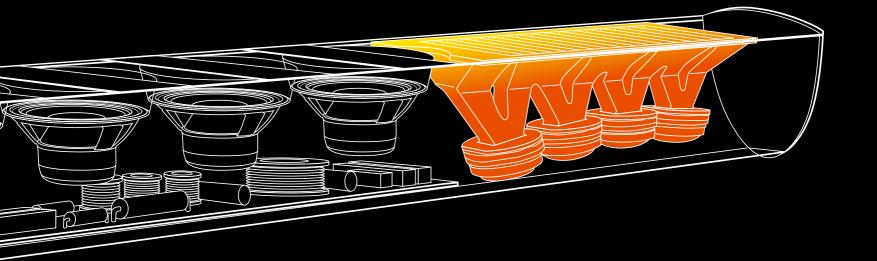


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Fullrange Systems / Active Plug&Play PA / 2-Way Active PA Systems

LINEA LX-501/601

The next generation of Hybrid Line Array Systems



EXPECT PERFECT SOUND.

High performance line array technology in a compact box? NOW IT'S HERE!

Dear Customers,

since the formation of the company, Fohhn's research and development has focussed on the field of high quality line array systems. Our aim has been to transport the main benefits from the large, modular line arrays into more compact, easy to use systems – and by doing so, achieve sonic perfection. Our engineering team has been behind the successful development of Fohhn's unique Hybrid Line Array principle. By originally combining a column speaker with powerful bass-mid chassis and 1" compression drivers with Waveguide, a brand new generation of top quality, compact line array systems was born.

Two even more powerful models have now been added to the current range – the Linea LX-501 and LX-601. These loudspeakers guarantee superb sound quality for both speech transmission and live music / DJ events in a variety of venues including large halls, tents and churches. The new Linea Systems' directional sound capabilities allow audience areas to be specifically targeted, avoiding reflections from the ceiling or floor. The overall sound image is more accurate and more pleasant. Compared with conven-

tional systems, Linea LX-501/601 speakers distribute the sound more evenly, delivering a pleasant sound at the front and a clear, coherent sound right at the back.

Linea LX-501/601 systems also compare more favourably on account of their intuitive operation, quick set-up and reduced dimensions for transportation. Expensive rigging and curving are not necessary either. The speakers' slim, elegant appearance integrates effectively into both stage designs and room architecture. Why not see for yourself? Send us an email: info@fohhn.com to arrange a no-obligation demo at your local dealer, or in the Fohhn Sound Lab.

Jochen Schwarz, Dipl.-Ing. (FH)
Chief Executive Fohhn Audio AG

Uli Haug, Dipl.-Medien-P. (FH)

My congratulations to the enlightened minds at Fohhn for creating a modern public address system that is all at once: ultra hi-fidelity, far-throwing, and widely dispersive, powerful, lightweight, with a most inconspicuous presence that almost seems to



MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE

Outstanding for three good reasons: Acoustics. Appearance. Handling.

Linea LX-501/601: An overview of the main advantages

* First-class sound with excellent dynamics

Whether used for full-on live music and DJ events, or for demanding speech applications, Linea LX-501/601 systems guarantee superb sound quality at any loudspeaker level.

* Even sound distribution with Fohhn Hybrid Line Array Technology

Compared with conventional systems, sound is distributed much more evenly throughout the room, with a pleasing effect at the front and clear, coherent sound right at the back.

* Superb speech intelligibility

Sound can be specifically targeted towards the audience, avoiding unwanted reflections from the ceiling or floor. For the listener, the result is clear and pleasant. Speech intelligibility is considerably improved.

* Perfect integration into room architecture and stage designs

The elegant designer speakers integrate extraordinarily well into their surroundings. They won't interfere with either stage designs or camera shots.

* Disturbance-free listening

Feedback is rarely an issue, even with complex microphone set-ups.

* Easier transportation and quicker set-up

LX-501/601 speakers are equipped with state-of-the-art, lightweight neodymium loudspeaker technology. Conveniently positioned handles ensure quick and safe set-up. The speakers' compact dimensions reduce the amount of space needed for storage and transportation.

* No need for expensive rigging or curving

Compared with modular line array systems, no expensive flying mechanisms, rigging or curving are necessary. All the line array technology is integrated into a single housing, enabling quick and easy installation.

Innovation requires know how.



>> Unique! Fohhn Hybrid Line Array technology. < <

By Dipl.-Ing.(BA) Boris Kunz, Head of Acoustic and Mechanical Development, Fohhn Audio AG

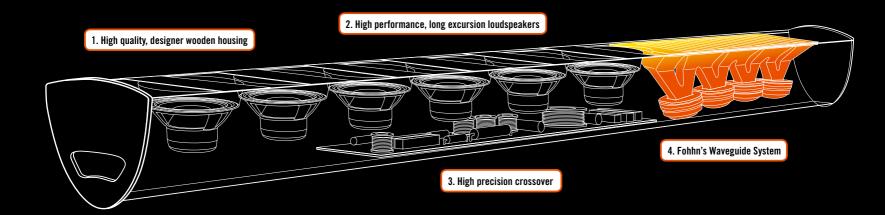
We have been developing and researching high-quality line array speakers for many years. Our objective is to incorporate the advantages of modular line array systems into compact systems that are easy to implement. The key to achieving these objectives was the development of a completely new system that reproduces live signals at high levels and combines all the advantages of a modular line array system. Designing the speakers in the shape of a column was the logical consequence. However, achieving maximum sound quality at high volumes with the new design required the use of powerful bassmid speakers combined with horn-loaded compression drivers. The use of a waveguide with directivity adapted specifically to the bass-mid array was an essential factor in achieving coherent dispersion at high frequencies.

Systems from the Fohhn Linea LX series have a hybrid design that is based on a combination of classic two-way speakers and modular line array, and incorporates the func-

tional advantages of both principles. While on larger line arrays the compression driver, waveguide and horn are always arranged in front of one another, this configuration was not possible on the LX series due to the low depth. An extremely complex project with an overall duration of more than a year and a completely new approach to developing the Fohhn HWC (horn-loaded wavefront converter) were required to accommodate all three elements in the housing. In the HWC, a waveguide that produces a vertical, slightly curved cylindrical wave from the wave fronts of four individual 1" drivers was integrated spatially in a horizontal constant directivity horn to maximise the useable sound pressure. The waveguide was the only element that allowed the development of such a narrow system design without requiring modifications that would affect the configuration or dynamics. From a mechanical perspective, the dimensions and the system weight were reduced to a minimum by using appropriate materials for the housing, magnet system and other components.



The difference is the detail.



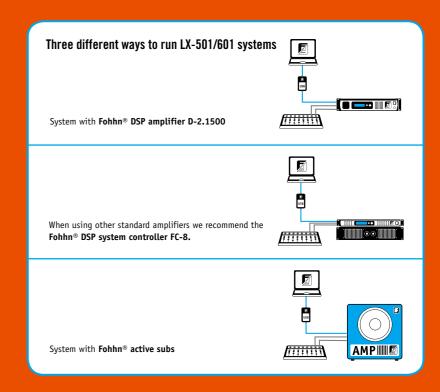
- High quality, designer wooden housing for elegant appearance. The speaker housing is made from premium quality birch plywood (Class A, weather resistant and aluminium strengthened), which meets the most demanding requirements. A black polyurethane coating is designed to provide maximum protection for the internal components. All standard RAL colours are available on request. The speaker's slim, rounded form integrates perfectly into both the stage designs and room architecture.
- High performance, long excursion loudspeakers for effective dynamics. Specially produced for Fohhn, the 6.5" long excursion speaker features state-of-the-art neodymium technology, guaranteeing powerful, dynamic reproduction of speech, vocal and instrumental performance. The plastic coated drivers are exceptionally tough and enable distortion-free sound reproduction. Closely positioned in a perfect linear format, the loudspeaker chassis generate a cylindrical wave in low-mid frequency ranges.
- High precision crossover for perfect optimization of the loudspeaker system.

 The speaker's 6.5" chassis and 1" high frequency drivers are effectively linked via a high precision crossover with specially selected components. Fohhn's Intelligent Protection Circuit (IPC) prevents the high frequency drivers from overloading.
- Perfect high frequency sound reproduction from Fohhn's Waveguide System with four 1' compression drivers. Four high performance 1" compression drivers with Fohhn Waveguide are designed to provide optimum focus in the high frequency range, along with crystal clear sound. The cylindrical wave generated in the mid range continues right up to the top end.

SYSTEM RECOMMENDATIONS

From clear speech transmission to full-on live music, Fohhn® Linea Systems guarantee top sound quality

100% PERFORMANCE



FULLRANGE

Ideal systems for speech applications

Linea LX-501/601 speakers enable perfect transmission of speech, even in difficult acoustic conditions. The speakers' tightly controlled sound dispersion characteristics mean that unwanted reflections from the ceiling or floor can be avoided, dramatically improving speech intelligibility. Complex microphone set-ups can also be used without any problems.

Linea LX-501/601 speakers work very effectively with Fohhn's D-2.1500 DSP amplifier. Its integrated DSP technology includes a number of factory loudspeaker presets. These guarantee total operating reliability and superb performance at any sound pressure level. Programmable audio tools, such as the 10-band parametric EQ, enable quick adjustments to suit the room acoustic and any related microphone set-ups. All DSP functions can be carried out remotely using a laptop.

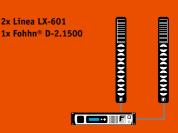


LINEA LX-501





LINEA LX-601



2-WAY ACTIVE PA

Systems with Fohhn® DSP amplifiers and passive subs

For best performance results, we recommend using two separate D-2.1500 DSP amplifiers. These provide the passive tops and subs with the required amplifier power. All the audio tools necessary for 2-way active operation, for example crossover functionality, EQ etc, are controlled by Fohhn DSPs. Optimal adjustments between subs and tops can be carried out quickly and easily. All DSP functions can either be implemented via the 4-line LCD display on the front panel, or remotely via a laptop. Up to 256 devices can be securely networked together

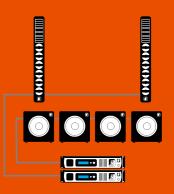




LINEA LX-601 COMBINED WITH PASSIVE SUBS

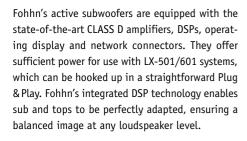
2x Linea LX-601
2x XS-4 passive
2x Fohhn® D-2.1500

2x Linea LX-601 4x XS-4 passive 2x Fohhn® D-2.1500



PLUG&PLAY PA

Systems with active Fohhn® subs



Using the integrated audio tools (EQ, compressor etc), individual sound settings can be created and saved as presets. All DSP functions can either be implemented via the 4-line display, or remotely using a laptop. Up to 256 devices can be securely networked together.



LINEA LX-501 WITH ACTIVE SUBS

Linea Live III — High Power System

2x Linea LX-501

2x XS-30 active







Linea Live IV — Basic System

2x Linea LX-501
1x XS-4 active





LINEA LX-601 WITH ACTIVE SUBS

Linea Live IV — Power System

2x Linea LX-601 2x XS-4 active

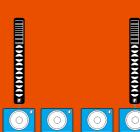






Linea Live IV – High Power System

2x Linea LX-601 4x XS-4 active



Linea LX-501/601 systems are specially designed for:



- **★** DI Events
- Speech Applications
- * Rock Concerts
- * Conferences
- * Classical Music Events
- * Musicals
- * Performances in Tents e.g. Festivals
- **★** Mobile Theatre **Productions**
- * Worship
- * Church Concerts



HIGH PERFORMANCE PA SYSTEM

With electronically controlled 21" PS-9 sub

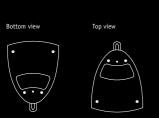
Superb sound quality and enormous sound pressure levels over the entire frequency range. The ideal combination: Two LX-601 systems plus an active, high performance PS-9 subwoofer. See p. 20

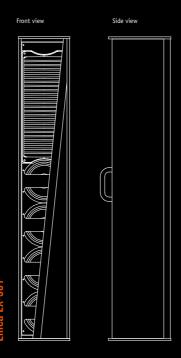


FOHHN® LINEA LX-501/601

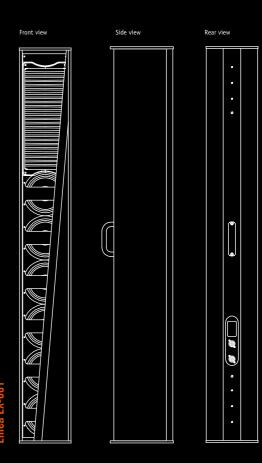
Compact, high performance line array systems

Linea LX-501/601 speakers are superbly manufactured and totally convincing with their elegant design and excellent sound quality. They are exclusively equipped with state-of-the-art neodymium loudspeakers. Their rounded, slim housing is made from top quality birch plywood that has been weatherproofed, strengthened with aluminium and given a black scratch-resistant polyurethane coating. All standard RAL colours are available on request. Accessories for tripod use or flying are also available, enhancing the speakers' professional performance.









model	Linea LX-501	Linea LX-601	
electro-acoustical features			
acoustic design	passive hybrid line source speaker system, 2-way		
components	4x 6,5" long excursion, neodymium	6x 6,5" long excursion, neodymium	
	prefixed compression chamber with pha 4x 1" compression driver on Fohhn®-W with self-resetting IPC-HF protection [*] neodymium		
power rating (nominal) [1]	700 W	1.000 W	
power rating (program) [2]	1.400 W	2.000 W	
power rating (peak) [3]	2.800 W	4.000 W	
sensitivity [4]	98 dB	101 dB	
maximum SPL [3]	132 dB	136 dB	
frequency range [5]	75 Hz – 20 kHz	75 Hz – 20 kHz	
nominal dispersion (h x v) [6]	100° x 20°	100° x 20°	
nominal impedance	8 ohms	8 ohms	

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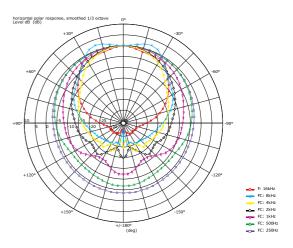
enclosure	birch plywood designer cabinet, metal s	birch plywood designer cabinet, metal strengthened, aluminium		
protection grille	ball impact resistant metal, powder coa	ball impact resistant metal, powder coating		
rigging points	10x M6 & 2xM8 thread	10x M6 & 2xM8 thread		
connections	2x Neutrik NL4 Speakon 2x Neutrik NL4 Speakon			
standard colours	scratch-proof plastic coating, black scratch-proof plastic coating, black			
frontal design	acoustic foam, same colour as enclosure			
handles	2x integrated handles on top and button, 1x carrying handle			
dimensions (W x H x D)	195 x 1160 x 238 mm	195 x 1500 x 238 mm		
weight [7]	23 kg	29 kg		

optional features

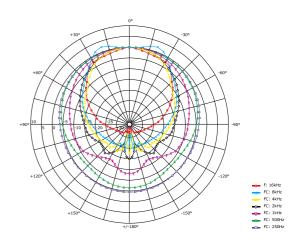
integrated 100 V-transformer	-
optional colours	all RAL-colours
weather protection	scratch-proof plastic coating, impregnated speaker membranes
CAAD simulation data	EASE, ULYSEES

[1] according to IEC-60268-5 long term [2] according to IEC-60268-5 short term [3] Peak, 20 ms with bandpass filtered pink noise signal according to IEC 60268-2 at one octave above the lower limit of the frequency range. [4] 2,83 V at 8 ohms (2 V at 4 ohms, 4 V at 16 ohms) at a distance of 1 meter under anechoic fullspace conditions [5] -10 dB under anechoic halfspace-conditions [6] horizontal x vertical at -6 dB [7] net weight without optional equipment

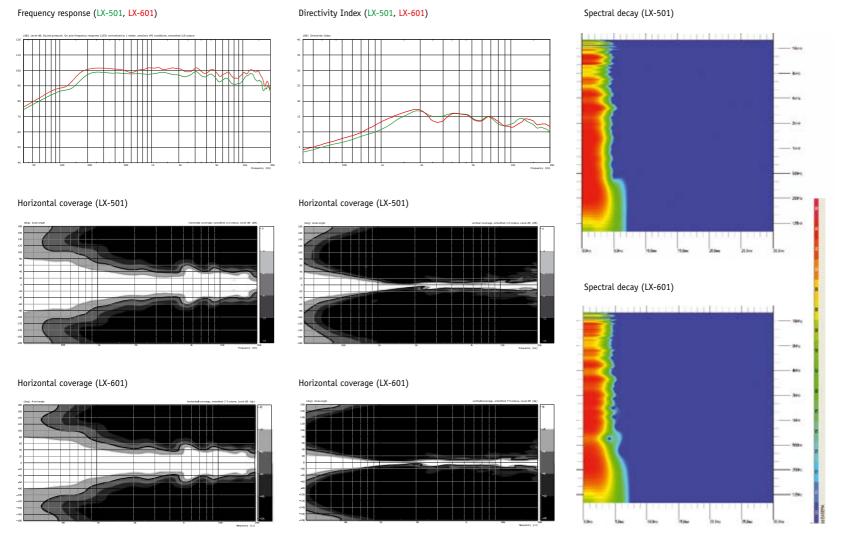
Horizontal polar pattern (LX-501)



Horizontal polar pattern (LX-601)



^[*] Intelligent Protection Circuit. Voltage-controlled semiconductor circuit protecting the HF-driver against overload highly effective and with very short attack time.



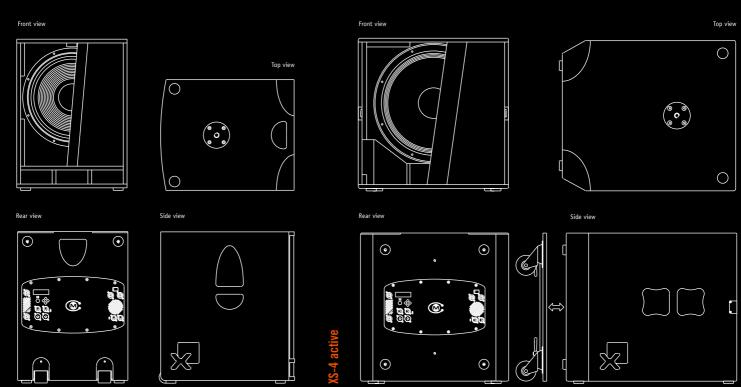
FOHHN® SUBS ACTIVE & PASSIVE

Compact subwoofer systems. The active subs are equipped with state-of-the-art CLASS D amplifiers and Fohhn® Audio DSP.



Fohhn® Mains Control – the integrated mains supply monitoring system

During use, the supply to the amplifier is constantly monitored. If at any time it exceeds the maximum permitted range (180-255 V AC), the supply will be interrupted. During power up it also minimizes the input surge current by switching on at the mains voltage zero crossing.



model	Sub XS-30 active	passive	Sub XS-4 active	passive
electro-acoustical feat	ures			
acoustic design	n vented design		ATD acoustic design	
components	1x 15" long excursion, neodymium		1x 18" long excursion, neodymium	
amplifier output	1.500 W	700 W	1.500 W	800 W / 1200 W [*
sensitivity	-	98 dB	-	99 dB
SPL max. [*]	128 dB	128 dB	132 dB	132 dB
frequency range	35 Hz – 130 Hz	35 Hz – 500 Hz	35 Hz – 130 Hz	35 Hz – 130 Hz
features				
enclosure	multiply birch wood		multiply birch wood	
protection grille	metal, powder coating		metal, powder coating	
front design	acoustic foam		acoustic foam	
standard colour	black, textured paint		black, textured paint	
dimensions (WxHxD)	43 x 59 x 52 cm		59 x 60 x 68 cm	
weight	29 kg	28 kg	39 kg	38 kg
transport	2 edge wheels, 2 side handle, 2 edge handle		wheel board, 2 side handle	
thread plate for				
distance piece	M20		M20	
optional features				
optional colours	all RAL-colours		all RAL-colours	
weather resistance	scratch-proof plastic coating		scratch-proof plastic coating	
electronic features				
digital amplifier	integrated	_	integrated	-
controller	integrated	-	integrated	-
connectors				
inputs	2x XLR/jacks	-	2x XLR/jacks	-
signal	Input jack, 2x XLR Link jacks	-	Input jack, 2x XLR Link jacks	-
outputs	2x NL4 Neutrik Speakon for Top	4x NL4 Neutrik	2x NL4 Neutrik Speakon für Top	4x NL4 Neutrik
	Speaker and Slave Sub from	Speakon	Speaker bzw. Slave Sub	Speakon
	130 Hz 2x 4 ohms (stereo) or		ab 130 Hz 2x 4 Ohm (stereo)	
	1x 8 ohms (bridge mode) mains		oder 1x 8 0hm (bridge mode)	
mains	2x Powercon mains jacks in / thru	-	2x Powercon mains jacks in / thru	-

Integrated digital amplifier

active sub	XS-30 / XS-4
amplifier	Class D
EIA amplifier power Tops (1 kHz, THD+N < 1%)	2x 750 W [**]
Bridge mode	1.500 W
amplification	32 dB
input sensitivity	1,4 V
frequency response	20 Hz – 20 kHz
S/N Ratio	> 105 dB/A
protective circuit	switch-on delay, soft start, impedance- and short-circuit protection, DC protect, temperature monitoring
remote control	Fohhn-Net, Fohhn Audio Soft
remote monitoring	temperature, protect, signals
power supply	195 V-250 V AC, 50/60 Hz, max. 6 A
temperature range	0 - 45°C
cooling	termperature-controlled fan

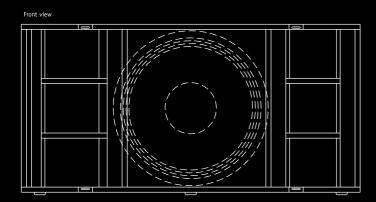
controller

2 independant digital stereo signal prozessors	DSP 1: 6 professional audio devices, operating status display, sound generator DSP 2: Speaker Management System AD/DA 24 bit/48 kHz
controls	Select Regler 4 buttons for DSP handling ground/lift switch
	Power on/off switch
indicator LEDs	4 line display 2x Signal/Clip LED 2x run/protect LED receive/send remote LED

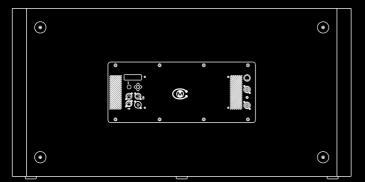
^[*] peak, 20 ms [**] each 4 ohms from 130 Hz

FOHHN® PS-9

Extremely high performance subwoofer



Rear view



- * Extremely high performance, with a peak level of 152 dB*
- * 21" low frequency driver with 6" moving coil and 60 mm excursion
- * DSP-based adaptive Control Loop Technology eliminates distortion as far as the maximum excursion
- * Inexistent power compression
- * Integrated CLASS D amplifier with 8.5 kW power**
- * Switchable power supply with PFC (Power Factor Correction)
- * Built-in digital signal processor (DSP) for delay, EQ and filter functions, as well as for control of amplifier and driver(s)
- * PC-based software application for easy configuration
- * Solid birch plywood housing
- * Polyurethane coating to protect against scratches
- * Removable wheel board protects the electronics during transportation
- * Green Power Design

The PS-9 is a DSP-controlled subwoofer with integrated 8.5 kW CLASS D amplifier** and an innovative 21" long excursion bass chassis. With its 60 mm excursion and 0.5 0hm impedance, the patented 21" loudspeaker is completely unique. The speaker power output is equivalent to that of four standard 18" high performance loudspeakers. The 21" chassis can be electronically controlled and guarantees an exceptionally accurate reproduction of low frequencies.



Fohhn® Mains Control — the integrated mains supply monitoring system

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PC Technology

PCT Patent no. W0-2008-018099 | PCT/IT98/00031 US patent no. US 6,281,767 B1

- * 1 m distance, half space
- ** Maximum output power 8.500 W Permanent power: 2.500 W

FOHHN® D-2.1500

Highly developed DSP digital amplifier 2 x 1500 W / 4 Ohm. Only 10.1 kg.

- * State-of-the-art CLASS D amplifier technology
- * Integrated Fohhn DSPs guaranteeing optimum sound performance
- * Five premium-class, integrated audio tools e.g. parametric EQ
- * Remote control and monitoring, network compatible
- * Minimal heat generation, extremely quiet fans



The Fohhn D-2.1500 digital amplifier has been developed to meet the most demanding requirements as far as quality and reliability are concerned. It provides excellent sound quality and totally reliable operation when used in combination with any Fohhn loudspeaker system. The integrated Fohhn DSP technology includes two extremely high performance stereo signal processors, offering a range of audio tools including a 10-band parametric equalizer and integral loudspeaker management system. All DSP functionality can be remotely controlled using a laptop. Up to 256 devices can be networked together.



model D-2.1500

features

reatures	
amplifier technology	Class D
EIA amplifier power (1 kHz,	2x 1500 W / 4 ohms
THD+N < 1%, 230 V mains)	2x 900 W / 8 ohms
minimum impedance	4 0hm
outputs	2
inputs	2
DSP channels, Fohhn Audio DSP	2
amplification	35 dB
input sensitivity	1,4 V
frequency response	20 Hz - 20 kHz
S/N Ratio	> 105 dB/A
protective circuit	switch-on delay, soft start
remote control	Fohhn-Net, Fohhn Audio Soft
remote monitoring	temperature, protect, signals
power supply	AC 230V, 195 V - 250 V AC, 50/60 Hz,
	switch mode power supply
temperature range	0 - 45°C
cooling	termperature-controlled fan
weight	10,1 kg
dimensions (W x H x D)	2HE, 88,9 x 483 x 380 mm

Controller

2 digital signal prozessors	DSP 1: 6 professional audio devices, operating status display, sound generator DSP 2: Speaker Management System AD/DA 24 bit/48 kHz
controls	Select potentiometer 4 buttons for DSP handling Power on/off switch
indicators	4 line display, 6x Signal/Level LED, 2x Clip LED, 1x ready LED, 1x over-termperature indicator LED, receive/send remote control LED

FOHHN® FC-8

The FC-8 DSP system controller is recommended when using a Fohhn® PA system with standard amplifiers.

We recommend using Fohhn DSP amplifiers to drive Fohhn loudspeaker systems. However, if you already own another brand of professional, high performance amplifier, we suggest using this in conjunction with the Fohhn FC-8 system controller. This helps to achieve excellent sound quality and the best possible control of all connected devices. A unique feature is the automatic calibration function that protects the connected amplifiers and speakers from overload. The FC-8 has 4 inputs and 6 outputs. Each output channel has its own integrated DSP with 10-band parametric EQ, delay, variable high- / low-pass filter, dynamics processor with noise gate, 180° phase reversal, in addition to status displays for monitoring temperature and operating time. An integral loudspeaker management system has presets for all Fohhn loudspeakers. The FC-8 can be remotely controlled via laptop with Fohhn Audio Soft software. It can also be used in a network with up to 256 devices.

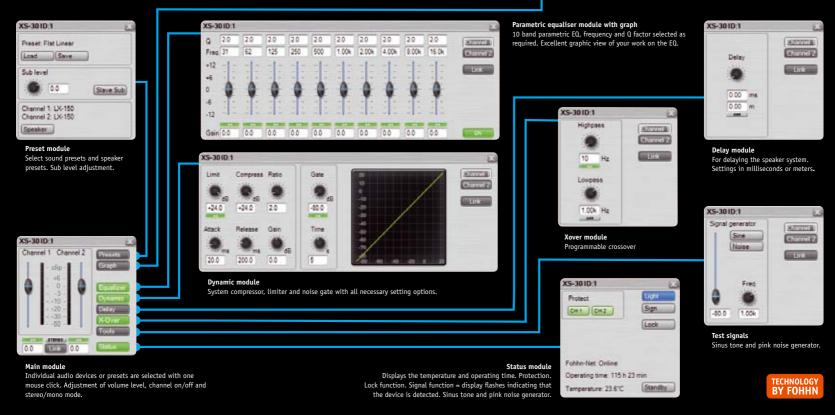


model	FC-8	
electro-acoustical features		
frequency response	20 Hz - 20 kHz +/- 1 dB	
DA/AD converter	24 bit / 48 kHz	
dynamic range	110 dB, A-weighted 20 Hz – 20 kHz	
propagation delay	< 0.65 ms	
calculation depth	56 bit	
inputs / outputs	electronically balanced	
input impedance	10 k0hm	
output impedance	100 Ohm	
input clipping level	+15 dBu	
output clipping level	+20 dBu	
internal clipping level	+38 dBu	
THD	THD < 0.002%, +3 dBu, 1 kHz	
	THD+N < 0.02%, +3 dBu, 20 Hz - 20 kHz	
operating voltage	100 – 40 V AC, 50/60 Hz, 20 W	
temperature range operating	0 bis 40°C	
temperature range storage	ange storage -10 bis 70°C	
features		
remote control	Fohhn-Net, Fohhn Audio Soft	
remote monitoring	signals	
dimensions (W x H x D)	19" x 1HE x 221 mm	
weight	4 kg	
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optional accessories remote control	FR-10 Wall Panel	
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FOHHN® AUDIO SOFT

All Fohhn® audio DSP functions on one screen. Signal processing in real time!





ACCESSORIES

For professional applications

100% PROFESSIONAL

The optional VLX-600 flying adaptor allows LX-501/601 speakers to be quickly and securely mounted on a traverse, and optimally positioned. An optional ring eye enables rear attachment of a safety wire to comply with international regulations. Used with a tripod, the optional SA-8 enables the line array's sound directionality to be precisely adjusted for optimum audience coverage. 8 x M6 and 2 x M8 threaded inserts are included for attachment to ring eyes and suspension points



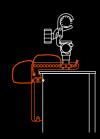




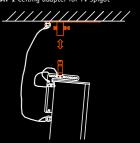
WAL-1 Pair of L-brackets



VLX-600 flying adapter for LX-600/ 601 includes: TV spigot for flown applications. Inclinable between +3° and -10°, in 1° steps, using optional LC-50 Clamp. Quick mount system with safety bolts



DH-1 Ceiling adapter for TV spigot





FOHHN® SOUND LAB

Intensive research and sustained development – Fohhn's route to perfect sound quality



Linea Focus – electronically steerable line arrays Hybrid Line Array Technology – high performance Mini Line Array Systems Linea-Series – a new generation of line array systems Fohhn DSP amplifiers – Class D and Class H, networkable				PS-9 – electronically steerable, 21" high powered subwoofer
Linea-Series – a new generation of line array systems				Linea Focus – electronically steerable line arrays
			Hybrid Line Array Technology -	high performance Mini Line Array Systems
Fohhn DSP amplifiers - Class D and Class H, networkable		Linea-Series	- a new generation of line array system	ems
		Fohhn DSP amplifiers - Class	D and Class H, networkable	
Fohhn Audio Soft software - Remote control of multiple networked Fohhn systems from a central location		Fohhn Audio Soft software - Remote control of	multiple networked Fohhn systems fr	rom a central location
Fohhn Audio DSP – Dual DSP technology for superb sound and total performance reliability		Fohhn Audio DSP - Dual DSP technology for superb sound and to	tal performance reliability	
Fohhn becomes one of the first manufacturers worldwide to bring fully digital, compact PA systems (Xperience) to the market	Fohhn becomes one of the first manufacturers	orldwide to bring fully digital, compact PA systems (Xperience) to	the market	
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The last 10 years of innovative technology from Fohhn

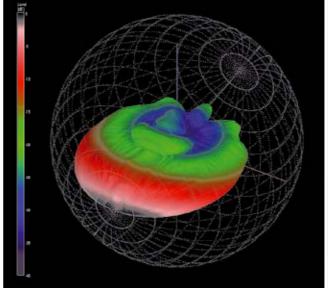
In the Nürtingen factory premises, Fohhn's new Sound Lab offers the great opportunity to carry out fundamental audio research and to develop, measure and test leading-edge technology. Engineers from a range of different backgrounds work closely together to push the boundaries of audio technology. The Sound Lab also provides customers with an excellent venue for thorough testing of the capabilities of Fohhn audio systems.

New paths to tread better solutions to develop and the highest technical levels to aim for – that's the mantra of Fohhn's R&D division. The same goal-driven, scientific approach is applied in all areas of development from electronics and software to acoustics and mechanics. Creative concepts for new loudspeakers are quickly translated into theory, based on extensive calculations. Numerous computer simulations and prototyping phases follow, in which each parameter – frequency response, dispersion characteristics, dynamics, distortion, large signal response – is recorded, adjusted and optimized.

The next stage involves specifically optimizing the amplifier electronics, digital signal processors (DSP) and remote control / networking technology for the loudspeaker. Each development phase, from the mechanics through to the software, is carried out at Fohhn.

At the end of the development process, all newly created products undergo lengthy and rigorous practical tests; both at Fohhn and in live situations. "Practical testing" at Fohhn includes everyone involved in the development process. Fohhn engineers, marketing and distribution personnel, who all have experience as live sound engineers, musicians or DJs. This way, each new product can also be carefully scrutinized from a user's viewpoint. The result is a perfect loudspeaker system that combines optimum sound characteristics with total operating reliability. A system that is simple and safe to use, ready to give maximum performance and real listening pleasure.







Customers attend a demo in the Fohhn Sound Lab

Optimum Research and Test Conditions

With a floor area of 24 meters x 14 meters and a height of 6.5 meters, the Fohhn Sound Lab is one of Germany's largest and best equipped audio measurement facilities. It enables developers to measure each loudspeaker parameter very precisely and to assess the relevance of the captured data while listening. Only under such special conditions can a loudspeaker's performance be optimized to the highest level. A combination of room size and highly developed FFT measuring systems enable to obtain reflection free measurements down to 100 Hz – something that is usually difficult to achieve.

The amount of wall clearance means that dampening the room to achieve an "anechoic chamber" effect has not been necessary. Instead, at great expense, absorbers and diffusers have been used to convert the former warehouse into a dedicated listening space with superb acoustics. With a natural room reverb of approx 0.4 seconds, Fohhn's new Sound Lab offers top testing conditions.

Fohhn's 2-Axis Measurement Robot enables continuous 360° measurement

Fohhn's 2-Axis Measurement Robot

Another technical highlight of the Fohhn Sound Lab! This impressive device gives us the opportunity to measure very large loudspeaker systems. The robot has been specifically developed by Fohhn for this purpose and is able to pan through both, speaker axes at 360° and with a positioning accuracy of 0.3°. The device enables the speaker's directional characteristics to be assessed and optimized during each development stage – from the speaker chassis to the finished prototype.

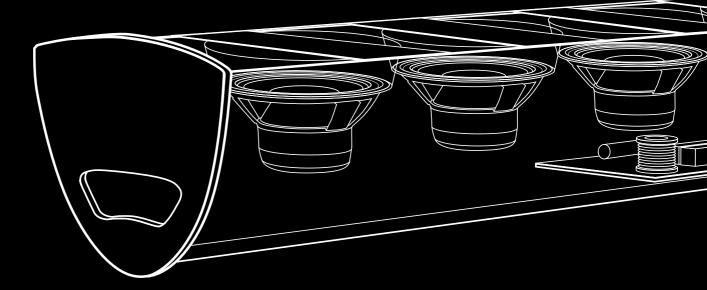
The polar pattern data obtained by running Fohhn loudspeakers through room simulation programs such as EASE or ULYSSES can also be analyzed and optimized. This is achieved by making several hundred individual measurements, with the robot positioning itself at a different angle each time. A series of measurements for a single system can take 12 hours or more to complete.



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