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1. INTRODUCTION

The GTD Audio Q3800 is a 2-channel professional power amplifier designed for high-quality audio amplification. This unit delivers reliable performance and clear sound reproduction, suitable for various audio applications. This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient use of your amplifier.

2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Read these instructions thoroughly before operating the unit.
- Keep these instructions for future reference.
- Heed all warnings on the appliance and in the operating instructions.
- Follow all instructions.
- Do not use this apparatus near water.
- Clean only with a dry cloth.
- Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding-type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
- Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched, particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.

- Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.
- Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
- **CAUTION: Risk of Electric Shock. Do Not Open.**

3. KEY FEATURES

- **Power Output:** 500 Watts (2 x 250 Watts) @ 8 Ohms RMS, 2 x 450 Watts @ 4 Ohms RMS, 3000 Watts Peak.
- **Inputs:** XLR and 1/4" (6.5mm Jack) Balanced Inputs.
- **Outputs:** Speakon and Banana binding post Outputs.
- **Cooling System:** Front-to-Rear Airflow and Dual Cooling Fans for optimal thermal management.
- **Frequency Response:** 45Hz – 15kHz.
- **Compact Design:** Dimensions (WxDxH): 17" x 9" x 3", Weight: 17 lbs.

4. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Please ensure all items are present upon unpacking:

- GTD Audio Q3800 Professional Power Amplifier
- Power Cable
- User Manual (this document)
- *(Additional accessories may vary by region or retailer)*

5. CONTROLS AND CONNECTIONS

5.1 Front Panel

The front panel typically includes the power switch, individual channel gain controls, and LED indicators for power, signal, clip, and protection status. Refer to the specific model's front panel for exact layout.

5.2 Rear Panel

The rear panel provides all necessary input and output connections, along with the power inlet and cooling fans.



Detailed Rear Panel Connections:

- **AC 115V Power Inlet:** Connects the amplifier to the main power supply using the provided power cable. Includes a fuse holder (FUUSE 8A).
- **Power Fuse 8A:** Houses the main power fuse. Ensure correct fuse rating for replacement.
- **CH B Input (XLR & ¼" Jack):** Balanced input connectors for Channel B. XLR pin configuration: Pin 1-Ground, Pin 2-Hot, Pin 3-Cold.
- **CH A Input (XLR & ¼" Jack):** Balanced input connectors for Channel A. XLR pin configuration: Pin 1-Ground, Pin 2-Hot, Pin 3-Cold.
- **CH B Output (Speakon):** Speakon connector for Channel B speaker output. Wiring: CH B: +1/-1.
- **CH A Output (Speakon):** Speakon connector for Channel A speaker output. Wiring: CH A: +1/-1.
- **CH B Output (Banana Binding Post):** Banana plug compatible binding posts for Channel B speaker output.
- **CH A Output (Banana Binding Post):** Banana plug compatible binding posts for Channel A speaker output.
- **Cooling Fans:** Dual fans for front-to-rear airflow, ensuring proper heat dissipation.
- **Caution Label:** Indicates risk of electric shock; do not open the casing.
- **FCC Mark:** Indicates compliance with FCC regulations.
- **Made in China:** Country of manufacture.

6. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Placement:** Place the amplifier in a well-ventilated area, away from direct sunlight, heat sources, and moisture. Ensure adequate space around the unit for proper airflow, especially around the front and rear cooling vents. This amplifier is designed for 2U rack mounting.
2. **Power Connection:** Ensure the amplifier's power switch is in the OFF position. Connect the supplied AC power cable to the AC 115V inlet on the rear panel and then to a suitable grounded power outlet.
3. **Input Connections:** Connect your audio source (e.g., mixer, preamplifier) to the CH A INPUT and CH B INPUT using balanced XLR or ¼" (6.5mm) cables. Ensure proper channel assignment.
4. **Output Connections:** Connect your speakers to the CH A OUTPUT and CH B OUTPUT. You can use either Speakon connectors or banana binding posts.
 - **Speakon:** For secure and high-current connections. Ensure correct wiring (+1/-1).
 - **Banana Binding Post:** For standard speaker wire connections. Observe polarity (+ to + and - to -).

Ensure your speakers' impedance matches the amplifier's capabilities (e.g., 4 Ohms or 8 Ohms).

5. **Initial Power On:** After all connections are secure, turn on your audio source first, then turn on the GTD Audio Q3800 amplifier. Set the channel gain controls to their minimum position before powering on.

7. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Power On/Off Sequence:** Always turn on your audio source (mixer, preamplifier) before the amplifier. When powering off, turn off the amplifier first, then the audio source. This prevents loud pops or transients that could damage speakers.
2. **Adjusting Gain:** Slowly increase the channel gain controls on the front panel to achieve the desired volume level. Monitor the signal and clip indicators. The signal LED should illuminate during audio playback, and the clip LED should only flash briefly on peaks. Constant illumination of the clip LED indicates signal distortion and potential speaker damage; reduce the gain immediately.

3. Monitoring Indicators:

- **Power LED:** Illuminates when the amplifier is powered on.
- **Signal LED:** Indicates the presence of an audio signal.
- **Clip LED:** Illuminates when the output signal is clipping (distorting). Reduce input level or gain.
- **Protect LED:** Illuminates if the amplifier enters protection mode due to overheating, short circuit, or other faults. Turn off the amplifier, check connections, and allow it to cool down before restarting.

4. **Ventilation:** Ensure the cooling fans are operating and not obstructed during use. Proper ventilation is crucial for preventing overheating and maintaining amplifier longevity.

8. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Regularly clean the exterior of the amplifier with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners or solvents.
- **Ventilation:** Periodically check the cooling fan vents for dust accumulation. Use a soft brush or compressed air to clear any obstructions. Ensure proper airflow is maintained.
- **Connections:** Occasionally check all input and output connections to ensure they are secure and free from corrosion.
- **Fuse Replacement:** If the amplifier does not power on, check the power fuse located in the AC inlet. Replace it only with a fuse of the exact same type and rating (8A). Disconnect power before attempting fuse replacement.
- **Storage:** If storing the amplifier for an extended period, ensure it is in a dry, dust-free environment.

9. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No power	Power cable disconnected; Blown fuse; Power outlet fault	Check power cable connection; Replace fuse (8A); Test power outlet with another device.
No sound output	Input cables disconnected; Speaker cables disconnected/faulty; Amplifier in protection mode; Source device not sending signal; Gain controls too low	Check all input and output cable connections; Verify speaker integrity; Check Protect LED (if lit, see below); Ensure audio source is active; Increase gain controls.
Distorted sound	Input signal too high (clipping); Speaker impedance mismatch; Faulty speaker	Reduce input level from source or amplifier gain; Ensure speaker impedance is within amplifier's rated range; Test with different speakers.
Amplifier overheats / Protect LED on	Poor ventilation; Overload (too low impedance speakers); Internal fault	Ensure clear airflow around vents; Use speakers with correct impedance; Turn off, let cool, then restart. If problem persists, seek professional service.
Hum or noise	Ground loop; Faulty cables; Interference	Check grounding of all equipment; Replace cables; Separate audio cables from power cables.

If the problem persists after attempting these solutions, please contact GTD Audio customer support or a qualified service technician.

10. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Model	Q3800
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Power Output (RMS @ 8 Ohms)	2 x 250 Watts (500 Watts total)
Power Output (RMS @ 4 Ohms)	2 x 450 Watts
Peak Power	3000 Watts
Inputs	XLR, 1/4" (6.5mm Jack) Balanced
Outputs	Speakon, Banana Binding Post
Frequency Response	45Hz – 15kHz
Cooling	Front-to-Rear Airflow, Dual Cooling Fans
Dimensions (WxDxH)	17" x 9" x 3" (43.18 cm x 22.86 cm x 7.62 cm)
Weight	17 lbs (7.71 kg)
Power Source	Corded Electric (AC 115V)
Compatible Devices	Guitar, Bass, Keyboard, Drum, All
Material	Metal

11. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official GTD Audio website. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

Contact Information: Please refer to the GTDAudio brand store or product packaging for the most current contact details for customer service and technical support.

