

# GARMIN®

## JL AUDIO® AP AMPLIFIERS

### Installation Instructions

## Important Safety Information

### ⚠ WARNING

See the *Important Safety and Product Information* guide in the product box for product warnings and other important information.

This device must be installed according to these instructions. Failure to install this device in accordance with these instructions could result in serious personal injury, damage to the device and/or vessel, or poor product performance.

Disconnect the power supply to the vessel's audio system before beginning to install this device. To avoid possible serious personal injury or damage to the device and vessel, disconnect the power supply to the vessel's audio system before beginning to install the device.

Continuous exposure to sound pressure levels over 100 dBA may cause permanent hearing loss. The volume is typically too loud if you cannot hear people speaking around you. Limit the amount of time you listen at high volume. If you experience ringing in your ears or muffled speech, stop listening and have your hearing checked.

The wiring from the power source to the amplifier must run through an inline fuse or circuit breaker (not included) as close to the power source as possible. You must connect the positive wire to the fuse or circuit breaker. Connecting the amplifier to power without an inline fuse or circuit breaker may result in a fire if there is a short in the cable.

### ⚠ CAUTION

Install in a dry, well-ventilated location that does not interfere with your factory-installed systems. Mount this product securely to prevent damage or injury in severe conditions. Carefully route all system wiring away from moving parts and sharp edges; secure with cable ties or wire clamps and use grommets and loom where appropriate to protect from sharp edges.

To avoid possible personal injury, always wear safety goggles, ear protection, and a dust mask when drilling, cutting, or sanding.

### NOTICE

Only use this product with 12 volt, negative-ground electrical systems. This product is not certified or approved for use in aircraft.

For ABYC® and NMEA® applications, circuit protection is required within 18 cm (7 in.) of the battery, unless the cable is an enclosure or a conduit.

This product is water-resistant. Do not submerge the device or subject it to high-pressure water spray. Exposure to water pressures beyond the listed water rating can damage the device.

When drilling or cutting, always check what is on the opposite side of the surface to avoid damaging the vessel.

It is strongly recommended that you have your audio system installed by a professional installer to ensure optimum performance.

You must read all installation instructions before beginning the installation. If you experience difficulty during the installation, go to [support.garmin.com](https://support.garmin.com) for product support.

After installing an audio system, you should run the connected speakers and subwoofers at low to medium volumes during their first few hours of use. This helps to improve the overall sound by gradually loosening up the moving components in the new speakers and subwoofers, such as the cone, spider, and surround. See the installation instructions provided with your speakers, because there may be more details about the recommended low-to-medium volume usage time for each model.

## Tools Needed

- Phillips screwdriver
- Drill
- 3 mm ( $\frac{1}{8}$  in.) drill bit

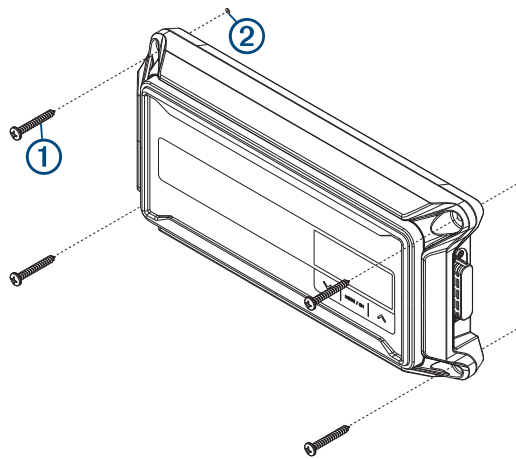
## Model Numbers

These instructions cover the installation and operation for three models of JL Audio® AP amplifiers.

JL Audio AP300/1	Monoblock Amplifier
JL Audio AP300/4	4-Channel Amplifier
JL Audio AP600/6	6-Channel Amplifier

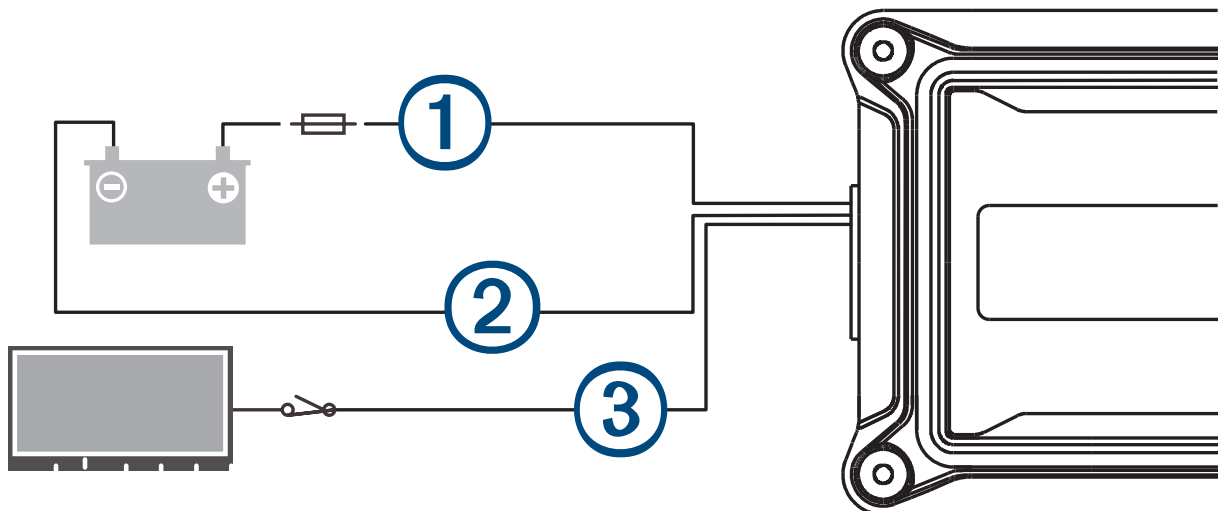
## Mounting the Amplifier

- 1 Identify the four M4 x 35 mm screws ① included with the device.



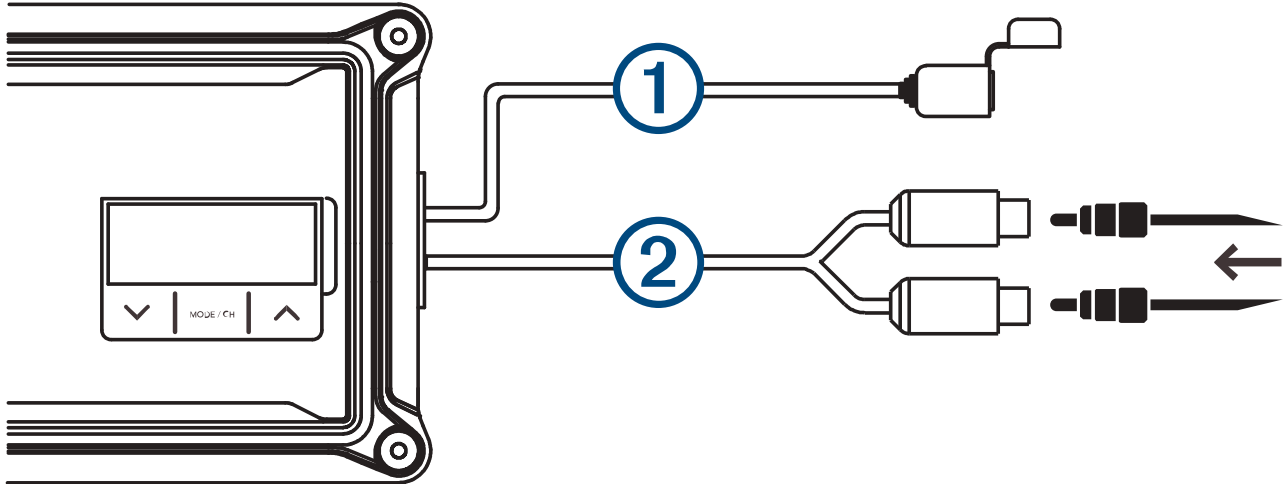
- 2 Place the amplifier onto the mounting location, and mark the locations of the pilot holes.
- 3 Remove the amplifier from the mounting location.
- 4 Using a  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. (3 mm) drill bit, drill four pilot holes ② into the mounting surface.
- 5 Screw the amplifier into the mounting surface using the four screws.

## Power Wiring



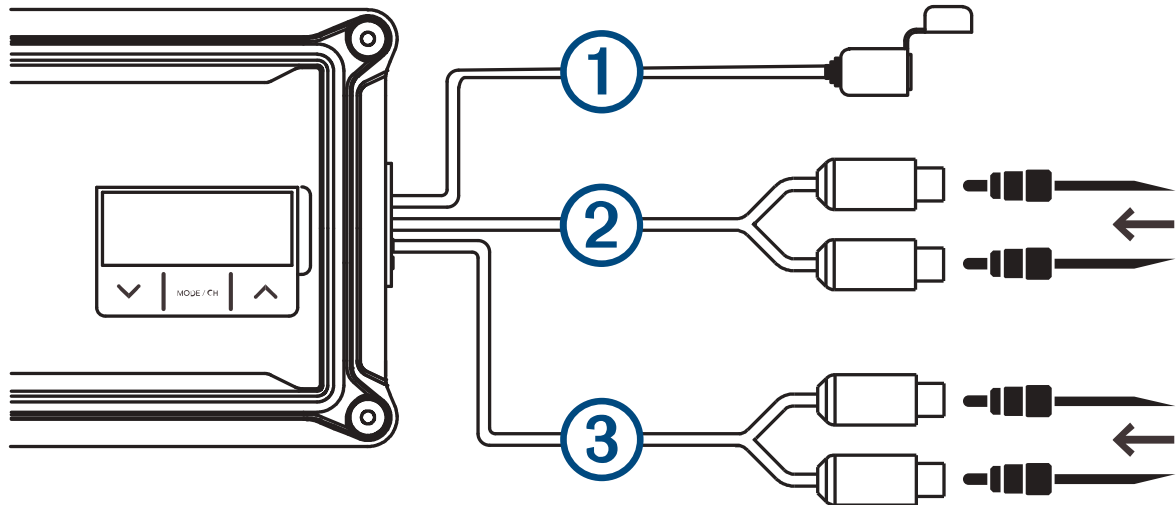
①	+12V DC (Red)+
②	Ground (Black)-
③	Remote in (Blue)+

**JL Audio® AP300/1 Signal Inputs: 200mV - 8V RMS**



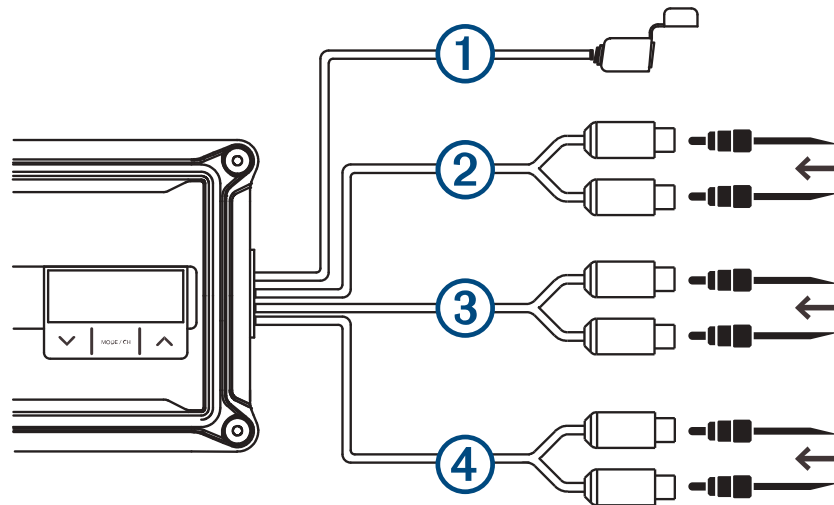
①	Service port
②	Input

**JL Audio® AP300/4 Signal Inputs: 200mV - 8V RMS**



①	Service port
②	CH. 3/4 input
③	CH. 1/2 input

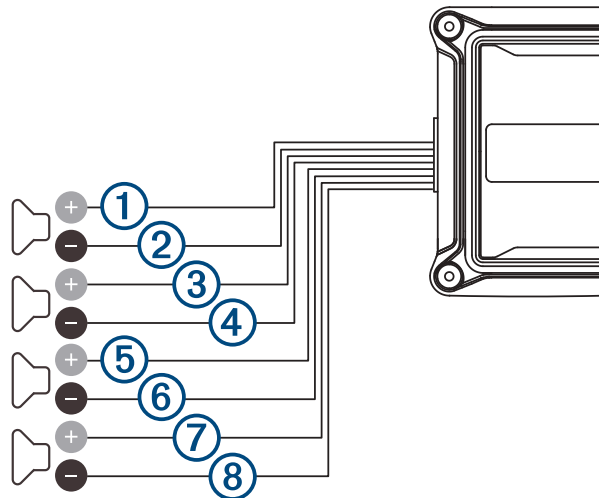
## JL Audio® AP600/6 Signal Inputs: 200mV - 8V RMS



①	Service port
②	CH. 5/6 input
③	CH. 3/4 input
④	CH. 1/2 input

## JL Audio® AP300/4 Outputs

You can configure the JL Audio AP300/4 in stereo mode or bridged mode, depending on the needs of your system.

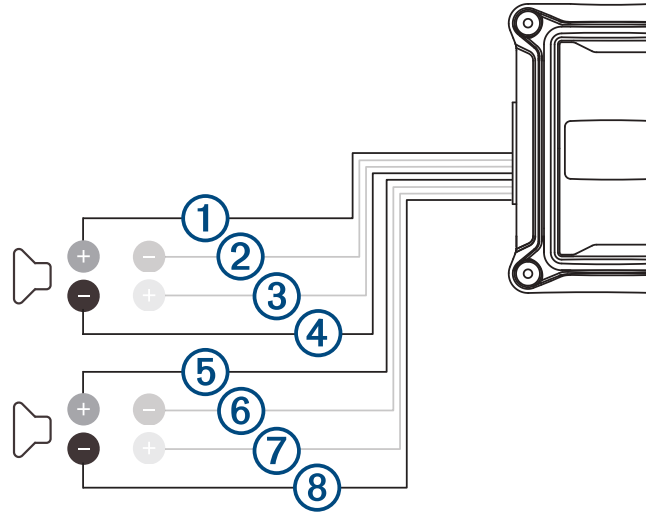


**Figure 1: Stereo Mode Outputs**

①	CH. 1+ (White)
②	CH. 1- (White with black stripe)
③	CH. 2+ (Gray)
④	CH. 2- (Gray with black stripe)
⑤	CH. 3+ (Green)
⑥	CH. 3- (Green with black stripe)

⑦	CH. 4+ (Violet)
⑧	CH. 4- (Violet with black stripe)

The minimum impedance for each speaker output in stereo mode is 2 ohms.



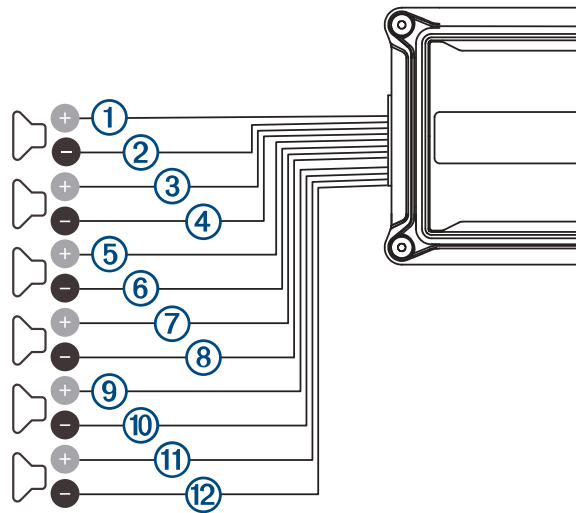
**Figure 2: Bridged Mode Outputs**

①	CH. 1+ (White)
②	unused
③	unused
④	CH. 2- (Gray with black stripe)
⑤	CH. 3+ (Green)
⑥	unused
⑦	unused
⑧	CH. 4- (Violet with black stripe)

The minimum impedance for each speaker output in bridged mode is 4 ohms.

### JL Audio® AP600/6 Outputs

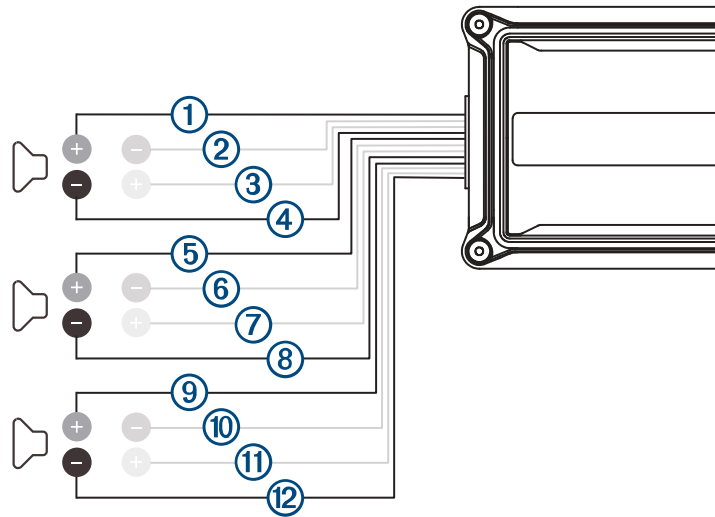
You can configure the JL Audio AP600/6 in stereo mode or bridged mode, depending on the needs of your system.



**Figure 3: Stereo Mode Outputs**

①	CH. 1+ (White)
②	CH. 1- (White with black stripe)
③	CH. 2+ (Gray)
④	CH. 2- (Gray with black stripe)
⑤	CH. 3+ (Green)
⑥	CH. 3- (Green with black stripe)
⑦	CH. 4+ (Violet)
⑧	CH. 4- (Violet with black stripe)
⑨	CH. 5+ (Orange)
⑩	CH. 5- (Orange with black stripe)
⑪	CH. 6+ (Brown)
⑫	CH. 6- (Brown with black stripe)

The minimum impedance for each speaker output in stereo mode is 2 ohms.

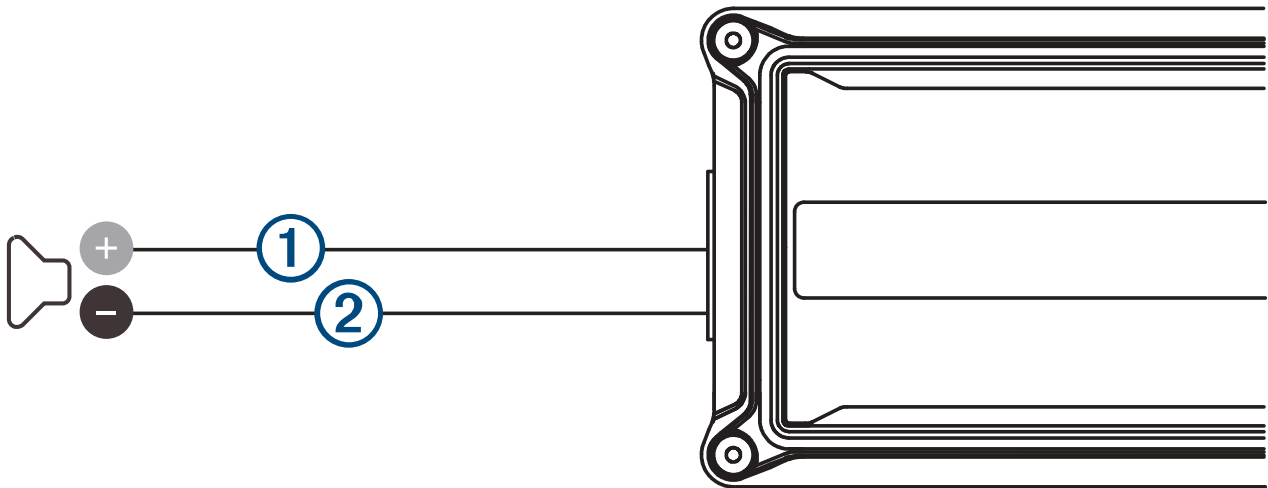


**Figure 4: Bridged Mode Outputs**

①	CH. 1+ (White)
②	unused
③	unused
④	CH. 2- (Gray with black stripe)
⑤	CH. 3+ (Green)
⑥	unused
⑦	unused
⑧	CH. 4- (Violet with black stripe)
⑨	CH. 5+ (Orange)
⑩	unused
⑪	unused
⑫	CH. 6- (Brown with black stripe)

The minimum impedance for each speaker output in bridged mode is 4 ohms.

## JL Audio® AP300/1 Outputs



①	SPK+ (Brown)
②	SPK- (Brown with black stripe)

The minimum impedance for the output is 2 ohms.

## Display and Controls

### Default Display

You can configure the amplifier settings using the top-panel display and controls. When the amplifier is on, the default display alternates between the voltage and internal temperature readings every five seconds. The default display remains active for sixty seconds before turning off. You can press any button to reactivate the default display.

Control	Description
▼ / ▲	Press to move through the menus
MODE / CH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Press to enter a selection</li><li>• Hold to exit or save and return to the default display</li></ul>

### Setup

#### Changing the Temperature Scale

- 1 While the default display is on, press ▲ to change the temperature reading between Fahrenheit (default) and Celsius.
- 2 Hold **MODE / CH** to save your selection.

### Settings

**GAIN:** (Input Sensitivity) Matches the source unit's output voltage with the inputs of each amplifier or amplifier pairs from 1 to 11 (default value is 5).

**HPF:** (High-Pass Filter) For the JL Audio® AP300/4 and JL Audio AP600/6, this attenuates frequencies below the selected filter frequency, from 20 Hz to 500 Hz at a rate of 12 dB per octave (default value is OFF).

**LPF:** (Low-Pass Filter) Attenuates frequencies above the selected filter frequency, from 20 Hz to 500 Hz at a rate of 12 dB per octave (default value is 500 Hz).

**B.B:** (Bass Boost) Equalizer increases the range centered at 37 Hz from 0 to +18 dB (default value is 0).

**I.F:** (Infrasonic Filter) The JL Audio AP300/1 and CH. 5/6 on the JL Audio AP600/6 include an infrasonic filter. This setting adjusts the high-pass filter cutoff frequency, from 20 Hz to 50 Hz at a rate of 12 dB per octave (default value is OFF).

**PHASE:** (Phase Shift) For the JL Audio AP300/1, this setting inverts the output polarity from 0 (normal) to 180 (inverted) degrees for the best overall bass performance (default value is 0 degrees).

## Changing Settings

- 1 Press **MODE / CH** to enter Channel Selection mode.
- 2 Press **▼** or **▲** to select a channel pair, and press **MODE / CH** to confirm.
- 3 Press **▼** or **▲** to select a setting, and press **MODE / CH** to confirm.
- 4 Press **▼** or **▲** to adjust a setting.
- 5 Hold **MODE / CH** to save and exit.

## Easy Tune Mode

The JL Audio® AP300/1, JL Audio AP300/4, and JL Audio AP600/6 include an Easy Tune mode that automatically adjusts the amplifier's settings for use with stereos equipped with DSP profile capabilities or systems with standalone signal processors. When the amplifier enters Easy Tune mode, the amplifier buttons become locked and inoperable until Easy Tune mode is turned off.

## Using Easy Tune Mode

- To activate Easy Tune mode, hold **MODE / CH** for 15 seconds.  
When Easy Tune mode is activated, the screen displays "Easy Tune" for 60 seconds.
- To turn off Easy Tune mode, hold **MODE / CH** for 15 seconds.

## Changing the Input Sensitivity

You can choose between two input sensitivity ranges on your amplifier. The LOW range (default) is between 200mV and 2V RMS and the HIGH range is between 800 mV and 8V RMS.

- 1 Press **▼** while the default display is on to select an input sensitivity range.
- 2 Hold **MODE / CH** to save your selection.

## Manually Setting the Input Sensitivity Level

### NOTICE

Follow this process only if you are not using the Easy Tune Mode of the amplifier.

Do not increase the GAIN settings in the system beyond the maximum level established during this procedure. Doing so will result in audible distortion and possible speaker damage.

You must readjust the GAIN settings if any equalizer boost is activated after setting the GAIN with this procedure. This applies to any EQ boost circuit, including source unit tone controls or EQ circuits. EQ cuts do not require readjustment.

### Required Equipment

- Digital AC voltmeter
- Sine wave test tone recorded at 0 dBFS reference level in the frequency range to be amplified.  
Do not use attenuated test tones (such as -10 dB or -20 dB).

**Full range channel/amplifier applications (JL Audio® AP300/4 and JL Audio AP600/6):** 1 kHz

**Subwoofer channel/amplifier applications:** 50 Hz

- Depending on your type of source unit, the sine wave may be played from a CD, USB thumb drive, or a portable media player. You must disable any EQ/DSP modes on your portable media player during level setting.

Follow these steps to adjust the input sensitivity of each amplifier channel or channel pair to achieve overall system balance.

- 1 Disconnect the speakers from the amplifier's speaker output connectors.
- 2 Turn off all processing (bass/treble, loudness, EQ, etc.) on the source unit, processors (if used) and amplifier.
- 3 Set all of the fader control to the center position, and set the subwoofer level control to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of maximum, if used.
- 4 Set all of the **GAIN** controls to "1".
- 5 Set the source unit volume to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of full volume to allow for reasonable gain overlap with moderate clipping at full volume.
- 6 Determine the target AC voltage for input sensitivity adjustment according to the nominal impedance of the speaker system connected to the amplifier outputs ([Target AC Voltage, page 10](#)).
- 7 Verify that you have disconnected the speakers before proceeding.

- 8 Play a track with an appropriate sine wave (within the frequency range to be amplified) at  $\frac{3}{4}$  source unit volume.
- 9 Connect the AC voltmeter to the speaker output terminals of the amplifier.  
For the JL Audio AP300/4 or JL Audio AP600/6, if the channel pair is operating in stereo, it is only necessary to measure one channel. If bridged, you must test the voltage at the correct terminals (L+ and R-).
- 10 While observing the voltmeter, adjust the **GAIN** control to a setting closest to the target AC voltage.
- 11 After you have adjusted each source/channel section to its maximum low-distortion output level, reconnect the speakers.

You can adjust the GAIN controls downward if the amplifier requires attenuation to achieve the desired system balance.

## Checking the Firmware Version

Hold **MODE / CH** and **▲** simultaneously for three seconds.

The amplifier displays the current firmware version.

## Restoring All Default Settings

Hold **▼** and **▲** simultaneously for seven seconds.

After seven seconds, all settings are returned to their original factory default values and FACT appears on the screen.

## Protection Mode

The amplifier includes built-in features to monitor for thermal and short circuit fault conditions.

Display	Function
TEMP	Indicates thermal fault (over-temperature condition). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The audio output is muted.</li> <li>• The amplifier returns to normal operation when the temperature returns to a safe level.</li> </ul>
PROT	Indicates an over-current condition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The audio output is muted and the audio may exhibit a repetitive, audible ticking or thumping noise in the output.</li> <li>• Possible causes include a speaker impedance lower than the optimum load range or a short-circuit in the speaker wiring. A short circuit can be between the positive and negative speaker wires or between either speaker wire and the vehicle chassis or +12V.</li> <li>• The amplifier returns to normal operation when impedance returns to safe level. Some incidents may require you to restart the amplifier.</li> </ul>

## Appendix

### Target AC Voltage

#### JL Audio® AP300/1 Target AC Voltage

Nominal Impedance	
4 ohms	28.3 V
2 ohms	24.5 V

#### JL Audio AP300/4 Target AC Voltage

Nominal Impedance	Stereo (CH. 1/2/3/4)	Bridged (CH. 1/2/3/4)
4 ohms	14.1 V	24.5 V
2 ohms	12.2 V	not recommended

## JL Audio AP600/6 Target AC Voltage

Nominal Impedance	Stereo (CH. 1/2/3/4)	Stereo (CH. 5/6)	Bridged (CH. 1/2/3/4)	Bridged (CH. 5/6)
4 ohms	14.1 V	20.0 V	24.5 V	34.6 V
2 ohms	12.2 V	17.3 V	not recommended	not recommended

## Specifications

### All Models

Amplifier Topology	Class D
Power Supply Type	Regulated MOSFET switching
Operating Voltage	14.4V DC (9V to 16V)
Operating Temperature	From -20 to 65°C (from -4 to 149°F)
Storage Temperature	From -40 to 85°C (from -40 to 185°F)
Minimum Copper Power/GND Wire	4 AWG <b>NOTE:</b> Copper clad aluminum (CCA) wire is not recommended.
S/N Ratio (A-weighted, 20 Hz to 20 kHz noise bandwidth)	>70 dB (Referred to 1W)
Water Rating	IEC 60529 IP67 <sup>1</sup>
Type	Preamp RCA jacks
Input Voltage Range	200mV to 2V RMS (low) or 800mV to 8V RMS (high)
Bass Boost EQ	0 to +18 dB, centered at 37 Hz, always active

### JL Audio® AP300/1 Specifications

Recommended Fuse	35 A
Rated RMS Power @ 14.4V, <1% THD+N	200W x 1 @ 4 ohms 300W x 1 @ 2 ohms
Frequency Response	10 Hz to 500 Hz (+0, -3 dB)
Speaker Quantity	One stereo pair
Filter Type	Active, 12 dB/octave, low-pass (20 Hz to 500 Hz)
Infrasonic Filter	20 Hz to 50 Hz, 12 dB/octave
Phase Shift	0 to 180 degrees
Amplifier Dimensions ( L x W x H)	265 x 125 x 47 mm (10.43 x 4.90 x 1.85 in.)

### JL Audio AP300/4 Specifications

Recommended Fuse	35 A
Rated RMS Power @ 14.4V, <1% THD+N	50W x 4 @ 4 ohms 75W x 4 @ 2 ohms 150W x 2 @ 4 ohms bridged
Frequency Response	20 Hz to 20 kHz (+0, -3 dB)
Speaker Quantity	Two stereo pairs
Filter Type	Active, 12 dB/octave, high-pass or low-pass (20 Hz to 500 Hz), defeatable
Infrasonic Filter	N/A
Phase Shift	N/A
Amplifier Dimensions ( L x W x H)	265 x 125 x 47 mm (10.43 x 4.90 x 1.85 in.)

<sup>1</sup> The device is protected against the ingress of dust and withstands incidental exposure to water of up to 1 m for up to 30 min. For more information, go to . . .

## JL Audio AP600/6 Specifications

Recommended Fuse	70 A
Rated RMS Power @ 14.4V, <1% THD+N	CH. 1/2/3/4: 50W x 4 @ 4 ohms 75W x 4 @ 2 ohms 150W x 2 @ 4 ohms bridged CH. 5/6: 100W x 2 @ 4 ohms 150W x 2 @ 2 ohms 300W x 1 @ 4 ohms bridged
Frequency Response	20 Hz to 20 kHz (+0, -3 dB)
Speaker Quantity	Three stereo pairs
Filter Type	Active, 12 dB/octave, high-pass or low-pass (20 Hz to 500 Hz), defeatable
Infrasonic Filter	20 Hz to 50 Hz, 12 dB/octave (CH. 5/6 only)
Phase Shift	N/A
Amplifier Dimensions ( L x W x H)	300 x 150 x 47 mm (11.81 x 5.90 x 1.85 in.)

## 物質宣言

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印刷电路板组件	×	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
金属零件	×	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
电缆 电缆组件 连接器	×	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
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