

Setting up the Versarray System

Processor Settings for Versarray 112Neo & Subs with VSX 26/48 (also Digitool/Prolinx)

Single VR112 Neo Cabinet w/118 Sub

Front End EQ (before the crossover section) = PEQ -2.0 dB @ 2k, bw= 0.6 (or use 1/3 octave band at 2 kHz set to -2.0 dB);

Infrasonic filtering: 24 dB/oct. LR @ 34 Hz)

Crossover settings:

Woofer= 24 dB/oct. LR @ 2.0 kHz, Tweeter= 24 dB/oct. Bessel @ 3.0 kHz, Woofer Polarity Normal, Tweeter Polarity Normal

Sub to Woofer Crossover: Sub= 24 dB/oct. LR @ 125Hz, Woofer= 24 dB/oct LR @ 100Hz, Sub Polarity Normal, Woofer Polarity Normal

EQ after crossover:

Woofer EQ = PEQ +1.5 dB @ 560 Hz, bw=0.5; PEQ -3.5 dB @ 850 Hz, bw=0.5 PEQ +3dB @ 115 Hz, bw= 2; PEQ -1.5 dB @ 2.2 kHz, bw=.7; PEQ -2 dB @ 700 Hz, bw=3.0 Woofer Delay = 0.0 ms (none)

Tweeter EQ: PEQ -3 dB @ 2.7 kHz, bw= 0.7; PEQ +2.5 dB @ 4.6 kHz, bw= 1.0; PEQ +3.5 dB @ 16.5 kHz, bw=1.0 Tweeter Delay = 0.0 ms (none)

Sub EQ: PEQ +4.0 dB @ 50 Hz, bw= 0.7; PEQ -2.5 dB @ 100 Hz, bw= 0.5

Chart for Changes with Number of Cabinets						
No. of Cabs	: 1	2	3	4	6	8
218 Sub Level † :	-6.0 dB	-2.5 dB	-0.5 dB	+1.5 dB	+4 dB	+5.5 dB
12" Wfr Level:	0.0 dB	0.0 dB	0.0 dB	0.0 dB	0.0 dB	0.0 dB
Twtr Level: (Drive levels	0.0 dB are for facto	+2.0 dB ry 16 ohm wir	+4.0 dB ing, for 4 ohm	+5.5dB wiring, subtra	+6.5 dB act 6 dB)	+7.0 dB
Front Block at 2 kHz	EQ ‡ -2.0 dB	-	-	-	-	-
at 1.8 kHz (at a bw set	- to 0.577)	-3.0 dB	-3.5 dB	-3.5 dB	-4.0 dB bw=.707	-4.5 dB bw=.707

† SPECIAL NOTE: Versarray™ 218 Sub is supplied in 4 ohm mode (woofers paralleled).

If the Versarray[™] 218 Sub woofers are driven separately, using an amp with the same gain as all the other amps, then drive level to the separate woofers is the same.

To convert the above drive levels for a single Versarray[™] 218 Sub to drive levels suitable for a single Versarray[™] 118 Sub, add 6 dB.

When doubling the number of Subs, subtract 6 dB for each time they are doubled.

‡ SPECIAL NOTE: To match this PEQ setting with a 1/3 octave band EQ, use the following:

To equate to a PEQ setting of -3 dB @ 1.8k, bw= 0.6 use, 1/3 octave band 2 kHz set to -1.5 dB AND 1/3 octave band 1.6 kHz also set to -1.5 dB

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Line curvature, or splay between cabinets

Splaying the line will tend to require more level increase from the tweeters, and some more cut EQ at 1.8 kHz.

A uniform splay of 2.5 degrees between cabinets for an 8 cabinet array would need approximately 2 dB of tweeter boost, and 0.5 dB of 12" woofer level increase, relative to a subwoofer level. A uniform splay of 5 degrees per cabinet for an 8 cabinet array would require approximately 5 dB of tweeter level boost, and approx. 1 dB of 12" woofer level increase, relative to a subwoofer.

Complete processor settings for the recommended 2.5 degree continuous curvature with 6 Versarray™ 112 cabinets and one Versarray™ 218 Sub:

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Level Settings (for same model of power amp, with all channels set to the same voltage gain): One Versarray™ 218 Sub = +4 dB Versarray™ 112: Woofer= 0.0 dB, Tweeter= +8.5 dB (for ribbons wired 16 ohms)

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A word about system low end

The above settings will produce a nominally "flat" system. It is currently fashionable for modern systems to have 6 dB to 15 dB boost in output compared to midband. If this is desired then simply do not cut the drive to the subs and if necessary turn the attenuator clockwise to wide open. If such drastic response is required consider using an "Aux Fed Sub" arrangement.

Dynamics settings:

The following settings have been chosen to provide a reasonable balance between dynamic range and speaker protection. You may wish to save an additional preset with "safe mode" settings by reducing the threshold by 6 dB. It is often a good idea to start the system up in the safe mode until it is determined that everything is running correctly and the system operator is capable of "safe driving". The trade off is more protection for less dynamic range.

Recommended settings using CS series power amps:

Amps w/ att wide open (x40 gain)

Ribbons: Threshold, -2 dB

Attack, 5ms – 10 ms Release, 50ms – 100 ms

Gain, 0

12" woofer: Threshold, 4 dB

Attack, 50ms – 100 ms Release, 500ms – 1000 ms

Gain, 0

Subs Threshold, 7 dB

Attack, 60ms –150 ms Release, 600ms – 1200 ms

Gain, 0

Amplifier Level Settings:

Sensitivity set at -10 dB is recommended when using Peavey CS series amps. All channels set to the same voltage gain, referenced to the 12" woofer)

Crest power amps should be used with the sensitivity setting in the x20 position and the attenuators fully clockwise (wide open)

Please review our white paper on minimizing system noise when using VSX on our website

VSX presets:

A **VSX 26** may be used to provide a conventional 2 channel/stereo three way control of any Versarray System. The **VSX 48** should be selected when it is desirable to control the system in "zones" that may be used to split coverage between balconies and a main floor or when shading of EQ or Level is desired. The added control provided by the VSX 48 gives the user additional capabilities to fine tune the system. The VSX 48 presets also provide an easy means to use an "aux fed sub" system (see our white paper ... http://www.peavey.com/support/technotes/)

VSX26 presets:

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Input A to out 1 – subs out 2 – mids out 3 – highs

Input B to out 4 – subs out 5 – mids out 6 – highs
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VSX 48 presets:

Input A

Out 1: mids ... top pair Out 2: highs

Out 3:mids ... middle pair

Out 4:highs

Out 5:mids ... bottom pair

Out 6:highs

Out 7: subs

Input B

Out 8: subs ... for aux fed subs