An Installation Amplifier without Compromise

Lab.gruppen amplifiers have earned an enviable worldwide reputation for sonic excellence and rock-solid durability in touring sound applications. These same qualities are now available for a broad range of installed sound applications in the C 20:8X amplifier. By offering an unmatched combination of channel density, operating efficiency and configuration flexibility, the C 20:8X presents convincing performance and cost-saving advantages. Applications include primary systems for theme parks, shopping malls, airports, hotels and restaurants as well as auxiliary systems for performance venues, houses of worship and numerous other installed sound applications.

To achieve higher channel density without compromising performance, Lab.gruppen engineers developed a new output stage design. Based on a patented Class D circuit topology, these output stages produce sustained high power levels with very low distortion while maintaining efficiency levels of near 90%. A new universal switching power supply employs Power Factor Correction (PFC) to stabilize current draw, and it accepts any mains voltage from 65 – 265 V (+/- 10%) @ 50 Hz or 60 Hz through the appropriate IEC cord.

The C 20:8X includes unique features which enable each unit – or even each channel – to be configured for a specific application or load condition. Input gain is selectable in four-channel groups, and a 35 Hz high pass filter may be inserted. All channels are bridgeable in pairs, and Lab.gruppen’s exclusive Voltage Peak Limiter (VPL) feature allows each channel to be individually optimized for the reactive characteristics of the connected load.

For comprehensive remote monitoring and control, the C 20:8X includes NomadLink network ports for connecting to an optional NLB 60E NomadLink Bridge & Network Controller and an Ethernet-linked PC. With NomadLink®, key amplifier parameters are displayed via DeviceControl software, and remote control of channel mute and power on/off is under network control. Alternatively, the GPIO facilities allow access to key amplifier functions via third-party remote control systems.

To ensure a long and trouble-free service life, the C 20:8X incorporates extensive features to safeguard internal circuits and connected loads. Protection and warning circuits prevent damage or service interruptions due to excessive current, DC at output, over-temperature, non-musical VHF (very high frequencies), and open load conditions. In addition, soft-start and PSU current limiting protect the mains supply from interruptions due to tripped circuit breakers or blown mains fuses.

Applications

- Auditoriums
- Performing Arts Centers
- Convention Centers
- Stadiums and Arenas
- Theme Parks
- Hotels
- Houses of Worship
- Restaurants
- Convention Centers
- Stadiums and Arenas
- Theme Parks
- Hotels
- Houses of Worship
- Restaurants
- Clubs
- Educational Establishments
- Boardrooms
- Museums
- Offices
- Shopping Malls
- Transportation Facilities
 Specifications C 20:8X

**General**

Number of channels: 8
Peak total output all channels driven: 2000 W
Peak output voltage per channel: 100 V
Max. output current per channel: 8 Arms

**Max. Output Power**

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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>16 ohms</th>
<th>8 ohms</th>
<th>4 ohms</th>
<th>2 ohms</th>
<th>Hi-Z 70 Vrms/100 V peak</th>
<th>Hi-Z 100 Vrms/141 V peak</th>
<th>Hi-Z 140 Vrms/200 V peak</th>
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<tr>
<td>Per ch. (all ch.'s driven)</td>
<td>250 W</td>
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<td>125 W</td>
<td>n.a.</td>
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<td>Bridged per ch.</td>
<td>500 W</td>
<td>500 W</td>
<td>250 W</td>
<td>n.r.</td>
<td>70 Vrms/100 V peak</td>
<td>141 Vpeak</td>
<td>200 Vpeak</td>
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Performance with Gain: 32 dB and VPL: 100 V

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<th>THD 20 Hz - 20 kHz for 1 W</th>
<th>THD at 1 kHz and 1 dB below clipping</th>
<th>Signal To Noise Ratio</th>
<th>Channel separation (Crosstalk) at 1 kHz</th>
<th>Frequency response (1 W into 8 ohms) +0/-3 dB</th>
<th>Input impedance</th>
<th>Common Mode Rejection (CMR)</th>
<th>Output impedance @ 100 Hz</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;0.1%</td>
<td>&lt;0.05%</td>
<td>&gt;-112 dBA</td>
<td>&gt;70 dB</td>
<td>6.8 Hz - 34 kHz</td>
<td>20 kOhm</td>
<td>&gt;50 dB, 20 Hz to 20 kHz</td>
<td>48 mOhm</td>
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Voltage Peak Limiter (VPL), max. peak output

- VPL selectable per ch. (V): 100, 63, 45, 32 V
- VPL selectable when bridged (V): 200, 126, 90, 64 V
- Voltage Peak Limiter mode (per ch.) Hard / Soft

Gain and Level

- Amplifier gain selectable (all channels): 29, 32, 35, 38 dB
- Default gain: 32 dB
- Level adjustment (per ch.): Front-panel potentiometer, 21 position detented from -inf to 0 dB, hidden behind security panel/dust filter grille

Connectors and switches

- Input connectors (per ch.): 3-pin Phoenix, electronically balanced
- Output connectors (per ch.): Barrier strip 2-pole screw terminals
- Output bridge mode: A+B, C+D, E+F, G+H, inputs A, C, E, G are signal source
- High pass filter: Fixed at 35 Hz, switchable per channel
- NomadLink® network: On board, 2 x RJ45 connectors, IN and OUT
- Intelligent fans (on/off): Yes, depending on presence of output signal
- Power on/off and Remote enable on/off: Individual switches on front panel
- Cooling: Two fans, front-to-rear airflow, temperature controlled speed
- General Purpose Outputs (GPO): Contact Closure types, 2-pole Phoenix
- General Purpose Inputs (GPI): Contact Closure types, 2-pole Phoenix

Front-panel indicators

- NomadLink Network; Power Average Limiter (PAL)
- Power on/off: Contact Closure types, 2-pole Phoenix
- Signal present / High-impedance: Contact Closure types, 2-pole Phoenix
- Voltage Peak Limiter (VPL): Contact Closure types, 2-pole Phoenix
- Current Peak Limiter (CPL): Contact Closure types, 2-pole Phoenix
- Very High Frequency (VHF): Contact Closure types, 2-pole Phoenix
- High temperature; Fault; Mute

Power

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<th>Operating voltage, 230 V / 115 V nominal</th>
<th>Universal power supply 65-265 V</th>
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<td>Minimum power-up voltage, 230 V / 115 V</td>
<td>80 V</td>
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<tr>
<td>Power Average Limiter (PAL)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Power Factor Correction (PFC)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Soft start / Inrush current draw</td>
<td>Yes / max. 5 A</td>
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<td>Mains connector</td>
<td>IEC Inlet</td>
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Dimensions

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<th>Width (W): 483 mm (19&quot;)</th>
<th>Height (H): 88 mm (2&quot;)</th>
<th>Depth (D): 343 mm (13.5&quot;)</th>
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Weight

8.5 kg (18.75 lbs.)

Finish

Black painted steel chassis with gray painted steel front

Approvals

- CE, ANSI/UL 60065 (ETL), CSA C22.2 NO. 60065, FCC

**Notes:**

- **Note 1:** Regarding n.r. (not recommended) notes: The amplifier will be fully operational in bridge-mode into 2 ohm and high impedance (Hi-Z) loads, but due to physical constraints in the construction, the max. output power will not be significantly higher than running individual channels and therefore this mode of operation is not recommended.

- **Note 2:** For sine waves, peak voltage output values translate to Vrms with the formula V/1.41 = Vrms. E.g. 100 V peak equals app. 70 Vrms. Hence, outputs can be set for high-impedance loads without requiring a transformer.

- **Note 3:** Automatic -6 dB gain compensation when bridging channels. Ch.'s A+B and/or C+D, can be bridged individually.

- **Note 4:** PAL can reduce the maximum output power to keep the power supply operating safely, and/or to prevent excessive current draw tripping the mains breaker. Refer to Operation Manual.

All specifications are subject to change without notice.