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MODEL: AR1.2500D

Introduction

The Soundstream AR1.2500D Arachnid Series amplifier represents a significant advancement in car audio performance and value. Utilizing Soundstream's established Class D monoblock platform, this amplifier is engineered for reliability and longevity, delivering up to 2500 Watts of power. It is designed to provide robust audio amplification for your vehicle's sound system.

Product Overview



Image: The Soundstream AR1.2500D amplifier, a black rectangular unit with "SOUNDSTREAM" and "2500 WATTS MAX" branding on the top surface, and "AR1.2500D" on the side. The unit features ribbed heat sinks along its length.

The AR1.2500D is a Class D monoblock amplifier, optimized for single-channel output, typically used for subwoofers. It features a military-grade PCB with a Pulse Width Modulated (PWM) MOSFET power supply, ensuring stable and efficient power delivery. The amplifier is designed with comprehensive protection circuits to safeguard against direct short, thermal overload, and general overload conditions.

Setup and Installation

Proper installation is crucial for optimal performance and safety. It is recommended that installation be performed by a qualified professional.

- **Power Connection:** Ensure a stable 16 Volts (DC) power supply. The amplifier features a Military-Grade PCB with PWM MOSFET power supply for efficient operation.
- **Speaker Connection:** This monoblock amplifier is 1-Ohm stable, allowing for maximum power output with compatible speaker configurations. It is possible to bridge two monoblocks together for double the power output.
- **Audio Input:** The amplifier supports both high/speaker level inputs and low level/RCA inputs, providing flexibility for integration with various head units.
- **Mounting:** The unit is designed for freestanding mounting. Ensure adequate ventilation around the amplifier to prevent overheating. Its dimensions are approximately 17 x 4 x 11 inches.
- **Protection Features:** The amplifier includes direct short, thermal, and overload circuit protection. These features are designed to protect the amplifier and your vehicle's electrical system from damage.

Operating Instructions

Once installed, the Soundstream AR1.2500D amplifier operates automatically with your car's audio system. Key operational indicators include:

- **Power Indicator:** A green LED light indicates that the amplifier is powered on and operating correctly.
- **Protect Indicator:** A red LED light indicates that the amplifier has entered protection mode due to a fault (e.g., short circuit, thermal overload, or general overload). If this light illuminates, refer to the Troubleshooting section.

The amplifier delivers a total power output of 2,500 watts, providing significant amplification for your audio components.

Maintenance

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Soundstream AR1.2500D amplifier, follow these general maintenance guidelines:

- **Keep Clean:** Periodically wipe the exterior of the amplifier with a soft, dry cloth to remove dust and debris. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Ensure Ventilation:** Verify that the amplifier's heat sinks and surrounding area remain clear of obstructions to allow for proper airflow and heat dissipation. Overheating can lead to reduced performance and premature failure.
- **Check Connections:** Routinely inspect all power, ground, and signal connections to ensure they are secure and free from corrosion. Loose connections can cause intermittent issues or damage.
- **Avoid Moisture:** Protect the amplifier from moisture and extreme temperatures. Install it in a location that is dry and not exposed to direct sunlight or excessive heat.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Soundstream AR1.2500D amplifier, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

- **Amplifier Not Powering On (No Green LED):**
 - Check the main power fuse and ensure it is not blown.
 - Verify that the power and ground connections are secure and properly terminated.
 - Confirm that the remote turn-on wire is connected and receiving a signal from the head unit.
- **Red "Protect" LED Illuminates:**
 - **Short Circuit:** Disconnect all speaker wires from the amplifier. If the "Protect" light turns off, there is a short in your speaker wiring or speaker itself. Inspect wiring for frayed insulation or contact with vehicle chassis.
 - **Thermal Overload:** The amplifier is overheating. Ensure adequate ventilation around the unit. Allow the amplifier to cool down. Check speaker impedance to ensure it matches the amplifier's capabilities (1-Ohm stable).
 - **Overload:** The amplifier is drawing too much current. This can be due to incorrect speaker impedance or a fault within the amplifier. Verify speaker impedance.
- **No Audio Output:**
 - Check all RCA or speaker-level input connections from the head unit to the amplifier.
 - Verify that the gain settings on the amplifier are not set too low.
 - Ensure that the head unit is sending an audio signal.
 - Confirm that speaker wires are correctly connected to the amplifier and speakers.

• **Difficulty with Connection Ports:**

Some users have reported that the connection ports can be challenging to work with. If you experience difficulty accessing or securing connections, it may be helpful to carefully remove the silver end caps of the amplifier. These are typically secured by two screws, which can provide better access to the terminals during installation.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	AR1.2500D
Brand	Soundstream
Amplifier Type	Class D Monoblock
Total Power Output	2500 Watts
Impedance Stability	1-Ohm Stable
Voltage	16 Volts (DC)
Dimensions (L x W x H)	17 x 4 x 11 inches
Item Weight	3.9 pounds
Material	Metal, High-quality plastic
Mounting Type	Freestanding
Protection	Direct short, thermal, & overload circuit protection
Input Type	High/speaker level & low level/RCA input
What's in the box	Amplifier, Hardware

Warranty and Support

For specific warranty information regarding your Soundstream AR1.2500D amplifier, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or contact the retailer from whom you purchased the product. You may also visit the official Soundstream website for the most current warranty policies and customer support contact information.

For technical assistance or service inquiries, please reach out to Soundstream customer support through their official channels. Providing your model number (AR1.2500D) and purchase details will help expedite your request.

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