

FX SERIES

FX-125.4

FX-60.4

FX-125.2

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4- and 2-channel

Power Amplifiers

Operating Manual



Technical and Safety Notices

Please read the following important technical, safety and environmental notices before installing and using your amplifier.

Technical Notices

All reasonable design and engineering steps have been taken to ensure that these amplifiers always perform satisfactorily in their intended application and environment and will provide appropriate levels of support to ensure that all reasonable customer needs and expectations are met. Such support however is contingent on the following provisions.

These amplifiers are Class-I products and should be installed with a mains cable including the required earth connection to comply with the Safety Class-I.

These amplifiers should always be installed by competent and qualified personnel. Amplifier damage or failure caused by installation or operational errors may invalidate support, warranty or guarantees of performance.

These amplifiers are not suitable for use in locations where they may be accessible to minors.

These amplifiers are intended to be used specifically for the amplification of audio signals and for connection to moving-coil loudspeaker systems. Use of these amplifiers for amplification of signals outside the audio band (20Hz to 20kHz) or to drive transducers other than moving-coil loudspeakers may invalidate support, warranty or guarantees of performance.

These amplifiers should only be used within professionally installed and configured audio systems comprising input and output ancillary equipments that is known to be of an appropriate level of performance and in good operating condition. Any damage to, or unsatisfactory performance from, these amplifiers caused by inadequate or failed input or output ancillaries may invalidate support, warranty or guarantees of performance.

These amplifiers are intended to be installed and operated indoor in a controlled environment (pollution degree, PD2) within an ambient temperature range of 0°C to 40°C. These amplifiers are not intended for use above 2000 meters above sea level. Amplifiers installation

or operated in environments outside these limits may invalidate support, warranty or guarantees of performance.

Specific warranty terms are the responsibility of the amplifier reseller.

Safety and Environmental Notices

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

Note: 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.





WARNING! TO PREVENT FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS EQUIPMENT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

Ambient Temperature Note:
If this equipment is operated
in a confined or multiple rack
installation, the internal ambient
operating temperature may exceed
the external ambient temperature.
It is important to ensure in these
circumstances that the published
maximum operating temperature
for the equipment is not exceeded.

Reduced Air Flow: Ensure that rack or other closed installation does not restrict the cooling airflow required for safe and reliable operation of the equipment.

Important Safety Instructions and Environmental Statement

Read these instructions.

Keep these instructions.

Heed all warnings.

Follow all instructions.

Do not use this apparatus near water.

Do not submerge the equipment in water or liquids.

Do not use any aerosol spray, cleaner, disinfectant or fumigant on, near or into the equipment.

Clean only with a dry cloth.

Do not block any ventilation opening. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.

To reduce the risk of electrical shock, the power cord shall be connected to a mains socket outlet with a protective earthing connection.

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.

Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.

Do not unplug the unit by pulling on the cord, use the plug.

Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.

Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.

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.

The appliance coupler, or the AC Mains plug, is the AC mains disconnect device and shall remain readily accessible after installation.

Adhere to all applicable, local codes.

Consult a licensed, professional engineer when any doubt or questions arise regarding a physical equipment installation.

Environmental Statement

This product complies with international directives, including but not limited to the Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) in electrical and electronic equipment, the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and restriction of Chemicals (REACH) and the disposal of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). Consult your local waste disposal authority for guidance on how properly to recycle or dispose of this product.



FCC Compliance

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

This device may not cause harmful interference

This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation

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 both a commercial and 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.

Unpacking

As a part of our system of quality control, every Ashly product is carefully inspected before leaving the factory to ensure flawless appearance.

After unpacking, please inspect for any physical damage. Save the shipping carton and all packing materials, as they were carefully designed to reduce to a minimum the possibility of transportation damage should the unit again require packing and shipping. In the event that damage has occurred, immediately notify your dealer so that a written claim to cover the damages can be initiated.

The right to any claim against a public carrier can be forfeited if the carrier is not notified promptly and if the shipping carton and packing materials are not available for inspection by the carrier. Save all packing materials until the claim has been settled.

About Ashly

Ashly Audio was founded in 1974 by a group of recording engineers, concert sound professionals, and electronics designers. The first products were elaborate custom consoles for friends and associates, but business quickly spread to new clients and the business grew.

The philosophy we established from the very beginning holds true today: to offer only the highest quality audio tools at an affordable cost to the professional user – ensuring reliability and long life. Years later, Ashly remains committed to these principles.

Ashly's exclusive five-year, worry-free warranty remains one of the most generous policies available on any commercial- grade product. The warranty covers every product with the Ashly brand name, and is offered at no extra cost to you.

Please read this entire manual to fully understand the features and capabilities of this product.

Introduction

FX IP connected power amplifiers have been designed to provide configurable, consistent and reliable high performance audio power amplification for residential, commercial and entertainment applications. Please read this manual fully before installing and using an amplifier. If you have any questions regarding amplifier configuration, installation or operation please contact the appropriate customer support portal.

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1. Amplifier Overview

1.1 Model Range

FX 60.2

The FX 60.2 amplifier is a half rack width, 1U format power amplifier that can drive both conventional low impedance (Low-Z, 4Ω to 16Ω) loudspeakers and high impedance (Hi-Z, 70V/100V) transformer coupled loudspeakers. The FX 60.2 provides four analog inputs, one stereo S/PDIF digital input, and two outputs (Low-Z mode) or one output (Hi-Z mode). It is capable of a maximum output of 60 Watts per channel into Low-Z loads or 120 Watts into Hi-Z loads. The FX 60.2 also incorporates automatic power sharing technology that enables 120 Watts to be shared proportionately as required between the two outputs in Low-Z mode.

FX 125.2

The FX 125.2 amplifier is a half rack width, 1U format power amplifier that can drive both conventional low impedance (Low-Z, 4Ω to 16Ω) loudspeakers and high impedance (Hi-Z, 70V/100V) transformer coupled loudspeakers. The FX 125.2 provides four analog inputs, one stereo S/PDIF digital input, and two outputs (Low-Z mode) or one output (Hi-Z mode). It is capable of a maximum output of 125 Watts per channel into Low-Z loads or 250 Watts into Hi-Z loads. The FX 125.2 also incorporates automatic power sharing technology that enables 250 Watts to be shared proportionately as required across the two outputs in Low-Z mode.

FX 60.4

The FX 60.4 amplifier is a half rack width, 1U format power amplifier that can drive both conventional low impedance (Low-Z, 4Ω to 16Ω) loudspeakers and high impedance (Hi-Z, 70V/100V) transformer coupled loudspeakers. The FX 60.4 provides four analog inputs, one stereo S/PDIF digital input, and four outputs (Low-Z mode) or two outputs (Hi-Z mode). It is capable of a maximum output of 60 Watts per channel into Low-Z loads or 125 Watts into Hi-Z loads. The FX 60.4 also incorporates automatic power sharing technology that enables 250 Watts to be shared proportionately as required across the four outputs in Low-Z mode and the two outputs in Hi-Z mode.

FX 125.4

The FX 125.4 amplifier is a half rack width, 1U format power amplifier that can drive both conventional low impedance (Low-Z, 4Ω to 16Ω) loudspeakers and high impedance (Hi-Z, 70V/100V) transformer coupled loudspeakers. The FX 125.4 provides four analog inputs, one stereo S/PDIF digital input, and four outputs (Low-Z mode) or two outputs (Hi-Z mode). It is capable of a maximum output of 125 Watts per channel into Low-Z loads or 250 Watts per channel into Hi-Z loads. The FX 125.4 also incorporates automatic power sharing technology that enables 250 Watts to be shared proportionately as required across each output pair in Low-Z mode and the two outputs in Hi-Z mode.

1.2 Connections

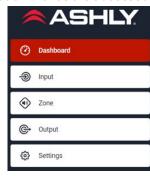
FX amplifier audio input and output connections are accomplished via Euroblock, RCA Phono, and RCA S/PDIF connectors. A GPIO (General Purpose In/Out) Euroblock connector enables certain amplifier functions to be controlled remotely. FX amplifiers provide both their own WiFi hotspot and RJ45 Ethernet LAN connection for device configuration.

FX amplifiers have no mains power switch and are operational as soon as mains power is connected via the IEC 60320 mains socket.

1.3 Network Features

FX amplifiers are TCP/IP network connected devices that require a wireless or wired network connection to access their configuration menus. The configuration menus are accessed

via a web page interface served up directly by the amplifier, so there is no application to install. The interface offers access to the main Dashboard, plus Input, Zone, Output, and General Settings.



The configuration menus are fully described in Section 5.

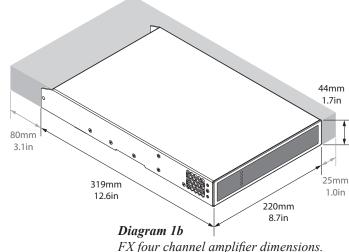
1.4 Dimensions

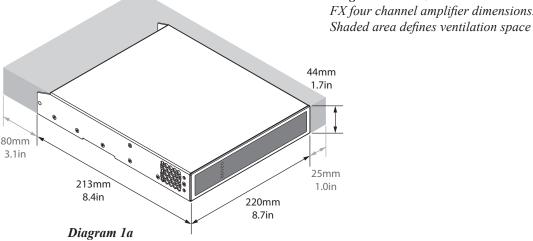
FX amplifier dimensions and features are illustrated in Diagrams 1a and 1b. The amplifiers are primarily intended for installation in an equipment rack but can also be underdesk or wall mounted, or used free standing. They are fan-cooled and must be installed such that ventilation apertures are not obstructed.

2. Carton Contents

FX amplifiers are shipped in a cardboard carton containing the amplifier unit, a mains cable appropriate for the sales territory, an accessory pack, and a document pack. The full contents is listed below.

- Amplifier unit
- Mains power cable
- Input connector x 2
- GPIO socket connector
- Output connector x 1 or 2
- Adhesive rubber feet x 4
- Document pack





FX two channel amplifier dimensions. Shaded area defines ventilation space

3. Installation

Note: The rack mounting and desk/wall mounting components described and illustrated in Sections 3.1 and 3.2 are not supplied with FX amplifiers but are available to purchase as accessories. Contact your amplifier re-seller for more information.

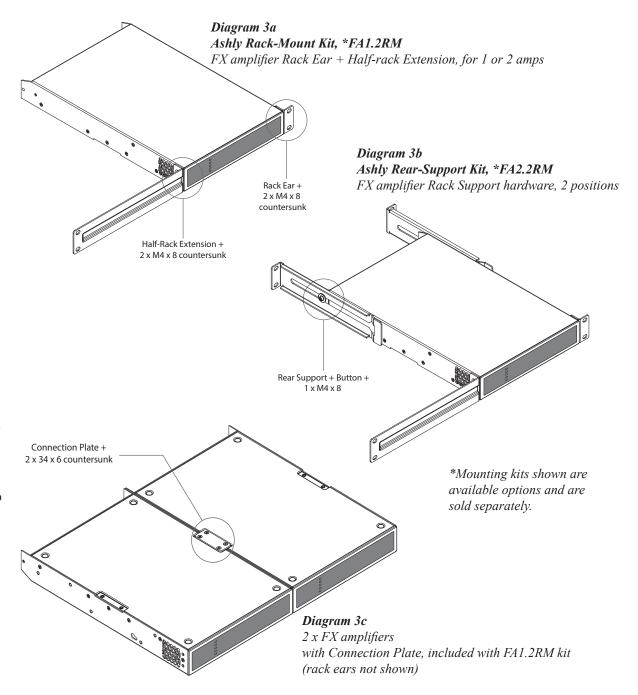
3.1 FX Mounting

FX 1/2 rack amplifiers are shipped without rack mount hardware. A rack-mount kit can be purchased separately and configured as illustrated in *Diagram 3a*.

The installation and equipment rack should be configured to provide appropriate ventilation airflow space around the sides and rear of the amplifier as illustrated in *Diagrams 1a and 1b*. Ventilation airflow space of at least 25 mm (1 in) should be maintained along at least one side of the amplifier at all times. Ventilation apertures are also located on the rear panel of the amplifier and must not be obstructed. It is important to retain at least 80 mm (3.1 in) free space for airflow behind the amplifier rear panel.

In addition to rack mount ears, optional rack mount rear support hardware is available and can be attached to the amplifier. Rear support hardware may be appropriate if the amplifier is to be used in a mobile rack or potentially be subject to significant movement. *Diagram 3b* illustrates the use of rack mount rear support hardware.

Two FX amplifiers can be mechanically joined using the connection plate as illustrated in *Diagram 3c*. The connection plate is included with the FA1.2RM kit. Two small rack ears are included in the same kit for rack mounting two joined FX amplifiers.



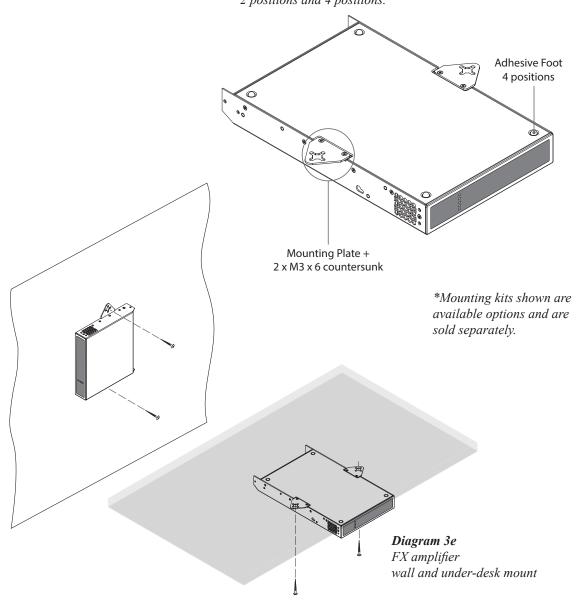
3.2 Free-standing

If not installed in an equipment rack, FX amplifiers can be placed free-standing on a flat surface. Adhesive rubber feet are supplied with the amplifier for this purpose.

FX amplifiers can also be attached to the underside of desks or wall mounted using connecting plate hardware. The adhesive rubber feet should also be used in these circumstances to minimize the possibility of vibration between the amplifier and mounting surface. Wall and desk mounting is illustrated in *Diagrams 3d and 3e*.

It is important in any free standing installation that airflow through the amplifier's side panel mounted fans and rear panel ventilation apertures is not compromised by adjacent items. At least 80mm of free space behind the amplifier and 25mm along at least one side should be retained at all times.

Diagram 3d
Ashly Flush Wall/Table-Mount Kit, *FATWB
FX amplifier with desk/wall Mounting Plate and adhesive feet.
2 positions and 4 positions.



4. Configuration

Before making input, output and GPIO connections, an initial FX amplifier configuration should be established. It is particularly important that the output amplifier format is configured appropriately for the speakers that are to be connected.

Configuration requires that FX amplifiers are connected to mains power and network services. These connections are described in the following two sections.

4.1 Mains Power Connection

FX amplifiers incorporate a power factor corrected power supply and can be used with mains input voltage from 100VAC to 240VAC, 50/60Hz. Use the mains cable supplied with the amplifier and connect it to a switched mains supply.

FX amplifiers have no mains power switch and are operational as soon as mains power is connected.

4.2 Network Services

FX amplifiers are configured via a web page interface launched from the amplifier using a TCP/IP Ethernet network connection.

In order to access the web page interface, FX amplifiers must first connect to the browser device, or to the network used by the browser device.

That connection can be made using a wired LAN (use CAT5, CAT5E, or CAT6 cable), the FX amplifier's built-in WiFi Access Point (hotspot), or a local WiFi network (Client Mode).

Wired LAN (local area network)

A wired LAN connection can be made using Ethernet cable connected directly to a PC, or to a PC through an Ethernet switch/router using CAT5, CAT5E, or CAT6 cable. Note: the FX amp, PC, and router (if used) must all be on the same subnet.

Static IP connection: Out of the box, the FX Wired LAN connection uses a Static IP address, meaning the browser must connect using a predetermined fixed IP address. The default IP address for a wired LAN connection on FX amplifiers is **192.168.64.100**. A different Static IP address may be assigned in the FX LAN configuration page.

Ashly recommends using a Static IP address for permanent installations. Note: If your network devices are connected through a router, then you must log in to the router and set a Static IP reservation for the FX amplifier.

DHCP connection: The FX amplifier can also be configured in the Settings>LAN menu to instead connect using DHCP, meaning the amplifier receives an IP address automatically assigned by the router. It is not recommended to use DHCP for permanent installations, since the router could potentially change the IP assignment to the FX at any time.

The front panel Network indicator LED will illuminate green to indicate the amplifier has been successfully connected to a wired LAN. To view the current wired LAN IP address on a properly connected unit, go to the FX configuration Dashboard page.

If for some reason you are unable to open the configuration interface using the wired LAN connection, use the WiFi Access Point interface instead, described in the next section. Once connected using WiFi, wired LAN settings can be reviewed and configured.

WiFi Access Point (hotspot)

Every FX amplifier offers its own dedicated WiFi access point, or "hotspot", for a direct wireless connection to a browser device with no outside network required.

- 1. With the FX amplifier connected to mains power, wait for the front panel WiFi indicator to illuminate green. This indicates the FX amplifier's Access Point WiFi is available.
- 2. Using a laptop, tablet, or mobile device, search for available WiFi networks. Connect to the WiFi network called "Ashly FX (+ model name + serial number)". The serial number is found on the rear panel. Enter the password, "password", which can be renamed later, then connect.
- 3. Once the WiFi Access Point connection is made, open a web browser and enter the IP address **192.168.4.1**. The amplifier configuration web page interface will open.

Click on the Settings>Wifi menu for further WiFi options including enable/disable WiFi, enable/disable WiFi when connected to LAN, disable WiFi after 5/10/30 minutes, and reset.

WiFi Client Mode

To connect and configure the FX amplifier using a local WiFi network instead of its dedicated Access Point WiFi, *set the WiFi mode to "Client" in the Settings>WiFi menu. Enter the local WiFi network name (SSID) and password, then click *apply.

*Note: Before changing to WiFi Client Mode, be sure to first establish a successful wired LAN connection. Setting WiFi to Client mode disables access to the FX amplifier's Access Point WiFi. Having a wired LAN connection assures access to the amplifier in case something goes wrong with the local area WiFi connection.

5. Configuration Menus

Opening a web browser that is network connected to a FX amplifier will initially display five main configuration menu tabs as shown below:

(Dashboard

Input

Zone

© Output

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5.1 Dashboard

The Dashboard tab is the 'home' screen from which all other configuration options can be accessed.

Within the
Dashboard tab, the
following items are
available for user control or to indicate status.

- Power Click on the power button to toggle between ON and Standby. Note: There is no power switch on the amplifier.
- Input Status Indicates input signal present
- Output Status Indicates output signal present
- LAN Indicates LAN connection & IP address
- WiFi Indicates WiFi connection & IP address
- Zone Status Offers control for Mute/ Unmute and Level, and displays an LED meter indicating signal level for available zones (zones A-B for 2-channel models, zones A-D on 4-channel models), and indicates the currently selected input source and output routing (speaker channel) for each zone.

5.2 Input Tab

The Input Tab provides naming, mono/stereo selection, input sensitivity, and gain trim for each input channel, including the S/PDIF input.

Within the Input tab, the following items

are available for input configuration.

- Input Name -Enter up to 16 characters
- Mono/Stereo Define an input as either mono or stereo.
- Sensitivity Set this value for the appropriate input signal level. Settings include +14dBu and +4dBu (default) for balanced pro audio signal, -10dBv for HiFi, and Microphone (50mV / -24dBu / -26dBV). Note: Only dynamic microphones are suitable for connection. Phantom power for condenser microphones is not provided.
- Gain/Trim Input Gain/Trim is adjustable ±10dB. Gain adjustment is intended to be used for fine output level adjustment following initial setup.
- S/PDIF The S/PDIF input can be set mono or stereo, with adjustable Gain/Trim of ±10dB
- Pink Noise Generator The Pink Noise Generator can be set ON or OFF, with a Gain range from OdB to -50dB.

5.3 Zone Tab

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Dashboard

Input

Zone

Output

Settings

The Zone Tab enables installation zones to be defined and named, and provides access to three additional sub-menus; Zone Source, Zone GPIO Volume Control, and Zone Compressor.

Zones might be bar or restaurant areas for example, or different rooms in a home. For all Zone sub-menus, the installation zone under configuration is selected by highlighting one of the zone identifiers (A, B, C or D) at the top of the page.



Zone - Source

Within the Zone Source sub-menu, the following items are available:

- Zone Mute and Level controls
- Zone Mono/Stereo select
- **Zone Source** Select as Analog, S/PDIF, Pink Noise, or Off.

Zone - GPIO Volume Control

The GPIO Volume Control enables an external potentiometer assembly such as the Ashly WR-1 to remotely control level of the assigned zone. The complete GPIO configuration menu can be found in the Settings>GPIO menu. (see sec. 7)

Zone - Compressor

The Compressor option allows for default or custom (manual) signal compression settings to be applied to the selected zone.

Note: Compression can be useful to reduce the volume difference between loud and quiet audio material. The lower the compression threshold is set, the more the difference between loud and soft will be reduced. The overall zone volume may need to be increased when compression is used. The default compression parameters are appropriate for most installations.

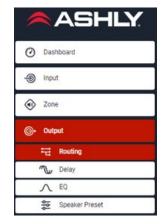
5.4 Output (Speaker) Tab

The Output Tab configures the selected amplifier speaker output, with additional submenus listed below.

For all Output menus, the amplifier output (speaker channel) under configuration is selected by highlighting one of the output identifiers (1, 2, 3 or 4) at the top of the page.

Note: The number of individual outputs available for configuration will depend on the FX amplifier model and the input, zone and output mode configuration.

 Routing menu assigns the zone source used for the selected output.



- **Delay** menu provides time delay up to 100ms to be applied to the selected output.
- Equalizer menu enables 10-band parametric equalization to be applied to the selected output. Equalizer settings configured for one output can be copied and applied to another output channel.

5.4a Output Presets

Within the Output tab, a Speaker Preset sub-menu allows custom configuration of parameters which can then be exported as a *.zcp speaker preset file. The *.zcp file is exported to the same download location used by your browser.

Created speaker preset files can then be added to a Speaker Library (see sec. 5.5) for repeated use later.

The following parameters can be individually edited, saved, and locked within a speaker preset file:

- Cossover & Gain

 Crossover & Gain

 Speaker Eq

 FIR

 Driver Alignment

 Polarity

 Limiter

 Output Mode
- Crossover & Gain
- menu enables high or low-pass crossover filters and gain adjustment to be applied to individual amplifier outputs. Crossover filter settings configured for one amplifier output can be copied and applied to other outputs. Note: See the specifications section for a list of all available filter types and slopes.
- Speaker EQ menu enables several types of equalization to be applied to individual amplifier outputs following the application of crossover filtering. Equalizer settings configured for one amplifier output can be copied and applied to other outputs. Note: See the specifications section for a list of all available filter types.
- **FIR** menu enables importing of FIR filters up to 512 taps (coefficients).

- Driver Alignment menu enables time delay up to 10ms to be applied to individual amplifier outputs following the application of crossover filtering.
- Polarity menu enables the polarity of individual amplifier outputs to be reversed.
- **Limiter** menu enables Clip, Peak, and RMS signal limiting to be to be applied to individual amplifier outputs.
- Output Mode menu enables individual amplifier outputs to be switched off or configured for Low-Z or Hi-Z modes.

In either Hi-Z mode, 70V or 100V, a high-pass filter can be enabled from 20Hz to 200Hz.

Note: Use of a high-pass filter with Hi-Z mode loudspeakers is useful to avoid the possibility of distortion caused by low frequency line transformer saturation. Begin with the default filter setting of 70Hz. If low frequency distortion is still audible, increase the frequency setting one step at a time until the distortion is no longer audible.

5.4b Speaker Preset files

After all speaker preset parameters have been configured, click "Export Preset To File" from the main Speaker Preset page. This creates a *zcp file which will be saved to your browser's download folder. Other options in this menu include:

Import Preset From File
Select Preset From Library
Clear Preset

5.5 Settings Tab

The Settings Tab enables miscellaneous amplifier settings to be configured, installation site information to be recorded, and provides access to the following sub-menu items:

- System Information menu provides editable text fields for the recording of installation data.
- displays specific amplifier information including model number, serial number, firmware version, MAC address, and WiFi MAC address. A firmware update routine and device identifier button are also found in the Device menu.



Note: The "Find Me" locator button in the Device menu will continually flash the amplifier's front panel LEDs in a unique pattern until the button is pressed again.

• Backup & Restore menu enables the complete amplifier configuration to be backed up to an external file, and enables previously saved backup files to be restored to the currently connected amplifier. Also found in this menu is a Recovery button that will restart and reconnect the amplifier. The Reset button will restore the unit to it's factory default settings and permanently erase all data.

- Speaker Library allows the user to create, edit, and import custom made or other provided speaker libraries.
- 1) Click on the Create button to create a new speaker library. Name the library and revision if desired. A library may contain several speaker series.
- 2) Select a Speaker Series, then use the icon to import one or more *.zcp speaker preset files into that series. Note: *.zcp speaker preset files can be created and exported in the Output>Speaker Preset menu.
- 3) To add another speaker series, click 🛅.
- 4) To rename a selected speaker series, click
- 5) To delete a selected preset or series, click .
- 6) Click the Update button when complete, the library is now loaded to the amplifier and can be used in the Output>Speaker Preset menu for selecting a library preset to an amplifier speaker output.
- 7) To export a complete speaker library *.zcl file, click Export from the Speaker Library Create or Edit menus. The *.zcl file is exported to the same download folder that is used by the browser.
- 8) To import an existing speaker library *.zcl file, click the Speaker Library Import button.

 Power Management menu enables various automatic standby and switch-on options to be engaged. A complete description of each Auto-On mode can be found in the Settings>Power Management menu.

In addition, the Power Management menu offers timed Standby and Mute functions.

Important Note: When Audio (Eco) or Trigger (Eco) Auto-On power management modes are selected, network communications will not function when the amplifier is in standby.

- GPIO menu enables configuration of the multi-purpose GPIO interface pins on the amplifier rear panel. See section 7 for complete GPIO configuration details.
- LAN menu enables configuration and reset of the wired network options and parameters. See sec 4.2 for details.
- WiFi menu enables configuration of the wireless network options and parameters. See sec 4.2 for details.

6. Setup and Signal Routing

Thanks to their network based configuration features, FX amplifiers offer considerable versatility in terms of sources, signal routing, installation zones and output modes. Inputs can be freely assigned to installation zones, and those zones assigned freely to the available amplifier outputs in either Low-Z or Hi-Z modes.

This versatility enables, for example, one amplifier simultaneously to drive both Low-Z and Hi-Z speakers, or for different inputs to be routed to different output zones.

The following paragraphs describe and illustrate the recommended procedure for configuring zone and output routing. A general signal flow schematic is illustrated in section 10.

6.1 Input Setup

- 1) Open the configuration Dashboard and select the Input Tab.
- 2) Select the Input Name field and enter text.
- 3) Define the input as mono or stereo by selecting the appropriate option. Defining a stereo input will reduce the total number of discrete inputs available.
- 4) Select an input sensitivity option from the drop-down menu: +14dB, +4dB, -10dB and 'microphone' options are available. Generally, the +14dB or +4dB options are appropriate for 'professional audio' source hardware with balanced outputs, while the -10dB option is more appropriate for 'consumer audio' source hardware with unbalanced outputs. The 'microphone' option provides the significantly greater sensitivity required for microphones.

Note: Only dynamic microphones are suitable for connection. Phantom power for condenser microphones is not provided.

5) If necessary, adjust the input gain using the slider or up/down icons. Gain adjustment is intended to be used for fine output level adjustment following initial use.

6.2 Zone Setup & Routing

- 1) Open the configuration Dashboard and select the Zone Tab.
- 2) Select the zone to be configured. The number of zones available will depend on the amplifier model, input setup (mono or stereo) and output mode (Low-Z or Hi-Z). For example, a two output amplifier will have two zones available if only mono inputs configured, but have only one zone available if any stereo input is configured. Similarly, a four output amplifier with only mono inputs configured but one output configured for Hi-Z mode will have only three zones available.

Note: When configured in Hi-Z mode, FX amplifiers operate in 'bridged' mode where the output of two channels is combined. This means that the number of output channels available in Hi-Z mode is half that available in Lo-Z mode.

- 3) Name the zone by entering text in the Zone Name field.
- 4) Adjust the zone volume if required by using the slider.
- 5) Define a mono or stereo zone by selecting the appropriate option. Defining a stereo zone will reduce the total number of further zones available.

- 6) Specify an input source for the zone by selecting from the drop down source menu. Note: Selecting a stereo input for a mono zone will automatically sum the stereo channels to mono.
- 7) Set up GPIO Volume Control for each zone if desired. (see section 7 for details)
- 8) Set up Compressor for each zone if desired.

6.3 Output Setup

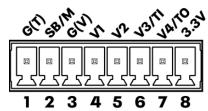
- 1) Open the configuration Dashboard and select the Output Tab.
- 2) Select the output to be configured. The number of outputs available will depend on the amplifier model, zone setup and output mode. For example, a two output amplifier will have two outputs available if Low-Z mode is selected but only one output available if Hi-7 mode is selected.
- 3) Name the output by typing in the Output Name field.

Note: Specifying a Zone as stereo will automatically generate three output channel source options: left channel, right channel or summed mono. On a four channel amplifier, the summed mono signal can potentially be used to drive a subwoofer, while two other channels are used for L/R.

4) Select the mode required for the output. The number of outputs available will depend on the amplifier model, input setup and zone setup. For example, a two output amplifier will have two outputs available if Low-Z mode is selected but only one output available if Hi-Z mode is selected.

7. GPIO Setup and Connection

FX amplifiers offer a GPIO Euroblock socket that enables remote control of volume, standby, mute and trigger functions. (*Diagram 7.3*)



Some GPIO pins have multiple functions depending on their configuration. Each pin function is described below, as well as in the Settings>GPIO configuration menu.

- **Pin 1, Soft Ground,** use only for 12V trigger and standby/mute input reference.
- Pin 2, Standby or Mute (Diagram 7.1)
 - Off, Pin 2 has no functionality (default)
- O Standby (NO) Amplifier will enter Standby when Pin 2 is connected to Pin 1 GND.
- O Standby (NC) Amplifier will enter Standby when Pin 2 is unconnected (floating).
- O Mute (NO) All amplifier outputs are muted when Pin 2 is connected to Pin 1 GND.
- O Mute (NC) All amplifier outputs are muted when Pin 2 is unconnected (floating).
- **Pin 3, Ground**, use only as ground reference for GPIO Volume Control and Trigger Out.
- Pin 4, GPIO Volume Control (Diagram 7.2)
 - Off, Pin 4 has no functionality (default)
 - O GPIO Volume Control, When selected, Pin 4 is available for remote volume control input assignment in Zone>GPIO Volume Control menu.

- Pin 5, GPIO Volume Control (Diagram 7.2)
- Off, Pin 5 has no functionality (default)
- O GPIO Volume Control, When selected, Pin 5 is available for remote volume control input assignment in Zone>GPIO Volume Control menu.
- Pin 6, Volume Control or 12V Trigger In
 - Off, Pin 6 has no functionality (default)
- O GPIO Volume Control, When selected, Pin 6 is available for remote volume control input assignment in Zone>GPIO Volume Control menu. (Diagram 7.2)
- O 12V Trigger In, Amplifier will operate when 12V signal is applied to Pin 6, and will enter Standby when no voltage is applied. Note: This requires Trigger-Mode to be selected in the Settings>Power Management menu
- Pin7, Volume Control or 12V Trigger Out
- Off, Pin 7 has no functionality.
- O GPIO Volume Control, When selected, Pin 7 is available for remote volume control input assignment in Zone>GPIO Volume Control menu. (Diagram 7.2)
- 12V Trigger Out, When selected, Pin 7 provides 12V for use with Trigger Input function on Pin 6. (default)
- Pin 8, 3.3V power, use for GPIO volume controls. Note: GPIO Pin 8 has an output impedance of $1 \text{ k}\Omega$. Connected devices must be able to sink 3.3mA.

Note: The GPIO connector must not be used for any unintended purpose.

Amplifier damage may result from incorrect use of GPIO pins. Shielded cable must be used when connecting standby switches and potentiometers via GPIO pins.

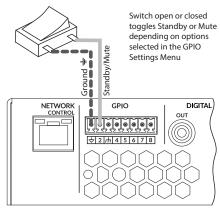


Diagram 7.1: GPIO Connections for remote standby/mute switch

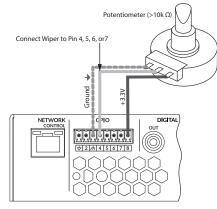


Diagram 7.2: GPIO Potentiometer connections for remote volume control.



Diagram 7.3: GPIO connections

8. Connections

8.1 Mains Power Connection

FX amplifiers incorporate a power factor corrected universal power supply and can be used with mains input voltage from 100VAC to 240VAC, 50/60Hz. Use the mains cable supplied with the amplifier.

FX amplifiers have no mains power switch and are operational as soon as mains power is connected. Ensure that all signal, GPIO and output connections are made before connecting the amplifier to mains power.

8.2 Input Connections

All FX amplifier models provide four balanced or unbalanced analog audio inputs and a stereo S/PDIF digital audio input. Any input channel can be routed to any zone using the Zone>Source menu. See Sections 6.2 or 5.3.

Analog Inputs

FX analog inputs are of line level format with a default input sensitivity of +4dBu (full output voltage swing/sensitivity) in all output modes. Input signal levels up to +24dBu can be handled without input clipping. Input sensitivity options are set via the amplifier network interface Input>Sensitivity menu. See Sections 6.1 or 5.2.

- Balanced input connections to the amplifiers are made via male 'Euro Block' connectors. Connecting cables to the supplied female input connectors is illustrated in Diagram 8.2.
- Unbalanced input connections to the amplifiers are made via RCA phone jacks.

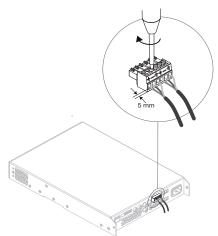
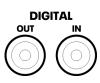


Diagram 8.2: Balanced Input connections

Note: 2 channel amplifier model connections differ from 4 channel models only in the deletion of channel 3 and channel 4 output connectors. Input and GPIO connections remain the same between all FX models.

Digital Input/Output

FX offers a S/PDIF stereo digital audio input connection via a single RCA Phone jack.



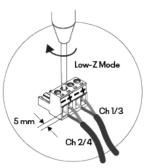
A S/PDIF digital audio output jack is also fitted. The S/PDIF output signal by default reflects the input to amplifier installation zones A & B and is intended to be used for daisy chaining FX amplifiers.

Note: 75Ω RCA Phono cables specifically intended for digital audio should always be used for S/PDIF connections. Standard Phono cables can be used but may not result in optimal performance.

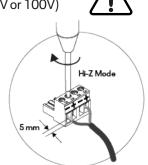
8.3 Output Speaker Connections

Output connections from the amplifiers are achieved via male 'Euro Block' connectors. Ensure that speaker connection polarity is correct throughout the installation:

 In the case of Low-Z speaker connections, positive (+) amplifier terminals should always be connected to positive speaker terminals and negative (-) amplifier terminals always connected to negative speaker terminals.



• In the case of Hi-Z (70V or 100V) speaker connections, the two speaker cable conductors should be connected between the positive (+) terminal of Output 1 and the negative terminal (-) of Output 2, and likewise for Outputs 3 and 4.



 Output mode options (Low-Z or Hi-Z) are configured via the amplifier network interface in the Output>Speaker Preset>Output Mode menu.

Note: The exclamation point printed next to the output terminals of the amplifiers is, in addition to the CLASS 2 WIRING text, intended to alert users to the risk of hazardous voltages. Output connectors that could pose a risk are marked with the exclamation point. Do not touch the output terminals while the amplifier is switched on. Make all connections with the amplifier switched off. See Section 8.1 of this manual.

8.4 Speaker Cable Gauge

FX speaker connection cable gauge should be chosen appropriately to reflect the type of installation. The following tables specify the appropriate cable gauge for less than 0.5dB cable loss with different installation types and cable lengths.

Cable Cross Section (mm ²)	Cable Gauge (US)	Max Cable Length in meters (ft), 4Ω load	Max Cable Length in meters (ft), 8Ω load
0.5	≈20	2, (7ft)	5, (16ft)
0.75	≈18	4,(13ft)	8, (26ft)
1.5	≈16	6, (20ft)	12, (39ft)
2.0	≈1 4	9, (30ft)	19, (62ft)
4.0	≈12	14, (46ft)	30, (98ft)

Cable Gauge Table: Low-Z installations. 4Ω & 8Ω loads

Cable Cross Section (mm ²)	Cable Gauge (US)	Max Cable Length in meters (ft), 125W/channel	Max Cable Length in meters (ft), 250W/channel
0.5	≈20	84, (276ft)	42, (138ft)
0.75	≈18	132, (433ft)	66, (217ft)
1.5	≈16	210, (689ft)	105, (345ft)
2.0	≈1 4	334, (1,096ft)	166, (545ft)
4.0	≈12	532, (1,745ft)	265, (869ft)

Cable Gauge Table: 70V Hi-Z installations. 60W & 125W power

Cable Cross Section (mm ²)	Cable Gauge (US)	Max Cable Length in meters (ft), 125W/channel	Max Cable Length in meters (ft), 250W/channel
0.5	≈20	171, (561ft)	85, (279ft)
0.75	≈18	269, (883ft)	134, (440ft)
1.5	≈16	430, (1,411ft)	215, (705)
2.0	≈1 4	683, (2,241ft)	341, (1,119ft)
4.0	≈12	1087, (3,566ft)	542, (1,778ft)

Cable Gauge Table: 100V Hi-Z installations. 60W & 125W power

9. Operation

Once all connections have been made and configuration options selected, FX amplifiers are ready for use. If an input signal above -60dB is present on any input, the front panel Input and Standby indicators will illuminate green to indicate normal amplifier operation. Audio will be heard from any connected speakers.

Note: FX amplifiers will not switch on from Standby Mode unless an input signal is present or a network or external standby switch is operated.

Amplifier outputs will mute if no input signal is present for 5 minutes, and the amplifier will switch automatically to Standby Mode if no signal is present on any input for more than 15 minutes. Alternative standby and mute delay times can selected in the Settings>Power Management menu. Amplifier cooling fan speed is temperature controlled. The fan will switch off when the amplifier enters standby mode.

9.1 Front Panel LEDs

FX amplifier front panel indicators illuminate to indicate the following operational states:

\bigcirc	Status
\bigcirc	Input

Output

Network

O WiFi

Status

Off - Mains power disconnected.
Green - Amplifier operational.
Pulse Green - Standby Mode.
Amber - GPIO triggered Standby Mode

Input

Off - No input signal present.

Green – Signal present on one or more inputs.

Amber – Signal limiting/clipping on one or more inputs.

Output

Off - No output signal present.

Green – Signal present on one or more outputs.

Amber – Signal limiting/clipping on one or more outputs.

Red - One or more channel pair is in overload/protection mode.

Network

Off – No Ethernet network detected. **Green** – Ethernet network detected.

• WiFi

Off – WiFi disabled. **Green** – WiFi enabled.

9.2 Automatic Power Sharing

FX amplifiers incorporate a power sharing feature that automatically shares the total power available from the amplifier's internal power supply across each pair of output channels. If one channel temporarily demands more than the amplifier's continuous power rating while other channel is demanding less, the excess power available from the internal power supply is automatically made available to the over-power channel.

Power sharing optimizes the amplifier's ability to deliver maximum power into dynamic loudspeaker loads when playing music program material.

9.3 Factory Reset

FX amplifiers can be reset using the following methods.

- Restart Device, In the configuration
 Settings> Backup & Restore menu, there is
 a button called Restart Device. Performing a
 Device Restart does not erase any presets or
 data from the FX amplifier.
- Full Reset, In the configuration Settings> Backup & Restore menu, there is a button called RESET! Clicking this button will permanently erase all device data and restore the unit to factory defaults. It cannot be undone.
- Hardware Reset, If unable to access the amplifier's configuration interface through a network connection, it may become necessary to reset the device using the hardware reset switch. On the bottom side of the FX amplifier chassis, there is a small opening in the chassis at the center just behind the front panel. This provides access to the recessed factory reset switch.
 - 1) To perform a complete factory reset using this switch, first remove AC power from the unit.
 - 2) Use a pencil tip or similar item pressed through the rest switch opening, gently pressing the recessed momentary switch.
 - 3) Apply AC power to the unit. Hold the switch down for at least two seconds but no more than five seconds, then release the switch.
 - 4) Remove AC from the unit, then reconnect AC. The unit will power up in the usual manner with factory default settings.



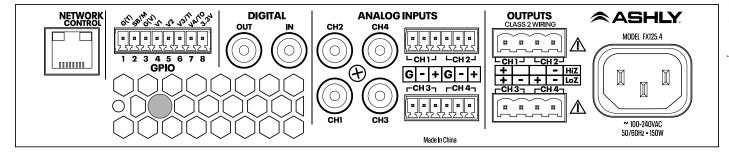
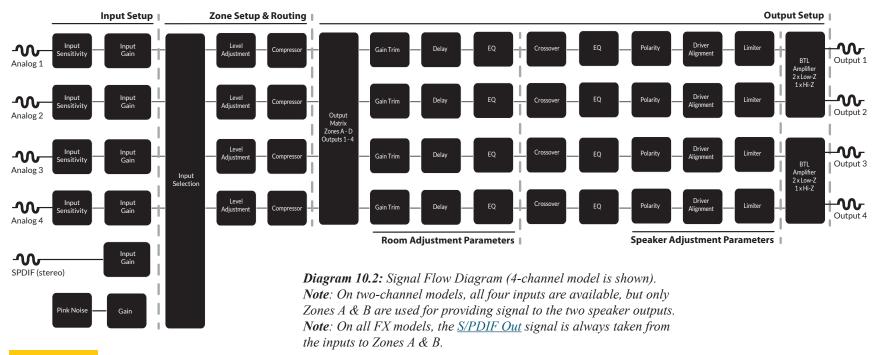


Diagram 10.1: FX Front & Back Panels, (FX125.4 shown)

Note: 2-Channel models are the same as 4-channel models other than power ratings and number of available zones and speaker outputs. All Network, Input, and GPIO connections and functionality are the same between all FX models.



Model	FX 60.2	FX 125.2	FX 60.4	FX 125.4
Outputs	2 Low-Z or 1 Hi-Z	2 Low-Z or 1 Hi-Z	4 Low-Z or 2 Hi-Z	4 Low-Z or 2 Hi-Z
Output power @	60W Low-Z	125W Low-Z	60W Low-Z	125W Low-Z
4Ω/8Ω/25V [†] /70V/100V* All channels driven	120W Hi-Z	250W Hi-Z	120W Hi-Z	250W Hi-Z
Output power @ $4\Omega/8\Omega/25V^{\dagger}/70V/100V^*$ Single channel driven	120W**	250W** (156W)†	250W**	250W** (156W)†
Output power @ $16\Omega^{***}$ Single channel driven	120W	125W	125W	125W
Power Consumption	75W	75W	75W	150W
Dimensions	44 x 220 x 213 mm	44 x 220 x 213 mm	44 x 220 x 319 mm	44 x 220 x 319 mm
D inionolono	(1.7 x 8.7 x 8.4 in)	(1.7 x 8.7 x 8.4 in)	(1.7 x 8.7 x 12.6 in)	(1.7 x 8.7 x 12.6 in)
Weight	2.0 kg (4.4 lbs)	2.0 kg (4.4 lbs)	2.8 kg (6.2 lbs)	2.8 kg (6.2 lbs)
Output Circuitry	UMAC™	UMAC™ Class D - full bandwidth PWM modulator with ultra-low distortion		
Output Voltage	70 Vp / 140 Vpp (unloaded) / Bridged 140 Vp / 280 Vpp (unloaded)			
Signal To Noise-Ratio		> 106 dB (A-weighted 20 Hz - 20 kHz 8 Ω load)		
THD+N (typical)		< 0.05 % (20 Hz - 20 kHz 8 Ω load 12.5% rated power)		
Frequency Response	20 Hz - 20 kHz (+0/-0.25 dB (8 Ω load 12.5% rated power)			
Protection Circuits	Short circuit protection. DC protection. under voltage protection. temperature protection. overload protection			
Power Supply	UREC™ universal mains switch mode power supply with Power Factor Correction (PFC) and integral standby converter			
Operating Voltage/ Frequency	Universal Mains 100-240V 50-60Hz			
Standby Consumption	< 0.5W			
Accessories (sold separately)	FA1.2RM rack ear, half-rack extension, connection plate; FA2.2RM rear-support kit; FATWB desk/wall mount kit			
Power Ratings	1% THD @ 120VAC and 230VAC			

^{* 100}V line mode operates at 90V (≈-1dB).

^{**} Power sharing operational.

^{*** 16} Ohm power output is limited by the maximum voltage swing available in low impedance mode † For 25V applications, maximum power with power sharing is 156W. Output load must be >4 Ω .

Dashboard Menu	
Amplifier Status	Power/Standby, Input, Output, Wired LAN IP address, WiFi IP address
Zone Status	Mute per zone, Gain adjust -80dB to 0dB, Input Type, Output Routing
Input Menu	
Analog Inputs 1-4	Mono or Stereo, Input Sensitivity: +14dBu, +4dBu (default), -10dBV, or Microphone, Gain/Trim -10dB to +10dB
S/PDIF Inputs	Mono or Stereo, Gain/Trim -10dB to +10dB
Pink Noise Generator	ON/OFF, Gain/Trim -50dB to 0dB
Zone Menu	
Source	Zone A/B in 2ch models, Zone A-D in 4ch models, Gain adjust per zone -80dB to 0dB, Mono or Stereo, Zone Input Source Select
GPIO Volume Control	Per Zone, GPIO Pin must be enabled for Volume Control
Compressor	Per Zone, Default or Manual Mode (manual mode parameters: Threshold, Attack Time, Release Time, Hold Time, Ratio, Knee)
Output Menu	
Routing	Zone source selection per output 1-2 on 2ch models, output 1-4 on 4ch models
Delay	Per output, ON/OFF, adjustable 0-100ms (feet, meters, & samples also indicated)
Equalizer	Per output, ON/OFF, Edit, Copy, Clear
Filter Types	10-Band Parametric, 6dB & 12dB Hi/Lo Shelf, 6dB & 12dB HPF/LPF, Hi/Lo Shelf with Q, 1st & 2nd order All Pass, Bandpass, Notch
Speaker Preset:	Per output, select preset from library, import preset from file, export preset to file, clear preset
Crossover & Gain	Per output, ON/OFF, Gain, Copy, Clear, High Pass Filter, Low Pass Filter
Filter Types	Off, Butterworth 6/12/18/24/36/48dB/octave, Bessel 12/24/48dB/octave, Linkwitz-Riley 12/24/36/48dB/octave
Speaker EQ	Per output, ON/OFF, Edit, Copy, Clear
Filter Types	10-Band Parametric, 6dB & 12dB Hi/Lo Shelf, 6dB & 12dB HPF/LPF, Hi/Lo Shelf with Q, 1st & 2nd order All Pass, Bandpass, Notch
FIR Filters	Per output, ON/OFF, Import, Clear (512 taps maximum)
Driver Alignment	Per output, ON/OFF, adjustable 0-10ms (feet, meters, & samples also indicated)
Polarity	Per output, 0°, 180°
Limiter	Per output, Clip Limiter ON/OFF, Peak Limiter (Auto/Manual mode), RMS Limiter ON/OFF
Output Mode	Per output, Off, Lo-Z (4 & 8 Ohm), Hi-Z - 70V (needs two output channels), Hi-Z - 100V (needs two output channels)

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Configuration Specifications (continued)

Settings Menu	
System Information	Installation site info
Device	Device info, device locator, firmware update
Backup & Restore	Backup/restore device settings, restart device, factory reset
Speaker Library	Create/Edit/Import speaker libraries
Power Management	Set Auto-On options, change Standby timer, change Mute timer
GPIO	Pin assignment options
Pin 1	Ground only, for 12V trigger and standby/mute input reference
Pin 2	Off, Input for Standby (NO), Standby (NC), Mute (NO), or Mute (NC)
Pin 3	Ground only, for Voltage Control and Trigger Out reference
Pin 4	Off, Remote Volume Control
Pin 5	Off, Remote Volume Control
Pin 6	Off, Volume Control, 12V Trigger Input (12V trigger input requires Trigger-Mode selected in Power Management section)
Pin 7	Off, Remote Volume Control, 12V Trigger Out
Pin 8	3.3V only (used for remote GPIO volume control)
LAN	Set LAN network mode to DHCP or Static IP. <i>The wired LAN default static IP address is 192.168.64.100</i>
WiFi	WiFi ON/OFF, Disable WiFi on LAN connection, WiFi Disable timer, set WiFi mode to Access Point (hot spot) or Client. The FX amplifier's WiFi access point (hotspot) IP address is 192.168.4.1, default password is "password"

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