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Model: Super Linton (Walnut, Matched Pair)

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1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Wharfedale Super Linton bookshelf speakers. These speakers are designed to deliver an authentic and engaging sound experience, building upon Wharfedale's rich heritage in audio engineering. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your Super Linton speakers to ensure optimal performance and longevity.



Figure 1: Angled view of the Wharfedale Super Linton speaker with the protective grille removed, revealing the tweeter, midrange, and bass drivers.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

- **Read Instructions:** Carefully read all safety and operating instructions before using the speakers.
- **Retain Instructions:** Keep this manual for future reference.
- **Heed Warnings:** Adhere to all warnings on the product and in this manual.
- **Cleaning:** Clean only with a dry cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners.
- **Ventilation:** Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- **Heat:** Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- **Power Cords:** Protect power cords from being walked on or pinched, particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus. (*Note: These are passive speakers and do not have power cords, but this is a general safety precaution for associated equipment.*)
- **Attachments:** Use only attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- **Servicing:** Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as 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.

3. UNPACKING YOUR SPEAKERS

Carefully remove your Wharfedale Super Linton speakers from their packaging. It is recommended to retain all original packaging materials for future transport or storage. Inspect the speakers for any signs of damage during transit. If you find any damage, contact your dealer immediately.

- Ensure you have both speakers and their protective grilles.
- Keep the packaging in a safe place.

4. SETUP

4.1 Speaker Placement

Optimal speaker placement is crucial for achieving the best sound quality. Consider the following guidelines:

- **Symmetry:** Place the speakers equidistant from the listening position and from each other.
- **Distance from Walls:** Experiment with placing the speakers away from rear and side walls. Bass response can be affected by proximity to boundaries.
- **Toe-in:** Angle the speakers slightly inward towards the main listening position. Small adjustments can significantly impact imaging and soundstage.
- **Stands:** For optimal performance, use sturdy, dedicated speaker stands that position the tweeters at or near ear level when seated.





Figure 2: Front view of the Wharfedale Super Linton speaker with the protective grille attached.

4.2 Speaker Connections

The Super Linton speakers are passive and require connection to a stereo amplifier or receiver. Use high-quality speaker cables for the best audio performance.

1. **Power Off:** Ensure your amplifier/receiver is turned off and unplugged from the mains power before making any connections.
2. **Identify Terminals:** Locate the binding posts on the rear of each Super Linton speaker and on your amplifier/receiver. There will be positive (+) and negative (-) terminals.
3. **Connect Cables:** Connect the positive (+) terminal of the left speaker to the positive (+) terminal of the left channel output on your amplifier. Similarly, connect the negative (-) terminal of the left speaker to the negative (-) terminal of the left channel output. Repeat this process for the right speaker and right channel.
4. **Polarity:** It is critical to maintain correct polarity (positive to positive, negative to negative) for both speakers. Incorrect polarity will result in poor bass response and a degraded stereo image.
5. **Secure Connections:** Ensure all connections are tight and secure to prevent signal loss or short circuits.



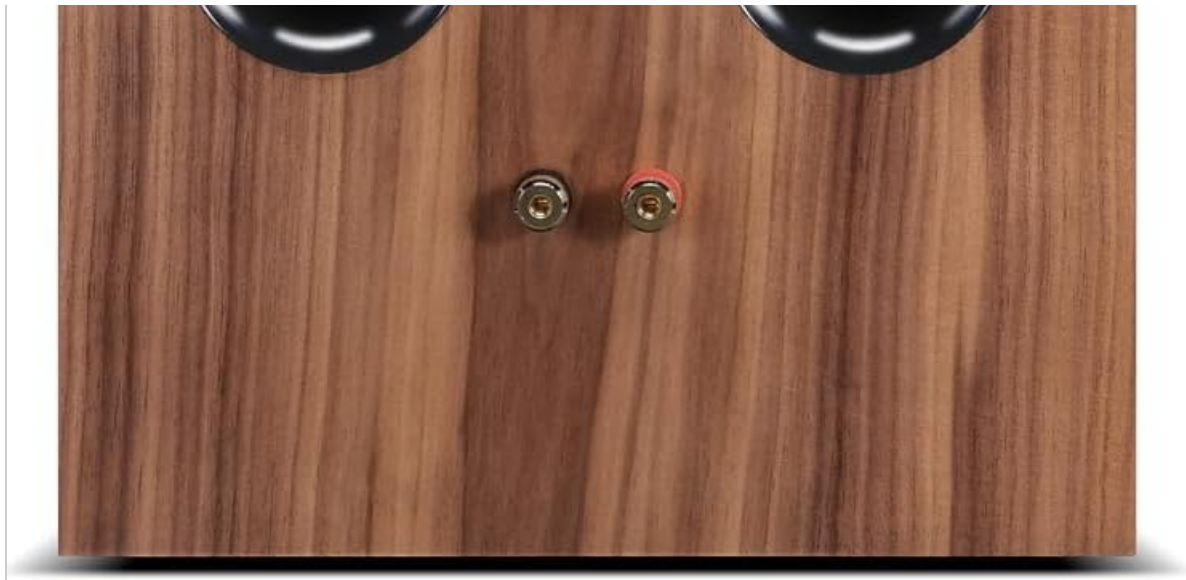


Figure 3: Rear panel of the Wharfedale Super Linton speaker, illustrating the two bass reflex ports and the speaker binding posts for amplifier connection. The product label is also visible.

5. OPERATING YOUR SPEAKERS

- **Initial Playback:** After connecting, turn on your amplifier/receiver and start playback at a low volume. Gradually increase the volume to a comfortable listening level.
- **Break-in Period:** Your Super Linton speakers will benefit from a break-in period of approximately 50-100 hours of normal use. During this time, the drivers will loosen up, and the sound quality will improve, particularly in bass response and overall clarity.
- **Volume Control:** Always control the volume through your amplifier or source component. Avoid excessively high volumes that cause audible distortion, as this can damage the speakers.
- **Grilles:** The protective grilles can be removed for a slightly more open sound, but they offer protection to the drivers. Experiment to find your preferred listening experience.

6. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning Cabinets:** Dust the speaker cabinets with a soft, dry, lint-free cloth. For stubborn marks, lightly dampen the cloth with water and wipe gently, then dry immediately. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Cleaning Grilles:** The grilles can be gently vacuumed with a soft brush attachment to remove dust. Do not wash or immerse them in water.
- **Driver Care:** Avoid touching the speaker drivers (tweeter, midrange, woofer) as this can cause damage.
- **Sunlight:** Avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight, which can fade the cabinet finish over time.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound from one or both speakers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Amplifier/receiver not powered on. o Incorrect input selected on amplifier. o Loose or incorrect speaker cable connection. o Faulty speaker cable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ensure amplifier is on. o Select the correct input source. o Check all speaker cable connections at both the speaker and amplifier ends. Ensure correct polarity (+ to +, - to -). o Try a different speaker cable to rule out a faulty cable.
Distorted or unclear sound.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Volume too high, causing amplifier clipping. o Loose speaker cable connections. o Incorrect polarity. o Damaged speaker driver. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Reduce volume. o Check and secure all speaker cable connections. o Verify correct polarity for both speakers. o If distortion persists at low volumes, contact your dealer for service.
Weak or absent bass.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Incorrect speaker polarity. o Speakers placed too far from walls. o Room acoustics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Double-check speaker polarity. o Experiment with moving speakers closer to the rear wall (but avoid corner placement if bass becomes boomy). o Consider room treatment if issues persist.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

The following are the key specifications for the Wharfedale Super Linton bookshelf speakers:

Brand	Wharfedale
Model Number	Super Linton (Walnut, Matched Pair)
Speaker Maximum Output Power	200 Watts
Audio Output Mode	Stereo
Mounting Type	Floor Standing (<i>Note: While often used on stands, the product description implies a larger size, and the original JSON lists "Floor Standing" as mounting type.</i>)
Speaker Size (Height)	23.82 Inches
Number of Items	2
UPC	840117527850
ASIN	B0DP25452J

Note: Specifications are subject to change without notice.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Wharfedale products are manufactured to the highest standards and are backed by a limited warranty. The specific terms and duration of your warranty may vary by region and retailer. Please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Wharfedale website for detailed warranty information.

For technical support, service inquiries, or to purchase replacement parts, please contact your authorized Wharfedale dealer or visit the official Wharfedale support page:

Wharfedale Official Website: www.wharfedale.co.uk

When contacting support, please have your product model number (Super Linton) and proof of purchase readily available.