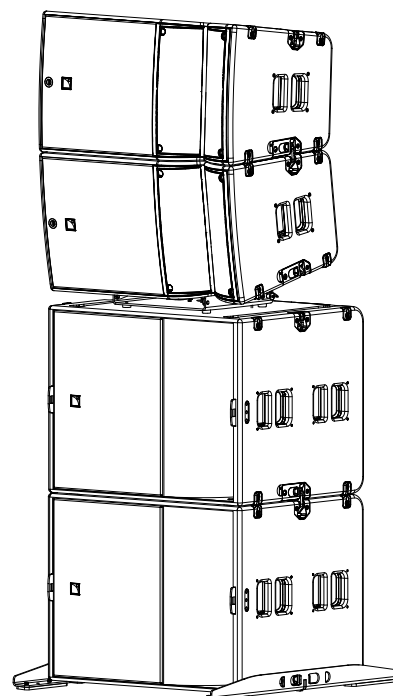
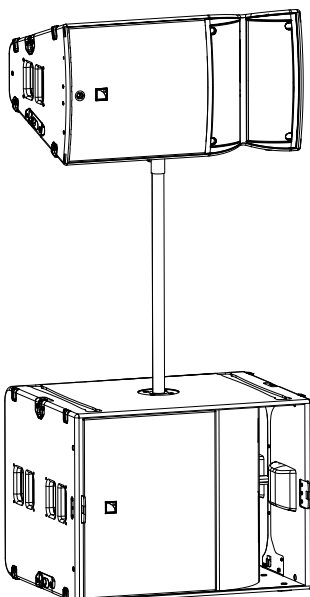
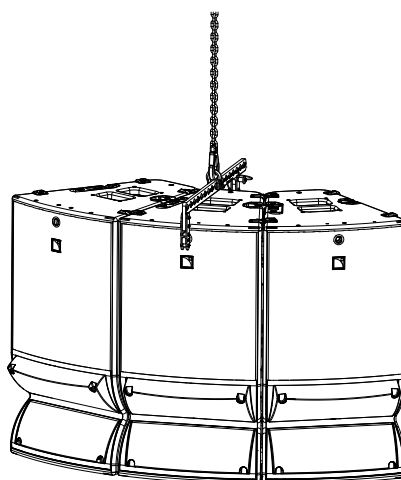
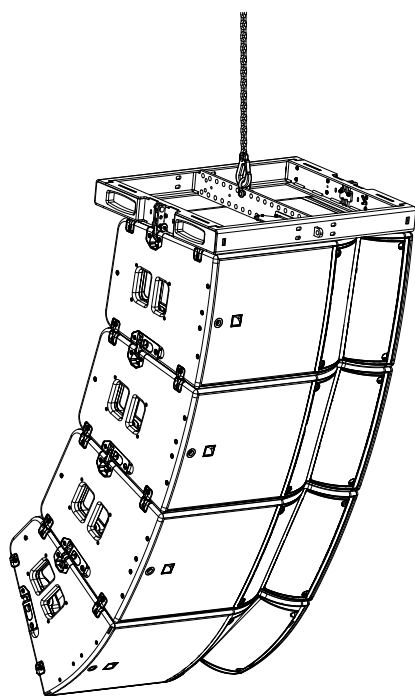


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Safety

Instructions



Inspect the system before any deployment.

Perform safety related checks and inspections before any deployment.

Perform preventive maintenance at least once a year.

Refer to the preventive maintenance section for a list of actions and their periodicity.

Insufficient upkeep of the product can void the warranty.

If any safety issue is detected during inspection, do not use the product before performing corrective maintenance.

Check for issues. A rigging system part or fastener is missing or loose. A rigging system part exhibits: bends, breaks, broken parts, corrosion, cracks, cracks in welded joints, deformation, denting, wear, holes. A safety cue or label is missing. A loose part is not adequately secured.



Never incorporate equipment or accessories not approved by L-Acoustics.

Read all the related PRODUCT INFORMATION documents shipped with the products before exploiting the system.



Do not store the product on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table.



Beware of sound levels.

Do not stay within close proximity of loudspeakers in operation.

Loudspeaker systems are capable of producing very high sound pressure levels (SPL) which can instantaneously lead to permanent hearing damage to performers, production crew and audience members. Hearing damage can also occur at moderate level with prolonged exposure to sound.

Check the applicable laws and regulations relating to maximum sound levels and exposure times.



Work with qualified personnel for rigging the system

Installation should only be carried out by qualified personnel that are familiar with the rigging techniques and safety recommendations outlined in this manual.

Ensure personnel health and safety

During installation and set-up personnel must wear protective headgear and footwear at all times. Under no circumstances is personnel allowed to climb on a loudspeaker assembly.

Respect the Working Load Limit (WLL) of third party equipment.

L-Acoustics is not responsible for any rigging equipment and accessories provided by third party manufacturers.

Verify that the Working Load Limit (WLL) of the suspension points, chain hoists and all additional hardware rigging accessories is respected.

Respect the maximum configurations and the recommended safety precautions.

For safety issue, respect the maximum configurations outlined in this manual. To check the conformity of any configuration in regards with the safety precautions recommended by L-Acoustics, model the system in Soundvision and refer to the warnings in Mechanical Data section.

Be cautious when flying a loudspeaker configuration.

Before installing/raising the product, check each individual element to make sure that it is securely fastened to the adjacent element. Always verify that no one is standing underneath the product when it is being installed/raised. Never leave the product unattended during the installation process.

As a general rule, L-Acoustics recommends the use of secondary safety at all times.

Be cautious when ground-stacking a loudspeaker array.

Do not stack the loudspeaker array on unstable ground or surface. If the array is stacked on a structure, platform, or stage, always check that the latter can support the total weight of the array.

As a general rule, L-Acoustics recommends the use of safety straps at all times.

Risk of falling objects

Verify that no unattached items remain on the product or assembly.

Risk of tipping

Remove all rigging accessories before transporting a product or an assembly.

Take into account the wind effects on dynamic load.

When a loudspeaker assembly is deployed in an open air environment, wind can produce dynamic stress to the rigging components and suspension points.

If the wind force exceeds 6 bft (Beaufort scale), lower down and/or secure the product or the assembly.



Intended use

This system is intended for use by trained personnel for professional applications.



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Read the maintenance section of this document before servicing the product.



Do not expose the product to extreme conditions.

Do not expose the product to rain or sea spray.

Do not expose the product to moisture (mist, steam, humidity, condensation...) or excessive heat (direct sun, radiator...) for a long period of time.



Contact L-Acoustics for advanced maintenance.

Any unauthorized maintenance operation will void the product warranty.

Introduction

ARCS A15 family

ARCS A15 is a constant curvature WST® product line designed for medium throw production applications up to 45 m. The highly multifunctional family includes A15 Focus and A15 Wide, passive 15" systems with distinct coverage patterns. A15 products can be flown or stacked in combinations to form vertical or horizontal line sources or used individually as configurable directivity point sources.

The ARCS A15 can adapt to virtually any audience geometry with two enclosure coverage options (10° or 30°), L-Fins for user configurable waveguide directivity (70°, 110° or 90° asymmetrical) and a range of accessories for vertical or horizontal deployment.

A15 deployment requires a single preset that is optimized to provide amazing plug-and-play performance for both A15 models regardless of L-Fins configuration. Performance can be further enhanced with L-Acoustics software optimization tools.

ARCS A15 provides the low frequency contour of a large concert system and the dedicated KS21 subwoofer can be ground-stacked or flown with A15 products to reinforce contour and extend bandwidth to 29 Hz.

The ARCS A15 family is a highly scalable system that can do it all – delivering concert level performance for events large and small or supplementing a larger L-Acoustics solution for the world's biggest stages.

How to use this manual

The ARCS A15 owner's manual is intended for all actors involved in the system design, implementation, preventive and corrective maintenance of the ARCS A15 system. It must be used as follows:

1. Read the technical description for an overview of all system elements, their features, and their compatibilities.
 - [Electro-acoustical description](#) (p.12)
 - [Rigging system description](#) (p.20)
2. Prepare the system configuration. Consider the mechanical limits and the available acoustical configurations.
 - [Mechanical safety](#) (p.42)
 - [Loudspeaker configurations](#) (p.44)
3. Before rigging the system, perform mandatory inspections and functional checks.
4. To deploy the system, follow the step-by-step rigging instructions and refer to the cabling schemes.
 - [Rigging procedures](#) (p.48)
 - [Connection to LA amplified controllers](#) (p.77)

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Contact information

For information on advanced corrective maintenance:

- contact your Certified Provider or your L-Acoustics representative
- for Certified Providers, contact the L-Acoustics customer service: customer.service@l-acoustics.com

Symbols

The following symbols are used in this document:

-  This symbol indicates a potential risk of harm to an individual or damage to the product.
It can also notify the user about instructions that must be strictly followed to ensure safe installation or operation of the product.
-  This symbol notifies the user about instructions that must be strictly followed to ensure proper installation or operation of the product.
-  This symbol notifies the user about complementary information or optional instructions.

System components

Loudspeaker enclosures

A15 Focus	2-way passive constant curvature WST® 10° enclosure: 15" LF + 3" HF diaphragm
A15 Wide	2-way passive constant curvature WST® 30° enclosure: 15" LF+ 3" HF diaphragm
KS21	High power compact subwoofer: 1x21"

Powering and driving system

LA12X / LA4X / LA8	Amplified controller with DSP, preset library and networking capabilities
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Refer to the LA12X / LA4X / LA8 user manual for operating instructions.

Loudspeaker cables

SP cables	4-point speakON loudspeaker cables (4 mm ² gauge) SP cables come in four sizes: SP.7 (0.7 m/2.3 ft), SP5 (5 m/16.4 ft), SP10 (10 m/32.8 ft) and SP25 (25 m/82 ft)
SP-Y1	breakout cable for two passive enclosures (2.5 mm ² gauge) provided with a CC4FP adapter 4-point speakON to 2 × 2-point speakON
DO	8-point PA-COM loudspeaker cables (4 mm ² gauge) DO cables come in three sizes: DO.7 (0.7 m/2.3 ft), DO10 (10 m/32.8 ft) and DO25 (25 m/82 ft)
DOSUB-LA8	breakout cable for four passive enclosures (4 mm ² gauge) 8-point PA-COM to 4 × 2-point speakON



Information about the connection of the enclosures to the LA amplified controllers is given in this document.

Refer to the LA12X / LA4X / LA8 user manual for detailed instructions about the whole cabling scheme, including modulation cables and network.

Rigging elements

A15-BUMP	Flying frame for vertical deployment of A15 and KS21
A15-LIFT	Rigging element for horizontal deployment of A15
A15-RIGBAR	Rigging bar and pullback for A15 and KS21
A-TILT	Rigging element for stacking A15 and A10 onto KS21
KS21-OUTRIG	Stability bars for KS21
A-MOUNT	Pole mount for A15 and A10
M-BAR	Extension bar for rigging frame
X-BAR	Rigging bar for 1 enclosure
K2-JACK	4 tilt adjustment screw jacks + bar for K2-CHARIOT
CLAMP250	Clamp certified for 250 kg
LA-SLING2T	Lifting chain (DIN EN 818-4) 2-leg , 8 mm

Transportation accessories

KS21-CHARIOT	Chariot for 3 KS21
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KS21-PLA	Removable front dolly for 1KS21
KS21-COV	Protective cover for 1 KS21
KS21-CHARIOTCOV	Protective cover for 3 KS21 on KS21-CHARIOT

Software applications

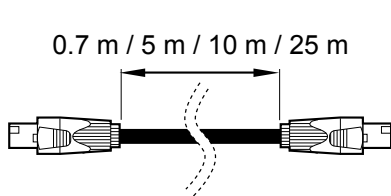
Soundvision	3D acoustical and mechanical modeling software
LA Network Manager	Software for remote control and monitoring of amplified controllers



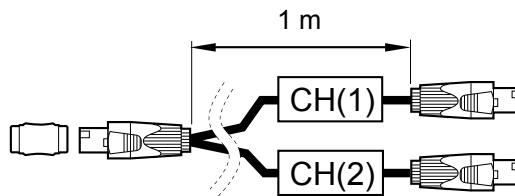
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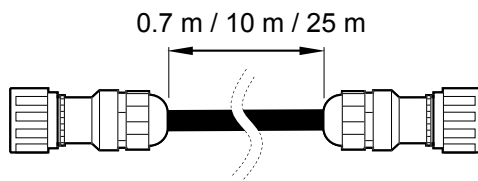
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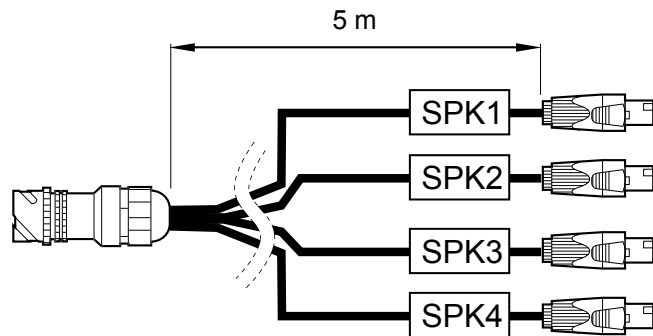
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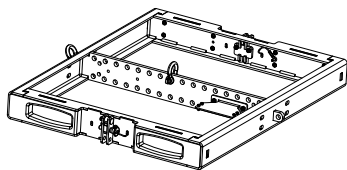


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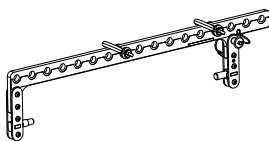


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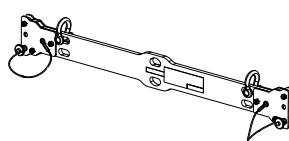
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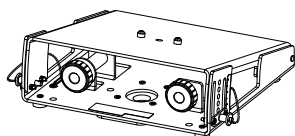
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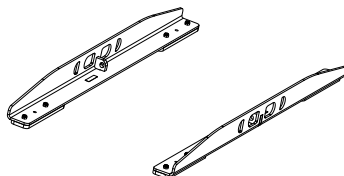
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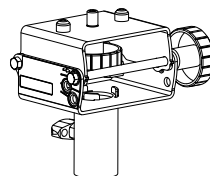
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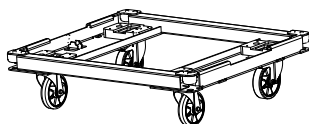
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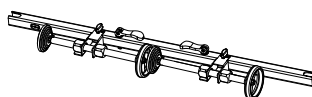
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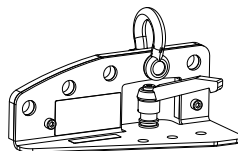
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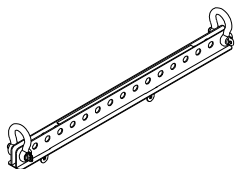
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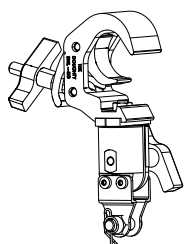
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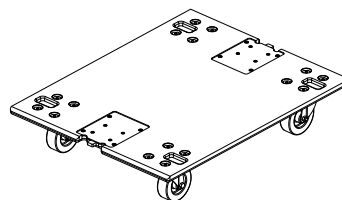
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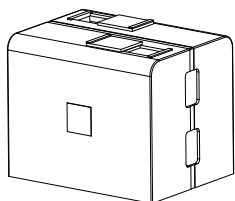
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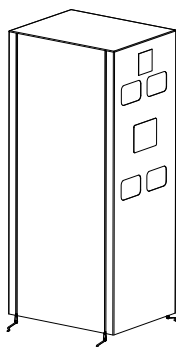
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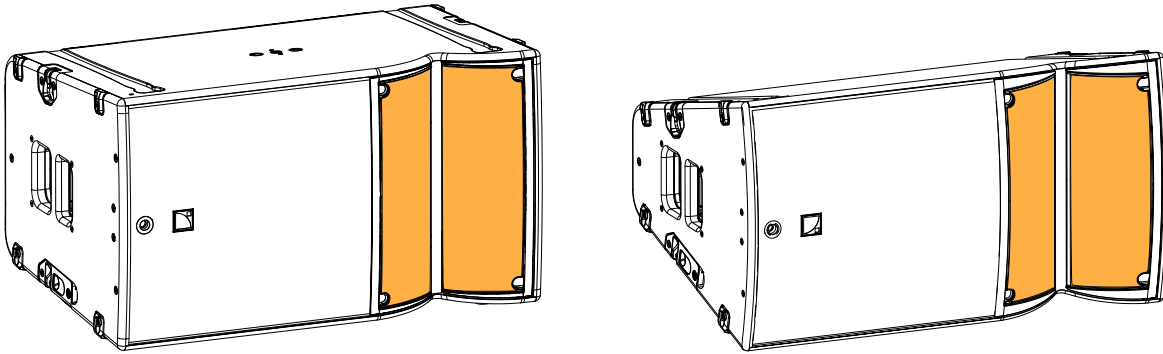
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Electro-acoustical description

Adjustable fins

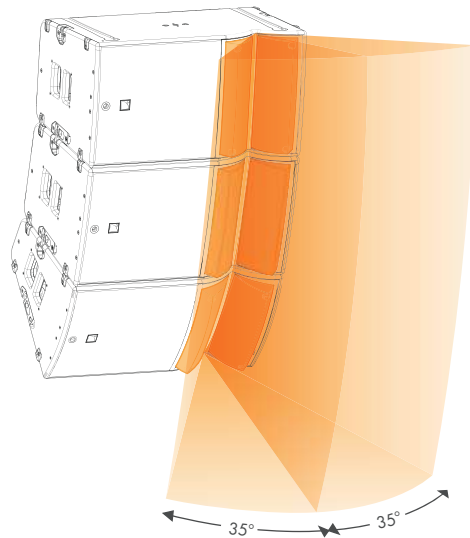
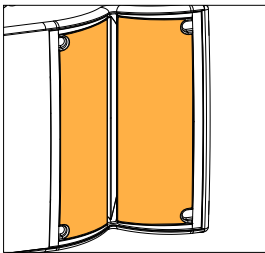
A15 Focus and A15 Wide feature L-Fins to adjust the waveguide directivity to one of four settings: 110° / 70° symmetric or 90° asymmetric (35°/55° or 55°/35°).

The same [A15] preset drives all directivity settings of both enclosures.



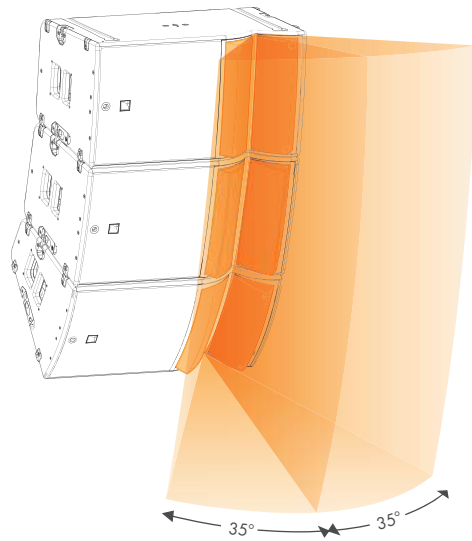
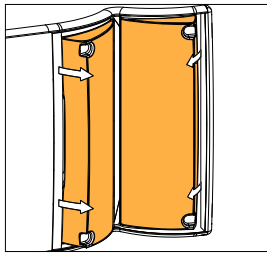
Within a line source, combine A15 Focus and A15 Wide with custom directivity settings to improve SPL mapping and throw capability.

110° setting

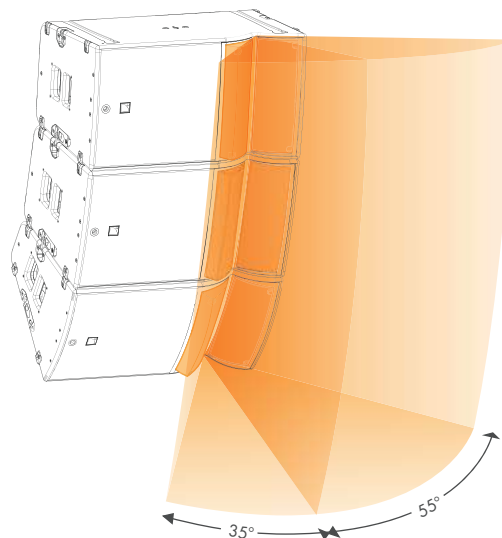
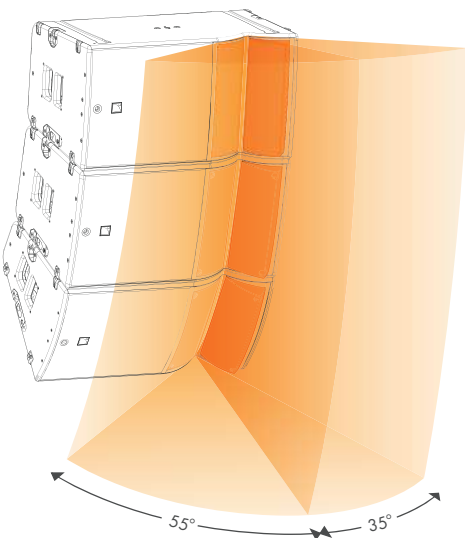
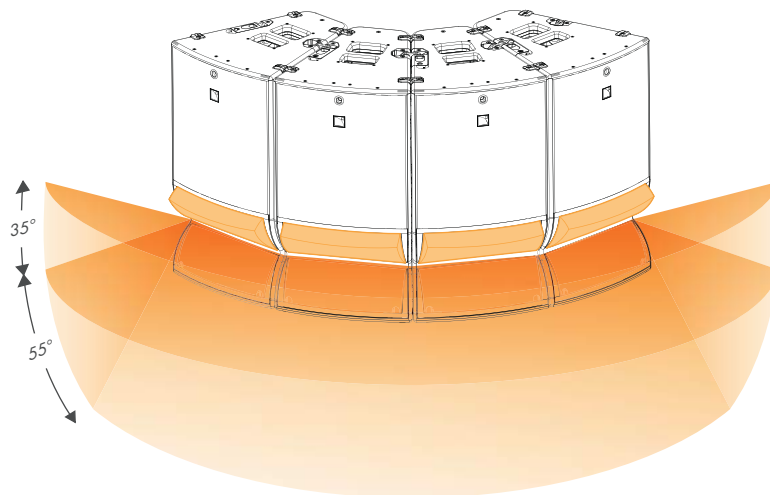
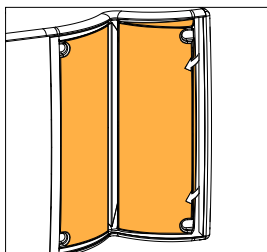
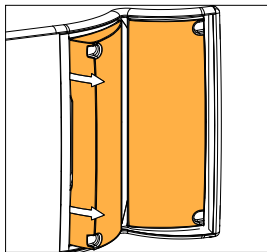


70° setting

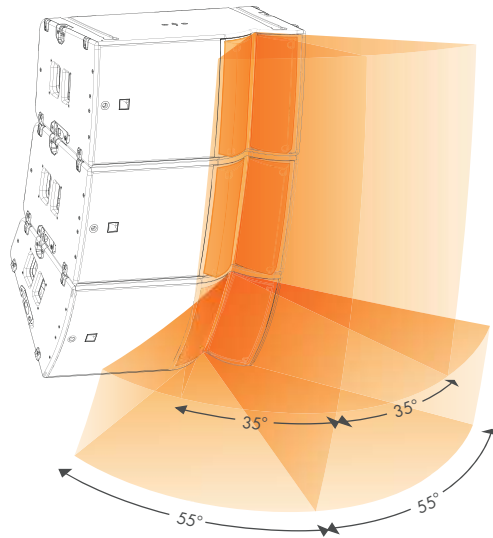
Set the fins in the 35° position to provide the system with a 2 dB on-axis gain (> 2 kHz).



90° settings



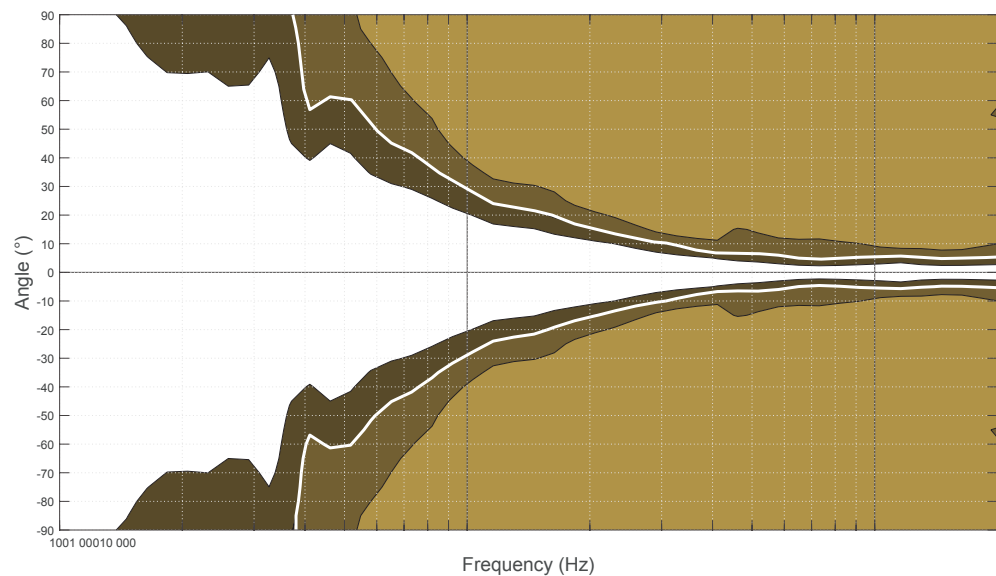
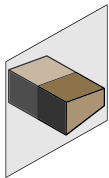
Mixed settings



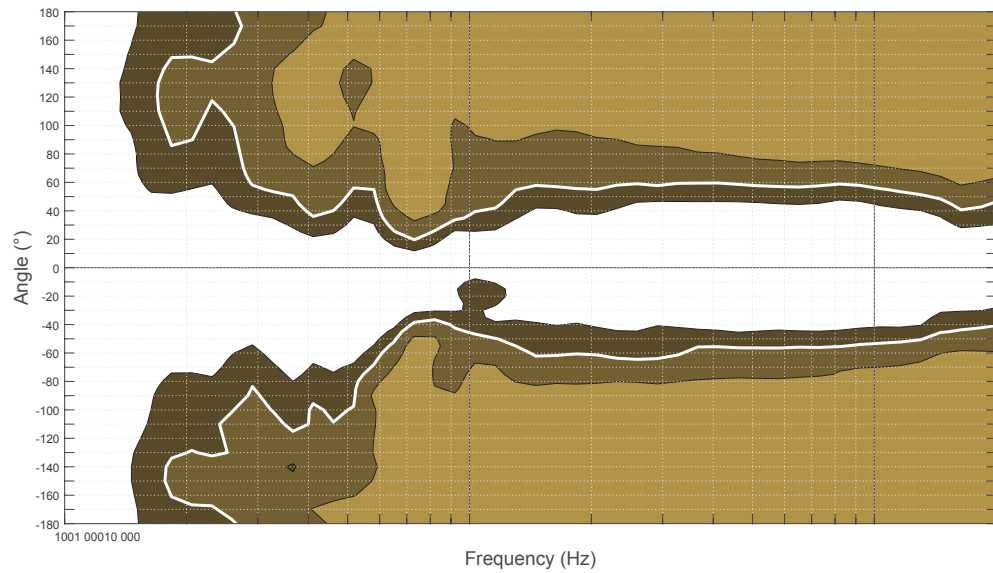
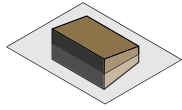
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A15 Focus

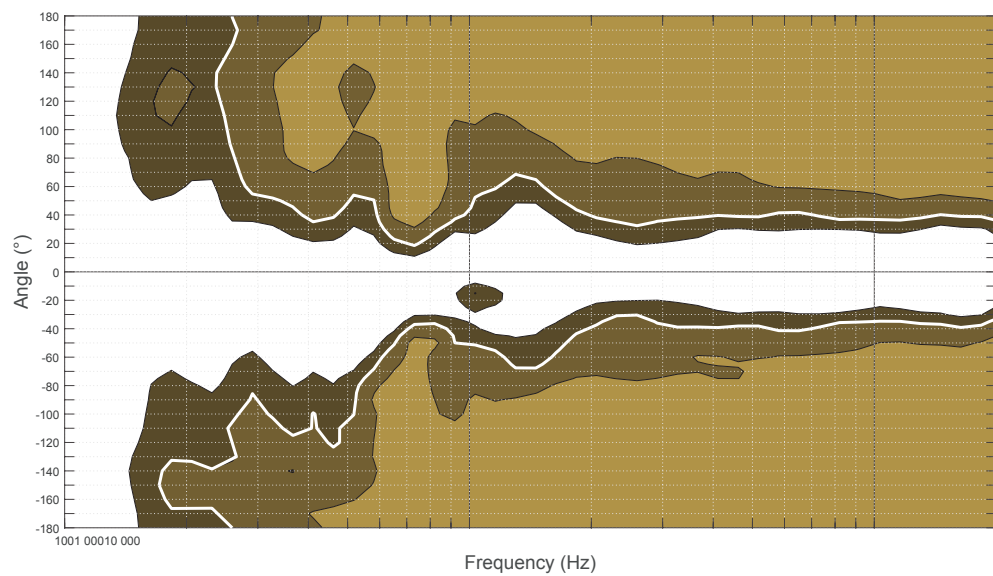
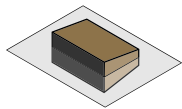
A15 Focus generates an enclosure directivity pattern of 10° and a waveguide directivity pattern of 70° / 110° symmetric or 90° asymmetric (-6 dB) depending on the fins settings.



Dispersion angle diagram of one upright A15 Focus, using lines of equal sound pressure at -3 dB, -6 dB, -12 dB.



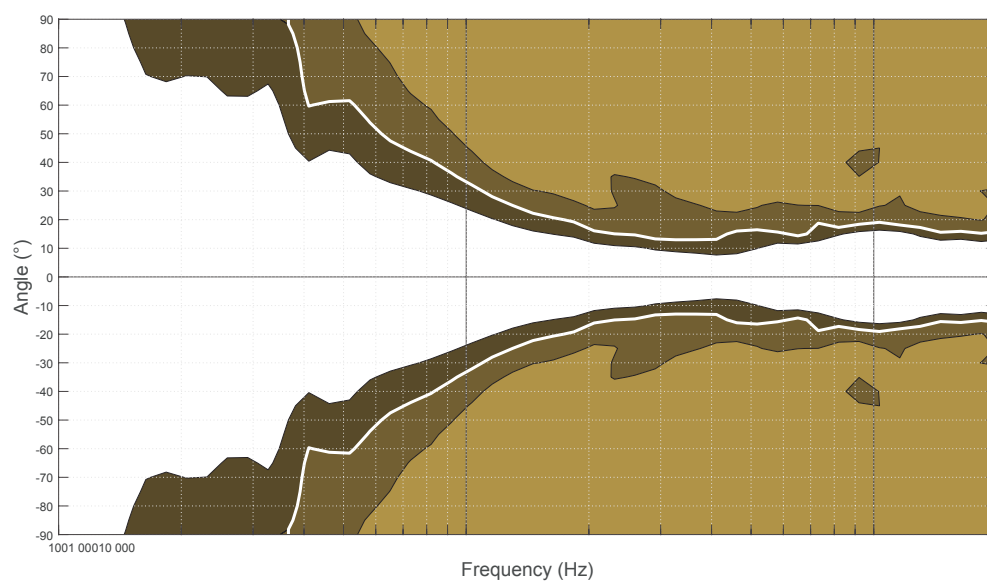
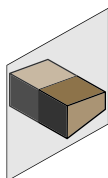
Dispersion angle diagram of one A15 Focus with 110° fins setting, using lines of equal sound pressure at -3 dB, -6 dB, -12 dB.



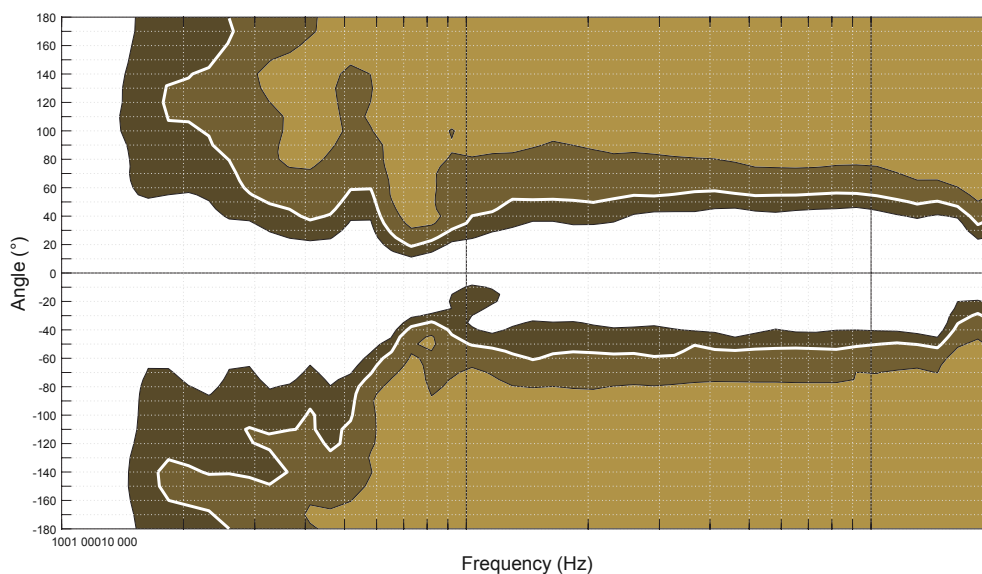
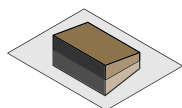
Dispersion angle diagram of one A15 Focus with 70° fins setting, using lines of equal sound pressure at -3 dB, -6 dB, -12 dB.

A15 Wide

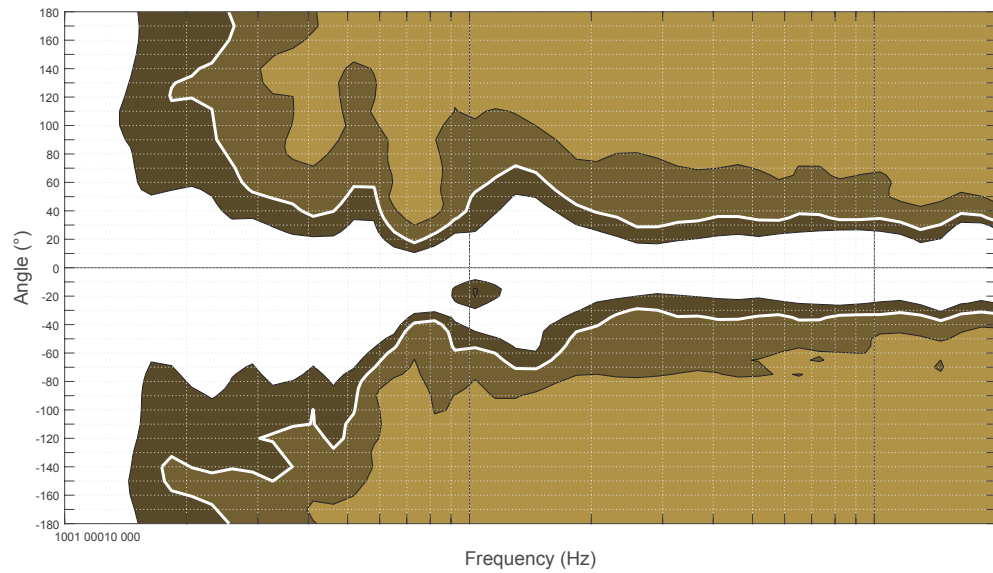
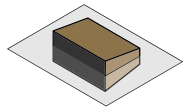
A15 Wide generates an enclosure directivity pattern of 30° and a waveguide directivity pattern of 70° / 110° symmetric or 90° asymmetric (-6 dB) depending on the fins settings.



Dispersion angle diagram of one upright A15 Wide, using lines of equal sound pressure at -3 dB, -6 dB, -12 dB.



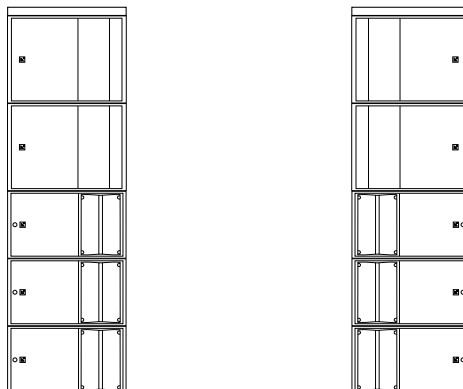
Dispersion angle diagram of one A15 Wide with 110° fins setting, using lines of equal sound pressure at -3 dB, -6 dB, -12 dB.



Dispersion angle diagram of one A15 Wide with 70° fins setting, using lines of equal sound pressure at -3 dB, -6 dB, -12 dB.

Symmetrical configurations

The ARCS A15 rigging system is designed to enable a completely symmetrical setup for stereo applications.



Preset description

[A15] [A15_FI]

outputs	channels	routing	gain	delay	polarity	mute
OUT 1	PA	IN A	0 dB	0 ms	+	ON
OUT 2	PA	IN A	0 dB	0 ms	+	ON
OUT 3	PA	IN B	0 dB	0 ms	+	ON
OUT 4	PA	IN B	0 dB	0 ms	+	ON

[KS21_60] [KS21_100]

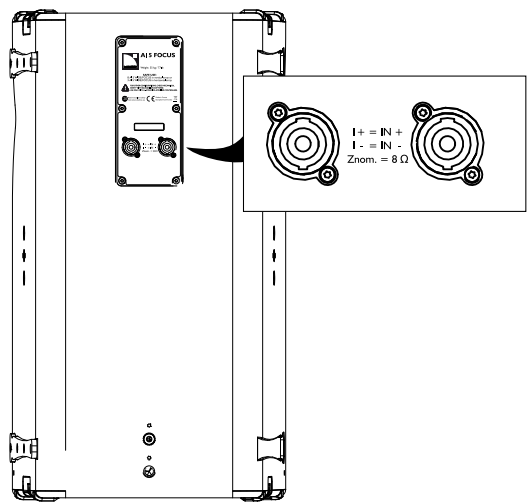
outputs	channels	routing	gain	delay	polarity	mute
OUT 1	SB	IN A	0 dB	0 ms	+	ON
OUT 2	SB	IN A	0 dB	0 ms	+	ON
OUT 3	SB	IN A	0 dB	0 ms	+	ON
OUT 4	SB	IN A	0 dB	0 ms	+	ON

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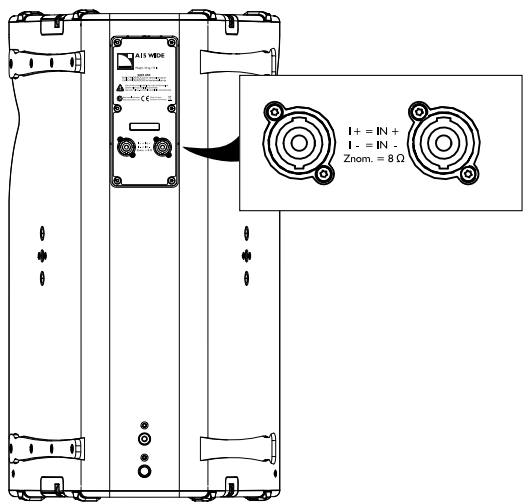
loudspeaker elements	outputs	channels	routing	gain	delay	polarity	mute
SR	OUT 1	SR	IN A	0 dB	0 ms	+	ON
SB	OUT 2	SB					ON
SB	OUT 3	SB					ON
SB	OUT 4	SB					ON

Connectors

i SpeakON connectors can be used interchangeably as IN or LINK connector.



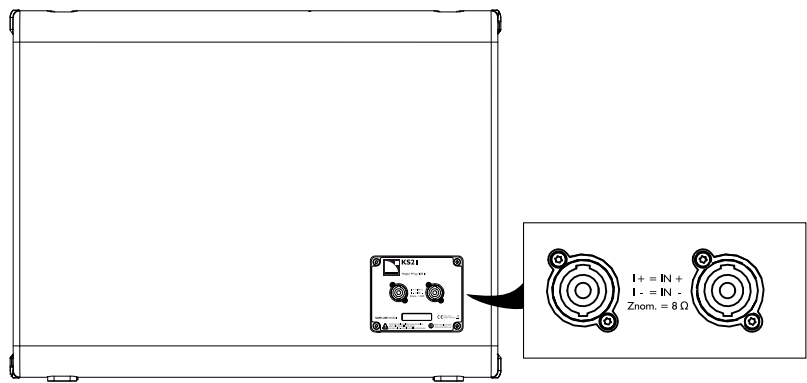
A15 Focus
2 × 4-point speakON



A15 Wide
2 × 4-point speakON

Internal pinout for L-Acoustics 2-way passive enclosures

speakON points	1 +	1 -	2 +	2 -
Transducer connectors	+	-	Not linked	Not linked



KS21
2 × 4-point speakON

Internal pinout for L-Acoustics subwoofers

speakON points	1 +	1 -	2 +	2 -
Transducer connectors	LF +	LF -	Not linked	Not linked

Rigging system description

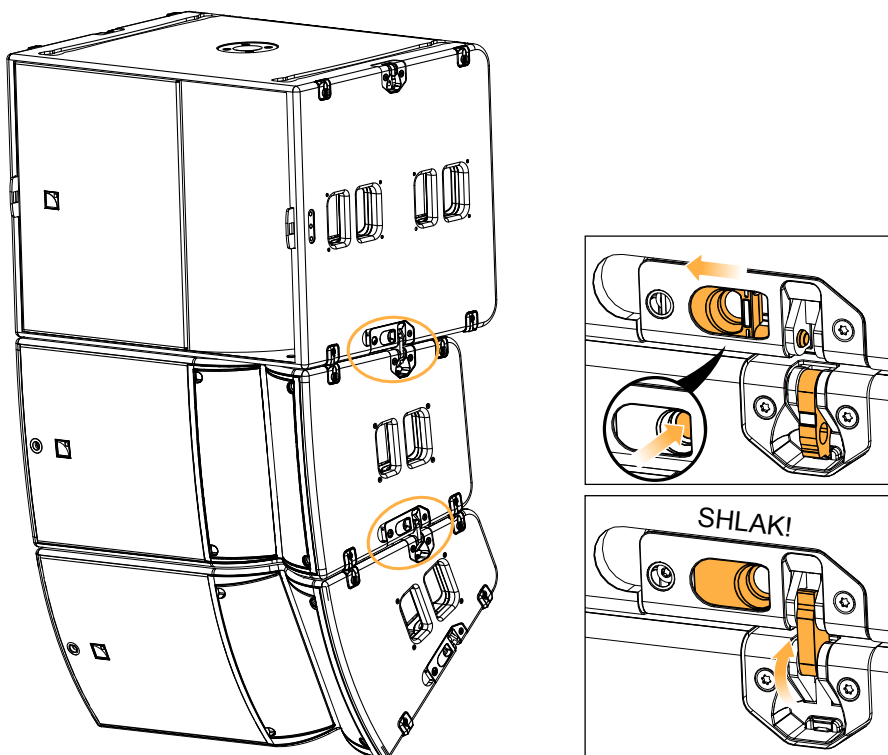
ARCS A15 system rigging

A15 Wide/Focus and KS21 feature the same rigging system consisting of two elements:

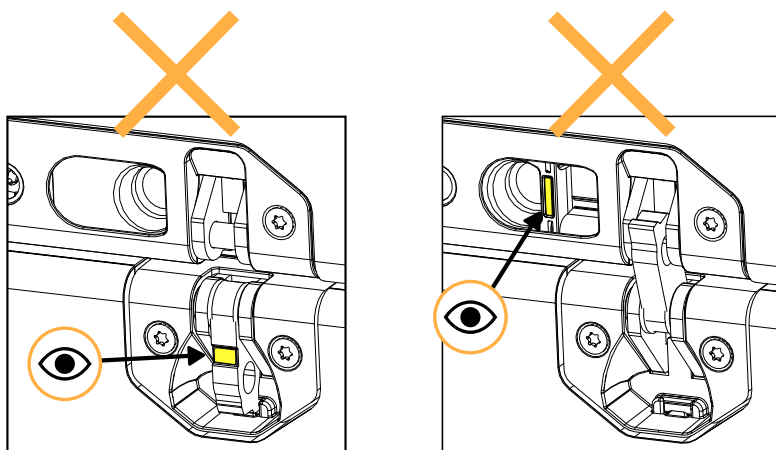
- A rotating rigging arm.
- A spring-loaded pin.



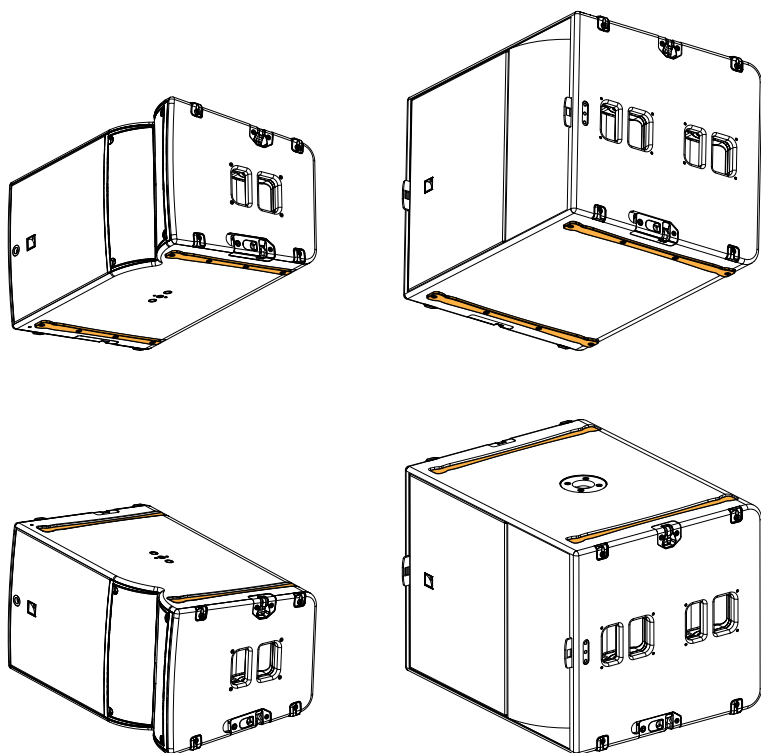
Push and slide to unlock the spring-loaded pin.



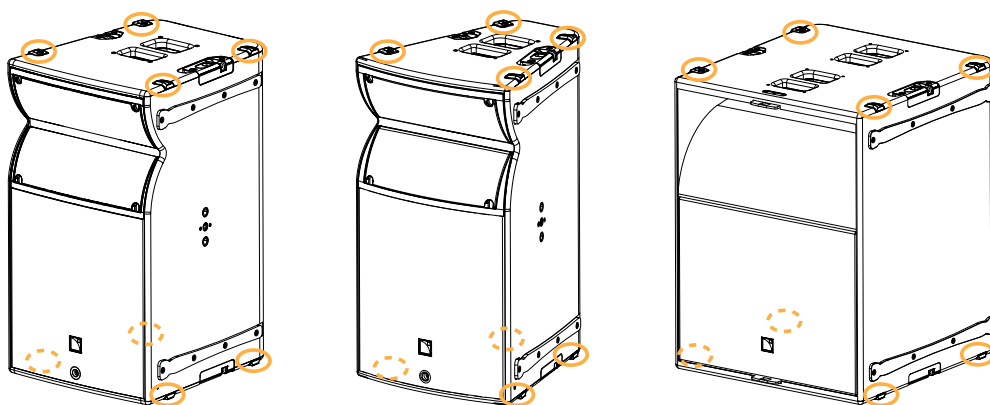
The rigging elements are fitted with yellow safety labels that are visible when they are not safely locked.



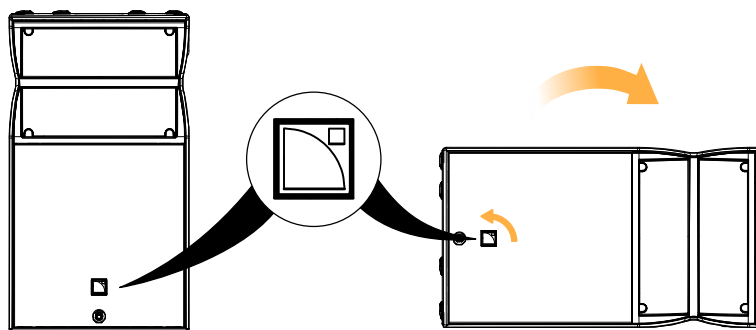
Each enclosure displays two ground runners on the bottom and two matching tracks on the top.



Eight corner stops protect the side panels during handling.



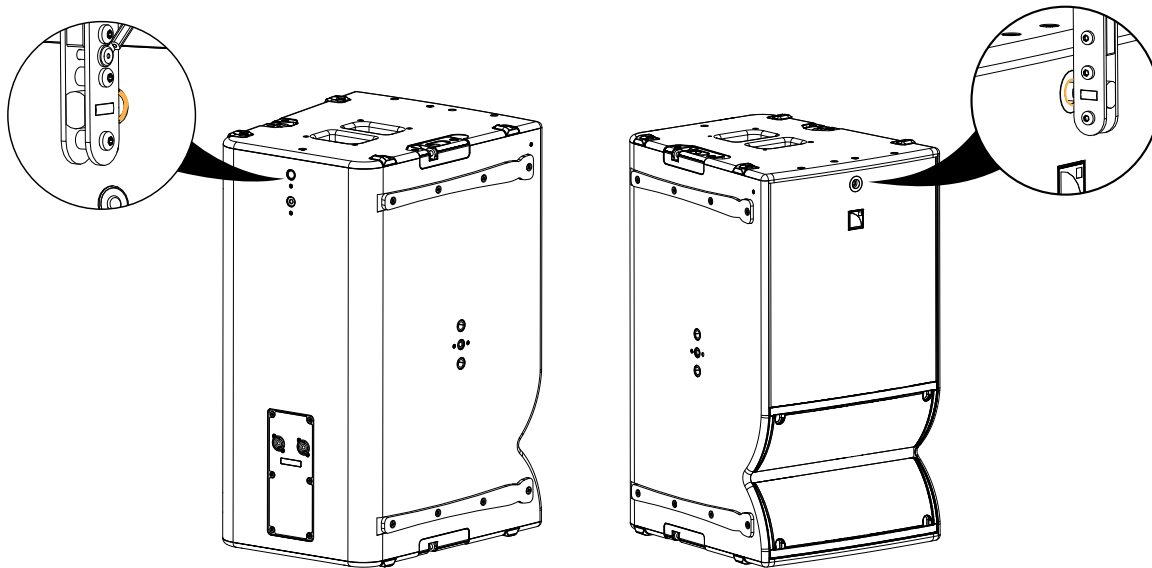
The logo on the enclosure front can be rotated to adapt to every configuration.



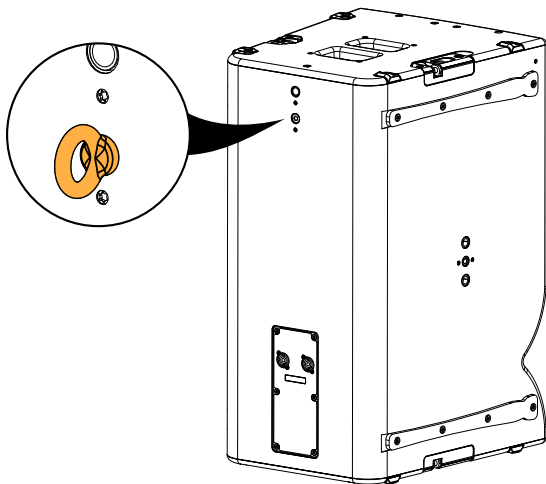
Enclosures

A15 Wide/Focus

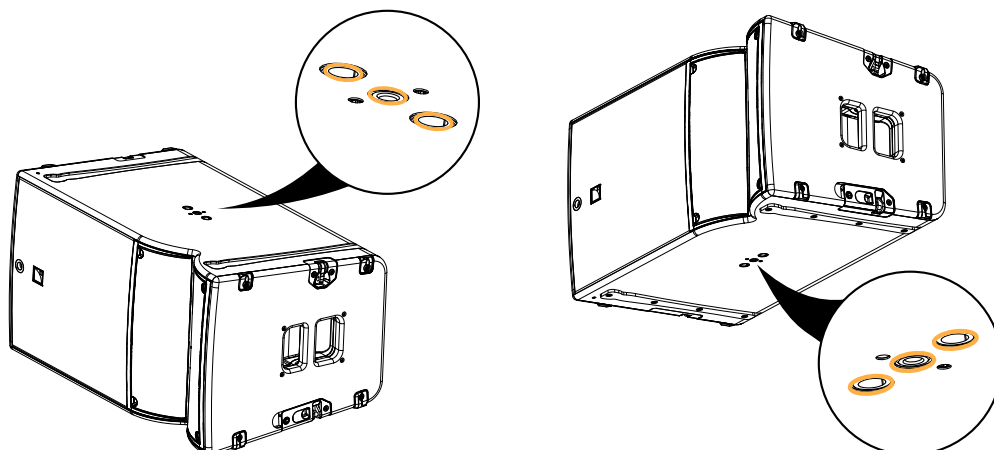
A15 Wide/Focus feature two lodgings to create radial arrays with [A15-LIFT](#) (p.29).



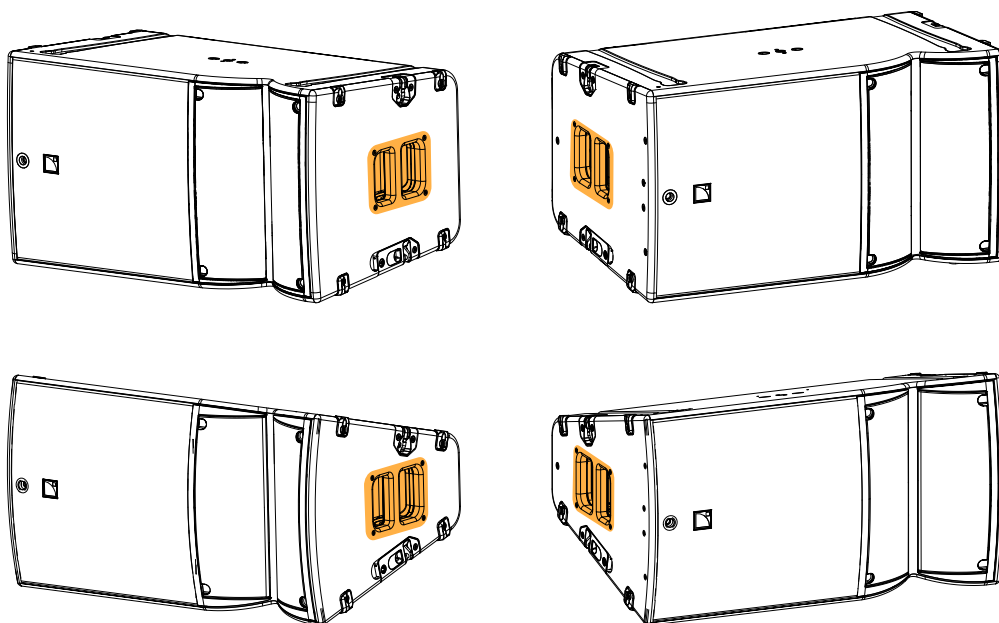
A DIN580-compatible M8 threaded insert is available to implement a secondary safety.



Two sets of two lodgings and one insert provide further options for flying, stacking or pole-mounting a single enclosure or small arrays with [X-BAR](#) (p.37), [A-TILT](#) (p.32), [A-MOUNT](#) (p.36), or , respectively.

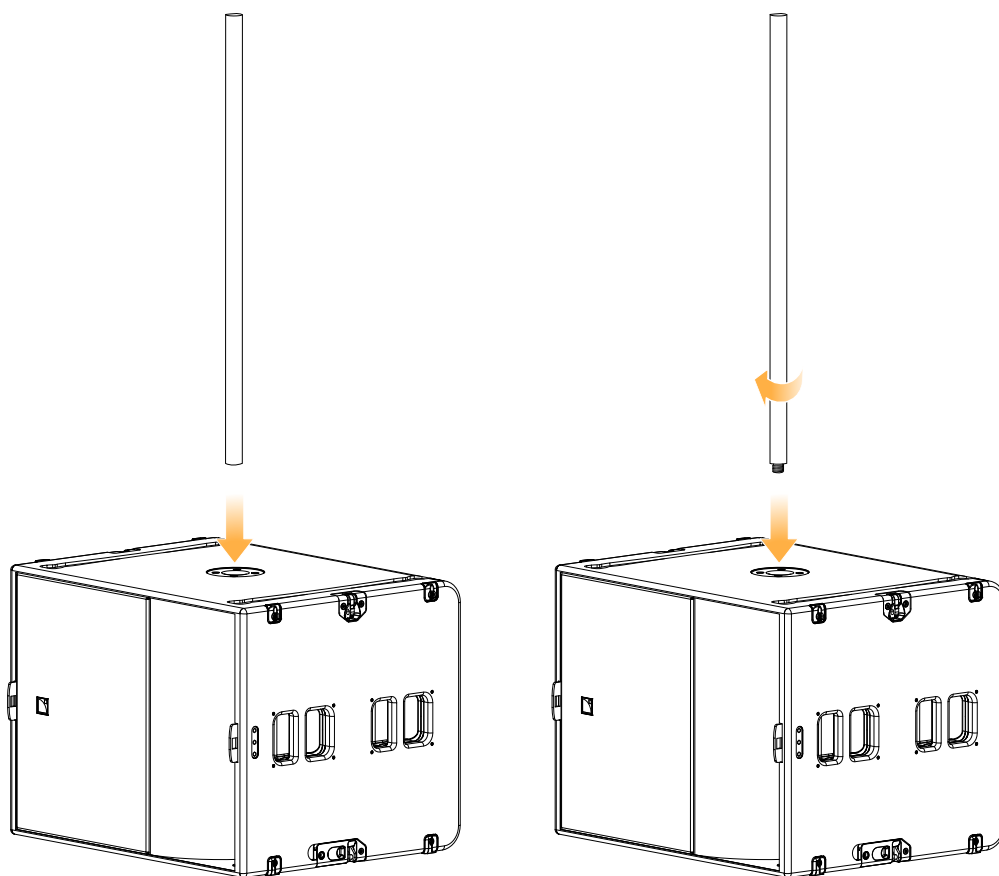


Two ergonomic handles are available for transportation.

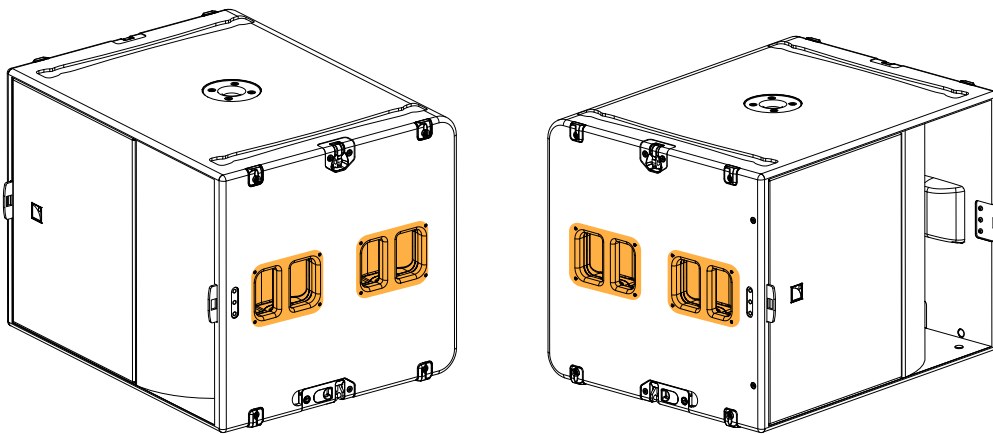


KS21

KS21 features a 35 mm pole-socket which contains an M20×150 insert, to be compatible with standard and threaded poles.



Four handles are available for transportation.

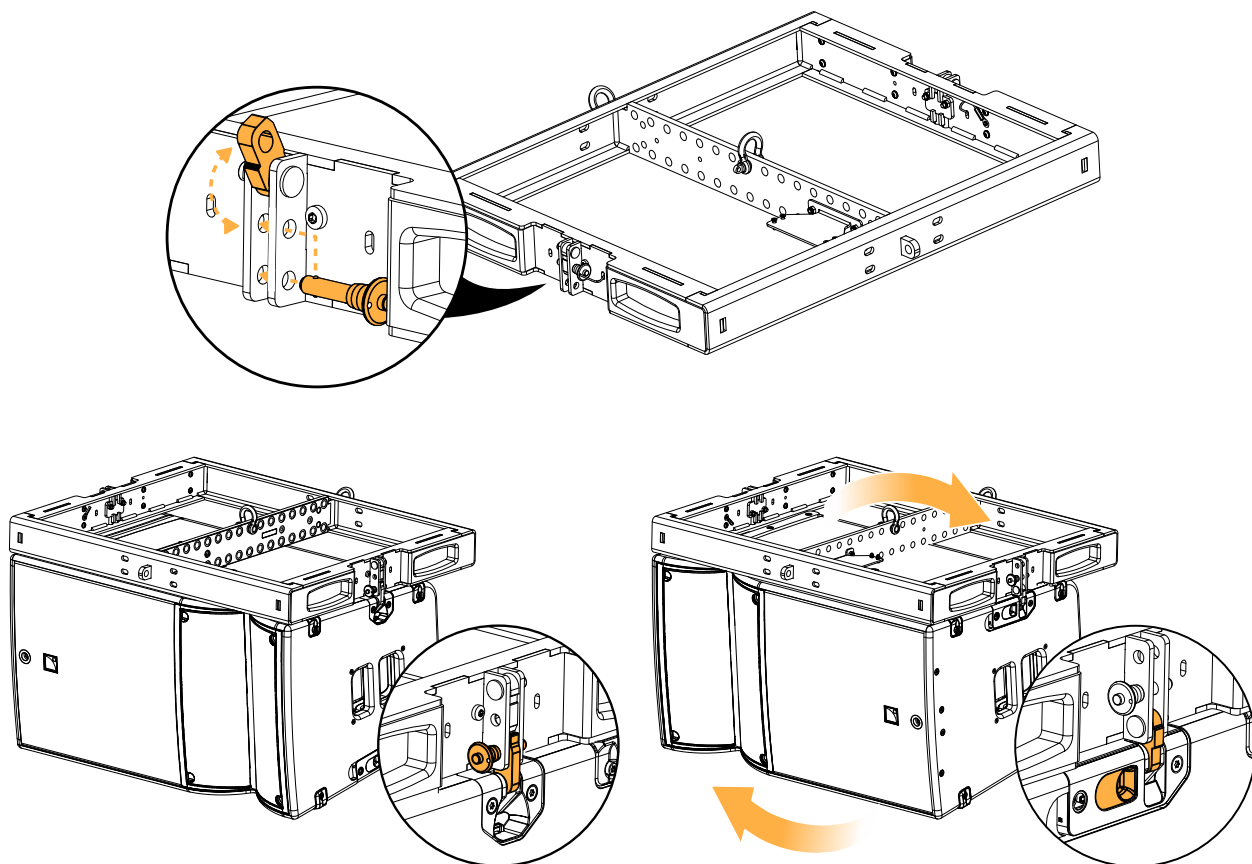


Rigging elements for flown arrays

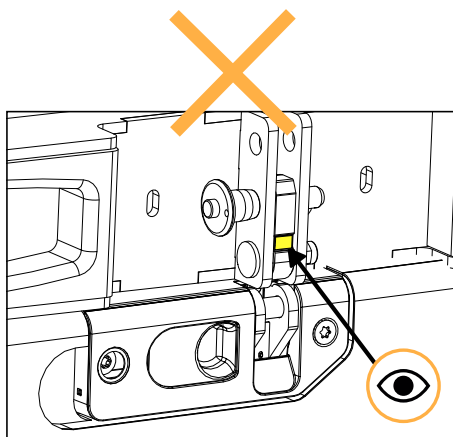
A15-BUMP

A15-BUMP is a reversible rigging frame for flying vertical arrays of A15 Wide/Focus or KS21.

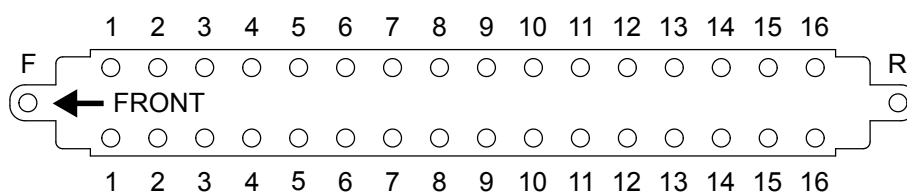
A15-BUMP is equipped with rotating rigging arms and ball-locking pins, to match the rigging systems of A15 Wide/Focus or KS21 on either side.



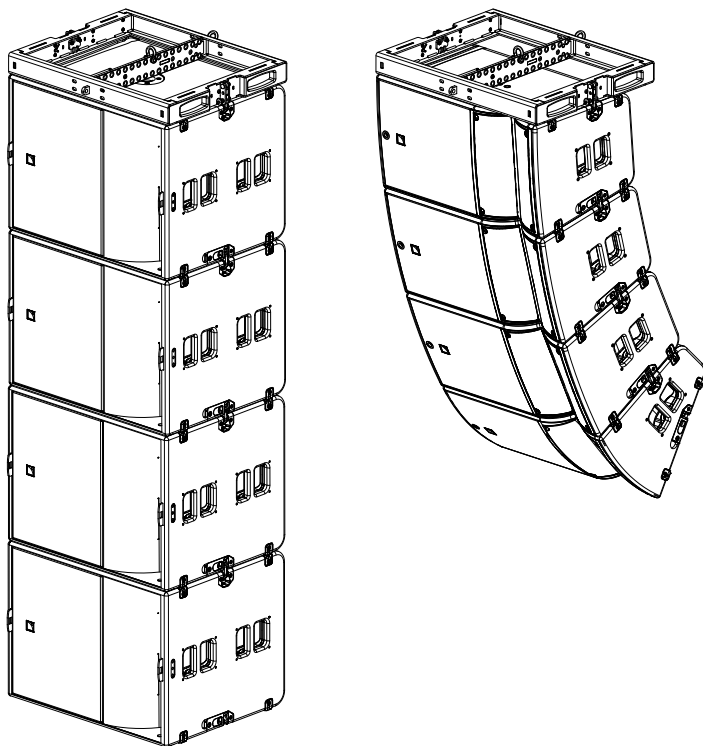
The rigging arms are fitted with yellow safety labels, that are visible when the rigging arm is not in use.



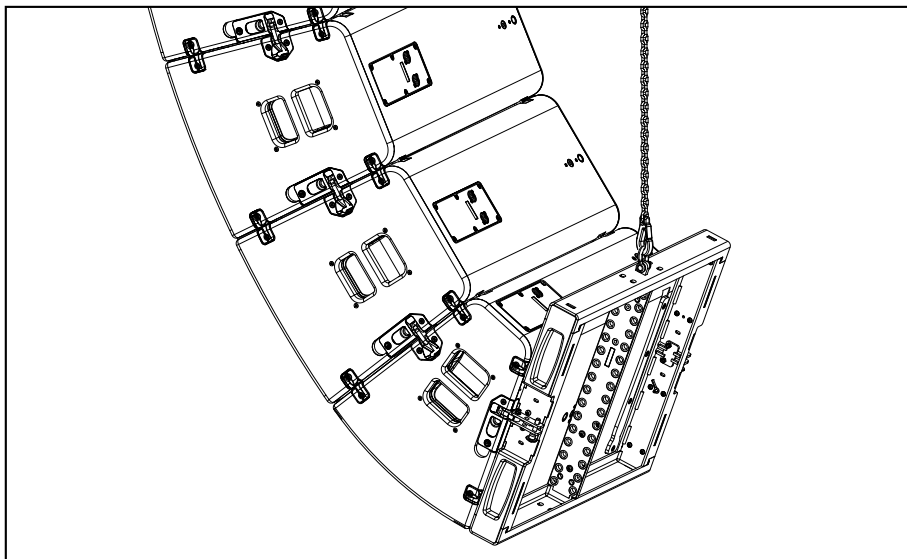
16 pickup points on each side, one front pickup point (F), and one rear pickup point (R), are available for site angle adjustments. They are compatible with $\varnothing 12$ mm shackles WLL 1 t (two provided) and CLAMP250.



A15-BUMP can be used as the main lifting accessory for flying vertical arrays of A15 Wide/Focus and KS21 with one or two lifting points.



A15-BUMP can be secured to the bottom of the array to implement pullback configurations, using the rear pickup point (R). Alternatively, [A15-RIGBAR](#) (p.27) can be used for pullback.

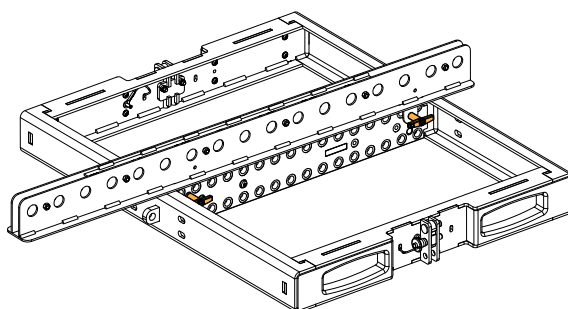
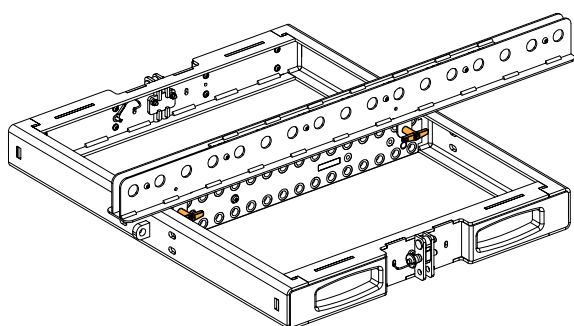
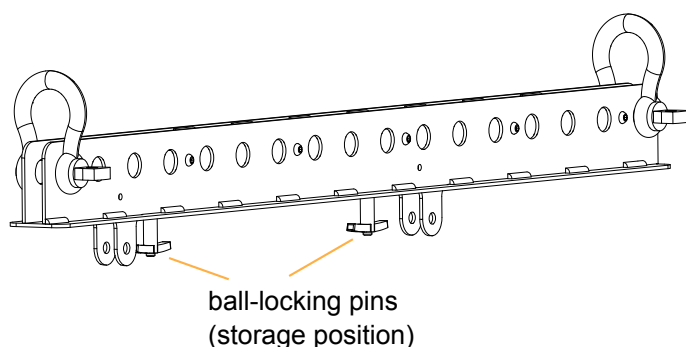


A laser mounting plate is available. Refer to [APPENDIX B: Installing the LAP-TEQ inclinometer on A15-BUMP](#) (p.95).

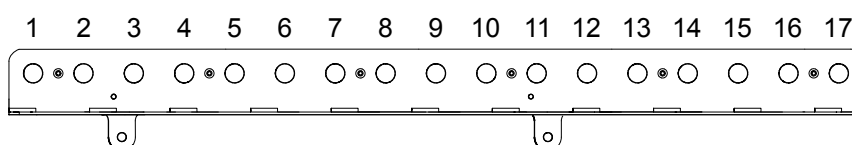
M-BAR

The M-BAR extension bar can be secured on A15-BUMP to extend the site angle capability of A15 Wide/Focus and KS21 arrays. It can be used as a front or rear extension.

M-BAR is secured to the rigging frame with two T-shaped $\frac{3}{8}$ " ball-locking pins.



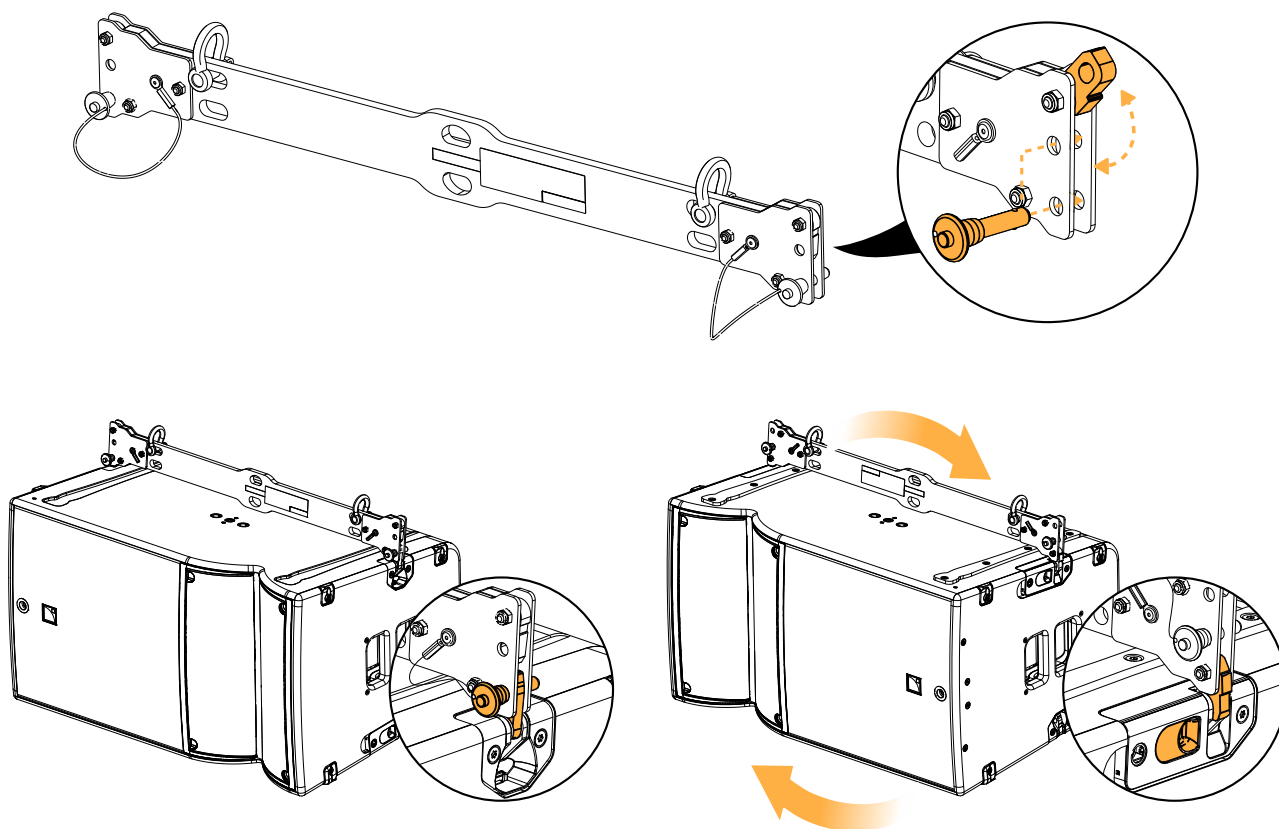
17 pickup points are available. They are compatible with Ø19 mm shackles WLL 3.25 t (two provided).



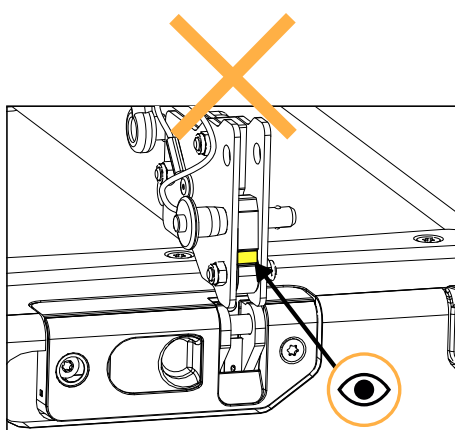
A15-RIGBAR

A15-RIGBAR is a reversible rigging bar. It can be used as a pullback or for flying vertical arrays of up to four A15 Wide/Focus or KS21.

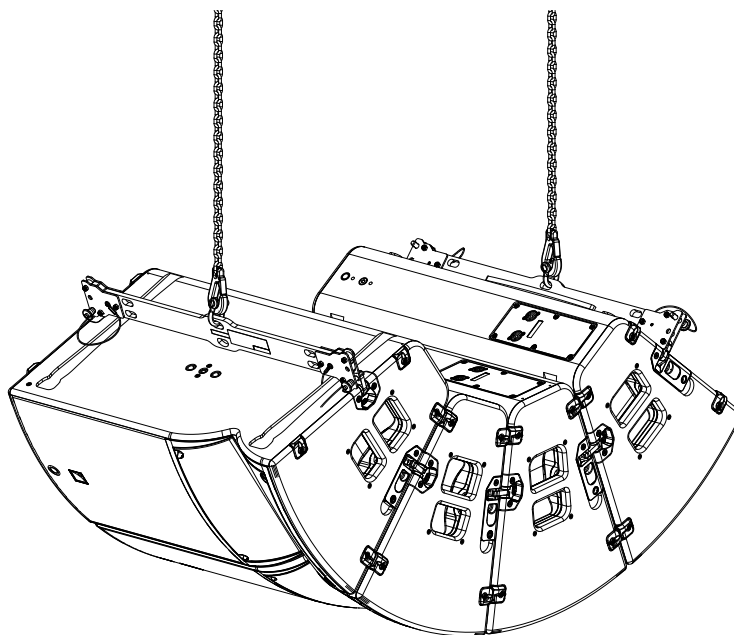
A15-RIGBAR is equipped with rotating rigging arms and ball-locking pins, to match the rigging systems of A15 Wide/Focus or KS21 on either side.



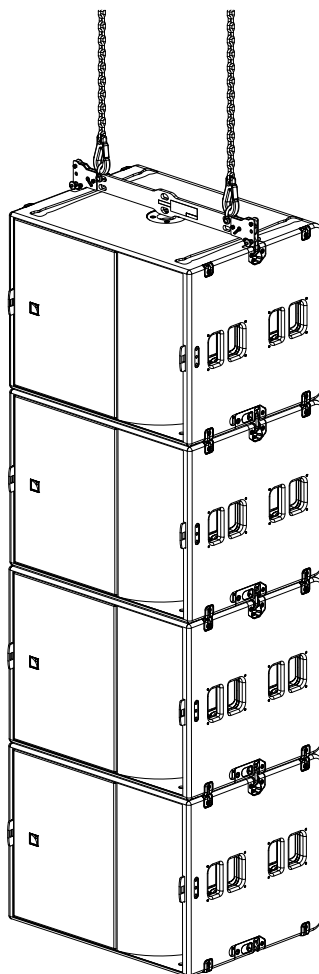
The rigging arms are fitted with yellow safety labels, that are visible when the rigging arm is not in use.



Secured at the bottom of the array, A15-RIGBAR can be used as a pullback either with A15-BUMP or another A15-RIGBAR as the main lifting accessory.



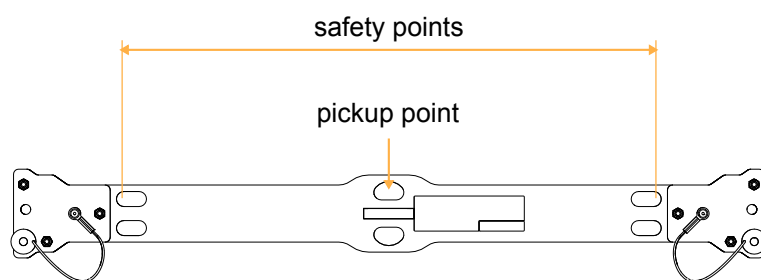
A15-RIGBAR can be used as the main lifting accessory, to provide a lightweight solution for flying four A15 Wide/Focus or KS21 with one or two lifting points.



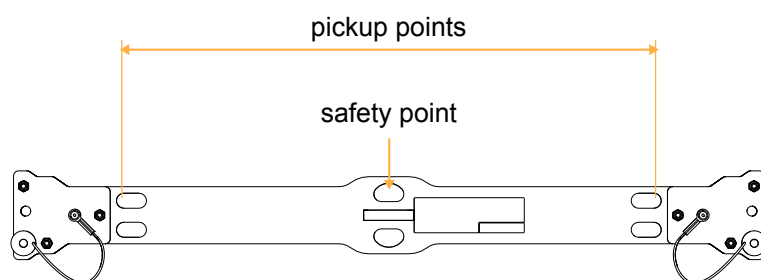
The pickup points are compatible with Ø12 mm shackles WLL 1 t (two provided) and CLAMP250.

! When using A15-RIGBAR as the main lifting accessory, always implement a secondary safety using available holes.

One pickup point



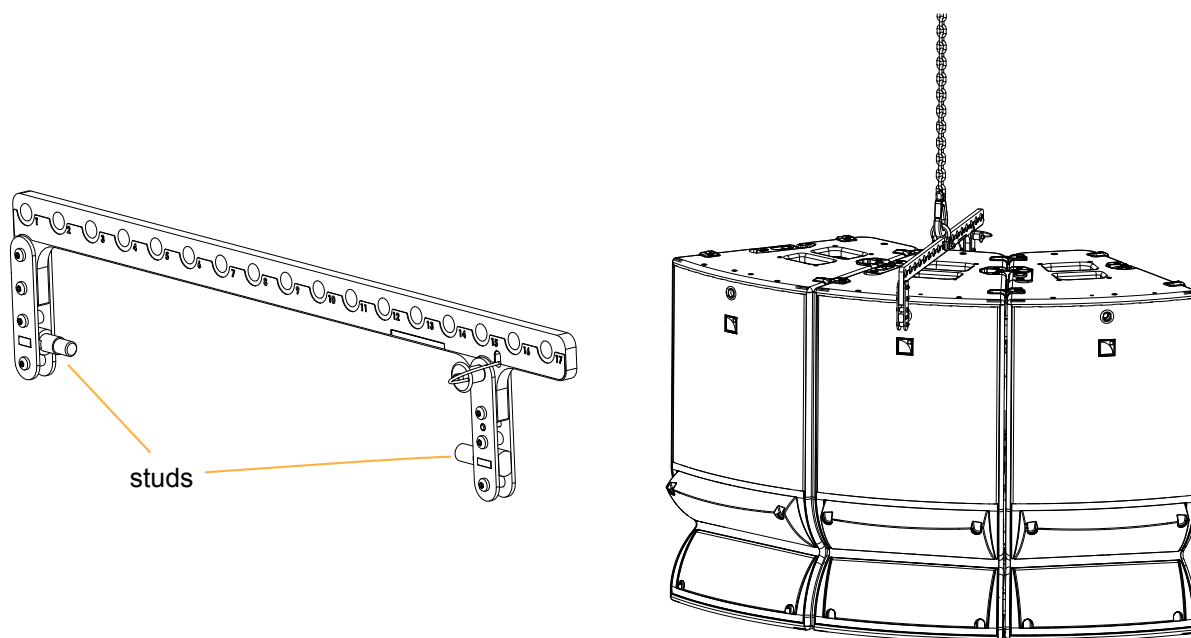
Two pickup points



A15-LIFT

A15-LIFT is a rigging element designed to fly a radial array of up to three A15 Wide/Focus.

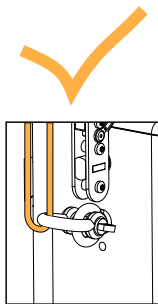
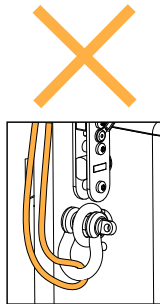
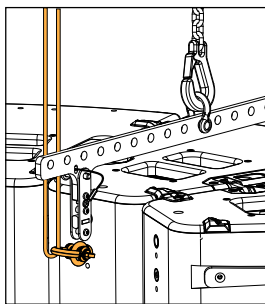
A15-LIFT features two studs that match the lodgings at the front and rear of the enclosure.



! Additional safety with A15-LIFT

On each enclosure on which A15-LIFT is secured, secure a DIN580 eye bolt to the dedicated insert to implement a secondary safety.

Use a shackle and a steel wire rope. Make sure the steel rope is as tensed as possible without bearing the load.



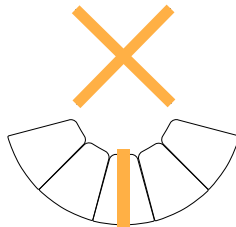
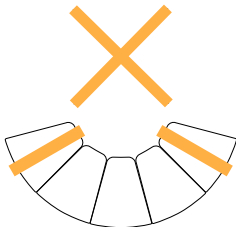
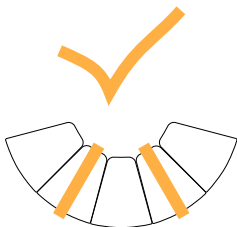
A scalable radial array of A15 Wide/Focus can be created using multiple A15-LIFT.

! A15-LIFT quantity and position

Use one A15-LIFT for up to three enclosures in the array.

Do not leave more than two adjacent enclosures unsupported.

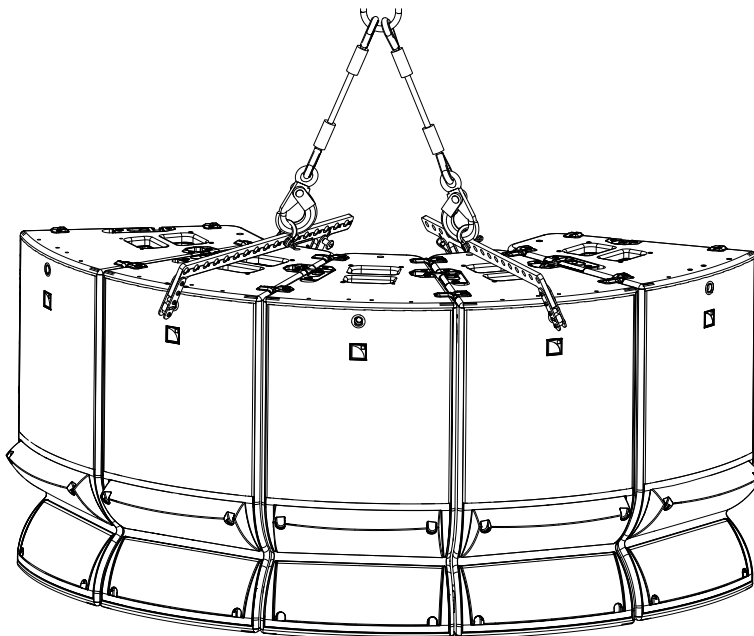
Refer to [APPENDIX A: Authorized configurations with A15-LIFT](#) (p.93).



! Risk of tilting

When using a single motor or a bridle, make sure the array is symmetrical.

! When using a third-party bridle, make sure the angle between the two chains does not exceed 60°.



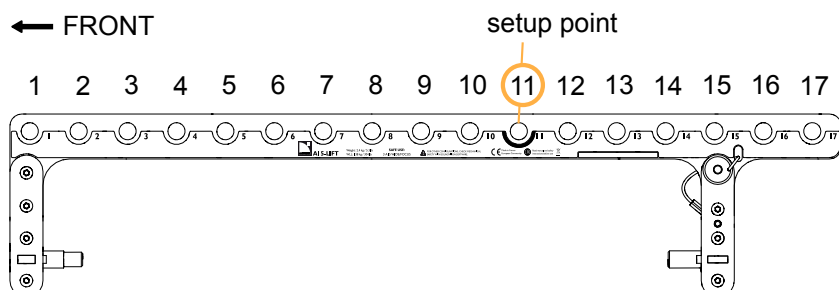
17 holes are available for site angle adjustment. They are compatible with Ø12 mm shackles WLL 1 t (two provided) and CLAMP250.

- ! A15-LIFT pickup point**

Select the same pickup point on each A15-LIFT within an array of up to 6 enclosures.

For larger arrays, refer to [Radial arrays of 7 enclosures and more](#) (p.94).
- ! Hole 11 serves as a setup point in the radial array procedure (see [Flying a radial array with A15-LIFT](#) (p.57)).**

It is identified by a mark on the label.



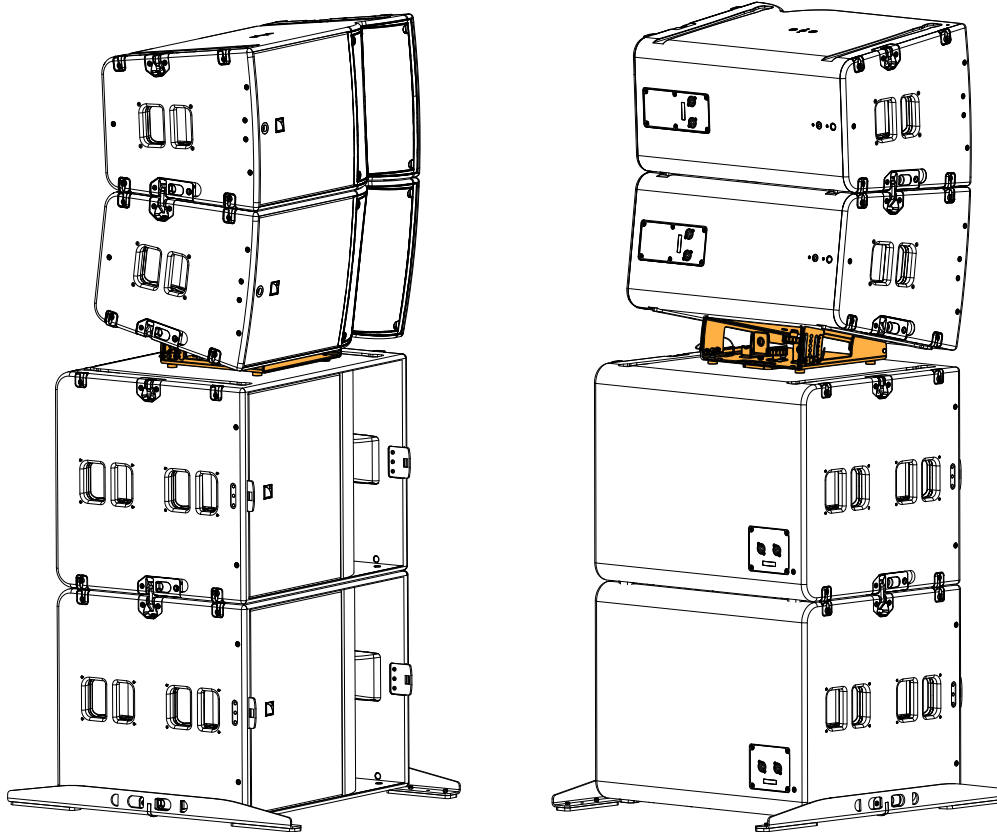
Rigging elements for stacked arrays

A-TILT

A-TILT is a site angle adjustment accessory that interfaces between KS21 and A15 Wide/Focus in a stacked array. It is used in combination with two KS21-OUTRIG under KS21 to ensure stability.



* Alternatively, mount the KS21 array on KS21-CHARIOT and use K2-JACK to stabilize the array.
Refer to [Attaching K2-JACK stabilizers to KS21-CHARIOT](#) (p.72).



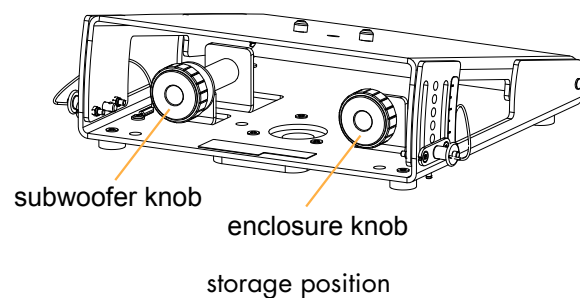
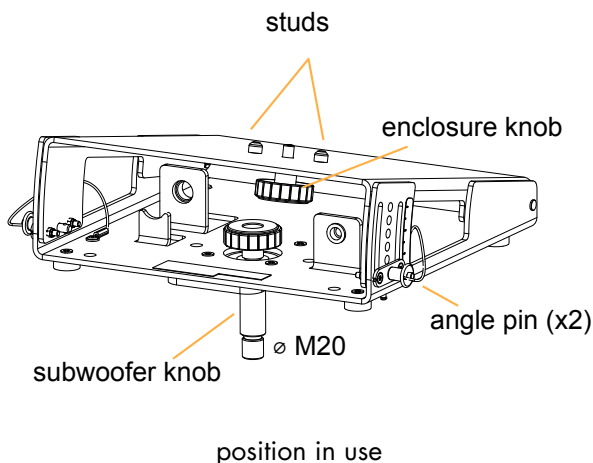
Do not use A-TILT in a flown array.

The studs on A-TILT match the lodgings on the enclosure, to enable deployments with the HF section on either side. A-TILT is secured to the enclosure and to the subwoofer with threaded knobs.



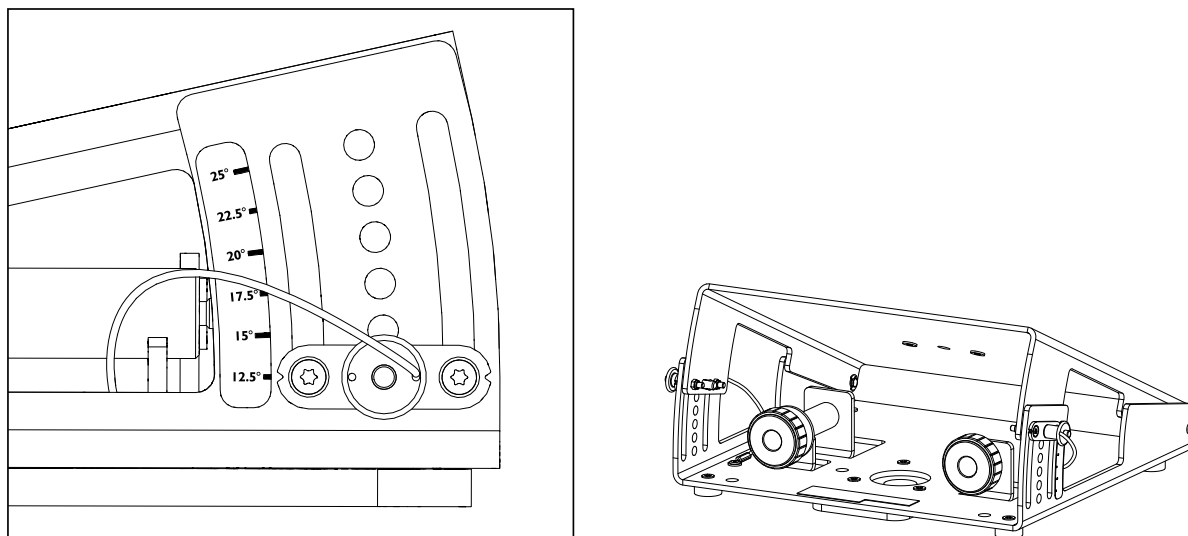
A-TILT-compatible subwoofers

The A-TILT subwoofer knob can only be secured in pole-mount sockets that contain an M20 insert.

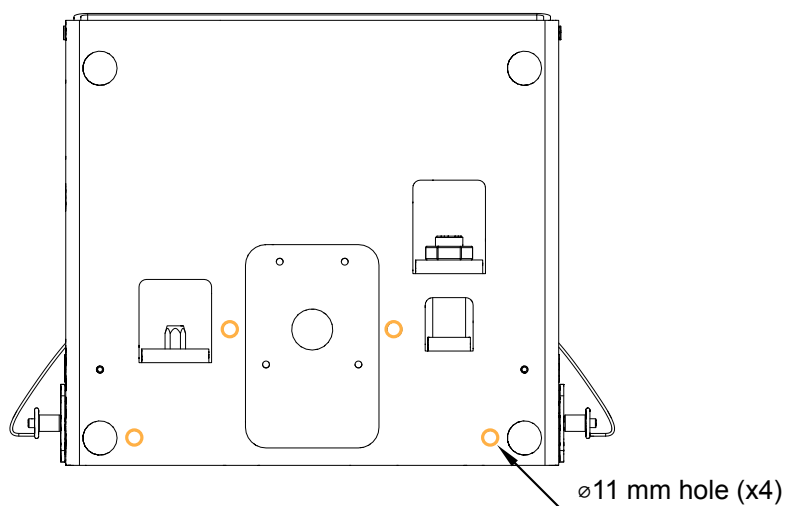


The opening angle of A-TILT can be adjusted between 12.5° and 25°.

The label displays the opening angle of the accessory and not the site angle of the enclosure. Refer to [Stacking A15 Wide/Focus on KS21 with A-TILT](#) (p.66) for the list of realized site angles.

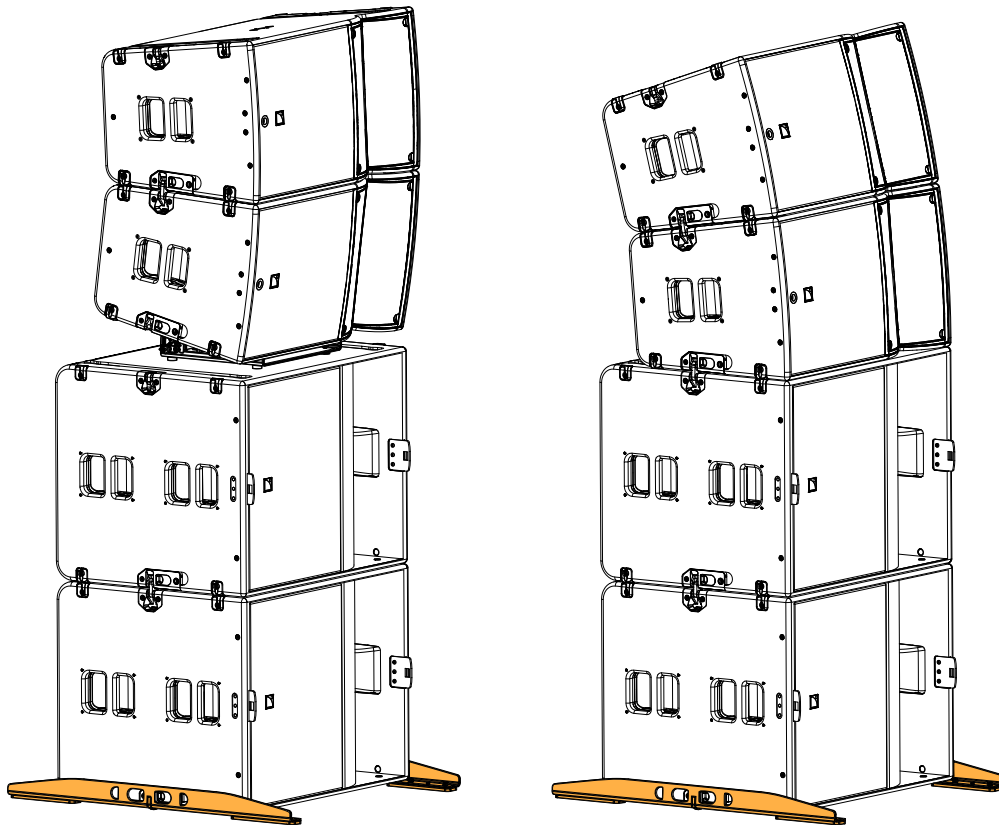


Four Ø11 mm holes are available to secure the assembly to the floor.

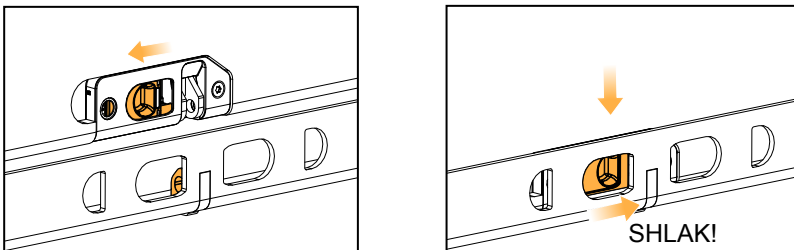


KS21-OUTRIG

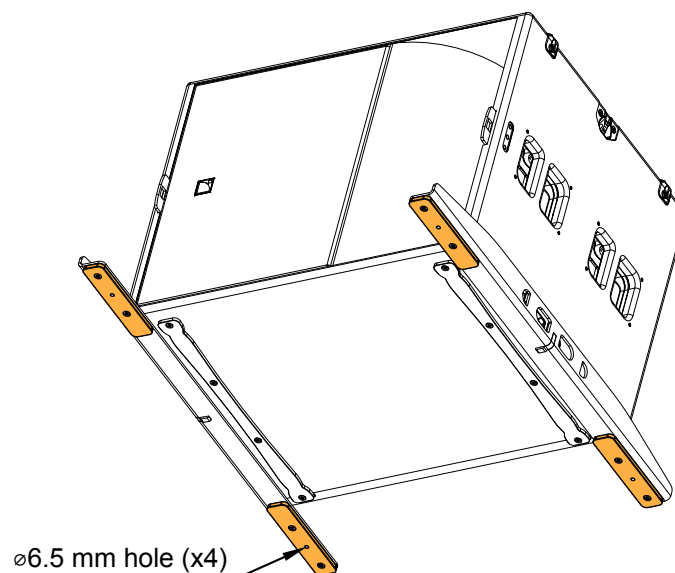
KS21-OUTRIG is a set of two stability bars for KS21. Secure KS21-OUTRIG at the bottom of a KS21 array to improve stability when A15 Wide/Focus are stacked on top.



KS21-OUTRIG matches the rigging system of KS21.



Two runners on each KS21-OUTRIG bar ensure stability. Four $\varnothing 6.5$ mm holes are available to secure the assembly to the floor.

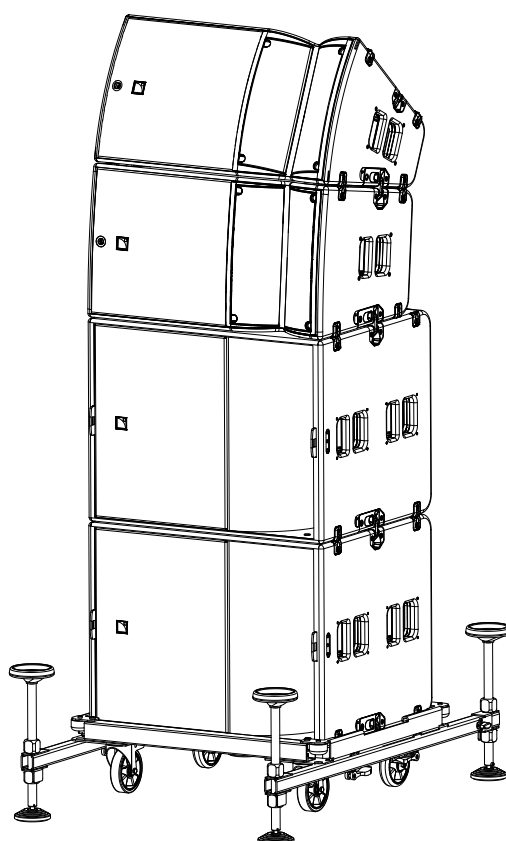
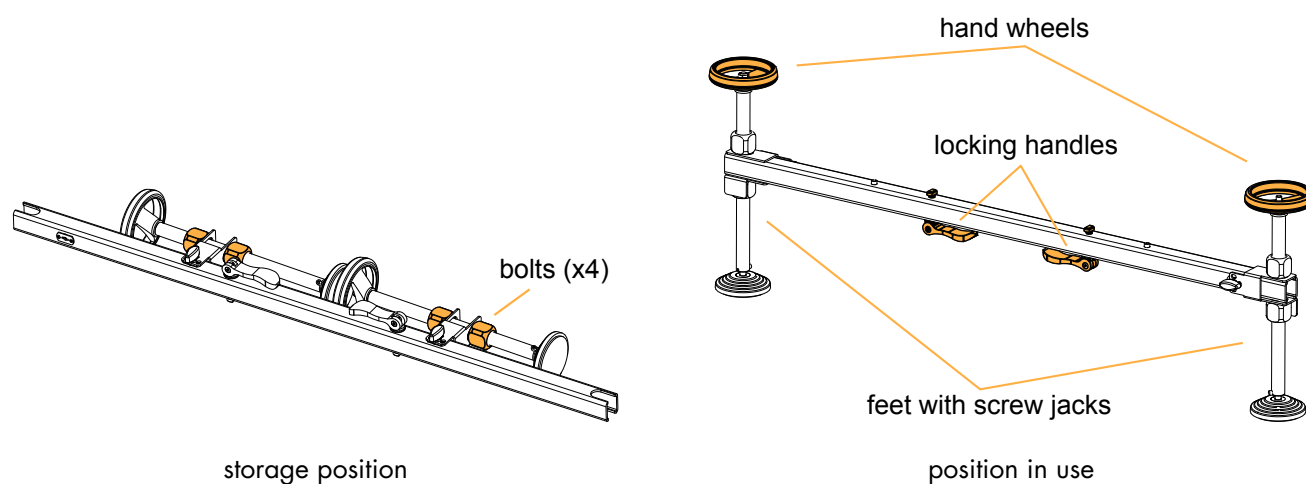


K2-JACK

K2-JACK is a set of a two bars and four feet with screw jacks and hand wheels. K2-JACK can be fitted onto [KS21-CHARIOT](#) (p.39) to improve stability or correct floor discrepancies.



During transportation, make sure the bolts are tightened.

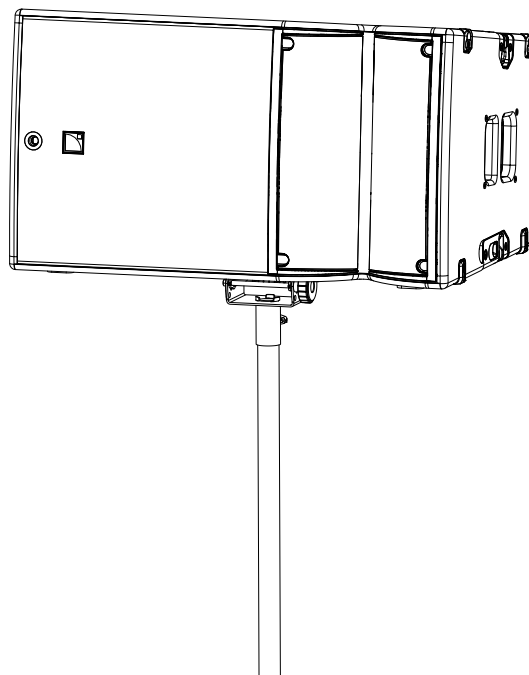
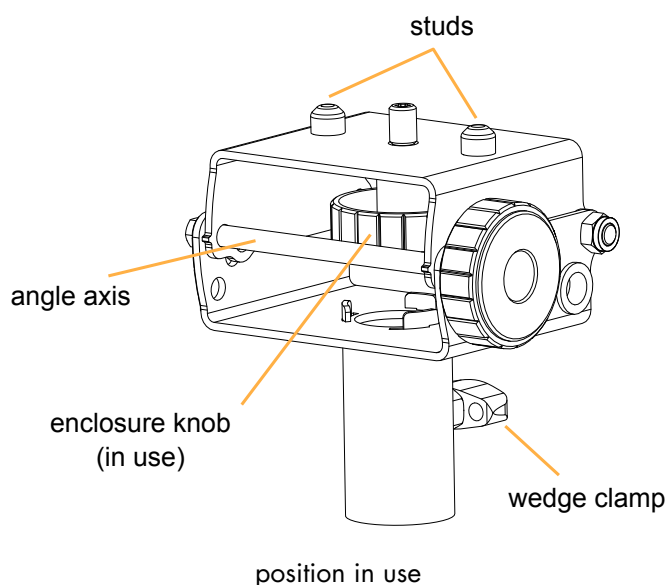


Rigging elements for a single enclosure

A-MOUNT

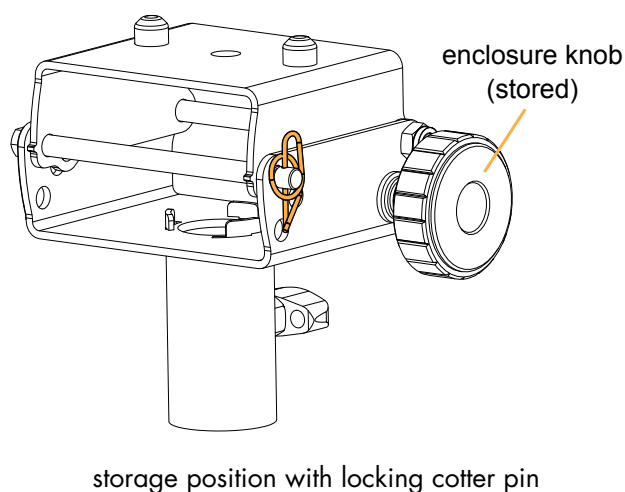
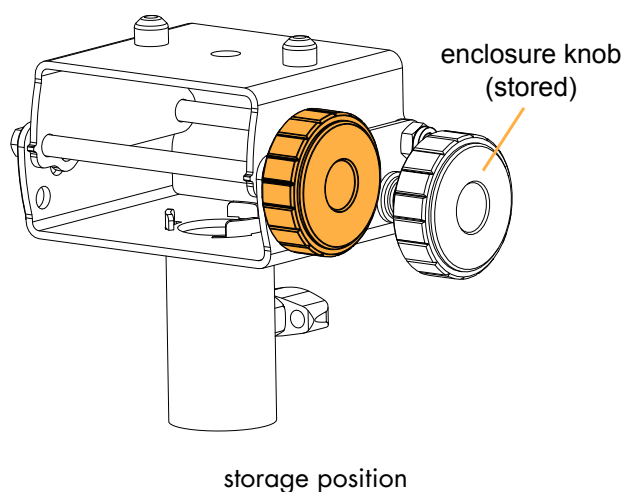
A-MOUNT is a 35 mm (1- $\frac{3}{8}$ ") pole-mount adapter for a single A15 Wide/Focus.

A-MOUNT is secured to the enclosure with a threaded knob and tightened onto the pole with a wedge clamp. Two studs are used for indexation with the lodgings on the enclosure. A-MOUNT features two axis: the front one can be moved to change the site angle.



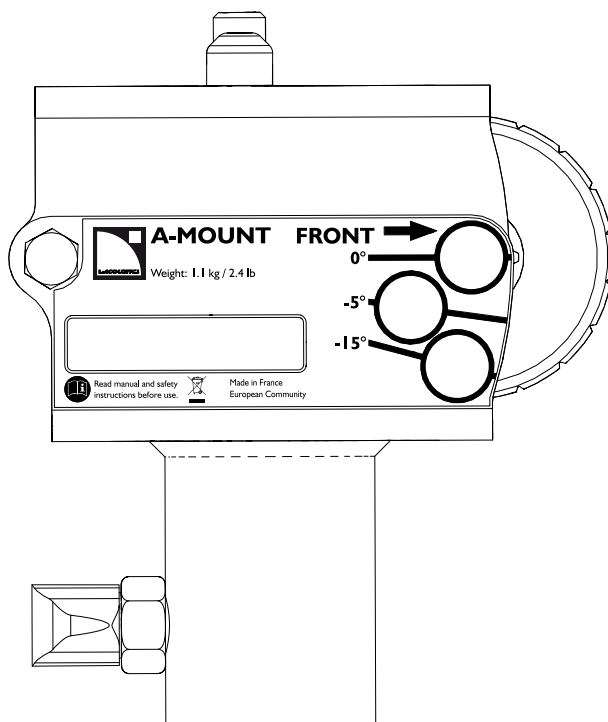
The enclosure knob can be stored in an insert on the side.

The angle axis is secured with a threaded knob. To optimize visual impact, the knob can be replaced by a locking cotter pin (provided).



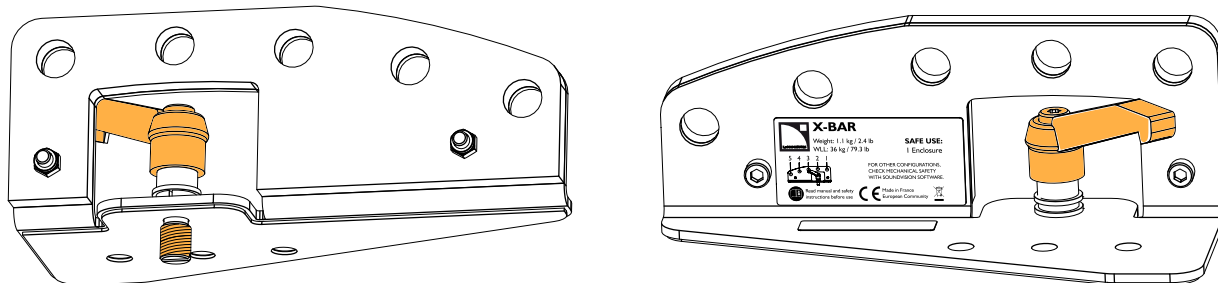
The opening angle can be set to 0°, -5° and -15°.

Refer to [Pole-mounting A15 Wide/Focus](#) (p.75) for the list of realized site angles.

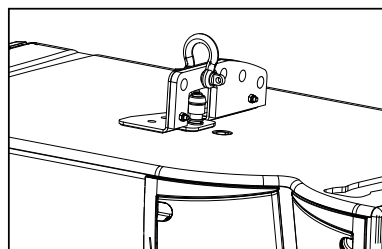
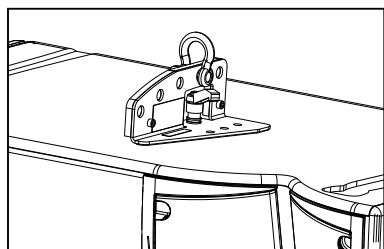
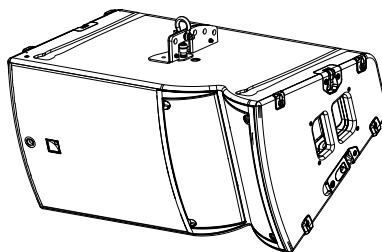
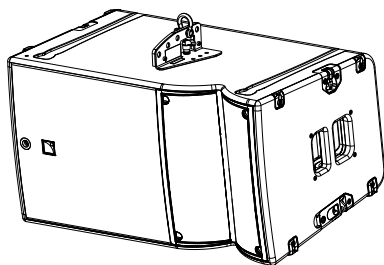


X-BAR

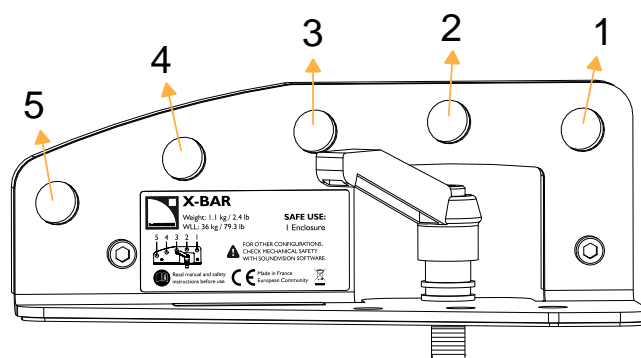
X-BAR is a rigging bar for flying A15 Wide/Focus. The rigging system consists of a threaded axis with a cam lever.



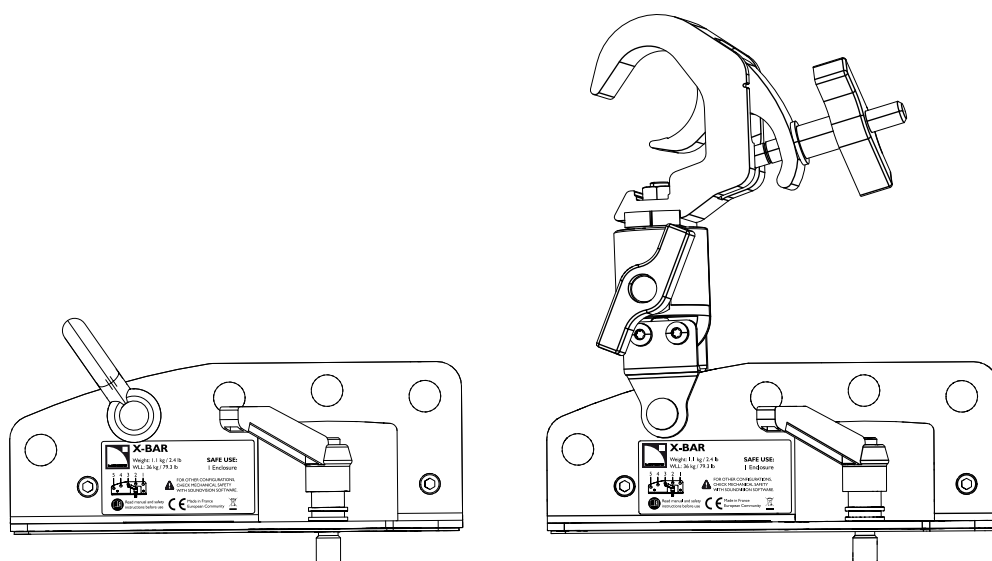
X-BAR is secured to the dedicated inserts on the enclosure, in front or rear extension position.



Five angulation holes are available.



X-BAR is compatible with a Ø12 mm shackle WLL 1 t (provided) and with CLAMP250.



Storage and handling elements

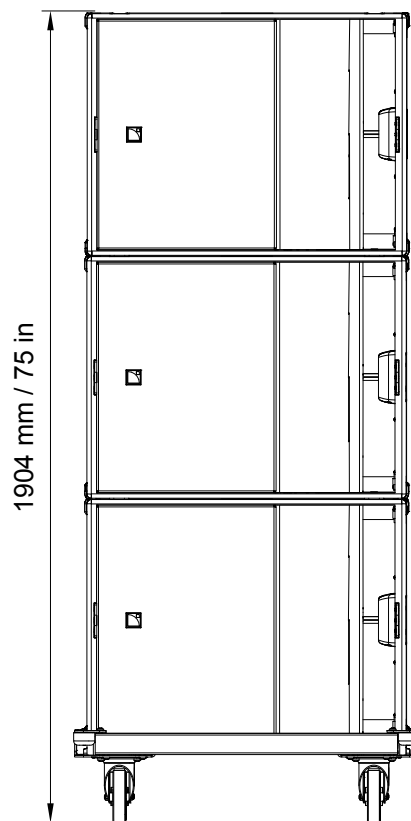
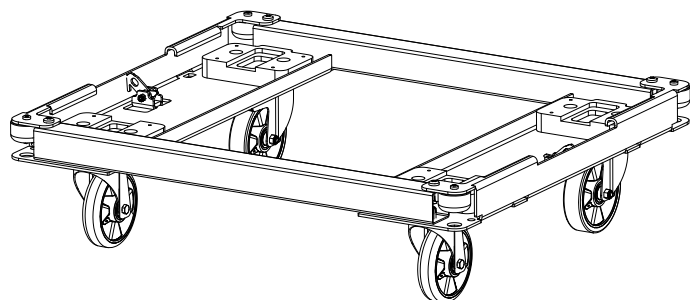
KS21-CHARIOT

KS21-CHARIOT is a chariot designed to transport a stack of up to 3 KS21. It features two rigging arms to secure the lower KS21.



Risk of damage

Do not use KS21-CHARIOT with A15 Wide/Focus.

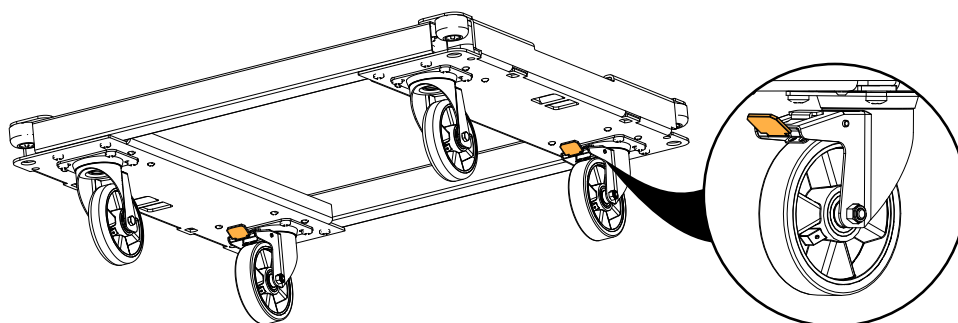


KS21-CHARIOT features two brakes for optimal stability.

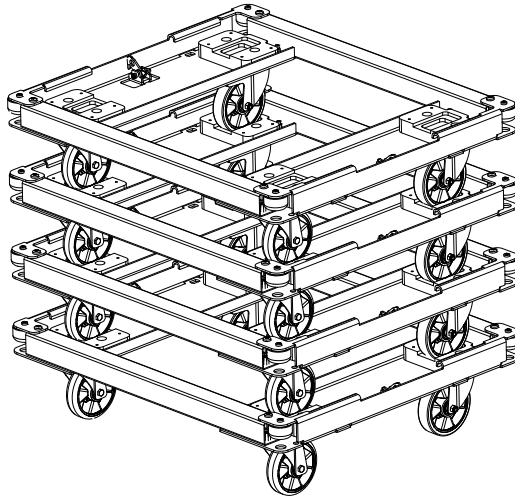


Risk of brake damage

Do not use the brakes during transportation.

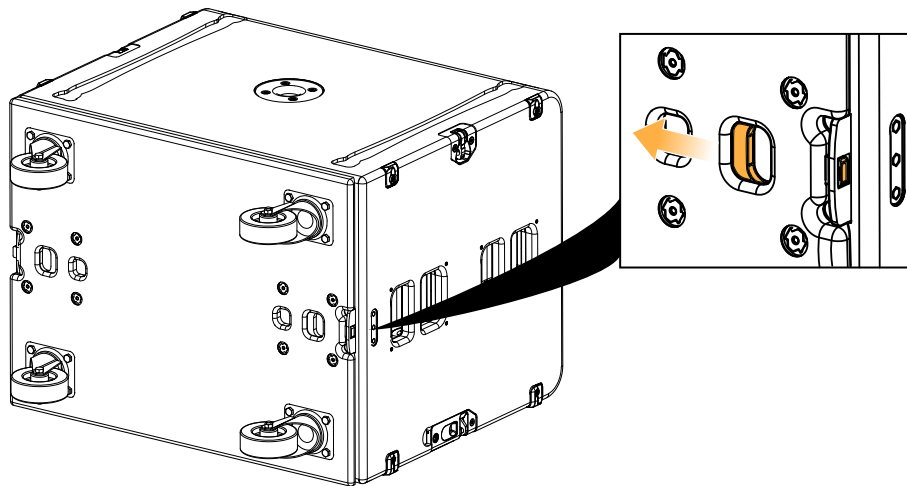


Multiple KS21-CHARIOT can be stacked for storage.



KS21-PLA

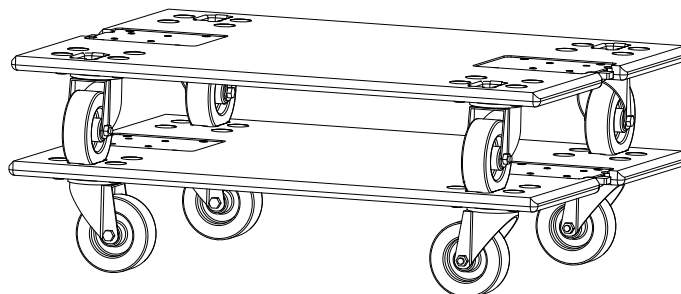
KS21-PLA is a dolly board that can be secured to the front of a KS21 with two spring-loaded pins.



Multiple KS21-PLA can be stacked for storage.



Turn the wheels outwards to stack KS21-PLA.

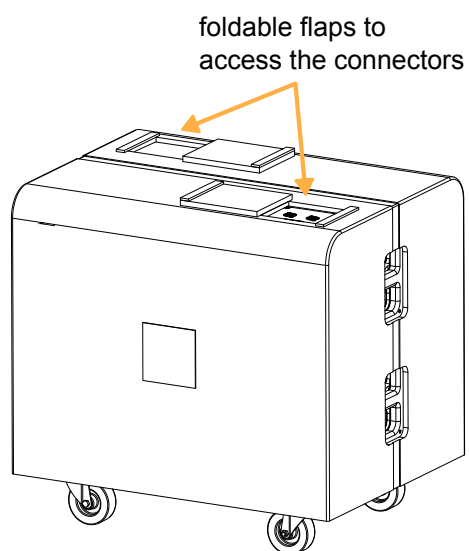


KS21-COV and KS21-CHARIOTCOV

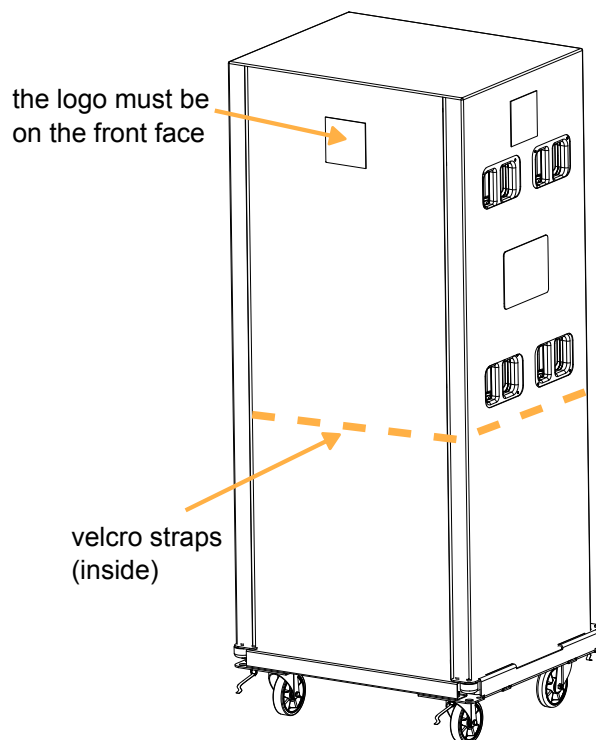
KS21-COV is an individual cover for KS21 on KS21-PLA. Two flaps provide access to the connector plate.

KS21-CHARIOTCOV is a cover for a stack of two to three KS21 on KS21-CHARIOT.

To fit a stack of two KS21, KS21-CHARIOTCOV must be folded inwards and secured with the integrated velcro straps.



KS21-COV



KS21-CHARIOTCOV

Mechanical safety

Flown configurations

The ARCS A15 rigging system complies with 2006/42/EC: Machinery Directive. It has been designed following the guidelines of BGV-C1.

2006/42/EC: Machinery Directive specifies a safety factor of 4 against the rupture. The flown deployments described in this manual achieve a safety factor of **4 or more**.

Refer to Soundvision for the safety factor of a specific deployment.

The **safe limit** gives the maximum number of elements for which the safety factor is compliant with the 2006/42/EC: Machinery Directive, within the use defined in this manual and regardless of the other deployment parameters (site angles, inter-enclosure angles, etc.).

The **maximum limit** gives the maximum number of elements for which the safety factor can be compliant with the 2006/42/EC: Machinery Directive, when the other deployment parameters provide the best mechanical conditions.

For mixed arrays refer to your Soundvision model.

KS21

configuration	rigging accessory	safe limit	maximum limit
Vertical array	A15-BUMP + M-BAR (optional)	8	16
Vertical array	A15-RIGBAR	4	

A15 Wide/Focus

configuration	rigging accessory	maximum / safe limit
Flown	X-BAR	1
Vertical array	A15-BUMP + M-BAR (optional)	8
Vertical array	A15-RIGBAR	4
Radial array	1 × A15-LIFT	1 or 3
	2 × A15-LIFT	2, 4, 5 or 6
	3 × A15-LIFT	7, 8 or 9

Other configurations

For other configurations, respect the recommended maximum limit for optimal stability.

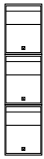


Use safety straps

Always use safety straps on stacked arrays where the enclosures are not connected by the rigging system.

Always use safety straps on stacked arrays higher than four enclosures.

KS21

configuration	rigging accessory	maximum / safe limit
Stacked vertical array	No rigging accessory	4
Stacked upright	No rigging accessory	3 
Stacked on chariot	KS21-CHARIOT	3

A15 Wide/Focus

configuration	rigging accessory	maximum / safe limit
Stacked vertical array	No rigging accessory	1
Stacked vertical array	KS21-OUTRIG	4
Pole-mounted	A-MOUNT	1

A15 Wide/Focus on KS21

configuration	rigging accessory	safe limit	maximum limit
Stacked on subwoofer	KS21-OUTRIG or KS21-CHARIOT with K2-JACK + A-TILT (optional)	4 (including KS21)	4 A15 Wide/Focus 4 KS21

Assessing mechanical safety



Mechanical safety of the rigging system

Before any installation, always model the system in Soundvision and check the **Mechanical Data** section for any stress warning or stability warning.

In order to assess the actual safety of any array configuration before implementation, refer to the following warnings:



Rated working load limit (WLL) is not enough

The rated WLL is an indication of the element resistance to tensile stress. For complex mechanical systems such as loudspeaker arrays, WLLs cannot be used per se to determine the maximum number of enclosures within an array or to assess the safety of a specific array configuration.

Maximum pullback angle

If a pullback accessory is available, the pullback angle must not exceed a 90° negative site angle.

Mechanical modeling with Soundvision

The working load applied to each linking point, along with the corresponding safety factor, will depend on numerous variables linked to the composition of the array (type and number of enclosures, splay angles) and the implementation of the flying or stacking structure (number and location of flying points, site angle). This cannot be determined without the complex mechanical modeling and calculation offered by Soundvision.

Assessing the safety with Soundvision

The overall safety factor of a specific mechanical configuration always corresponds to the lowest safety factor among all the linking points. Always model the system configuration with the Soundvision software and check the **Mechanical Data** section to identify the weakest link and its corresponding working load. By default, a stress warning will appear when the mechanical safety goes beyond the recommended safety level.

Safety of ground-stacked arrays in Soundvision

For ground-stacked arrays, a distinct stability warning is implemented in Soundvision. It indicates a tipping hazard when the array is not secured to the ground, stage or platform. It is the user's responsibility to secure the array and to ignore the warning.

Additional safety for flown arrays

When flying an array, use available holes to implement a secondary safety.

Considerations must be given to unusual conditions

Soundvision calculations are based on usual environmental conditions. A higher safety factor is recommended with factors such as extreme high or low temperatures, strong wind, prolonged exposition to salt water, etc. Always consult a rigging specialist to adopt safety practices adapted to such a situation.

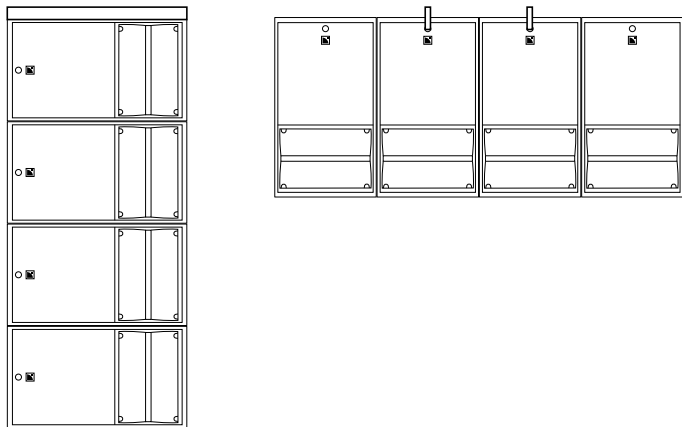
Loudspeaker configurations

A15 Wide/Focus line source

In this configuration the system operates over the nominal bandwidth of the enclosures.

The [A15] preset delivers a reference frequency response in medium throw applications.

The A15 Wide/Focus enclosures are driven by the LA12X / LA4X / LA8 amplified controllers.



Preset

[A15]

Frequency range (-10 dB)

- 41 Hz - 20 kHz (A15 Focus)
- 42 Hz - 20 kHz (A15 Wide)

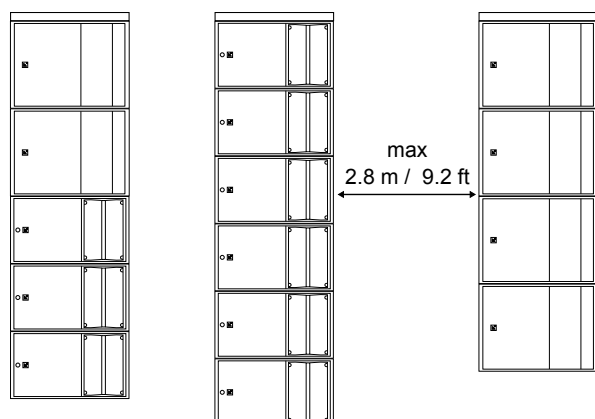
A15 Wide/Focus line source with low-frequency element

In this configuration, the bandwidth of the ARCS A15 system is extended down to 29 Hz and the LF contour is reinforced. The [KS21_60] preset provides KS21 with an upper frequency limit at 60 Hz.

The A15 Focus, A15 Wide and KS21 enclosures are driven by the LA12X / LA4X / LA8 amplified controllers.

3 A15 Wide/Focus : 2 KS21

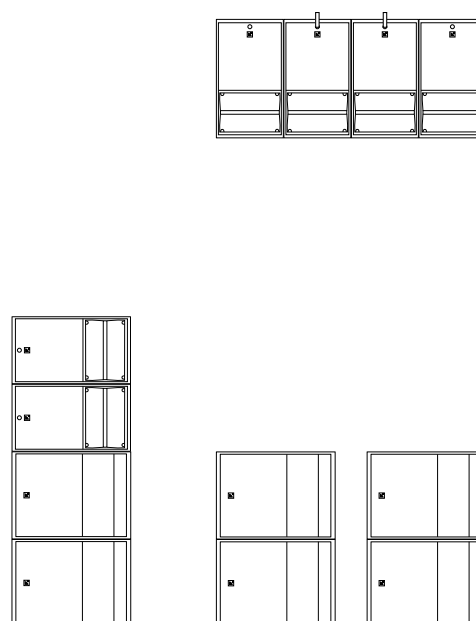
reinforced contour



1 A15 Wide/Focus : 1 KS21

reinforced contour

+ 3 dB at 55 Hz



Enclosure	A15 Wide/Focus	KS21
Preset	[A15]	[KS21_60]
Recommended ratio	1 A15 Wide/Focus : 1 KS21	
Frequency range (-10 dB)	29 Hz - 20 kHz	



Use [xxxx_xx_C] on a reversed subwoofer in a cardioid configuration

The cardioid configuration consists in reversing 1 element in an array of 4 subwoofers.



Grouping subwoofers

Place the subwoofer enclosures side by side. If not possible, the maximum distance between two adjacent acoustic centers must be 2.8 m or 1.7 m if the upper frequency limit of the subwoofer system is at 60 Hz or 100 Hz, respectively.



Delay values

Do not forget to add the pre-alignment and geometric delays depending on the configuration.

pre-alignment delays

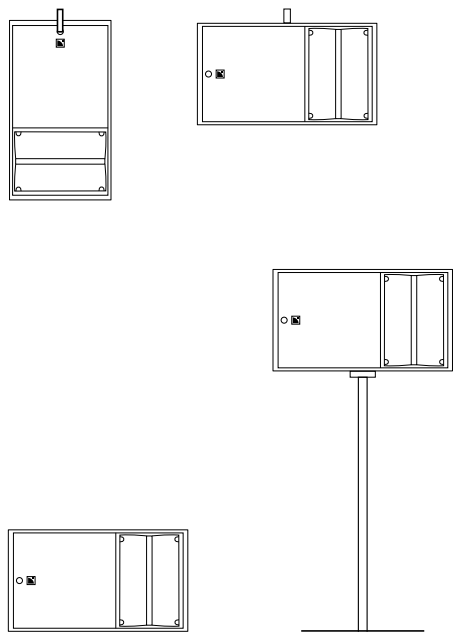
[A15] or [A15_FI] + [KS21_60]	A15 Wide/Focus = 0 ms	KS21 = 2.6 ms
[A15] or [A15_FI] + [KS21_60_C]	A15 Wide/Focus = 3.1 ms	KS21 = 0 ms

A15 Wide/Focus line source element

A single A15 Wide/Focus can be used as a line source element. In this configuration, the system operates over the nominal bandwidth of the enclosure.

The [A15_FI] preset delivers a reference frequency response in short throw applications.

The A15 Wide/Focus enclosure are driven by the LA12X / LA4X / LA8 amplified controllers.



Preset

[A15_FI]

42 Hz - 20 kHz (A15 Focus)

Frequency range (-10 dB)

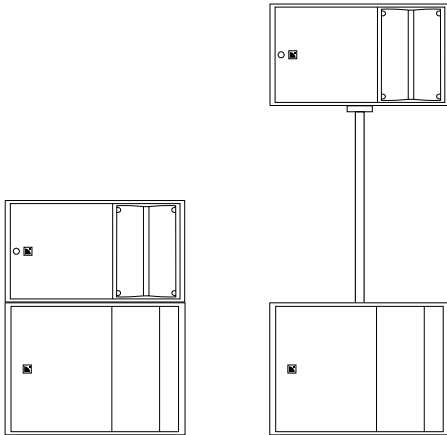
43 Hz - 20 kHz (A15 Wide)

A15 Wide/Focus line source element with low-frequency element

With a complementary subwoofer, the system is extended in the low end and the LF contour is reinforced.

The [A15_FI] preset delivers a reference frequency response in short throw applications. The [KS21_60] preset provides KS21 with an upper frequency limit at 60 Hz.

The A15 Wide/Focus and KS21 enclosures are driven by the LA12X / LA4X / LA8 amplified controllers.



Enclosure	A15 Wide/Focus	KS21
Preset	[A15_FI]	[KS21_60]
Recommended ratio	1 A15 Wide/Focus : 1 KS21	
Frequency range (-10 dB)	29 Hz - 20 kHz	



Use [xxxx_xx_C] on a reversed subwoofer in a cardioid configuration

The cardioid configuration consists in reversing 1 element in an array of 4 subwoofers. Refer to the subwoofer owner's manual and to the **Cardioid configurations** technical bulletin.



Grouping subwoofers

Place the subwoofer enclosures side by side. If not possible, the maximum distance between two adjacent acoustic centers must be 2.8 m or 1.7 m if the upper frequency limit of the subwoofer system is at 60 Hz or 100 Hz, respectively.



Delay values

Do not forget to add the pre-alignment and geometric delays depending on the configuration.

pre-alignment delays

[A15] or [A15_FI] + [KS21_60]	A15 Wide/Focus = 0 ms	KS21 = 2.6 ms
[A15] or [A15_FI] + [KS21_60_C]	A15 Wide/Focus = 3.1 ms	KS21 = 0 ms

Rigging procedures

Flying

Flying a vertical array with A15-BUMP/A15-RIGBAR

Type of deployment	flown array
Rigging accessory	A15-BUMP/A15-RIGBAR 2 x Ø12 mm shackle WLL 1 t (provided) M-BAR (optional, with A15-BUMP)
Min number of operators	2



Risk of falling objects

Verify that no unattached items remain on the product or assembly.



Secondary safety

Use available holes on the rigging accessories to implement a secondary safety.



Array orientation

Under A15-BUMP and A15-RIGBAR, the enclosure HF section can be oriented both ways.

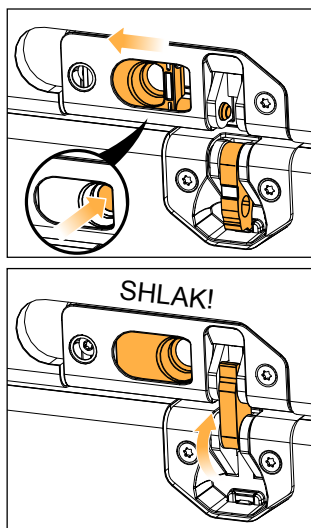
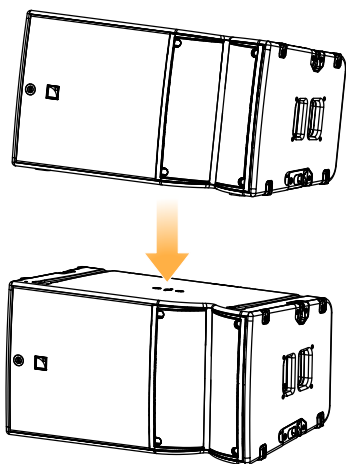
Under KS21, the HF section is on the same side as the subwoofer vent.

A15 Wide/Focus array

Procedure

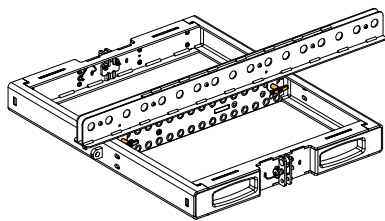
1. Stack up to three enclosures.

Connect each enclosure on both sides before adding the new one.





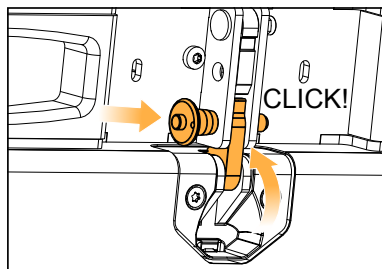
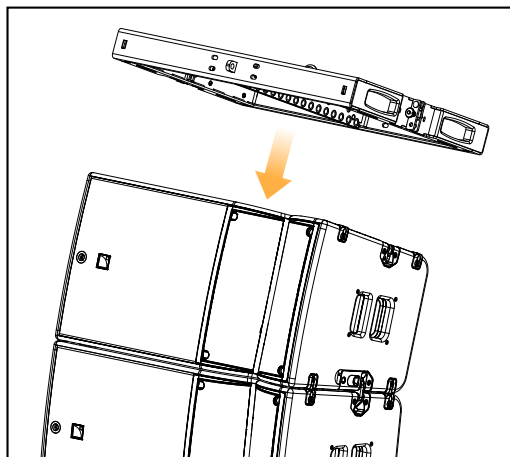
Optionally, secure an M-BAR on A15-BUMP to extend the site angle capability.
Use the provided 3/8" ball-locking pins.



- 2.** Secure A15-BUMP or A15-RIGBAR on top of the array.

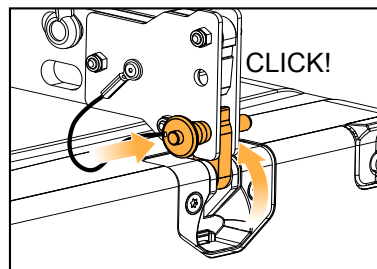
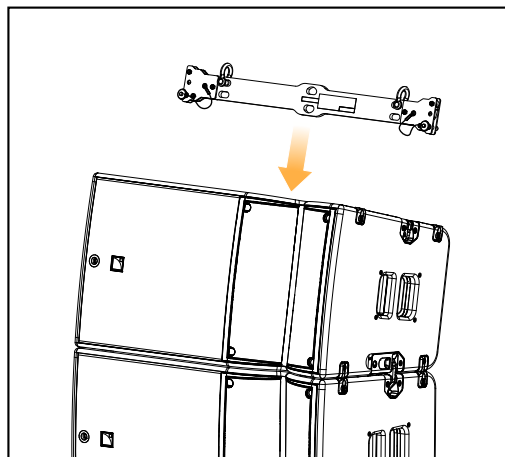
A15-BUMP

Connect A15-BUMP to the top enclosure on both sides.



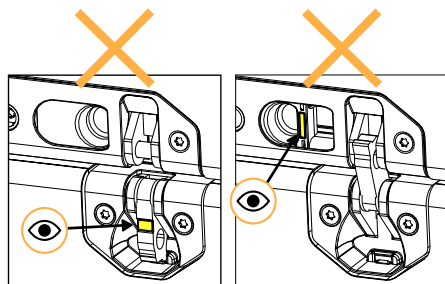
A15-RIGBAR

Connect A15-RIGBAR to the top enclosure on both sides.

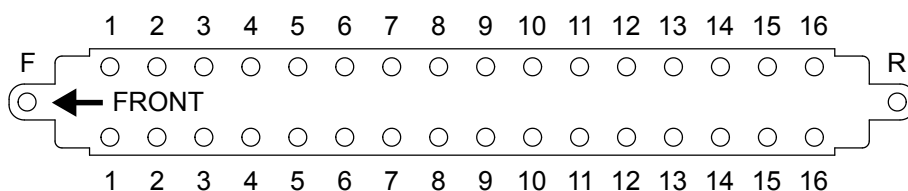


Final check

Visually check that no yellow labels are visible.
Manually check that all linking points are secured.



- 3.** Select the pick-up point and raise the array.



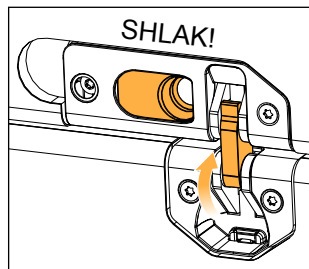
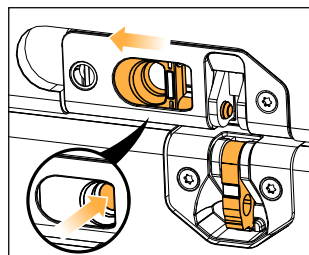
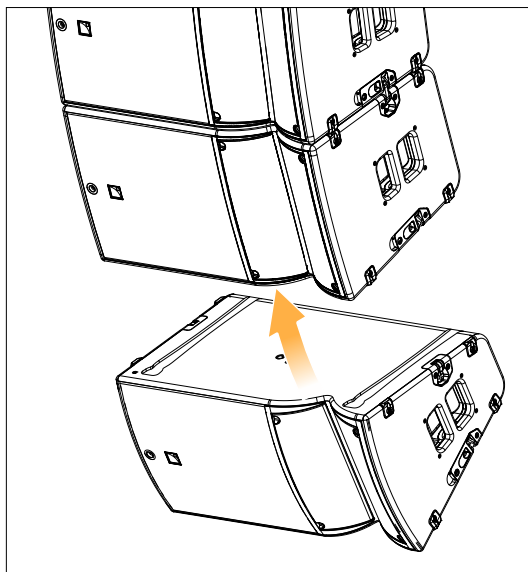


This step requires two operators.

Hold the enclosure by the handle until the rigging system is locked.

4. One by one, secure additional enclosures under the array.

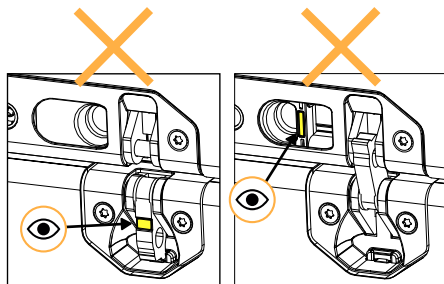
Connect each enclosure on both sides before adding the next one.



Final check

Visually check that no yellow labels are visible.

Manually check that all linking points are secured.



KS21 and A15 Wide/Focus array

About this task



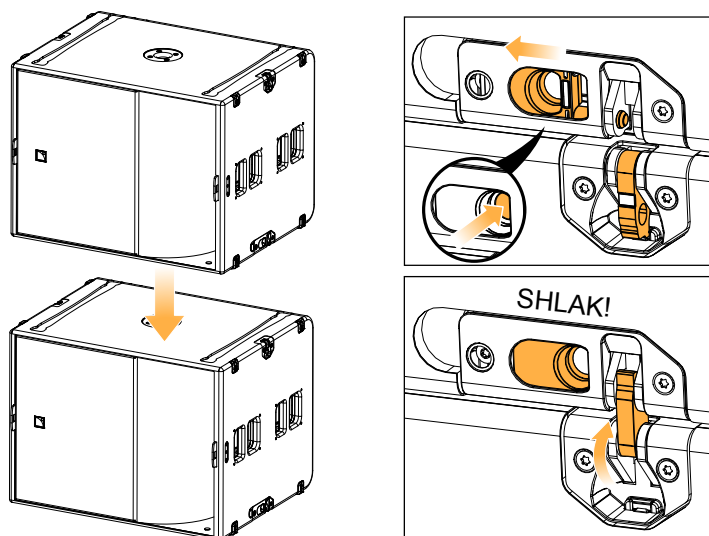
Flying hybrid arrays

The KS21 subwoofers must always be on top of the array.
Refer to Soundvision for maximum configurations.

Procedure

1. Prepare a stack of KS21.

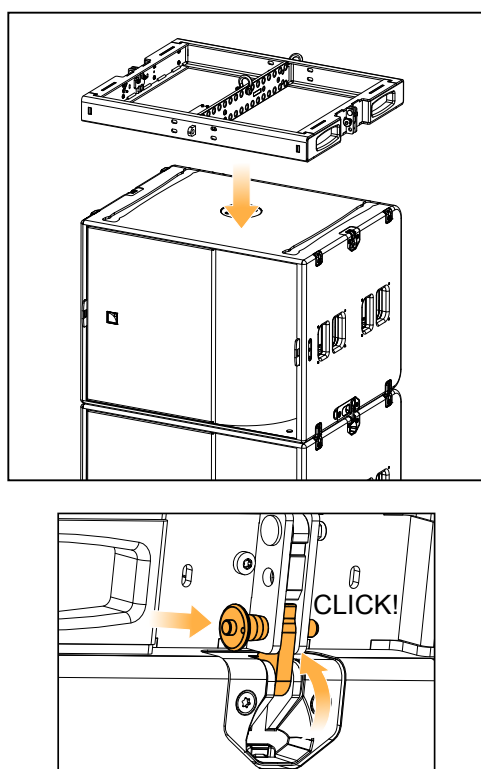
Connect each enclosure on both sides before adding the new one.



2. Secure A15-BUMP or A15-RIGBAR on top of the array.

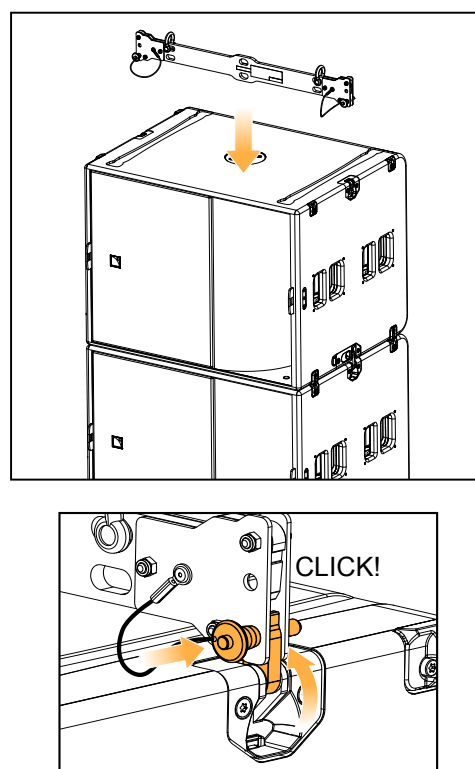
A15-BUMP

Connect A15-BUMP to the top KS21 on both sides.



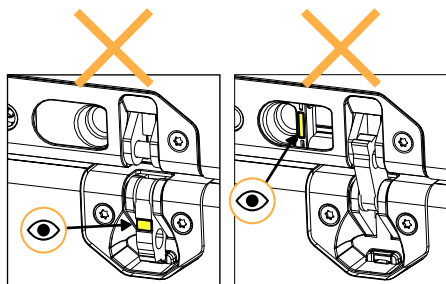
A15-RIGBAR

Connect A15-RIGBAR to the top KS21 on both sides.

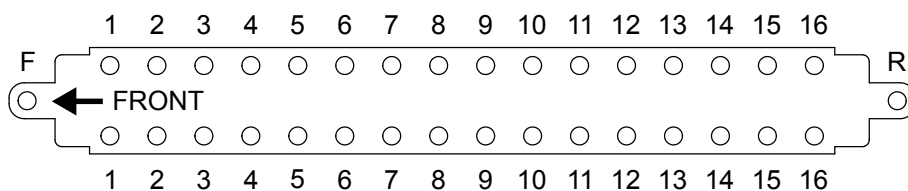


**Final check**

Visually check that no yellow labels are visible.
Manually check that all linking points are secured.



3. Select the pickup point and raise the array.

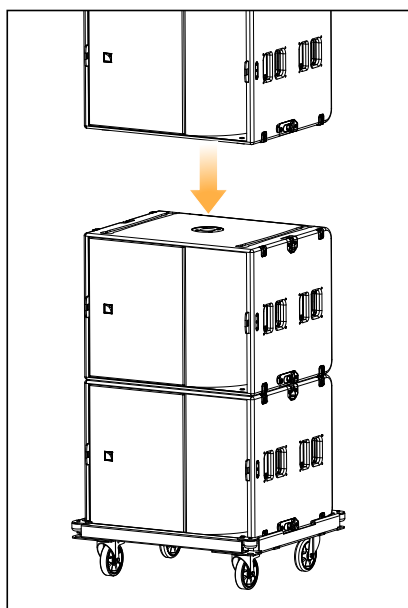


4. Add additional enclosures under the array:

KS21

Lower the array onto a KS21 or a stack of KS21 on KS21-CHARIOT.

Align the runners and the tracks.



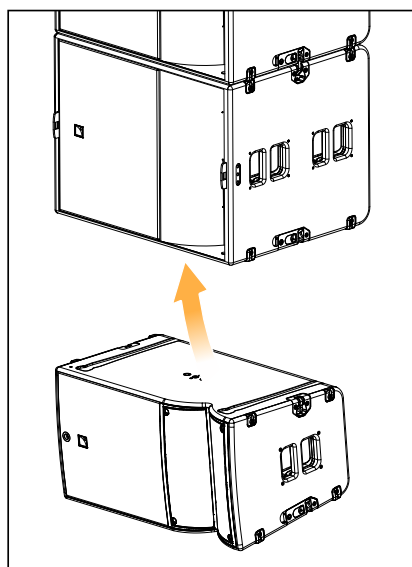
Unlock the KS21-CHARIOT rigging arms.

A15 Focus or A15 Wide

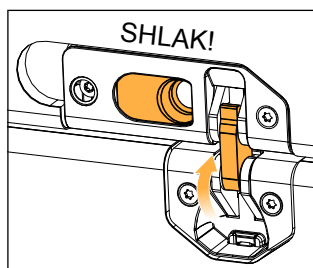
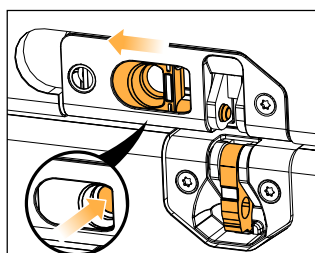
This step requires two operators.

Hold the enclosure by the handle until the rigging system is locked.

One by one, lift the enclosures and secure them under the array.



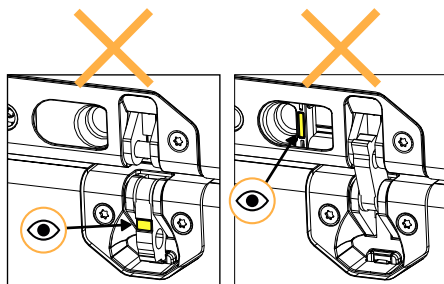
5. Connect the enclosure on both sides before adding the next one.





Final check

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Manually check that all linking points are secured.

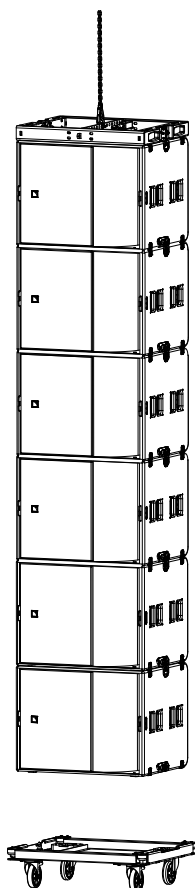


Disassembly

Removing a stack of KS21

Procedure

1. Position a KS21-CHARIOT under the array.

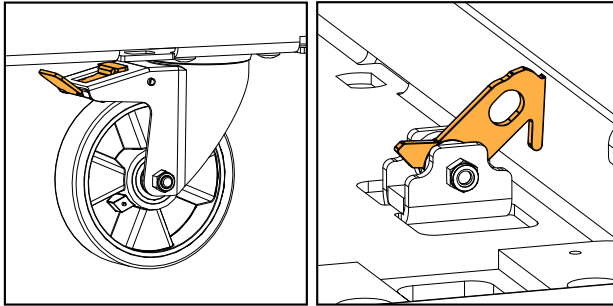




Prepare KS21-CHARIOT

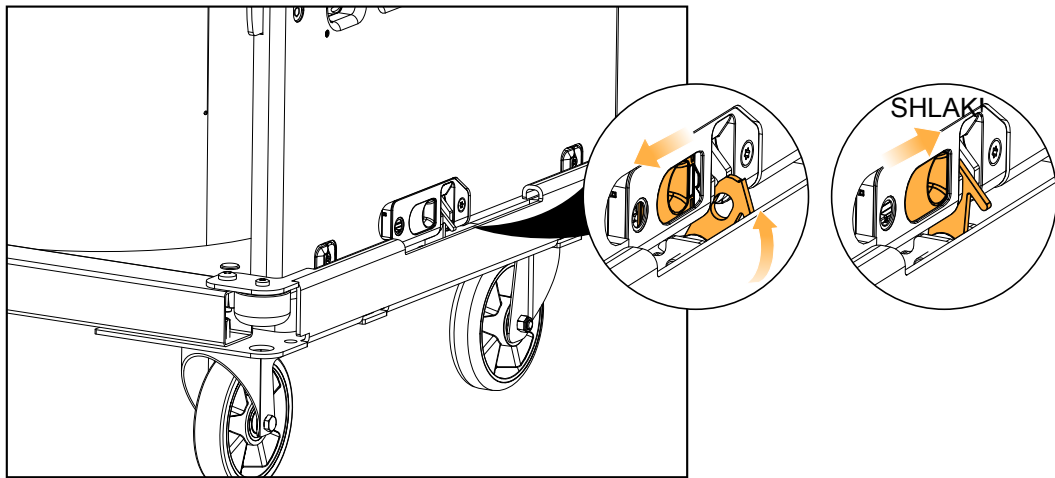
Make sure the KS21-CHARIOT brakes are not engaged.

Make sure the KS21-CHARIOT rigging arms are in the open position.

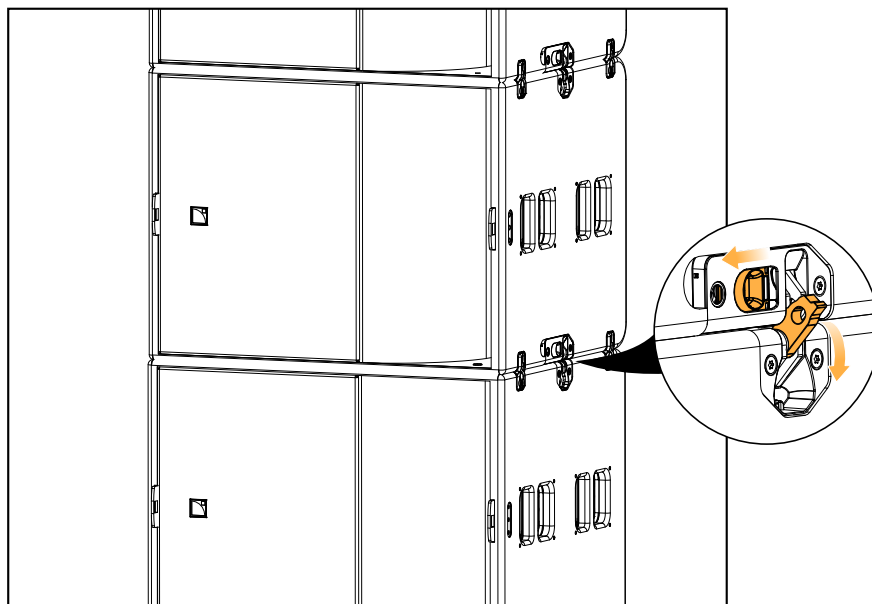


Proceed slowly when lowering the array.

2. Lower the array until it rests on KS21-CHARIOT.
3. Secure the bottom enclosure to KS21-CHARIOT.



4. Disconnect a stack from the array on both sides.



Make sure both linking points are disconnected before lifting the array.

5. Lift the assembly and put the stack aside.
6. Repeat the procedure.

Adding a pullback with A15-BUMP/A15-RIGBAR

Type of deployment	flown array with pullback
Rigging accessory	A15-BUMP/A15-RIGBAR 1 x Ø12 mm shackle WLL 1 t (provided)
Min number of operators	2



Risk of falling objects

Verify that no unattached items remain on the product or assembly.

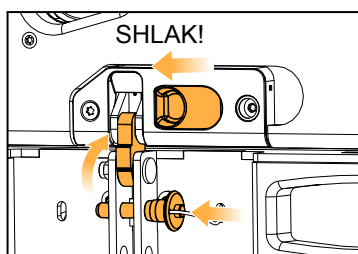
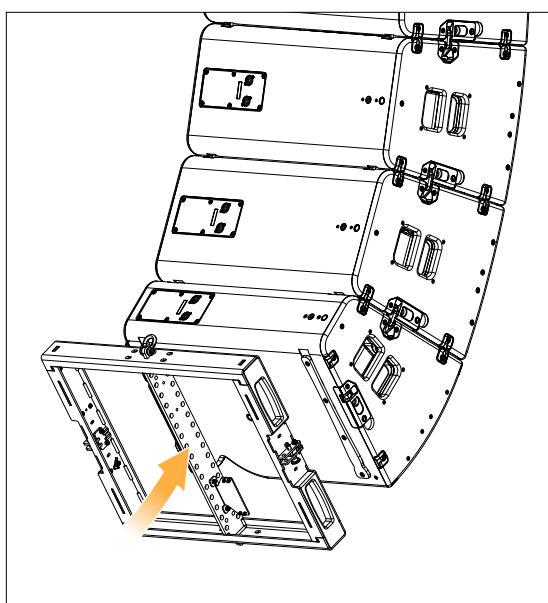
Assembly

Procedure

1. Prepare a vertical array as described in [Flying a vertical array with A15-BUMP/A15-RIGBAR](#) (p.48).
2. Raise the array until the bottom enclosure is accessible.
3. Secure A15-BUMP or A15-RIGBAR under the array.

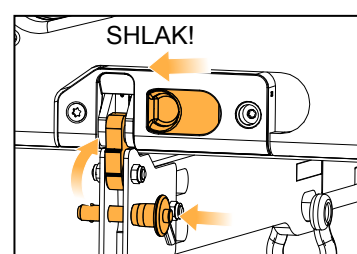
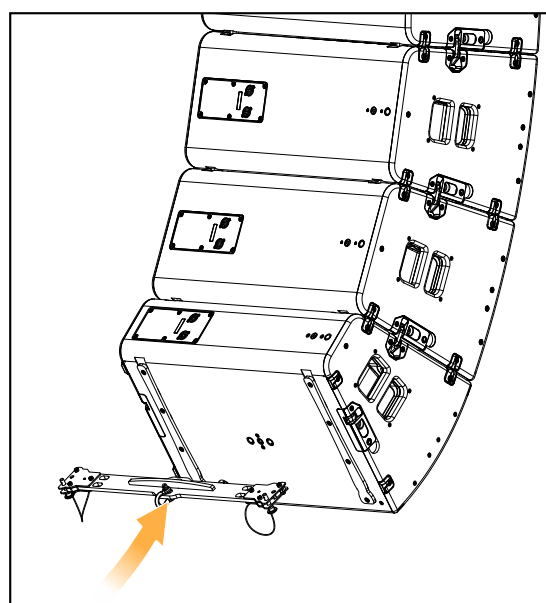
A15-BUMP

Connect A15-BUMP to the bottom enclosure on both sides.



A15-RIGBAR

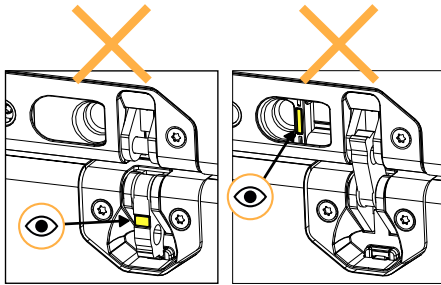
Connect A15-RIGBAR to the bottom enclosure on both sides.



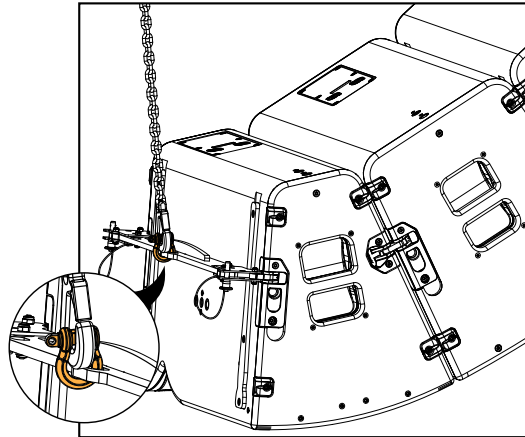
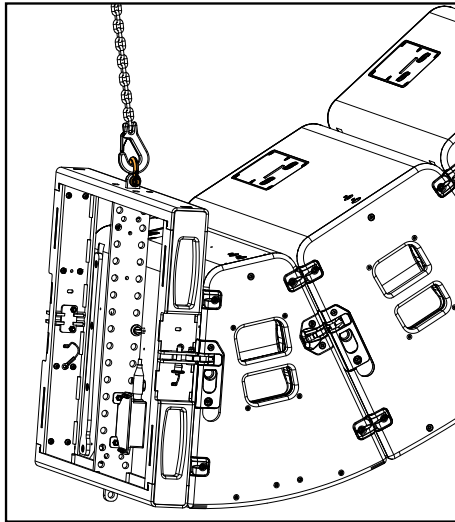


Final check

Visually check that no yellow labels are visible.
Manually check that all linking points are secured.



4. Secure a shackle to A15-RIGBAR or to pickup point R on A15-BUMP and lift it with an additional motor.



Flying a radial array with A15-LIFT

Type of deployment	flown radial array
Rigging accessories	one A15-LIFT for three enclosures LA-SLING2T or a bridle (optional) Ø12 mm shackles WLL 1 t (provided)
Min number of operators	2



Risk of falling objects

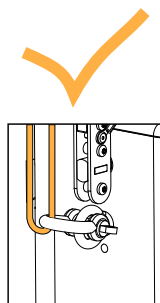
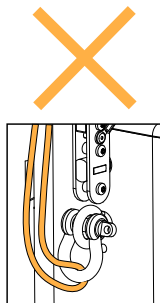
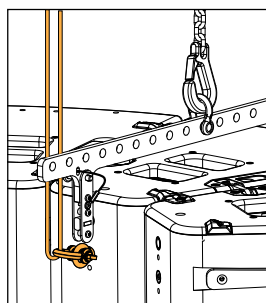
Verify that no unattached items remain on the product or assembly.



Additional safety with A15-LIFT

On each enclosure on which A15-LIFT is secured, secure a DIN580 eye bolt to the dedicated insert to implement a secondary safety.

Use a shackle and a steel wire rope. Make sure the steel rope is as tensed as possible without bearing the load.

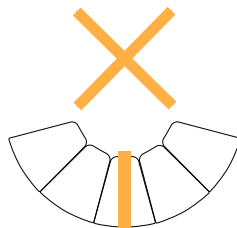
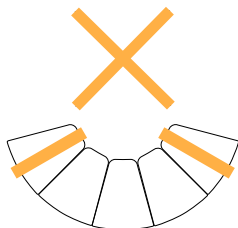
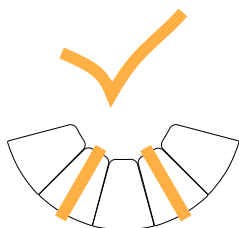


A15-LIFT quantity and position

Use one A15-LIFT for up to three enclosures in the array.

Do not leave more than two adjacent enclosures unsupported.

Refer to [APPENDIX A: Authorized configurations with A15-LIFT](#) (p.93).



Risk of tilting

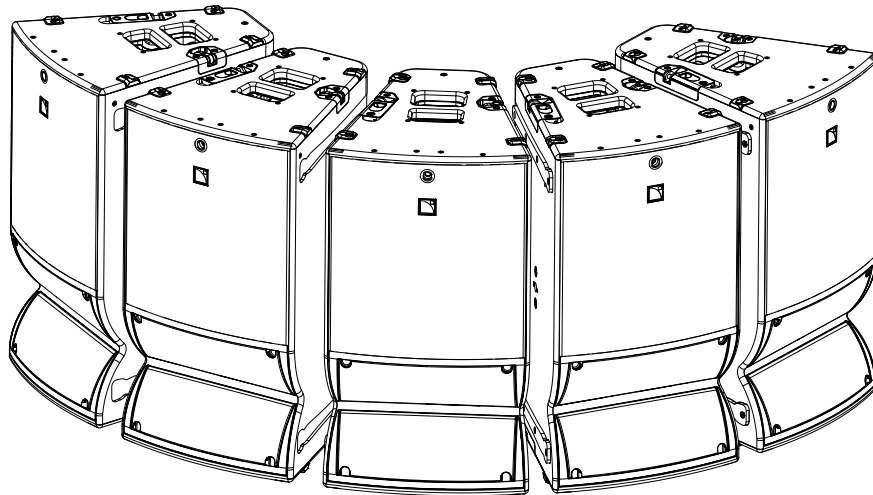
When using a single motor or a bridle, make sure the array is symmetrical.

Assembly

Procedure

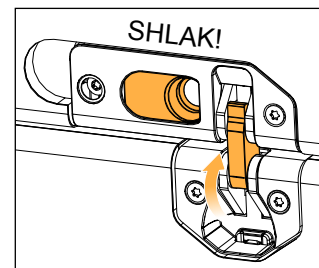
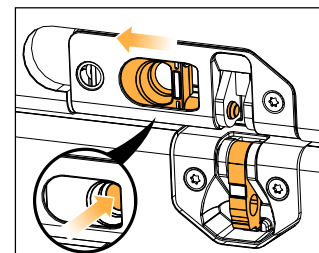
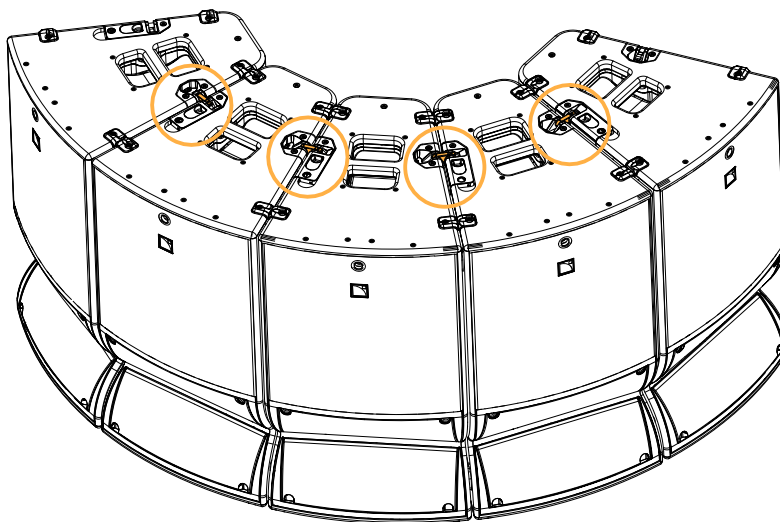
1. Place the enclosures (logo on top) at the lifting location.

Optionally, prepare blocks of up to three enclosures. Refer to [Preparing a block of enclosures](#) (p.61).



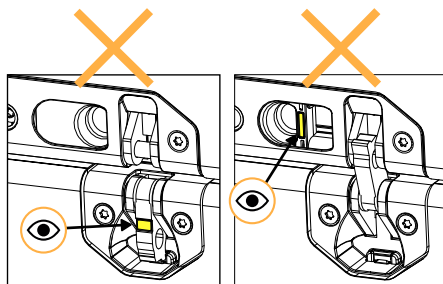
2. Connect the enclosures at the top.

Pull the enclosures together to align the rigging.



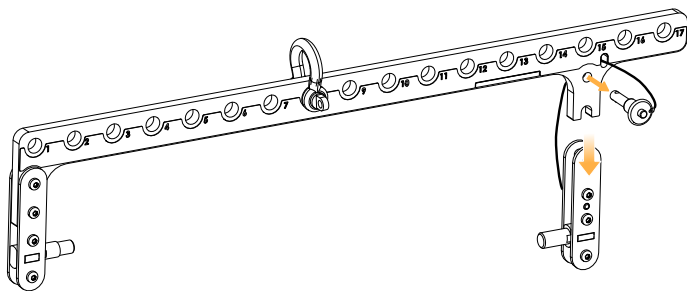
Final check

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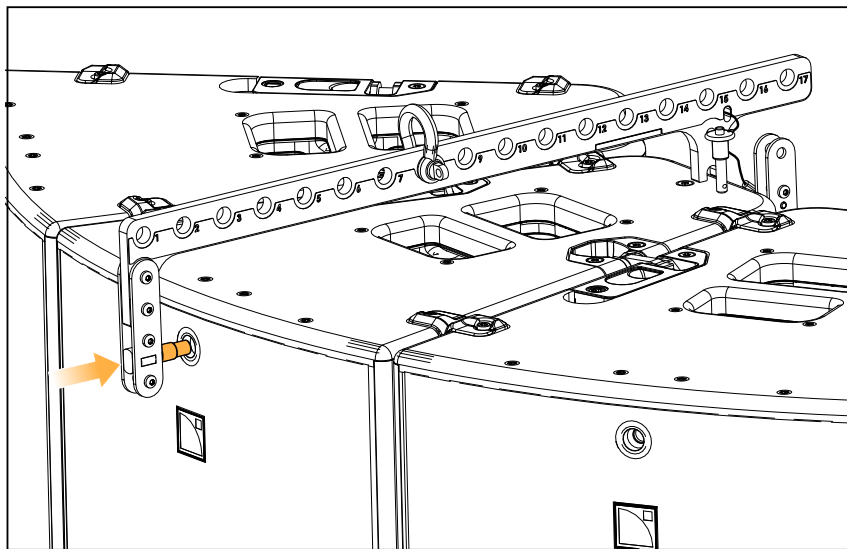


3. Secure the A15-LIFT bars on the array.

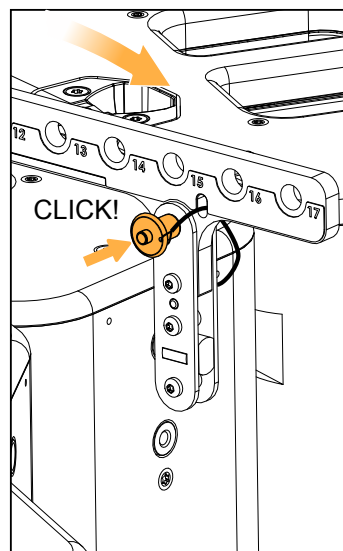
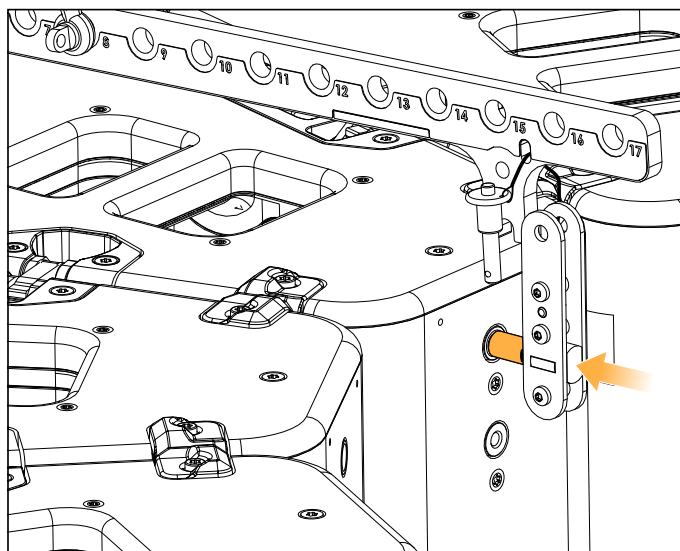
- a) Disconnect the ball-locking pin at the rear of A15-LIFT.



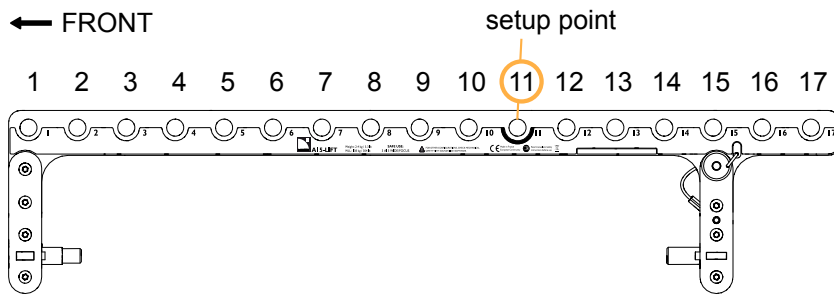
- b) Insert the stub at the front of the enclosure.



- c) Insert the stub at the rear and secure the ball-locking pin.



4. On each A15-LIFT, secure a shackle to the **setup point** (hole 11).



Make sure the pickup points are on hole 11 before lifting the array.

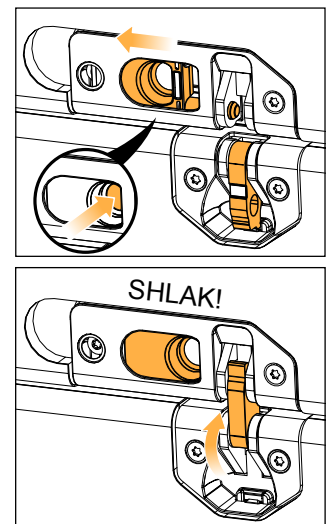
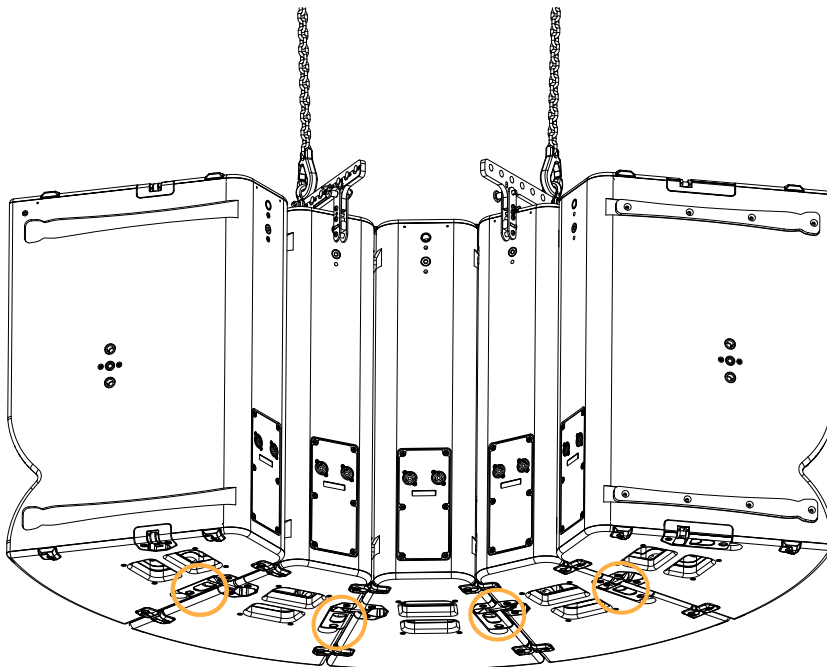
5. Raise the array until the bottom rigging is accessible.



For this operation, stand behind the array.

6. Connect the enclosures at the bottom.

Pull the enclosures together to align the rigging.



7. Lower the array to select the desired pickup points.



A15-LIFT pickup point

Select the same pickup point on each A15-LIFT within an array of up to 6 enclosures.

For larger arrays, refer to [Radial arrays of 7 enclosures and more](#) (p.94).

Preparing a block of enclosures

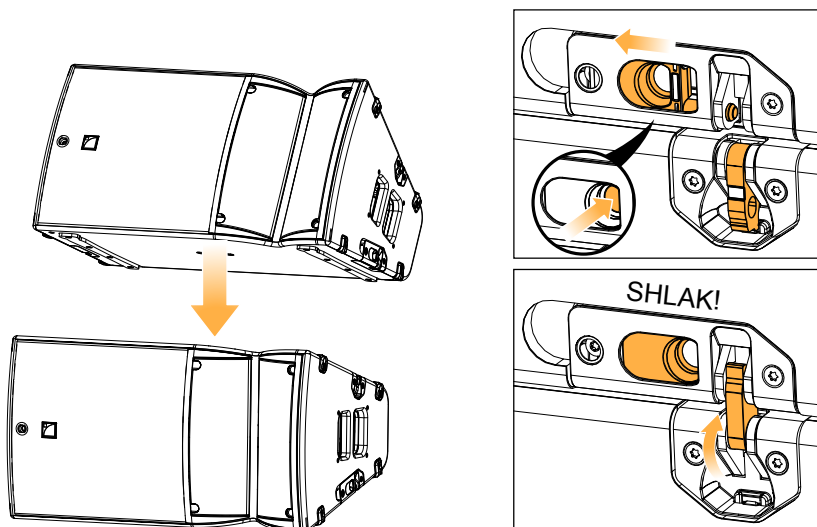
About this task

⚠ This procedure is optional and requires two operators
A single operator must assemble the enclosures one by one. Refer to [Assembly](#) (p.58).

Procedure

1. Separate the array into blocks of two or three enclosures.

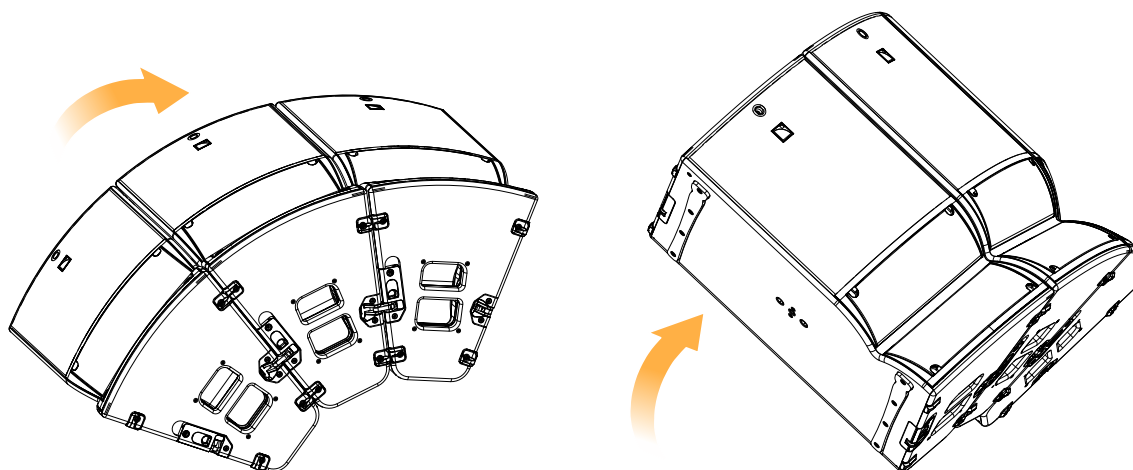
Connect each enclosure on both sides before adding the new one.



⚠ This step requires two operators.

⚠ Make sure all unused rigging arms are in storage position.

2. Position the enclosure blocks upright (logo on top) in two steps.



Tilt the enclosures on the rear.

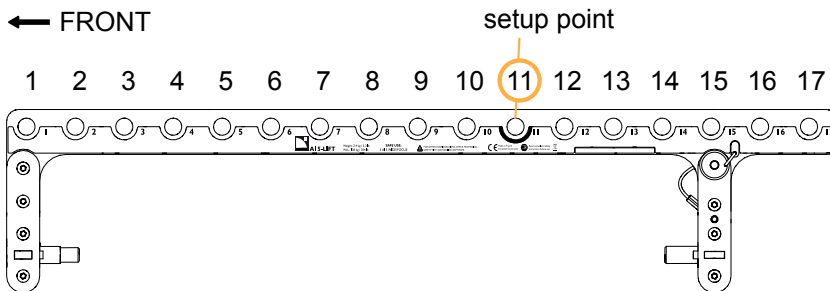
Tilt the enclosures upright.

3. Proceed as described in [Assembly](#) (p.58).

Disassembly

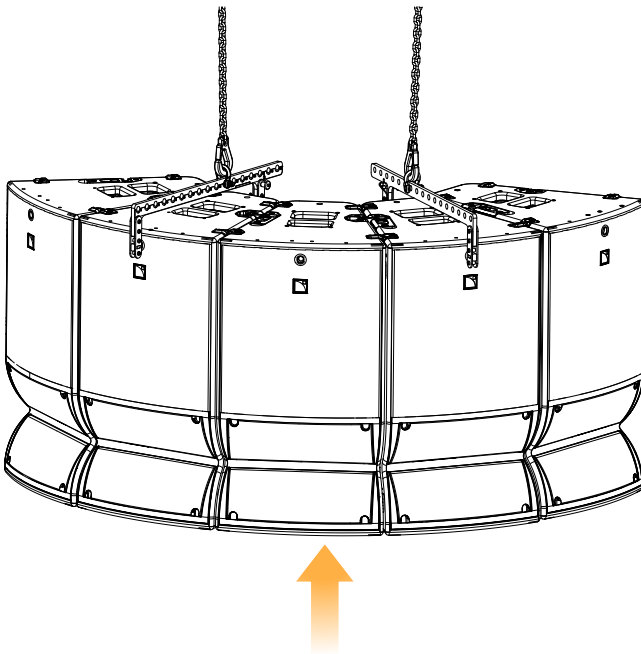
Procedure

1. Lower the array to the ground.
2. On each A15-LIFT, move the shackle to the **safe pickup point** (hole 11).

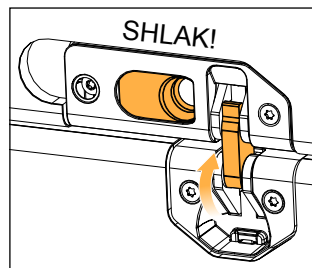
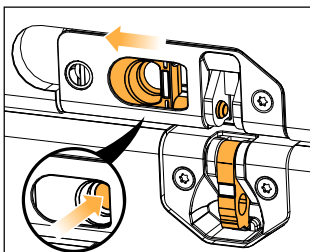


Make sure the pickup points are on hole 11 before lifting the array.

3. Raise the array until the bottom rigging is accessible.



4. Disconnect the enclosures at the bottom.



Make sure all unused rigging arms are in storage position.

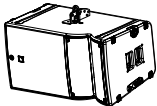
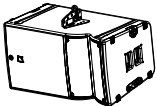
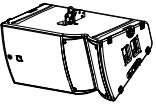

5. Lower the array to the ground.

Flying a single enclosure with X-BAR

Type of deployment	flown
Rigging accessories	X-BAR 1 x Ø12 mm shackle WLL 1 t (provided) or CLAMP250
Min number of operators	1

⚠ Additional safety for flown arrays
When flying an enclosure or an array, use the M8 DIN580 threaded insert to implement a secondary safety.

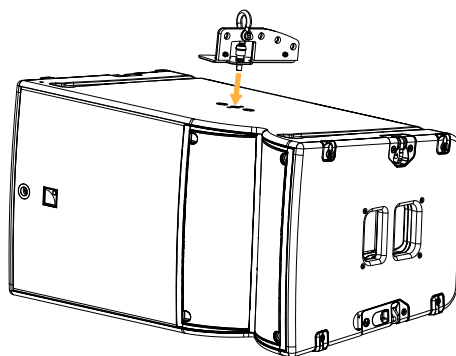
Realized site angles

X-BAR hole N°	A15 Focus		A15 Wide	
	rear extension 	front extension 	rear extension 	front extension 
1	8.4	-10	6.9	-13.6
2	-0.5	-1	-2.8	-3.4
3	-9.4	7.8	-13.2	6.5
4	-18.5	16.2	-23.7	15.7
5	-27.5	24.8	-34.6	25.1

Assembly

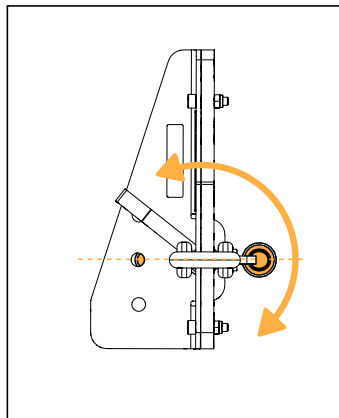
Procedure

1. Drive the X-BAR in the insert.



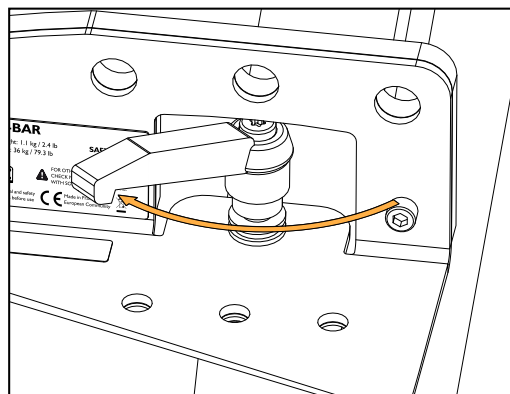
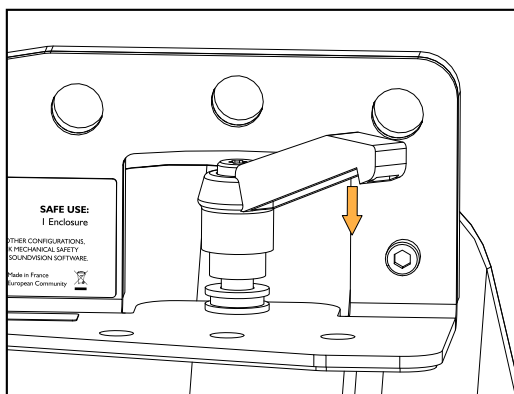
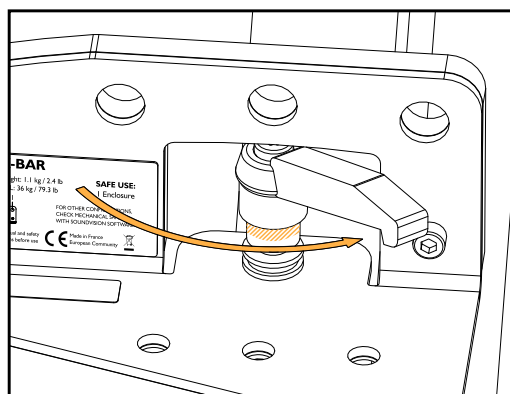
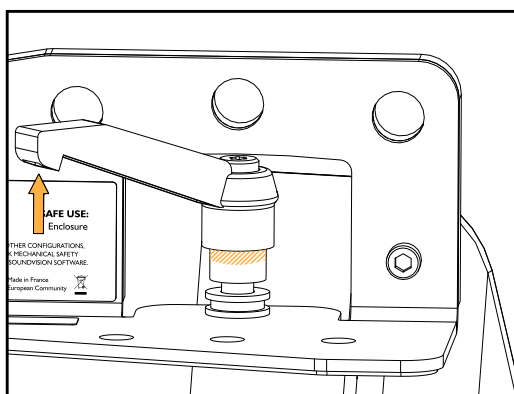
2. Rotate the X-BAR until perpendicular to the front grill.

Use the lodgings as reference points.



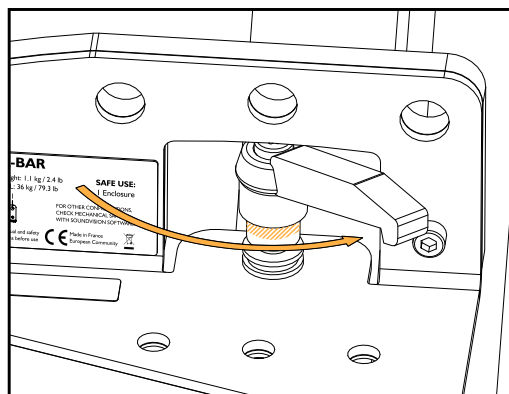
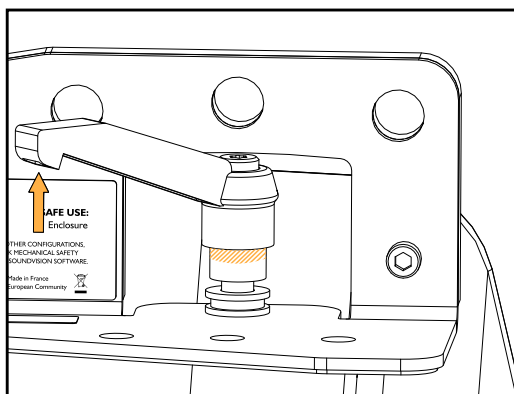
3. Tighten the X-BAR.

a) Lift the lever and rotate it counter-clockwise, release the lever and rotate it clockwise.

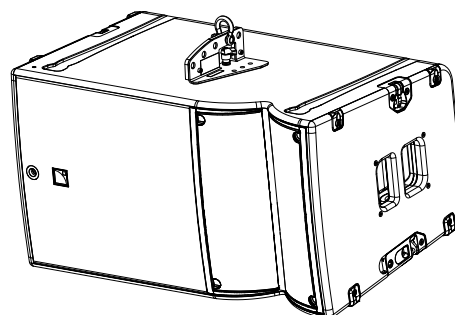
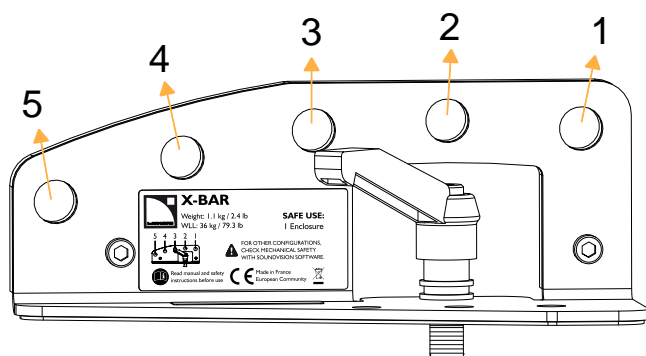


Repeat until the X-BAR is tightly secured.

b) Finally, store the lever on the right.



4. Select the site angle and secure a shackle or CLAMP250.



Stacking

Stacking A15 Wide/Focus on KS21 with A-TILT

Type of deployment	stacked array
Rigging accessory	A-TILT KS21-OUTRIG *
Min number of operators	2

⚠ Risk of falling objects
Verify that no unattached items remain on the product or assembly.

⚠ Do not use A-TILT in a flown array.

i * Alternatively, mount the KS21 array on KS21-CHARIOT and use K2-JACK to stabilize the array.
Refer to [Attaching K2-JACK stabilizers to KS21-CHARIOT](#) (p.72).

Realized site angles

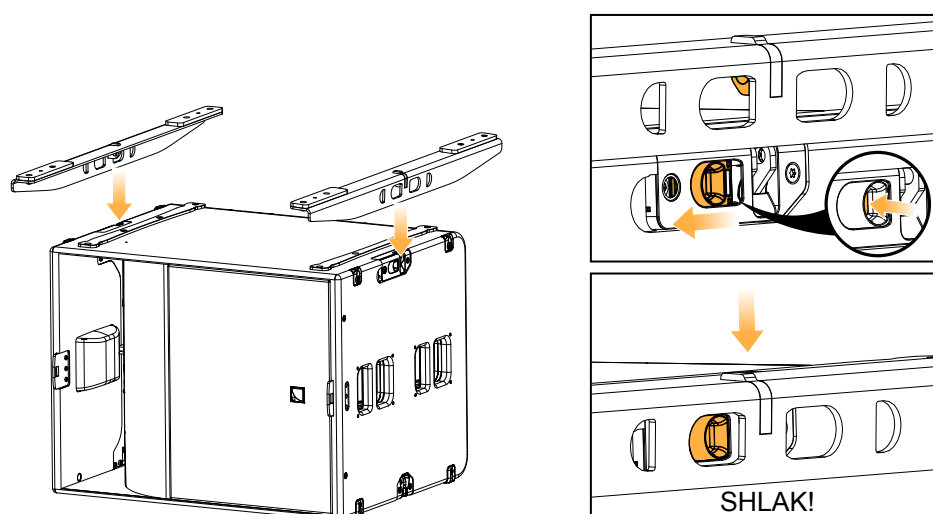
selected angle on A-TILT	realized site angle	
	A15 Focus	A15 Wide
12.5°	-7.5°	+2.5°
15°	-10°	0°
17.5°	-12.5°	-2.5°
20°	-15°	-5°
22.5°	-17.5°	-7.5°
25°	-20°	-10°

Assembly

Procedure

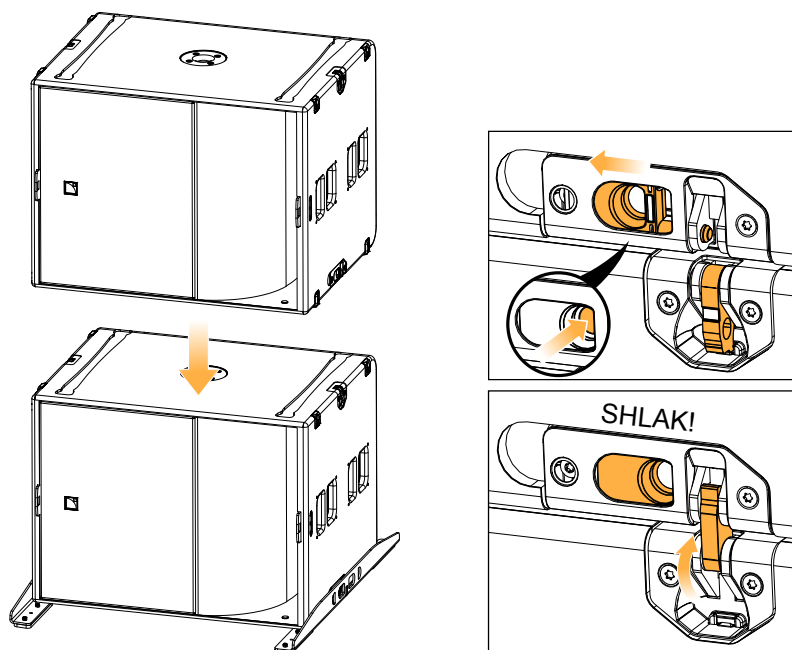
1. Secure KS21-OUTRIG under a KS21.

Turn the KS21 upside-down to secure KS21-OUTRIG.

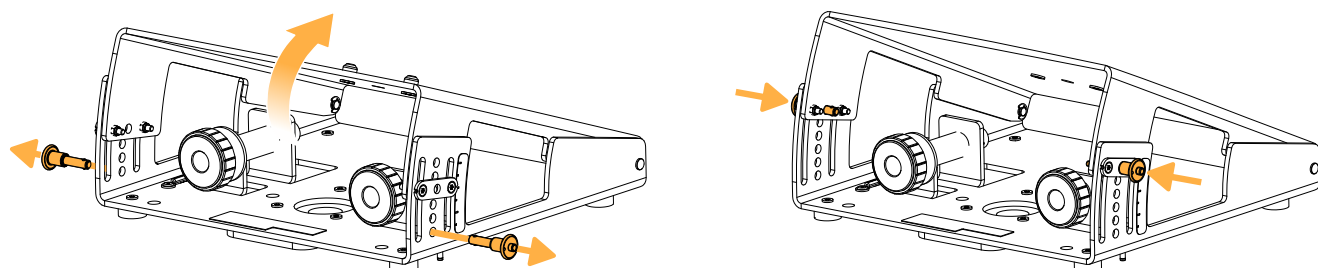


2. Secure additional KS21 on top.

Connect each enclosure on both sides before adding the new one.

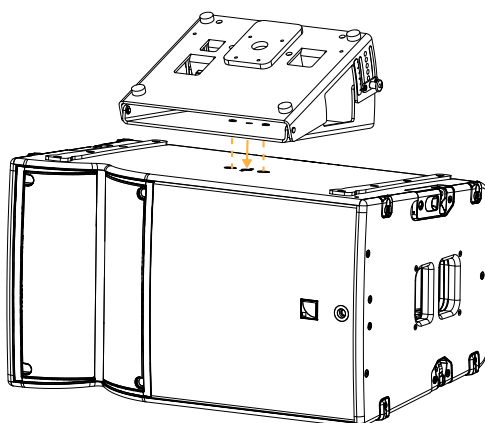


3. Select the widest opening position on A-TILT (25°).

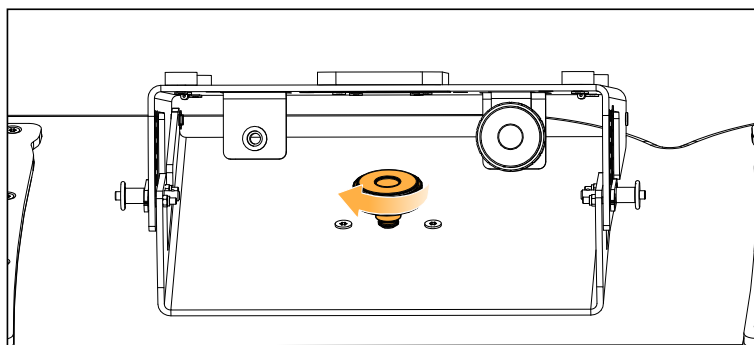
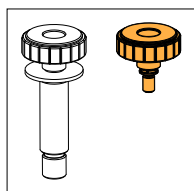


4. Place A-TILT on A15 Wide/Focus, using the lodgings for indexation.

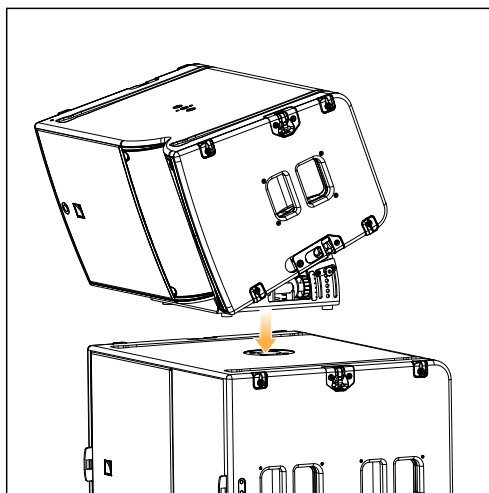
Consider the final position of the enclosure.



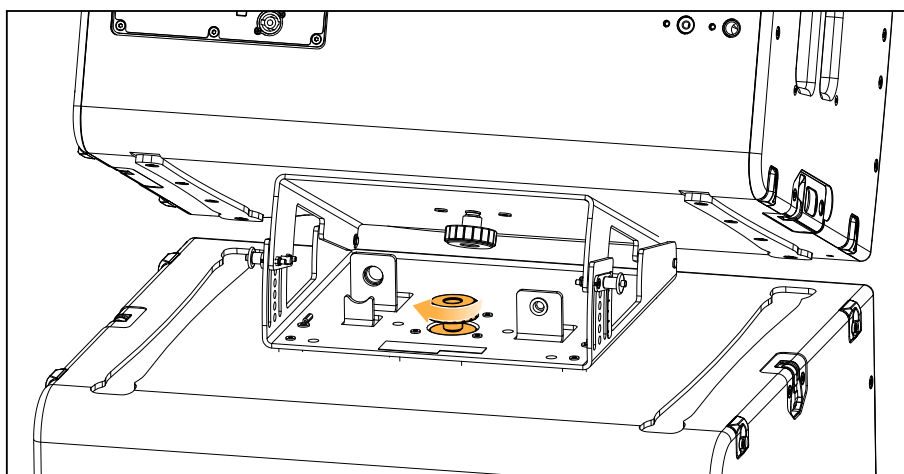
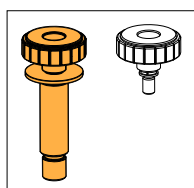
- 5.** Secure A-TILT to the enclosure with the enclosure knob.



- 6.** Place the assembly on KS21.



- 7.** Adjust the position of A-TILT and secure the subwoofer knob inside the pole-mounting socket.





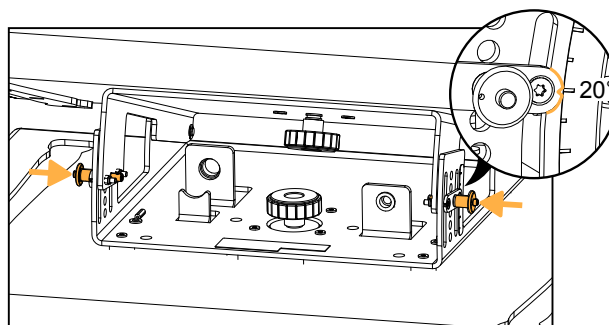
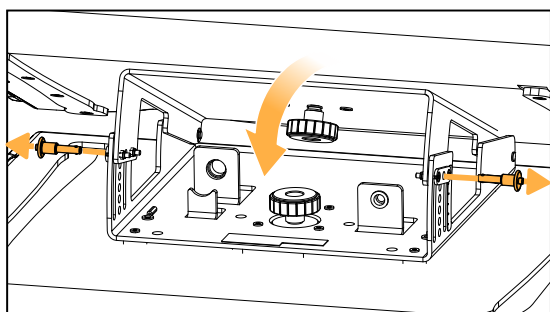
Risk of crushing

Hold the top enclosure when the angle pins are removed.

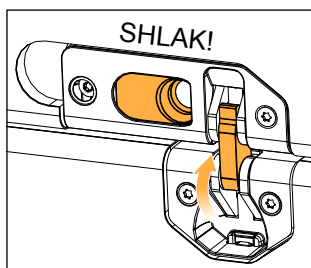
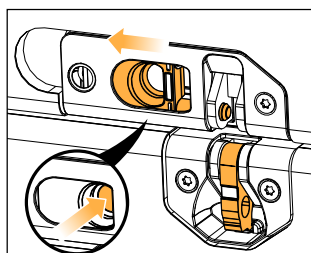
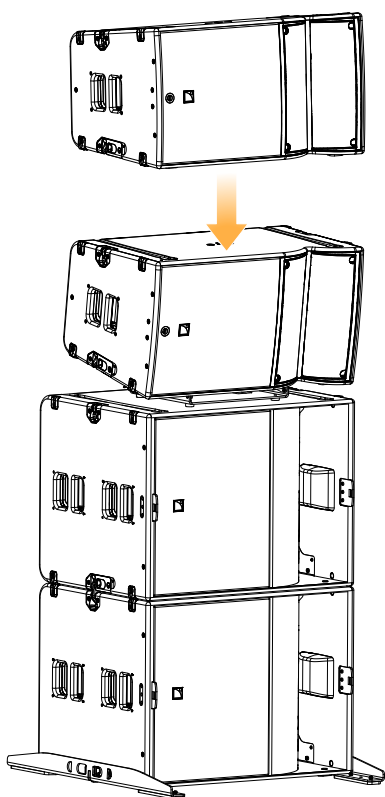
Accompany the assembly movement downwards.

8. Adjust the site angle.

Insert the angle pins in the selected opening angle on both sides.



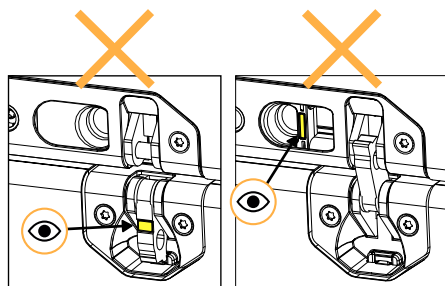
9. Optionally, secure additional enclosures on top of the assembly.



Final check

Visually check that no yellow labels are visible.

Manually check that all linking points are secured.



Stacking KS21 on KS21-CHARIOT

Type of deployment	stacked array
Rigging accessory	KS21-CHARIOT
Min number of operators	2



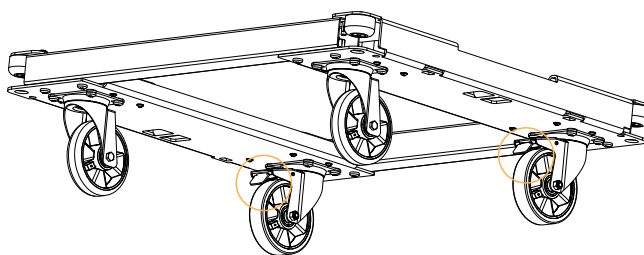
Risk of falling objects

Verify that no unattached items remain on the product or assembly.

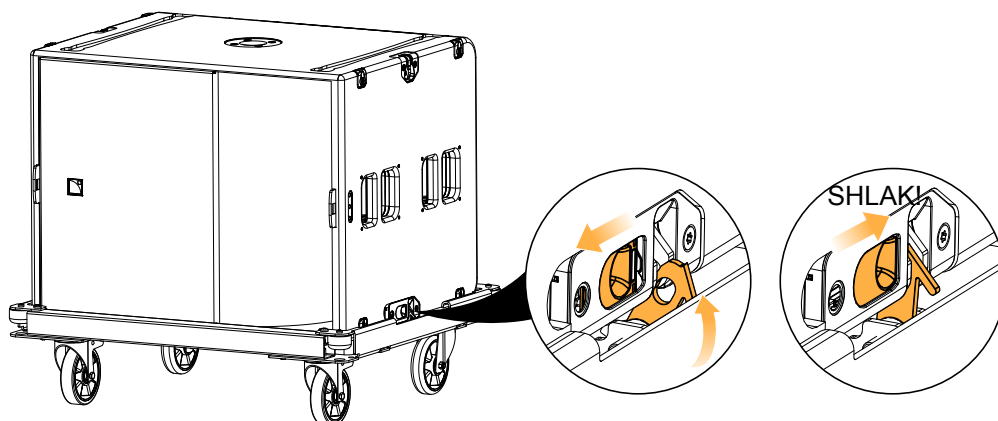
Assembly

Procedure

1. Engage both brakes on KS21-CHARIOT.

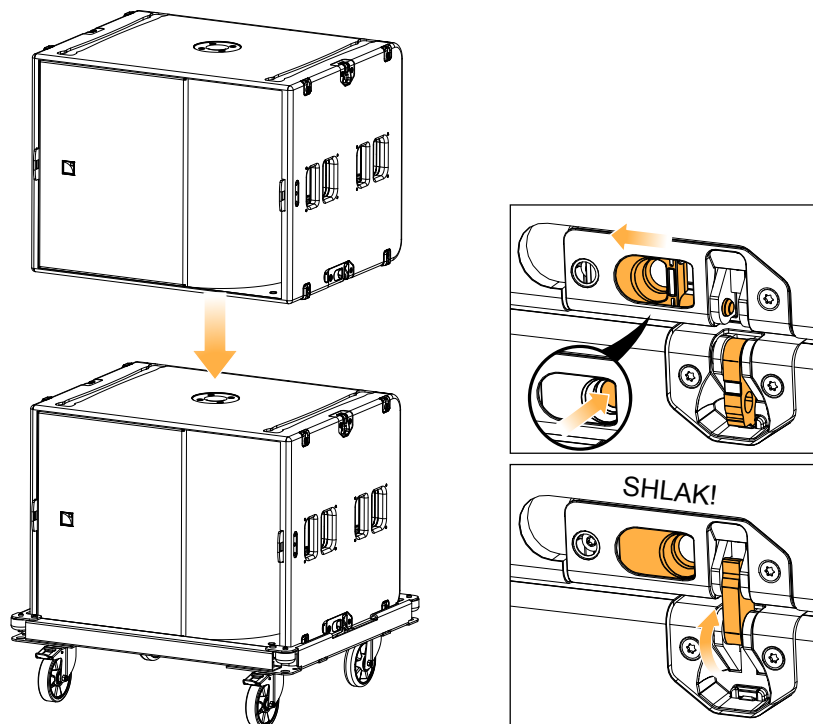


2. Place KS21 on KS21-CHARIOT and connect the two elements on both sides.



3. Secure another KS21 on the assembly.

Align the runners with the tracks.



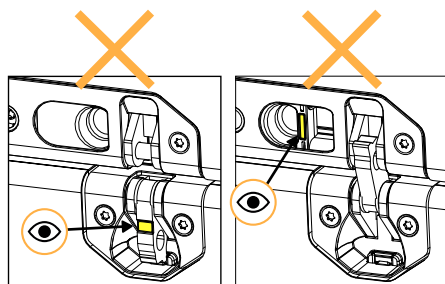
4. Repeat until the stack is complete.



Final check

Visually check that no yellow labels are visible.

Manually check that all linking points are secured.



5. Disengage the brakes and position the stack at its final position.

6. Block the stack using both brakes.

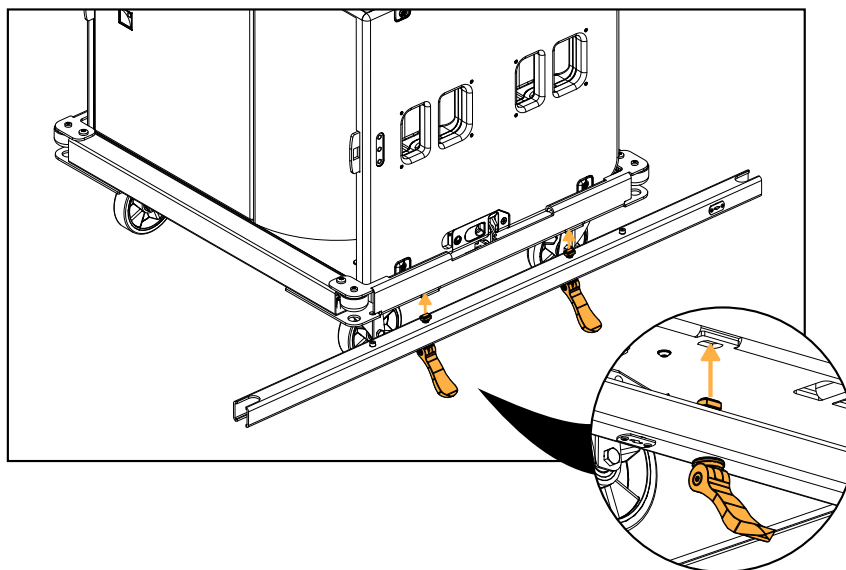
Attaching K2-JACK stabilizers to KS21-CHARIOT

Type of deployment	stacked array
Rigging accessory	K2-JACK KS21-CHARIOT
Min number of operators	1

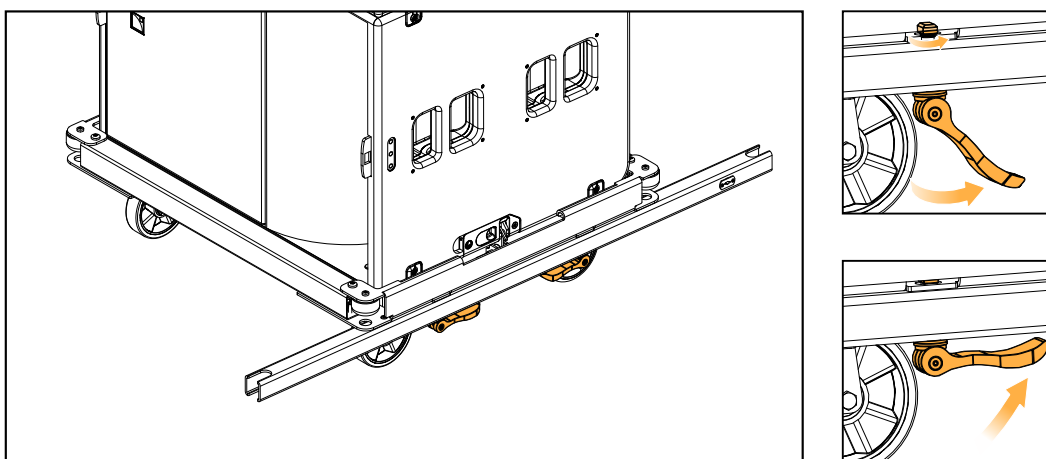
Assembly

Procedure

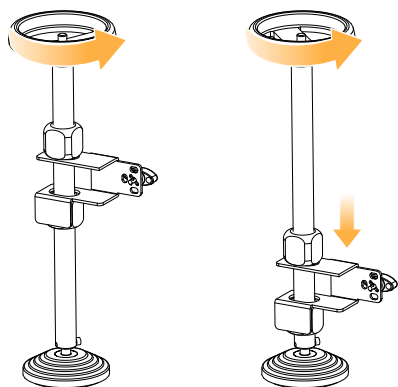
1. Attach the K2-JACK bars to KS21-CHARIOT on each side.
 - a) Open the locking handles to insert the studs.



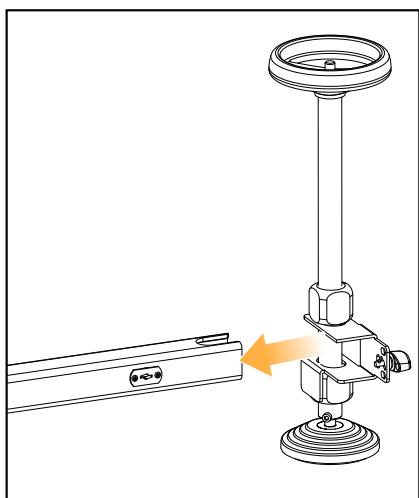
- b) Raise and turn the locking handles to secure the bars.



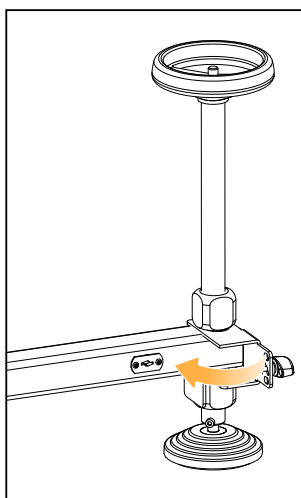
- 2.** On each K2-JACK foot, rotate the wheel counter-clockwise until the central part is close to the base.



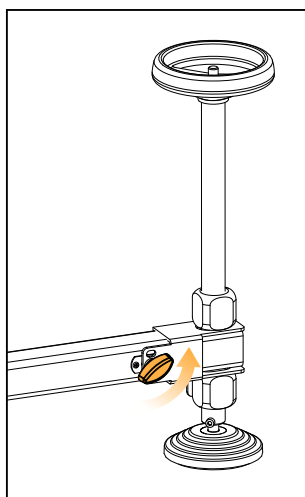
- 3.** Attach the feet to the bar.



Insert the feet at both ends of the bar.



Pivot the central part so that it comes in contact with the bar.

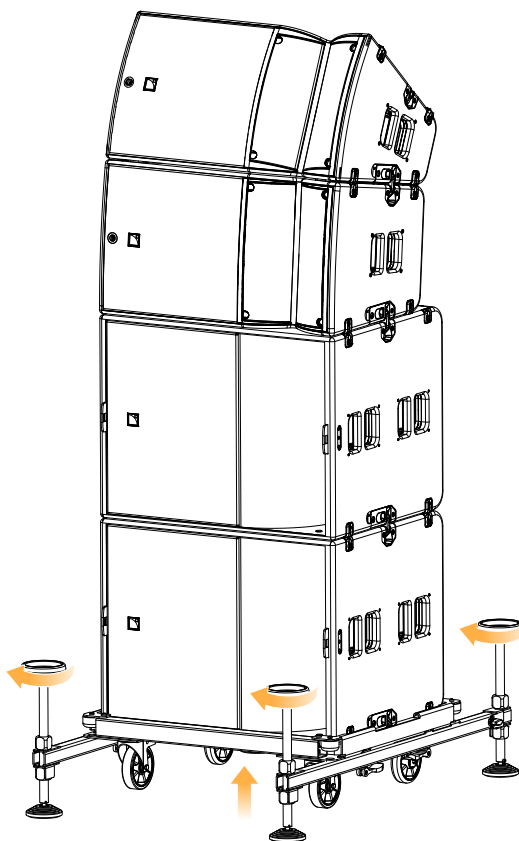


Lock the feet in position by giving a quarter-turn to the locking system.



Stop raising the stack as soon as the wheels get off the ground.

4. Rotate the wheels clockwise to raise the array.



Pole-mounting

Pole-mounting A15 Wide/Focus

Type of deployment	pole-mount
Rigging accessory	A-MOUNT
Min number of operators	2

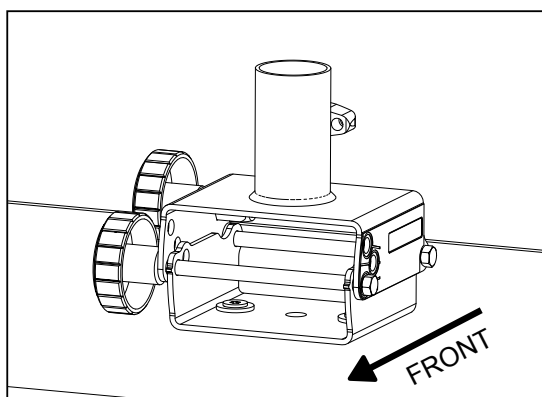
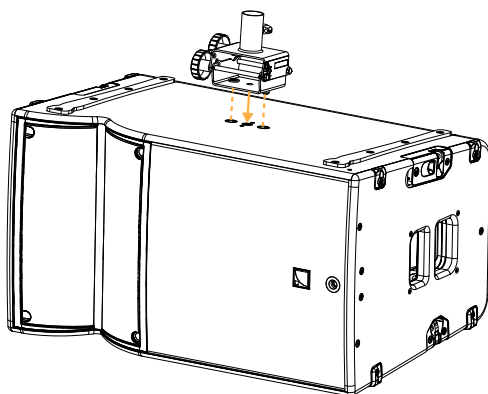
Realized site angles

selected angle on A-MOUNT	realized site angle	
	A15 Wide	A15 Focus
-15°	0°	-10°
-5°	10°	0°
0°	15°	5°

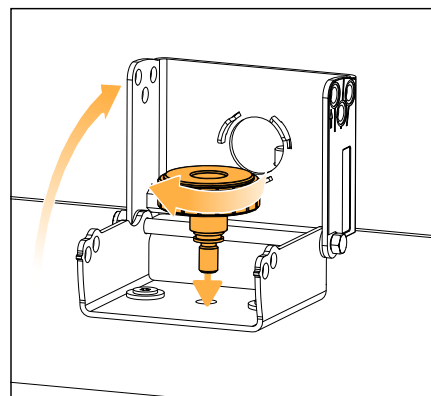
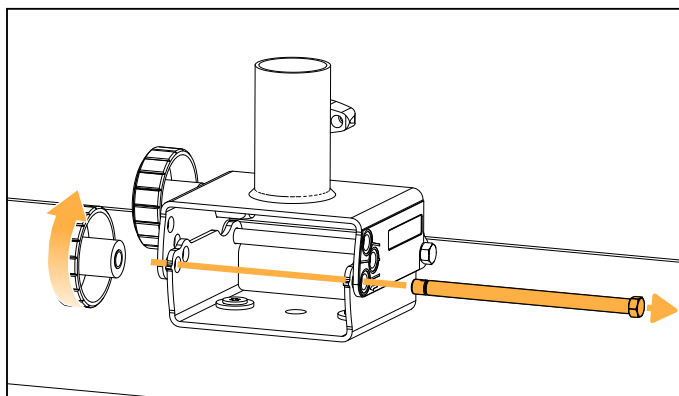
Assembly

Procedure

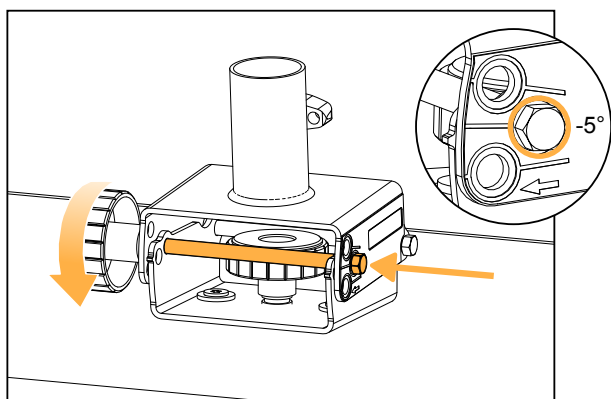
1. Place A-MOUNT on the enclosure, using the lodgings for indexation.
Consider the final position of the enclosure.



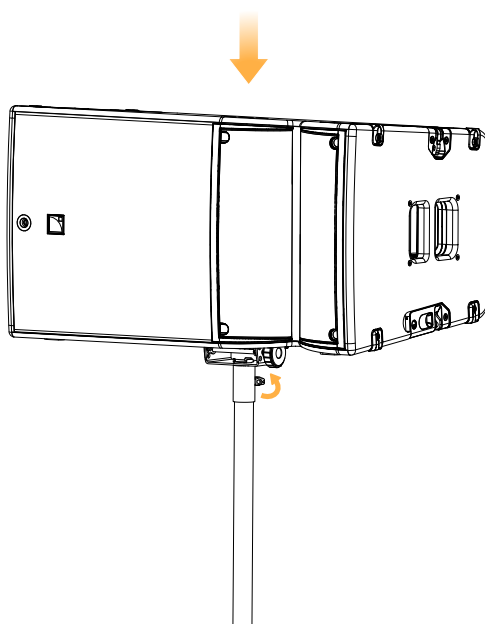
2. Remove the angle axis and secure A-MOUNT to the enclosure with the threaded knob.



- 3.** Select the site angle and insert the axis in the corresponding hole.



- 4.** Mount the assembly on a pole and tighten the wedge clamp by hand.



Connection to LA amplified controllers

Enclosure drive capacity per amplified controller

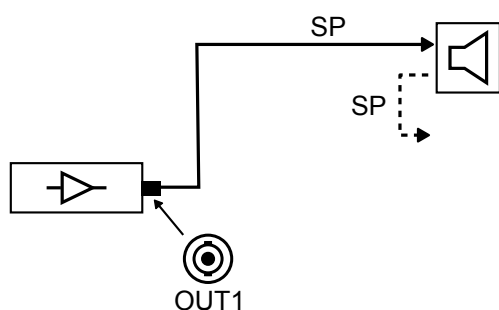
Make sure the total number of connected enclosures does not exceed the maximum number of enclosures per controller (refer to the footnotes).

	LA4	LA4X	LA8	LA12X
	per output [*] / total	per output [*] / total	per output [*] / total	per output [*] / total
A15 Wide/Focus	unsupported	1 / 4	2 / 8	3 / 12
KS21	unsupported	1 / 4	2 / 6 ^b	2 / 8

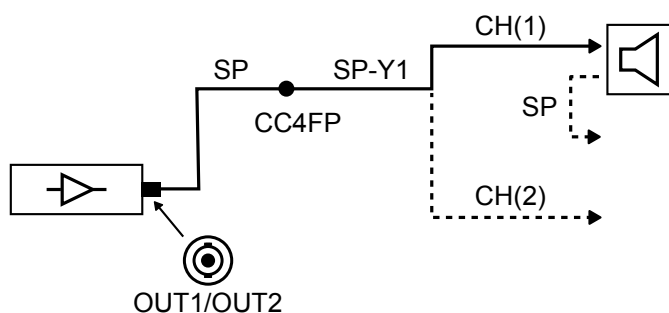
Cabling schemes for A15 Wide/Focus / KS21

Refer to the cabling schemes to connect the enclosures to different types of output connectors.

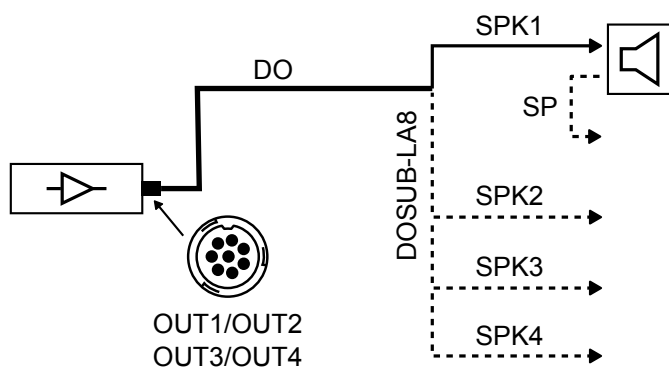
One-channel speakON output



Two-channel speakON output



Four-channel CA-COM output



^b LA8 can drive up to two KS21 per output, but no more than six per controller at high level.

^{*} For passive loudspeakers, the value corresponds to the number of enclosures in parallel on the output. For active loudspeakers, the value corresponds to the number of sections in parallel on the output.

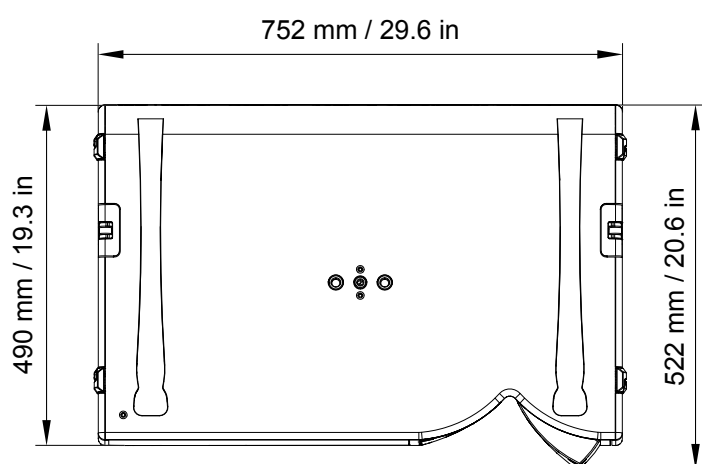
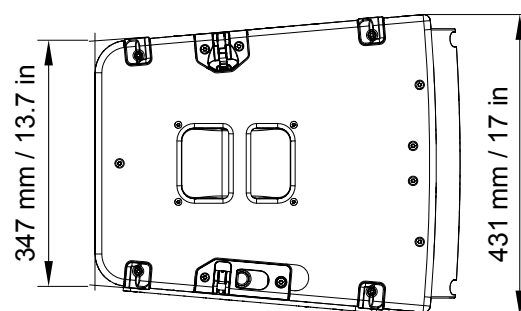
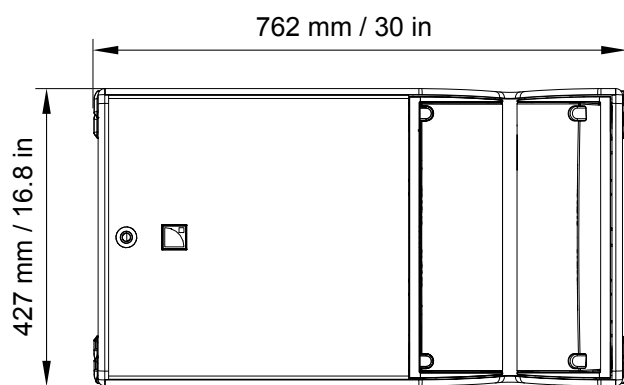
Specifications

A15 Focus specifications

Description	2-way passive constant curvature WST® 10° enclosure: 15" LF + 3" HF diaphragm, amplified by LA12X / LA4X / LA8
Usable bandwidth (-10 dB)	41 Hz - 20 kHz ([A15])
Maximum SPL¹	144 dB ([A15])
Nominal directivity	enclosure: 10° L-Fins: 70° / 110° symmetric or 90° asymmetric (-6 dB)
Transducers	LF: 1 × 15" cone driver - neodymium HF: 1 × 3" diaphragm compression driver - neodymium
Acoustical load	LF: bass-reflex, L-Vents HF: DOSC waveguide, L-Fins
Nominal impedance	8 Ω
Connectors	IN: 1 × 4-point speakON LINK: 1 × 4-point speakON
Rigging and handling	flush-fitting two-point rigging system 2 handles 8 corner stops 2 ground runners 1 DIN580-compatible M8 threaded insert
Weight (net)	35 kg / 77 lb
Cabinet	premium grade Baltic beech and birch plywood
Front	steel grill with coating acoustically neutral 3D fabric
Rigging components	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating
Finish	dark grey brown Pantone 426 C
IP	IP55

¹ Peak level at 1 m under free field conditions using pink noise with crest factor 4 (preset specified in brackets).

A15 Focus dimensions

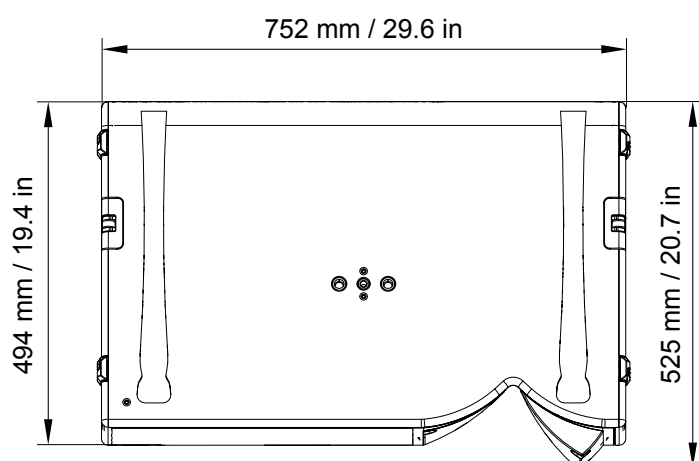
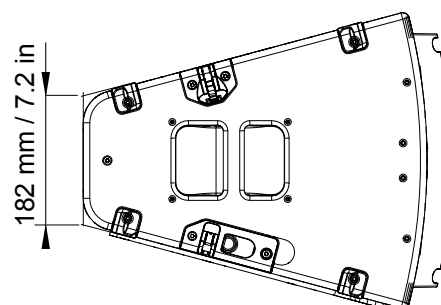
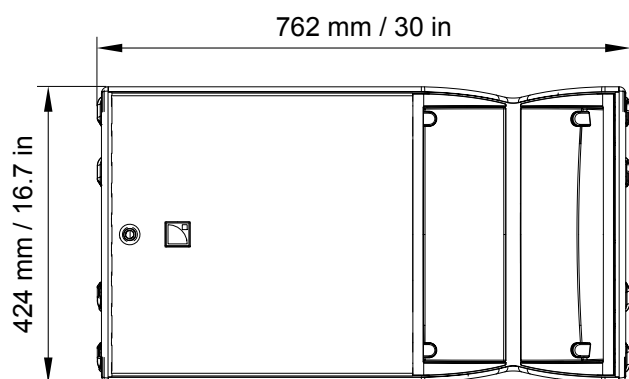


A15 Wide specifications

Description	2-way passive constant curvature WST® 30° enclosure: 15" LF+ 3" HF diaphragm, amplified by LA12X / LA4X / LA8
Usable bandwidth (-10 dB)	42 Hz - 20 kHz ([A15])
Maximum SPL¹	141 dB ([A15])
Nominal directivity	enclosure: 30° L-Fins: 70° / 110° symmetric or 90° asymmetric (-6 dB)
Transducers	LF: 1 × 15" cone driver - neodymium HF: 1 × 3" diaphragm compression driver - neodymium
Acoustical load	LF: bass-reflex, L-Vents HF: DOSC waveguide, L-Fins
Nominal impedance	8 Ω
Connectors	IN: 1 × 4-point speakON LINK: 1 × 4-point speakON
Rigging and handling	flush-fitting two-point rigging system 2 handles 8 corner stops 2 ground runners 1 DIN580-compatible M8 threaded insert
Weight (net)	33 kg / 73 lb
Cabinet	premium grade Baltic beech and birch plywood
Front	steel grill with coating acoustically neutral 3D fabric
Rigging components	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating
Finish	dark grey brown Pantone 426 C
IP	IP55

¹ Peak level at 1 m under free field conditions using pink noise with crest factor 4 (preset specified in brackets).

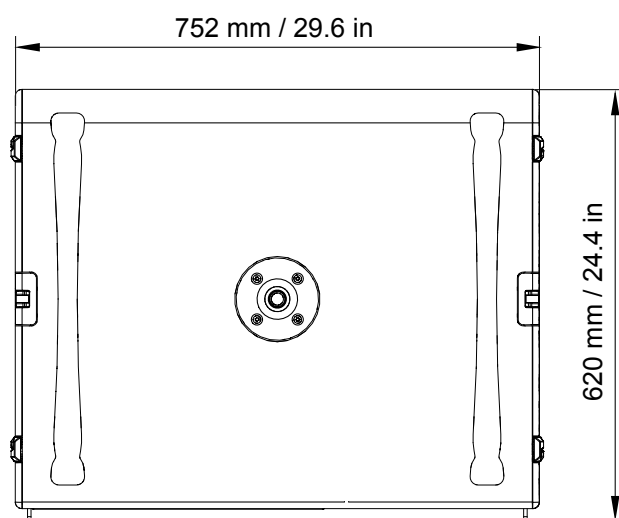
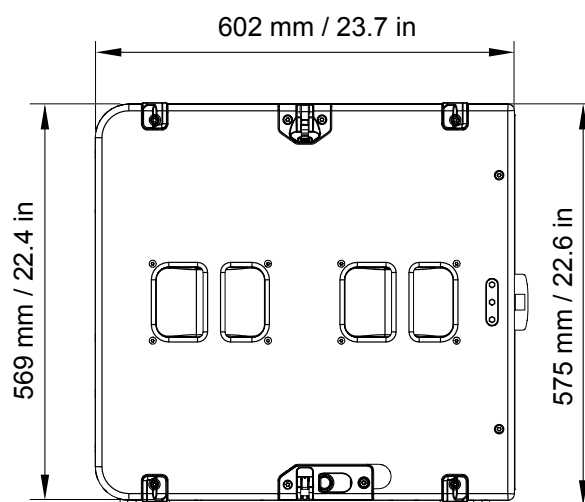
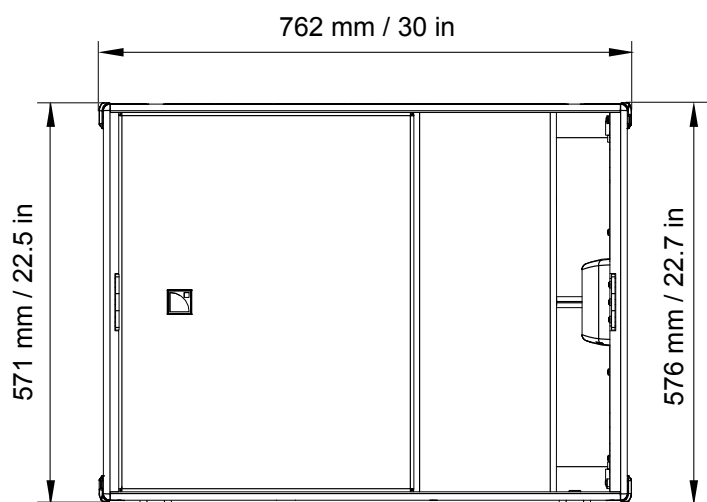
A15 Wide dimensions



KS21 specifications

Description	High power compact subwoofer: 1x21" , amplified by LA12X / LA4X / LA8
Low frequency limit (-10 dB)	31 Hz ([KS21_100])
Maximum SPL¹	138 dB ([KS21_100])
Nominal directivity	standard or cardioid configuration
Transducers	1 × 21" neodymium cone driver
Acoustical load	bass-reflex, L-Vents
Nominal impedance	8 Ω
Connectors	IN: 1 × 4-point speakON LINK: 1 × 4-point speakON
Rigging and handling	flush-fitting two-point rigging system 4 handles 8 corner stops 2 ground runners 1 pole mount with M20×150 insert
Weight (net)	49 kg / 108 lb
Cabinet	premium grade Baltic beech and birch plywood
Front	steel grill with coating acoustically neutral 3D fabric
Rigging components	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating
Finish	dark grey brown Pantone 426 C
IP	IP55

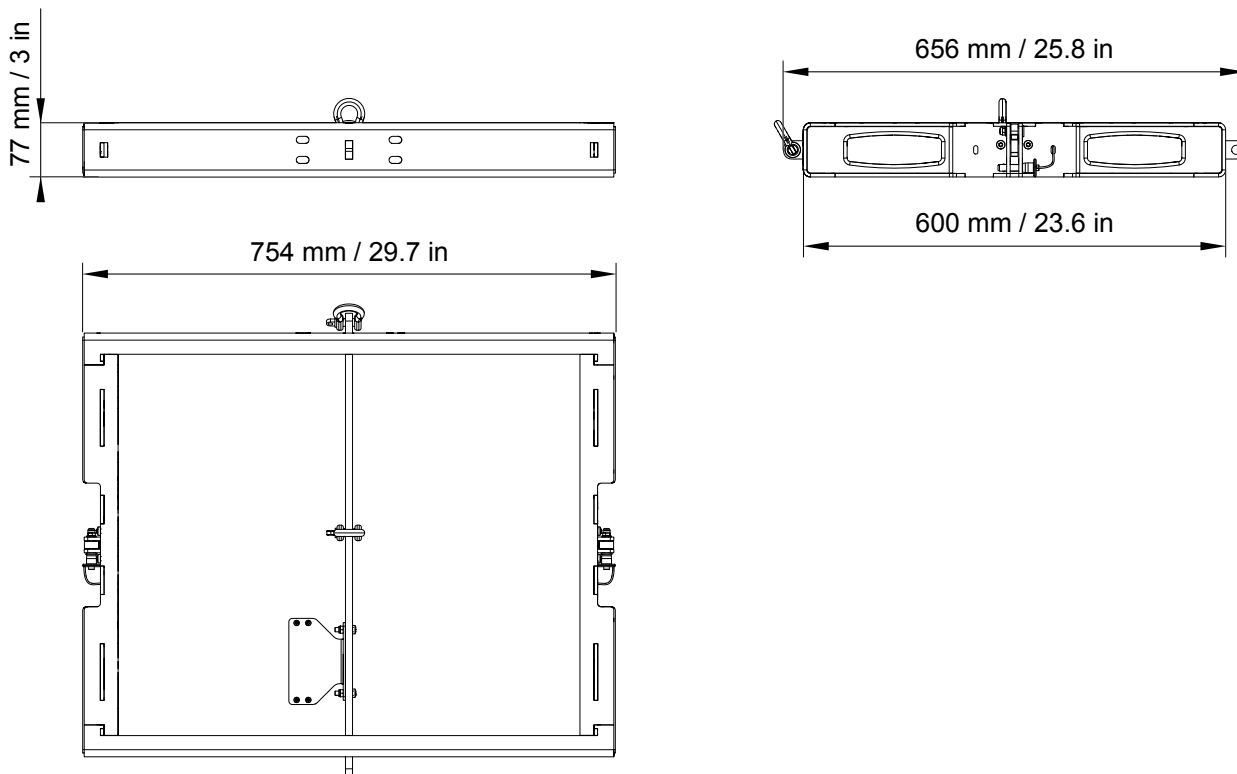
¹ Peak level at 1 m under half space conditions using pink noise with crest factor 4 (preset specified in brackets).

KS21 dimensions

A15-BUMP specifications

Description	Flying frame for vertical deployment of A15 and KS21 2 x Ø12 mm shackles WLL 1 t
Weight (net)	19 kg / 42 lb
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

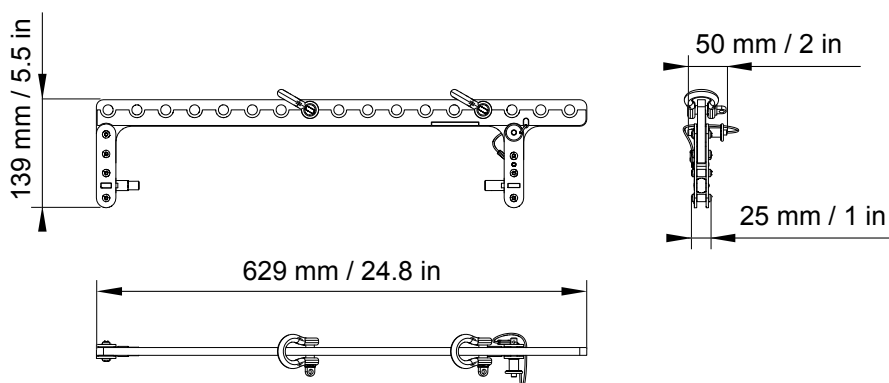
A15-BUMP dimensions



A15-LIFT specifications

Description	Rigging element for horizontal deployment of A15 2 × Ø12 mm shackles WLL 1 t
Weight (net)	2.3 kg / 5.1 lb
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

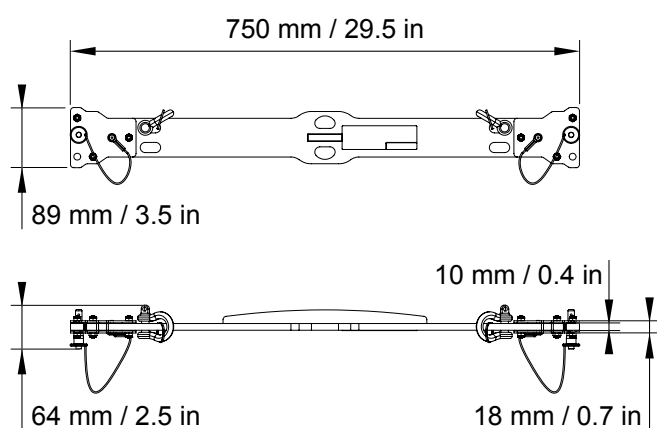
A15-LIFT dimensions



A15-RIGBAR specifications

Description	Rigging bar and pullback for A15 and KS21 2 × Ø12 mm shackles WLL 1 t
Weight (net)	4.6 kg / 10 lb
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

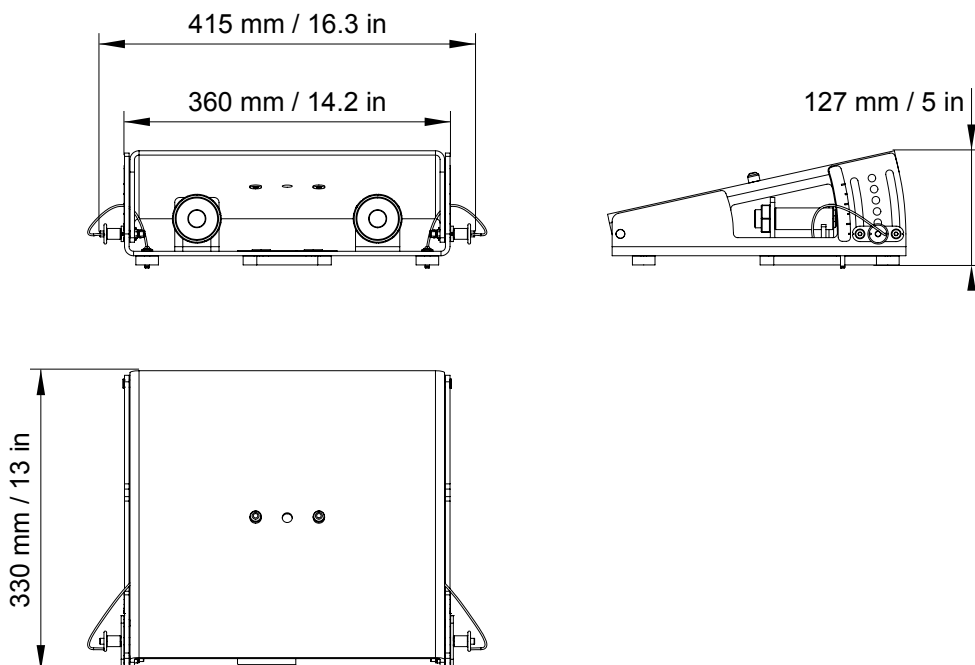
A15-RIGBAR dimensions



A-TILT specifications

Description	Rigging element for stacking A15 and A10 onto KS21
Weight (net)	8.7 kg / 19.2 lb
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

A-TILT dimensions



KS21-OUTRIG specifications

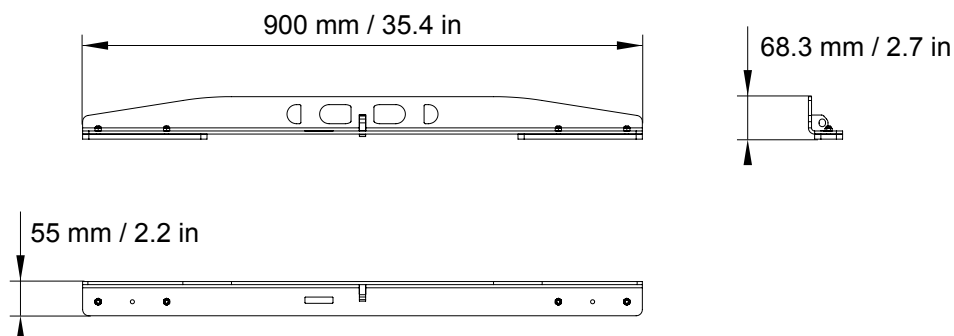


Specifications for one KS21-OUTRIG bar.

Always use in pairs.

Description	Stability bars for KS21
Weight (net)	3.5 kg / 7.7 lb
Rigging and handling	2 ground runners
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating, high density polyethylene (runners)

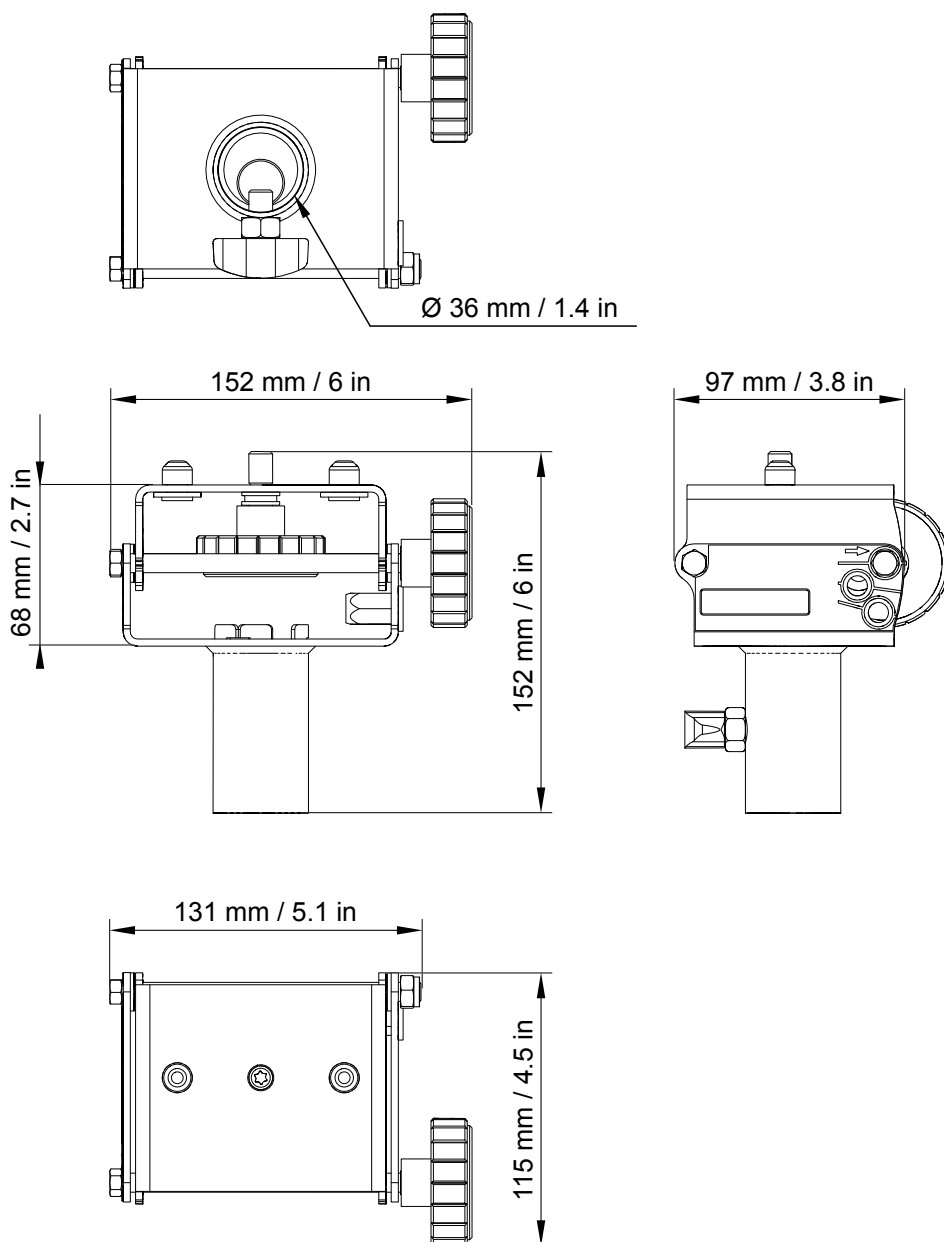
KS21-OUTRIG dimensions



A-MOUNT specifications

Description	Pole mount for A15 and A10
Weight (net)	1.1 kg / 2.4 lb
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

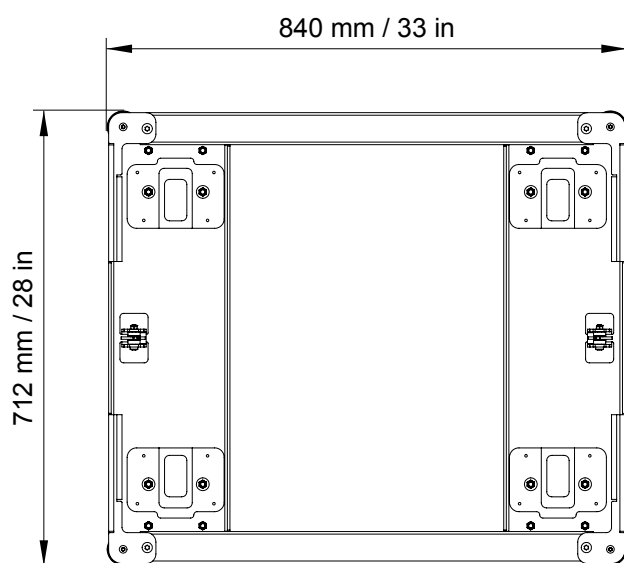
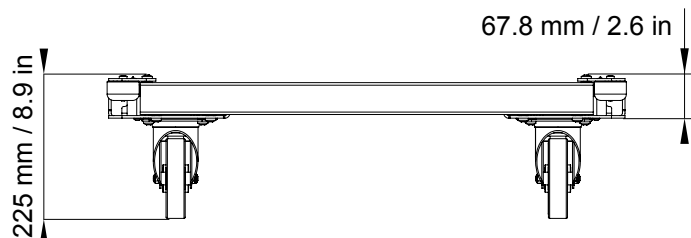
A-MOUNT dimensions



KS21-CHARIOT specifications

Description	Chariot for 3 KS21
Weight (net)	23.6 kg / 52 lb

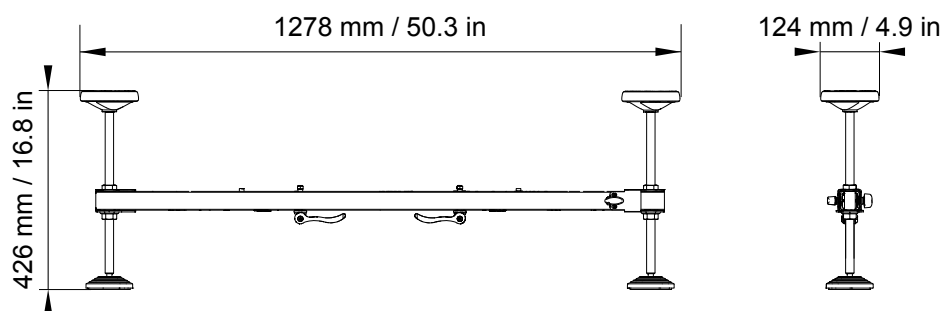
KS21-CHARIOT dimensions



K2-JACK specifications

Description	4 tilt adjustment screw jacks + bar for K2-CHARIOT
Weight (net)	10.1 kg / 22.3 lb (for one stabilizer)
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

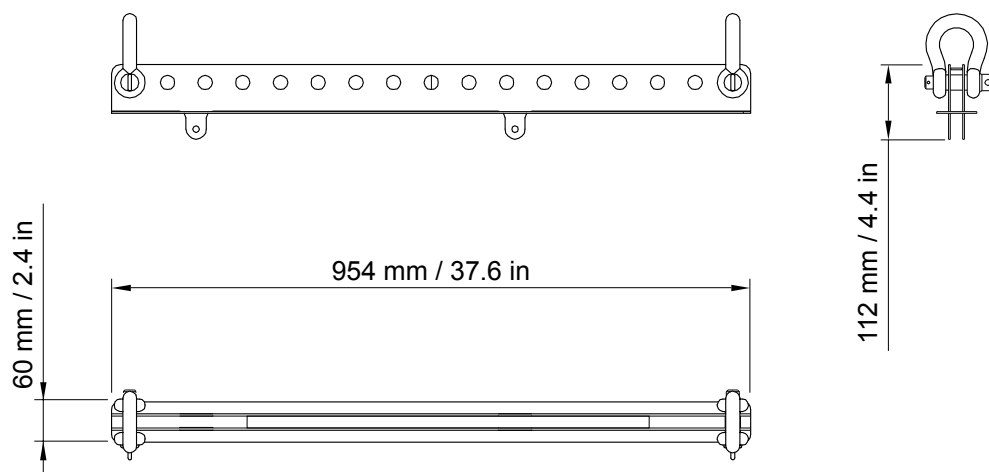
K2-JACK dimensions



M-BAR specifications

Description	Extension bar for rigging frame 2 × Ø19 mm shackles WLL 3.25 t
Weight (net)	5 kg / 11 lb
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

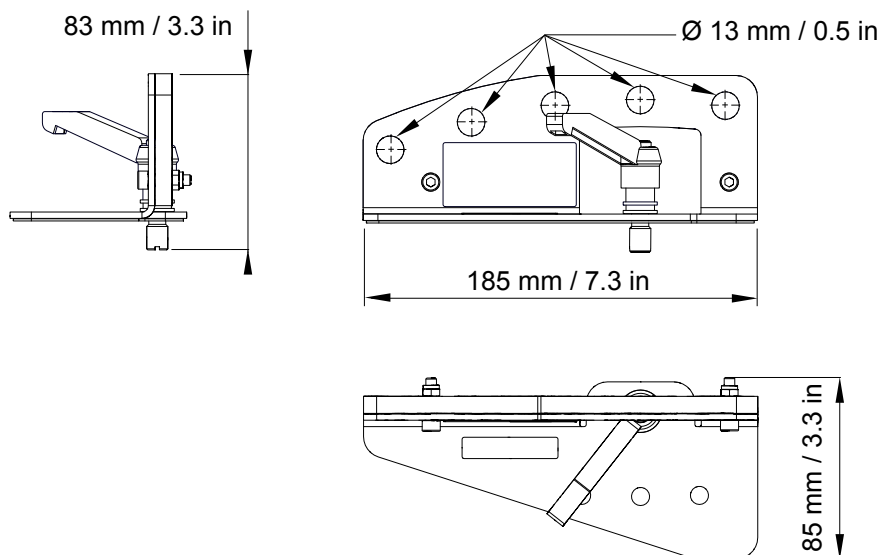
M-BAR dimensions



X-BAR specifications

Description	Rigging bar for 1 enclosure 1 × Ø12 mm shackle WLL 1 t
Weight (net)	1.1 kg / 2.4 lb
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

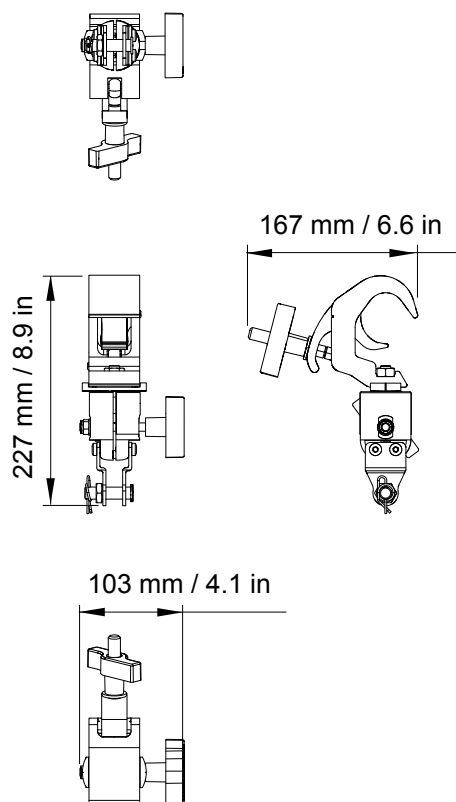
X-BAR dimensions



CLAMP250 specifications

Description	Clamp certified for 250 kg
Weight (net)	1.8 kg / 4 lb
Material	high grade steel with anti-corrosion coating

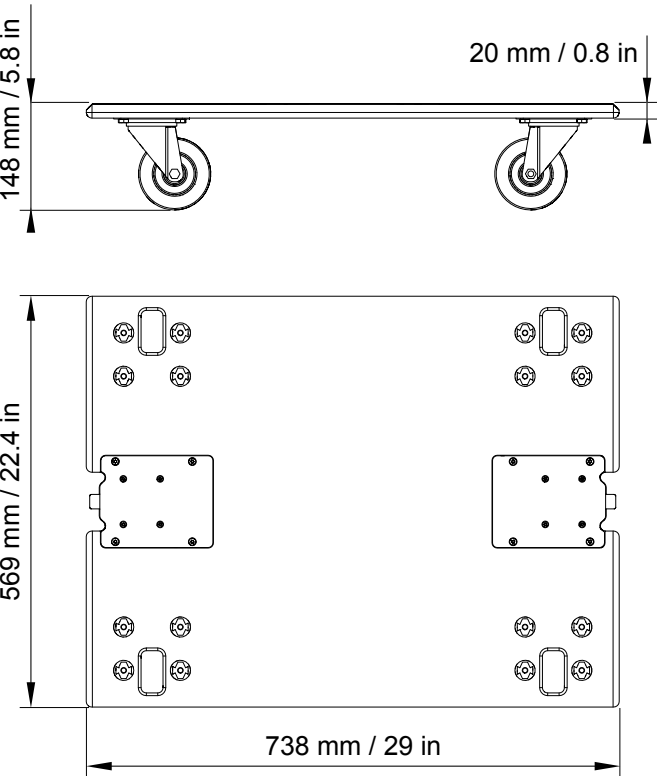
CLAMP250 dimensions



KS21-PLA specifications

Description	Removable front dolly for 1KS21
Weight (net)	9.5 kg / 21 lb

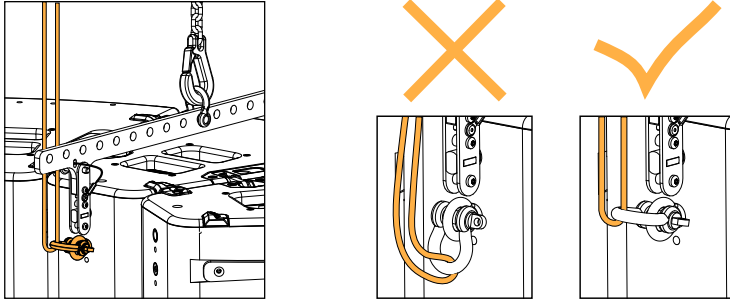
KS21-PLA dimensions



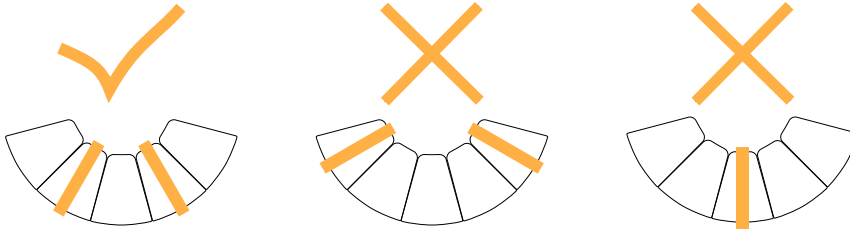
Authorized configurations with A15-LIFT

Safety instructions

- ! Additional safety with A15-LIFT**
On each enclosure on which A15-LIFT is secured, secure a DIN580 eye bolt to the dedicated insert to implement a secondary safety.
Use a shackle and a steel wire rope. Make sure the steel rope is as tensed as possible without bearing the load.



- ! A15-LIFT quantity and position**
Use one A15-LIFT for up to three enclosures in the array.
Do not leave more than two adjacent enclosures unsupported.



- ! A15-LIFT pickup point**
Select the same pickup point on each A15-LIFT within an array of up to 6 enclosures.
For larger arrays, refer to [Radial arrays of 7 enclosures and more](#) (p.94).

- ! Risk of tilting**
When using a single motor or a bridle, make sure the array is symmetrical.

- ! When using a third-party bridle, make sure the angle between the two chains does not exceed 60°.**

- i Hybrid configurations**
Either A15 Wide, A15 Focus or a combination of both can be used as illustrated.

Radial arrays of 1 to 6 enclosures

Refer to the illustrations to distribute the A15-LIFT bars on the array.



1 enclosure :
1 A15-LIFT



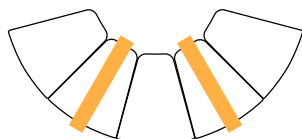
2 enclosures :
2 A15-LIFT



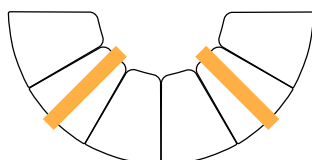
3 enclosures :
1 A15-LIFT



4 enclosures : 2 A15-LIFT



5 enclosures : 2 A15-LIFT



6 enclosures : 2 A15-LIFT

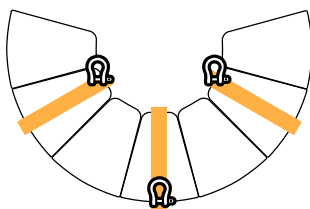
Radial arrays of 7 enclosures and more

Refer to the illustrations to distribute the A15-LIFT bars on the array.

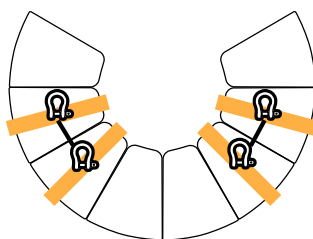


In radial arrays of 7 enclosures and more, make sure the site angle is 0°.

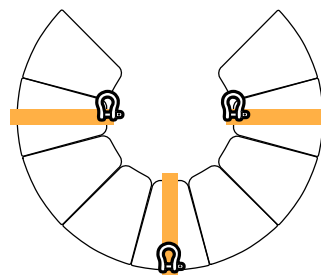
Position the pickup points to that the center of gravity is in the middle of the array.



7 enclosures : 3 A15-LIFT
pickup points 1 and 17
three motors



8 enclosures : 4 A15-LIFT
pickup point 9 and two bridles
two motors



9 enclosures : 3 A15-LIFT
pickup points 1 and 17
three motors

Installing an inclinometer on A15-BUMP

Tools

- torque screwdriver
- T20 Torx bit
- 7 mm wrench

About this task

A15-BUMP is equipped with a support plate for installing an optional inclinometer. Three models are compatible: TEQSAS® LAP-TEQ PLUS (provided in the **TECH TOOLCASE**), TEQSAS® LAP-TEQ (legacy model), and KSG® RECLINE Compact.

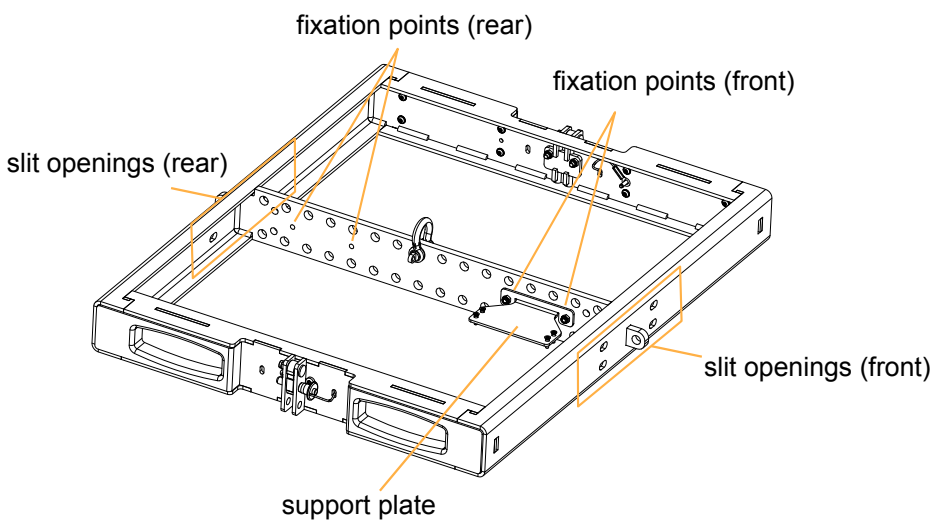


LAP-TEQ / LAP-TEQ PLUS sensor and display compatibility

The legacy LAP-TEQ sensors are compatible with the new TEQSAS® LAP-TEQ PLUS displays.

Conversely, the new sensors are **not** compatible with the legacy displays.

With two sets of fixation points and eight slit openings, the laser support plate position and orientation can be adapted to every use of the rigging frame.



Calibrating the inclinometer

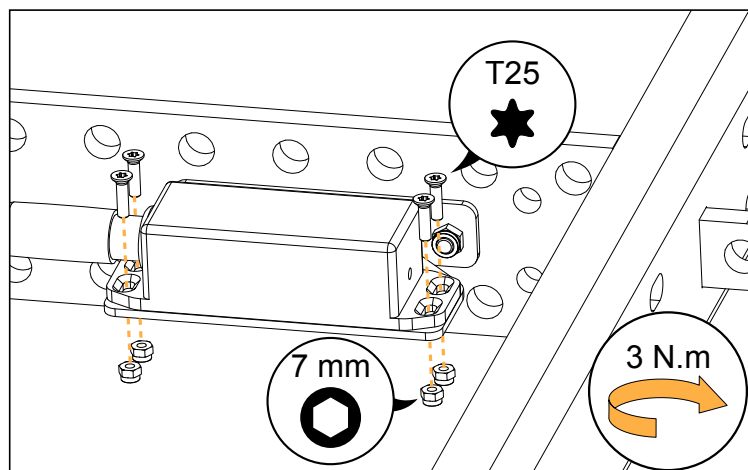
Refer to the manufacturer instructions.

An additional XLR cable is needed.

Exploded view

Use the screws and nuts provided with A15-BUMP.

Before tightening the screws, align the laser with the slit opening.



Recommendation for speaker cables

Follow the recommended maximum length for loudspeaker cables to ensure minimal SPL attenuation.



Cable quality and resistance

Only use high-quality fully insulated speaker cables made of stranded copper wire.

Use cables with a gauge offering low resistance per unit length and keep the cables as short as possible.

The table below provides the recommended maximum length for loudspeaker cables depending on the cable gauge and on the impedance load connected to the amplifier.

cable gauge			recommended maximum length					
			8 Ω load		4 Ω load		2.7 Ω load	
mm ²	SWG	AWG	m	ft	m	ft	m	ft
2.5	15	13	30	100	15	50	10	33
4	13	11	50	160	25	80	17	53
6	11	9	74	240	37	120	25	80

For your installation projects, you can use the more detailed L-ACOUSTICS calculation tool to evaluate cable length and gauge based on the type and number of enclosures connected. The calculation tool is available on our website:

<https://www.l-acoustics.com/en/installation/tools/>



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