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Model: PBM-500.1

1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the PowerBass PBM-500.1 Mono Mini Amplifier user manual. This document provides essential information for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your amplifier. Please read this manual thoroughly before attempting to install or operate the unit to ensure optimal performance and safety.

2. KEY FEATURES

The PowerBass PBM-500.1 amplifier is engineered with advanced technology to deliver powerful and clear audio in a compact form factor. Key features include:

- 500 Watt High Efficiency Class D Design
- 2-OHM Stable Mono Block Amplifier
- Protection Circuit: Impedance Over-load, Speaker Short, Circuit, Thermal Overheating, and DC Output.
- Ultra Low Current Draw
- Conformal Coated PC Board



The PowerBass PBM-500.1 Mono Mini Amplifier, shown with its compact design and included remote bass control for convenient adjustment.

3. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always observe the following safety precautions during installation and operation:

- Disconnect the vehicle's battery before starting any electrical work.
- Ensure proper grounding to prevent electrical hazards.
- Avoid mounting the amplifier in areas exposed to direct sunlight, excessive heat, moisture, or dust.
- Use appropriate gauge wiring for power, ground, and speaker connections.
- Do not open the amplifier casing; there are no user-serviceable parts inside. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel.

4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

4.1 Unpacking

Carefully remove the amplifier from its packaging. The box should contain:

- PBM-500.1 Mono Mini Amplifier
- Remote Bass Knob (if included with your model)

- Mounting Hardware
- User Manual

4.2 Mounting

Choose a mounting location that is dry, well-ventilated, and away from direct heat sources. The compact size of the PBM-500.1 allows for versatile placement, such as under seats, behind dashboards, or in small compartments. Ensure adequate airflow around the amplifier for proper heat dissipation.

4.3 Wiring Connections

Proper wiring is crucial for optimal performance and safety. Refer to the diagrams below for correct connections.



The power and speaker terminal side of the PBM-500.1 amplifier, showing connections for battery, remote turn-on, ground, and speaker outputs. It also indicates its 2 Ohm stable mono Class D amplifier capability.

- **Power (+12V):** Connect to the positive terminal of the vehicle's battery using an appropriate gauge power cable with an inline fuse.
- **Ground (GND):** Connect to a clean, unpainted metal surface on the vehicle chassis. Ensure a solid connection for proper grounding.
- **Remote (REM):** Connect to the remote turn-on lead from your head unit or other signal source.
- **Speaker Output:** Connect your subwoofer(s) to the speaker terminals. The PBM-500.1 is 2-ohm stable.
- **RCA Input:** Connect the RCA cables from your head unit's subwoofer output to the amplifier's RCA input.



This image displays the input and control panel of the PBM-500.1 amplifier, featuring RCA inputs, gain control, low-pass filter (LPF), bass frequency, and bass EQ adjustments, along with a remote port.

4.4 Product Overview Video

This video provides a concise overview of the PowerBass PBM series amplifiers, highlighting their compact design, power capabilities, and suitability for various installations.

A detailed product overview of the PowerBass PBM Series Amplifiers, explaining key features such as Class D circuit design, weather resistance, variable digital crossovers, and various models within the series.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Controls and Adjustments

The PBM-500.1 features several controls to fine-tune your audio experience:

- **GAIN:** Adjusts the input sensitivity of the amplifier to match the output of your head unit. Start with the gain at minimum and slowly increase until desired volume is achieved without distortion.
- **LPF (Low Pass Filter):** Controls the upper frequency limit for the subwoofer. Adjustable from 30Hz to 250Hz. Set this to filter out higher frequencies that subwoofers are not designed to reproduce.
- **BASS FREQ:** Adjusts the center frequency for the bass boost. Adjustable from 40Hz to 100Hz.
- **BASS EQ:** Provides up to 12dB of bass boost at the selected bass frequency. Use sparingly to avoid distortion.
- **REMOTE:** Port for connecting the included remote bass knob.



A close-up of the remote bass knob, allowing users to adjust the subwoofer level conveniently from the driver's seat. It includes a power status indicator.

6. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and performance of your PowerBass PBM-500.1 amplifier, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- Keep the amplifier clean and free from dust and debris. Use a soft, dry cloth for cleaning.
- Periodically check all wiring connections to ensure they are secure and free from corrosion.
- Ensure the amplifier's heatsink fins are not obstructed to allow for proper cooling.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues with your amplifier, consult the following table before contacting support:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No Power	Blown fuse, poor power/ground connection, no remote turn-on signal.	Check fuses, verify all power and ground connections, ensure remote wire is connected and receiving +12V.
No Sound	Incorrect input connections, speaker wiring issues, gain set too low.	Check RCA inputs, verify speaker connections and impedance, adjust gain setting.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Distorted Sound	Gain set too high, improper crossover settings, speaker impedance mismatch.	Reduce gain, adjust LPF/Bass EQ, ensure speaker impedance is compatible (2 Ohm minimum for mono).
Amplifier Overheating	Insufficient ventilation, low impedance load, prolonged high-volume use.	Ensure proper airflow, check speaker impedance, reduce volume or usage time.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Item Weight	10 pounds
Package Dimensions	18 x 14 x 8 inches
Item Model Number	PBM-500.1
Manufacturer	PowerBass
ASIN	B0F5ZMMG21
Date First Available	April 22, 2025

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The PowerBass PBM-500.1 Mono Mini Amplifier comes with a **1-Year Manufacturer Warranty**. For warranty claims or technical support, please refer to the contact information provided with your purchase or visit the official PowerBass website.

You can also visit the [PowerBass Store on Amazon](#) for more products and information.