JBL MI Series Loudspeakers and Systems



Musical Instrument Loudspeakers

The new JBL MI Series Loudspeakers are engineered with the latest advances in transducer design and technologies to give you response that is flat and even...in tune with the sound of the 80's. They let you add the color you want. And, they give you the satisfaction of knowing you're using the world's most popular line of speakers for producing your music.

A careful evaluation of the MI Series proves they give you a lot more. The frames are die cast...not cheap stamped baskets. A die cast frame provides a better heat-sink allowing greater power handling and because a die cast frame can't flex, it reduces resonances from the frame.



JBL ribbon-wire voice coil.



Cross-sections of JBL (left) and conventional magnetic structures.

The voice coils are fabricated from special wire that has been milled into a flat ribbon. Flat wire can be wound more tightly than round wire, putting more conductor (wire) in the gap. The design is more efficient and more rugged.

The voice coils are precision flat wound, in four layers with staggered seams. This construction is physically very strong and resists deformation from heat. The result is greater efficiency and increased power handling.

The MI Series loudspeakers feature JBL Symmetrical Field Geometry (SFG) magnetic structure, a design that contributes to the clean sound. Typical magnetic structures, with nonsymmetrical magnetic fields, add significant amounts of distortion because of the nonlinear pull such a field exerts on the voice coil. (See illustration). If you're looking for a speaker that will let you produce today's music, listen to the MI Series at your JBL dealer. The MI Series loudspeakers are available in 10", 12" and 15" models. Their efficiency and power capacity are greater than many extended range speakers in their size ranges...giving you outstanding dynamic range and extremely high accuracy. Use the MI Series speakers for your guitar, keyboard, or P.A. system. They directly replace conventional speakers used in guitar amplifiers, organs, electric pianos, or other applications.

Combine the new MI Series loudspeakers with all new cabinet designs and JBL expertise in system design and you have the all new MI Series Component Systems.







JBL MI Series Features

Flat-Front Bi-Radial Horn/Titanium Diaphragm Compression Driver

Specifically designed for the MI Series Compact Sound Reinforcement System to provide excellent onand off-axis frequency response in the horizontal plane. It has 90° horizontal x 40° vertical nominal coverage, with uniform on- and off-axis frequency response in the horizontal plane from 630 Hz to beyond 16 kHz. The high frequency driver features a titanium diaphragm with JBL's patented diamond-pattern surround. The exceptionally high stress limit of titanium together with the stronger surround allows this design to achieve the performance of more expensive and fragile exotic materials. The driver uses a high energy strontium ferrite magnet for maximum efficiency and extended response



Composite 1/3-octave polar responses of a flat front Bi-Radial horn from 800 Hz-16 kHz in the horizontal plane.



JBL's titanium-diamond diaphragm combines performance with reliability.

Frequency Dividing Network

The frequency dividing network used in the MI Series Compact Sound Reinforcement System uses the highest quality electronic components – non-inductive, non-polarized mylar capacitors and air-core inductors and are tailored to optimize the crossover response.

MI Series Component Systems

The MI Series Component Systems are the easy, professional way to give your audience the sound they deserve.

Newly engineered for music reproduction and general sound reinforcement in small to moderate sized rooms. The systems feature JBL's specially designed flat-front Bi-Radial horn and compression driver mounted flush in the cabinet to eliminate the problems of midrange narrowing and high frequency beaming associated with conventional horn designs. The directional baffle enclosure increases directivity for greater mid-range punch, and low-frequency venting extends bass response and lowers distortion.

The cabinets are optimally tuned enclosures engineered specifically for each intended application.

And, they're built to take the rigors of the road. The cabinets are constructed with a new wrap-and-fold technology, using a high density wood-resin compound for maximum strength and are covered with durable industrial-grade, reinforced pebble grained material. Corners are protected with heavy









gauge metal...professional, recessed road handles lock in place to prevent unwanted vibration and noise during a performance...input and output jacks are recessed for protection. Naturally, the drivers are protected by a heavy mesh screen.

Audition the JBL MI Series Systems at your JBL dealer...their flexibility makes them ideal for most of your sound reinforcement applications.

MI-630 Vocal Reinforcement System

Newly designed for vocal reinforcement and general music reproduction in small to moderate sized rooms. The MI-630 features the patented JBL flatfront Bi-Radial[™] horn and compression driver mounted flush in the cabinet to eliminate the problems of midrange narrowing and high frequency beaming associated with conventional horn designs.

MI-631 Stage Monitor

Smooth, wide frequency response (60 Hz-15 kHz), uncolored reproduction, and high directivity make this an ideal stage monitor, acoustic instrument system or even a small general purpose vocal reinforcement system. The system uses the MI Series 12 inch loudspeaker and flat front Bi-Radial[™] horn and compression driver.

MI-632A Horn-Loaded Sound System

The MI-632A is a newly re-designed system and features the new MI-15A 380 mm (15") woofer with its copper ribbon voice coil, giving the MI-632A balanced bass with a smooth and controlled sound. A three-position HF level control switch allows precise tailoring of the tonal balance between horn and woofer.

Model MI-634 Direct-Radiator Sound System

The MI-634 Direct-Radiator Sound System is a newly designed vented enclosure system using the JBL Flat-Front Bi-Radial[™] horn and compression driver and the new MI-15A 380 mm (15") low frequency driver to provide smooth, uncolored response and wide bandwidth with bass response down to 50 Hz and high-frequency response to 20 kHz. The smooth, natural sound of the MI-634 makes it ideal for vocal and acoustical instrument reinforcement and general sound amplification in small to moderate sized rooms.

MI-291 High Frequency Power Pack

The MI-291 System offers the JBL Flat-Front Bi-Radial[™] horn and compression driver as a separate addon system which allows simple installation to existing systems.



MI-291

Model MI-630 and MI-634 include integral mounting hardware for use with the tubular aluminum tripod stand, Model MT-4612.





MI Series Loudspeaker Specifications

Specifications	MI-10	MI-12	MI-15A 380mm 15 in			
Nominal Diameter	250mm 10 in	300mm 12 in				
Nominal Impedance	8Ω	8 Ω	8 Ω			
Power Capacity AES or EIA Shaped Noise	150 W	150 W	150 W			
Sensitivity * 1 W @ 1m (3.3 ft)	98 dB SPL	100 dB SPL	102 dB SPL			
Frequency Range	70-8000 Hz	60-7000 Hz	40-6000 Hz			
Voice Coil Diameter	51mm 2 in	51mm 2 in	51mm 2 in			
Voice Coil Material	Aluminun	Aluminum Ribbon ——				
Magnetic Assembly Weight	2.5 kg 5½ lbs.	2.5 kg 5½ lbs.	2.5 kg 5½ lbs.			
Flux Density	1.05 tesla (10,500 gauss)	1.05 tesla (10,500 gauss)	1.05 tesla (10.500 gauss)			
Frame Material	Diecast Aluminum					
Baffle Cutout Diameter Front or Rear Mount	228mm 9 in	281mm 11-1/6 in	351mm 13-13/16 in			
Depth	116mm 4% in	137mm 5¾ in	162mm 6¾ in			
Net Weight	2.7 kg 6 lbs.	3 kg 6½ lbs.	3.2 kg 7 lbs.			

Thiele-Small Parameters	MI-10	MI-12	MI-15A
f _s (Hz)	75	65	40
R _e (ohms)	5.6	5.6	5.6
Q _{ts}	.33	.46	0.42
Q _{ms}	1.8	2.2	2.8
Q _{es}	0.41	0.58	0.49
V _{as} (L) (cu ft)	35 1.25	75 2.7	270 9.6
S _D (m²) (in²)	.034 52.5	.055 85.5	.089 138
X _{max} (mm) (in)	3 .12	3 .12	4 0.16
V _D (cm ³) (in ³)	100 6.0	165 10.1	356 21.8
L _e (mH)	0.6	0.6	0.8
η ₀ (Half space) (%)	3.5	3.5	3.5

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MI Series Component System Specifications

Model	Frequency Range (10 dB)	Power Capacity			Sensitivity*				
		(Continuous Pink Noise)	(Continuous Program)	Nominal Impedance	1 W, 1m (3.3 ft)	Nominal Dispersion	Crossover Frequency	Exterior Dimensions (Height x Width x Depth)	Net Weight
MI-291	1.5-15 kHz	150 W	300 W	8 ohms	105 dB	90h x 40v	1.5 kHz	127mm x 387mm x 248 mm 5 in x 15¼ in x 9¾ in	4.5 kg 10 lbs
MI-630	60 Hz-15 kHz	150 W	300 W	8 ohms	100 dB	90h x 40v	2.0 kHz	533mm x 454mm x 287mm 21 in x 17% in x 115/16 in	22 kg 48 lbs
MI-631	60 Hz-15 kHz	150 W	300 W	8 ohms	100 dB	90h x 40v	2 kHz	349mm x 434mm x 530mm 13% in x 17% in x 20% in	21 kg 46 lbs
MI-632A	45 Hz-15 kHz	150 W	300 W	8 ohms	104 dB	90h x 40v	1.5 kHz	826mm x 610mm x 445mm 32½ in x 24 in x 17½ in	45.5 kg 100 lbs
MI-634	40 Hz-15 kHz	150 W	300 W	8 ohms	102 dB	90h x 40v	1.5 kHz	686mm x 559mm x 292mm 27 in x 22 in x 11½ in	34 kg 75 lbs

*Sensitivity measured with an input averaged from 500 Hz to 2.5 kHz