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**ACOUSTIC ENERGY**

**3** **SERIES**  
THREE

**OWNERS MANUAL**

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# Introduction

Congratulations on choosing the Acoustic Energy 3 Series, speakers designed to offer exceptional performance with the highest standards of design and engineering.

The 3 Series has been engineered to offer neutral balance, low-distortion and high power handling with as little cabinet colouration as possible. The use of front slot-porting minimises room interaction while the hard-anodised spun aluminium cones ensure accurate, pistonical musical signal reproduction.

Please take a little time to read through this manual and follow, as far as practical, the installation guidelines it contains. Careful installation will help ensure your 3 Series speakers perform optimally and offer many years of listening enjoyment.

Should you have any questions not covered here or need more in-depth set-up advice we are happy to try and answer your queries either by telephone or email. Contact information can be found on the back of this manual.

# Positioning

The 3 Series are flexible with regard to positioning and are designed to work well with some reasonable thought to placement within the listening environment. There are some basic guidelines that should be followed (where possible) for optimum performance:

The tweeters (high frequency drivers, N/A to subwoofer) should ideally be at ear level when the listener is seated and for serious listening the grilles are best removed where practical. The 307 may require placement lower if used with a screen in typical A/V layout.

Rigid support is necessary for the speakers to deliver optimum dynamic response and detail, the 301's and 307 benefit from either good stands or a solid surface below them, the 305's and 308 should be used with their own floor spikes where possible. Extra coupling can be achieved with standard mounting tack used to secure placement.

Room positioning: The 3 Series speakers are relatively easy to place with no rear-porting but where possible a minimum of 8" (20cm) of space should be allowed between the speakers and boundary walls. Stereo models should be the same distance from each other as the listening position. Bungs can be used in ported models if bass becomes "boomy".

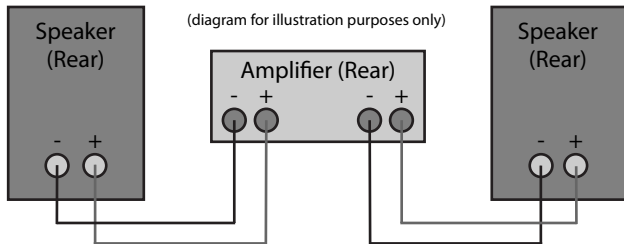
Experiment and listen to what works best for you, trust your own ears and judgement.

# Connections (301 and 305\*)

Check that your amplifier is switched off before installing your loudspeakers. Failure to do so may result in speaker or amplifier damage.

The positive cable from the amplifier positive (or red) terminal should connect with the positive (red) terminal on the loudspeaker. Similarly the negative cable should connect the amplifier negative terminal (black) to the negative terminal (black) on the loudspeaker.

After wiring up, lower the volume to the minimum, switch on the amplifier, select the signal source and then raise the volume to the listening level required.



\*For 307 and 308 models please refer to amplifier instruction manual as many configurations are possible and will vary.

# Specifications

Tweeter:	28mm AE Custom Fabric Dome (308 N/A)
Mid/Bass Drivers:	301,305,307 = 110mm Spun Aluminium Cones 308 = 300mm Recycled Pulp Fibre Cone
Power Handling:	301 = 150 Watts RMS, 305 = 200 Watts RMS 307 = 175 Watts RMS, 308 = Active 500 Watts
Frq Response:	301 = 48Hz-32kHz, 305 = 35Hz-32kHz 307 = 45Hz-32kHz, 308 = 28Hz-120Hz (+/- 3dB)
Sensitivity:	301 = 87dB, 305 = 90dB, 307 = 88dB (308 N/A)
Impedance:	8 ohm (6 ohm minimum) All models (308 N/A)
Cabinet:	Multiple brace, pressure loaded 18mm MDF with low turbulence slot ports, 308 Sealed box.
Weight (Each):	301 = 5.5kg, 305 = 17kg, 307 = 9kg, 308 = 20kg
Size (HxWxD):	301 = 300 x 185 x 250mm, 305 = 900 x 185 x 300mm 307 = 185 x 450 x 260mm , 308 = 360mm <sup>3</sup>
Finish:	High gloss piano black or white

# Warranty

Your Acoustic Energy 3 Series loudspeakers are guaranteed against original defects in materials, manufacture and workmanship for 3 years (308 Subwoofer 1 year) from the date of Purchase. Please retain all original packaging materials for possible future use.

We suggest that you complete the details of purchase now and keep this information in a safe place for future reference.

Under this warranty Acoustic Energy agrees to repair any defect or, at the company's discretion, replace the faulty component(s) without charge for parts or labour. This warranty does not imply any acceptance by Acoustic Energy or its agents for consequential loss or damage and specifically excludes fair wear and tear, accident, misuse or unauthorised modification.

This warranty is applicable in the United Kingdom only and does not in any way limit the customer's legal rights. Claims and enquiries under the warranty for AE products purchased outside the UK should be addressed to the local importers or distributors.

If you have reason to claim under the warranty please contact your dealer in the first instance.

Dealer's name: .....

Date of purchase: .....

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