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Model: PB180PX

1. INTRODUCTION

The Pyramid PB180PX is a 4-channel, 300-watt Pro Plus amplifier designed to enhance your vehicle's audio system. This amplifier provides reliable power output for multiple speakers, delivering clear and dynamic sound reproduction. This manual provides essential information for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your amplifier.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read all safety instructions carefully before installing or operating the amplifier. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in injury or damage to the unit or vehicle.

- **Electrical Hazard:** Always disconnect the vehicle's battery negative terminal before starting any electrical work.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure the amplifier is installed in a location with adequate airflow to prevent overheating. Do not block ventilation openings.
- **Wiring:** Use appropriate gauge wiring for power, ground, and speaker connections as specified in this manual. Incorrect wiring can cause fire or damage.
- **Mounting:** Securely mount the amplifier to prevent it from becoming a projectile in the event of a sudden stop or accident.
- **Professional Installation:** If you are unsure about any aspect of the installation, consult a qualified car audio professional.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items are present in the package:

- Pyramid PB180PX 4-Channel Amplifier
- Mounting Hardware (screws)
- User Manual (this document)

4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Proper installation is crucial for optimal performance and longevity of your amplifier. Follow these steps carefully.

4.1 Mounting the Amplifier

Choose a mounting location that provides adequate ventilation and is protected from moisture and excessive vibration. Common locations include under a seat, in the trunk, or behind a panel. Ensure the amplifier is securely fastened to a solid surface using the provided mounting hardware.



Figure 1: Front view of the Pyramid PB180PX amplifier, showing control panel and input/output terminals.

4.2 Wiring Connections

All wiring should be routed away from moving parts, sharp edges, and sources of electrical interference.

Use high-quality connectors and ensure all connections are secure.

1. **Power (B+):** Connect a heavy-gauge power cable (e.g., 8-gauge or thicker, depending on total system power) directly from the positive terminal of the vehicle's battery to the amplifier's B+ terminal. Install an in-line fuse holder with an appropriate fuse (not supplied) within 18 inches (45 cm) of the battery.
2. **Ground (GND):** Connect a heavy-gauge ground cable of the same gauge as the power cable from the amplifier's GND terminal to a clean, unpainted metal surface on the vehicle's chassis. Ensure a good electrical connection.
3. **Remote Turn-On (REM):** Connect a thin-gauge wire from the amplifier's REM terminal to the remote turn-on output of your head unit. This wire signals the amplifier to turn on when the head unit is active.
4. **RCA Inputs:** Connect RCA cables from your head unit's pre-amp outputs to the amplifier's RCA input jacks. Ensure correct channel matching (Front Left, Front Right, Rear Left, Rear Right).
5. **Speaker Outputs:** Connect your speakers to the amplifier's speaker output terminals. Pay close attention to polarity (+ and -) for each speaker and channel. Incorrect polarity can lead to poor sound quality.

4.3 Initial Settings

Before powering on, set all amplifier controls (Gain, Crossover) to their minimum or neutral positions. This prevents accidental damage to speakers or hearing during initial power-up.

5. OPERATING THE AMPLIFIER

Once installed, the amplifier operates in conjunction with your head unit. Adjustments can be made to optimize sound.

- **Power On/Off:** The amplifier will automatically turn on when your head unit is powered on (via the remote turn-on wire) and turn off when the head unit is off.
- **Gain Control:** The gain control matches the amplifier's input sensitivity to the output level of your head unit. Start with the gain at minimum, then slowly increase it until you achieve a clear, undistorted sound at your desired maximum volume from the head unit. Do not use the gain control as a volume knob.
- **Crossover Settings:** If your amplifier includes crossover controls (e.g., High-Pass Filter, Low-Pass Filter), adjust them according to the frequency response of your speakers. High-pass filters are typically used for full-range speakers, while low-pass filters are for subwoofers.

6. MAINTENANCE

The Pyramid PB180PX amplifier requires minimal maintenance to ensure long-term performance.

- **Cleaning:** Periodically wipe the amplifier's exterior with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure that the amplifier's cooling fins and ventilation openings remain clear of dust and debris. Blocked vents can lead to overheating.
- **Connections:** Occasionally check all power, ground, remote, and speaker connections to ensure they are secure and free from corrosion.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues with your amplifier, refer to the following troubleshooting guide before seeking professional service.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Amplifier does not turn on (no power indicator)	Blown fuse (in-line or internal) Loose or disconnected power/ground wire Remote turn-on wire not connected or not receiving signal	Check and replace fuse if necessary. Verify all power and ground connections are secure. Ensure remote wire is connected and head unit is on.
No sound output	RCA input cables disconnected or faulty Speaker wires disconnected or shorted Head unit volume too low or muted Amplifier gain set too low	Check RCA connections and test cables. Inspect speaker wiring for shorts or breaks. Increase head unit volume. Adjust amplifier gain control.
Distorted sound	Gain set too high Speaker impedance mismatch Poor ground connection	Reduce amplifier gain. Verify speakers are compatible with amplifier. Improve ground connection.
Engine noise (whine)	Poor ground connection RCA cables routed too close to power wires	Ensure a clean, solid ground connection. Reroute RCA cables away from power cables.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Technical specifications for the Pyramid PB180PX amplifier:

- **Model Number:** PB180PX
- **Part Number:** PB180PX
- **Output Power:** 300 Watts
- **Number of Channels:** 4
- **Product Dimensions (L x W x H):** 20.32 x 20.07 x 5.08 cm (8 x 7.9 x 2 inches)
- **Weight:** 1.57 kg
- **Mounting Type:** Freestanding
- **Batteries Required:** No

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding warranty coverage or technical support, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Pyramid Audio website. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of

purchase.