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GRADIENT SW-63 SUBWOOFER FOR QUAD ESL-63 The Quad ESL-63 is probably the most accurate loudspeaker in the world. Combined with the Gradient dipole subwoofer SW-63, a true High End speaker is born.



The units integrate well both acoustically and even physically. The bass becomes uniform without boom or colouration. The reduced low frequency strain allows the ESL to produce 10 dB more of its pure sound.

For the first time you can play large orchestral works with clarity and dynamics at the same time, even in a large room.







#### **BENEFITS OF THE SYSTEM**

- The subwoofer is acoustically perfectly integrated with the QUAD because it relies on dipole operation like the QUAD.
- Dynamic, well controlled bass reproduction down to 28 Hz (-3 dB).
- Adjustable bass level enables perfect room / taste matching.
- The system is able to go 10 dB louder than the ESL-63s by themselves.
- The reduced low frequency strain on the ESL-63 results in a more accurate and cleaner midrange reproduction.
- The QUADs are placed on top of the SW-63s so there is no need for stands. The SW-63 physically raises the acoustical centre of the ESL to optimum listening height.
- Free choice of amplifiers. The SW-63 is an easy load and it is possible to choose either 4  $\Omega$  or 16  $\Omega$  nominal impedance depending on the gain and the current / voltage capability of the amplifier.
- The active crossover includes a subwoofer mono switch. Mono operation reduces excessive cone excursions when playing warped records.
- Certain recordings may sound slightly harsh on the ESLs. The crossover unit also includes an upper midrange attenuation switch. Attenuation is 0.5 dB or 1.0 dB depending on taste.
- Reviews: The Absolute Sound, Issue 73, Sept / Oct 1991; HiFi News & Record Review, March 1992: Gramophone, March 1993; Stereo Oktober 1991; la nouvelle Revue Du Son, No 165, Fevrier 1993



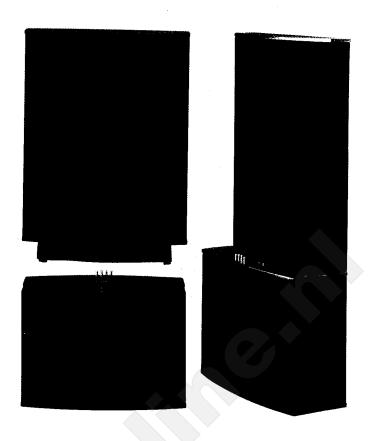




## **EASY SETUP**

Adding the subwoofers is easy. In addition to the SW-63s one only needs one extra stereo power amplifier, two pairs of RCA cables and one pair of speaker cables.

The SW-63 is available with black or brown grille cloth.





## **CROSSOVER UNIT CONTROL FUNCTIONS**

- SW LEVEL: Subwoofer level control. Adjustment range +/-10 dB.
- SW MODE: Subwoofer stereo / mono switch.
- MID ADJ: Attenuates upper mid frequencies by 1.0 dB (I) or 0.5 dB (II).



## SPECIFICATION **SW-63 SUBWOOFER UNITS**

Impedance:

selectable, nominal 4  $\Omega$  or 16  $\Omega$ 

Radiation pattern:

dipole

Drive units:

2 pcs 300 mm long throw dynamic

Max. input voltage:

drivers thermal limit 90 V programme when

16 Ω selected, mechanical limit

depends on frequency

Amplifier recommendation:

Dimensions:

System height:

Weight:

50...250 W / 8 Ω

Width 660 mm; height 475 mm;

depth 285 mm

1325 mm (with ESL-63)

18,5 kg









### ACTIVE CROSSOVER UNIT

Types:

Input impedance: Output impedance

- ESL output:

- SW output:

Total Harmonic Distortion:

Signal to Noise ratio:

Crosstalk attenuation:

Crossover frequency:

Voltage gain

- input to ESL output:

- input to SW output:

Operating voltage: Current consumption:

Dimensions:

Weight:

standard (RCA), balanced (XLR)

 $22 k\Omega$ 

 $1 k \Omega$ 

1...3 k Ω depending on SW level

control

less than 0.03 %

better than 105 dBA

better than 65 dB at 15 kHz

110 Hz

on passband ca. 0 dB depends on frequency,

adjustable +/- 10 dB

15-20V AC / 18-24V DC

ca. 35 mA (75 mA balanced)

Width 182 mm; height 50 mm;

depth 130 mm

700 g standard (900 g balanced)



AC-adapter, eight spikes with nuts, eight pads, 5 mm allen key,

Instruction manual





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