



Q 15






Q 15-L

Q 15-P

TWO-WAY POINT SOURCE MODULES

1. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The symbols used in this document give notice of important operating instructions and warnings which must be strictly followed.

	CAUTION	Important operating instructions: explains hazards that could damage a product, including data loss
	WARNING	Important advice concerning the use of dangerous voltages and the potential risk of electric shock, personal injury or death.
	IMPORTANT NOTES	Helpful and relevant information about the topic
	SUPPORTS, TROLLEYS AND CARTS	Information about the use of supports, trolleys and carts. Reminds to move with extreme caution and never tilt.
	WASTE DISPOSAL	This symbol indicates that this product should not be disposed with your household waste, according to the WEEE directive (2012/19/EU) and your national law.

IMPORTANT NOTES

This manual contains important information about the correct and safe use of the device. Before connecting and using this product, please read this instruction manual carefully and keep it on hand for future reference. The manual is to be considered an integral part of this product and must accompany it when it changes ownership as a reference for correct installation and use as well as for the safety precautions. RCF S.p.A. will not assume any responsibility for the incorrect installation and / or use of this product.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. All the precautions, in particular the safety ones, must be read with special attention, as they provide important information.

2. Power supply from mains

- The mains voltage is sufficiently high to involve a risk of electrocution; install and connect this product before plugging it in.
- Before powering up, make sure that all the connections have been made correctly and the voltage of your mains corresponds to the voltage shown on the rating plate on the unit, if not, please contact your RCF dealer.
- The metallic parts of the unit are earthed through the power cable. An apparatus with CLASS I construction shall be connected to a mains socket outlet with a protective earthing connection.
- Protect the power cable from damage; make sure it is positioned in a way that it cannot be stepped on or crushed by objects.
- To prevent the risk of electric shock, never open this product: there are no parts inside that the user needs to access.
- Be careful: in the case of a product supplied by manufacturer only with POWERCON connectors and without a power cord, jointly to POWERCON connectors type NAC3FCA (power-in) and NAC3FCB (power-out), the following power cords compliant to national standard shall be used:
 - EU: cord type H05VV-F 3G 3x2.5 mm2 - Standard IEC 60227-1
 - JP: cord type VCTF 3x2 mm2; 15Amp/120V~ - Standard JIS C3306
 - US: cord type SJT/SJTO 3x14 AWG; 15Amp/125V~ - Standard ANSI/UL 62

3. Make sure that no objects or liquids can get into this product, as this may cause a short circuit. This apparatus shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing. No objects filled with liquid, such as vases, shall be placed on this apparatus. No naked sources (such as lighted candles) should be placed on this apparatus.

4. Never attempt to carry out any operations, modifications or repairs that are not expressly described in this manual.

Contact your authorized service centre or qualified personnel should any of the following occur:

- **The product does not function (or functions in an anomalous way).**
- **The power cable has been damaged.**
- **Objects or liquids have got in the unit.**
- **The product has been subject to a heavy impact.**

5. If this product is not used for a long period, disconnect the power cable.

6. If this product begins emitting any strange odours or smoke, switch it off immediately and disconnect the power cable.

7. Do not connect this product to any equipment or accessories not foreseen.

For suspended installation, only use the dedicated anchoring points and do not try to hang this product by using elements that are unsuitable or not specific for this purpose. Also check the suitability of the support surface to which the product is anchored (wall, ceiling, structure, etc.), and the components used for attachment (screw anchors, screws, brackets not supplied by RCF etc.), which must guarantee the security of the system / installation over time, also considering, for example, the mechanical vibrations normally generated by transducers.

To prevent the risk of falling equipment, do not stack multiple units of this product unless this possibility is specified in the user manual.

8. RCF S.p.A. strongly recommends this product is only installed by professional qualified installers (or specialised firms) who can ensure correct installation and certify it according to the regulations in force.

The entire audio system must comply with the current standards and regulations regarding electrical systems.

9. Supports, trolleys and carts.



The equipment should be only used on supports, trolleys and carts, where necessary, that are recommended by the manufacturer. The equipment / support / trolley / cart assembly must be moved with extreme caution. Sudden stops, excessive pushing force and uneven floors may cause the assembly to overturn. Never tilt the assembly.

10. There are numerous mechanical and electrical factors to be considered when installing a professional audio system (in addition to those which are strictly acoustic, such as sound pressure, angles of coverage, frequency response, etc.).

11. Hearing loss.

Exposure to high sound levels can cause permanent hearing loss. The acoustic pressure level that leads to hearing loss is different from person to person and depends on the duration of exposure. To prevent potentially dangerous exposure to high levels of acoustic pressure, anyone who is exposed to these levels should use adequate protection devices. When a transducer capable of producing high sound levels is being used, it is therefore necessary to wear ear plugs or protective earphones. See the manual technical specifications to know the maximum sound pressure level.


OPERATING PRECAUTIONS


- Place this product far from any heat sources and always ensure an adequate air circulation around it.
- Do not overload this product for a long time.
- Never force the control elements (keys, knobs, etc.).
- Do not use solvents, alcohol, benzene or other volatile substances for cleaning the external parts of this product.


IMPORTANT NOTES

To prevent the occurrence of noise on line signal cables, use screened cables only and avoid putting them close to:

- **Equipment that produces high-intensity electromagnetic fields**
- **Power cables**
- **Loudspeaker lines**

 **WARNING! CAUTION! To prevent the risk of fire or electric shock, never expose this product to rain or humidity.**

 **WARNING! To prevent electric shock hazard, do not connect to mains power supply while grille is removed**

 **WARNING! to reduce the risk of electric shock, do not disassemble this product unless you are qualified. Refer servicing to qualified service personnel.**

CORRECT DISPOSAL OF THIS PRODUCT



This product should be handed over to an authorized collection site for recycling waste electrical and electronic equipment (EEE). Improper handling of this type of waste could have a possible negative impact on the environment and human health due to potentially hazardous substances

that are generally associated with EEE. At the same time, your cooperation in the correct disposal of this product will contribute to the effective usage of natural resources. For more information about where you can drop off your waste equipment for recycling, please contact your local city office, waste authority or your household waste disposal service.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

To ensure a long-life service, this product should be used following these advices:

- If the product is intended to be set up outdoors, be sure it is under cover and protected to rain and moisture.
- If the product needs to be used in a cold environment, slowly warm up the voice coils by sending a low-level signal for about 15 minutes before sending high-power signals.
- Always use a dry cloth to clean the exterior surfaces of the speaker and always do it when the power is turned off.



CAUTION: to avoid damaging the exterior finishes do not use cleaning solvents or abrasives.



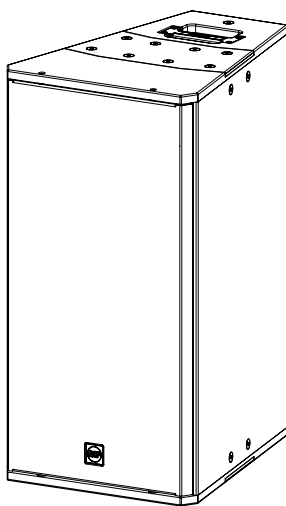
WARNING! CAUTION! For powered speakers, do cleaning only when the power is turned off.

2. DESCRIPTION

Q 15, Q 15-L, Q 15-P - TWO-WAY POINT SOURCE MODULES

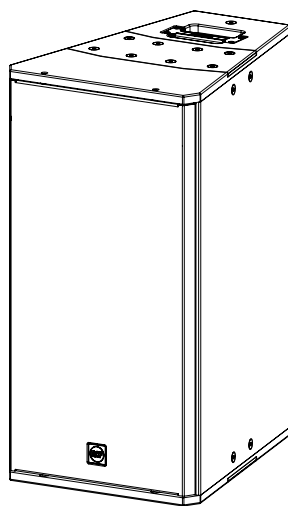
Q 15 speakers are two-way, bi-amp point source modules for mid distance and long throw applications, merging a compact size with a very high output and accurate voice and sound reproduction. The systems are equipped with the latest generation of RCF precision transducers: a 15" neodymium woofer (4.0" v.c.) and a 1.4" exit compression driver (4.0" v.c.) providing 1500 W power rating.

Directivity, horizontal 22.5° and vertical 60° (Q 15), 90° (Q 15-L), 40° (Q 15-P) makes Q 15 speakers ideal to be used in point source configuration for mid distance applications or clustered with narrower angles for long throw applications. The enclosure shape is trapezoidal and offers a 22.5° coupling angle each side. Thanks to two different fly bars, it can be clustered both horizontally (up to 4 modules with the same fly bar) and vertically (up to 6 modules with one flybar and up to 8 modules with two fly-bars). Connections to the amplifier are made through Speakon multi-pole connectors. The grille is in custom perforated steel epoxy coated, with woven fabric backing. The cabinet is made of multi-ply Baltic birch plywood and finished in a very resistant polyurea black paint.



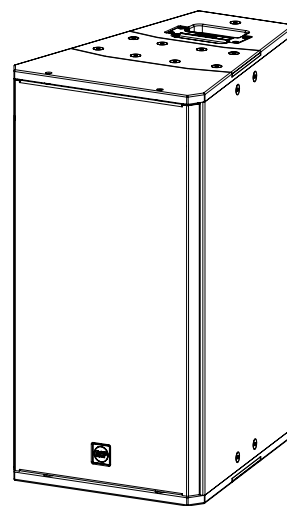
Q 15

Horizontal directivity: 22.5°
Vertical directivity: 60°



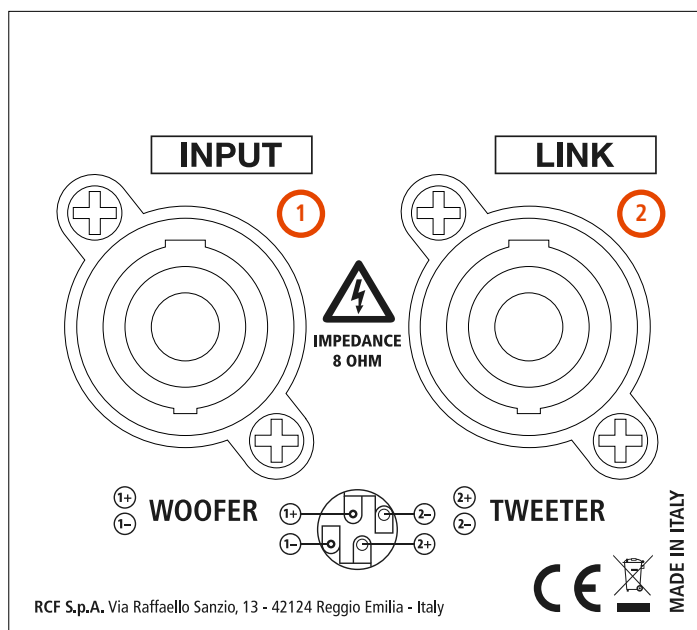
Q 15-L

Horizontal directivity: 22.5°
Vertical directivity: 90°



Q 15-P

Horizontal directivity: 22.5°
Vertical directivity: 40°



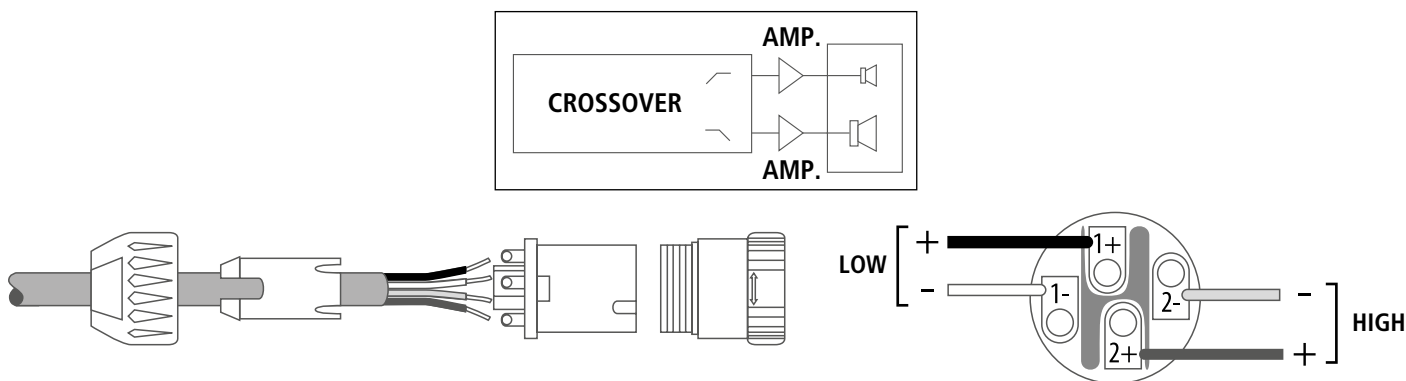
THE REAR PANEL

The rear panel displays 2 sockets, both for 'Neutrik Speakon NL4' (4-pole) plugs:

- ① The INPUT socket receives the signal from the amplifier
- ② The LINK socket can be used to link another speaker

'BI-AMP' MODE

The speaker must be powered by two amplifiers (one for the low frequency, one for the high frequency) and an external crossover is required. Check in the specification table the impedance of both ways, their power and the suggested crossover frequency.



CONNECTIONS

- Low frequency amplifier + output to the pin 1+ of the SPEAKON connector
- Low frequency amplifier - output to the pin 1- of the SPEAKON connector
- High frequency amplifier + output to the pin 2+ of the SPEAKON connector
- High frequency amplifier - output to the pin 2- of the SPEAKON connector

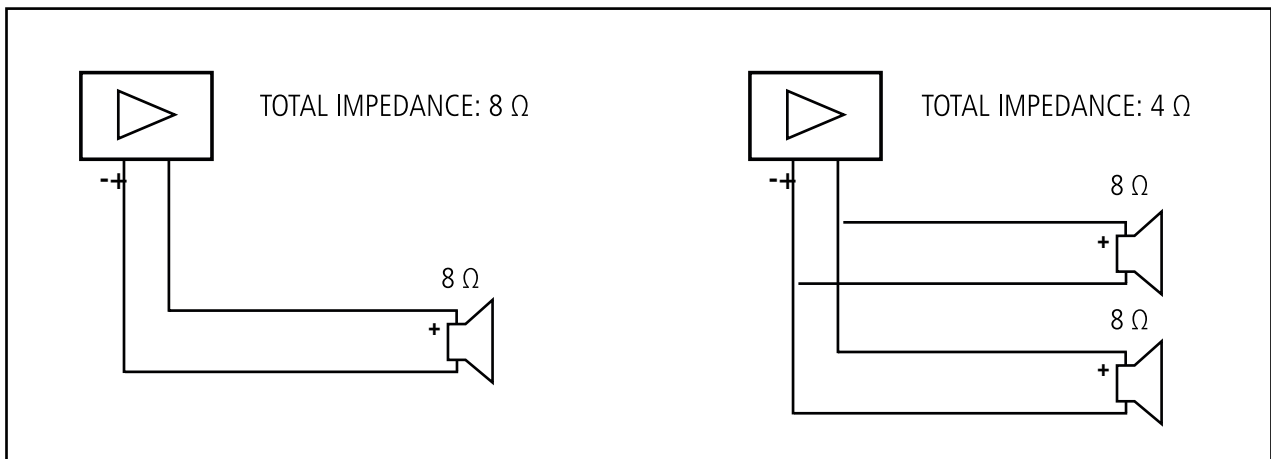
⚡ ⚠ WARNING! CAUTION! Loudspeaker connections should be only made by qualified and experienced personnel having the technical know-how or enough specific instructions (to ensure that connections are made correctly) in order to prevent any electrical danger.

To prevent any risk of electric shock, do not connect loudspeakers when the amplifier is switched on.

Before turning the system on, check all connections and make sure there are no accidental short circuits.

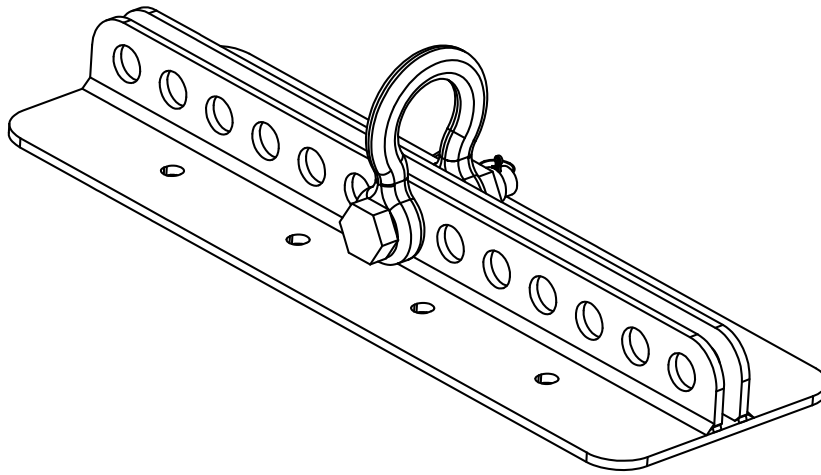
The entire sound system shall be designed and installed in compliance with the current local laws and regulations regarding electrical systems.

NOTES ABOUT LOW IMPEDANCE CONNECTIONS

**WARNING! CAUTION!**

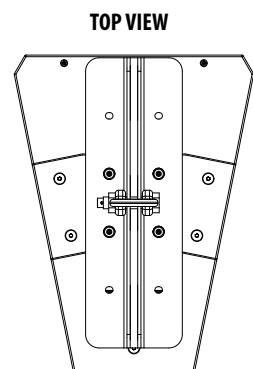
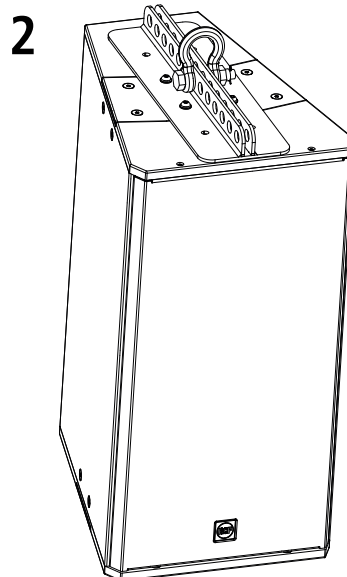
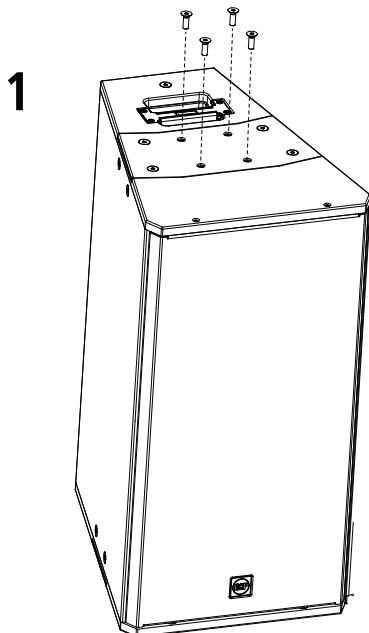
- The total loudspeaker impedance must not be lower than the amplifier output impedance. Note: a loudspeaker total impedance equal to the amplifier output one permits to get the maximum deliverable power (but an higher loudspeaker impedance entails less power).
- The total loudspeaker power shall be adequate for the maximum deliverable power of the amplifier.
- The loudspeaker line shall be short (for long distances, it may be necessary to use cables with large cross-section wires).
- Always use cables having wires with an adequate cross-section, considering the cable length and the total loudspeaker power.
- Loudspeaker lines must be kept separated from the mains cables, microphone cables or others, in order to avoid inductive phenomena may cause hum or noises.
- Use loudspeaker cables with twisted wires to reduce hum caused by inductive effects due to coupling with electromagnetic fields.
- Do NOT connect the low impedance input directly to 70 / 100 V constant voltage lines.

Up to 4 x Q 15 can be hanged horizontally by using the horizontal flybar **FLY BAR FL-B H Q 15**.



4.1 HORIZONTAL HANGING OF 1 SPEAKER

1. Unscrew the 4 central screws from the Top Plate
2. Secure the Flybar with the 4 x M10 screws provided.



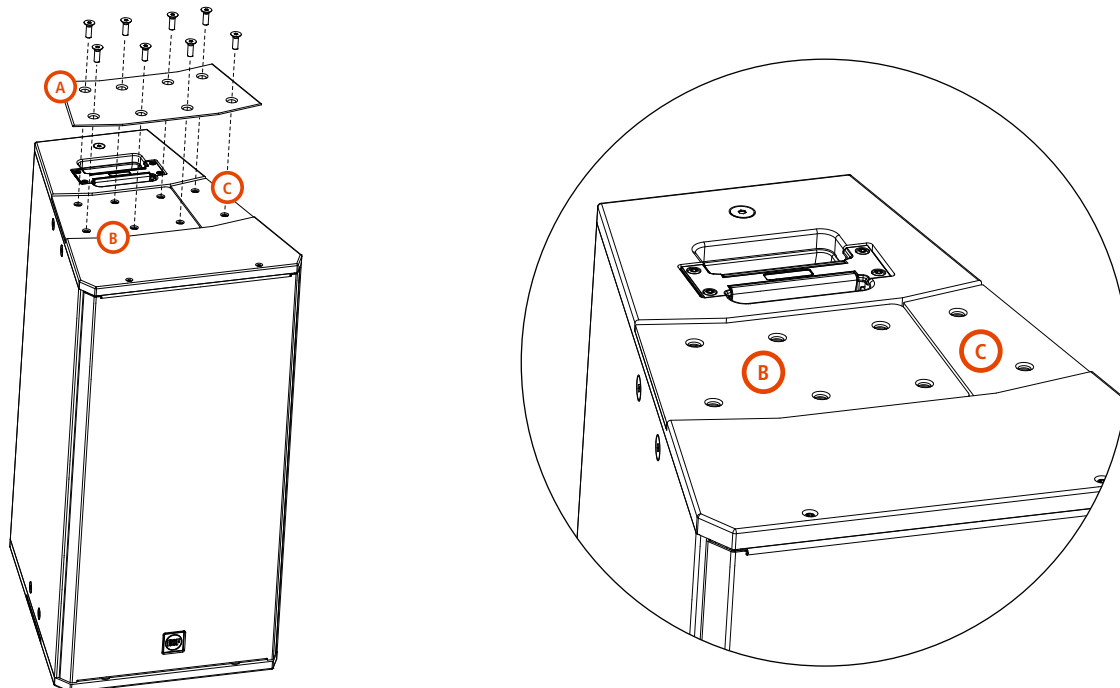
4. HORIZONTAL HANGING

4.2 HORIZONTAL HANGING OF 2 OR MORE SPEAKERS

Unscrew the 8 screws from the Top Plate **(A)** and remove it. There are 2 plates below the Top Plate:

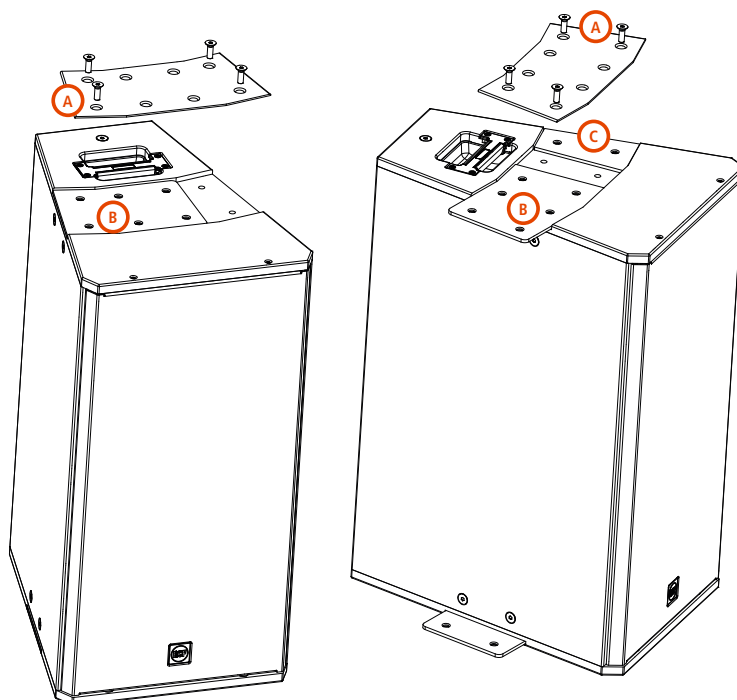
(B) a Link Plate (with 6 holes)

(C) an External Plate (with 2 holes)



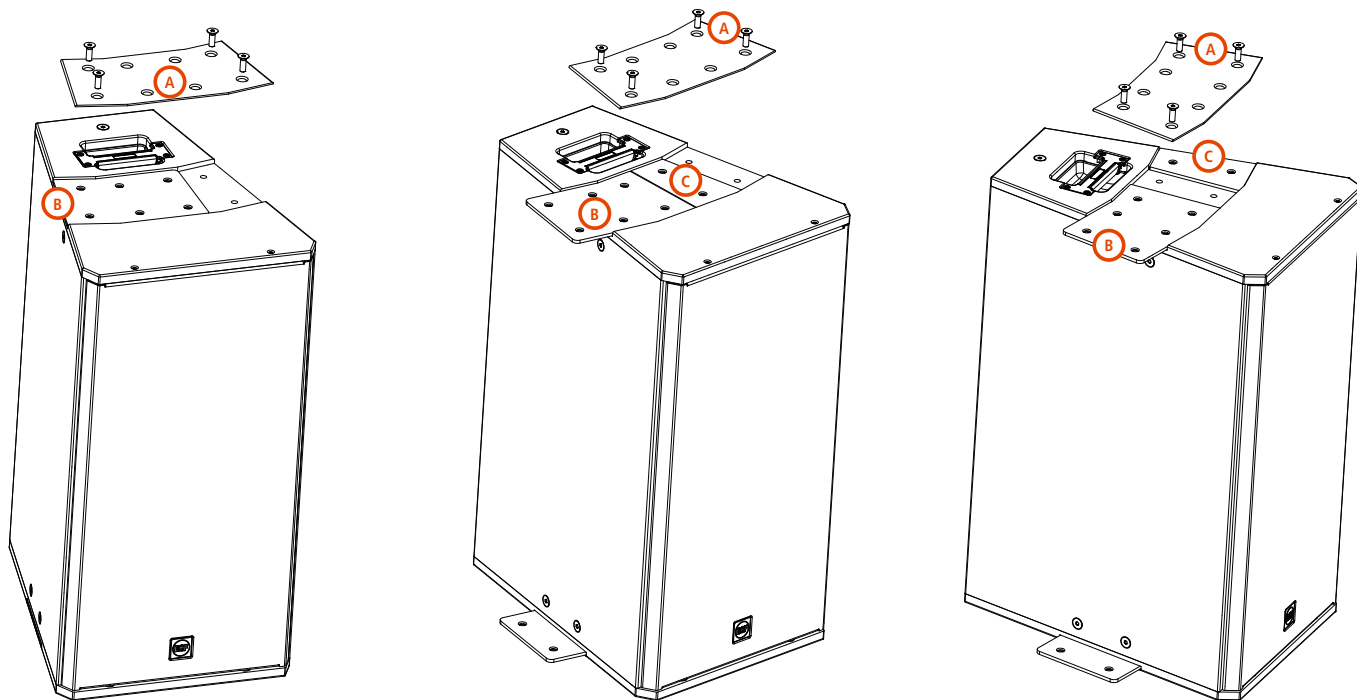
These two plates are designed to be moved from their position in order to link another speaker on its side depending on the configuration wanted.

Example: for a 2 speakers horizontal configuration, this is how the two plates must be positioned:



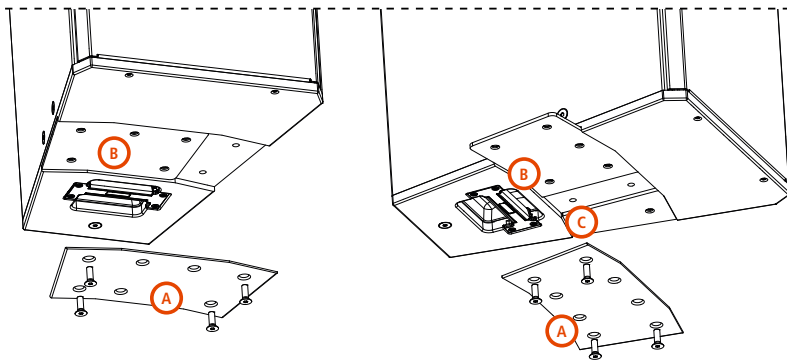
4. HORIZONTAL HANGING

Example: for a 3 speakers configuration, this is how the two plates must be positioned:

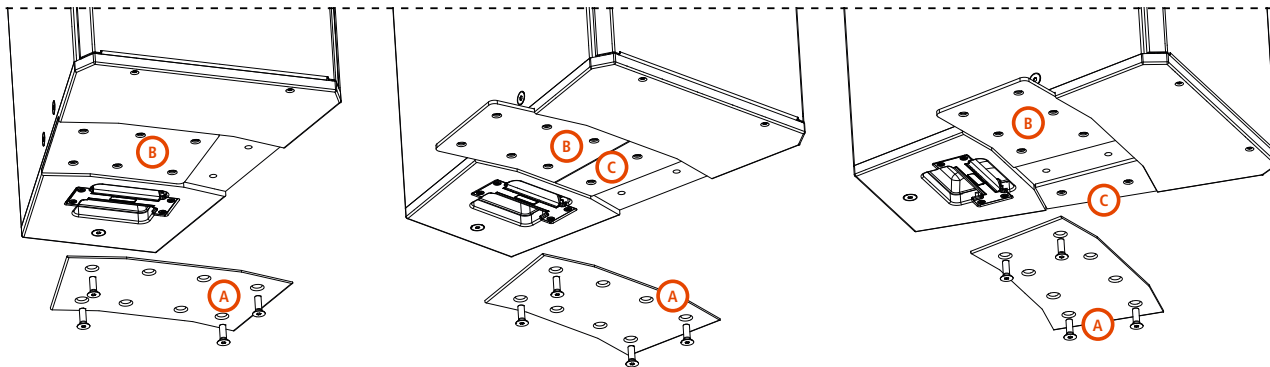


i **NOTE:** The exact same operations done on the upper side of the speaker must be done on the bottom side too.

BOTTOM VIEW of a 2 SPEAKERS CONFIGURATION



BOTTOM VIEW of a 3 SPEAKERS CONFIGURATION

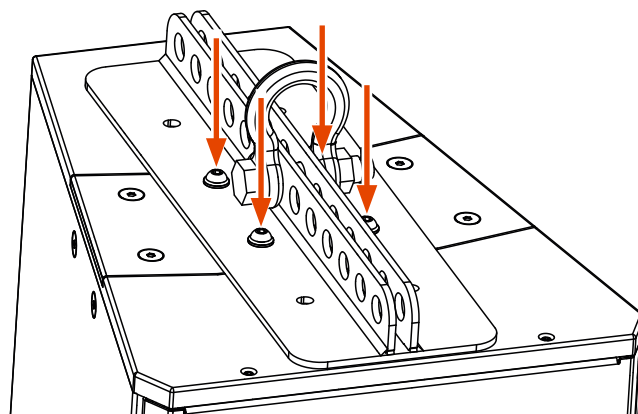


i **NOTE:** Once chosen the right configuration the Top Plate must be always screwed back on its position, leaving the four middle holes free.

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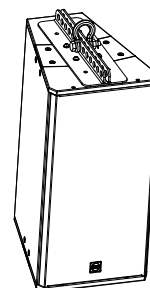
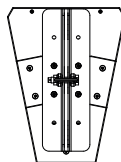
4.3 HORIZONTAL CONFIGURATIONS

Once screwed back the top plate, secure the horizontal flybar over the top plate by screwing (on the middle holes) the four M10 screws provided.

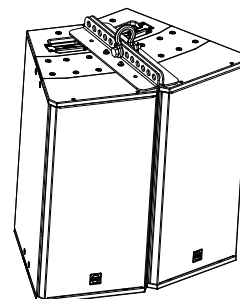
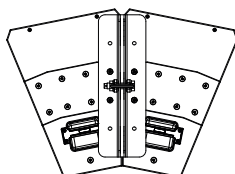


These are all the 4 possible configurations by using one single Flybar:

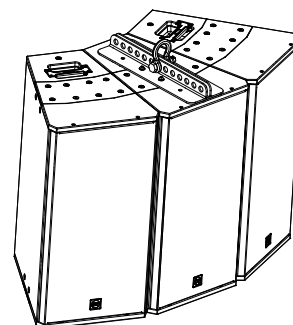
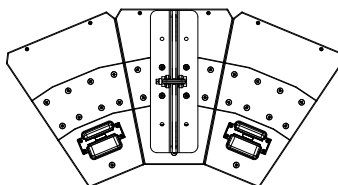
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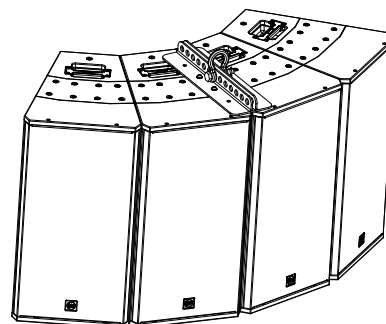
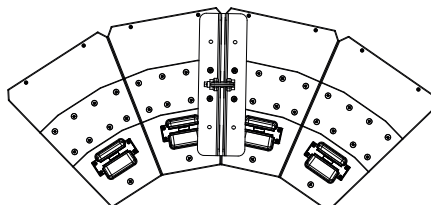
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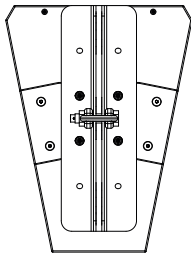
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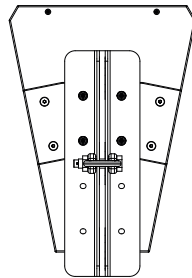
**4 SPEAKERS
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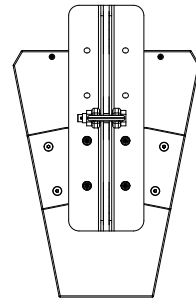
i NOTE: The Flybar can be positioned backward or forward to even increase the desired inclination.



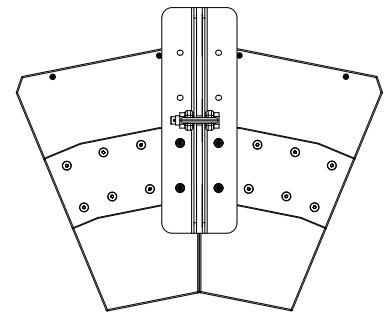
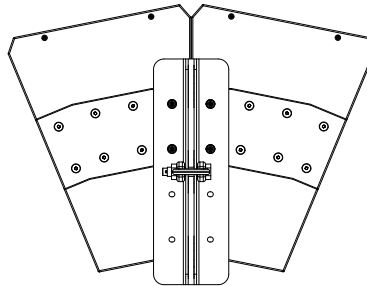
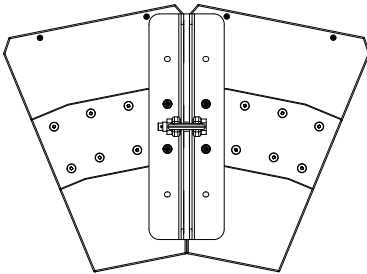
FLYBAR ON
CENTRAL
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FLYBAR ON
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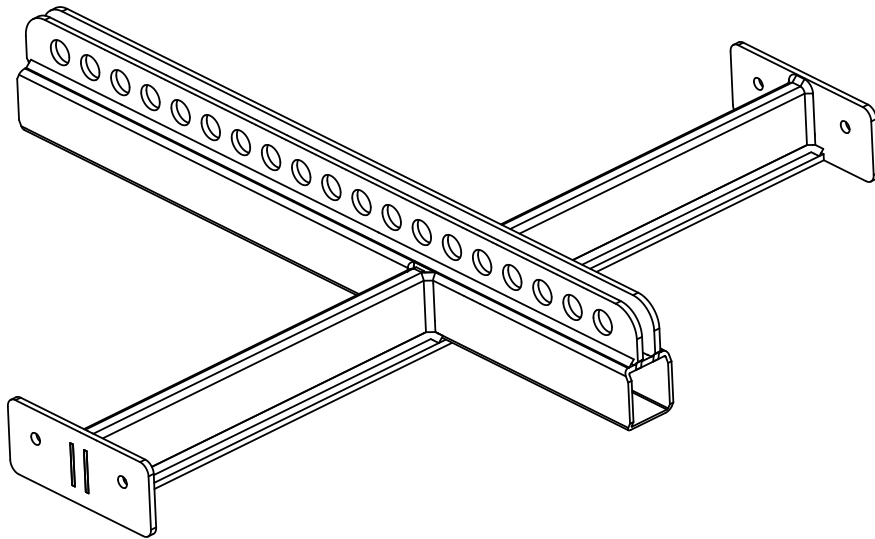
FLYBAR ON
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CAUTION: do not hang more than 4 speakers to one single horizontal flybar. To hang 5 or more speakers, more horizontal flybars are required.

5. VERTICAL HANGING

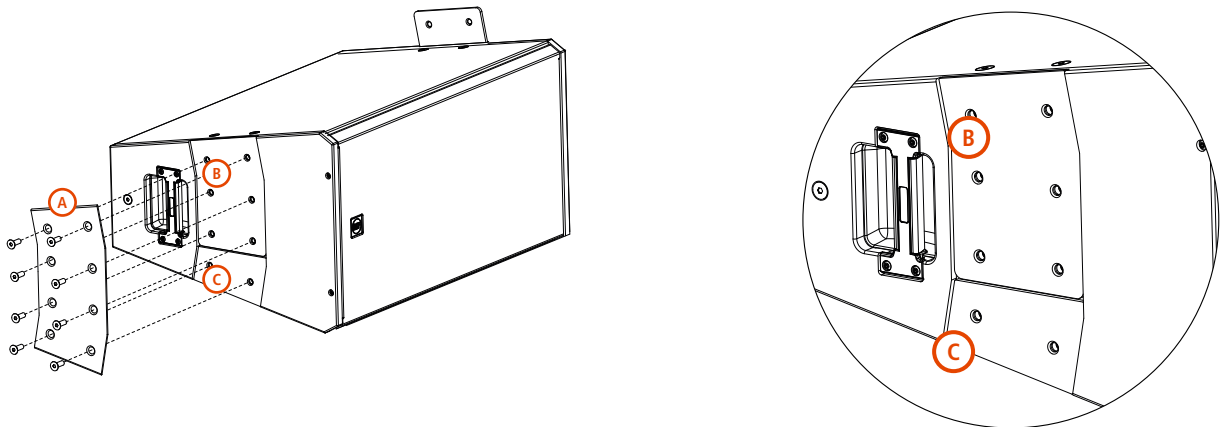
4 x Q 15 can be hanged vertically by using the vertical flybar **FLY BAR FL-B V Q 15**.



To vertically hang a series of Q 15 speakers, unscrew the 8 screws from the Top Plate **(A)** and remove it.

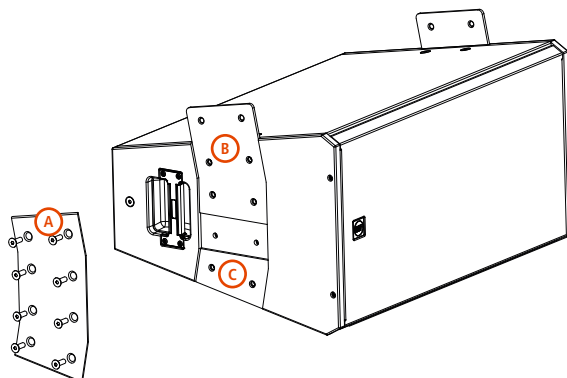
As described on chapter 4.1 (*Horizontal hanging of 2 or more speakers*), two plates are located under the top one:

- (B)** a Link Plate (with 6 holes)
- (C)** an External Plate (with 2 holes)



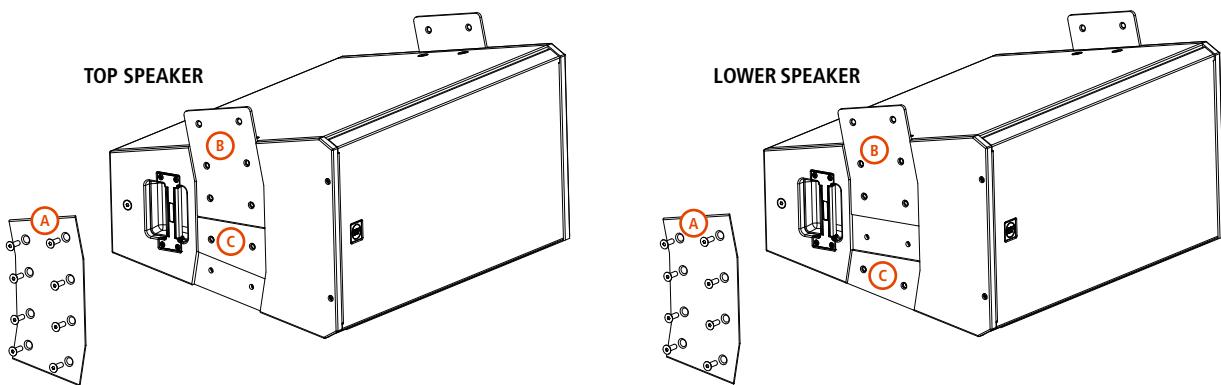
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Example: for a 1 speaker vertical configuration, this is how the two plates must be positioned:

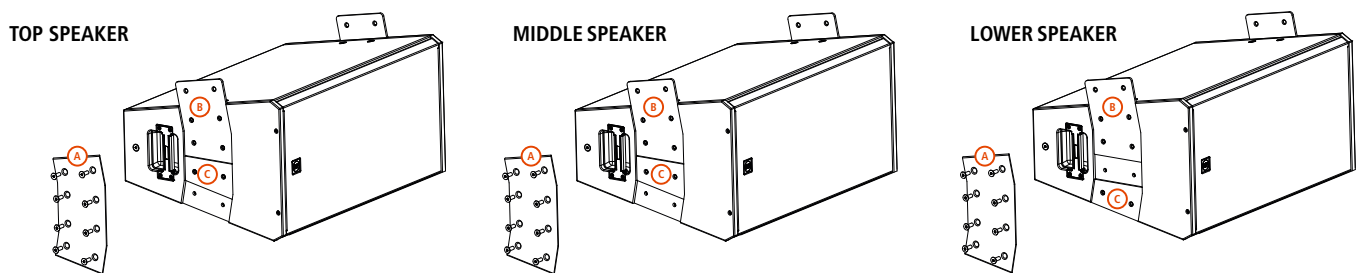


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Example: for a 2 speakers vertical configuration, this is how the plates must be positioned:



Example: for a 3 speakers vertical configuration, this is how the plates must be positioned:



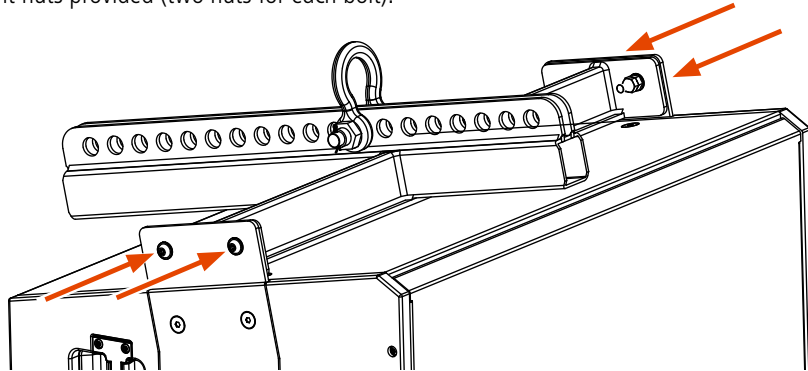
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i NOTE: Once chosen the right configuration the Top Plate must be always screwed back on its position.

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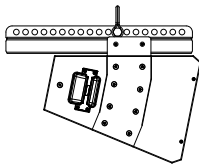
5.1 VERTICAL CONFIGURATIONS

Once screwed back the top plate, secure the vertical flybar on the exposed portion of the Link Plate with the four M10 bolts provided. Secure every bolt with the eight nuts provided (two nuts for each bolt).

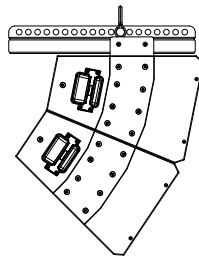


These are the possible horizontal configurations by using one single Flybar:

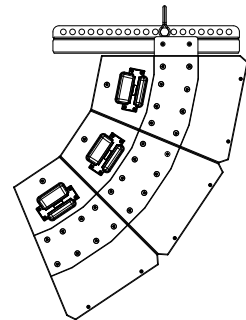
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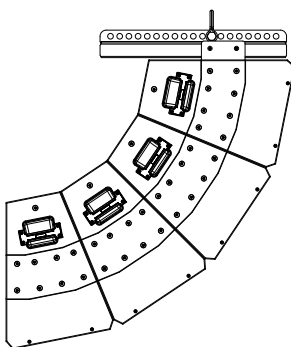
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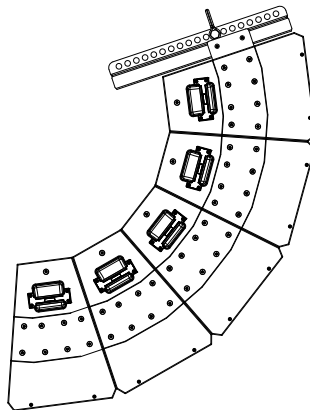
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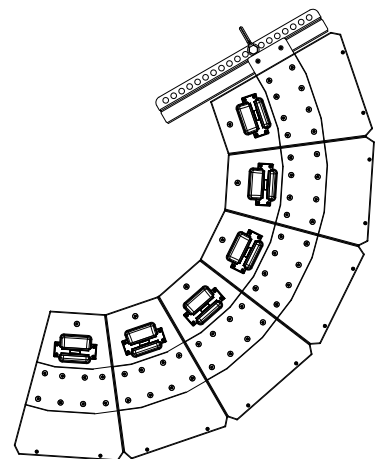
4 SPEAKERS



5 SPEAKERS

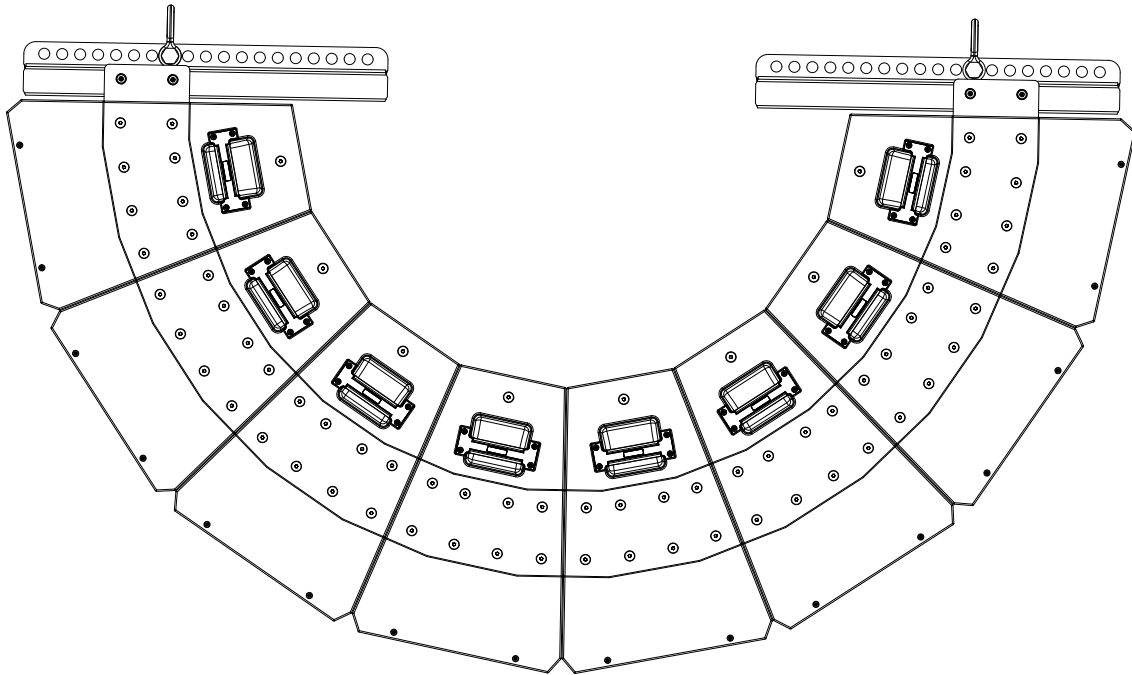


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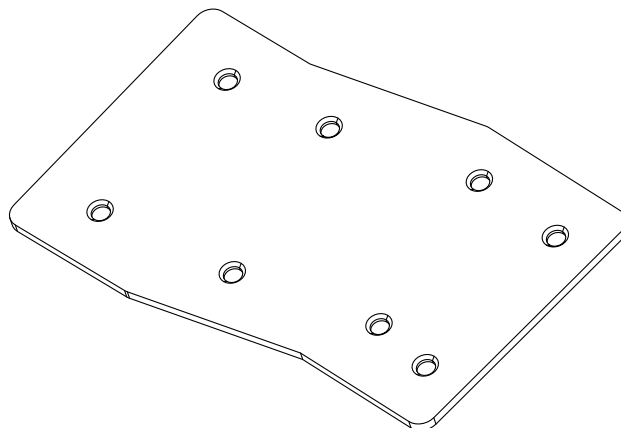
CAUTION: do not hang more than 6 speakers to one single vertical flybar.

An additional 8 speakers vertical configuration can be done by using two vertical flybars.



6. VERTICAL HANGING WITH A 10° ANGLE

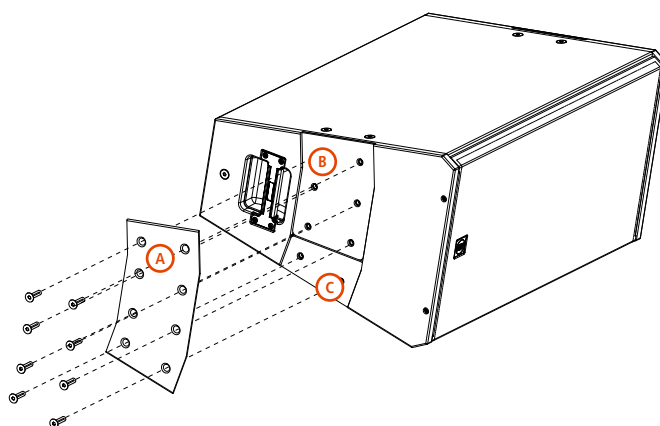
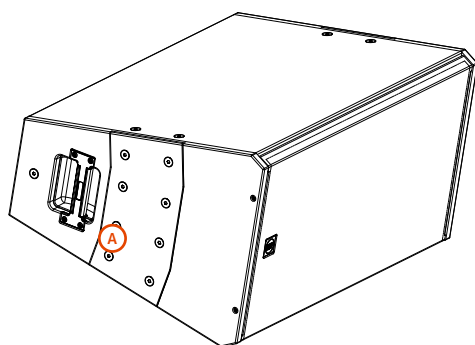
Using the **FLYING BRACKET 10° - Q15** it is possible to reduce the opening angle from 22.5° to 10°.



Unscrew the 8 screws from the Top Plate **(A)** and remove it.

Also remove the two plates located under the top one:

- (B)** a Link Plate (with 6 holes)
- (C)** an External Plate (with 2 holes)



Now place the **FLYING BRACKET 10° Q15 (D)** as shown in the picture and place the External Plate **(C)** next to the **FLYING BRACKET 10°** in order to place the following speaker beside the first one as shown on **FIGURE 1**. On the bottom speaker place the External Plate **(C)** as shown on **FIGURE 2**. Then place back the Top Plate on its position.

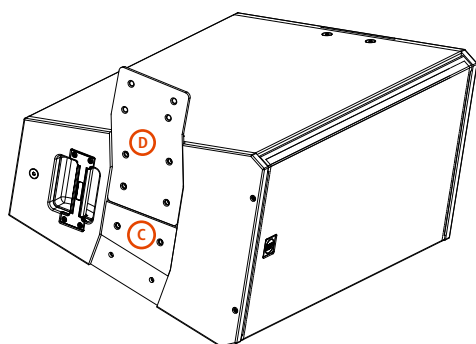


FIGURE 1

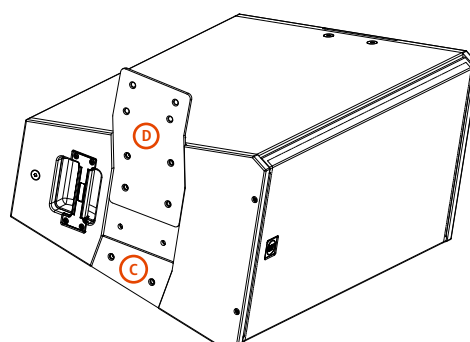


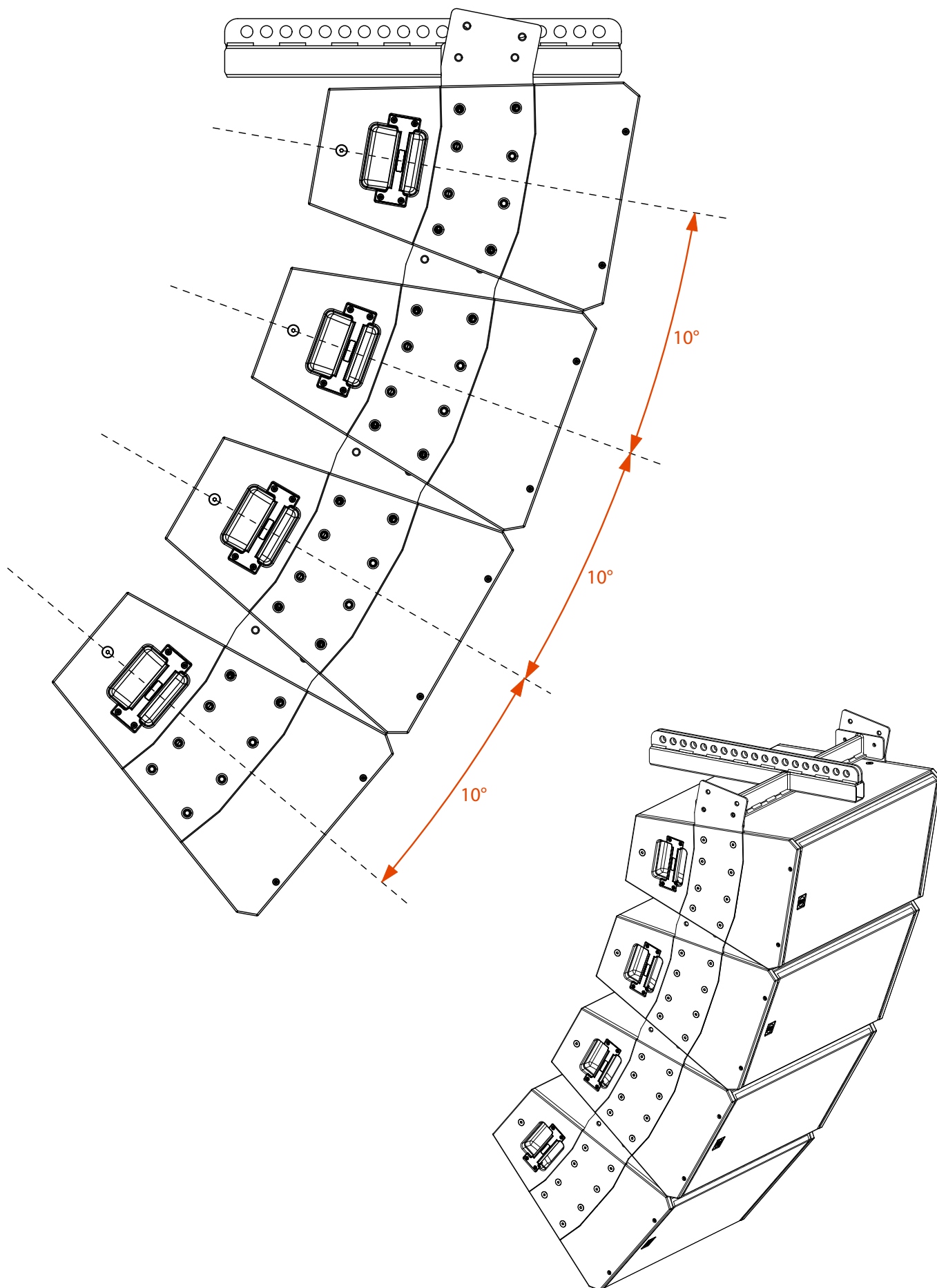
FIGURE 2
(Bottom speaker)

i **NOTE:** The exact same operations must be done on both sides of the speaker

i **NOTE:** The Top Plate must be always screwed back on its position.

6. VERTICAL HANGING WITH A 10° ANGLE

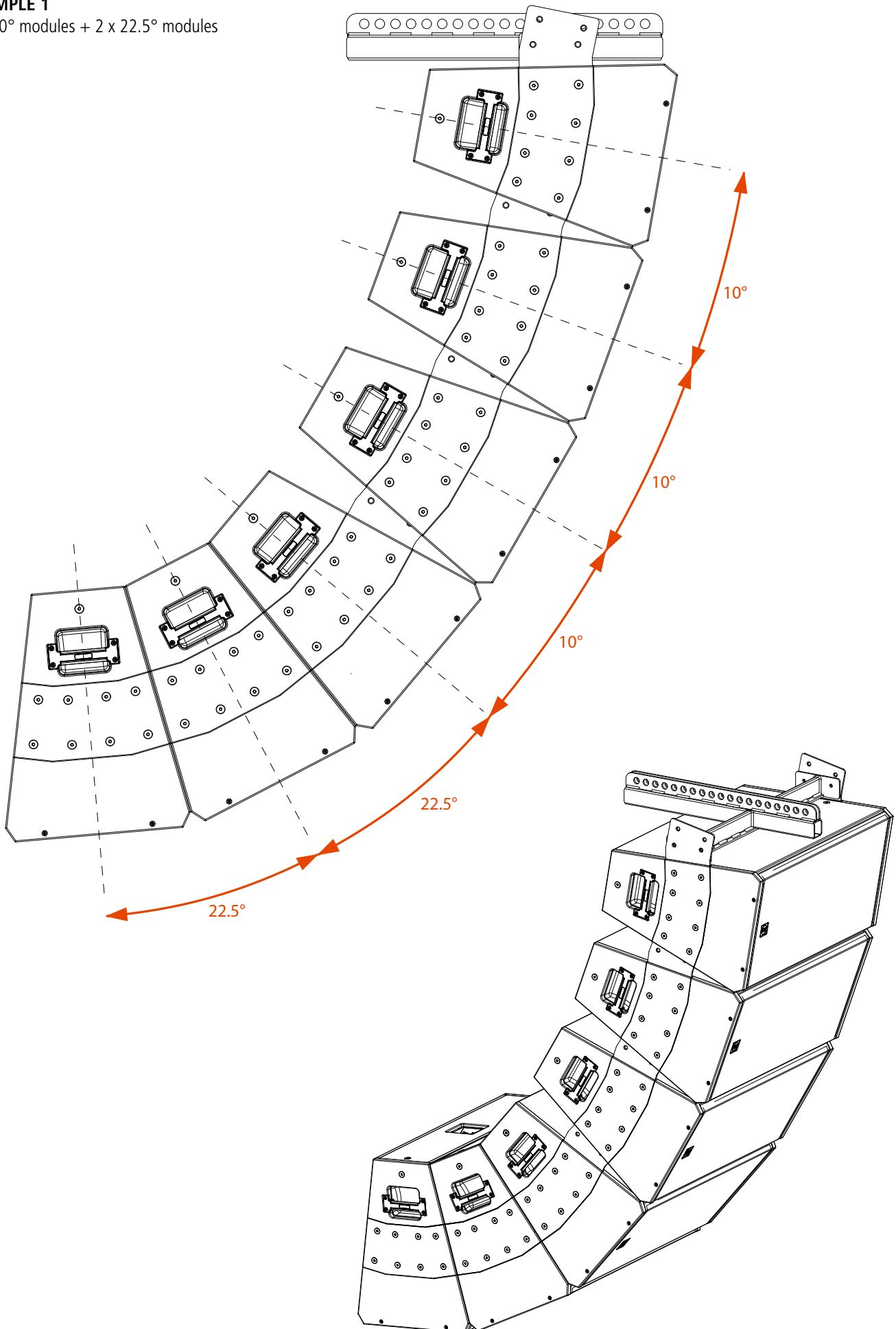
Now with the the vertical flybar **FLY BAR FL-B V Q 15** you can hang vertically multiple Q 15 speakers with a 10° angle.



7. EXAMPLES OF MIXED CONFIGURATIONS

EXAMPLE 1

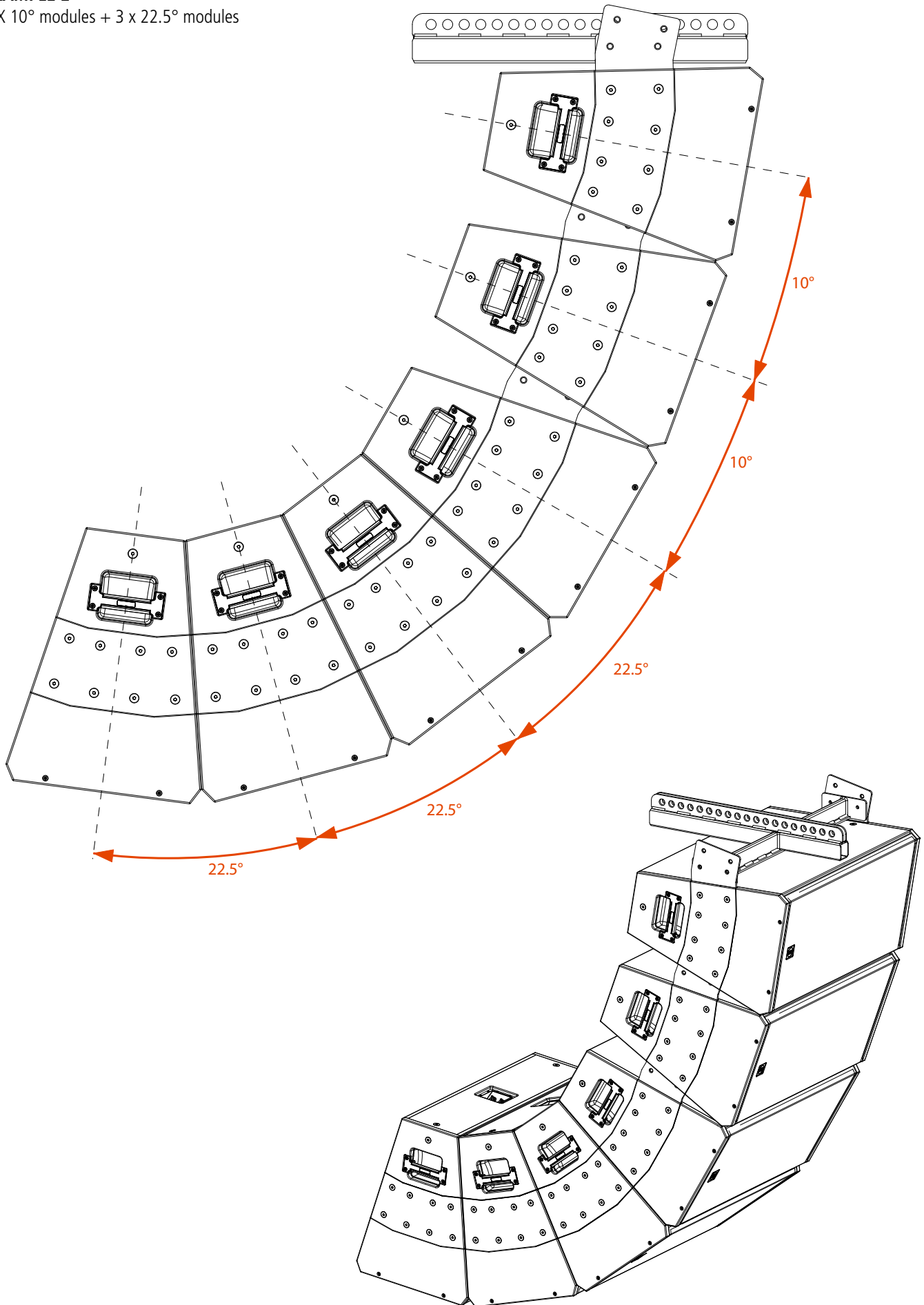
4 X 10° modules + 2 x 22.5° modules

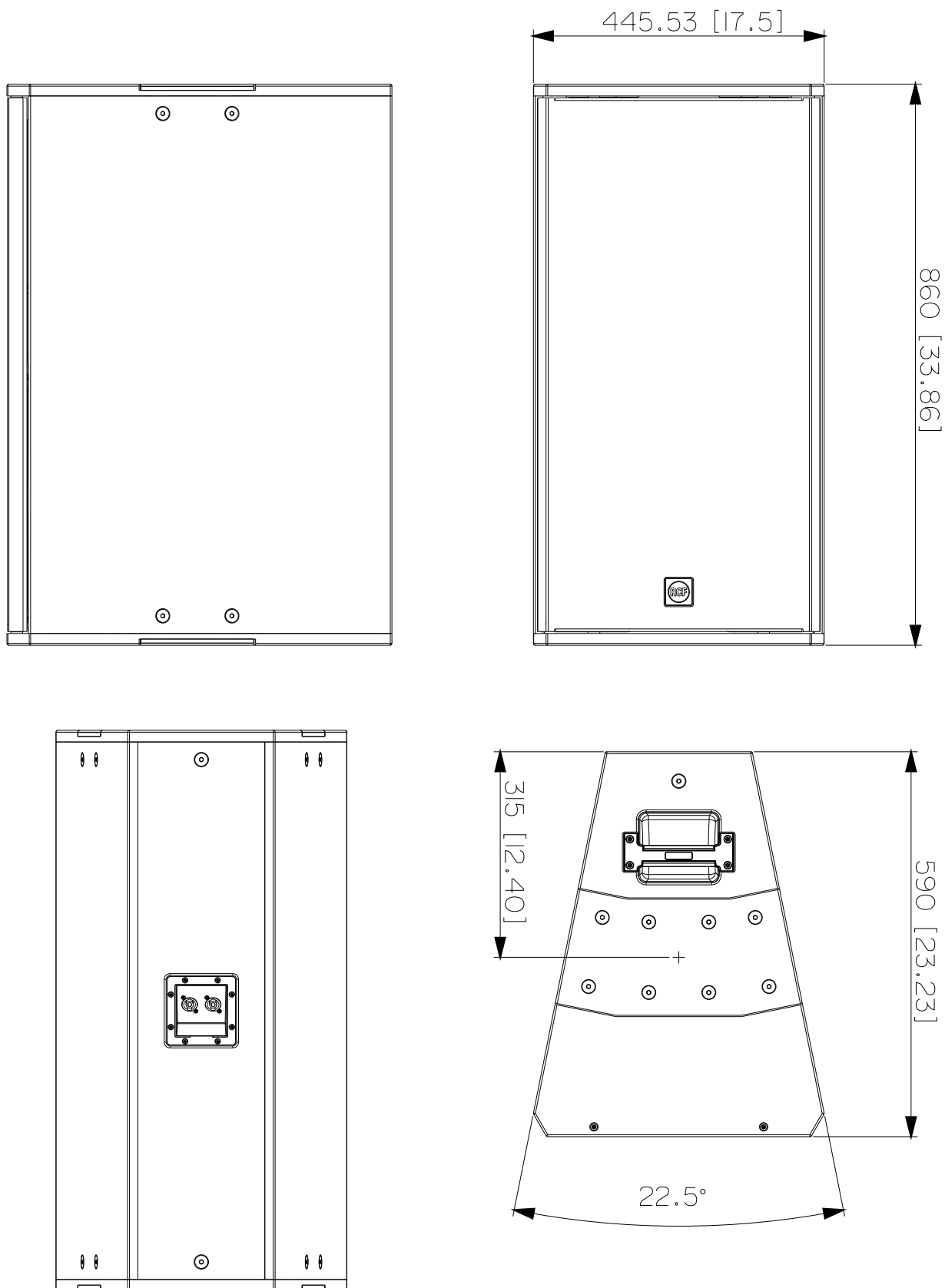


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EXAMPLE 2

3 X 10° modules + 3 x 22.5° modules





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Acoustical specifications	Frequency Response (-10dB):	45 Hz ÷ 20000 Hz
	Max SPL @ 1m:	138 dB
	Horizontal coverage angle:	22,5°
	Vertical coverage angle:	60° (Q 15), 90° (Q 15-L), 40° (Q 15-P)
	Directivity index Q:	20
Power section	Nominal Impedance (ohm):	8 ohm
	Power Handling:	1500 W RMS
	Peak Power Handling:	6000 W PEAK
	Recommended Amplifier:	3000 W
	Protections:	Capacitor on Compression Driver
	Crossover Frequencies:	600 Hz
Transducers	Compression Driver:	1 x 1.4" neo, 4.0" v.c
	Nominal Impedance (ohm):	8 ohm
	Input Power Rating:	150 W AES, 300 W PROGRAM POWER
	Sensitivity:	113 dB, 1W @ 1m
	Woofers:	15" neo, 4.0" v.c
	Nominal Impedance (ohm):	8 ohm
	Input Power Rating:	1350 W AES, 2700 W PROGRAM POWER
	Sensitivity:	97 dB, 1W @ 1m
Input/Output section	Input connectors:	Speakon® NL4
	Output connectors:	Speakon® NL4
Standard compliance	CE marking:	Yes
Physical specifications	Cabinet/Case Material:	Baltic birch plywood
	Hardware:	Side and rear array rigging point
	Handles:	2
	Grille:	Steel
Size	Height:	446 mm / 17.56 inches
	Width:	860 mm / 33.86 inches
	Depth:	590 mm / 23.23 inches