SOUND PRODUCTS DIVISION

## 9440A POWER AMPLIFIER

## DESCRIPTION

The ALTEC Model 9440A Power Amplifier is a direct-coupled amplifier that typically delivers over 250 watts per channel into 8 -ohm loads and over 450 watts per channel into 4 -ohm loads at less than 0.1\% total harmonic distortion (THD). An optional plug-in line bridging transformer may be used in each channel for balanced inputs.

The 9440 A is capable of operation from a 120 V or 240 V ac source.

Circuit design provides fail-safe protection for the output transistors and the load.
Provisions are made for mounting two accessory fans on the heat sink shroud for greater cooling of the output circuitry.
Illuminated VU meters indicate full-wave average output level of each channel at selectable ranges of $0 \mathrm{~dB},-10 \mathrm{~dB}$ and -20 dB . Designed for rack mounting, the 9440A occupies only four vertical units of rack space ( $7^{\prime \prime}$ ).

## SPECIFICATIONS

| Type: | Two-channel basic power amplifier with provision for two optional 15335A plug-in line transformers for balanced input |
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| Gain: | 55.7 dB with 15335A bridging 600-ohm line with 8-ohm load |
|  | 58.7 dB with 15335A bridging 600-ohm line with 4-ohm load |
|  | 61.7 dB with 15335A bridging 600-ohm line in bridge (mono) mode with 8-ohm load |
| Input Sensitivity: | 0.6 V rms for rated output |
| Power OutputSingle Channel Driven: |  |
|  | 200 |
|  | 8 ohms from 20 Hz to 20 kHz at less than $0.1 \%$ THD |
|  | Typically greater than 250 watts per channel into 8 ohms at 1 kHz at less than 0.01\% THD |
|  | 400 watts per channel into 4 ohms from 20 Hz to 20 kHz at less than $0.25 \%$ THD |
|  | Typically greater than 450 watts per channel into 4 ohms at 1 kHz at less than 0.05\% THD |
| Both Channels Driven: |  |
|  | 200 watts per channel into <br> 8 ohms from 20 Hz to 20 <br> kHz at less than $0.25 \%$ THD |
|  | 400 watts per channel into 4 ohms at 1 kHz at less than $0.25 \%$ THD |
| Bridge (Mono) Operation: |  |
|  | Greater than 800 watts into 8 ohms at 1 kHz at less than $0.25 \%$ THD |
| IM Distortion (Single Channel Driven): |  |
|  | Less than $0.1 \%$ from 0.01 watt to 250 watts into 8 ohms ( $60 \mathrm{~Hz}, 7 \mathrm{kHz}, 4: 1$ ) |
|  | Less than $0.1 \%$ from 0.01 watt to 450 watts into 4 ohms ( $60 \mathrm{~Hz}, 7 \mathrm{kHz}, 4: 1$ ) |
| Frequency Response (Direct Input): | $\pm 0.25 \mathrm{~dB}$ at 1 W ( 8 ohms) from 20 Hz to 20 kHz $\pm 3 \mathrm{~dB}$ at 1 W ( 8 ohms) from 5 Hz to 100 kHz |
| Input Impedance: | 15,000 ohms (nominal for all inputs) |


| Load Impedance: | 4 ohms or greater per channel |
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|  | 8 ohms or greater in bridge (mono) mode |
| Output Impedance: | Less than 0.1 ohm in dual mode at 1 kHz |
|  | Less than 0.2 ohm in bridge (mono) mode at 1 kHz |
| Signal-to-Noise Ratio: |  |
|  | Greater than 100 dB and 20 kHz noise bandwidth; equivalent to $5.5 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ maximum input noise or -103 dBm ( 600 ohms) |
| Channel Separation: | Greater than 80 dB at 1 kHz and 8 -ohm loads |
| Controls: | 2 VOLUME controls, continuously variable 2 METER RANGE switches having $0 \mathrm{~dB},-10 \mathrm{~dB}$ and - 20 dB ranges (Ref.: $0 \mathrm{~dB}=$ 40 V output) |
|  | 1 POWER OUTPUT switch to select mode (MONO or DUAL) and clipping power percentage ( $40 \%$ or $100 \%$ ) in either MONO or DUAL mode |
|  | 1 POWER ON-OFF switch (primary power) |
| Indicators: | 2 illuminated meters indicating full-wave average output level with ranges of $0 \mathrm{~dB},-10 \mathrm{~dB}$ and -20 dB (Ref.: 40V output) |
| Connectors: | 2 Cannon XLR3-31 input receptacles |
|  | 2 Phone jack input receptacles |
|  | 4 Five-way binding-post output jacks |
|  | 2 Phone jack multiple receptacles (to connect additional amplifiers) |
|  | 8-foot, 3-wire, 16GA power cord with NEMA 5-15P plug |
|  | 2 AC power receptacles, switched. Total maximum power-handling capacity of 150 watts. |
| Power |  |
| Requirements: | $120 / 240 \mathrm{Vac}, 50 / 60 \mathrm{~Hz}$ |
|  | 100W at zero signal |
|  | 850W at $1 / 3$ rated output |
|  | (4 ohms) with both channels driven at 1 kHz |
|  | 1500 W at rated output (4 ohms) with both channels driven at 1 kHz |

Amplifier Protection:

Load Protection:

Active output stage with voltage/current limiting and dual voltage-level power supply to reduce power output to $40 \%$ of rated output. Control circuitry monitors excessive heat sink temperature, mismatch of load impedance and setting of POWER OUTPUT switch.

Output relay delays turn-on of output power for 5 seconds; provides instant turn-off of output power and removal of load in case of presence of dc voltage in the output.

Operating Temperature Range:

## Dimensions:

Weight:
Color:
Enclosure:

Accessories:

Up to $+55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(131^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)$ ambient $7^{\prime \prime}(17.8 \mathrm{~cm})$ H $19^{\prime \prime}(48.3 \mathrm{~cm})$ W $11^{\prime \prime}(27.9 \mathrm{~cm}) \mathrm{D}$ (without fans)
56.5 pounds ( 25.6 kg ) Gun-metal gray front panel with clear-irridited chassis Rack mount chassis with provision for mounting two accessory fans on heat sink shroud
ALTEC 15335A Line Transformer. Do not use 15335 transformer. Axial fan, $4^{11 / 16^{\prime \prime}}, 120 \mathrm{~V} \mathrm{ac}$
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## ARCHITECT'S AND ENGINEER'S SPECIFICATIONS

The power amplifier shall be capable of operating from a $120 / 240 \mathrm{~V}$ ac, $50 / 60 \mathrm{~Hz}$ line. Circuitry shall provide fail-safe protection for the output transistors and the load. Within the chassis, an octal socket shall be provided in each channnel for installation of an accessory plug-in line transformer.

The power amplifier shall meet the following criteria. Gain: 55.7 dB with accessory line transformer bridging 600 -ohm line with 8 -ohm load. Input sensitivity, 0.6 V rms for rated output. Single-channel driven power output; 200W into 8 ohms from $20-20,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ at less than $0.1 \%$ THD, more than 250 W into 8 ohms at 1000 Hz at less than $0.01 \%$ THD, 400 W into 4 ohms from $20-20,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ at less than $0.25 \%$ THD. Frequency response with direct input; $\pm 0.25 \mathrm{~dB}$ at 1W (8 ohms) from $20-20,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$. Input impedance
(nominal), 15,000 ohms. Load impedance; at least 4 ohms/channel, at least 8 ohms in bridge (mono) mode. Output impedance; less than 0.1 ohm in dual mode at 1000 Hz , less than 0.2 ohm in bridge (mono) mode at 1000 Hz . Signal-to-noise ratio; more than 100 dB and $20,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ bandwidth, equivalent to 5.5 $\mu \mathrm{V}$ maximum input noise or -103 dBm ( 600 ohms). Channel separation, more than 80 dB at 1000 Hz and 8 -ohm loads. Operating temperature range, up to $+55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(131^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)$ ambient. Dimensions, $7^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{H} \times 19^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W}$ x $11^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{D}$ (without fans). Weight, 56.5 pounds. Color, gun-metal gray front panel with clear-irridited chassis. Enclosure, rack mount chassis with provision for mounting two accessory fans on heat sink shroud.

The power amplifier shall be the ALTEC Model 9440A.

