

DEQX Calibrated™



HDP3, PDC-2.6 and PDC-2.6P User's Manual

Professional Digital Correction for Installers and End Users

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Do not defeat the safety purpose of the grounding-type safety plug. A grounding-type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong or blade. The third prong or blade is provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.

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1.0 Unpacking the unit

Carefully remove the unit and the accessory kit from the shipping carton. Check visually for shipping damage. Contact both the shipper and DEQX immediately if the unit or any of the accessories bear any sign of damage from mishandling. All DEQX equipment is carefully inspected before leaving our factory.

Keep the shipping carton and packing materials for future use or in the unlikely event that the product needs servicing. If the product is shipped without the original packaging, damage could occur and void the warranty.

1.1 Accessories

You should find the following in the accessory kit:

One (1) AC mains cord

One (1) USB cable

One (1) microphone lead

One (1) CD-ROM with the DEQX Calibration software

One (1) measurement microphone, with windshield and microphone holder

One (1) remote control (HDP3 and PDC-2.6P only)

Two (2) AAA batteries (HDP3 and PDC-2.6P only)

One (1) manual. The User’s manual and the Installer’s Manual are bound together.

2.0 About this manual

This manual is intended for both installers and users. The PDC2.6 is the INSERT SHORT EXPLANATION HERE. The PDC-2.6P is the pre-amplifier model, with analogue volume control and a remote control. The HDP3 is the INSERT SHORT EXPLANATION HERE. For simplicity, in this manual all three models are referred to as the DEQX unit. Please read this manual in full before installing or using the DEQX unit. Installers should also read the DEQX Calibration Installer’s Manual.

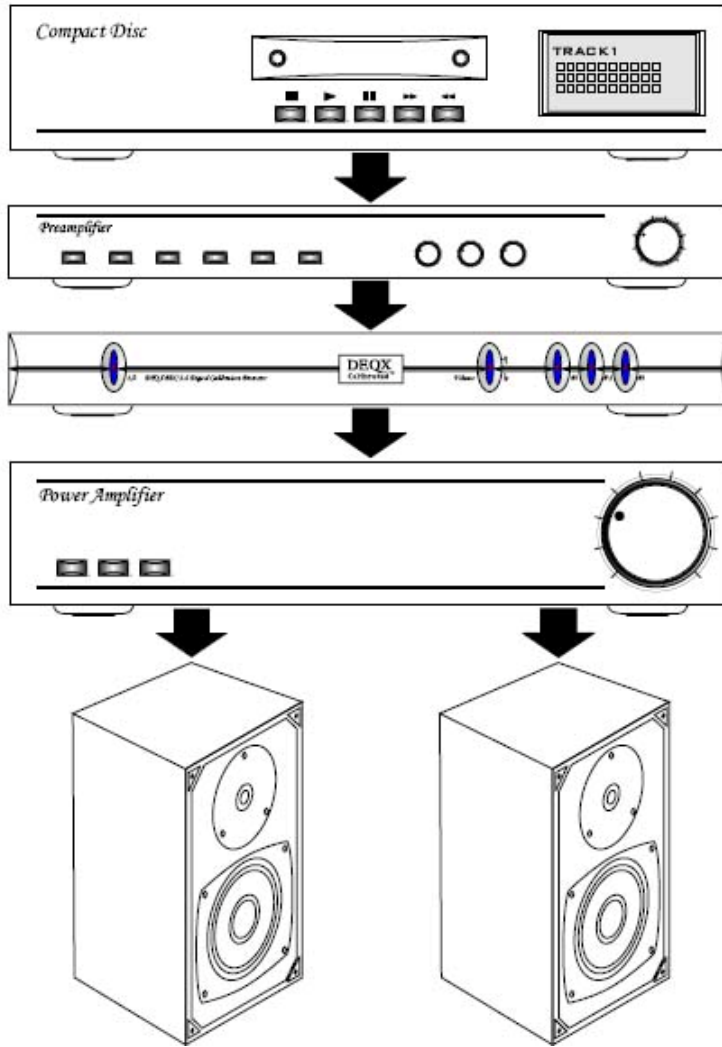
The manual provides comprehensive details and operating instructions for all the features of the DEQX unit.

Installers should record information specific to the installation in Installation Information, page 34. Users should refer to Installation Information, page 34 for information specific to their installation, recorded by the installer.

3.0 Introduction

DEQX Calibrated™-Digital Equalization and X-over Calibrated is a DSP (Digital Signal Processing) technology that corrects frequency response and time alignment errors in loudspeakers.

The PDC (Professional Digital Calibration) and the HDP3 (High Definition PDC) units take the signal from the signal source, possibly via a preamplifier, and process it prior to the main amplification stage. Digital signal processing in the DEQX unit corrects for the specific characteristics of the speakers and room. The result is reduced distortion, coherent phase, a wider sound stage and improved imaging and accuracy.



This diagram shows a typical home configuration, using the PDC-2.6. The CD player signal is preamplified, processed by the PDC, amplified and distributed to the speakers. Both the PDC and the HDP3 can provide dramatic performance improvements to a wide range of home stereo, home theatre and professional audio configurations.

4.0 DEQX unit features and operation

The DEQX unit provides a simple and elegant front panel for controlling input and output, volume and selection of stored profiles.

Each profile stores one set of speaker correction, equalization and crossover curves. Setting up profiles and other configuration of the DEQX unit requires connecting a PC and running the configuration software. Your professional installer may have performed this setup.

The rear panel offers connectors for input, output, PC connection and power.

4.1 Front panel standard operating mode

In standard operating mode the front panel buttons control standby mode, volume, and profile selection.



4.1.1 Standby button

Disables or enables operation of the unit. When the unit exits standby mode, the last selected profile setting remains selected. Together with button 5, this also selects IO Configuration mode. Button light indicates state as follows:

Button Light	State
Green	On – digital input
Yellow	On – analogue input
Red	Standby
White	Clipping – signal overload (analog input, or digital or analog output)

4.1.2 Volume Button

Press the upper half of the button to increase the volume. Press the lower half of the button to decrease the volume. Each press increments or decrements in 1dB steps from 0dB to above -24dB, then in 2dB steps above -36dB, then in 3dB steps above -48dB, then in 6dB steps down to -120dB.

The volume setting is saved when the unit is placed into standby or powered down.

The button light indicates the gain as follows:

Button Light	Gain
Off	From -120 dB to -60 dB

Red	From -60 dB to -50 dB
Yellow	From -50 dB to -40 dB
Green	From -40 dB to -30 dB
Blue	From -30 dB to -20 dB
Purple/Pink	From -20 dB to -10 dB
White	From -10 dB to 0 dB

The volume button light will flash when the unit is muted, except when the gain is below -60 dB.

The unit can be muted with the software (ie with a PC connected) with either digital or analogue input selected. Furthermore, if digital input is selected but the unit does not detect a digital signal, as will usually happen if a CD player is paused, the unit will automatically go into mute mode.

4.1.3 Profile selection buttons P1, P2 & P3

These three buttons select stored calibration profiles for operation.

Pressing any two profile buttons together selects a fourth profile, typically set up as a bypass profile to pass signals through the unit unchanged.

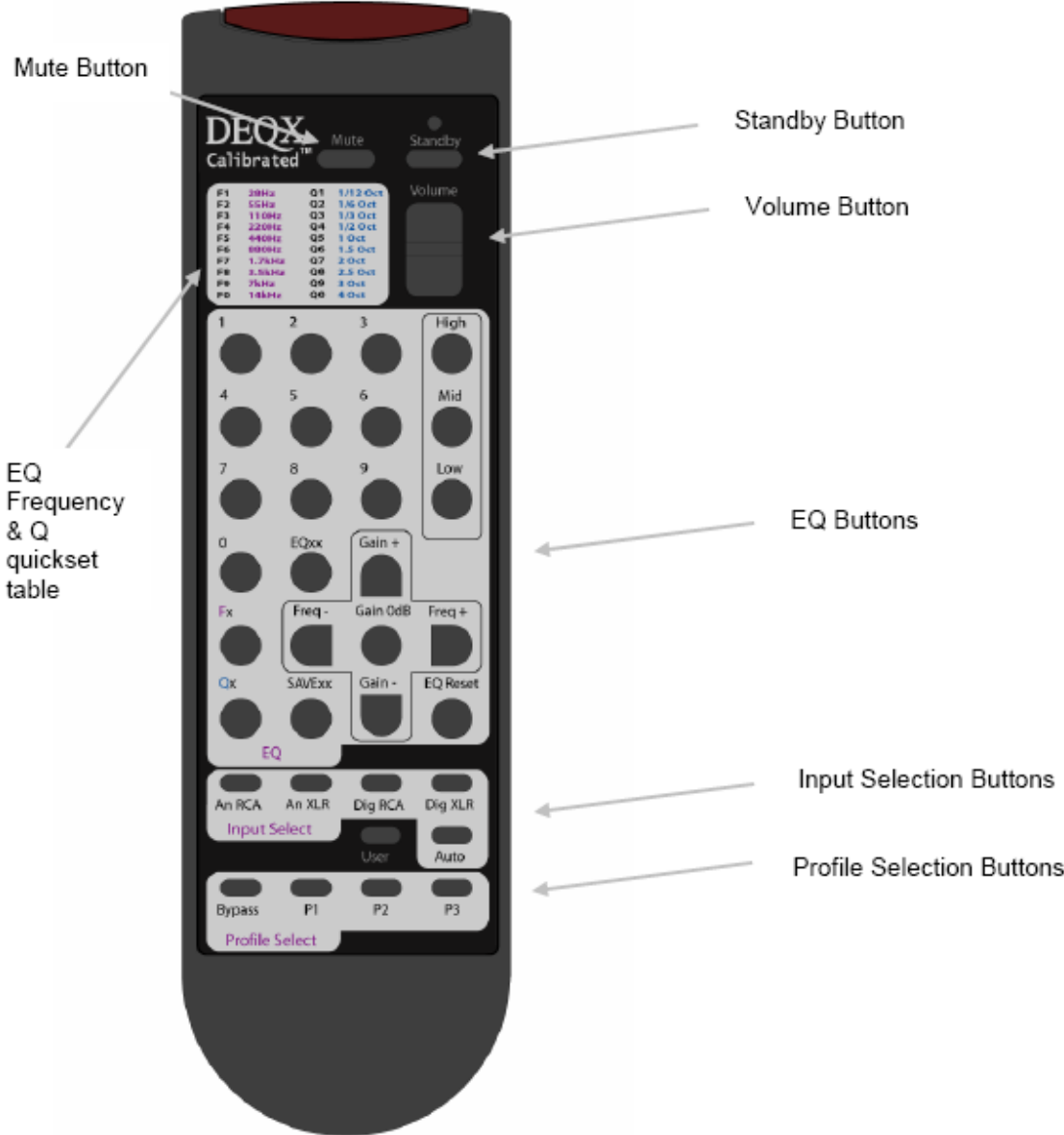
Users, please refer to Installation Information, page 34 to determine how your installer set up these three profiles. Installers, please record installation information in the space provided in Installation Information, page 34. Please refer to Factory Settings, page 17 for the default settings for the profiles.

Button lights indicate state as follows:

Button Light	State
All off	Unit is not in filtering mode. Refer to standby light to determine mode
All yellow	No filter profiles are loaded
All lights white	Bypass mode – Profile 4 selected
Only one button light white	Profile corresponding to this button is active

4.2 Use of the Remote Control

The remote control supplied with the PDC-2.6P and the HDP3 controls a number of functions of the unit. Refer to the figure below.



4.2.1 Mute

The mute button mutes and unmutes the output of the unit. Press the Mute button to mute the output, press it again to turn mute off. When mute is on, the volume light on the unit front panel flashes.

4.2.2 Standby

The Standby button puts the unit in and out of standby, in the same manner as the Standby (1/0) button on the unit front panel. When in standby the light on the Standby button on the unit front panel is red.

4.2.3 Volume

The Volume button adjusts the output volume of the unit in the same manner as the volume button on the unit's front panel. In other words, each button press increments or decrements in 1dB steps from 0dB to above -24dB, then in 2dB steps above -36dB, then in 3dB steps above -48dB, then in 6dB steps down to -120dB. The ^ button increases the volume, the v button decreases the volume.

4.2.4 EQ

3-Band EQ – Low, Mid and High

In its simplest form, the EQ on the remote control can be used as a 3-band graphic equalizer.

Unless adjusted to other frequencies (see Advanced EQ below), the frequencies of the 3 bands are

- Bass (Low): 110Hz
- Mid: 440Hz
- Treble (High): 3500Hz

To adjust the boost of the bass (low) band, press the Low button, then press the Gain+ button to boost the bass, or the Gain- button to cut the bass.

Similarly, to adjust the boost of the mid band, press the Mid button, then press the Gain+ button to boost it, or the Gain- button to cut it. And to adjust the boost of the treble (high) band, press the High button, then press the Gain+ button to boost it, or the Gain- button to cut it.

Each press of the Gain+ or Gain- buttons changes the boost of the relevant band by 1 dB. Holding down either of these buttons for more than 1 second will cause the boost to be changed continuously until the button is released.

Whichever band you have selected will stay active until you select another band. For example, if you have pressed the Mid button, the Gain+ and Gain- buttons will affect the Mid band until either the Low or High button is pressed.

Every time you press an EQ button, you get feedback on the front panel. The 3 rightmost buttons will light up green for 1 second. Depending on which control is 'active' (low, mid or high), one of the lights will be brighter than the others –

- the P1 light will be brighter when the low control is active
- the P2 light will be brighter when the mid control is active
- the P3 light will be brighter when the high control is active

To reset the boost of the active band, press the Gain 0dB button.

To reset the boost of all the bands, press the EQ Reset button.

Advanced EQ

The EQ controls on the remote control allow the user to store and retrieve up to 100 EQ profiles, each consisting of up to three EQ settings. The EQ profiles are not the same as the four correction profiles (P1, P2, P3 and bypass) which can be stored on the unit.

Outline of the EQ controls:

- There are 100 profiles, numbered 00 to 99
- There are 3 bands of EQ: bass, mid, treble
- The bass and treble controls have adjustable gain and frequency
- The mid control has adjustable gain, frequency and Q.
- Q refers to the width of the EQ effect in octaves. Q can be 10 options from 1/12th octave to 4 octaves. Refer to the table of Q 'quicksets' on the remote control.
- Frequency can be any value in the range 20 Hz to 24 kHz in semitone steps. You can also quickly jump from one frequency to another using the 'quicksets' as listed on the remote control.
- Gain is +-12dB in 1dB steps.

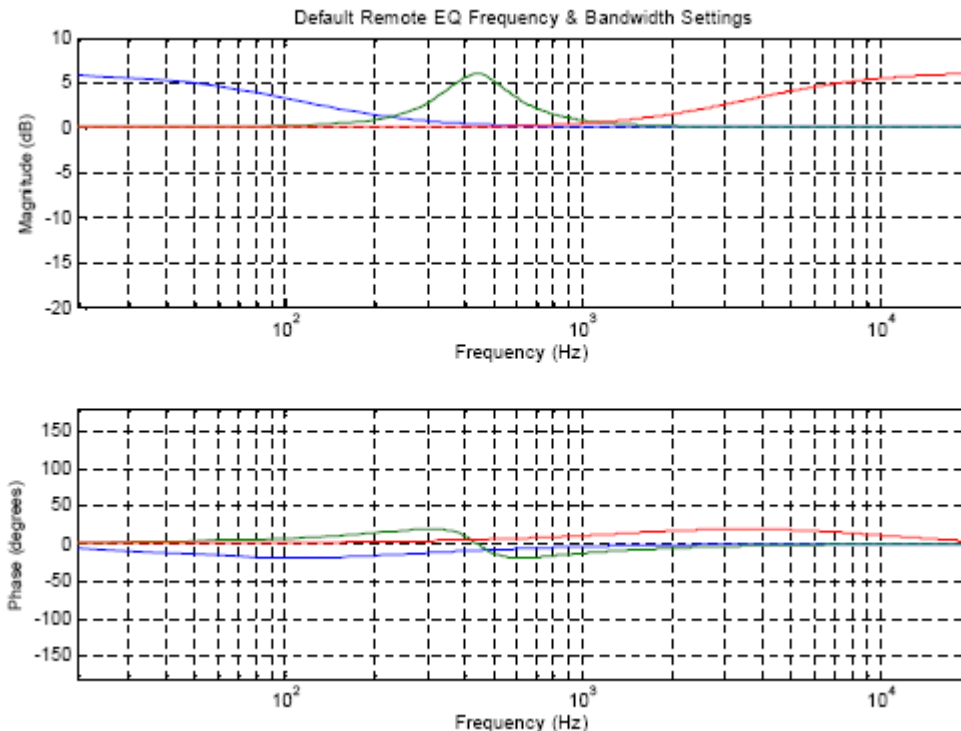
Using the EQ controls:

- When you set the EQ controls, they are independent of the correction profiles, i.e. they remain like that for every correction profile (P1, P2, P3, Bypass). They will stay the same even if you turn off the power.
- You can save the current EQ controls into an EQprofile, using SAVExx. For example, pressing 'SAVExx' then '5' then '7' saves the current EQ controls into EQprofile 57. You

can load EQ controls from a previously saved EQprofile using EQxx. For example, pressing 'EQxx' then '0' then '5' loads EQprofile 05 into the current EQ controls. Note – two digits are required to save or load an EQprofile

- There is an 'active' EQ/tone control which is either bass, mid or treble. You select this by choosing "Low", "Mid" or "High". This controls what the Gain+, Gain-, Freq-, Freq+, Qx and Gain 0dB buttons do.
- To reset the gain of a single control to 0dB, press Gain 0dB. This applies to the active tone control.
- The default settings for the 3 bands are:
 1. Low: 110Hz
 2. Mid: 440Hz, 1 Octave bandwidth
 3. High: 3500Hz

The figure below shows the 3 tone controls in their default settings, each with 6 dB of boost. Also shown are the phase consequences of the default settings with 6 dB of boost.



To reset all 3 tone controls to their defaults, use EQ Reset. This doesn't affect saved EQprofiles.

Every time you do an EQ operation, you get feedback on the front panel. The 3 rightmost buttons will light up green for 1 second. Depending on which control is 'active' (low, mid or high), one of the lights will be brighter than the others –

- the P1 light will be brighter when the low control is active
- the P2 light will be brighter when the mid control is active
- the P3 light will be brighter when the high control is active

The DEQX unit has a total of 10 eq settings per correction profile. 3 of these are reserved for the remote control's EQ controls and 7 are reserved for the parametric EQ accessible from the DEQX Cal software. There is an option to disable the remoteEQ and use 10-bands of parametric EQ instead. If this option is turned on, then the EQ controls cannot be used.

4.2.5 Input Select

There are five input selection buttons:

- **RCA** – this selects analogue RCA (unbalanced) as the input source
- **XLR** – this selects analogue XLR (balanced) as the input source
- **Dig RCA** – this selects digital RCA (unbalanced, also known as S/PDIF) as the input source
- **Dig XLR** – this selects digital XLR (balanced, also known as AES/EBU) as the input source
- **Auto** – this switches between the last selected analogue source and the last selected digital source. It will use the digital source if there is a signal received at the digital input, otherwise it will use the analog source. For example, if you were to press the An RCA button then the Dig XLR button, then press the Auto button, the unit will use the digital XLR signal if there is one, regardless of whether there is an analogue RCA signal or not, and use the analogue RCA signal if there is no digital XLR signal.

4.2.6 Profile Select

There are four profile selection buttons, **Bypass**, **P1**, **P2** and **P3**. These correspond to the four profiles that can be stored on the unit and selected using the profile selection buttons on the unit front panel.

4.2.7 User

This button is for a user-defined function. This button is currently not functional. Its functionality will be available through a future software upgrade.

4.2.8 Batteries

The remote control takes two AAA size batteries, supplied with the remote control. The battery compartment is in the top of the remote control. To install the batteries, open the battery cover

at the back of the remote control by sliding it upwards, as indicated by the arrow on the battery cover. Install the batteries with + and – signs matching the + and – signs of the figures in the compartment. Replace the cover by sliding it back into place.

If the remote control does not work check that the batteries have been installed correctly.

The charge of the batteries will run down over time and with use. Replace the batteries when this occurs.

4.3 Factory Settings

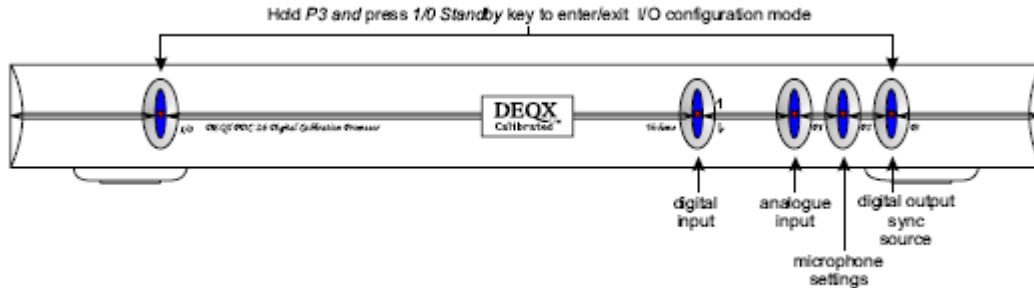
The unit is shipped with the following factory settings:

Profile	L1, R1 (Sub)	L2, R2 (Mid/Woofer)	L3, R3 (Tweeter)
Profile 1	Bypass	Bypass	Bypass
Profile 2	100Hz 24dB/Octave Linkwitz-Riley low pass filter	100 Hz, 24 dB/Octave Linkwitz-Riley high pass filter 2000 Hz, 102 dB/Octave Linear Phase low pass filter	2000 Hz, 102 dB/Octave Linear Phase high pass filter
Profile 3	100Hz 24dB/Octave Linkwitz-Riley low pass filter	100 Hz, 24 dB/Octave Linkwitz-Riley high pass filter 2000 Hz, 102 dB/Octave Linear Phase low pass filter	2000 Hz, 102 dB/Octave Linear Phase high pass filter
Profile 4/ Bypass	Bypass	Bypass	Bypass

4.4 Front panel IO configuration mode

The front panel can operate in normal mode, described above, and IO configuration mode. To enter or exit IO Configuration mode, hold down the P3 button on the far right and press the 1/0 Standby button on the far left.

In IO Configuration mode you can select rear panel digital inputs, rear panel analogue inputs, microphone mode, and digital sync source. Button lights indicate the selection made.



4.4.1 Volume button - Digital input selection

Selects which rear panel digital input connector is in use.

Button light	Selection
Off	No Selection
Green	AES/EBU (XLR/professional)
Blue	S/PDIF (RCA/consumer)

4.4.2 P1 - Analogue input selection

Selects which rear panel analogue input connector is in use.

Button light	Selection
Off	No Selection
Green	XLR/professional
Blue	RCA/consumer

4.4.3 P2 - Microphone selection

Selects microphone input mode for calibration phase of installation.

Button light	Selection
Off	No Selection
Red	Microphone + GAIN
Green	Microphone only
Blue	Microphone + GAIN + PHANTOM POWER
White or yellow	Microphone + PHANTOM POWER

4.4.4 P3 – Digital out sync source selection

Selects the word clock sync source for the optional digital outputs.

Button light	Selection
Off	No Digital Output Option Not Fitted
Red	Internal Clock
Green	External Clock (Sync In)
Blue	Auto Detect (default)

4.4.5 IO configuration notes

If using digital mode exclusively (analogue input set to No Selection), and there is no valid input source, the unit mutes.

If digital and analogue modes are selected simultaneously, the unit uses the digital input if a valid digital source is detected, and if not defaults to analogue input.

When the microphone input is selected, the unit is automatically placed in analogue mode.

The unit defaults to the analogue condition when going from microphone to no-input

Digital and analogue input selections are saved when you switch back from IO Configuration Mode to Standard Operating Mode.

Microphone selections are not saved.

The optional digital outputs carry the same signals as the analogue outputs.

The digital output word clock can be synchronized to either the internal clock or an external AES signal connected to the **Sync In** connector. In auto-detect mode the unit will automatically sync to an external sync signal, if present. The digital output may be synchronized to sample rates ranging from 8kHz to 108kHz.

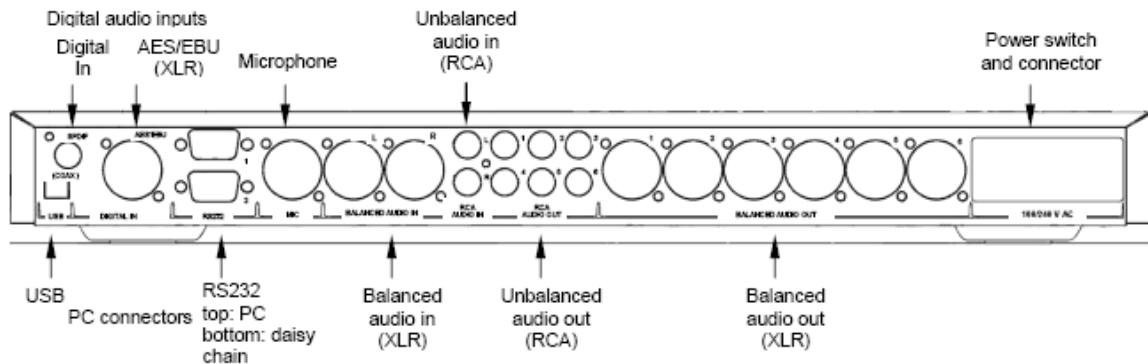
4.5 Front panel button light special modes

The front panel button lights also indicate special modes and fault conditions as follows.

Button lights	Selection
All lights flashing blue	Unit was booted in 'safe' mode - a special mode used in case a firmware upgrade has failed. Filtering will not work but firmware can be updated again.
Red, Red, Red, Yellow, Red Red, Yellow, Red, Yellow, Red Red, Blue, Red Blue, Red, Blue	Fault mode Unit has faulted and needs to be powered off and on to recover. Debug information regarding the fault can be sent to DEQX for analysis.

4.6 Rear panel connections

The rear panel houses the power switch, connectors for the configuration PC, and digital and analogue audio input and output. The unit is available with a choice of optional balanced or digital audio output connectors. The rear panel also provides a connector for the microphone used in calibration.



Note: Balanced analogue output option shown.

USB: The USB port is used for connecting a PC to the unit during initial installation and configuration. The RS232 serial port is provided as an alternative option.

Digital In: S/PDIF digital audio input connection between your pre-amp or source unit and the DEQX unit. This is an alternative to the AES/EBU connector.

AES/EBU: Digital audio input connection between your pre-amp or source unit and the DEQX unit. This is an alternative to the S/PDIF connector.

RS232: Standard serial connector used for connecting a PC to the unit during initial installation and configuration. The USB serial port is provided as an alternative option. The lower RS232 port is currently not supported.

Mic: Used during installation to connect a microphone to measure the loudspeaker and room response so that an appropriate correction filter can be created. Phantom power (on by default) may be selected for condenser measurement microphones.

Balanced Audio In (XLR): 2 balanced analogue audio input channels.

Unbalanced Audio In (RCA): 2 unbalanced analogue audio input channels

Unbalanced Audio Out (RCA): 6 unbalanced analogue audio output channels

Balanced Audio Out (XLR): (optional) 6 balanced analogue audio output channels. Both balanced and unbalanced outputs are available at all times. No settings need to be changed to select between the two.

Power switch: The power switch removes power from the unit. Use the standby button located on the front panel for most purposes. Use the rear power switch when disconnecting cables.

IEC mains socket: This accepts a standard 110-240V 50-60 Hz IEC mains plug.

5.0 Installation

End users should refer to their installer's Installation Information on page 34 for details specific to their installation. Read below for more background information on how the DEQX system works.

The hardware installation steps for professional installers are:

- Determine the required speaker placement. See Determining speaker placement, page 21.
- Determine the required speaker configuration. See Determining speaker configuration, page 21

- Connect the components according to the chosen speaker configuration. See *Speaker connection*, page 26.

The next phase of installation is software configuration. This involves setting up profiles for your configuration, room and primary listening position. The unit can produce output without software configuration, using the factory settings (See *Factory Settings*, page 8). However, the output will be optimized for your speakers or room only after software configuration has been successfully completed. Refer to the *DEQX Calibration Software Manual* for software configuration details

5.1 Determining speaker placement

Speaker placement within a room can have a dramatic effect on the overall sound quality. If DEQX's parametric equalizer has been used to reduce room effects, it is important to leave the room and speakers configured as they were when the room measurement was made.

When you have determined the optimum speaker placement, record it in a diagram in the space provided in this manual under *Speaker room layout diagram* on page 36.

5.2 Determining speaker configuration

Configurations vary according to:

- the number of speakers
- the number of drivers in each speaker
- the type of crossover in each speaker
- speaker wiring - single wiring, bi-wiring or tri-wiring

See the topics below for details.

Depending on these factors, choose for each speaker a DEQX Speaker configuration according to the following table:

Speaker Wiring	DEQX Speaker Configuration	Uses Speaker Internal Crossover	Uses DEQX Digital Crossover
Single-wired	Single Amp	YES	NO
Bi-wired	Single Amp	YES	NO
Bi-Amplified	Bi Amp	OPTIONAL – depends on model	YES

Tri-wired	Single Amp	YES	NO
Tri-Amplified	Tri Amp	OPTIONAL – depends on model	YES
Single-wired	Subwoofer	OPTIONAL – depends on model	YES

For example, if you have a stereo system consisting of two bi-amped speakers and a subwoofer, you would choose the Bi Amp DEQX speaker configuration for each of the bi-amped speakers and the Subwoofer configuration for the subwoofer. More details are given in the *DEQX Installer's Manual* and online help.

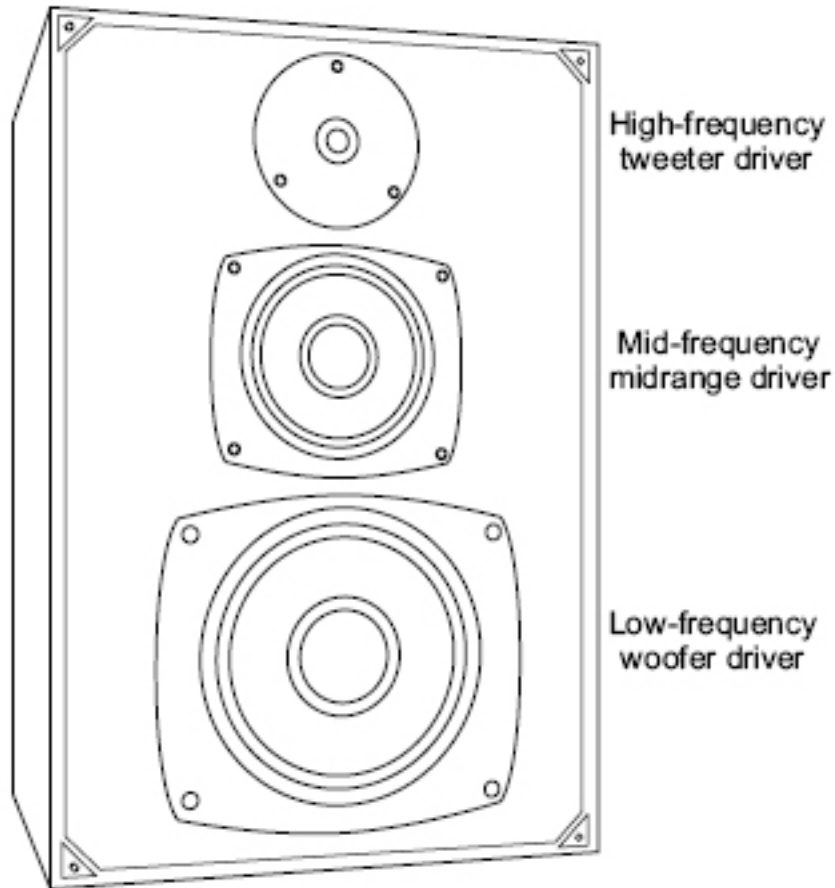
5.2.1 Number of speakers

In this document the word *speaker* refers to loudspeaker cabinet. A stereo configuration has left and right speakers with optional subwoofer. A home theatre configuration usually has four or five loudspeakers plus one or two subwoofers .

5.2.2 Number of drivers in each speaker

In this document the word *driver* refers to an electro-mechanical speaker cone, dome, ribbon or horn unit within a speaker cabinet.

For example, a speaker may contain a tweeter driver, a midrange driver and a woofer driver, with a crossover circuit that distributes low frequencies (bass) to the woofer, middle frequencies to the midrange driver, and high frequencies (treble) to the tweeter.



5.3 Crossovers

A crossover is a device for limiting the frequencies to each driver in a speaker. A two-way crossover operates at a single crossover frequency. A low-pass filter passes frequencies below the crossover frequency to one driver. A high-pass filter passes frequencies above the crossover frequency to the other. A three-way crossover divides the frequencies three ways at two crossover frequencies.

Crossovers may be passive (requiring no external power source) or active (requiring an external power source).

Speakers with multiple drivers typically contain crossovers to distribute frequencies to the internal drivers. A speaker may offer the option of bypassing the internal crossover and using an external crossover such as the DEQX PDC or HDP3. This requires additional amplification channels. See *Speaker wiring and amplifier connection*, below.

5.4 Speaker wiring and amplifier connection

Speakers containing more than one driver may be wired in a variety of ways, depending on how amplifiers are connected to individual speaker drivers.

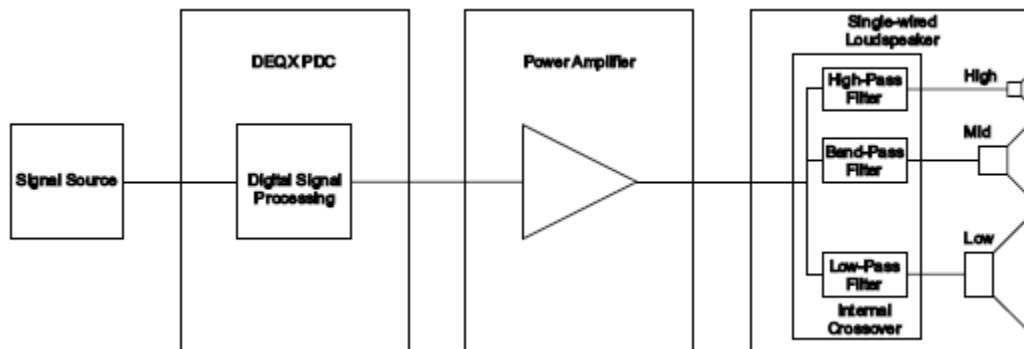
A bi-wired speaker has two separate cables for amplifier connection. The cables can be connected in parallel to a single amplifier (single-amplified) or a separate amplifier for each cable (bi-amplified).

A tri-wired speaker has three separate cables for amplifier connection. The cables can be connected in parallel to a single amplifier (single-amplified) or a separate amplifier for each cable (tri-amplified).

The diagrams below show a three driver speaker. Two driver speakers can also be single-wired, bi-wired and bi-amplified.

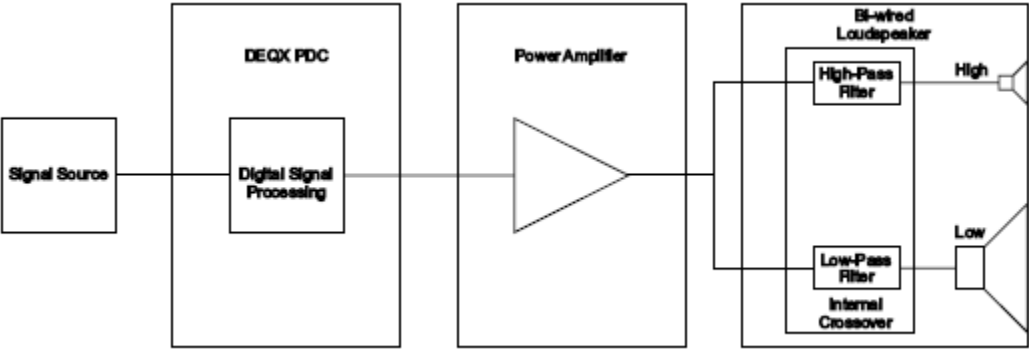
5.4.1 Single-wired

In a single-wired configuration, a single cable connects the amplifier to the speaker. An internal crossover within the speaker filters the signal to distribute the appropriate frequencies to each driver. This corresponds to the DEQX Single Amp configuration.



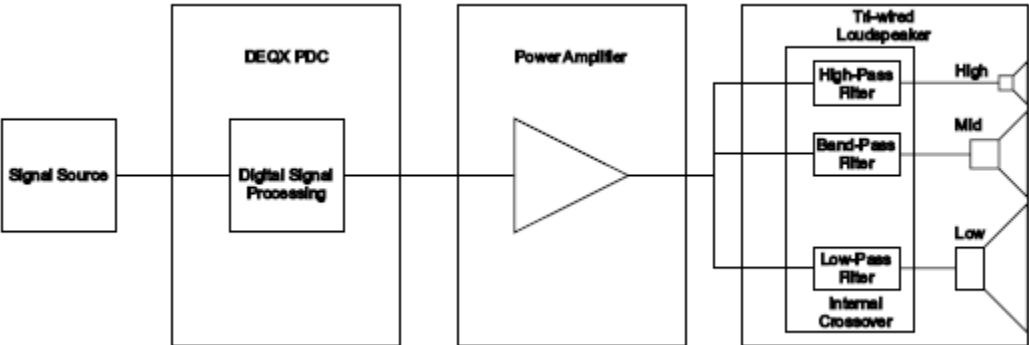
5.4.2 Bi-wired

In a bi-wired configuration the speaker is connected to a single amplifier by two cables. This corresponds to the DEQX Single Amp configuration.



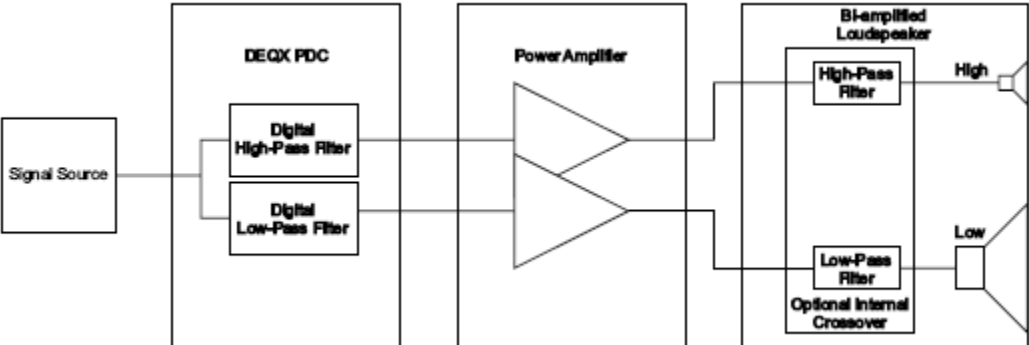
5.4.3 Tri-wired

In a tri-wired configuration the speaker is connected to a single amplifier by three cables. This corresponds to the DEQX Single Amp configuration.



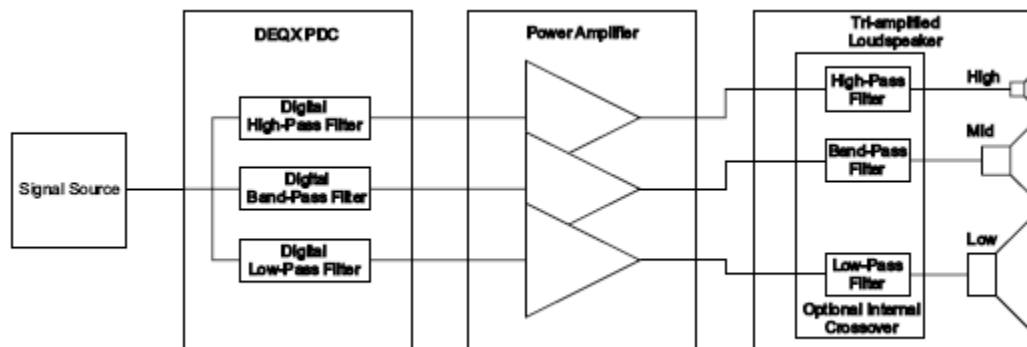
5.4.4 Bi-amplified

In a bi-amplified configuration two separate amplified channels are connected to the speaker by two separate cables. This corresponds to the DEQX Bi Amp configuration. Note that it is preferable that the speaker's internal crossover be disconnected in this configuration.



5.4.5 Tri-amplified

In a tri-amplified configuration three separate amplified channels are connected to the speaker by three separate cables. This corresponds to the DEQX Tri Amp configuration. Note that it is preferable that the speaker's internal crossover be disconnected in this configuration.



5.4.6 Choosing a configuration

Using individual amplifier channels for each driver results in improved sound quality. It also offers the opportunity to take advantage of DEQX digital crossovers, bypassing the speaker internal crossover.

Some speakers offer a choice of wiring. By adding links to, or removing links from wiring terminals on the speaker you can choose single wiring, bi-wiring or tri-wiring.

Refer to the speaker manufacturer's specification to ensure correct connection.

For bi-amplified or tri-amplified configurations additional amplifier channels are required.

6.0 Speaker connection

A large variety of configurations are possible. Sample configurations shown demonstrating options available using a single DEQX unit, with stereo speakers.

The illustrations below show single amp, bi amp and tri amp configurations using the RCA unbalanced audio outputs. For a description of the DEQX unit connectors see Rear panel page 20.

The table below shows the signal present at each DEQX unit rear panel connector in each possible configuration. Left channel outputs are numbered L1-L3 and right channel outputs R1-R3. Left and right inputs are named L and R respectively.

Output	Speaker Configuration
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	Single Amp	Bi-Amp	Tri-Amp	Subwoofer
L1	no connection	No connection	Left Woofer	Left Sub
L2	Left Speaker	Left Woofer	Left Mid-range	no connection
L3	no connection	Left Tweeter	Left Tweeter	no connection
R1	no connection	No connection	Right Woofer	Right Sub
R2	Right Speaker	Right Woofer	Right Mid-range	no connection
R3	no connection	Right Tweeter	Right Tweeter	no connection

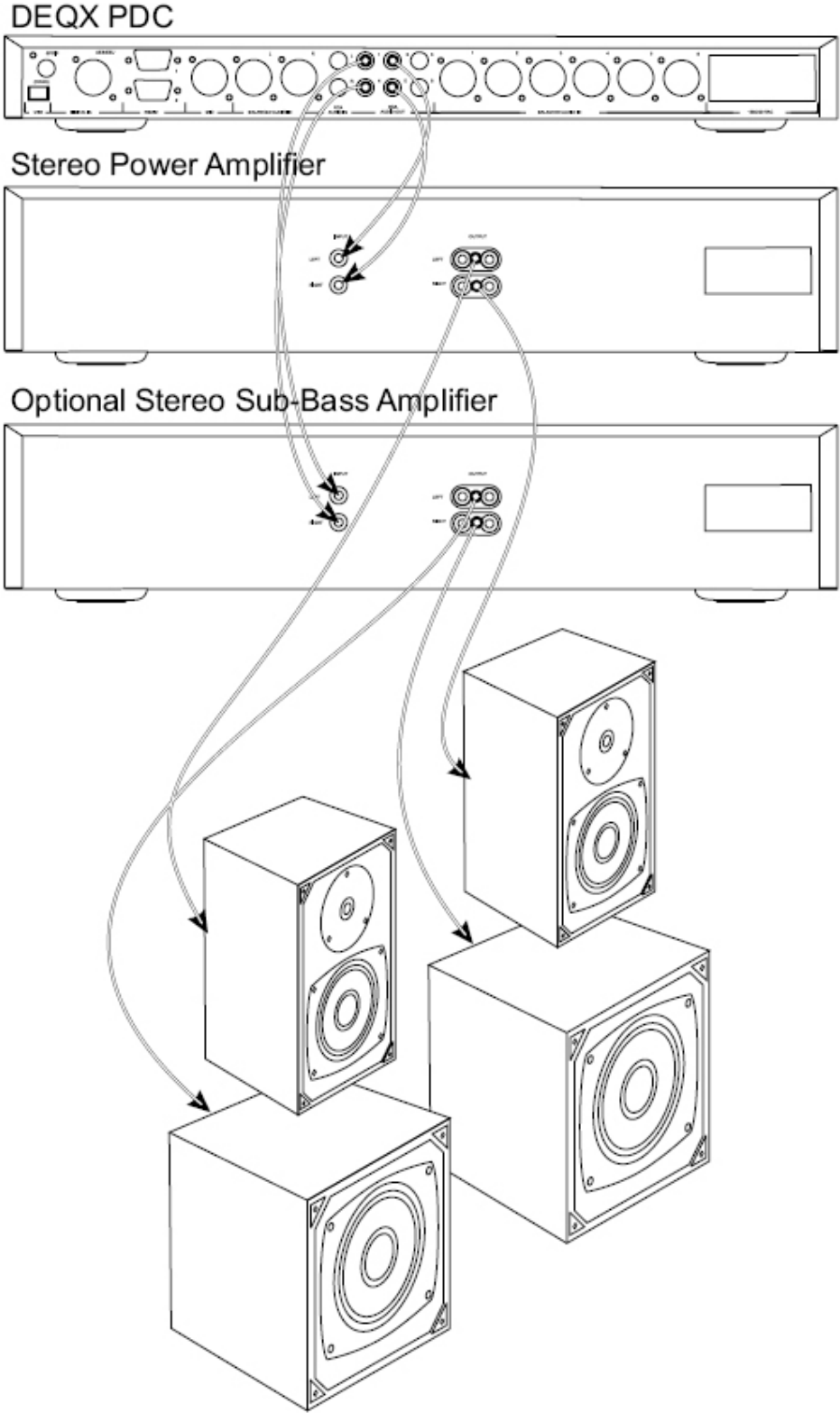
The table below lists the configurations and shows the connections for each channel. When using multiple DEQX units for home cinema applications these connections may not be the correct and the actual loudspeaker connected to a channel will depend on the installation.

DEQX unit configuration	Allocated Output	
	"L" Channels	"R" Channels
Single Amp with Stereo Subwoofer	L2 – Left Speaker L1 – Left Subwoofer	R2 – Right Speaker R1 – Right Subwoofer
Single Amp with Mono Subwoofer	L2 – Left Speaker L1 – Mono Subwoofer	R2 – Right Speaker R1 – Same as L1
Bi Amp with Stereo Subwoofer	L3 – Left Tweeter L2 – Left Woofer L1 – Left Subwoofer	R3 – Right Tweeter R2 – Right Woofer R1 – Right Subwoofer
Bi Amp with Mono Subwoofer	L3 – Left Tweeter L2 – Left Woofer L1 – Mono Subwoofer	R3 – Right Tweeter R2 – Right Woofer R1 – Same as L1
Tri Amp	L3 – Left Tweeter L2 – Left Mid range L1 –Left Woofer	R3 – Right Tweeter R2 – Right Mid range R1 – Right Woofer

When you have determined the optimum speaker connection and configuration, record it in a diagram in the space provided in this manual. See *Installation Information*, page 34.

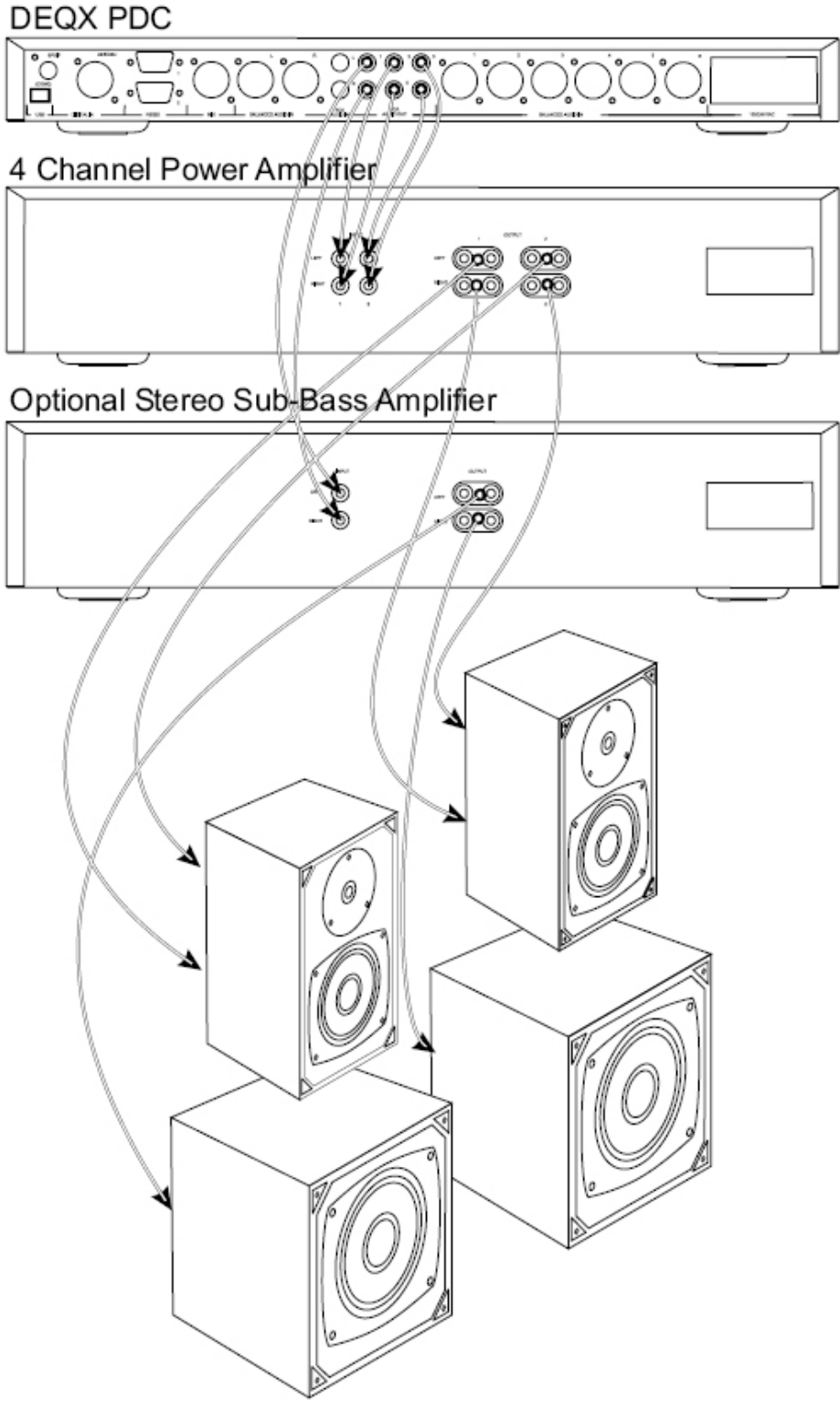
6.1 Single-amp

The diagram shows stereo speakers, each in a single-amp configuration, with optional subwoofers. This uses up to four DEQX unit output channels.



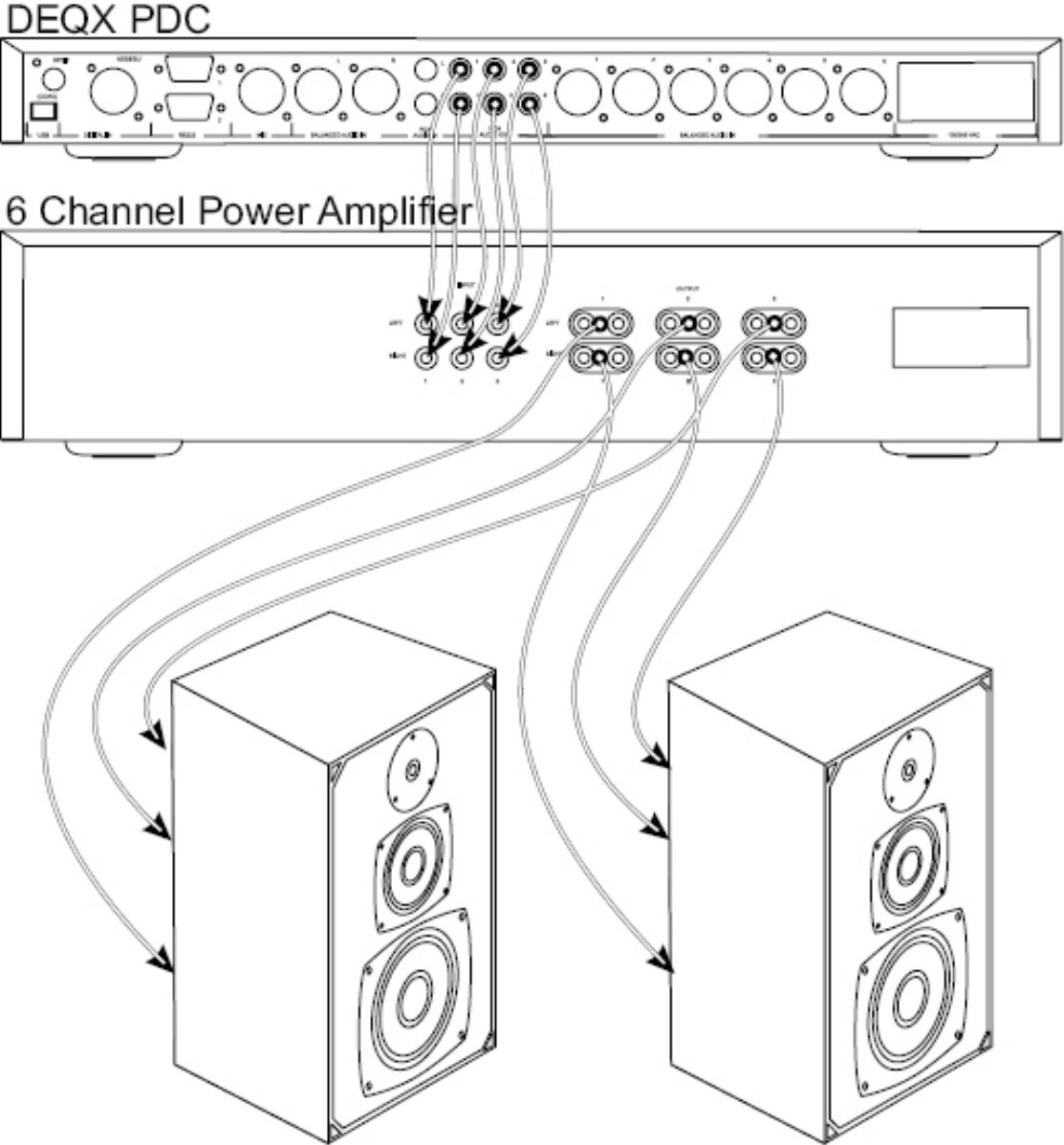
6.2 Bi-amp

The diagram shows stereo speakers, each in a bi-amp configuration, with optional subwoofers. This uses up to six DEQX unit output channels.



6.3 Tri-amp

The diagram shows stereo speakers, each in a tri-amp configuration. This uses six DEQX unit output channels.



7.0 Glossary

Bi-amp - a DEQX speaker configuration corresponding to a bi-wired speaker connected to two separate amplifier channels. Bi-amped speakers may have their internal passive crossovers by-passed.

Bi-wired - A speaker configuration in which two cables connect the speaker to a single amplifier.

Crossover -a device for limiting the frequencies to each driver in a speaker

Crossover Frequency - the frequency at which a crossover operates

Driver - One of the electro-mechanical cone (or ribbon) speakers located in a speaker cabinet

PDC - (Professional Digital Correction) The DEQX Calibrated™ PDC-2.6 Processor is a 2-input, 6-output digital processor offering individual driver correction, high order digital crossovers, and room correction parametric equalisation.

Single-amp -a DEQX speaker configuration corresponding to a single amplifier channel connected to a speaker in a single-wired, bi-wired or tri-wired configuration

Single-wired - A speaker configuration in which a single cable connects the speaker to a single amplifier.

Speaker -A loudspeaker cabinet containing one or more drivers

Subwoofer - a DEQX speaker configuration corresponding to a subwoofer connected to a single amplifier channel

Tri-amp - a DEQX speaker configuration corresponding to a tri-wired speaker connected to three separate amplifier channels. Tri-amped speakers may have their internal passive crossovers by-passed.

Tri-wired - A speaker configuration in which the speaker is connected by three cables to a single amplifier.

8.0 Specification

Mains input voltage: 100-240VAC, 50-60Hz

Power consumption: 60VA

Dimensions:

Height: 1U / 45mm / 1 3/4"

Depth: 270mm / 11"

Width: 430mm / 17" (19" if rack mounts fitted)

Signal to Noise Ratio: 107 dB, A-weighted

Total Harmonic Distortion: 0.00045%

Analogue input maximum levels:

Balanced: +17 dBu differential (5.5 Vrms)

Unbalanced: Default Level: +9 dBu (2.2 Vrms)

Maximum Level: +13 dBu (3.5 Vrms)

Analogue output maximum levels:

Balanced: Default Level: +12 dBu differential (3.0 Vrms)

Minimum Level: +8 dBu differential (2.0 Vrms)

Maximum Level: +21 dBu differential (8.8 Vrms)

Unbalanced: Default Level: +6 dBu (1.5 Vrms)

Minimum Level: +2 dBu differential (1.0 Vrms)

Maximum Level: +15 dBu (4.4 Vrms)

Crossover slope (software selectable): up to 300dB/octave

Latency: from 2.33ms depending on filter configuration

A/D converter: 24-bit, 96kHz

D/A converters: 24-bit, 192kHz

Microphone: 48V bias

Digital inputs: S/PDIF or AES/EBU

PC connections: USB or RS232

Input Impedance (Balanced and Unbalanced): 50 kohms

Output Impedance (Balanced): 150 ohms

Output Impedance (Unbalanced): 75* ohms

* into an earth referenced amplifier i.e. one where the RCA GND pin connects to mains ground. This is normally the case. It is 75 ohms, plus 75 ohms in parallel with whatever the amplifier puts in series between its RCA connector and mains ground. If this is open then the impedance can be as high as 150 ohms (two pin power connector).

Due to our policy of continuous product improvement the above specifications may change without notice.

9.0 Installation Information

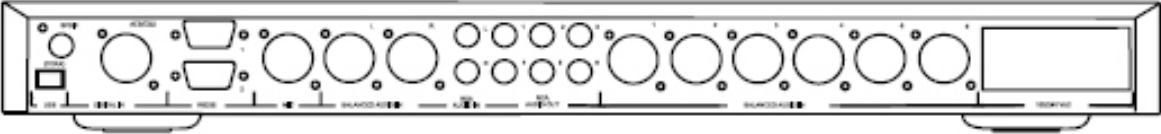
Installer:	
Date:	
Serial Number:	
Profile 1: (Front panel button 3)	
Profile 2: (Front panel button 4)	
Profile 3: (Front panel button 5)	
Profile 4: (Any 2 front panel profile buttons)	
Speaker 1 configuration	Single Amp/Bi Amp/Tri Amp/Subwoofer
Speaker 2 configuration	Single Amp/Bi Amp/Tri Amp/Subwoofer
Speaker 3 configuration	Single Amp/Bi Amp/Tri Amp/Subwoofer
Speaker 4 configuration	Single Amp/Bi Amp/Tri Amp/Subwoofer
Speaker 5 configuration	Single Amp/Bi Amp/Tri Amp/Subwoofer
Speaker 6 configuration	Single Amp/Bi Amp/Tri Amp/Subwoofer

9.1 *Additional notes*

9.2 Speaker room layout diagram

(We suggest that you number speakers on this diagram to match corresponding entries in the Installation Information table above)

9.3 Connection diagram



9.4 Installation Warranty

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