

# B|AMP™

Owner's Manual



*Bergantino*

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**WARNING:** This amplifier is capable of producing sound pressure levels that may damage your hearing. Always operate at a safe listening level or use hearing protection if operating at higher levels.

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The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.		
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<b>CAUTION:</b> TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK, MATCH WIDE BLADE OF PLUG TO WIDE SLOT, FULLY INSERT. <b>ATTENTION:</b> POUR EVITER LES CHOCS ELECTRIQUES, INTRODUIRE LA LAME LA PLUS LARGE DE LA FICHE DANS LA BORNE CORRESPONDANTE DE LA PRISE ET POUSSER JUSQU'AU FOND.		

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# Important Safety Instructions

## **Read these instructions:**

Please read all Safety and Operating instructions before connecting and operating this product. This manual should be kept for future reference.

## **Verify AC Circuit Capacity Before Use:**

Your new Bergantino **B|AMP** comes equipped with a UPS (Universal Power Supply) capable of operating from 100 – 240VAC (~), 50/60Hz with no user adjustments or switching necessary. The high power output of your amplifier may require heavy current draw under Full-Load conditions. Connecting multiple amplifiers to the same circuit, or connecting the amplifier to the same circuit used by other heavy power devices, such as high-wattage lights, may cause circuit breakers to trip. It is always a good idea to avoid using any audio equipment on the same AC circuit as equipment with motors, such as air conditioners or refrigerators. This will lessen the possibility of power variation and electrical start-up noise affecting your sound.

## **Earth Grounding Connection:**

To prevent electric shock, do not remove the grounding plug on the power cord, or use any plug or extension cord that does not have a grounding plug provided. Make certain that the AC outlet is properly grounded as well. Do not use an adapter plug with this product.

## **Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus:**

To avoid safety hazards, use only the power cord supplied with your unit. We do not recommend using an extension cord with this product. Damaged power cords should be replaced immediately with cords meeting factory specifications. If a replacement cord is used, make certain that it is of consistent quality and gauge as the original and is UL/IEC Certified. When disconnecting the power cord from an AC outlet, always pull the plug, never pull the cord. If you do not intend to use the amplifier for a considerable length of time, disconnect the plug from the AC outlet.

## **Do not use this apparatus near water:**

Never expose the amplifier to rain, moisture, dripping or splashing water. Do not place objects filled with liquids on or nearby the amplifier.

## **Do Not Open The Amplifier Enclosure:**

There are no user-serviceable components inside this product. Opening the amplifier enclosure may present a shock hazard, and modification to the product will void your warranty. If liquid enters the unit, or any metal object such as a piece of wire accidentally falls inside the enclosure, disconnect the unit from the AC power source immediately and consult an authorized service station.

## **Unpacking:**

The carton and packing materials used in shipping your new amplifier were specially designed to cushion it from the shocks and vibration that occur during transport. We suggest that you save the carton and packing materials for use in shipping, in the event you move, or the amplifier needs repair.

# Introduction

Congratulations on your choice of the Bergantino Audio Systems' **B|AMP** as your amplifier and welcome to the Bergantino family! First we would like to thank you for choosing Bergantino Audio Systems as your amplifier company. This is something we never take for granted. We are confident that your new amplifier will bring you many years of trouble free use and we feel that our high quality design and build standards will help you reach your creative goals.

The Bergantino Audio Systems' **B|AMP** is an incredibly flexible, state-of-the-art Bass Amplifier, designed to deliver maximum performance, yet simple to operate. The **B|AMP** takes a completely new approach to bass amplification by considering and including the speaker cabinet's response and its environment as part of the amplification signal path. No other bass amplifier on the market has the ability to manage speaker and system performance like the **B|AMP**. This is accomplished through our **Profile EQ** system along with many other important and useful design features including:

- DSP, Embedded System Controlled, Bass Amplifier
- LCD Display
- Multifunction Tone Controls; 4-Band EQ w/ Adjustable frequency range and "Q"
  - Bass: +/- 9dB Variable from 40Hz to 150Hz
  - Lo-Mid: +/- 9dB Variable from 100Hz to 800Hz
  - Hi-Mid: +/- 9dB Variable from 400Hz to 2kHz
  - Treble: +/- 9dB Variable from 1.5kHz to 9kHz
- Programmable Filters
  - Programmable bright switch: +3dB to +12dB in 1dB increments, variable from 2kHz to 10kHz in 500Hz increments
  - Variable High-Pass Filter (VHPF): Adjustable from 30Hz to 80Hz in 2Hz increments
  - Variable Low-Pass Filter (VLPF): Adjustable from 1.0kHz to 10kHz in 500 Hz increments
  - Variable Feedback filter: Adjustable from off to -6dB to -12dB in 1 dB increments. Frequency range from E1 (41Hz) to G3 (196Hz) in half step increments
- On-Board Programmable Chromatic Tuner stable down to the low B fundamental
- On-Board Variable Ratio Compressor (VRC)
- On-Board Multi-Effects for Overdrive, Distortion, and Fuzz
- Auxiliary input and headphone jack for personal monitor and practice use
- Effects send and return loop, software engageable.
- Studio quality Direct Output, software selectable Pre or Post EQ
- UPS – Universal power supply 115VAC- 240VAC 50/60Hz
- Software selectable Phase output (Normal or Reverse)
- 2 User Programmable Memory Settings, 3 with Blue Tooth Pedal
- USB Port
  - Load Custom Speaker Profiles
  - Software Upgradable
- Power Section: 700W RMS at 4-Ohms, 800W RMS at 2.67-Ohms and 2-Ohms
  - Software selectable, speaker impedance matching for optimal power transfer down to 2-Ohm minimum load.

**Speaker Profiles = Intelligent Equalization:**

Having your speaker cabinet Eq'd and matched to the acoustic environment frees up your tone controls to be creative elements, rather than being used to 'fix' a speaker design or a bad acoustic space.

**Cool Running = Reliability:**

The **B|AMP** uses a Class D amplifier topology that generates less than half the heat of conventional amplifiers. This keeps the amp running a lot cooler and makes it much more reliable. To cool the amp when it's being driven hard, we've incorporated a temperature sensitive fan cooling system. When the amp is under a light load, the fan is off. If the amp should reach a specified operating temperature, the micro-controller in the **B|AMP** will turn the fan on automatically until it is cooled to a safe operating temperature. This type of thermal management will ensure years of trouble free use.

# Quick Start

The **Bergantino Audio Systems' B|AMP** is designed to be incredibly flexible, yet simple to operate. All controls have a well-defined purpose and are designed to be as intuitive as possible. These directions will help take you through the basics and give you a good start for setting up your sound, especially if you own a currently available, Bergantino speaker cabinet. However, it is highly recommended to read on to learn all the features of the B|AMP in order to realize all its very useful features and benefits!

## 1. Plug the B|AMP in:

With the power switch in the OFF position, connect the supplied power cord from the amplifier AC receptacle, to an AC power outlet of proper voltage and power rating (see safety information for more details).

## 2. Connect your speaker cabinets:

Connect your speaker cabinet(s) to either of the Speak-On outputs (these are wired in parallel so you can use either one). Be sure not to exceed the minimum recommended speaker load. The minimum recommended speaker loads for the **B|AMP** is user programmable in the software program menus for 2-Ohm, 2.67-Ohm and 4/8-Ohm operation. **The initial default setting is 4/8-Ohm.**

## 3. Plug in your bass:

Using an instrument cable, connect your bass to the Input jack and turn the power switch on. If you have active tone controls on your bass, turn all of the controls to the middle or flat position and adjust the volume to the maximum point you would normally use. If you have a passive bass, turn all tone and volume controls all the way up.

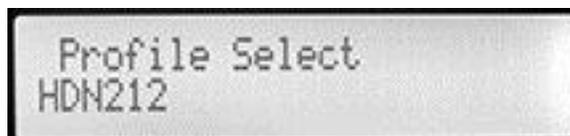
## 4. Front panel control settings:

When you first turn on the **B|AMP** the tone controls will be set flat and no speaker profiles will be installed. Set the Instrument Gain and Master Volumes at 0 (off).

## 5. Select Speaker Profile

If you're using a currently offered Bergantino speaker model, push and hold the **Prog** button to the right of the LCD display for 3 seconds to get into Program Mode. Push and release the **Prog** button 3 times to get to the **Profile Select** screen. Turn the Bass knob (right or left) until your speaker model appears on the display. Once your speaker is displayed on the screen you can press and hold the Prog button for 3 seconds to get back to the home screen or let it time out automatically after 15 seconds. Your speaker profile is now loaded into the **Profile EQ** section of the **B|AMP's** DSP processor.

The screen below shows the HDN212 profile being selected and loaded into the B|AMP's Profile EQ section.



If you're not using a currently offered model, you can download the profile for many of our older, discontinued Bergantino cabinets as well as some Bergantino cabinet combinations from our website ([www.bergantino.com](http://www.bergantino.com)) onto a FAT32 formatted thumb drive, and load it into one of the 12 dedicated Profile memory slots via the USB port (see Profile Menu below).

- ⇒ The currently selected **Profile** will be loaded into the DSP profile filters upon each recycling of power until a new one is selected.

## 6. Input level and Master Volume settings:

For proper operation, it is **very important** to adjust **all** gain levels properly. To adjust the Input gain level, first turn the Master volume and Input Gain of the **B|AMP** all the way down (CCW). Next, put the volume controls on your instrument at the maximum level you will be using them at and play your bass like you normally would, including hard dynamic attacks. Gradually increase the Input Gain control (clockwise) until the OL (overload) indicator just begins to flash. Once flashing, reduce the Input Gain (CCW) slightly for some additional headroom before clipping.

If the OL led doesn't come on at all with the Input gain turned all the way up, chances are you're either using a more traditional, single coil, low output, bass or enjoy playing with a lighter touch. If this is the case, select **Lo Output** for **Instrument Level** in the **Extended Amplifier's Feature** section under **Program Mode** and readjust input level as explained above.

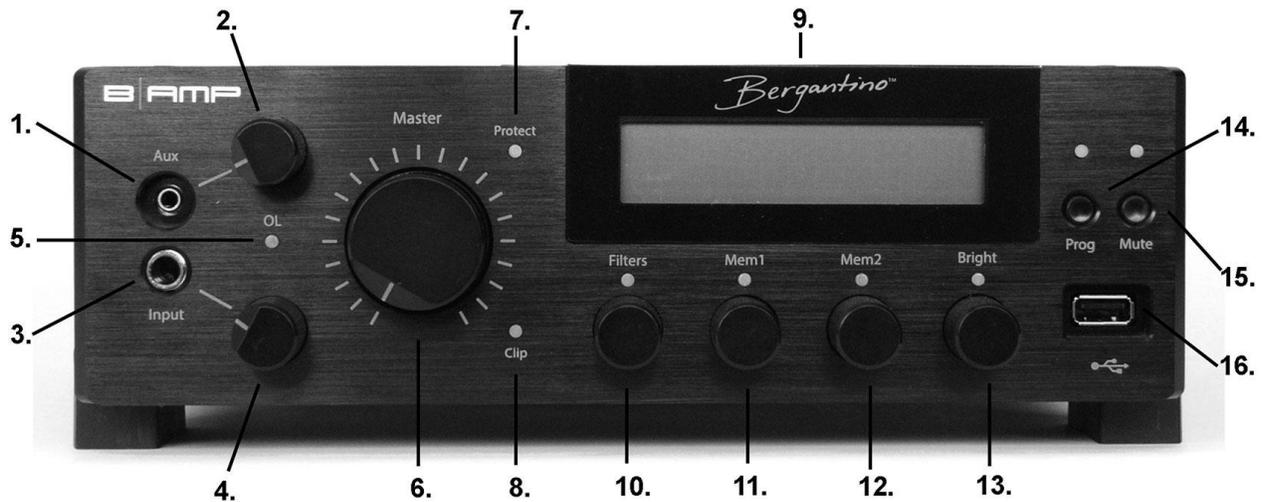
**Note:** Some onboard preamps have internal adjustable gain controls. If you have active/passive switching capabilities on your bass, it is best to adjust these gains such that the passive and active output levels are the same with the tone controls set flat. This will ensure maximum headroom for you onboard preamp as well as best gain matching of your bass to the **B|AMP**'s input stage.

- ⇒ Remember, the purpose of an onboard preamp is to buffer the pickups from long cable runs and to provide active tone controls for tone shaping, **not** to increase your overall output level and volume. That is what your amplifier is for!

Once you've matched the maximum signal from your bass without overloading the input stage of the amplifier, increase the Master volume of the **B|AMP** by turning the Master volume knob in a clockwise direction to the desired level. You should be hearing your bass quite well at this point. You should now **only** use the Master volume now to achieve your desired sound level.

- ⇒ For clear, undistorted sound, it's very important not to overdrive the input stage of the **B|AMP**. If you increase in level any tone or volume control on your bass after adjusting the input gain, you should check to make sure the OL indicator isn't flashing.

# Front Panel Controls and Operation



**1. Aux Input:** A standard 1/8" mini stereo jack to plug in an external sound source (iPod, MP3 player, etc.). Maximum, unclipped input level is 2Vrms.

**2. Aux Gain:** Gain control for the Aux input device. Adjust this knob to achieve the desired level of your Aux Input source and to obtain the relative balance between this source and your instrument. If the OL indicator illuminates, turn down Aux Gain level on **B|AMP** until it no longer flashes. If it still flashes with level all the way down, turn level down from device connected to Aux input and then readjust Aux Gain level.

**3. Input:** A 1/4" unbalanced input jack to plug in an active or passive bass into a studio quality, high impedance, input buffer.

**4. Input Gain:** Gain control for the Instrument input. Adjust this level to obtain maximum input gain before any flashing of the OL indicator occurs.

**5. OL (overload) Indicator:** Indicates the input stage of the **B|AMP** is being overdriven when flashing yellow. If an overload condition is indicated, turn appropriate gain knob (Aux or Input) counterclockwise to reduce gain until no flashing occurs and adjust Master volume to achieve desired volume. Also learn more about properly adjusting the Input gain of the B|AMP in the **Instrument Level** section of the **Program Mode** part of this manual.

**6. Master (volume):** This control raises and lowers the Master volume of the **B|AMP**.

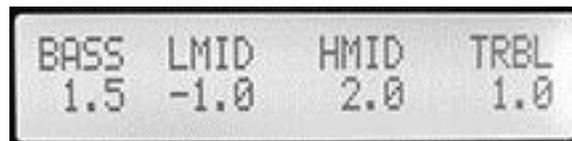
**7. Protect (indicator):** Should the amp experience a fault (over heat, over current) the amp will mute the output and this LED will turn red until the condition is corrected. Check and make sure there are no obvious conditions causing the amp to enter protect mode such as a shorted speaker cable or the fan or vent holes being blocked on the outside of the unit.

**8. Clip (indicator):** This indicator will flash yellow when the **B|AMP** senses an overdriven or clipped signal at its output. This is an indication that the amplifier is being driven beyond its ability to produce a clean, undistorted output signal. It's ok and normal to see the flashing of this indicator on loud peaks. However, continuous, sustained illumination of this indicator should be avoided.

**9. LCD Display:** The LCD (liquid-crystal display) display serves many functions and displays everything from basic tone control settings (home screen) to the many levels of software based menu screens in the **B|AMP**.

**10. Filters/Bass Control:** This control has multiple functions:  
As a Tone Control, turning the control Left or Right from the home screen will decrease or increase the level of the Bass frequencies in 0.5dB increments, from -9db to +9db. The level in dB will be shown above on the LCD display.

⇒ The screen below shows an example of the B|AMP's home screen.

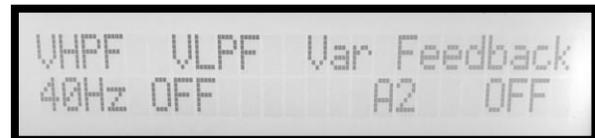
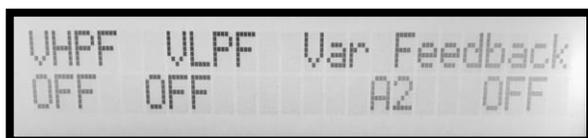


If you push and hold the **Filters/Bass** control for 2 seconds, you will be able to adjust the center frequencies of all 4 tone controls. The frequency range of the Bass control is from 40Hz to 150Hz, variable in 5Hz increments. You can return to the home screen by pressing any of the 4 tone control knobs, or if left idle for 10 seconds, the LCD display will return to the home screen automatically.

⇒ The screen below shows the B|AMP's semi-parametric EQ screen after pressing and holding any of the 4 tone controls for 2 seconds.



When the **Filters/Bass** control is pressed and released, it displays the filter's screen that includes a **VHPF** (High-Pass Filter), **VLPF** (Low-Pass Filter), and Variable Feedback filter.



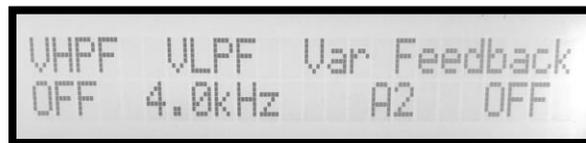
The **VHPF** (turn Bass/Filters knob to adjust frequency) allows frequencies **above** the displayed frequency to pass while cutting frequencies below. Factory default is 40Hz. Turning this knob adjusts the cut-off frequency from 30Hz – 80Hz in 2Hz increments. Use this control to clean up the very low end of the bass frequencies, which can often muddy the low-end program

information and needlessly stress your speaker system and waste amplifier headroom.

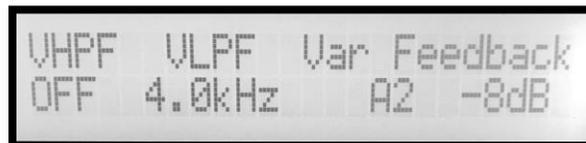
- ⇒ To help minimize needless stress on speakers and maximize amplifier and overall system headroom, it is advisable to set this control at 40Hz (factory default setting) or higher, if further low frequency attenuation is needed.

The **VLPF** (turn LMid/Mem1 knob to adjust frequency) cuts frequencies **above** the displayed frequency while passing frequencies **below**. Factory default is “**Off**”. Turning this knob adjusts the cut-off frequency from 1.0kHz – 9.5kHz in 500Hz increments. Use this control to attenuate any high frequency artifacts, such as fret noise, pick attack, etc. to produce a cleaner, more musical signal to both the DI and amplifier output. This filter can also serve as a useful cabinet simulator for both the DI and when using the headphone output for quiet listening.

- ⇒ The VLPF frequency is saved as part of a Mem save for future recall, allowing different settings for different basses or musical styles.



The **Variable Feedback** filter is intuitively designed to help you identify and sweep the note frequencies from E1 (41Hz) – G3 (196Hz) in single note (1/2 step) increments, and adjust the gain from **OFF** to -6db to -12dB in level to help eliminate or minimize problem feedback issues with electro-acoustic instruments.



To use, try to identify the note on your instrument that is feeding back the strongest **from the location in which you will be playing** (very important as feedback is affected by the proximity of the instrument to the boundaries and sound source in which it is near). While muting your instrument or amp, press and release the filter knob and then turn the HMID knob to the note (i.e. A2) that is feeding back the strongest. Turn the TRBL knob CCW to set the cut level between -6db and -12db, then un-mute the amp or instrument and go back to the same location you will be playing from and see if the feedback has been eliminated or reduced. You may need to try this a few times and adjust the amount of cut in gain accordingly.

- ⇒ The Variable Feedback filter’s parameters are **not** saved in Memory and is reset to **OFF** on power recycle, as it is an environment dependent adjustment.
- ⇒ The green **Filters** LED indicates that either of the filters are engaged.

**11. Mem1/LMID Control:** This control has multiple functions:

As a Tone Control, turning the control Left or right from the home screen will decrease or

increase the level of the Lo-Mid frequencies in 0.5dB increments, from -9db to +9db. The level in dB will be shown above on the LCD display.

Push and hold this control for 2 seconds, and you will be able to adjust the center frequencies of all 4 tone controls. The frequency range of the LMID control is from 100Hz to 800Hz, variable in 25Hz increments. You can return to the home screen by pressing any of the tone controls, or if left idle for 10 seconds, the LCD display will return to the home screen.

If a tone setting has been previously stored in this location, when pushed and released, that tone setting will be loaded into the DSP's tone filters, including the state of the bright switch. (See Mem1/Mem2 save on how to save settings to this location). Push this knob again, and you will be taken back to the previous home screen.

**12. Mem2/HMID Control:** This control has multiple functions:

As a Tone Control, turning the control Left or Right from the home screen will decrease or increase the level of the High-Mid frequencies in 0.5dB increments, from -9db to +9db. The level in dB will be shown above on the LCD display.

Push and hold this control for 2 seconds, and you will be able to adjust the center frequencies of all 4 tone controls. The frequency range of the High-Mid control is from 400Hz to 2 kHz, variable in 100Hz increments. You can return to the home screen by pressing any of the tone controls, or if left idle for 10 seconds, the LCD display will return to the home screen.

If a tone setting has been previously stored in this location, when pushed and released, that tone setting will be loaded into the DSP's tone filters, including the state of the bright switch. (See Mem1/Mem2 save on how to save settings to this location). Push this knob again, and you will be taken back to the previous home screen.

**13. Bright/TRBL Control:** This control has multiple functions:

As a Tone Control, turning the control Left or Right from the home screen will decrease or increase the level of the Treble frequencies in 0.5dB increments, from -9db to +9db. The level in dB will be shown above on the LCD display.

If you push and hold this control for 2 seconds, you will be able to adjust the center frequencies of all 4 tone controls. The frequency range of the treble control is from 1.5 kHz to 9 kHz, variable in 500Hz increments. You can return to the home screen by pressing any of the tone controls, or if left idle for 10 seconds, the LCD display will return to the home screen.

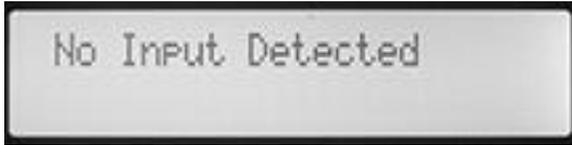
When this control is pressed and released, it activates the Bright Control. This control is a peaking filter. Use this control to add some sparkle or snap to your final tonal contour and to add or remove edge and definition. (See **Bright Adjust Menu** in program mode on how to program the frequency and gain of this filter)

**14. Prog (Program Button):** From the **Home Screen**, press and release Prog button to access and sequence thru VRC compressor menu, Effects Menu, and Efx Loop engage Menu. Press and hold the **Prog** button for 3 seconds to enter Program Mode. The green **Prog** LED will illuminate (See **Program Mode**). Or while pressing and holding the **Prog** button, press Mem1 or Mem2 to save a tone setting in that location (See **Mem1/Mem2 Save** in Extended Amplifier Features).

**15. Mute:** When Mute is engaged, the red Mute LED will illuminate and the amplifier's Main output, DI output, and Line output will be muted.

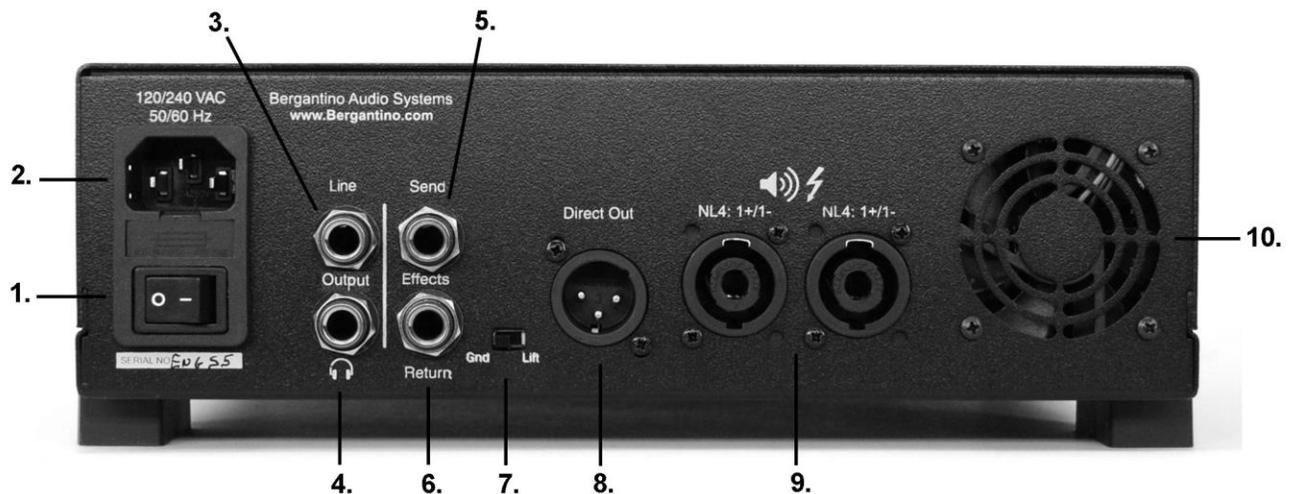
If the B|AMP's tuner is enabled (factory default), a fully digital chromatic tuner is activated and displayed on the LCD display.

The first screen indicates no signal detected by the B|AMP's tuner. The second screen indicates a properly tuned **A1** string.



**16. USB Port:** This port will support a FAT32 formatted thumb drive to load speaker profiles into program memory and also perform firmware updates when or if they become available.

# Rear Panel Controls and Operation



- 1. Power Switch:** Turns the amplifier on or off.
- 2. AC Receptacle:** The power cord is detachable and plugs in here.
- 3. Line (output):** This connector is a 1/4" unbalanced output and serves as a pre-amp out, post Master volume.
- 4. Headphone (output):** 1/4" Stereo headphone jack designed to drive full-range headphones.
- 5. Effects Send:** Unbalanced 1/4" connector used when sending a full range, instrument level, mono signal to an external device (effects, processors, etc.). Can also serve as a tuner out for user supplied tuner.
- 6. Effects Return:** Unbalanced 1/4" connector that accepts an instrument or line level return from external effects that are connected in a "series loop". It has a 1Vrms max. input level. If the OL LED illuminates, turn down levels from previous gain stages in the signal chain.
- 7. Ground Lift:** This switch disconnects the ground on the balanced Direct Out, XLR output to eliminate hum and buzz when the amplifier is connected to equipment that is running on a different ground system.
- 8. Direct Out:** Studio quality DI sends an electronically balanced output signal eliminating the need for an external DI. This output can be selected to be **PRE- EQ** or **POST- EQ** (software selectable in **Program Mode**). The DI out is 48V phantom power protected.
- 9. Speaker Outputs:** Parallel Speak-On output connectors (Neutrik NL4 1+/1-). The minimum recommended speaker load for the **B|AMP** is user programmable down to a 2-Ohm minimum load. See **Program Mode** section for setting up the B-AMP for proper impedance matching. A minimum of 16awg speaker cable is highly recommended.

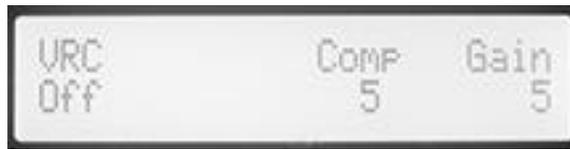
**10: Cooling Fan:** The onboard microcontroller monitors the amplifier temperature and engages the cooling fan when needed to reduce the amplifier temperature. The fan can be turned from **Auto** to **On** in **Program Mode** for extreme usage conditions.

**Note:** The fan is automatically set to Auto upon each power recycle unless **2-ohm** operation is selected.

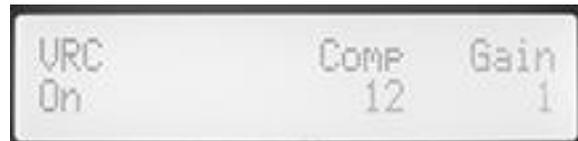
## Extended Amplifier Features

### Compressor Screen

To engage the Compressor Screen, from the Home Screen, tap the **Prog** button to the right of the LCD display once. You will see the screen as shown below:



- Turn Bass/Filters Knob to turn VRC (Variable Ratio Compressor) On or Off  
Off ⇔ On
- Turn HMid/Mem2 Knob to increase or decrease the drive level into the compressor. The higher the number, the more compression you should hear.  
1 ⇔ 15
- Turn Trbl/Bright Knob to adjust VRC post effect Volume level to try and make the VRC On and Off volumes the same.  
1 ⇔ 15



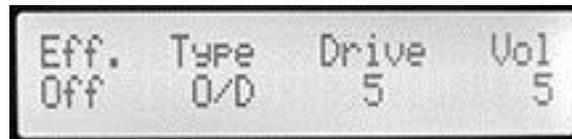
### Helpful Hints:

To best use the compressor, set up your input gain to the B|AMP such that the OL light barely flashes on your loudest peaks. Then, while on the Compressor Screen, turn the VRC On and set the Comp level so that you get the desired amount of compression during normal playing. Next turn the VRC off and compare the uncompressed volume with the On volume and adjust the Gain so they match.

⇒ The **VRC** in the **B|AMP** is implemented as a parallel architecture, meaning that the original, uncompressed signal is summed with the compressed signal giving a thicker, meatier tone without losing the attack of the note. A nice starting point would be 7 and 7 on the **Comp** and **Gain** settings. Adjust to taste from there.

## **Effects Screen (O/D, Dist1, Dist2)**

To engage the effects screen, from the Home Screen, tap the **Prog** button to the right of the LCD display twice, (or once from the Compressor screen). You will see the screen as shown below:

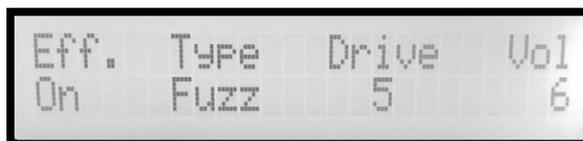
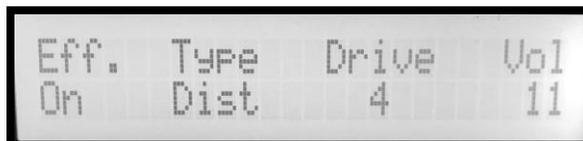
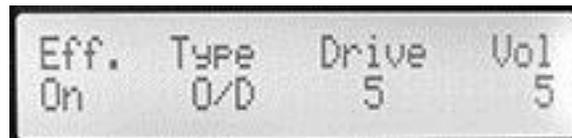


- Turn Bass/Filters Knob to turn effects On or Off

Off ⇔ On

- Turn LMid/Mem1 Knob to select effect type

O/D ⇔ Dist1 ⇔ Dist2



- Turn HMid/Mem2 Knob to adjust Drive level into effect

1 ⇔ 15

- Turn Trbl/Bright Knob to adjust post effect Volume

1 ⇔ 15

⇒ It is **very** important that the **B|AMP's** input gain is adjusted properly before adjusting Drive level to Effects.

- ⇒ These effects are touch sensitive. The harder you play, the harder it drives the effect.
- ⇒ For best results, use the Drive level to first determine the desired sound from the effect. Then, using the Eff. Off/On control, compare the volume of the processed signal (On) with the clean signal (Off) and adjust the Vol level to get the desired balance.
- ⇒ To return to home screen, push and release the **Prog** button twice or let it time out.

## EFX Loop Engage



- Turn Bass/Filters Knob to engage/disengage EFX loop from signal path

### In ⇔ Out

The state of the screen is saved as part of a memory scene and can be used to engage/disengage any effects plugged into the effects loop of the B|AMP.

## Mem1/Mem2 and Mem3(with BTFS) Save

You can save and store 3 independent tone control settings, including effects settings, compressor settings, and EFX loop engage setting in memory for future recall. The parameters that are saved are the BASS, LMID, HMID, TRBL (center frequency, Q and gain), Bright settings (center frequency and gain), Effect (On or Off), Effect type (O/D, Dist1, or Dist2), Drive level and post effect Volume, VRC compressor (On or Off), Comp level, and compressor post Gain level, and the EFX loop engage setting.

To save a scene to **Mem1** or **Mem2**, once you've determined the scene you would like to save, while pressing and holding the **Prog** button, press and release the desired Mem knob in the location where you would like to store that scene to (**Mem1** or **Mem2**). The LED over that memory location will illuminate indicating the desired scene is now saved in that Mem location.

To recall these settings at a later time, just push the appropriate Mem control knob and release. The saved settings will now be loaded into the DSP and the green LED for that Mem location will illuminate. To go back to the previous home screen, just push the same Mem control knob again.

- ⇒ When making any tonal or Effect adjustment while in either of the Mem locations, the green LED will remain lit for that location indicating you are still in a Mem recall state. However, if you exit that Mem location without saving the new settings, the next time it is recalled it will load its previously saved state.

To save to **Mem3** you must be using the BTFS and have the dongle inserted in B|AMP's USB port. Once you've determined the scene you would like to save, press and release the **Mem1** and **Mem2** knobs simultaneously (do *not* press **Prog** button). The **Mem1** and **Mem2** green LEDs will both light indicating you've saved successfully to **Mem3**.

## Program Mode

Many of the **B|AMP**'s extended and unique features are accessed in the program mode. To enter program mode, press and hold the **Prog** button for 3 seconds. The green **Prog** LED will turn on and the first menu screen will appear on the LCD display (**Instrument Level Menu**). The green Prog LED will stay on for the duration of the time you're in program mode. By quickly pressing and releasing the program button while in program mode, you will be able to cycle through the various program menus until you reach the desired menu(s). To leave program mode and go back to the home screen, press and hold the **Prog** button again for 3 seconds, or the Program mode will eventually time out to the home screen after approx. 15 seconds of no activity. You can also press **Mute** 2 times consecutively to quickly return to the **Home Screen**.

### Screen 1 – Instrument Level

This menu allows you to select between using a **Hi Output** instrument and a **Lo Output** instrument. When **Lo Output** is selected, an increase in gain is programmed into the **B|AMP** to compensate.

Turn the **Bass/Filters Knob** to select the desired Instrument output level:  
**Hi Output** ⇔ **Lo Output**

⇒ Note: Some active basses may have outputs comparable to a single coil, passive bass while some passive basses may have outputs comparable to a more traditional active bass. Be sure to select Instrument Level accordingly.



### **Properly Adjusting Input Gain**

Start with the **Hi Output** setting (Factory default setting), and with the input gain fully off, play your bass like you normally would, including hard dynamic attacks. Gradually turn the input gain up until you can see the OL led flash on the front panel of the **B|AMP**. Once the OL led flashes, back the gain off slightly for additional headroom before clipping. This is the optimal input level for your bass and playing style. Keep the **Instrument Level** in **Hi Output** mode for this instrument.

If you can't get the OL led to flash when the input gain is turned all the way up, select **Lo Output** for **Instrument Level** and re-adjust input gain as explained above.

- ⇒ It is very important to adjust the input gain properly to utilize the Effects of the **B|AMP**.
- ⇒ If the output of your active bass is very hot, you could unnecessarily and unknowingly be clipping your onboard preamp, introducing a distorted signal to your amplification system right out of the gate! Try to adjust your bass' active output level to be the same as its passive level (if you have an active/passive switch) to ensure maximum dynamic range and headroom before clipping.

## Screen 2 – DI Select menu

This menu allows you to select whether the Pre EQ or Post EQ signal is sent to the DI output.

- Turn the **Bass/Filters Knob** to select **DI Output:**  
Pre-EQ ⇔ Post- EQ



**Pre-EQ:** This signal includes input gain, and Effects Loop (if selected).

**Post-EQ:** This signal includes input gain, Effect Loop (if selected), **and** tone controls.

- ⇒ The **B|AMP**'s Profile EQ section will never go to the DI output, thus never to the FOH system. This is an important feature of the **B|AMP**'s architecture, as it allows the profiles to properly EQ your stage system without interfering with the FOH system. Your Post EQ DI contains only your tone adjustments, not your speaker EQ!

## Screen 3 – Bright Filter Adjust Menu

This menu allows you to adjust the center frequency and gain parameters of the Bright filter. When the bright function is engaged from the home screen by pushing the Bright control knob, the parameters you adjust in this menu will be loaded into the DSP's Bright filter.

- ⇒ Be sure to engage the Bright function while in the home screen before entering program mode so you can hear the results of your adjustments in real time while in this screen.
  - Turn the **Bass/Filters knob** to adjust frequency from 2 kHz to 10 kHz in increments of 500Hz.
  - Turn the **Trbl/Bright knob** to adjust gain in increments of 1dB from +3dB to +12dB.

Below shows the Bright filter adjusted to a center frequency of 4.5 kHz and a gain of +6db. Whenever the Bright function is engaged from the home screen, these parameters will be loaded into the **B|AMP**'s Bright filter EQ.

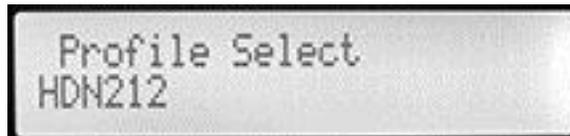


## **Screen 4 – Profile Select**

This menu allows you to select one of the B|AMP's stored speaker Profiles and load it into the Profile EQ section of the B|AMP's DSP processor.

Turn the **Bass/Filters** knob (Left or Right) until the desired Profile appears on the LCD display. Once displayed, the selected profile will be loaded into the Profile EQ section of the B|AMP's DSP processor.

The screen below shows the HDN212 profile being selected and loaded into the **B|AMP's** Profile EQ section.



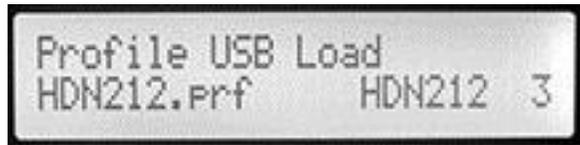
## **Screen 5 – Profile USB Load**

This menu allows you to load new profiles from a FAT32 formatted thumb drive into one of the twelve dedicated Profile memory locations of the B|AMP. In this menu the B|AMP will read any file off the thumb drive with a **.PRF** extension. You will be able to scan and select which speaker profile you would like to import from the thumb drive and choose which dedicated profile memory location you would like to store it in for future recall. You can overwrite profiles already stored in the B|AMP with new ones, if need be. Once stored and power is recycled, you will be able to load this profile into the DSP's profile filters from the home screen by pressing the **Prog** button until the name of the desired profile is indicated on the LCD display.

### **To load speaker Profiles:**

- **Insert thumb drive loaded with .prf files into B|AMP'S USB port**
- **Turn the Bass/Filters knob to select Profile on your USB thumb Drive you want to store in memory**
- **Turn the Treble/Bright knob to select which memory location to store the profile**
- **Press any knob to Store Profile.**

The first screen below shows the software prompting the user to insert a USB thumb drive into the **B|AMP's** USB port in order to load a new speaker Profile (\*.PRF file). The second screen shows the HDN212 profile being loaded into memory slot 3 of the **B|AMP's** profile memory.



⇒ Once loaded into one of the twelve B|AMP's Profile memory slots, the new speaker profile can be loaded into the B|AMP's Profile EQ filters by cycling back to the Profile Select menu and turning the Bass/Filters knob until the desired profile name is indicated on the LCD display.

## Screen 6 – Tone Control Q Select

This menu allows you to select between **Wide**, **Med**, or **Narrow** for each tone control's Q.

- Turn Bass/Filters Knob to select the desired Q for Bass tone control  
Wide ⇔ Med ⇔ Narrow
- Turn LMid/Mem1 Knob to select the desired Q for LMid tone control  
Wide ⇔ Med ⇔ Narrow
- Turn HMid/Mem2 Knob to select the desired Q for HMid tone control  
Wide ⇔ Med ⇔ Narrow
- Turn Trbl/Bright Knob to select the desired Q for Treble tone control  
Wide ⇔ Med ⇔ Narrow



## Screen 7 – Speaker Impedance Select

This menu allows you to condition your B|AMP to be safely used with various speaker loads. It can select between 4/8-Ohm, 2.67-Ohm and 2-Ohm loads. **The 4/8-Ohm setting is the default setting and should be used for both 4-Ohm and 8-ohm speaker loads.**

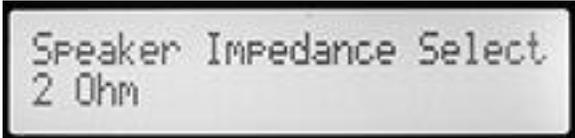
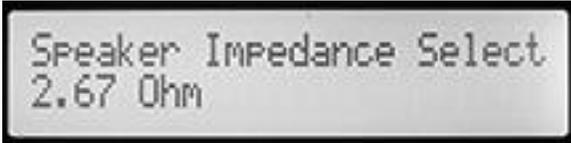
**\*\*Warning!** Selecting an impedance higher than the one plugged into the B|AMP can cause the amp to enter protect mode, reducing the output level of the amp or muting the output all together until the underlying condition is rectified.

### Be sure to calculate your speaker impedances properly!

**4-Ohm** = 1 x 4-Ohm or 2 x 8-Ohm;  
**2.67-Ohm** = 1 x 8-Ohm + 1 x 4-Ohm or 3 x 8-Ohm;  
**2-Ohm** = 2 x 4-Ohm or 4 x 8-Ohm

- Turn Bass/Filters knob to select desired Impedance  
4/8-Ohm ⇔ 2.67-Ohm ⇔ 2-Ohm

⇒ Below are three screens indicating the impedance options of the **BJAMP**.



⇒ When **2-Ohm** operation is selected, the fan is automatically engaged.

### **Screen 8- Main Phase Menu**

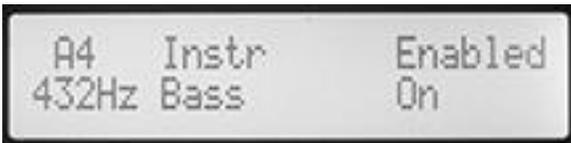
This menu allows you to reverse the phase of the main amplifier's output (including pre-out, if selected as the line out) to help eliminate any possible feedback or phasing issues experienced in a live or recording environment. It does not affect the phase of the DI out.

- **Turning the Bass/Filters knob**  
Normal ⇌ Reverse



### **Screen 9 – Tuner Frequency, Instrument Select and Enable Menu**

This menu allows you to choose the A4 reference frequency for instrument tunings. Ranges from A432 – A448 can be selected using the **Filters** knob. The Factory default is A=440.



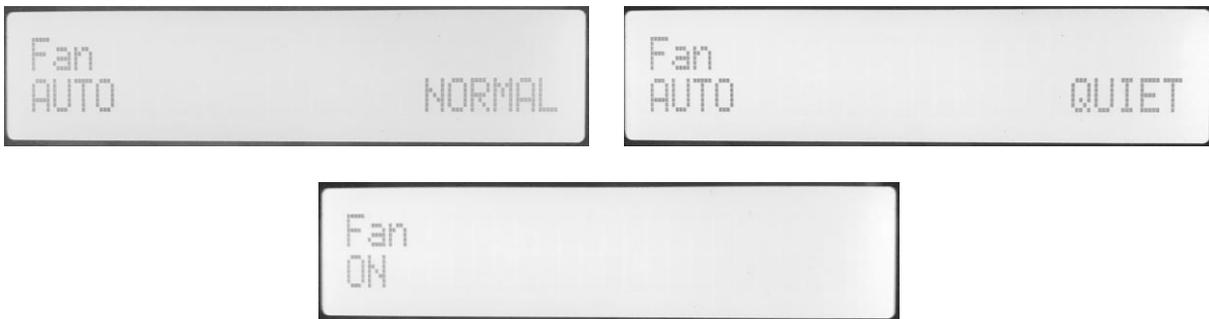
It also allows you to optimize the tuner's speed and accuracy for either Bass or Guitar by turning the **LMID/Mem1** knob to the desired instrument. And, you can enable or disable the tuner function in this menu by turning the **Trbl/Bright** knob to the desired selection. If enabled, when Mute is engaged, the LCD display will turn into a very fast and accurate chromatic tuner optimized for the instrument selected.

## Screen 10 – Fan Menu

This menu allows you to select **Auto** (Normal or Quiet) or **On** for fan control. Although not recommended, it can be useful if you're playing an outside venue in direct sunlight such that the case temperatures can get unusually warm just by the effects of the direct sun. Turning the fan **on** will keep air circulating through the case minimizing any heating issues under these extreme conditions. **Auto** only turns the fan on when a specified temperature is reached and is the default setting. Using the Trbl/Bright knob you can choose between Norm and Quiet operation. Quiet should only be chosen for low volume settings such as home and studio, as it allows the amp to run warmer before engaging the fan. **Auto** will be selected automatically upon power up unless B|AMP is selected for 2 ohm operation.

- **Turning Bass/Filters knob**  
Auto ⇔ On
- **Turning Trbl/Bright knob**  
Norm ⇔ Quiet

⇒ The fan is automatically engaged when 2-ohm operation is selected.



## Screen 11 – Contrast Adjust Menu

This menu allows you to adjust the contrast of the LCD Display.

- **Turn Bass/Filters knob to adjust contrast**



## **Screen 12 – Bluetooth Status and Pairing Menu**

This menu shows the status of the Bluetooth Pedal and Dongle Pairing.



## **Re-Pairing BTFS with Dongle and B|AMP**

In the event the BTFS becomes un-paired with the B|AMP and Dongle (Your BTFS and Dongle come paired from the factory), follow the Instructions below:

### **Resetting BTFS:**

- With the Dongle *unplugged* from B|AMP, turn pedal on by holding power button down for approx. 1.5 seconds and release - Bluetooth indicator will be flashing quickly.
- Next, while power is on, press and hold BTFS power button down for approx. 8 seconds. During this period the pedal will shut off after about 3 seconds, but keep holding down power button until battery and Bluetooth light flash on and off 3 times and then fade out. Your BTFS has now been reset.
- Turn Bluetooth pedal back on as instructed above and set aside near B|AMP.

### **Pairing Dongle with Pedal:**

- Turn B|AMP on with dongle unplugged from amp.
- Enter program mode. Press program button until you see **Pedal Status Screen – Waiting for USB.**



- Push and release Filters knob which will take you to Pairing Screen.

- Insert Dongle into USB port and wait for Pedal and Dongle to pair. Screen will say **Connected** when pairing is complete.



⇒ You only have to enter the last 4 characters of the Pedal's serial # if there's another similar active Bluetooth device nearby.

### Screen 13 – Factory Reset Menu

This menu allows you to return to original factory settings.



- **Turn** Bass/Filter knob until a 1 appears in first position.
- **Turn** LMID/Mem1 knob until a 2 appears in the second position.
- **Turn** HMID/Mem2 knob until a 3 appears in the third position.
- **Turn** Treble/Bright knob until a 4 appears in the fourth position.



- **Press** any knob to return to original factory settings.
- ⇒ This reset will NOT erase any stored Speaker Profiles in the **B|AMP**'s memory

### Screen 14 – Software Rev. Menu

This menu displays the current version of the software loaded into your **B|AMP**.



It will also be displayed upon power up on the welcome screen menus.

## Firmware Upgrade

If new software becomes available for your **B|AMP**, you can upgrade the firmware via the USB port by doing the following:

- Load the firmware \*.hex file onto a FAT32 formatted thumb drive. If you are using a Macintosh computers set the scheme to 'Master Boot Record' when you format the USB drive for FAT32.
- Rename the file to bampfw.hex (all lower case) but do not rename the thumb drive
- With the **B|AMP**'s power off, insert the thumb drive into the USB port
- While holding in Prog button, turn amp on and continue to hold Prog button until green Prog LED lights. Release Prog button and wait for software to install (app. 8 seconds)
- Once the Home screen appears on the LCD display, remove thumb drive and recycle power.
- Your new software is ready to go!

## **Setting Up and Using the Bluetooth Footswitch (BTFS)**

First, you must have installed firmware version 5.14 or higher (if available) in the B|AMP. (Follow instructions you receive with upgrade or refer to the B|AMP's owner's manual.)

Once the correct firmware is confirmed, place supplied USB dongle in the USB port of the B|AMP - 2 square holes side facing up.

**Turn Bluetooth Pedal On** by holding down power button for 1 second until the LEDs flash. You should see the blue LED flash quickly and then flash slowly (every 3-4seconds) indicating the pedal is now communicating with the Dongle.

**Turn Bluetooth Pedal Off** by holding down power button for approx. 3 seconds until the Red and Blue LEDs turn off.

### **Bluetooth Footswitch Functions**

**Pushing and releasing Switch 1** will engage/disengage **Mem1**

**Pushing and releasing Switch 2** will engage/disengage **Mem2**

**Pushing and releasing Switch 3** will engage/disengage **Mem3**

**Pushing and releasing Switch 4** will engage/disengage **Mute**

### **Bluetooth Foot Switch Useful Hints and Suggestions**

Although there are no visual indicators on the Pedal to reflect the amp state, there is an indicator on the pedal that will indicate when a switch is pressed. The Bluetooth indicator on the pedal will light blue when a pedal is pushed, and stay lit until it is released. One thing to be aware of, however, is this indicator will normally flash every 3-4 seconds to indicate the Pedal is paired with the amp. If you need more assurance after pressing one of the pedals that the amp has responded, try orienting the Pedal on the floor such that you have a sight line back to the amp where LED indicators on the **B|AMP** are easily seen. Of course, if you're switching between a clean and an O/D or Distortion channel, you should be able to pick up on the audible cues as to whether or not the desired memory location has been engaged/disengaged.

Finally, the **BTFS** will automatically power off after 2 hours of inactivity to conserve battery power. Consider engaging the BTFS to reset this timer to avoid shutting down unexpectedly.

# Installation and Maintenance

**Installation:** To ensure proper operation and to avoid potential safety hazards, place the unit on a firm, level surface.

Make certain that proper space is provided for ventilation. Never block the fan or the fan vent holes on the side of the amplifier. If the amplifier will be installed in a rack or other enclosed area, make sure that there is sufficient air movement within the enclosure to allow proper cooling. Consult your dealer or Bergantino Audio Systems for more information if needed.

Avoid installation in extremely hot or cold locations, and areas that are exposed to direct sunlight, or near heating equipment.

**Moving the Unit:** Before moving the unit, be certain to disconnect any interconnecting cords with other components, and make sure that you disconnect the unit from the AC outlet.

**Cleaning:** When the unit gets dirty, clean only with a dry cloth. Never use benzene, thinner, alcohol, or other volatile cleaning agents. Do not use abrasive cleaners, as they may damage the finish of metal parts. Avoid spraying insecticides near the unit.

**Maintenance:** Your new amplifier is rugged. It was built to give you years of trouble-free operation, if it is operated in accordance with the instructions contained in this manual. The only maintenance required is cleaning. If you are going to move your amplifier around frequently, we recommend a travel case to protect it from scratches and road wear. Do not use excessive force in handling control buttons, switches and controls. Do not use solvents such as benzene or paint thinner to clean the unit. Wipe off the exterior with soft cloth.

To avoid damaging your speakers and other playback equipment, turn off the power of all related equipment before making any connections.

No user serviceable parts inside. Refer service to qualified personnel. Always unplug AC power before removing chassis. EXPORT MODELS: Make certain grounding conforms to local standards. Always insure that amplifier is properly grounded. When replacing fuse, use only same type and rating.

**READ AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS OF PROPER USAGE.**

**➔ PRODUCT REGISTRATION ←**

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# Specifications

## **B|AMP Specifications:**

### **Output Power: (User selectable in Program Mode)**

350Watts @8-Ohm / 700Watts @ 4-Ohm

800Watts @2.67-Ohm

800Watts @2-Ohm

### **Maximum Input Levels:**

Main Input: 2Vrms (post gain control)

Aux. Input: 2Vrms

Effects Return: 2Vrms

### **Input/Output Impedances:**

Input Impedance 1M Ohm

Aux. input Impedance 20k Ohm

Send output Impedance 600 Ohm

Return input Impedance 20k Ohm

Line Output Impedance 600 Ohm

DI Output Impedance 600 Ohm

### **Tone Controls (Peaking Type – User Selectable Q in Program Mode):**

Bass: +/- 9dB Variable from 40Hz to 150Hz

Lo-Mid: +/- 9dB Variable from 100Hz to 800Hz

Hi-Mid: +/- 9dB Variable from 400Hz to 2kHz

Treble: +/- 9dB Variable from 1.5kHz to 9kHz

### **Filters:**

**Variable High Pass Filter (VHPF):** Variable from 30Hz to 80Hz in 2Hz increments.

**Variable Low Pass Filter (VLPF):** Variable from 1.0kHz to 9.5kHz in 500Hz increments.

**Variable Feedback Filter (VFBF):** Adjustable from off (0dB) to -6dB to -12dB. Frequency range from 40Hz to 196Hz (E1- G3) in half step increments.

**Bright Filter:** Adjustable +3dB to +12dB. Variable from 2kHz to 10kHz in 500Hz increments.

**Cooling:** micro-controlled low noise fan

**Amplifier Protection:** Full short circuit and thermal protection.

**Dimensions (HxWxD):** 10.5 W x 8.375”D x 3.75”H

**Weight:** 6.5 lbs.

### **Power Requirements:**

100VAC-240VAC 50/60Hz

6.3 Amps (Internal T6.3A/250V fuse); 700 watts Maximum power consumption.

# Warranty Information

Bergantino Audio Systems, 1 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 U.S.A. warrants to you, the ORIGINAL PURCHASER of the Bergantino Audio Systems **BJAMP**, for a period of two (2) years from the date of purchase by the original purchaser (the "warranty period") that the new Bergantino Audio product is free of defects in materials and workmanship. We further warrant the new Bergantino Audio product regardless of the reason for failure, except as excluded in this Warranty.

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This Bergantino Audio Warranty is in effect only for failure of a new Bergantino Audio product that occurred within the Warranty Period. It does not cover any product, which has been damaged because of any intentional misuse, accident, negligence, or loss, which is covered under any of your insurance contracts. This Bergantino Audio Warranty also does not extend to the new Bergantino Audio product if the serial number has been defaced, altered, or removed.

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We will remedy any defect, regardless of the reason for failure (except as excluded), by repair or replacement. Warranty work can only be performed at our authorized service centers or at the factory. Warranty work for some products can only be performed at our factory. We will remedy the defect and ship the product from the service center or our factory within a reasonable time after receipt of the defective product at our authorized service center or our factory. The customer will bear the expenses of shipping the product to Bergantino Audio in remedying the defect, including surface shipping costs in the United States, while return shipment will be borne by Bergantino Audio. (You must bear the expense of shipping the product between any foreign country and the port of entry in the United States including the return shipment, and all taxes, duties, and other customs fees for such foreign shipments.)

## **HOW TO OBTAIN WARRANTY SERVICE**

You must notify us of your need for warranty service within the warranty period. All components must be shipped in a factory pack, which, if needed, may be obtained from us for a minimal charge. Corrective action will be taken within a reasonable time of the date of receipt of the defective product by our authorized service center or us. If the repairs made by us or our authorized service centers are not satisfactory, notify our authorized service center or us immediately.

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