# **GXD** Amplifier



User Manual

GXD 4

GXD 8



TD-000450-00-B



## **EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS**

The term "WARNING!" indicates instructions regarding personal safety. If the instructions are not followed the result may be bodily injury or death.

The term "CAUTION!" indicates instructions regarding possible damage to physical equipment. If these instructions are not followed, it may result in damage to the equipment that may not be covered under the warranty.

The term "IMPORTANT!" indicates instructions or information that are vital to the successful completion of the procedure.

The term "NOTE" is used to indicate additional useful information.



The intent of the lightning flash with arrowhead symbol in a triangle is to alert the user to the presence of un-insulated "dangerous" voltage within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to humans.

The intent of the exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is to alert the user to the presence of important safety, and operating and maintenance instructions in this manual.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS





WARNING !: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS EQUIPMENT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

- 1. Read these instructions.
- 2. Keep these instructions.
- 3. Heed all warnings.
- 4. Follow all instructions.
- 5. Do not use this apparatus near water.
- 6. Clean only with a dry cloth.
- 7. Do not block any ventilation opening. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- 8. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- 9. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
- 10. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
- 11. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- 12. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- 13. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
- 14. The appliance coupler, or the AC Mains plug, is the AC mains disconnect device and shall remain readily operable after installation.
- 15. Adhere to all applicable, local codes.
- 16. To reduce the risk of electrical shock, the power cord shall be connected to a mains socket outlet with a protective earthing connection.
- 17. Consult a licensed, professional engineer when any doubt or questions arise regarding a physical equipment installation.
- 18. Do not use any aerosol spray, cleaner, disinfectant or fumigant on, near or into the apparatus.
- 19. Do not unplug the unit by pulling on the cord, use the plug.
- 20. Do not submerge the apparatus in water or liquids.
- 21. Keep ventilation opening free of dust or other matter.

### **Maintenance and Repair**



**WARNING!:** Advanced technology, e.g., the use of modern materials and powerful electronics, requires specially adapted maintenance and repair methods. To avoid a danger of subsequent damage to the apparatus, injuries to persons and/or the creation of additional safety hazards, all maintenance or repair work on the apparatus should be performed only by a QSC authorized service station or an authorized QSC International Distributor. QSC is not responsible for any injury, harm or related damages arising from any failure of the customer, owner or user of the apparatus to facilitate those repairs.

### **FCC Statement**



**NOTE:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation.

This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- · Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

### Warranty

For a copy of the QSC Limited Warranty, visit the QSC website at www.qsc.com

# Introduction

The GXD Class-D amplifiers have been engineered for high performance output and optimized for maximum real-world headroom into 4  $\Omega$  and 8  $\Omega$  loudspeaker systems. The power levels of the GXD amplifiers are matched to the most popular loudspeakers:

- GXD 4, per channel 400 W into 8  $\Omega_{\text{r}}$  and 600 W into 4  $\Omega$  (1600 W peak)
- GXD 8, per channel 800 W into 8  $\Omega$ , and 1200 W into 4  $\Omega$  (4500 W peak)

The Class-D amplifier topology is very efficient, making the GXD amplifiers small and light. In addition the Universal Power Supply used in the GXD helps to reduce weight. Both amplifiers are 2RU and are only 229 mm (9 inches) deep. The GXD 4 weighs in at 5.1 kg (11 lbs), the GXD 8 is at 5.9 kg (13 lbs).

The GXD amplifiers have an LCD for control and monitoring, with three buttons for menu navigation, and two knobs for adjusting parameters. There are 18 User Presets that can be edited, stored and recalled to match any configuration or system

Each channel has parallel XLR and 1/4" TRS connectors for inputs. The outputs are professional NL4 and binding post connectors for mono and bi-amp speaker connectivity.

Both amplifiers have complete loudspeaker processing:

- Channel Gain & Polarity
- 4th Order Linkwitz Riley Highpass and Lowpass Filters
- 4-band Parametric EQ
- 50 mSec of Alignment Delay
- QSC Smart Speaker Protection limiters

### **Package Contents**

- 1. Quick-Start Guide TD-000449-00
- 2. GXD Amplifier
- 3. IEC AC Power Cord

### **Rack-Mount the Amplifier**

The GXD Series amplifiers are designed to be mounted in a standard rack-mount unit. The amplifiers are 2RU high, and 229 mm (9 in) deep.

1. Secure the amplifier in the rack with four screws (not included).



**CAUTION!:** Be sure that nothing is blocking the front or rear ventilation openings, and that each side has a minimum of 2 cm clearance.

### **Features**

### **Amplifier Front Panel**



### Amplifier Rear Panel (Figure 2 GXD 4, Figure 3 GXD 8)

12. Channel B CLIP (red)





- 1. Channel 1 and Channel 2 Input XLRs (female)
- 2. Channel 1 and Channel 2 Input TRS (female)
- 3. USB Connector

- 4. Channel A Output Binding Posts
- 5. Channel A Output NL4 Connector
- 6. Channel B Output Binding Posts
- 7. Channel B Output NL4 Connector
- 8. Air Vents

- 9. Circuit Breaker (GXD 4-11 A, GXD 8-20 A)
- 10. IEC Power Connection
- 11. Rear Rack-mount Brackets
- 12. Front Rack-mount Brackets

### Connections

### Inputs (Channels 1 & 2)

See Figure 4

Input Impedance: 20k  $\Omega$  Balanced, 10k  $\Omega$  Unbalanced See – Table 1 for wiring.

- 1. XLR female
- 2. 1/4" female TRS Phone Jack
- 3. USB Standard B connector

### **Outputs (Channels A & B)**

See Figure 5

4  $\Omega$  or 8  $\Omega$  impedance



**CAUTION!:** Do not combine the audio outputs in any way. Do not connect the audio outputs to ground.

#### Wiring Be sure to observe polarity.

- NL4 connector See Figure 6
- Binding Posts Use banana plugs or wire directly.





– Figure 6 –

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		USB
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Input Wiring					
Connector	POS	NEG	GROUND		
XLR	2	3	1		
1/4" TIP RING SLEEVE					
– Table 1 –					

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Power Output				
Amplifier	<b>8</b> Ω	4 Ω	Peak	
GXD 4	400 W	600 W	1600 W	
GXD 8	800 W	1200 W	4500 W	

— Table 2 —

#### **AC Power**



WARNING!: The power cord shall be connected to a mains socket outlet with a protective earthing connection.

#### See Figure 7

Connect the IEC power cord to the AC receptacle on the rear of the amplifier.

Push to reset Breaker when necessary.

Power Consumption				
Amplifier	Voltage	Current	Frequency	
GXD 4	100-240 VAC	~3.3 A-1.6 A	50/60 Hz	
GXD 8	100-240 VAC	~6.3 A-3.1 A	50/60 Hz	

– Table 3 –



– Figure 7 –

### Controls

See Figure 8

- 1. Channel A CLIP indicator illuminates red when the input is high enough to cause the channel to clip.
- 2. Channel A SIG (signal) present indicator illuminates green when there is a signal applied to the input.
- 3. Power Switch/LED on/off Illuminates blue when on.
- 4. Adjust Channel A GAIN
- 5. User Interface
  - a. HOME go to HOME screen / view current PRESET
  - b. **ENTER** select highlighted item and/or confirm parameter change
  - c. **EXIT** return to previous screen and/or undo parameter change
- 6. Adjust Channel B GAIN, selects and adjusts controls
- 7. Channel B SIG (signal) presence indicator illuminates green when there is a signal applied to the input.
- 8. Channel B CLIP indicator illuminates red when the input is high enough to cause the channel to clip.

# **GXD Signal Flow**







# Setup and Operation

### Menu Tree



### **Navigation Key**



From HOME -

- 1. Previous selection PRESETS
- 2. Currently selected STEREO DSP (or DSP A and DSP B)
- 3. Next selection UTILITIES
- 4. Instructions

### Configurations

There are three basic types of configuration selected by presets:

- Figure 13 2 channels in, stereo DSP, 2 channels out Channel controls are linked, audio signals are not combined. (P1 through P7)
- Figure 14 2 channels in, separate DSP, 2 channels out Channel controls are not linked except sensitivity. (P8 through P10)
- Figure 15 1 or 2 channels in, separate DSP, 2 channels out Channel controls are not linked except sensitivity. (P11 through P18)



For ST (stereo) DSP presets, the DSP functionality (Crossover, PEQ, Delay, Limiter) controls are linked. Sensitivity is always linked.

#### Presets

A preset configures the inputs and outputs, along with setting the DSP. When you make changes to the DSP, you can save your setup in any of the 18 preset locations. Refer to "Preset Defaults" on page 12 for the preset factory defaults.

#### **View Current Preset Configuration**













### PRESET RECALL

Recall a preset to configure the amplifier to meet the requirements of your loudspeakers and installation. There are 18 Presets. See Figure 18

1. From HOME  $\rightarrow$  ENTER 2. ()  $\bigcirc$  B  $\rightarrow$  PRESET,  $\rightarrow$  ENTER 3. ()  $\bigcirc$  B  $\rightarrow$  PRESET RECALL,  $\rightarrow$  ENTER 4. ()  $\bigcirc$  B  $\rightarrow$  the preset you want,  $\rightarrow$  ENTER ENTER

### PRESET SAVE

Saves the active preset with any DSP changes. See Figure 19

- 1. From HOME ENTER
- 2. () B → PRESET, → ENTER
- 3. ( ) B → PRESET SAVE, → ENTER ENTER

### PRESET SAVE AS

Select the LOCATION and/or change the NAME to save changes you make to the DSP. See Figure 20 and Figure 21



### STEREO DSP or DSP A and DSP B

STEREO DSP is set for both channels equally, at the same time. Separate DSPs (DSP A and DSP B) are set independently for each channel. The Sensitivity controls are linked in both Stereo DSP and dual mono DSP. Switching between Stereo DSP and Separate DSP is done by recalling presets that are either stereo or dual mono.

Any changes you make are made in real time – you hear the change as it is being made.



**NOTE:** The term "STEREO DSP" is used in this document as a generic term to mean either STEREO DSP or DSP A/DSP B, unless specifically noted.



PRESET > RECALL		
P14: ST E15		
ENTER TO SELECT		

– Figure 18 –

P.	1:	ST	SAT	FULL	RANGE	
1	PRE	ESET	r Reg	CALL		
	PR	ES	ET S	SAVE		
1	PR	ESET	۲ SA	/E AS		
Е	NTI	ER T	FO SI	ELECT		

- Figure 19 -

PRESET > SAVE AS

P14: ST E15

LOCATION ENTER TO S	NAME	SAVE
-	- Figure 20 —	
PRESET > S	SAVE AS	

PRESET > SAVE AS		
P14: ST E15		
ENTER: PRESS TO ADVANCE HOLD TO ACCEPT		

— Figure 21 —

#### **CROSSOVER AND POLARITY**



2 Set the power to the Continous Power rating of the loudspeaker.

## Utilities

### Status



### **Preset Defaults**

The following settings apply to all factory presets.

Sensitivity: 1.2V (+4dBu)

Crossover: POLARITY +

EQ Band 1: GAIN 0.0 dB, FREQUENCY 100 Hz, BANDWIDTH 1.0 OCT

EQ Band 2: GAIN 0.0 dB, FREQUENCY 500 Hz, BANDWIDTH 1.0 OCT

EQ Band 3: GAIN 0.0 dB, FREQUENCY 1000 Hz, BANDWIDTH 1.0 OCT

EQ Band 4: GAIN 0.0, dB FREQUENCY 5000 Hz, BANDWIDTH 1.0 OCT

Delay: 0.00 MS, M, FT (milliseconds, meters, and feet)

Limiter: TYPE MEDIUM, POWER 800 W GXD 8, 400 W GXD 4, IMP 8  $\Omega$ 

- Table 5 lists the unique factory default settings for each preset.

Preset	Loudspeaker Type	DSP Type	High-Pass Filter	Low-Pass Filter	Configuration
P1: ST SAT FULLRANGE	Full Range Satellite	Stereo	Bypass	Bypass	P1-P4: ST SAT
P2: ST SAT 80 HZ	Full Range Satellite	Stereo	80 Hz	Bypass	<b>_</b>
P3: ST SAT 90 HZ	Full Range Satellite	Stereo	90 Hz	Bypass	
P4: ST SAT 100 HZ	Full Range Satellite	Stereo	100 Hz	Bypass	
P5: ST SUB 80 HZ	Subwoofer	Stereo	Bypass	80 Hz	P5-P7: ST SUB
P6: ST SUB 90 HZ	Subwoofer	Stereo	Bypass	90 Hz	
P7: ST SUB 100 HZ	Subwoofer	Stereo	Bypass	100 Hz	
P8: MONITORS 60 HZ	Monitor	DSP A	60 Hz	Bypass	
	Monitor	DSP B	60 Hz	Bypass	P8-P10: MONITORS
P9: MONITORS 80 HZ	Monitor	DSP A	80 Hz	Bypass	_
	Wonto	DSP B	80 Hz	Bypass	
P10: MONITORS 100 HZ	Monitor	DSP A	100 Hz	Bypass	
	Wonto	DSP B	100 Hz	Bypass	
P11: SUB SAT 80 HZ	Subwoofer	DSP A	Bypass	80 Hz	
TH. JOD JAI OUTIZ	Full Range Satellite	DSP B	80 Hz	Bypass	P11-P13: SUB SAT
P12: SUB SAT 90 HZ	Subwoofer	DSP A	20 Hz	90 Hz	
FIZ. JUD JAI JUTIZ	Full Range Satellite	DSP B	90 Hz	Bypass	
P13: SUB SAT 100 HZ	Subwoofer	DSP A	Bypass	100 Hz	
P15. 30D 3AT 100 HZ	Full Range Satellite	DSP B	100 Hz	Bypass	
P14: BIAMP 1000 HZ	Biamp	DSP A	Bypass	1000 Hz	
F14. DIAMIF 1000 HZ	קוווםט	DSP B	1000 Hz	Bypass	
P15: BIAMP 1100 HZ	Biamp	DSP A	Bypass	1100 Hz	
TIS. DIAMIT TIOUTIZ	ЧШы	DSP B	1100 Hz	Bypass	P14-P18: BIAMP
P16: BIAMP 1200 HZ Biamp	Piama	DSP A	Bypass	1200 Hz	
	אווומים	DSP B	1200	Bypass	
P17: BIAMP 1300 HZ	Diama	DSP A	Bypass	1300 Hz	
FT7. DIAIVIE ISUU EL	Biamp	DSP B	1300 Hz	Bypass	
P18: BIAMP 1500 HZ	D'	DSP A	Bypass	1500 Hz	
TIO. DIAWIT ISUU TL	Biamp	DSP B	1500 Hz	Bypass	

– Table 5 –

# Specifications

	GXD 4	GXD 8		
Stereo Mode - watts per channel				
8 $\Omega$ dynamic, both channels driven	600 watts	1500 watts		
4 $\Omega$ dynamic, both channels driven	800 watts	2250 watts		
8 $\Omega$ continuous, both channels driven	400 watts	800 watts		
4 $\Omega$ continuous, both channels driven	600 watts	1200 watts		
Distortion (typical)				
1 kHz at full rated power	< 1% THD			
Signal to Noise (A-weighted, 20 Hz – 20 kHz)	100 dB			
Input Sensitivity	1.2 Vrms (+ 4 dBu)			
	3.9 Vrms (+14 dBu)			
Voltage Gain (8 Ω)	33.5 dB	36.5 dB		
Output Circuitry	Class D	Class D		
Power Requirements: 1/8 power at 4 $\Omega$				
100 VAC	3.3 Amps	6.3 Amps		
120 VAC	2.9 Amps	5.6 Amps		
240 VAC	1.6 Amps	3.1 Amps		
Frequency Response (20 Hz – 20 kHz)	+0.7 dB, -0.8 dB			
Dynamic Headroom (4 $\Omega$ )	1.25 dB	2.73 dB		
Damping Factor	100			
Input Impedance ( $\Omega$ )	20k (balanced), 10k (unbalanced)			
Maximum Input Level	+23.5 dBu			
Input Connectors (each channel)	3-pin XLR • 1/4" TRS, balanced			
Output Connectors	Two NL4s (Channel A NL4 allows biamap	operation), Two binding posts per channel		
Amplifier and Load Protection	Short circuit, open circuit, thermal, RF pro	tection		
	Load protected against DC faults			
Front Panel Controls and Indicators 2 x Rotary Encoders				
	3 x Operational buttons (HOME, ENTER,			
	2 x Green Signal LEDs, indicate signal pre			
	2 x Red Clip LEDs, indicate input over-driv Blue Power LED ring, AC on	/e and/or amplifier current clipping		
DSP Functions	2.12" x 1.0", 256 x 128 pixel LCD			
DSP Fullcuons	High Pass Filter, 4th order LR, adjustable Frequency 20 Hz to 4 kHz Low Pass Filter, 4th order LR, adjustable Frequency 60 Hz to 4 kHz			
4-band PEQ, with variable Frequency, Gain, and Bandwidth RMS Limiter, with Power, Aggressiveness, and Impedance selection				
	Delay 50 msec max.			
Dimensions (HWD)	89mm (2 RU) x 483 mm x 259 mm (3.5" x 19" x 10.2")			
Weight - Net	5.1 kg (11 lb) 6.0 kg (13 lb)			
Weight - Shipping	7.0 kg (15 lb) 7.8 kg (17 lb)			
Agency Approvals	UL, CE, RoHS/WEEE compliant			



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