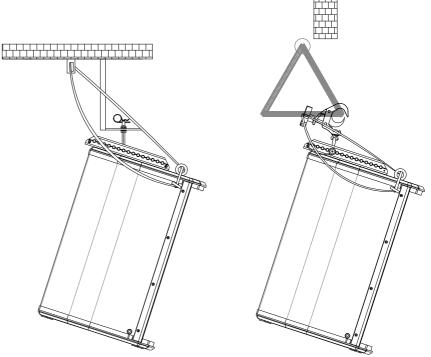
The UB-L is an optional accessory for horizontal hanging of one X14FD on wall (See "UB-L user's manual" for further information).



**Fig. 14.** Flying of one unit with UB-L

#### 8.5. RB-L and RB-L/GT

The RB-L and RB-L/GT are two optional accessories for flying one X14FD (vertical orientation) (see "RB-L RB-L/GT and user's manual" for further information).



**Fig. 15.** Flying of one unit with RB-L and RB-L/GT

#### 9. TROUBLESHOOTING

#### System not powering up

- Check the Overvoltage Protection leds
  - No LED lit: Check if voltage is arriving to the PowerCon socket, and if mains cable is in good condition. If yes, the overvoltage circuit may be damaged. Contact support.
  - Red (>250V). Voltage arriving to the PowerCon socket is above 250VAC.
     Check the mains voltage is in the rated limits (230VAC +/-10%). If mains voltage is OK, the overvoltage circuit may be damaged. Contact support.
  - Blue (Power On): Overvoltage circuit is functioning properly. If none of the Status LEDs or the touchscreen are being lit, the fuse in the power module may be blown. The replacement of this fuse must be carried out by specialized personnel as it is an internal component of the amplifier module.

#### No output sound

• Check with the indicators (Signal Present LED & Touchscreen) that the signal is being received by the system.

- Check that the signal cables are in good condition and connected at both ends
- The mixer output level must not be at minimum.
- Check that the mixer channel is not muted.
- Check that the system is not in MUTE or STANDBY (MUTE LED or STANDBY LED) not lit. If yes, go inside the menu using the touchscreen and deactivate them:
  - To disable the Standby go to SETUP and select STANDBY OFF.
  - To disable the MUTE go to AUDIO, GAIN and push the icon with a loudspeaker.
- Check that the system GAIN is not set to the minimum. To do that, go to the AUDIO setting using the touchscreen, select GAIN and move the slider to the 0dB position.

#### **Distorted output signal**

• The system is being saturated with a very high input signal, frequently caused by the same mixer. Check the output level or mixer gain channels.

#### Poor bass levels

• Check the polarity on the signal connections between the mixer and cabinets. If any of the Pins (1, 2 or 3) have been inverted at the cable ends, this will cause significant performance and sound quality loss.

#### **Noise and Hum**

- Check that all the connections to the active units are in good condition.
- Avoid intertwining between mains supply cables or proximity to transformers or Electromagnetic (EMI) emitting devices.
- Check there is no light intensity regulator in the same AC circuit as the unit. ALWAYS connect the sound and light circuits in different phases.
- Check that there is a proper connection to EARTH in the electrical installation.

#### **Forgotten PIN for Touchscreen**

- The default PIN is "1234".
- Should you have changed the PIN and forgotten it, follow these steps:
  - Turn the system off.
  - Turn the system on.
  - When the display shows the word "Initializing", press anywhere on the touch screen during at least 5 seconds.
  - The PIN will be restored to its default value "1234".

#### **10. TECHNICAL FEATURES**

	X14FD
Analog Audio Input	
Sensitivity	+8dBu – 1.94V
Impedance	20kΩ balanced
Audio Network Input	
Type .	Dante <sup>™</sup> Audio Networking
Channels	1 channel @ 48kHz
Mains Supply	
Type	Univ. switch mode power supply
Nominal input	85-265 VAC/45-65 Hz
Average current draw	2.1 A
AD/DA converters	24 bit / 48 kHz – SNR > 112 dB
DSP architecture	64 bit
Frequency response (-10 dB)	48 Hz – 20 kHz
Maximum output level	129 dB
(1m/continuous)	
Amplifier (program)	1000 W +500 W
Nominal directivity (-6dB)	80° (H) x 80° (V)
Components	
LF-MF	14" neodymium coaxial woofer (3" voice coil)
HF	1 x 3" titanium diaphragm neodymium driver
Cabinet	
Туре	Bass-reflex
Height	623 mm
Width	402 mm
Depth	430 mm
Weight (net)	22.6 Kg
Connectors	2 x AC PowerCon (input, link)
	2 x XLR (input, link)
	2x Ethercon RJ45 for Ethernet/DANTE
	(connection/link)
Material	Multilayer birch plywood, steel front grille with acoustic
	grey cloth
Finish	Hi-resistance black Polyurea coating and protective
	rubber profiles

#### **ANNEX I. TOUCH PANEL OPERATION**

Amate Audio's X14FD internal DSP parameters could be tuned using its integrated

LCD touchscreen. The main specs of the

screen are:

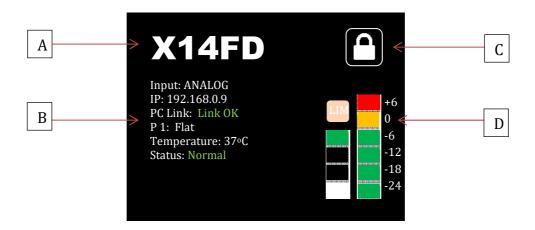
- TFT-LCD screen
- 320x240 pixels resolution
- Vision angle of 180 degrees
- 16.7 Millions of colours



#### I.1. Main screen

Just after turning on the loudspeaker unit, a first screen shows the: Amate Audio's logo, firmware version and the processing version. Once the system is initialized, a welcome screen shows a picture of the system and the serial number.

When all the start-up process finish, the main screen is shown like:



#### A. Loudspeaker model

#### B. System status

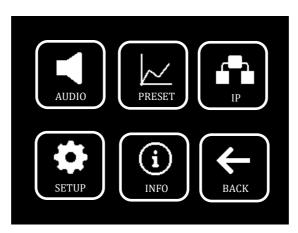
- for XLR analogue input, **DANTE** for the RJ45 VoIP Dante digital audio input or **AUTO** for an automatic selection of the audio source. In presence of Dante VoIP audio a message *Flow OK* is shown
- <u>IP</u>: IP address of the Ethernet module

 <u>PC Link</u>: Connection status with DSP Studio. There's three states: Initializing when IP is configuring, Waiting for no connection established and Link OK when the unit achieves successful connection with DSPStudio

- P X/M\_X: Current preset loaded into the DSP. For user's memories the name starts with M
- Temperature: Internal amplifier temperature
- Status: DSP status indicator. The options are: Normal for common operation, Mute when DSP have been configured for muting the audio input, Standby for this energy saving mode and Protect when the internal processor is protecting the loudspeaker unit against overvoltage.
- C. PIN lock indicator: If a PIN lock was entered in settings, the lock icon is shown closed. In this case the unit will claim for a valid PIN. For unlocking the unit, push on the lock. When the unit is unlocked, the lock will be open.
- D. Signal indicators: The right one shows the current input signal level (**IN**) in decibels. The left one shows the current status of the Limiter. LIM icon light on when the limiter is working. **GR** stands for Gain Reduction; it shows the gain reduction Limiter is applying for trying to protect the loudspeaker from *clipping*.

#### I.2. Settings screen

For accessing to the settings menu just push anywhere in main screen



Each sub-menu contains the following settings:

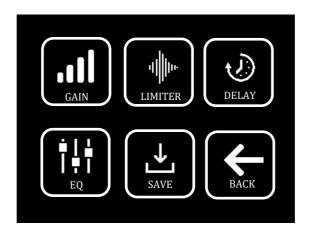
- AUDIO: General audio parameters set-up
- PRESET: Preset selection. It's possible to save user's presets.

 IP: Configuration of the Ethernet's module in order to enable communications with our control software DSP Studio.

- SETUP: Other unit's parameters configuration
- INFO: Detailed system information and system status

BACK: Go back to main screen

#### I.3. AUDIO submenu

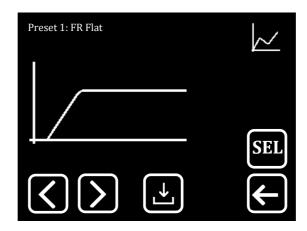


- GAIN: Gain reduction setup. It could be configured using a *fader* with a resolution of half a dB. Moreover, a mute button is available. An X in front of the speaker icon is shown when the unit is muted.
- LIMITER: Limiter threshold configuration. A Gain Reduction level indicator is available for proper threshold check.
- DELAY: Adjustment of the time shift among input and desired output. There's
  two ways of setting it: In meters or in milliseconds. Simply we've to push in the
  corresponding box. The space-time conversion is automatically computed. In
  addition, a polarity control button is available: + for positive polarity, for
  negative polarity.
- EQ: This sub-menu helps to check the status of current filters in the DSP.
   These filters are applied on the top of the chosen base preset. An Ethernet communication with DSP Studio is mandatory in order to enable each filter.

   For the enabled filters a bypass button is available for controlling each one directly from the loudspeaker unit.
- SAVE: Access to DSP internal memory. Here we can save all the audio configuration in one of the free internal memory space the unit has. Push on the *Memory* box for choosing one available. Push on *Memory name* for naming it. After the previous steps, push on Save button for writing on the DSP the memory

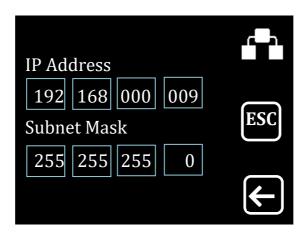
BACK: Go back to settings screen

#### I.4. PRESET submenu



The loudspeaker unit contains several sound presets we can check inside this submenu. The browsing arrows allow us to change between presets. Press *SEL* button for loading the preset in the DSP. There is a shortcut for internal memory, so we can save a preset straight from this sub-menu.

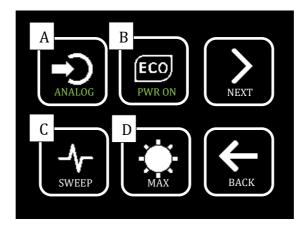
#### I.5. IP submenu



In this screen we can configure the internal Ethernet module. This loudspeaker unit doesn't have *Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol*, so is necessary to set up a fixed IP address. We recommend using the same values shown in the top image for the loudspeaker unit. In the control PC/laptop we recommend using with the same subnet mask and IP 192.168.0.1

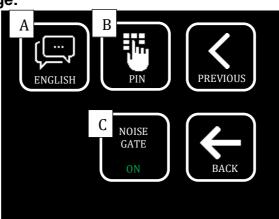
#### I.6. SETUP submenu

The SETUP submenu is composed of two pages, which can be browsed using the NEXT/BACK buttons.



- A. Input selection: Here we can choose which signal input the internal processor will use. The options are: ANALOG, DANTE or AUTO. In AUTO mode the unit automatically choose the signal input according to the presence of signal. If a conflict happens (Simultaneously use of analogue and digital connectors) the unit priories digital AoIP Dante signal. In case Dante signal is no longer available, the unit will switch to use the analogue input.
- B. ECO mode: Enabling/disabling the energy saving mode. The options are:
  - PWR ON: The energy saving mode is enabled
  - Standby: The energy saving mode is disabled
  - Auto: The energy saving mode will be enabled automatically after three minutes without input signal
- C. SWEEP: Diagnosis mode. The loudspeaker will emit frequency sweep.
- D. Backlight: Three backlight intensities: MAX (Maximum), MED (Medium), MIN (Minimum)

On the next page:



A. Language: Select the interface language. The options are: ESPAÑOL, CATALA or ENGLISH.

- B. PIN lock: Configure the access code for the unit when locked. When the loudspeaker unit is locked, a closed key lock icon is shown in the main menu. Push on it for unlocking the unit.
- C. NOISE GATE: By default, this unit has a built-in noise gate, that reduces the noise of the system when there is no signal at the input. To deactivate the noise gate, press this button (Word OFF will be displayed)

#### I.7. INFO submenu

Here we can find advanced information about the unit, as well as the most relevant configurations parameters.



### **DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY**

In accordance with EN 45014:1998

Manufacturer's Name: "AMATE AUDIO S.L."

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Brand: "AMATE AUDIO"

We declare under our own responsibility that:

Product: Active speaker systems with DSP. Audio apparatus for professional use

Name: Xcellence X14FD

Conforms to the following product specifications:

FCC Part 15

#### WARNING:

In accordance to EN55022, this is a class A product. In a domestic environment this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

**Supplementary Information** 

The product herewith complies with the requirements of the:

Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EC EMC Directive 2004/108/EC RoHS Directive 2002/95/EC WEEE Directive 2002/96/EC

With regard to Directive 2005/32/EC and EC Regulation 1275/2008 of 17 December 2008, this product is designed, produced, and classified as Professional Audio Equipment and thus is exempt from this Directive.

Date of issue: September 06th., 2021

Signature:



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**Conformity Marking** 

Joan A. Amate Martinez General Manager



**XCELLENCE** speaker systems have been designed, engineered and manufactured in Barcelona – SPAIN by

Los **sistemas acústicos XCELLENCE** han sido diseñados y fabricados en Barcelona – ESPAÑA por

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