

**University
Sound**

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SPECIFICATIONS

Frequency Response:

37-10,000 Hz ± 5 dB
(see Figure 3)

Power Handling:

25 watts (EIA RS-426A)

Impedance,

Nominal:

8 ohms

Minimum:

6.7 ohms

Sound Pressure Level at 1 Meter,

1 Watt Input Averaged, Pink Noise Band-

Limited from 300-2,000 Hz:

96 dB

Voice-Coil Diameter:

5.08 cm (2.0 in.)

Magnet Weight:

0.62 kg (1.37 lb)

Magnet Material:

Strontium ferrite

Flux Density:

0.9 Tesla

Construction:

Diecast frame

Dimensions,

Diameter:

31.0 cm (12.2 in.)

Depth:

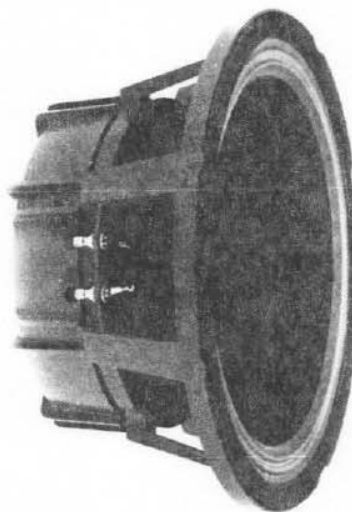
15.6 cm (6.1 in.)

Net Weight:

5.3 kg (11.8 lb)

Shipping Weight:

5.7 kg (12.6 lb)



SP12C

Component Speaker

DESCRIPTION

The University Sound SP12C is a conservatively rated 25-watt component speaker designed for either full-range use or as a woofer in a two- or three-way system.

The driver has a rugged two-inch voice coil and strontium ferrite magnet structure for maximum flux and high efficiency.

The SP12C provides good performance in the bass range and has a centrally mounted free-edge cone for superior high frequency sound.

The SP12C uses a diecast frame for ruggedness and durability and is designed for use in a mid-size system.

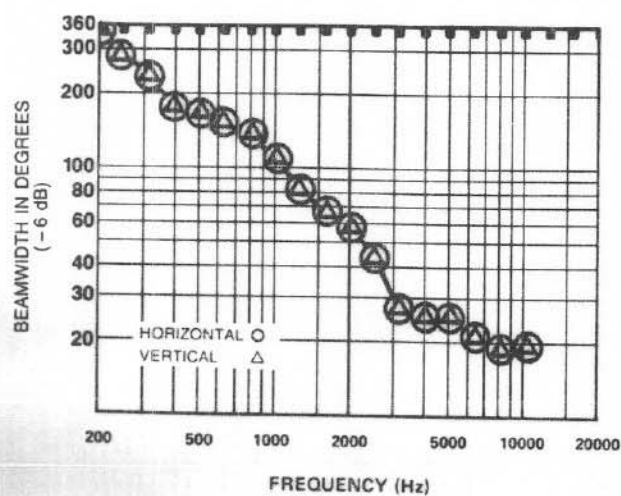
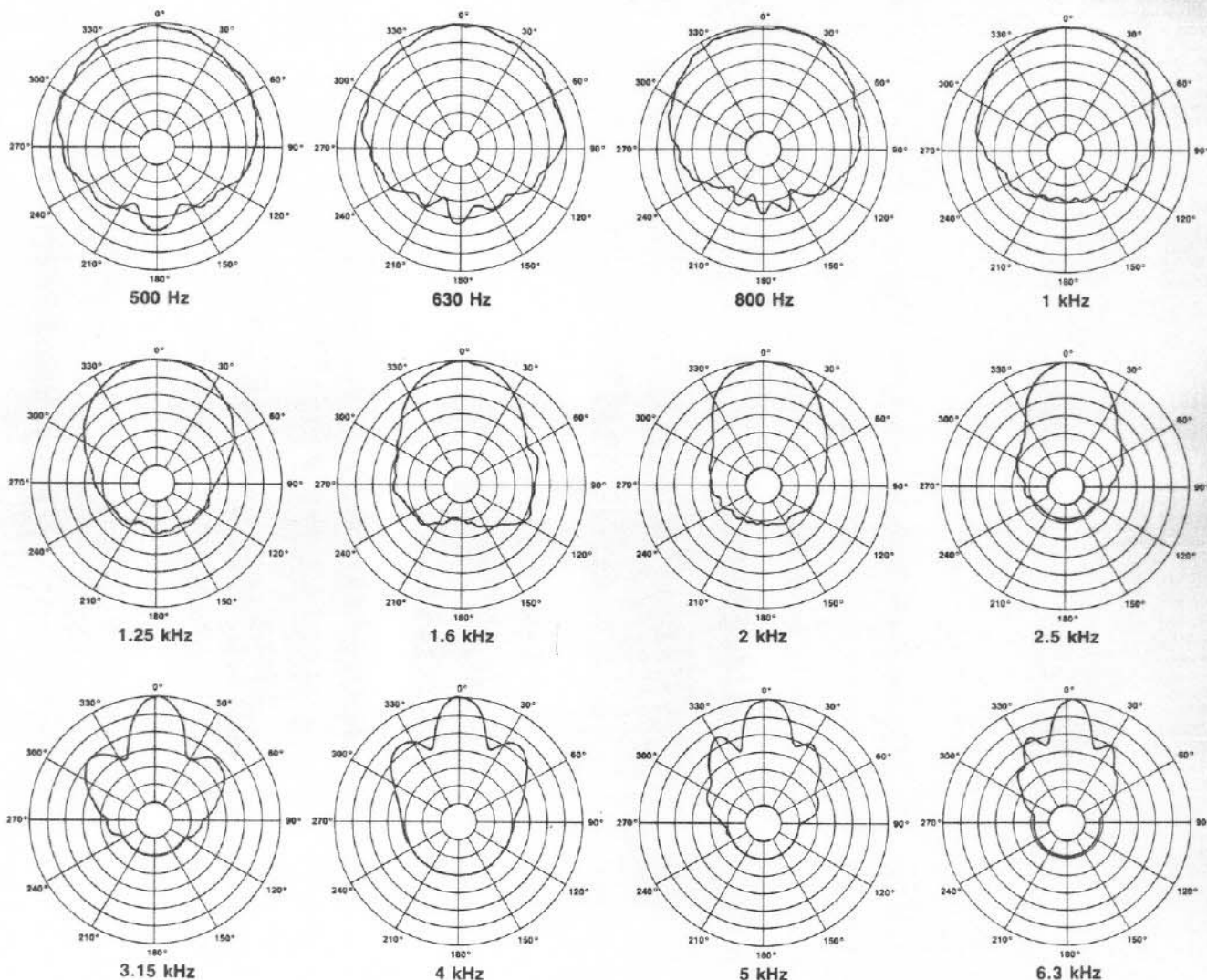


FIGURE 2
SP12C Beamwidth vs. Frequency

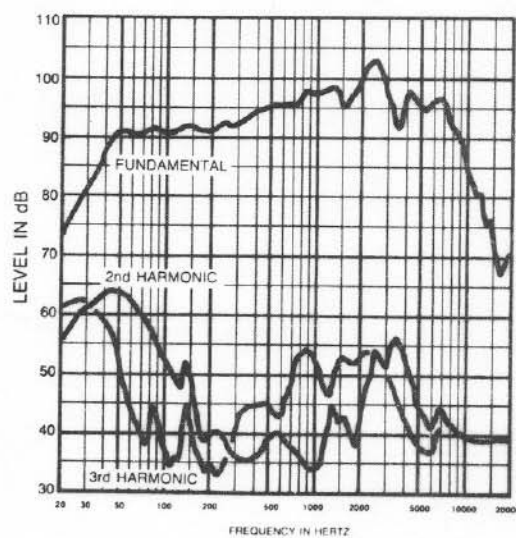


FIGURE 3
SP12C Frequency Response
(1 watt at 1 meter)

DIRECTIONAL PERFORMANCE

The directional characteristics of the SP12C in a 12-cubic-foot vented enclosure were measured by running a set of polar responses in University's large anechoic chamber. The test signal was one-third-octave-band-limited pseudo-random pink noise centered at the ISO standard frequencies indicated in Figure 1.

Additional typical data is provided in Figure 2 which indicates 6-dB-down beamwidth versus frequency.

FREQUENCY RESPONSE

Figure 3 shows the axial frequency response of the SP12C. It was measured at a distance of 1 meter, using a swept sine wave.

POWER HANDLING TEST

The SP12C is designed to withstand the power test described in EIA Standard RS-426A. The EIA test spectrum is applied for eight hours. To obtain the spectrum, the output of a white noise generator (white noise is a particular type of random noise with equal energy per bandwidth in Hz) is fed to a shaping filter with 6-dB-per-octave slopes below 40 Hz and above 318 Hz. When measured with usual constant-percentage-bandwidth analyzer (one-third-octave), this shaping filter produces a spectrum whose 3-dB-down points are at 100 Hz and 1,200 Hz. This shaped signal is sent to the power amplifier with the continuous power set at 25 watts into the EIA equivalent impedance (13.9 volts true RMS). Amplifier clipping sets instantaneous peaks at 6 dB above the continuous power, or 100 watts peak (27.8 volts peak). This procedure provides a rigorous test of both thermal and mechanical failure modes.

INSTALLATION

The SP12C is designed for mounting in vented boxes for best results. They should be of rigid material, preferably 1.95 cm (0.75 in.) thick. The speaker should be mounted near ear-level on the baffle with eight mounting holes around a 28.10 cm (11.06 in.) diameter hole for front mounting. For rear mounting, use a 27.78 cm (10.93 in.) diameter opening. Bolt holes should be 0.71 cm (0.28 in.) around a 19.37 cm (7.62 in.) circle.

Secure the speaker to the baffle board only enough to compress the gasket for a good seal.

Use 18 gauge stranded wire for normal hook-up lengths and a larger size for longer wire runs.

ARCHITECTS' AND ENGINEERS' SPECIFICATIONS

The loudspeaker shall be of the dual-cone style featuring a rugged diecast frame and a high-temperature rated two-inch voice coil.

The loudspeaker shall exhibit a sensitivity (SPL, 1 W/1 M averaged 300-2,000 Hz) of no less than 96 dB on axis maintaining an essentially flat frequency response with 5-dB-down points at 37 Hz and 10,000 Hz in a 12-cubic-foot sealed box. The half-space reference efficiency shall be 1.9%. The nominal impedance shall be eight ohms and the dc resistance shall be 6.7 ohms. The loudspeaker shall be capable of handling a continuous 25-watt (13.9 volts true RMS) shaped white-noise signal (as per EIA Standard RS-426A) with a 6-dB crest factor for eight hours.

The loudspeaker shall have an overall diameter of 31.0 cm (12.2 in.), a depth of 15.6 cm (6.1 in.), and weigh no more than 5.3 kg (11.8 lb).

The loudspeaker shall be the University Sound Model SP12C.

WARRANTY (Limited) — University Sound Speakers and Speaker Systems (excluding active electronics) are guaranteed for five years from date of original purchase against malfunction due to defects in workmanship and materials. If such malfunction occurs, unit will be repaired or replaced (at our option) without charge for materials or labor if delivered prepaid to University Sound. Unit will be returned prepaid. Warranty does not extend to finish, appearance items, burned coils, or malfunction due to abuse or operation under other than specified conditions, including cone and/or coil damage resulting from improperly designed enclosures, nor does it extend to incidental or consequential damages. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above exclusion may not apply to you. Repair by other than University Sound will void this guarantee. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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Applications and technical information for University Sound products: University Sound, Inc., Attention Technical Coordinator, 600 Cecil Street, Buchanan, MI 49107 (AC/616-695-6831).

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BASIC GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF HORNS AND DRIVERS WITHIN A SOUND SYSTEM.

DESIGNING FOR INTELLIGIBILITY AND ADEQUATE SPL

The Basic Idea

Many sound systems would have better performance if the following basic principles are kept in mind. Speakers with the appropriate coverage patterns should be chosen, aimed and powered to achieve a uniform direct field in the highly absorptive audience, with no sound aimed at the reflective wall and ceiling surfaces. Where multiple speakers are required in order to achieve a uniform direct field, their coverage patterns should be only slightly overlapped, so that each section of the audience is covered by a single speaker. To the extent this ideal is achieved, reverberation is minimized and intelligibility is maximized.

The following material explains these concepts in more detail and illustrates two design approaches.

What is Reverberation?

Reverberation is the persistence of sound within an enclosure, such as a room, after the original sound has ceased. Reverberation may also be considered as a series of multiple echoes so closely spaced in time that they merge into a single continuous sound. These echoes decrease in level with successive reflections, and eventually are completely absorbed by the room.

Non-Reverberant Environments

An open, outdoor space is considered to be a non-reverberant environment, as virtually all sound escapes the area without reflection.

Variations in Level Due to Distance for Non-Reverberant Environments

In non-reverberant environments, such as outdoors, sound pressure level will be reduced by half (6 dB) every time the distance from the speaker is doubled (this is called the inverse-square law). Figure A shows the dB losses to be expected as distance from the speaker is increased from the one-meter (3.28-foot) measuring distance typically used in SPL specifications.

Reverberant Environments

Where sound is reflected from walls and other surfaces, there is a point beyond which the "reverberant field" dominates and the sound pressure level is higher and more constant than predicted by using the inverse-square law alone.

Variations in Level Due to Distance for Reverberant Environments

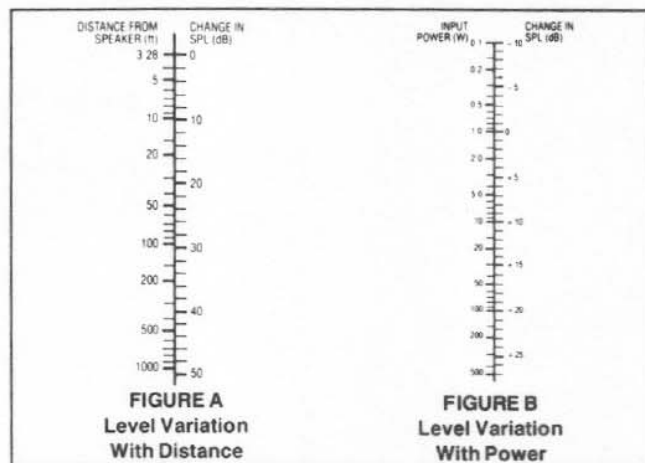
The reverberant field will begin to dominate typically at distances of 10 to 30 feet. This distance is greatest for the least reverberant rooms and speakers with narrow beamwidth angles. The frequency and beamwidth specifications provided by the data sheet are still required to obtain satisfactory distribution of the direct sound (or direct field) from the loudspeaker(s), which still follows the inverse-square law. It is the direct signal that contributes to speech intelligibility. This is why the sound system designer should seek a uniform direct field, with as little reverberant field as possible. For example, consider a single speaker with a wide beamwidth angle used to cover a long, narrow, reverberant room. The direct field will be so far below the reverberant field at the back of the room that speech will probably be unintelligible.

Calculating Variations in Level Due to Changes in Electrical Power

Each time the power delivered to the speaker is reduced by one-half, a level drop of 3 dB occurs. The nomograph of Figure B shows the change in dB to be expected as the power varies from the one-watt input typically used in SPL specifications.

Power Handling

The power rating of a speaker must be known to determine whether a design is capable of meeting the sound pressure level requirements of the system. The power rating combined with the sensitivity will enable a system designer to calculate the maximum sound pressure level attainable at a given distance.



Powering to Achieve Both Average and Peak SPL

The average power that must be delivered to the speaker(s) to achieve the desired average SPL can be determined from the previously presented material on speaker sensitivity, level variation with distance and level variation with power. Enough additional power must be available to reproduce without distortion the short-term peaks that exist in voice and music program. This difference between the peak and average capability of a sound system, when expressed in dB, is often called "peak-to-average ratio," "crest factor" or "headroom." The peaks can be large, as noted earlier: at least 10 times the average (10 dB).

The better sound systems are designed for peaks that are 10 dB above the average, although 6 dB of headroom is sufficient for most general-purpose voice paging systems. The 10-dB peaks require amplifier power ten times that required for the average sound levels. The 6-dB peaks require four times the power.

Utilizing Speaker Beamwidth Information for Maximum Intelligibility

Knowing the beamwidth angle of a loudspeaker can aid in providing a uniform direct field in the listening area. After selecting a desired speaker location, the beamwidth angle needed to adequately cover the listeners without spilling over to the walls or ceilings must be determined. Once these angles are known, the correct speaker can be found by using catalog specifications.

Using Easy-VAMP™ and Floor-Plan Isobars

In some circumstances, it is desirable to use an approach that is more detailed than using the basic horizontal and vertical beamwidth angles. Environments which have excessive reverberation or high ambient noise levels make it especially difficult to achieve the desired SPL and intelligibility.

In recent years, a number of computer-based techniques have been developed to help sound system designers. Some of the more complex systems use personal computers, with relatively sophisticated graphics. Simpler systems, such as Electro-Voice's VAMP™ (Very Accurate Mapping Program), utilize clear overlays and require programmable scientific calculators. However, the hardware/software and training investment required to utilize even the simpler systems are not attractive to some sound systems designers. Because of this, University Sound has developed a special adaptation of VAMP, called Easy-VAMP™, which provides a similar design aid without the complexity and cost of the VAMP programs.

More information on both the Easy-VAMP™ and floor-plan isobars can be found in the University Sound Guide.

