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Model: SBX100

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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Dual Electronics SBX100 10-inch Vented Enclosed Subwoofer. The SBX100 is designed to deliver enhanced low-frequency audio performance for your vehicle's sound system. Please read this manual thoroughly before use to ensure proper setup and to maximize the performance and longevity of your subwoofer.



Figure 1: Front view of the Dual Electronics SBX100 10-inch Vented Enclosed Subwoofer.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Important Safety Notice: This product may contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm. For more information, please visit www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

- Always disconnect the vehicle's battery negative terminal before beginning any installation.
- Ensure all wiring is properly insulated to prevent short circuits.
- Mount the subwoofer securely to prevent movement during vehicle operation.
- Avoid installing the subwoofer in locations where it may obstruct driver visibility or interfere with vehicle safety systems.
- Do not expose the subwoofer to excessive moisture or extreme temperatures.
- Consult a professional installer if you are unsure about any part of the installation process.

3. KEY FEATURES

- **Vented Enclosure Design:** Features a specialized tuned vent and computer-aided design for increased output efficiency and consistent low-frequency bass.
- **High Power Handling:** Capable of handling up to 500 Watts Peak Power and 175 Watts RMS at a 4 Ohm impedance.

- **Wide Frequency Response:** Delivers bass within a frequency range of 20Hz – 200Hz.
- **Advanced Temperature Control:** Incorporates a 2-inch Kapton and 4-layer voice coil to prevent overheating during extended use.
- **Durable Construction:** Built with sound MDF (Medium-Density Fiberboard) and a top-grade inline carpet to minimize enclosure movement and enhance sound quality.
- **Quality Components:** Equipped with a Black Propylene Cone, Rubber Surround, and a 35-ounce magnet for precise sound control and durability.



Figure 2: Close-up view of the SBX100 subwoofer cone, highlighting the Dual logo and rubber surround.

4. SETUP & INSTALLATION

Proper installation is crucial for optimal performance and safety. This subwoofer requires an external amplifier and a wiring kit (not included).

4.1 Unpacking

- Carefully remove the subwoofer from its packaging.
- Inspect the unit for any signs of damage during transit. If damage is found, do not proceed with installation and contact your dealer.
- Verify that all components are present:
 - SBX100 Subwoofer in Enclosure



Figure 3: Packaging for the Dual Electronics SBX100, indicating 500 Watts peak power and the need for an amplifier and wiring kit.

4.2 Choosing a Mounting Location

Select a secure location in your vehicle, typically the trunk or cargo area, where the subwoofer will not be exposed to direct sunlight, excessive heat, or moisture. Ensure the enclosure is firmly mounted to prevent movement.

4.3 Wiring Connections

The SBX100 features accessible input terminal cups for easy connection to your amplifier. Refer to your amplifier's instruction manual for specific wiring configurations. Below are common wiring options.



Figure 4: Rear view of the SBX100 showing the spring-loaded terminal cup for speaker wire connections.

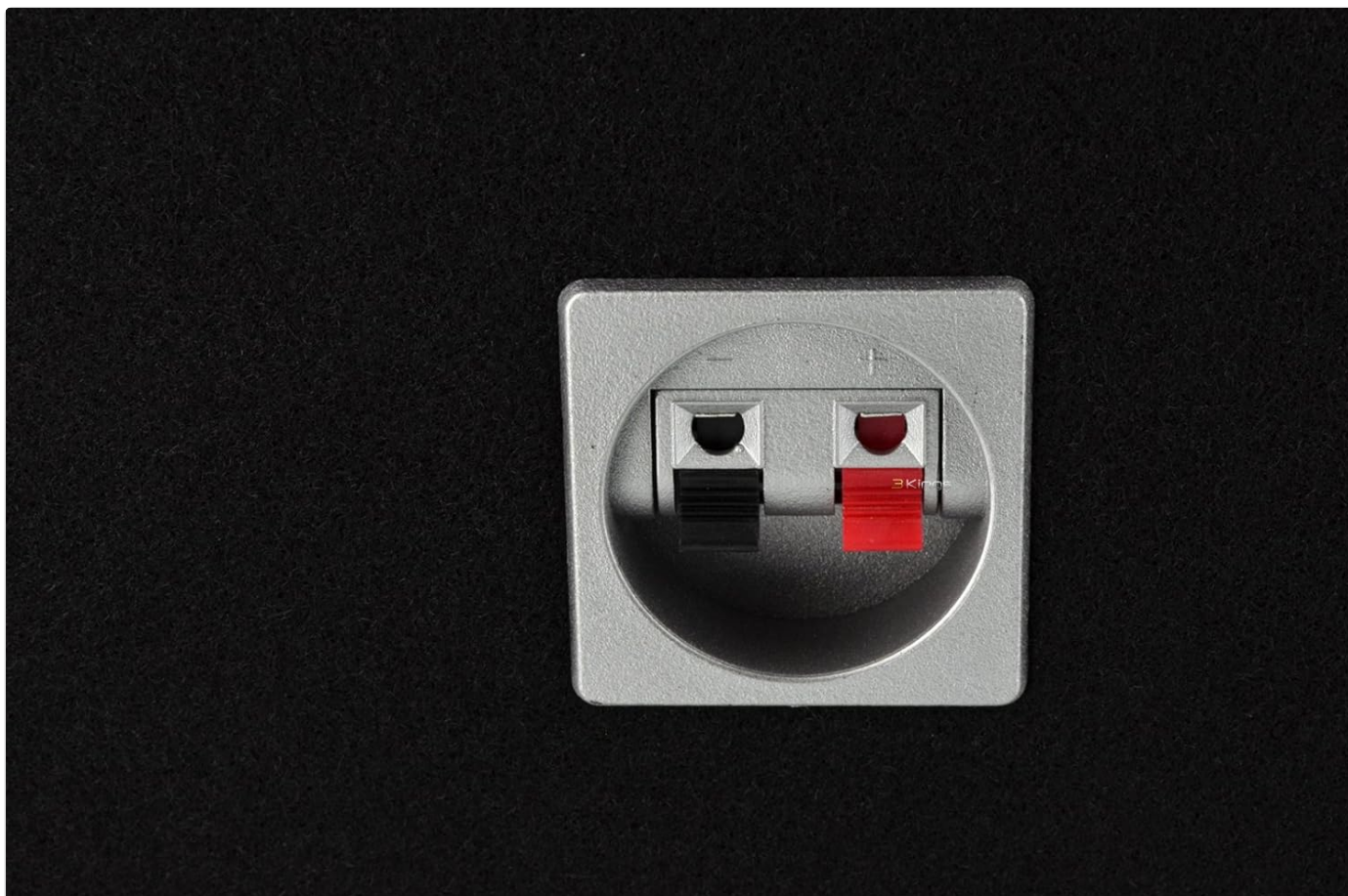


Figure 5: Illustration of three common installation options: with a mono amplifier, with a 2-channel amplifier in bridged mode, and with a 4-channel amplifier. Each diagram shows connections for RCA cables, remote turn-on lead, ground, and +12V battery.

- **Power Connection:** Connect the amplifier's power input to the vehicle's battery, ensuring an inline fuse is installed close to the battery.
- **Ground Connection:** Connect the amplifier's ground terminal to a clean, unpainted metal surface on the vehicle chassis.
- **Remote Turn-On:** Connect the amplifier's remote turn-on lead to the remote output of your head unit.
- **Audio Input:** Connect RCA cables from your head unit's subwoofer output to the amplifier's input.
- **Speaker Output:** Connect the amplifier's speaker output terminals to the SBX100's terminal cup using appropriate gauge speaker wire. Ensure correct polarity (+ to + and - to -).

Note: An amplifier with a minimum of 175 Watts RMS at 4 Ohms is recommended for optimal performance.

5. OPERATION

Once installed, the SBX100 subwoofer will operate in conjunction with your car's audio system and amplifier.

- **Initial Power-Up:** After completing all connections, reconnect the vehicle's battery. Turn on your car's audio system.
- **Gain Adjustment:** Start with the amplifier's gain control at its minimum setting. Gradually increase the gain until the subwoofer's output blends smoothly with your main speakers without distortion.
- **Crossover Settings:** If your amplifier or head unit has a low-pass filter (LPF), set it to a frequency typically between 80Hz and 120Hz. This ensures the subwoofer only reproduces low frequencies.
- **Phase Control:** Some amplifiers offer a phase switch (0° or 180°). Experiment with this setting to find the position that provides the most impactful and cohesive bass response.
- **Volume Control:** Adjust the subwoofer level using your head unit's controls or the amplifier's gain. Avoid excessive volume levels that cause audible distortion.

6. MAINTENANCE

The Dual Electronics SBX100 is designed for durability and requires minimal maintenance.

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe down the enclosure. For the carpeted surface, a vacuum cleaner with a brush attachment can be used. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Inspection:** Periodically check all wiring connections to ensure they are secure and free from corrosion.
- **Environmental Protection:** Keep the subwoofer away from direct sunlight, extreme heat, and moisture to prevent damage to the cone and enclosure materials.
- **Avoid Overdriving:** Operating the subwoofer at excessively high volumes for prolonged periods can lead to overheating and damage. Listen for signs of distortion and reduce volume if heard.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues with your SBX100 subwoofer, refer to the following common problems and solutions.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound from subwoofer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amplifier not powered on• Loose or incorrect wiring• Head unit settings• Blown fuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check amplifier power indicator.• Verify all power, ground, remote, and RCA connections.• Ensure subwoofer output is enabled and volume is up on head unit.• Check amplifier and inline fuses; replace if necessary.
Distorted or unclear bass	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amplifier gain too high• Incorrect crossover settings• Poor quality audio source• Loose mounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce amplifier gain.• Adjust low-pass filter (LPF) on amplifier or head unit.• Try a different audio source.• Ensure the enclosure is securely mounted.
Weak or insufficient bass	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amplifier gain too low• Incorrect phase setting• Low-pass filter set too high or too low• Insufficient amplifier power	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase amplifier gain gradually.• Toggle phase switch (0°/180°) on amplifier.• Adjust LPF to recommended range (80Hz-120Hz).• Ensure amplifier meets recommended power (175W RMS at 4 Ohms).

If the problem persists after attempting these solutions, contact Dual Electronics customer support or a qualified car audio technician.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Model Name	SBX100
Speaker Type	Subwoofer (Vented Enclosure)
Subwoofer Diameter	10 Inches
Peak Power Handling	500 Watts

RMS Power Handling	175 Watts
Impedance	4 Ohms
Frequency Response	20Hz – 200Hz
Voice Coil	2-inch Kapton, 4-layer
Cone Material	Black Propylene
Surround Material	Rubber
Magnet Weight	35 Ounce
Enclosure Construction	MDF with top-grade inline carpet
Product Dimensions (W x D x H)	16.54" x 9.84" x 12.8"
Item Weight	18 Pounds
Connectivity Technology	Wired (to amplifier)



Figure 6: Dimensional drawing of the SBX100 enclosure, showing width (16.54"), depth (9.84"), and height (12.8").

9. WHAT'S IN THE BOX

- Dual Electronics SBX100 Subwoofer in Vented Enclosure

Note: Amplifier and wiring kit are sold separately and are required for operation.

10. WARRANTY & SUPPORT

10.1 Limited Warranty

The Dual Electronics SBX100 is backed by a **1-Year Limited Warranty**. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. It guarantees a hassle-free experience with excellent customer service. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

10.2 Customer Support

For technical assistance, warranty inquiries, or further information, please contact Dual Electronics customer support.

- **Website:** Visit the official Dual Electronics website for support resources and contact information.
- **Phone:** Refer to the product packaging or the official website for customer service phone numbers.

