



C 20:8X



- ▶ **Eight channels in 2U** – High channel density reduces space requirements and installation time
- ▶ **High continuous output power of 250 W per channel at 70 V, 4 ohms, 8 ohms, and 16 ohms***
- ▶ **All channels individually selectable for lo-Z or hi-Z**
Loudspeakers (2 ohm – 16 ohm) and distributed systems can be connected to the same unit
- ▶ **Bridged operation** – Channel pairs bridgeable for increased output or for driving 100 V systems
- ▶ **Patented Class TD amplifier topology**
- ▶ **High efficiency for lower thermal stress**
- ▶ **General Purpose Input/Output (GPIO)** – Compatible with third-party control systems
- ▶ **NomadLink® network ready**
- ▶ **Universal Power Factor Corrected PSU with IEC inlet**
- ▶ **Efficient cooling** – Dual variable speed, intelligent fans and parallel airflow over output devices provide uniform cooling
- ▶ **Comprehensive circuit protection and fault indication**
- ▶ **Phoenix-style input connectors and barrier strip output connectors**

An Installation Amplifier without Compromise

Lab.gruppen amplifiers have earned an enviable worldwide reputation for sonic excellence and rock-solid durability in touring sound applications. These same qualities are now available for a broad range of installed sound applications in the C 20:8X amplifier. By offering an unmatched combination of channel density, operating efficiency and configuration flexibility, the C 20:8X presents convincing performance and cost-saving advantages. Applications include primary systems for theme parks, shopping malls, airports, hotels and restaurants as well as auxiliary systems for performance venues, houses of worship and numerous other installed sound applications.

To achieve higher channel density without compromising performance, Lab.gruppen engineers developed a new output stage design. Based on a patented Class D circuit topology, these output stages produce sustained high power levels with very low distortion while maintaining efficiency levels of near 90%. A new universal switching power supply employs Power Factor Correction (PFC) to stabilize current draw, and it accepts any mains voltage from 65 – 265 V (+/- 10%) @ 50 Hz or 60 Hz through the appropriate IEC cord.

The C 20:8X includes unique features which enable each unit – or even each channel – to be configured for a specific application or load condition. Input gain is selectable in four-channel groups, and a 35 Hz high pass filter may be inserted. All channels are bridgeable in pairs, and Lab.gruppen’s exclusive Voltage Peak Limiter (VPL) feature allows each channel to be individually optimized for the reactive characteristics of the connected load.

For comprehensive remote monitoring and control, the C 20:8X includes NomadLink network ports for connecting to an optional NLB 60E NomadLink Bridge & Network Controller and an Ethernet-linked PC. With NomadLink®, key amplifier parameters are displayed via DeviceControl software, and remote control of channel mute and power on/off is under network control. Alternatively, the GPIO facilities allow access to key amplifier functions via third-party remote control systems.

To ensure a long and trouble-free service life, the C 20:8X incorporates extensive features to safeguard internal circuits and connected loads. Protection and warning circuits prevent damage or service interruptions due to excessive current, DC at output, over-temperature, non-musical VHF (very high frequencies), and open load conditions. In addition, soft-start and PSU current limiting protect the mains supply from interruptions due to tripped circuit breakers or blown mains fuses.

Applications

- Auditoriums
- Performing Arts Centers
- Convention Centers
- Stadiums and Arenas
- Theme Parks
- Hotels
- Houses of Worship
- Restaurants
- Clubs
- Educational Establishments
- Boardrooms
- Museums
- Offices
- Shopping Malls
- Transportation Facilities



Specifications C 20:8X

General	
Number of channels	8
Peak total output all channels driven	2000 W
Peak output voltage per channel	100 V
Max. output current per channel	8 Arms
Max. Output Power	
	16 ohms 8 ohms 4 ohms 2 ohms Hi-Z 70 Vrms/100 V peak Hi-Z 100 Vrms/141 V peak Hi-Z 140 Vrms/200 V peak
Per ch. (all ch.'s driven)	250 W 250 W 250 W 125 W 250 W n.a. n.a.
Bridged per ch.	500 W 500 W 250 W n.r. ¹⁾ n.a. n.a. 500 W
Performance with Gain: 32 dB and VPL: 100 V	
THD 20 Hz - 20 kHz for 1 W	<0.1%
THD at 1 kHz and 1 dB below clipping	<0.05%
Signal To Noise Ratio	>112 dBA
Channel separation (Crosstalk) at 1 kHz	>70 dB
Frequency response (1 W into 8 ohms) +0/-3 dB	6.8 Hz - 34 kHz
Input impedance	20 kOhm
Common Mode Rejection (CMR)	>50 dB, 20 Hz to 20 kHz
Output impedance @ 100 Hz	48 mOhm
Voltage Peak Limiter (VPL), max. peak output	
VPL, selectable per ch. (V) ²⁾	100, 63, 45, 32 V
VPL, selectable when bridged (V) ^{2) 3)}	200, 126, 90, 64 V
Voltage Peak Limiter mode (per ch.)	Hard / Soft
Gain and Level	
Amplifier gain selectable (all channels) ³⁾	29, 32, 35, 38 dB
- rear-panel switches	
Default gain	32 dB
Level adjustment (per ch.)	Front-panel potentiometer, 21 position detented from -inf to 0 dB, hidden behind security panel/dust filter grille
Connectors and switches	
Input connectors (per ch.)	3-pin Phoenix, electronically balanced
Output connectors (per ch.)	Barrier strip 2-pole screw terminals
Output bridge mode	A+B, C+D, E+F, G+H, inputs A, C, E, G are signal source
High pass filter	Fixed at 35 Hz, switchable per channel
NomadLink® network	On board, 2 x RJ45 connectors, IN and OUT
Intelligent fans (on/off)	Yes, depending on presence of output signal
Power on/off and Remote enable on/off	Individual switches on front panel
Cooling	Two fans, front-to-rear airflow, temperature controlled speed
General Purpose Outputs (GPO)	Contact Closure types, 2-pole Phoenix
General Purpose Inputs (GPI)	Contact Closure types, 2-pole Phoenix
Front-panel indicators	
Common	NomadLink Network; Power Average Limiter (PAL) ⁴⁾ ; Power on
Per channel	Signal present / High-impedance; Voltage Peak Limiter (VPL); Current Peak Limiter (CPL); Very High Frequency (VHF); High temperature; Fault; Mute
Power	
Operating voltage, 230 V / 115 V nominal	Universal power supply 65-265 V
Minimum power-up voltage, 230 V / 115 V	80 V
Power Average Limiter (PAL) ⁴⁾	Yes
Power Factor Correction (PFC)	Yes
Soft start / Inrush current draw	Yes / max. 5 A
Mains connector	IEC Inlet
Dimensions	
Weight	W: 483 mm (19"), H: 88 mm (2 U), D: 343 mm (13.5")
Finish	8.5 kg (18.75 lbs.)
	Black painted steel chassis with gray painted steel front
Approvals	
	CE, ANSI/UL 60065 (ETL), CSA C22.2 NO. 60065, FCC

Note 1): Regarding n.r. (not recommended) notes: The amplifier will be fully operational in bridge-mode into 2 ohm and high impedance (Hi-Z) loads, but due to physical constraints in the construction, the max. output power will not be significantly higher than running individual channels and therefore this mode of operation is not recommended.

Note 2): For sine waves, peak voltage output values translate to Vrms with the formula $V/1.41 = Vrms$. E.g. 100 V peak equals app. 70 Vrms. Hence, outputs can be set for high-impedance loads without requiring a transformer.

Note 3): Automatic -6 dB gain compensation when bridging channels. Ch.'s A+B and/or C+D, can be bridged individually.

Note 4): PAL can reduce the maximum output power to keep the power supply operating safely, and/or to prevent excessive current draw tripping the mains breaker. Refer to Operation Manual.

All specifications are subject to change without notice.