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Model: PSA4-2500D | Brand: Soundstream

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Soundstream PSA4.2500D 4-Channel Waterproof Marine Amplifier. This amplifier is designed for high-performance audio in challenging marine and powersports environments, offering up to 2500 Watts Max output with Class D efficiency. Its robust construction ensures durability against water, mud, and UV exposure.



Image 1.1: Top view of the Soundstream PSA4.2500D amplifier, showcasing its marine-grade design and branding.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always observe the following safety precautions during installation and operation:

- Disconnect the vehicle's battery before starting any electrical work to prevent short circuits.
- Ensure all wiring is properly insulated and secured to prevent damage from vibration or abrasion.
- Use appropriate gauge wiring for power and ground connections to handle the amplifier's current draw.
- Install an external fuse (not included) on the main power wire as close to the battery as possible.
- Avoid mounting the amplifier in locations where it may obstruct vehicle operation or be exposed to extreme heat or direct mechanical impact.
- Do not attempt to open or modify the amplifier. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items are present in the package:

- Waterproof Amplifier (PSA4.2500D)
- Mounting Hardware
- Owner's Manual (this document)
- Bass Control Knob (if applicable to your model variant)



Image 3.1: Included components: the owner's manual and mounting hardware for the amplifier.

4. PRODUCT FEATURES

The Soundstream PSA4.2500D amplifier incorporates several features for reliable and powerful audio performance:

- **High-Power Output:** Delivers up to 2500 Watts Max, suitable for driving marine speaker systems.
- **Marine-Grade Durability:** Features IP66 waterproof protection, sealed circuit boards, and corrosion-resistant components for harsh environments.
- **Class D Efficiency:** Advanced Class D technology ensures cooler operation, reduced power draw, and optimized sound output.
- **Versatile Installation:** Compact chassis with marine-grade terminals for secure connections in tight spaces.
- **All-Weather Performance:** Designed to resist salt, spray, mud, and UV exposure.
- **Adjustable Crossovers:** Includes fully variable 12dB low-pass and subsonic crossovers for precise audio tuning.
- **Bass Boost:** Adjustable bass boost feature to enhance low-frequency impact.

5. INSTALLATION & SETUP

Proper installation is crucial for optimal performance and longevity of your amplifier. If you are unsure about any steps, consult a professional installer.

5.1 Mounting the Amplifier

Select a mounting location that is secure, allows for adequate ventilation, and is protected from direct physical damage. The amplifier's compact size allows for flexible placement in boats, ATVs, UTVs, or motorcycles. Use the provided mounting hardware to secure the unit.

5.2 Wiring Connections

Follow these steps for electrical connections:

1. **Power (BATT+):** Connect a 4-gauge power wire directly from the vehicle's positive battery terminal to the amplifier's +12V terminal. **An inline 50-amp fuse (not included) must be installed on this wire within 18 inches (45 cm) of the battery.**
2. **Ground (GND):** Connect a 4-gauge ground wire from the amplifier's GND terminal to a clean, unpainted metal surface on the vehicle chassis or directly to the negative battery terminal. Ensure a solid, low-resistance connection.
3. **Remote (REM):** Connect a remote turn-on wire from your head unit's remote output to the amplifier's REM terminal. This wire signals the amplifier to turn on and off with your audio system.
4. **Audio Input (RCA or High-Level):**
 - **RCA Input:** Connect RCA cables from your head unit's pre-amp outputs to the amplifier's FRONT and REAR RCA input jacks.
 - **High-Level Input:** If your head unit does not have RCA outputs, use the high-level input harness (if provided) to connect directly to your head unit's speaker outputs.
5. **Speaker Output:** Connect your speakers to the amplifier's speaker output terminals. Ensure correct polarity (+ to + and - to -) for each speaker. This is a 4-channel amplifier, allowing connection of up to four speakers.



Image 5.2: Front view of the amplifier showing RCA input connections for front and rear channels.

6. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once installed, the amplifier requires initial setup of its audio controls to match your system and preferences.

6.1 Gain Adjustment

The gain control (often labeled 'LEVEL' or 'GAIN') matches the amplifier's input sensitivity to the output voltage of your head unit. Start with the gain set to minimum. Play a familiar track at about 75% of your head unit's maximum volume. Slowly increase the amplifier's gain until you hear distortion, then back it off slightly. This ensures maximum clean output.

6.2 Crossover Settings

The PSA4.2500D features variable 12dB low-pass and subsonic crossovers. These filters allow you to direct specific frequency ranges to your speakers or subwoofers.

- **Low-Pass Filter (LPF):** Used for subwoofers, allowing only frequencies below the set point to pass.

- **Subsonic Filter:** Used with subwoofers to filter out extremely low, inaudible frequencies that can waste amplifier power and damage speakers.

Adjust these settings based on your speaker types and desired sound profile. For full-range speakers, you may bypass these filters or set them to a high frequency.

6.3 Bass Boost

The adjustable bass boost allows you to increase the output at a specific low frequency. Use this feature sparingly to avoid distortion and potential speaker damage. Start with the boost at minimum and increase gradually if desired.

Important Note: Some users have reported that the amplifier's min/max settings for gain or other controls may be set to minimum from the factory. If you experience low or no output after installation, ensure these settings are adjusted using a small screwdriver.

7. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and performance of your marine amplifier:

- **Cleaning:** Periodically wipe down the amplifier with a damp cloth to remove salt, dirt, or grime. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Inspection:** Regularly check all wiring connections for corrosion, fraying, or looseness. Tighten any loose connections.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure that the amplifier's heat sinks are not obstructed to allow for proper heat dissipation.
- **Environmental Protection:** While waterproof, avoid prolonged submersion or direct high-pressure water spray.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your amplifier, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No Power / Amplifier Not Turning On	Blown fuse; Loose power/ground/remote wire; Faulty remote turn-on signal; Amplifier protection mode.	Check inline fuse (50A recommended); Verify all power, ground, and remote connections are secure; Test remote wire for 12V when head unit is on; Disconnect power for 30 seconds to reset protection mode.
No Sound Output	Gain set too low; RCA cables disconnected/faulty; Speaker wires disconnected/shorted; Head unit output issue; Amplifier settings (e.g., crossovers).	Increase gain setting (refer to Section 6.1); Check RCA and speaker connections; Ensure head unit is producing sound; Verify crossover settings are appropriate; Check internal min/max settings with a screwdriver if applicable.
Distorted Sound	Gain set too high; Speaker impedance mismatch; Damaged speakers; Poor ground connection.	Reduce gain setting; Ensure speaker impedance matches amplifier's capabilities; Test speakers individually; Verify ground connection is solid.
Amplifier Overheating	Insufficient ventilation; Overloading amplifier; Low impedance load.	Ensure adequate airflow around amplifier; Reduce volume or check speaker wiring for shorts; Verify speaker impedance.

9. SPECIFICATIONS

Technical specifications for the Soundstream PSA4.2500D 4-Channel Waterproof Marine Amplifier:

- **Model:** PSA4-2500D
- **Number of Channels:** 4
- **Output Power:** 2500 Watts Max
- **Voltage:** 12.2 Volts
- **Material:** Aluminum
- **Specification Met:** IP66 (Waterproof)
- **Mounting Type:** Surface Mount
- **Item Dimensions (L x W x H):** 33 x 14.6 x 7 centimetres
- **Item Weight:** 5.6 Pounds
- **UPC:** 709483066175

10. WARRANTY INFORMATION

Soundstream products are covered by a manufacturer's warranty. The specific terms and duration of the warranty may vary by region and retailer. Please retain your proof of purchase for any warranty claims. For detailed warranty information, refer to the documentation provided with your purchase or visit the official Soundstream website.

11. SUPPORT

For technical assistance, troubleshooting beyond this manual, or service inquiries, please contact Soundstream customer support. Contact information can typically be found on the official Soundstream website or through your authorized dealer.