

User Manual



EUROLIVE **B215XL/B215XL-WH** **B212XL/B212XL-WH**

1000/800-Watt 2-Way PA Speaker System with
15"/12" Woofer and 1.75" Titanium Compression Driver

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Thank you

Thank you very much for expressing your confidence in BEHRINGER products by purchasing the EUROLIVE B212XL/B215XL. This extremely compact loudspeaker has been designed specifically for those applications in which space is a problem. The compact dimensions and the low weight as well as the option to mount the loudspeaker on a wall give this product maximum flexibility. The EUROLIVE B212XL/B215XL is equipped with both ¼" TS and pro-level speaker connectors, so that you can expand your set-up flexibly at any time. All of these features make this loudspeaker a high-quality and highly reliable companion on the road.

EN Important Safety Instructions



Terminals marked with this symbol carry electrical current of sufficient magnitude to constitute risk of electric shock.

Use only high-quality professional speaker cables with ¼" TS or twist-locking plugs pre-installed. All other installation or modification should be performed only by qualified personnel.



This symbol, wherever it appears, alerts you to the presence of uninsulated dangerous voltage inside the enclosure - voltage that may be sufficient to constitute a risk of shock.



This symbol, wherever it appears, alerts you to important operating and maintenance instructions in the accompanying literature. Please read the manual.



Caution

To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not remove the top cover (or the rear section). No user serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified personnel.



Caution

To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this appliance to rain and moisture. The apparatus shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing liquids and no objects filled with liquids, such as vases, shall be placed on the apparatus.



Caution

These service instructions are for use by qualified service personnel only. To reduce the risk of electric shock do not perform any servicing other than that contained in the operation instructions. Repairs have to be performed by qualified service personnel.

1. Read these instructions.
2. Keep these instructions.
3. Heed all warnings.
4. Follow all instructions.
5. Do not use this apparatus near water.
6. Clean only with dry cloth.
7. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
8. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.

9. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding-type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.

10. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.

11. Use only attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.



12. Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid

injury from tip-over.

13. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.

14. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.

15. The apparatus shall be connected to a MAINS socket outlet with a protective earthing connection.

16. Where the MAINS plug or an appliance coupler is used as the disconnect device, the disconnect device shall remain readily operable.



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② Subsequently, the product must be returned in its original shipping carton, together with the return authorization number to the address indicated by MUSIC Group.

③ Shipments without freight prepaid will not be accepted.

§ 4 Warranty Exclusions

① This limited warranty does not cover consumable parts including, but not limited to, fuses and batteries. Where applicable, MUSIC Group warrants the valves or meters contained in the product to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of ninety (90) days from date of purchase.

② This limited warranty does not cover the product if it has been electronically or mechanically modified in any way. If the product needs to be modified or adapted in order to comply with applicable technical or safety standards on a national or local level, in any country which is not the country for which the product was originally developed and manufactured, this modification/adaptation shall not be considered a defect in materials or workmanship. This limited warranty does not cover any such modification/adaptation, regardless of whether it was carried out properly or not. Under the terms of this limited warranty, MUSIC Group shall not be held responsible for any cost resulting from such a modification/adaptation.

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④ This limited warranty is invalid if the factory-applied serial number has been altered or removed from the product.

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⑥ Damage/defects caused by the following conditions are not covered by this limited warranty:

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- connection or operation of the unit in any way that does not comply with the technical or safety regulations applicable in the country where the product is used;
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Subject only to the operation of mandatory applicable local laws, MUSIC Group shall have no liability to the buyer under this warranty for any consequential or indirect loss or damage of any kind. In no event shall the liability of MUSIC Group under this limited warranty exceed the invoiced value of the product.

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① This limited warranty does not exclude or limit the buyer’s statutory rights as a consumer in any way.

② The limited warranty regulations mentioned herein are applicable unless they constitute an infringement of applicable mandatory local laws.

③ This warranty does not detract from the seller’s obligations in regard to any lack of conformity of the product and any hidden defect.

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1. Before you get Started

1.1 Shipment

Your B212XL/B215XL was carefully packed at the assembly plant to assure secure transport. Should the condition of the cardboard box suggest that damage may have taken place, please inspect the unit immediately and look for physical indications of damage.

- ◆ **Damaged equipment should NEVER be sent directly to us. Please inform the dealer from whom you acquired the unit immediately as well as the transportation company from which you took delivery. Otherwise, all claims for replacement/repair may be rendered invalid.**
- ◆ **Please always use the original packaging to avoid damage due to storage or shipping.**
- ◆ **Never let unsupervised children play with the B212XL/B215XL or with its packaging.**
- ◆ **Please dispose of all packaging materials in an environmentally friendly fashion.**

1.2 Initial operation

Your B212XL/B215XL speakers are connected to a power amplifier using the speaker connectors located in the back. Please read ch. 4, "Additional Considerations" and ch. 5, "Application Examples" to get important technical information and practical suggestions about use.

This loudspeaker is capable of producing extreme volumes. Please keep in mind that high sound pressures do not only temporarily damage your sense of hearing, but can also cause permanent hearing damage. Be careful to select a suitable volume at all times.

1.3 Online registration

Please register your new BEHRINGER equipment right after your purchase by visiting <http://behringer.com> and read the terms and conditions of our warranty carefully.

Should your BEHRINGER product malfunction, it is our intention to have it repaired as quickly as possible. To arrange for warranty service, please contact the BEHRINGER retailer from whom the equipment was purchased. Should your BEHRINGER dealer not be located in your vicinity, you may directly contact one of our subsidiaries. Corresponding contact information is included in the original equipment packaging (Global Contact Information/European Contact Information). Should your country not be listed, please contact the distributor nearest you. A list of distributors can be found in the support area of our website (<http://behringer.com>).

Registering your purchase and equipment with us helps us process your repair claims more quickly and efficiently.

Thank you for your cooperation!

2. Connections

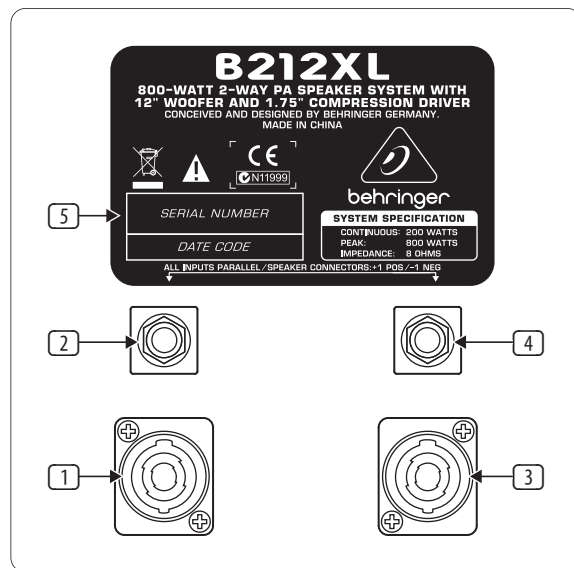


Fig. 2.1: Connections (B212XL and B215XL)

- 1 The B212XL/B215XL features two professional speaker 1 connectors which are wired in parallel. You can alternatively connect one of the connectors to the output on your power amp and tap into the signal from the amp once again on the second connector, in order, for example, to feed this signal into an additional loudspeaker. The pin designation of the speaker is pins 1+ and 1-.
- ◆ **ATTENTION: Never connect the output signals of different power amps to both parallel inputs at the same time. This may permanently damage your setup.**
- 2 The B212XL/B215XL includes 2, parallel 1/4" loudspeaker 2 inputs. You can alternatively connect one of the connectors to the output on your power amp and tap into the signal from the amp once again on the second connector, in order, for example, to feed this signal into an additional loudspeaker.
- ◆ **When several loudspeakers are wired in parallel the overall impedance Z_T to be handled by the power amp can be calculated, as shown below, from the individual impedance values of the connected speakers:**
- ◆ **Your amplifier may be damaged if the actual impedance drops below its input impedance. Please make sure that the calculated total impedance Z_T is not smaller than the minimum impedance specified for your amplifier.**

$$Z_T = \frac{1}{1/Z_1 + 1/Z_2 + \dots}$$
- 3 Serial number.

3. Optimal Operation

We have developed the B212XL/B215XL for use in a wide range of possible applications. Of course, the sound of your loudspeakers depends on the acoustic characteristics of the room/space in which they are being used. The following chapters of this manual will give you information about getting the most out of your EUROLIVE speakers.

3.1 HF drivers

High frequencies are the segment of the audio spectrum responsible for clarity and speech intelligibility. These frequencies are the easiest ones to locate, but at the same time they are also the easiest ones to “obstruct”. Therefore, we recommend positioning your speakers so that the HF drivers are located slightly above the height of the audience. This guarantees the best possible dispersion of high frequencies and considerably higher intelligibility.

3.2 How to prevent feedback

Always place the “front of house” speakers ahead of the microphones (from the audience’s perspective), and never behind. Use professional floor monitors or an in-ear monitoring system to hear the stage performers.

3.3 How to avoid feedback when working with record players (DJ Applications)

In applications with record players, bass feedback can occur. Bass feedback occurs when low frequencies get back to the pickup and are reproduced on the speakers. The most common causes for this are: speakers located too closely to the record player, a room with a wooden floor, or presence of a podium or a platform. In such cases, it is best to move the speakers away from the record player and “banish” them from the stage, so that they are located on firm ground. Another option is to use raised stands, which prevent the speakers from having a direct contact with the ground.

3.4 Loudspeaker protection by using a low-cut filter

Try to prevent damage to your speakers caused by extreme oscillation of the bass membrane due to subsonic noise and extremely deep frequencies. Use an equalizer to cut off those frequencies that fall below your speakers’ frequency range, or use a low-cut/high-pass filter. Most equalizers and sound-improvement systems offer a low-cut function, like the BEHRINGER ULTRAGRAPH DIGITAL DEQ1024, for example.

Using a low-cut filter in your signal path is particularly recommended if you use record players or CD players as your signal source. CD players often produce extremely deep frequencies, which can lead to extreme excursions of the bass membrane.

4. Additional Considerations

4.1 Length and diameter of loudspeaker cables

Loudspeaker cables whose diameter is too small can considerably limit the power amp performance. The longer the cable, the more pronounced the problem. As a result, musicians often simply “turn up” the amp, which can lead to loudspeaker damage. Therefore, don’t use cables longer than 15 m (45 ft.). For most applications, this will not be necessary. Cable diameter should be at least 14 - 12 gauge.

4.2 Power amp rating

Selecting the right amp can turn out to be rather difficult. Therefore, stick to the following rule of thumb: the power rating of your amp should be roughly twice the speaker load capacity. A speaker rated at 200 Watts continuous performance can easily be powered by an amp rated at 400 Watts output power. An optimal addition to your speaker system would be the BEHRINGER EUROPOWER EP2000 power amp, for example.

4.3 Fuses

We do not recommend the use of fuses with audio applications. Damage to loudspeakers can be the result of high peak signals and high output power. However, fuses can only offer protection from one of these two factors, and never from both. Additionally, fuse resistors are sometimes nonlinear, leading to distortion and unpredictable overdriving.

4.3.1 Protecting your equipment

- Always try to find the optimal signal level. Try to avoid overdriving your amp.
 - Keep in mind the physical limitations of your PA system.
 - Use a limiter to restrict the output signal level. Place the limiter between the mixing console and the power amp. For this purpose, our proven AUTOCOM PRO-XL MDX1600, COMPOSER PRO-XL MDX2600 and MULTICOM PRO-XL MDX4600 compressors offer an outstanding solution. All models can be used as a limiter: the audio signal doesn’t overdrive any more, and unpleasant “peaks” are effectively avoided.
- ◆ **Our ULTRADRIVE PRO DCX2496 and SUPER-X CX3400/ CX2310 crossovers are particularly well-suited for protecting your equipment: for each output, they have independent limiters.**

5. Application Examples

5.1 Full-range stereo operation

In the following example, the main output signal of a mixing console is connected to a power amplifier. Both the outputs and inputs are stereo. A B212XL/B215XL is connected to each of the amp outputs, and these speakers reproduce the entire frequency range (a full range).

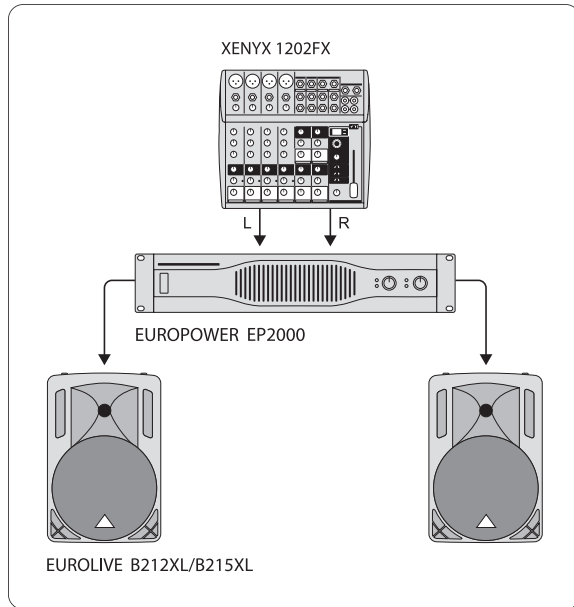


Fig. 5.1: Full-range stereo operation

5.3 Stereo operation with a subwoofer

Using a crossover, the main output signal of a mixing console is split into a stereo signal and a mono signal. The mono signal covers the lower frequency range and the stereo signal covers all other frequency ranges. Then, the stereo signal is connected to a stereo power amplifier. A B212XL/B215XL is connected to each of the amp outputs. The mono subwoofer signal is connected to one channel of an additional power amplifier, which powers one EUROLIVE VP1800S subwoofer.

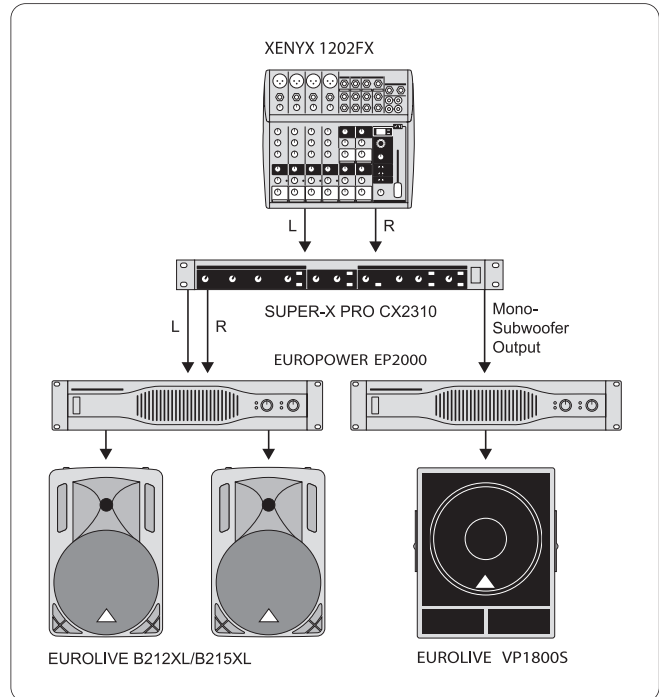


Fig. 5.3: Stereo operation with a subwoofer

5.2 Using several B212XL/B215XL loudspeakers

For larger rooms, you can connect several B212XL/B215XL speakers.

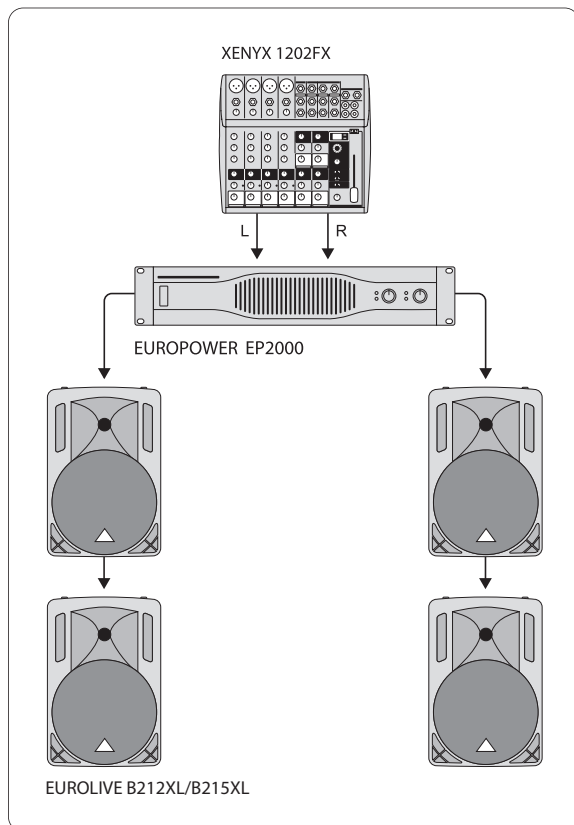


Fig. 5.2: Wiring several B212XL/B215XL loudspeakers

6. Installation

The EUROLIVE B212XL/B215XL features professional speaker connectors that assure problem-free operation. The connector was developed for loudspeakers with high power ratings. If it is connected into the corresponding plug, it locks into place and cannot accidentally be disconnected. It protects against electric shock and assures correct polarity. Each of the plugs only carries the assigned individual signal.

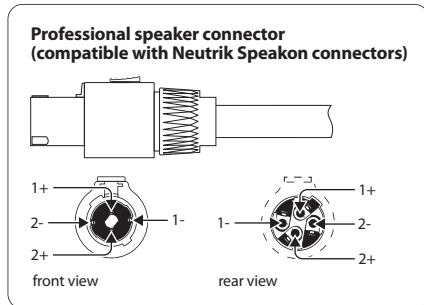


Fig. 6.1: Professional speaker connector

Please use only commercially available cables to connect your loudspeakers to the power amp. Verify the pin assignment of your loudspeakers and cables depending on the loudspeaker output you are using.

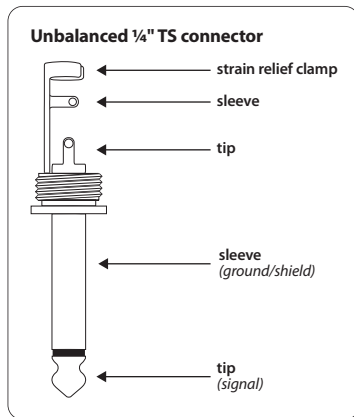


Fig. 6.2: 1/4" TS connector

7. Specifications

System Data

High-Performance Woofer

B215XL: 15" (381 mm)

B212XL: 12" (305 mm)

Tweeter Compression Driver

B215XL and B212XL: 1.75" (44 mm)

Frequency Range

B215XL: 55 Hz to 20 kHz

B212XL: 65 Hz to 18 kHz

Power Rating

B215XL: 1000 W Peak Power 250 W Continuous Power (IEC 60268-5)

B212XL: 800 W Peak Power 200 W Continuous Power (IEC 60268-5)

Impedance

B215XL and B212XL: 8 Ω

Sensitivity (1 W @ 1 m)

B215XL: 96 dB (Full Space)

B212XL: 95 dB (Full Space)

Dispersion

B215XL: 70° x 40°

B212XL: 90° x 60°

Crossover frequency

B215XL: 2.0 kHz

B212XL: 1.9 kHz

Dimensions/Weight

Dimensions (H x W x D)

B215XL: approx. 27 1/3 x 17 1/3 x 13 1/16"
approx. 695 x 440 x 335 mm

B212XL: approx. 21 2/3 x 13 5/8 x 10 5/8"
approx. 550 x 345 x 270 mm

Weight

B215XL: 38.7 lbs / 17.6 kg

B212XL: 24.0 lbs / 10.9 kg

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