

604-8H DUPLEX LOUDSPEAKER SYSTEM — PRELIMINARY



DESCRIPTION

The Altec Lansing 604-8H is a two-way coaxial loudspeaker that incorporates several recent technological advances in its design. These design changes give the 604-8H improved high-frequency response and dispersion while maintaining the reproduction accuracy that made the 604 series a recording industry standard.

At the heart of this improved performance is an all-new high-frequency horn design. Called the "MANTARAY"™, because of its distinctive shape, the new horn is a radical departure from the older exponential horn designs which tended to beam (narrow dispersion) at higher frequencies. The MANTARAY delivers the same dispersion pattern at all frequencies within its rated frequency band. Listeners sitting off-axis will hear essentially the same sound quality as listeners sitting on-axis.

Complementing the 604-8H's improved high-frequency dispersion is a new compression driver that includes Altec Lansing's patented "Tangerine" phasing plug. Designed to significantly reduce the problem of high-frequency

loss found in conventional phase plugs, the Tangerine delivers smooth response to beyond 20 kHz.

Performance improvements also extend to the dividing network. A unique dual equalizer combined into the network ensures smooth, gradual equalization of the mid and high-frequencies.

To add to the flexibility of the 604-8H, the dividing network is also equipped with an equalizer defeat switch. In the EQ ON position, separate controls for both the mid-range and high-frequencies are available. In the EQ OFF position, the network is reconfigured to act as a conventional two-way crossover with mid through high-frequency attenuation regulated by a single control.

Originally designed for use in studio monitor applications, the 604-8H is an extremely efficient speaker that offers excellent reproduction accuracy, low distortion and unsurpassed stereo imagery when multiple 604-8Hs are used.

SPECIFICATIONS

Duplex coaxial with Type:

network

Power Rating:

65 watts continuous

pink noise (60-20,000 Hz)

Frequency Response: Uniform, 20-20,000 Hz **Pressure Sensitivity:**

100 dB SPL at 4' with 1 watt input of pink

noise from 100-10.000 Hz in Altec 620 enclosure

Impedance:

80

Nominal Free-Air

LF Cone Resonance: 30 Hz

Distribution Pattern: Constant directivity

40° x 60° Mantaray

Horn

Voice Coils —

LF:

3" diameter, edge-

wound copper ribbon

HF:

13/4" diameter, edge-

wound aluminum ribbon

Magnets -

LF:

4.4 lbs. AL V 13,000 gauss

HF:

1.2 lbs. AL V 15,500 gauss

Frame:

Die-cast aluminum

Dividing Network

(furnished):

Dual full section with 1500 Hz crossover frequency, LF slope 12 dB/octave, HF slope 18 dB/octave with shelving control and

dual band equalizer

Dimensions:

16" (40.64 cm) diameter x 111/8" (28.26 cm) deep

Weight:

34 lbs. (15.42 kg) includes

network

Finish:

Dark grey enamel

Mounting Data -

Baffle Opening:

141/8" (35.87 cm)

diameter

Mounting Bolt

Centers:

8 mounting bolts 45° apart on 15" (38.1 cm)

diameter circle

Recommended

Enclosures:

ALTEC 620B

ARCHITECT'S AND ENGINEER'S SPECIFICATIONS

The loudspeaker system shall be a two-way coaxial, with a separate magnet structure for each section and a dual full-section dividing network. The HF section shall have an aluminum diaphragm having tangential compliance and loaded with a constant-directivity horn. The loudspeaker system shall meet the following criteria. Power rating, 65 watts of continuous pink noise from 60-20,000 Hz. Frequency response, uniform from 20-20,000 Hz. Pressure sensitivity, 100 dB SPL at 4' when measured on axis with 1 watt input of band-limited pink noise from 100-10,000 Hz. Impedance, 8 ohms. Nomi-

nal free-air LF cone resonance, 30 Hz. Distribution pattern, $40^{\circ}V \times 60^{\circ}H$. Crossover frequency, 1500 Hz with 12 dB/octave slope (LF) and 18 dB/ octave slope (HF). Voice coils; 3" diameter of edge-wound copper ribbon (LF), 13/4" diameter of edge-wound aluminum ribbon (HF). Magnets; Alnico, 4.4 pounds (LF), 1.2 pounds (HF). Flux density, 13,000 gauss (LF), 15,500 gauss (HF). Dimensions, 16" diameter x 111/8" deep. Weight, 34 pounds.

The loudspeaker system shall be the ALTEC Model 604-8H.



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