



## **MODEL 302IQ®** **(1991-MSRP \$149.00)**

# **OWNER'S MANUAL AND INSTALLATION GUIDE**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Latest technology, high sound quality, powerful delivery, and **LINEAR POWER™** reliability all describe **LINEAR POWER™** low profile amplifiers. With new "IQ"® circuitry, their value increases. Versatile capabilities such as stereo, mono or mixed stereo/mono operation and 2 ohm capability make these amplifiers extremely desirable as the foundation of a multi-amplifier system.

### **TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION**

The "IQ"® series amplifiers are low profile inverted channel ("I") amplifiers. A quiet turn on circuit ("Q") has been added for improved performance. The amplifier design incorporates an unregulated power supply for increased dynamic headroom efficiency. The output stages of the **302IQ®** amplifier will deliver a significant increase in power into 2-ohm stereo loads. Amplifier reliability is accomplished by the amplifier operation level being set at approximately 50% of output transistors' rated power handling.

### **WIRING INSTRUCTIONS**

Disconnect battery ground cable before making any power connections.

**RED WIRE:** +12 volts. Connect directly to battery positive terminal and should be fused within 18 inches of battery and another fuse where the connection to the amplifier is made. Remember to use the proper size fuses. **WARNING: USING OVERSIZED FUSES IS DANGEROUS AND WILL VOID THE WARRANTY!** See specifications for proper fuse size. **Do not** install power fuse until amplifier installation is completed!

**BLACK WIRE:** negative ground. Connect to clean, unpainted metal surface on car chassis.

**RED/WHITE WIRE:** Remote turn on lead requires 12 volts; connect to power antenna lead from radio. When this not available, you may connect to a +12 volts wire that is on with the ignition on or in the accessory position.

**RCA CONNECTIONS:** Connect with quality-shielded patch cords from source, crossover, or any other sound processor.

**SPEAKER CONNECTIONS:** Slide wire into plug, with wires going down from plug connections should be as follows: (From Left to Right): first slot Left (-), second slot Left (+), Third slot Right (-) and fourth slot Right (+). For mono operation use Left (+) and Right (-). These amplifiers are capable of **2-ohm operation in stereo or 4-ohm in mono. (See diagram on next page)**

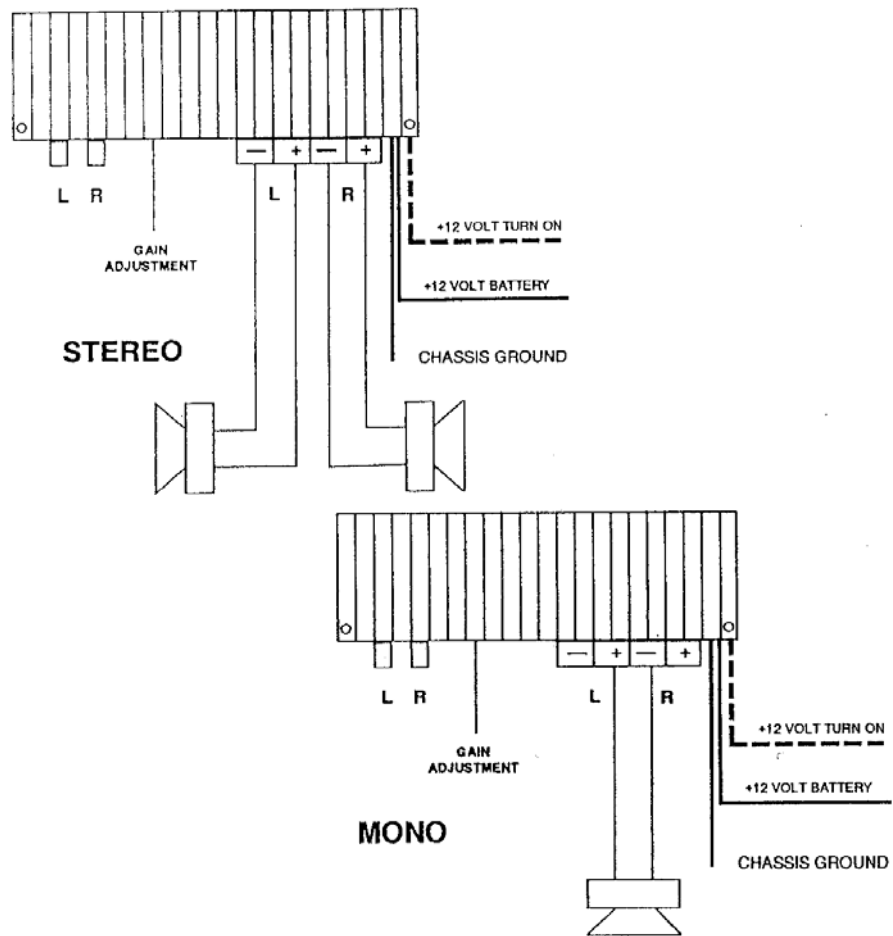
**OPERATING THE AMPLIFIER AT LESS THAN THESE RATINGS WILL CAUSE AMPLIFIER FAILURE AND VOID YOUR WARRANTY.**

#### **BRIDGED/MONO OPERATION:**

The **Model 302IQ** is built with the right channel inverted. This allows the amplifier to be used in a bridged mono configuration. Using an 8-ohm subwoofer speaker, hook it up using the two CENTER connections on the terminal strip. Follow the polarity of the strip as described in the section above.

This amplifier is capable of driving **4-ohm** loads in the **mono bridged** mode. For increased sound pressure levels, a 4-ohm load may be used. For systems requiring higher sound quality, an 8-ohm load is recommended. **(See diagram on next page)**

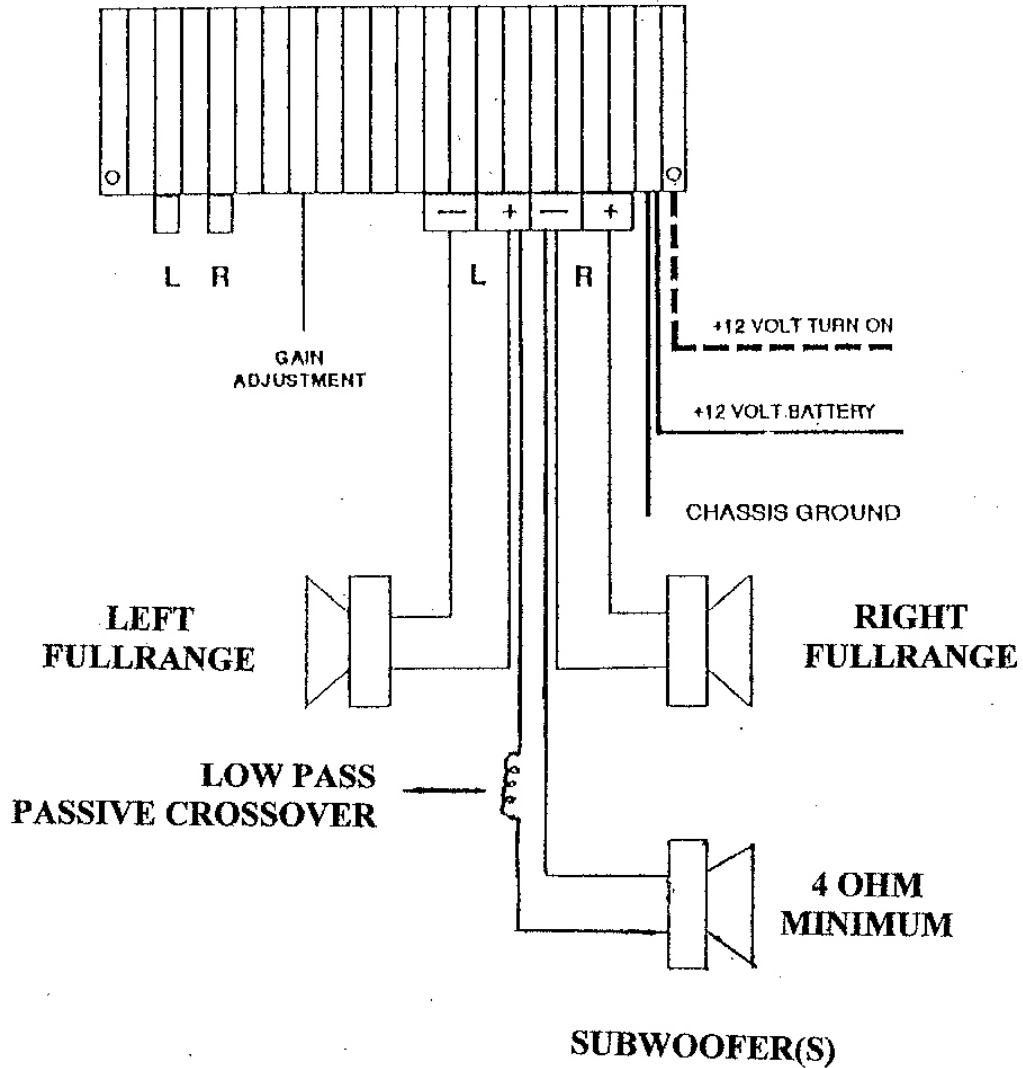
## 302IQ STEREO AND BRIDGED/MONO OPERATIONAL DIAGRAMS



### 3 CHANNEL MODE: STEREO PLUS SINGLE SUBWOOFER

To build a single amp system with two satellites and a subwoofer, configure the amplifier outputs as follows: Using 4-ohm satellite speakers, hook them up for normal stereo operation as described above. Then, using a 4-ohm subwoofer speaker, hook it up using the two CENTER connections on the terminal strip. Follow the polarity of the strip as described in the section above. A second set of satellites may be added for 2-ohm operation.

#### 3-CHANNEL OPERATIONAL DIAGRAM



## GAIN ADJUSTMENT

Set the amp gain to minimum, turn the source up until it just starts to distort, then back down slightly. This is the point where the output of the source is cleanest. Now adjust the amplifier gain up until it just starts to distort and back down slightly. This will allow the source and amp to reach maximum usable output at the same time.

## MOUNTING

1. The amplifier will work best if it is kept as cool as possible. Mount in a position that allows air to flow freely through the fins. Be sure there is ample space above the amplifier to avoid trapping heated air rising from the amplifier. The amplifier should not be mounted upside down. Avoid mounting any amplifier in the dash or on the firewall to avoid noises being radiated directly into the case.

2. The case of your amplifier is designed to act as a noise shield. To maintain this protection, be sure the metal case of the amp does not touch the metal of the car. Do not remove or damage the rubber grommets, which provide electrical insulation and vibration isolation.

## GENERAL TROUBLESHOOTING

**NO SOUND:** Check all connections. Check main power fuse. Check accessory fuse of your vehicle. Check to see that +12Vdc is present at the amplifier on the power wire, and on the red/white remote turn-on wire. Check for a solid ground connection. Check that the main music source is putting out signal.

**BLOWS FUSES:** Check all connections to be sure no wires are touching each other or the chassis of the vehicle or any other equipment in your install. Check that your speakers are in proper working order.

**SHUTS OFF:** These amplifiers are equipped with a Thermal Shutdown System. If the amplifier becomes too hot during operation, it will shutdown until it cools to proper operating temperature. This can be caused by lack of proper air circulation to the amp, or too low of speaker impedance.

**SERVICE OR REPAIR**

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## Specifications

### 302IQ©

<b>Power output @ 4 ohms RMS @12.5 volts</b>	<b>15x2</b>
<b>THD @ full output 20-20KHz</b>	<b>.08%</b>
<b>Slew Rate volts/microsecond</b>	<b>8Vms</b>
<b>Damping factor @ 4 ohms</b>	<b>&gt;100</b>
<b>Channel separation</b>	<b>60dB</b>
<b>Maximum current</b>	
4 ohms	<b>6A</b>
2 ohms	<b>10A</b>
Idle	<b>.5A</b>
<b>Fuse rating</b>	<b>10A</b>
<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>2x7.7x4.5</b>

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