

758-002 Weatherproof Speaker Amplifier Enclosure

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General Information

The Model 758-002 Weatherproof Speaker Amplifier Enclosure is an important component of the 700 Series Page/Party System. It is constructed of cast aluminum alloy, which is extremely weatherproof and corrosion-resistant, and can be used in either indoor or outdoor applications.

This enclosure is designed for 24 V dc input systems and is equipped with terminal strips for connecting inter-station system cable. The GAI-Tronics Model 751-002 Speaker Amplifier mates directly into this enclosure.

Installation

CAUTION A Do not install this equipment in hazardous areas or areas other than those indicated on the approval listing in the "Approvals" section of this manual. Such installation may cause a safety hazard and consequent injury or property damage.

When installing an add-on station, consult the 24 V dc system layout diagrams at the end of this manual. These figures, when used in conjunction with the station installation information and cable layout guide, should provide all the information necessary to install additional Page/Party stations.

In 24-volt systems, plan on several branch lines from the dc source with no more than six stations per branch. One branch could span up to 4,000 feet for a single station. The Maximum Cable Distance Table lists the limits. Where two or more stations are listed, the assumption is that they are evenly spaced along the cable.

Each amplifier contains two fuses on the PCBA in the 24 V dc input to protect and isolate the handset and speaker amplifier circuitry in the event of a failure. Power line wiring to each amplifier or group of amplifiers should have a fuse or circuit-breaker to protect against wiring failures.

If cable with No. 14 AWG power line conductors is used, a 15-amp fuse or circuit breaker should be installed for each branch line at the point it connects to the battery. Fuse or circuit breaker rating is determined by the size cable used in the branch. Consult the National Electrical Code (NFPA70) or Canadian Standards Association (CSA 22.1) for the maximum allowable capacity of the wire used.

The GAI-Tronics 24 V dc series of Page/Party system equipment is designed to operate from a 24-volt dc rechargeable battery. A battery charger may be connected to the battery to maintain the charge.

CAUTION A Under <u>NO</u> condition should this equipment be operated from a battery charger without the batteries connected.

Most chargers have an unloaded output of 35 to 45 volts that can quickly damage the equipment designed for nominal 24 volts. To maintain a proper state of battery charge, the voltage across the batteries will be somewhat greater than 24 volts but should never exceed 28.8 V dc. Grounding the negative side of the battery system at only one point is recommended and will ensure hum- and noise-free operation.

Enclosure Placement

All GAI-Tronics Page/Party units are wired in parallel. Good system layout design minimizes the cable required for each installation. GAI-Tronics multi-conductor cable, designed especially for this application, is recommended. The number, size, and color-coding of conductors are listed in the accompanying system connection diagrams.

System layout and power cable length are important considerations when installing Page/Party equipment. Consult the Maximum Cable Distance table for typical cable lengths. The cable distance between stations as well as total cable distance must be considered. Cable distance is more strictly regulated in 24 V dc systems because of the amount of resistance these cables encounter—the longer the cable distance, the greater the resistance and IR losses (voltage drop) encountered.

Number of Units	No. 14 AWG Total/Between	No. 12 AWG Total/Between	No. 10 AWG Total/Between	No. 8 AWG Total/Between
1	977 / 977	1,554 / 1,554	2,471 / 2,471	3,931 / 3,931
2	651 / 325	1,037 / 518	1,648 / 824	2,620 / 1,310
3	489 / 163	777 / 259	1,236 / 412	1,966 / 655
4	391 / 98	622 / 155	988 / 247	1,572 / 393
5	325 / 65	518 / 103	823 / 165	1,310 / 262
6	279 / 46	444 / 74	706 / 117	1,123 / 187
9	196 / 21	311 /34	494 / 55	786 / 87

Maximum Cable Distance in Feet*

*Based on the following assumptions:

• Continuous tone (alarm) signals driving each station's speaker amp to a maximum of 12 watts. **NOTE:** If the station is used for speech (audio) signals <u>only</u>, the distances stated above can be multiplied by a factor of 2 because speech signals do not have the energy content that a continuous tone has; therefore, they do not require as much average current and thus less cable IR drop will result.

- GAI-Tronics-supplied cable is used.
- Wire resistance (ohms) is the nominal value for the applicable AWG at 1,000 feet of bare copper, stranded wire @ 20° C (68° F). Wire resistance values used are as follows: No. 14 AWG = ~2.525 ohms; No. 12 AWG = ~1.588 ohms; No. 10 AWG = ~0.999 ohm; No. 8 AWG = ~0.628 ohm
- DC V at cable run's feed point (Float charge of connected batteries) = ~ 26.6 V dc
- DC V at the last unit in cable run = 21 V dc minimum
- Station unit current draw (I) is the same regardless of the unit's placement along the cable run for ease of calculation. (1.1 amperes when unit is producing a 12-watt sine wave output.)
- Distances reflect a 3% reduction for margin of error.

For conditions other than above, the following formula may be helpful in calculating the approximate maximum distance for a SINGLE station.

For **<u>CONTINUOUS</u>** tone applications with minimum distortion:

VFEEDPOINT - VMINIMUM		APPROXIMATE Maximum distance
(2 x AWG WIRE RESISTANCE PER FOOT @~20°C) x UNIT I [IN AMPS @12W OUT]		IN FEET

For **<u>SPEECH</u>** operation only, multiply the above result by a factor of 2.

Example: What is the approximate maximum distance for a **single** dc station if the voltage feed is 27.5 V dc and a No. 14 AWG wire is used @ 20° C?

Info:

- No. 14 AWG @ 20° C = ~0.002525 ohm per foot × 2 for LOOP R
- $V_{\text{FEEDPOINT}} = 27.5 \text{ V dc}$

Solution:

 $(27.5 V - 21 V) / ((2 \times 0.002525 \text{ ohm per foot}) \times 1.1 \text{ amps})$ = 6.5 / 0.005555 = 1,170 feet (for <u>CONTINUOUS TONE</u> signal), or up to ~2,340 feet (factor of 2) for <u>SPEECH</u> signals

Mounting

The Model 758-002 Weatherproof Speaker Amplifier Enclosure is supplied with pre-drilled cable openings and conduit hubs with top and bottom cap plugs in place to prevent contamination.

Whenever possible, do not enter an enclosure from the top: bottom entry helps to prevent moisture from dripping onto the terminals or PCBAs. There are four 0.44-inch diameter mounting holes in the corners of the amplifier enclosure. Refer to Figure 1. The suggested mounting height for all station enclosures is 54 inches (137 cm).

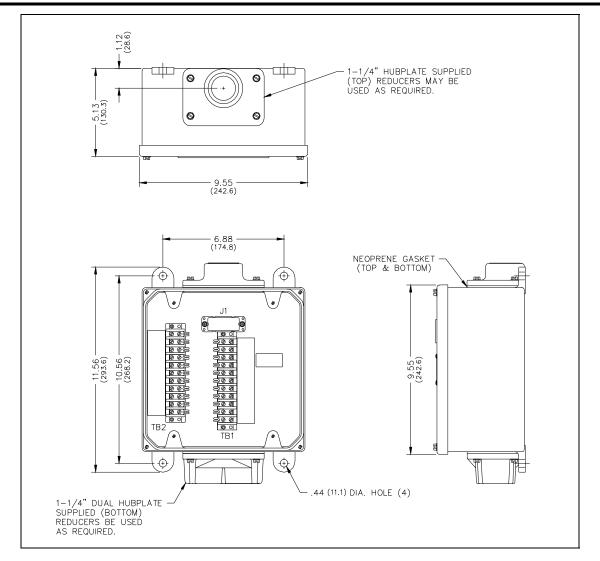


Figure 1. Model 758-002 24 V DC Weatherproof Speaker Amplifier Enclosure

Wiring

Attach conduit to the enclosure. Feed the wiring through the conduit, and bring it into the enclosure. See Figure 2. Follow the wire colors carefully, because the colors correspond to GAI-Tronics 60029 or 60038 Series cable. The wires must be spade-lugged and connected securely to the terminal block. An improper termination may diminish station performance.

Mutual Muting

If feedback occurs within an area and repositioning of the system speakers does not help, mutual muting may be used to correct this problem.

Perform the following steps to mutually mute the adjacent amplifiers/handsets within a zone.

- 1. Ensure that the purple lugged wire on the Model 758-002 Enclosure is connected to terminal 7 of TB1.
- 2. Connect terminal TB1-7 of the handset station to TB1-7 of the Model 758-002 Enclosure within the zone that is causing feedback. This is done by using the spare system wire (orange conductor) from within the system cable that runs between the stations.

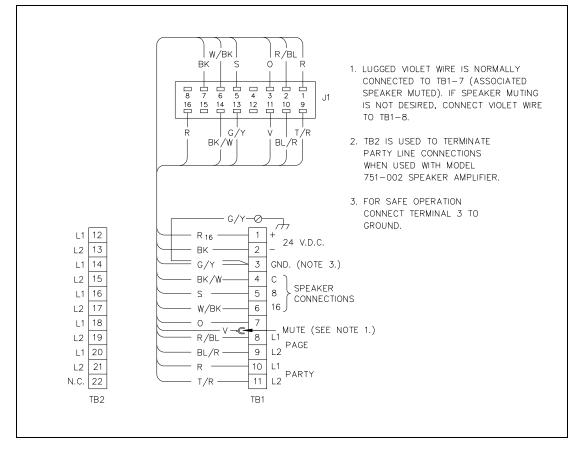


Figure 2. Wiring Details

Maintenance

Regular inspection and a good preventive maintenance program will increase the reliability of your GAI-Tronics station. The GAI-Tronics Field Service Department can formulate a service contract suited to your facility's specific need for preventive maintenance.

In addition, the following procedure can be used to keep Page/Party systems operating effectively.

-Before performing any of the following preventive maintenance steps, remove all power from the station.

- 1. Remove the amplifier from the enclosure.
- 2. Visually check the interior of the enclosure for signs of contamination such as dust, condensation or process liquid.
- 3. Using the No. 10440-002 Maintenance Cable, plug the amplifier into the connector in the enclosure. Check, and if necessary, adjust the amplifier to maximize performance.
- 4. Reinstall the amplifier in the enclosure. Ensure that all gaskets and hardware are in place. Failure to install the gaskets, which also act as spacers, can result in damage to the connectors on the amplifiers and inside the enclosures and can cause system faults.

It may become necessary to re-terminate some or all of the enclosures in a system. If so, strip the wires back to clean copper and connect only one wire to each connector to allow for easier future troubleshooting.

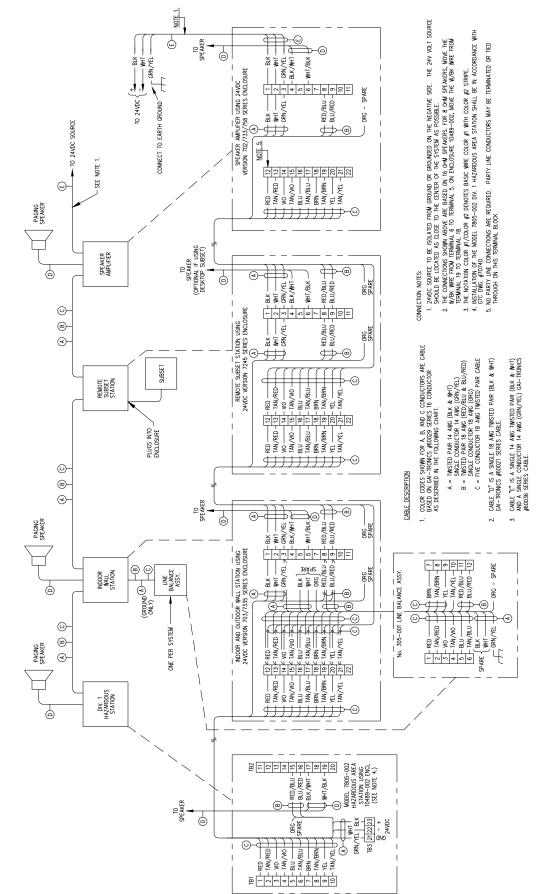
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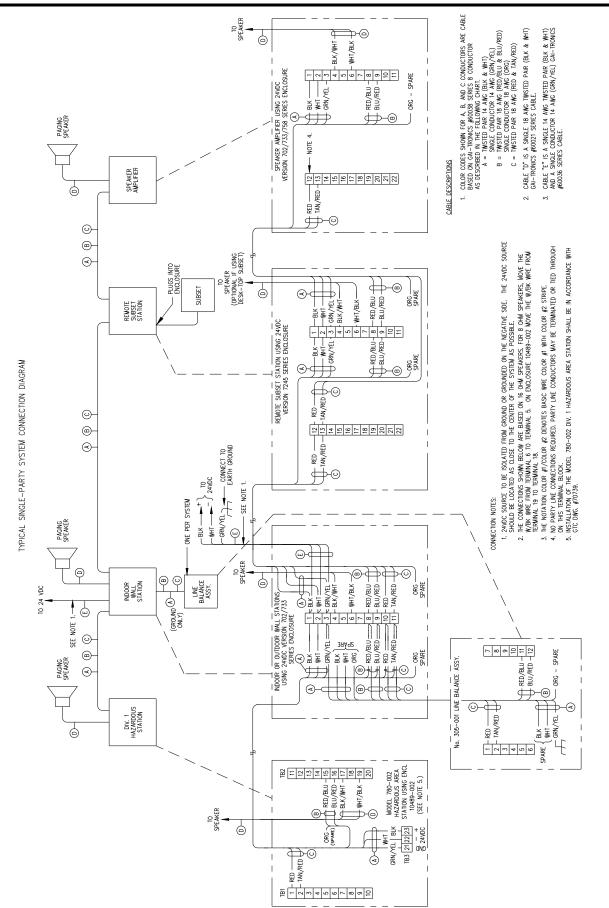
Problem	Solution
Feedback occurs only during page.	 If a speaker is close to the station, try using the muting feature in the amplifier enclosure at the terminal blocks. Connect the violet wire at TB1-8 to TB1-7. Refer to the wiring diagram.
	2. Ensure that speakers attached to other stations located nearby are not pointed in your direction. If changing the orientation of the other speakers has no effect, mutual muting may be required. Mutual muting silences all the speakers within proximity to the affected stations during a page from any one of the mutually muted stations.
	Connect the orange wire (spare) to the TB1-7 of all the stations to be mutually muted.
	NOTE: If too many stations are selected, paging coverage can be adversely affected.
	3. Check line terminations at the line balance assembly. Line balance assembly connections are critical.
Crosstalk occurs.	One or more system cable pairs may be improperly terminated. Visually inspect the system cable connections for accidental crossing of the cable pairs or grounds.

The following table lists some hints to aid technicians in troubleshooting.

Replacement Parts

Part Number	Description	
10440-002	Maintenance Cable	
46101-012	Screw Kit	
12535-002	Hardware for Harness Assembly	
12566-001	1-1/4-inch Hub Kit	
12566-002	Dual 1-1/4-inch Kit	
61509-016	Harness Assembly	
62005-011	11-point Terminal Block	





Specifications

Construction/finish	cast aluminum/gray polyurethane
Mounting	wall or column, four 0.44-inch diameter mounting holes
Connections	internal screw-type barrier terminal blocks
Dimensions	11.58 H × 9.55 W × 5.1 D in (289.5 × 242.6 × 129 mm)
Shipping weight	

Approvals

NRTL Listed for USA and Canada Class I, Div. 2, Groups A, B, C, D;
Class II, Div. 2, Groups F and G;
and Class III, Div. 2
when used with listed GAI-Tronics Model 751 24 V dc Series Speaker Amplifier
Outdoor environmental ratingNEMA 4X

Warranty

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If the equipment requires service, contact your Regional Service Center for a return authorization number (RA#). Equipment should be shipped prepaid to GAI-Tronics with a return authorization number and a purchase order number. If the equipment is under warranty, repairs or a replacement will be made in accordance with the warranty policy set forth above. Please include a written explanation of all defects to assist our technicians in their troubleshooting efforts.

Call 800-492-1212 (inside the USA) or 610-777-1374 (outside the USA) for help identifying the Regional Service Center closest to you.