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> JBL Professional MTC-26MR Mud (Plaster) Ring Construction Bracket for Control 26C and Control 26CT, Contains 6 Pieces Control 26C & 26CT Mud Ring

## JBL MTC-26MR

# JBL Professional MTC-26MR Mud (Plaster) Ring Construction Bracket User Manual

Model: MTC-26MR | Brand: JBL Professional

## 1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The JBL MTC-26MR is a specialized mud ring, also known as a plaster ring, designed for the precise installation of JBL Control 26C and Control 26CT series ceiling installation speakers. This bracket features a circular offset that is installed prior to the application of sheetrock. It functions as an integral ring extension for drywall "mudding" processes, providing a clean and accurate edge guide for sheetrock plastering, ensuring a professional and flush finish for your speaker installations.



Image: The JBL MTC-26MR Mud Ring construction bracket.

### Key Features:

- Designed specifically for the installation mounting of JBL Control 26C and Control 26CT Series speakers.
- Installs before sheetrock application for integrated drywall finishing.

- Serves as an integral ring extension for drywall mudding.
- Forms a precise edge guide for sheetrock plastering.
- Each package contains 6 pieces of the MTC-26MR mud ring.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

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Please read and understand all instructions before beginning installation. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in improper installation, damage to the product, or injury.

- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), such as safety glasses and gloves, during installation.
- Ensure the installation area is clear of electrical wiring, plumbing, and other obstructions before cutting or drilling.
- Consult local building codes and regulations for proper installation practices.
- This product is intended for use by qualified installers. If you are unsure about any step, seek professional assistance.

## 3. INSTALLATION

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The MTC-26MR mud ring is designed to be installed during the rough-in phase of construction, before drywall is hung and finished. It provides a stable and precise mounting point for the compatible JBL Control series speakers.

### Installation Steps:

1. **Prepare the Opening:** Identify the precise location for the speaker installation. Ensure there is adequate clearance behind the mounting surface for the speaker and its enclosure.
2. **Position the Mud Ring:** Place the MTC-26MR mud ring into the desired opening. The long arms of the bracket should extend across the ceiling joists or framing members.
3. **Secure the Bracket:** Fasten the mud ring securely to the ceiling joists or framing using appropriate screws (not included). Ensure the bracket is level and firmly attached to prevent movement. The circular offset should be flush with the intended plane of the finished drywall.
4. **Install Drywall:** Once the mud ring is secured, install the sheetrock around the circular opening of the bracket. The mud ring acts as a guide for cutting the drywall, ensuring a perfect circular opening for the speaker.
5. **Drywall Finishing:** Use the mud ring's circular offset as a guide for applying drywall mud and tape. This creates a clean, finished edge for the speaker cutout, integrating seamlessly with the ceiling surface.
6. **Speaker Installation:** After the drywall is finished and painted, the JBL Control 26C or Control 26CT speaker can be installed directly into the prepared opening, utilizing the secure mounting points provided by the mud ring.

## 4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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The JBL MTC-26MR is a passive construction bracket and does not require any operational procedures. Its function is purely mechanical, providing structural support and a finishing guide for speaker installation.

## 5. MAINTENANCE

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The MTC-26MR mud ring requires minimal maintenance once installed. Periodically inspect the installed bracket for any signs of damage or loosening, especially if the ceiling structure is subject to significant vibrations or environmental changes. Ensure the area around the speaker opening remains clean and free of debris.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

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Most issues related to the MTC-26MR mud ring will stem from improper installation. If you encounter problems, consider the following:

- **Bracket Does Not Fit:** Ensure you have the correct mud ring for your specific JBL Control series speaker model (MTC-26MR for Control 26C/26CT). Verify the dimensions of your speaker and the bracket.
- **Loose Installation:** Re-check all fastening points. Ensure screws are properly tightened and the bracket is firmly secured to the framing members. Excessive movement can lead to drywall cracking.
- **Uneven Finish:** This often indicates the mud ring was not installed perfectly level or flush with the intended drywall plane. Careful measurement and leveling during installation are crucial.

If problems persist, consult a professional installer or contact JBL Professional support.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

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Attribute	Value
Model Number	MTC-26MR
Brand	JBL Professional
Style	Mud Ring
Compatible Devices	JBL Control 26C, JBL Control 26CT
Item Weight	7 Pounds (for the package of 6)
Number of Pieces per Pack	6
Package Dimensions	24.1 x 15.3 x 3.7 inches
UPC	691991300516
Manufacturer	JBL Professional

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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For detailed warranty information and technical support regarding the JBL MTC-26MR mud ring or other JBL Professional products, please refer to the official JBL Professional website or contact their customer service directly. Warranty terms and conditions may vary by region and purchase date.

**JBL Professional Website:** [www.jblpro.com](http://www.jblpro.com)

Always ensure you have your product model number (MTC-26MR) and proof of purchase available when seeking support.