

# LBB 1938/20 Plena Power Amplifier

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- ▶ 480 W power amplifier in a 3U high 19" housing
- ▶ EN 54-16 certified and EN 60849 compliant
- ▶ 70 V / 100 V and 8 ohm outputs
- ▶ Dual inputs with priority switching
- ▶ 100 V input for slave operation on 100 V speaker line

The LBB 1938/20 is a powerful 480 W power amplifier in a 3U high 19" case for rack mounting or tabletop use. LEDs on the front panel show the status of the amplifier: power, audio output level, and supervised functions. This high-performance unit fulfills a wide range of public address requirements at a surprisingly low cost.

## Functions

### Dependability

The amplifier is protected against overload and short circuits. A temperature-controlled fan ensures high reliability at high output levels and low acoustic noise at lower output levels. An overheat protection circuit switches off the power stage and activates an LED on the front panel, if the internal temperature reaches a critical limit due to poor ventilation or overload.

The unit operates both on mains power and on a 24 V battery power supply for emergency back up, with automatic switchover.

For emergency and evacuation use, the following functions are monitored: mains presence, battery present, pilot tone presence, amplifier operation. Front panel LEDs indicate the status of supervised functions. The LEDs of pilot tone supervision and

battery status can be switched off for general public address use. Failsafe (normally energized) relays are provided for each supervised function. These relays are always active regardless of the switches on the rear panel.

### Input

The system has two balanced inputs with priority control, each with a loop-through facility. This makes it easy to connect remote systems that require priority control. An additional 100 V line input is provided to connect the amplifier to a 100 V loudspeaker line, to provide more power to remote locations.

Gain or level control is located on the rear of the unit to avoid accidental setting change. A meter with LED-bar shows the output level.

### Output

The amplifier has 70 V and 100 V outputs for constant voltage loudspeaker systems and a low impedance output for 8 ohm loudspeaker loads.

The LBB 1938/20 has two separate priority controlled 100 V outputs for zones that only need announcements made via the priority input, and for zones that will not get any announcements made via the priority input.

**Controls and indicators****Front**

- Meter (LED's for -20, -6, 0 dB and Power ON)
- Battery operation indicator
- Overheat indicator
- Air inlet for forced air cooling

**Back**

- Level control input 1
- Level control input 2
- Power button
- Mains switch

**Interconnections****Back**

- Priority line input 1 (XLR/balanced)
- Line loop-through 1 (XLR/balanced)
- Program line input 2 (XLR/balanced)
- Line loop-through 2 (XLR/balanced)
- Priority controlled loudspeaker output terminals
- 24 VDC power supply terminal
- Three loudspeaker direct output terminals
- Two 100 V slave input terminals
- Input 2 enable control terminal
- Input 1 priority control terminal
- Earth connection screw
- Mains socket

**Certifications and approvals**

Safety	acc. to EN 60065
Immunity	acc. to EN 50130-4
Emission	acc. to EN 55103-1
Emergency	acc. to EN 54-16 / EN 60849

Region	Certification
Europe	CE
	CPD
Poland	CNBOP

**Parts included**

Quantity	Component
1	LBB 1938/20 Plena Power Amplifier
1	Power cord
1	Set of 19" mounting brackets
1	Installation and User Instructions

**Technical specifications****Electrical**

Mains power supply	
Voltage	230 VAC, $\pm 10\%$ , 50/60 Hz
Inrush current	19 A
Max power consumption	2200 VA

Battery power supply	
Voltage	24 VDC +15% / -15%
Current max	30 A
Performance	
Output power (rms/maximum)	480 W / 720 W
Power reduction on backup power	-1 dB
Frequency response	50 Hz to 20 kHz (+1/-3 dB @ -10 dB ref. rated output)
Distortion	<1% @ rated output power, 1 kHz
S/N (flat at max volume)	>90 dB
Line inputs	
Connector	3-pin XLR, balanced
Sensitivity	1 V
Impedance	20 kohm
CMRR	>25 dB (50 Hz to 20 kHz)
Gain	40 dB
100 V input	
Connector	Screw, unbalanced
Sensitivity	100 V
Impedance	330 kohm
Line loop-through output	
Connector	3-pin XLR
Nominal level	1 V
Impedance	Direct connection to line input
Loudspeaker outputs	
Connector	Screw, floating
Direct output	100 V, 70 V, 8 ohm
Priority only (from input 1)	100V or 70 V internally selectable
Music (non-priority) only	100V or 70 V internally selectable
Power consumption	
Mains operation	
Max power	990 W
-3dB	715 W
-6dB	510 W
Pilot tone*	110 W
Idle	25 W
24 VDC operation	
Max power	32 A (770 W)

-3 dB	26 A (625 W)
-6 dB	18 A (430 W)
Pilot tone*	3.8 A (91 W)
Idle	0.7 A (17 W)

\* 20 kHz -20dB with maximum loudspeaker load

**Mechanical**

Dimensions (H x W x D)	145 x 430 x 370 mm (19" wide, 3U high, with feet)
Weight	Approx. 25 kg
Mounting	Standalone, 19" rack
Color	Charcoal

**Environmental**

Operating temperature	-10 °C to +55 °C (14 °F to +131 °F)
Storage temperature	-40 °C to +70 °C (-40 °F to +158 °F)
Relative humidity	<95%
Acoustic noise level of fan	<48 dB SPL @ 1 m (max output)

**Ordering information**

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