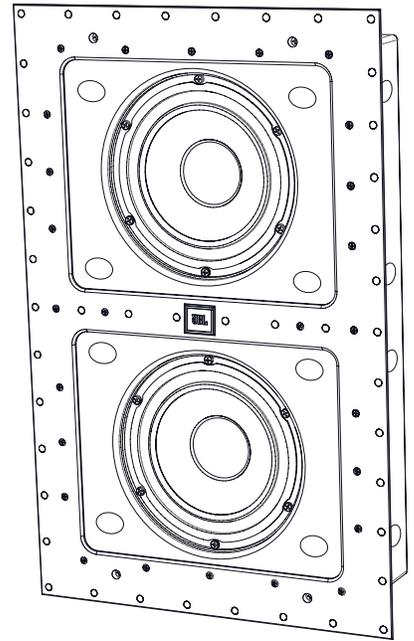
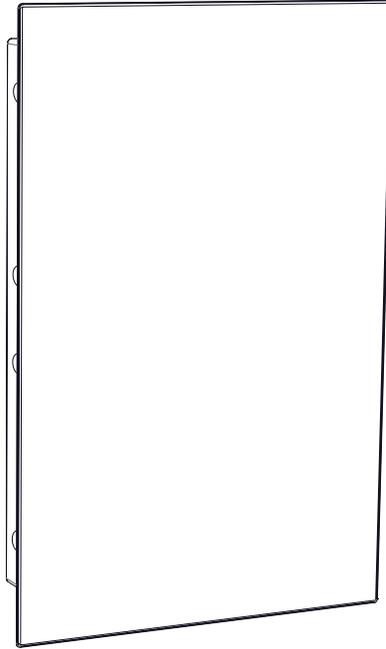




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# JBL<sup>®</sup> SSW-4

In-Wall Loudspeaker

**OWNER'S MANUAL**

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use only attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
2. Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over. 
3. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as when the power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, or the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally or has been dropped.



This product must not be disposed of or dumped with your other household waste. You are liable to dispose of all your electronic or electrical waste equipment by relocating over to the specified collection point for recycling of such hazardous waste. Isolated collection and proper recovery of your electronic and electrical waste equipment at the time of disposal will allow us to help conserving natural resources. Moreover, proper recycling of the electronic and electrical waste equipment will ensure safety of human health and environment. For more information about electronic and electrical waste disposal, recovery, and collection points, please contact your local city center, household waste disposal service, shop from where you purchased the equipment, or manufacturer of the equipment.

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### ROHS COMPLIANCE

This product is in compliance with Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment.

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Congratulations and Thank You for purchasing your new JBL® Synthesis SSW-4 In-Wall Subwoofer. Please take the time to read the following installation and setup information in order to optimize the performance of your architectural subwoofer system.

## ABOUT JBL®

Since 1946, JBL® has stood at the forefront of loudspeaker design and performance. Backed by Harman International's world leading research and design facilities, JBL® loudspeakers benefit from cutting edge resources such as:

- Multiple large anechoic chambers which allow for precise testing and measurements.
- A multi-channel listening lab for double-blind, position independent listening tests.
- A laser interferometer that enables detailed driver and cabinet analysis.
- Finite element analysis, utilized for advanced loudspeaker modeling.
- A stereo lithography apparatus, which rapidly "builds" tooled parts.

## ABOUT YOUR JBL® SSW-4 IN-WALL SUBWOOFER

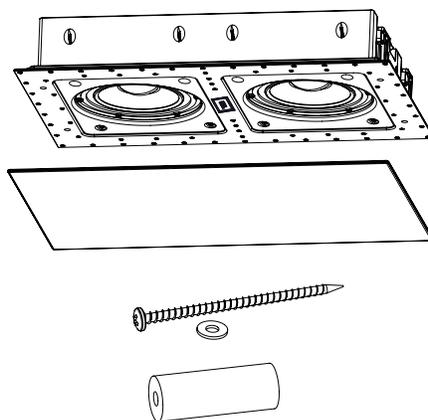
The SSW-4 subwoofer is a dual 8" woofer high performance in-wall subwoofer specifically designed to be used in conjunction with the JBL® SDA 8300 subwoofer amplifier. It is optimized to offer the best dynamics and frequency response with use of the JBL® SDA 8300 amplifier, which is specially designed to drive signature reactive load impedance of the SSW-4.

## PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

- Dual 8" low-profile, long-throw, Klippel-optimized, metal cone woofers
- Easy installation: run wire to mounting position, cut the hole, install the subwoofer
- Zero-bezel, magnetically-attached grille
- Gold-plated speaker terminals

## WHAT'S IN THE BOX

- 1 x SSW-4 Subwoofer
- 1 x SSW-4 Subwoofer Grille
- 8 x Mounting screws (Size #10, 3.5-inch/90mm length)
- 8 x Mounting screw washers (Size #10, Type A)
- 8 x Mounting isolators



## UNPACKING

Carefully unpack the subwoofer and accessories. If you suspect damage from transit, report it immediately to your dealer and/or delivery service. Keep the shipping carton and packing materials for future use.

**WARNING:** Before you start to set up your amplifier, make sure you read and observe the Important Safety Instructions found at the beginning of this manual.

## INSTALLATION SUMMARY

To install and use your new JBL® SSW-4, follow these steps:

1. Gather the necessary tools
2. Decide where to install the SSW-4 in the room
3. Cut the hole for the SSW-4
4. Run your wire
5. Connect and install the SSW-4
6. Enjoy!

### TOOLS REQUIRED

- Stud finder to locate your studs
- Pencil to mark the cut line per the dimension drawings
- Sheetrock knife
- Screwdriver or clutched drill with #2 Philips screwdriver head/bit

Optional:

- Fish tape or stick for running your speaker wire
- Spray paint to paint the grille to better match your décor

The JBL® SSW-4 is extremely easy to install. However, if you are unable to understand and follow the instructions in this manual clearly and fully, or if you are unsure of your ability to install these loudspeakers properly, please contact your dealer or a qualified installer.

**WARNING:** HARMAN International assumes no responsibility for improper installation of hardware or for any personal injuries or product damages resulting from improper installation or a fallen loudspeaker.

### SPEAKER PLACEMENT

Low-frequency sounds are normally omnidirectional, meaning the listener can't tell where they are generated from. However, frequencies between 75Hz and 150Hz can be localized, especially at higher volume levels. Positioning your subwoofer as recommended will provide the most natural soundstage and imaging from your loudspeaker system. It is recommended that you install your SSW-4 in-wall subwoofer along the same wall as the front loudspeakers. The SSW-4 subwoofer is not video-shielded and should not be placed near a video display affected by magnetic fields. Installing the SSW-4 near a corner will tend to maximize low-frequency output. Be cautious when installing in a corner, to avoid a "boomy" sound. Also take into consideration any unusual features of the room, such as an alcove, which may tend to create a localized node that may affect bass response in that area of the room.



It is also recommended that the speaker be installed so that the bottom of the speaker is approximately 12" from the floor. This is to help with the low-frequency loading (bass reinforcement). This also helps hide the speaker in a less visible place. In special circumstances it is acceptable to install the speaker at any height on a wall.

When using two SSW-4 in-wall subwoofer systems, you may need to be concerned about phase, as the sound waves may cancel each other out. If bass response seems low, try inverting the polarity on one subwoofer – i.e., connect the (+) terminal on the amplifier to the (-) terminal on the speaker, and the (-) terminal on the amplifier to the (+) terminal on the speaker.

**NOTE:** Remember that these are just guidelines. Since every listening room is different, we at JBL strongly recommend experimenting with the positioning of your subwoofer prior to cutting the wall to obtain the most pleasing results in your room. One technique that can help you find the ideal subwoofer location is to temporarily borrow a stand-alone subwoofer and place it near the main listening location. Then move around the room and determine where you hear the most pleasing bass performance. This would then be the ideal location for the subwoofer. To be absolutely sure, we recommend placing your SSW-4 as close as possible to the intended location, and hooking it up to the SDA 8300 and a source. Then play some music or video clips to make sure it will have the right character. Do not play the SSW-4 too loudly, or it will vibrate on the wall, possibly marking the wall.

## CUTTING THE HOLE

First, use a pencil to mark the hole using the dimension drawing to the right.

Then carefully use the sheetrock knife to cut the hole along your markings. The hole should just fit between two studs, which the SSW-4 will use for isolation mount attachment.

## RUNNING THE WIRE

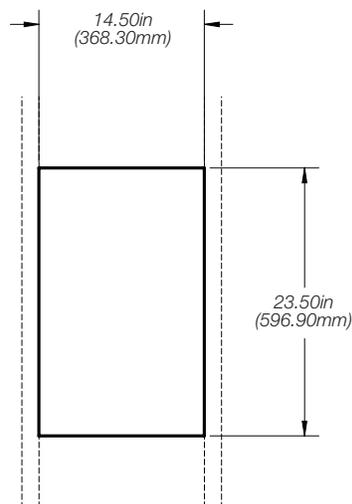
**CAUTION: REMOVE POWER – You must connect the speaker wires before the speaker is fully installed. To protect the audio system and yourself from damage or injury through accidental electrical shorting and surges during installation, turn all audio system power OFF before beginning the speaker installation.**

At this point, it is a good time to run your wire from the SDA 8300 amplifier location to the hole that you cut for the SSW-4. Use high-quality speaker wire to obtain the best performance from your JBL® SSW-4.

- For wire lengths of less than 50 ft (15m), use at least 16-gauge speaker wire.
- For wire lengths between 50 ft and 100 ft (15m – 30m), use at least 12-gauge speaker wire.
- For wire lengths of greater than 100 ft (30m), use at least 10-gauge speaker wire.

**NOTE:** All speaker wires must comply with all local building and safety codes for use in in-wall applications.

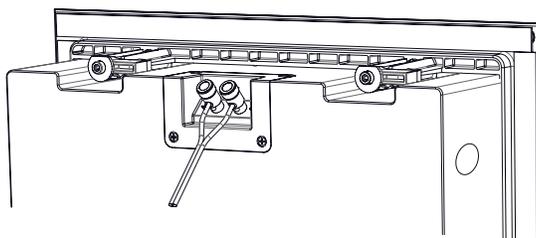
Either place the SSW-4 on a flat surface on its face, or have someone hold it while you connect the wires to the gold-plated speaker terminals at the top end. Push on the speaker terminal to open the wire hole and insert the wire, positive lead to red, and negative lead to black. Make sure that no stray wire strands touch the other speaker terminal.



## CONNECTIONS

Use one side of the wire to connect one of the SDA 8300's positive (+) output terminal to the positive (red) terminal on the SSW-4. Most wires have one lead with either printing, periodically spaced plus signs, or a rib to differentiate it from the other lead just for this purpose. Use the other lead of the pair to connect the associated negative (-) SDA 8300 terminal to the negative (black) terminal on the same SSW-4. It does not matter which set of outputs a single SSW-4 is connected to.

In general, do not reverse polarities (that is, do not connect the SDA 8300 + output to the SSW-4 – input, or the SDA 8300 – output to the SSW-4 + input) when making connections. In most rooms, doing so will cause poor imaging and diminished bass response. In unusual rooms or placements however, it might help to do this – see Troubleshooting, below.



Press down on the post to open the hole; insert the bare end of the wire into the hole and release the post to secure the wire.

**CAUTION: To avoid short circuits that may damage your equipment, be certain that positive and negative wire strands do not touch each other and do not touch metal parts such as the speaker frame.**

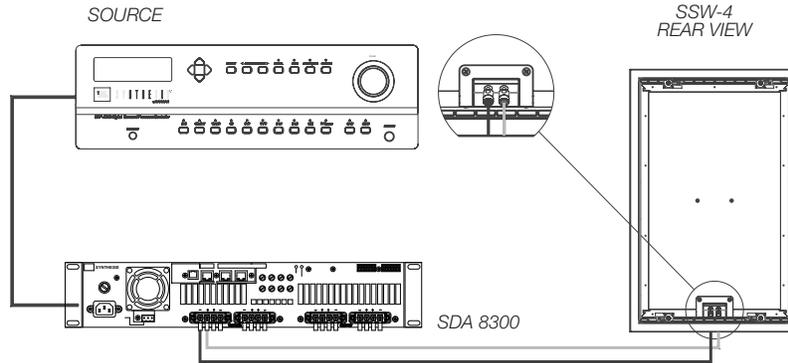
**CAUTION: When connecting two SSW-4 subwoofers to one SDA 8300, ALWAYS connect one to one output of the SDA 8300. NEVER connect two SSW-4s to one SDA 8300 output because either the amplifier or speaker will be damaged.**

## CONNECTING THE JBL SDA 8300 AMPLIFIER TO THE JBL SSW-4 SUBWOOFER MODULE

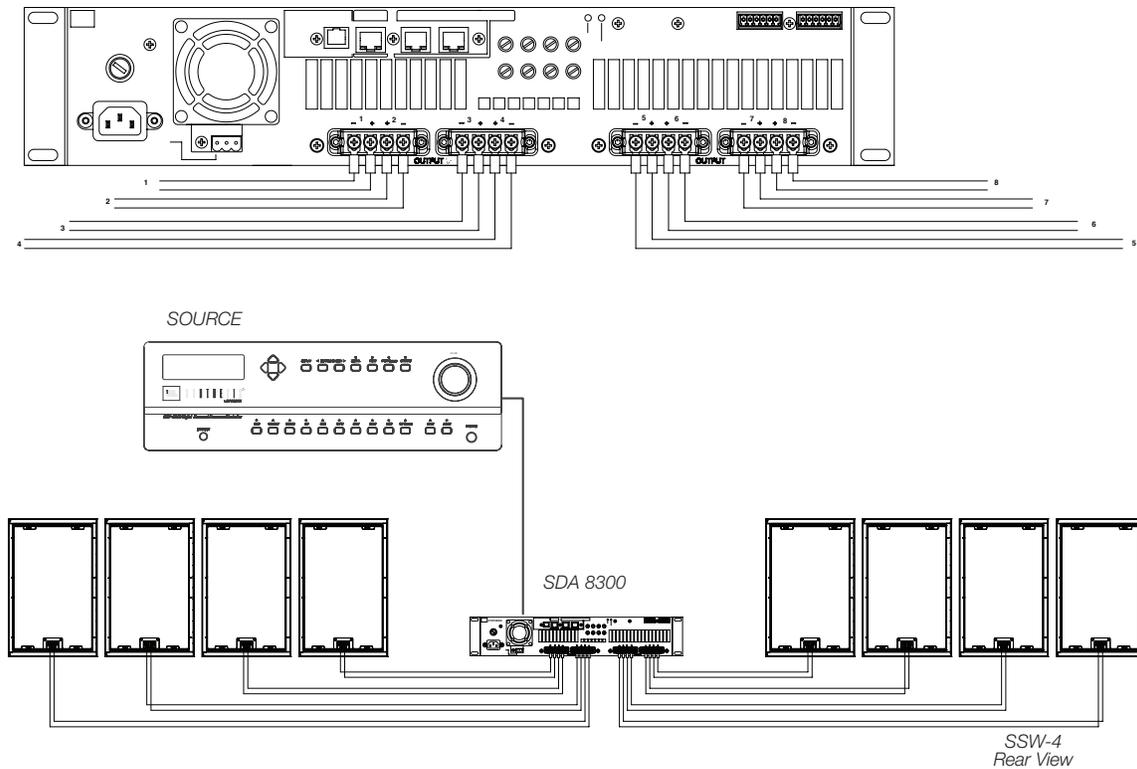
The JBL SSW-4 Subwoofer is intended for use with only the JBL SDA 8300 amplifier (sold separately).

**IMPORTANT! All crossover settings are contained on a DSP preset file that should be downloaded from the JBL SSW-4 product webpage at [www.jblsynthesis.com](http://www.jblsynthesis.com). Install the file on the SDA 8300 JBL amplifier per the instructions included with the downloaded file. Use of this file with the JBL SDA 8300 amplifier is the only way to achieve optimal performance and avoid subwoofer damage. Refer to amplifier's owner's manual for further guidance.**

Connecting a single SSW-4 subwoofer:

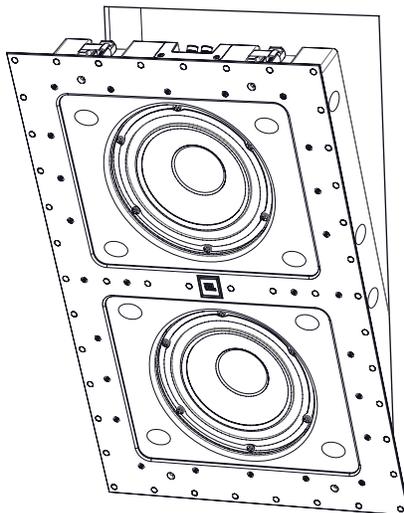


Connecting eight SSW-4 subwoofers:



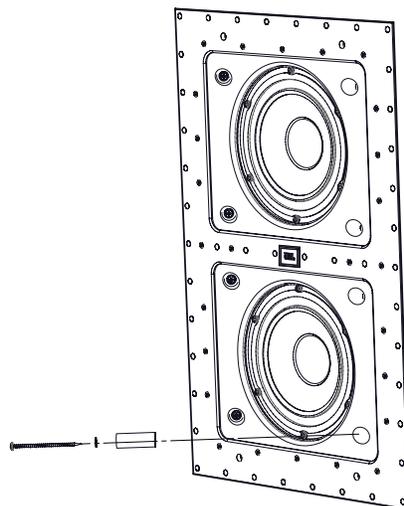
## INSTALLATION

Once the wire is attached to the SSW-4 in-wall subwoofer, place the subwoofer into the opening you have cut in your wall. The SSW-4 is designed for the terminals to point up as it sits in the wall.



When the SSW-4 is in the wall, tighten the attachment screws at the top and bottom. This will bind the wall to the dog-leg clamps at the ends of the subwoofer. **DO NOT OVER-TIGHTEN** – at this point, they only need to be firm.

Insert one mounting isolator into each of 8 openings. Next, put one washer onto each included mounting screw, and insert this assembly into the isolation mount through-hole.



Now tighten the isolator mount screws. This assembly will expand the isolator mount to hold the subwoofer in the wall. The screws should be firmly tightened enough to expand the isolator mounts, but do not need to be tightened beyond this point.

After installation, play signal through the subwoofer. If there is any buzzing or rattling coming from the SSW-4, adjust the mounting screw tightness until it is gone.

## PAINTING THE SPEAKER GRILLE

The SSW-4 loudspeaker grille can be painted to match any décor. If you wish to change the color, the satin finish on the grille will function as a primer coat. Use a high-quality spray paint, and apply a thin coat of color. Paint the grille separately from the baffle before installing it. After painting the grille, remove and discard the scrim cloth attached to the back side of the grille. If you choose to paint your grille, you may order an extra scrim cloth by contacting us at the phone number located at the end of this manual.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

SYMPTOM	SOLUTION
If there is no sound from any of the speakers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check that the source/receiver/SDA 8300 is on and playing.</li><li>• Check all wires and connections between the receiver/SDA 8300 and the speakers. Make sure all wires are connected. Make sure none of the speaker wires are frayed, cut, punctured or touching each other.</li><li>• Review proper operation of your receiver/SDA 8300.</li></ul>
If there is no sound coming from one speaker:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check the Balance control and channel output level settings on your receiver/SDA 8300.</li><li>• Check all wires and connections between the receiver/SDA 8300 and the speakers. Make sure all wires are connected. Make sure none of the speaker wires are frayed, cut, punctured or touching each other. In multichannel applications, make sure that your receiver/processor has been configured to enable all channels that you are using.</li></ul>
If there is low (or no) bass output:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make sure the connections to the speaker inputs have the correct polarity (+ and -). If you are using two SSW-4 subwoofers, try inverting the polarity on one subwoofer.</li><li>• In surround modes, make sure your receiver/ processor is correctly configured. Make sure the subwoofer output of the receiver/processor has been enabled. See your receiver/ processor's owner's manual for further information on correct speaker configuration in surround modes.</li></ul>
If the system plays at low volumes but shuts off as volume is increased:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check all wires and connections between the receiver/SDA 8300 and all of the speakers. Make sure all wires are connected. Make sure none of the speaker wires are frayed, cut, punctured or touching each other. A shorting satellite speaker could shut the receiver down.</li><li>• If more than one pair of main speakers is being used, check the minimum-impedance requirements of your receiver.</li></ul>
If you are hearing midrange frequencies (such as vocals) through the subwoofer:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adjust the crossover frequency on your JBL SDA 8300 amplifier to a lower value.</li></ul>

### EXCESSIVE OUTPUT LEVELS

Your JBL® loudspeakers feature custom-designed transducers and high quality network components featuring high-order filters with steep cutoffs that reduce the potential of damage to individual speaker drivers and help the loudspeakers maintain their performance even under extreme operating conditions. However, all loudspeakers have limits when it comes to continuous playback. To extend these limits, avoid playback at volume levels that result in distorted or strained sound.

## SPECIFICATIONS

### SSW-4

Driver Complement:	Dual 8" Polymer-coated Aluminum Cone Rubber-Surround woofers
Frequency Response (-6 dB):	36 Hz – 150 Hz, using the SDA 8300
Required Amplifier:	JBL® SDA 8300 Amplifier
Nominal Impedance:	8 Ohm
Sensitivity:	Variable, using the SDA 8300
Dimensions (H x W x D), with grille:	25-3/8" x 16-1/2" x 4" (645mm x 419mm x 102mm)
Mounting Cutout Size (H x W):	23-1/2" x 14-1/2" (596.9mm x 368mm)
Weight per speaker:	28.4 lb. (12.9kg.)

Features, specifications and appearance are subject to change without notice.

## LIMITED WARRANTY

JBL loudspeakers are warranted against defects. The duration of a warranty depends on the laws in the country in which it was purchased. Your local JBL retailer can help you determine the duration and coverage of your warranty.

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