# L16 manual

2x8"/1x4"/1x2.5" Line Source Module Operating & Rigging Instructions



Thank you for purchasing the Quint Audio L16 loudspeaker system.

This manual contains essential information on installing and operating the product correctly and safely. It is necessary to read this manual carefully in order to become familiar with these procedures.

Keep the manual for future use. This manual forms an integral part of the product. Reselling of the product is only possible if the user manual is available. Any changes made to the product must be documented in writing and passed on to the buyer in the event of resale.

As part of a continuous evolution of techniques and standards, Quint Audio BV reserves the right to change the specifications of the product and the content of this manual without prior notice. Please check the Quint Audio BV website at www.quintaudio.com on a regular basis for any updates.

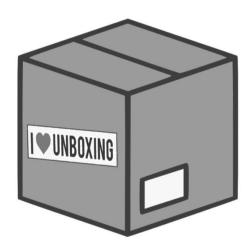
Should the product require repair or should information about the warranty be needed, please contact an approved Quint Audio BV distributor. The address of the nearest distributor is available on the Quint Audio BV website.

#### Unboxing

Carefully open the shipping carton and check the product for any noticeable damage.

Each Quint Audio BV product is tested and inspected before leaving the factory and should arrive in perfect condition. If found to be damaged, notify the shipping company or the distributor immediately.

Only the consignee may initiate a claim with the carrier for damage incurred during shipping. Be sure to save the carton and packing materials for the carrier's inspection.



# Safety Warnings in this manual

This refers to potentially dangerous situations or dangerous forces that may lead to personal injury.

**▲** WARNING

This refers to a potentially dangerous situation which may lead to damage to the equipment.

**▲** CAUTION

This refers to a situation which may cause the equipment to malfunction.

**▲** IMPORTANT

#### Read this manual carefully before using the product.

- Read all safety instructions, warnings and instructions concerning this product.
- Make sure you fully understand the safety issues mentioned.
- Read all cautions present on the product itself.
- Read all the related product information before using the system.
- Work with qualified personnel only.
- Rigging, hoisting and flying equipment is never free of potential hazards. You cannot rule out human error while gravity, wind and electrical forces do their regular job.

  Therefore: Always use your common sense!



## Personal safety

Ensure health and safety during installation and setup. In order to prevent accidents when deploying loudspeakers on the ground or when flown, please take note of the following:



- The system may not be used for other purposes than it is meant for.
- All system components must be inspected before use, in order to detect any possible defects.
- Take into account the wind effects on dynamic load. When a
  loudspeaker assembly is deployed in an open air
  environment, wind can produce dynamic stress to the rigging
  components and suspension points. If the wind force
  exceeds 6 Beaufort scale, lower down and/or secure the
  loudspeaker array.
- Be cautious when flying a loudspeaker array. Always verify that no one is standing underneath the loudspeaker array when it is being raised or lowered.
- As the array is being raised, check each individual element to make sure that it is securely fastened to the adjacent element.
- Never leave the array unattended during the installation process. As a general rule Quint Audio advises the use of safety slings at all times.
- Do not place the product on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table. The product may fall and be seriously damaged and may cause serious human injury.
- Loudspeakers and amplifiers work with potentially harmful voltages. Avoid any direct contact with the human body. Respect electrical safety warnings at all times.
- Use certified connectors and cables. All cables must be electrically safe (according to NEN1010) and routed so that there is no direct walking on and/or driving over it nor objects are placed on top of them in any way it might damage the cable. Make sure that the cables and connectors are used stress free.





- All persons must wear protective headgear and footwear at all times.
- Under no circumstances personnel is allowed to climb into a loudspeaker assembly.
- Never stand in the immediate vicinity of loudspeakers driven at a high SPL level. Professional loudspeaker systems are capable of causing a sound pressure level that is harmful to human hearing. Seemingly non-critical sound levels (from approx. 95 dB SPL) can cause hearing damage if people are exposed to it over a long period of time.







# General mounting and rigging instructions

- Respect the Working Load Limit (WLL) of Quint Audio equipment at all times.
- Respect the WLL of third party equipment at all times.
- Quint Audio is not responsible for any rigging equipment and accessories provided by third party manufacturers.
- Respect the maximum configurations and the recommended safety level (please use Quint Audio's WLL-calculator).
- Verify that the WLL of the suspension points, chain hoists and all additional hardware rigging accessories are respected.
- The system should only be installed or fitted in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations.
- Installation should only be carried out by qualified personnel who are familiar with and have knowledge of the rigging techniques used and with the safety recommendations stated in this and other eventually related manuals.

## Conditions which require immediate service

In all cases, when after an event risk of unsafe operation of the device, such as:

- After the damaged hitting any casing or cable.
- After a fall from the product resulting in visible or invisible
- After mishaps and/or misuse and or possible visible or invisible deformation of any rigging system, rigging part or rigging accessory.
- After noticing a change in the operation of the device.
- After the product has been exposed to rain or moisture.
- After the product has been exposed to foreign objects or liquids.

## **Magnetic field**

Loudspeakers produce a static magnetic field even if they are not connected or are not in use. Therefore make sure when managing and transporting loudspeakers, they are nowhere near equipment and objects which may be impaired or damaged by their external magnetic field. Generally speaking, a distance of 0.5 m (1.5 ft) from magnetic data carriers (floppy disks, audio and video tapes, bank cards, etc.) is sufficient; a distance of more than 1 m (3 ft) may be necessary with computer and video monitors.

### Product monitoring, care and maintenance

- If applicable please refer to this manual as well as to the "rigging manual" as any other manuals pertaining to the system for a detailed description of the inspection procedure.
- Regularly check all load bearing bolts and other metal parts in the mounting devices. Any parts showing any sign of (suspected) defect must immediately be put aside and withdrawn from use to be inspected by qualified service personnel.
- Regularly check the loudspeaker housings and accessories for visible signs of wear and tear, and replace them when necessary.
- Keep the loudspeakers away from heat producing sources such as heaters, stoves, fireworks etc.
- Keep the loudspeakers away from water; prevent the possibility of water and moisture entering it.
- Even if the product is weather-resistant, it should not be exposed to moisture (rain, sea spray, shower, steam) for a long period of time, nor put in direct contact or immersed in water.
- Prevent objects and/or any liquid to enter the device.
- The loudspeaker housings can be cleaned with a damp cloth.
   Do not use aggressive cleaning agents or solvents as they can damage the protective layers.
- Small damages can be repaired with a water-based paint such as Warnex textured paint. The base layer however is an environmentally friendly poly-urea. Damage to this layer can be repaired with poly-urea, but this must be done by the manufacturer or a certified Quint Audio service point.
- The user should not carry out any work or maintenance on the system other than those mentioned in the manufacturers instructions. Technical service must be carried out by authorised technical personnel only.





# Design

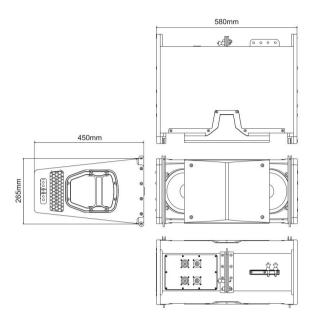
The Quint Audio L16 is a 2x8"ND/4"ND/2,5"ND coaxial 3-way actively/passively filtered scalable top speaker system.

The 8-inch neodymium woofers of the L16 are high efficiency transducers with extended mid frequency response and high power handling capability. The speaker uses a specially designed lightweight paper cone material and a Nomex spider which ensures a controlled output even under severe mechanic stress.

The state of art 4"/2,5" ND coaxial driver with a patent pending midrange integrator allows both diaphragms to work in parallel over a wide bandwidth. This translates in greater combined output. The over all throat exit is 1.4". The driver is mounted on a specially designed wave guide, followed by a constant directivity horn with a precise opening angle of 110 degrees horizontally.

The L16 is built of birch plywood and equipped with a wear-, tear- and impact-resistant hybrid coating. Various internal bracings and metal supports are applied in order to increase the rigidity of the design. The front is finished by a coated steel grille with an acoustically transparent layer.

The L16 features an array-able rigging system and several external rigging accessories are available. The L16 system needs to be powered by dedicated Quint Audio processing and amplification.

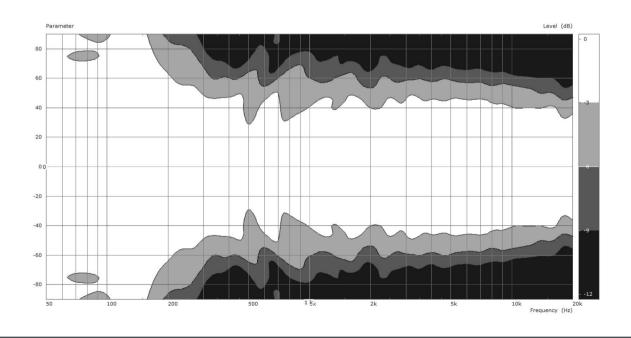


## **Specifications & Measurements**

type 2x8"ND/4"ND/2.5"ND Coaxial filter bi-amplified + mid-high passive 1000W LF / 110W HF 2000W LF / 220W HF impedance sensitivity 98dB LF/108dB HF 1Wm

program SPL 131dB LF/131dB HF 1m frequency range 89-20000 Hz dispersion 110°x12° hxv weight 26 kg

size (wxhxd) 580 x 265 x 450 mm



#### **Application**

The Quint Audio L16 is a high SPL loudspeaker designed for scalable vertical array setups in small and mid field PA applications. It is specially designed to work in cooperation with flown or stacked subwoofers as an ultra compact high performance package.

The L16 module is built symmetrically and has a number of special features. Characteristic to the L16 is the powerful large format coax driver mounted on a horn/waveguide combination that guarantees a constant directivity of 110 degrees linear in a frequency range that runs from 500Hz to over 16000Hz. The mid-low end is provided by two powerful 8" woofers.

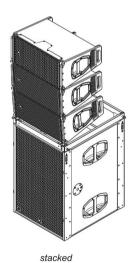
The crossover of the L16 is set in a way that in the frequencies in the midrange, the waveguide and the woofers work together in perfect coherence over a large bandwidth, so that in this area a huge surplus in dynamic headroom and directivity is realized which strongly supports the vocals in live setups.

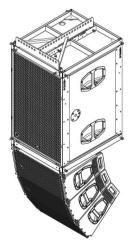
By its ultra compact and smart design, the L16 is user friendly in handling and rigging and very forgiving in setting up.

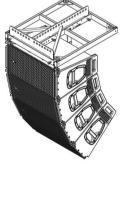
The system can easily be adapted to a desired coverage and to a desired SPL-demand. L16 cabinets can be flown in vertical columns up to 24 cabinets (depending on the shape of the column, please use EASE Focus software to determine the size and form of the array and the Speaker Cluster Calculator to determine whether the workload is safe).

The L16 provides a 110° constant directivity dispersion pattern in the horizontal plane. The cylindrical wave segments of each cabinet couple without gaps and sum very coherently. Splay angles between adjacent cabinets can be set in the range from 0° to 12° in 1° increments.

The L16 is also suitable for stacking. This can be done with the aid of only the C1 module. For flying setups the C2 T-bar is connected to the C1 stacking frame so it becomes a complete rigging frame under which also subs can be flown.

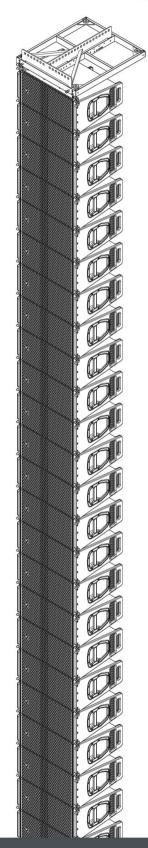






flying with and without bass cabinets

24 cabinets in one string (max.amount depends on the shape of the array)





## Connectors and internal wiring of the loudspeaker

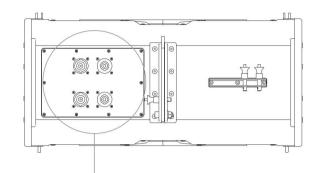
The connection panel on the of the L16 cabinet is fitted with both a pair of Neutrik Speakon NL4 and NL8 connectors. All pins of both connectors are wired in parallel internally.

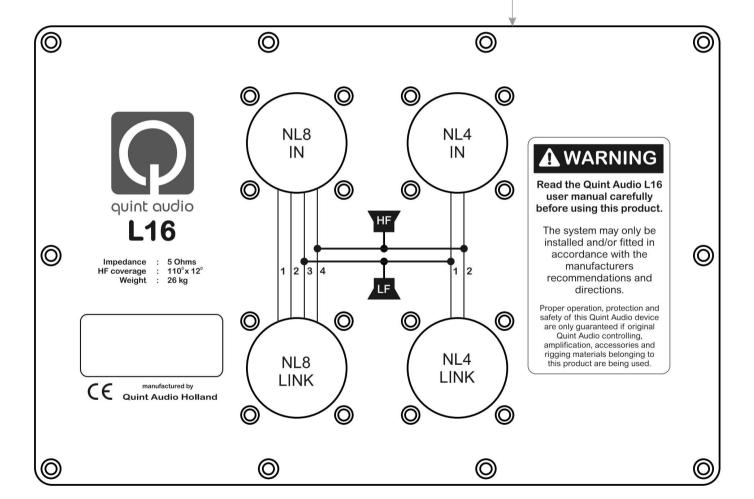
Internal connection between the NL4, the NL8 and the components:

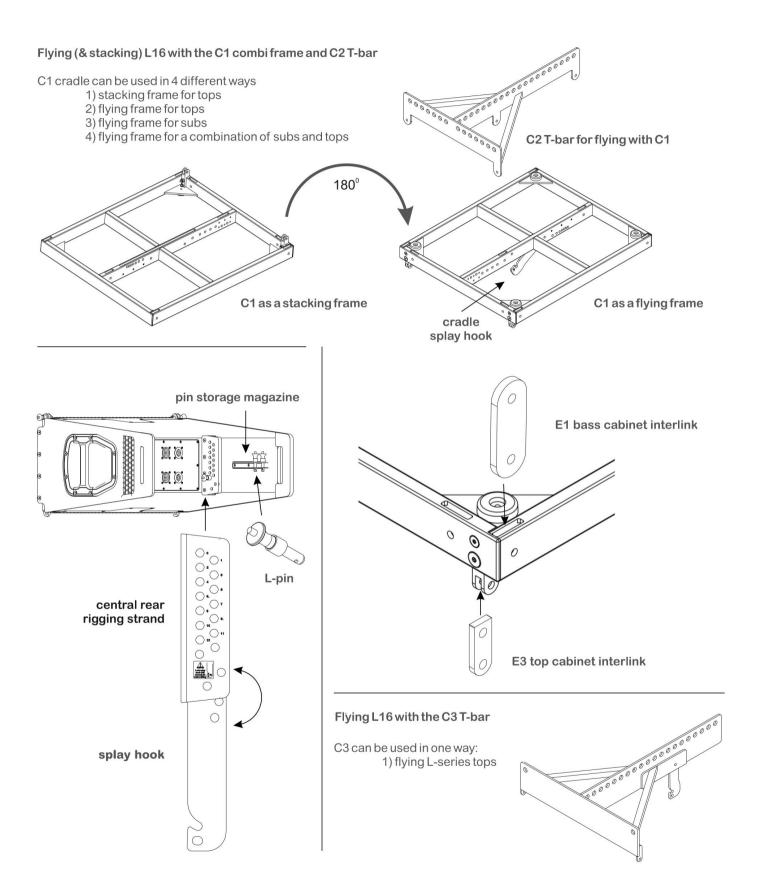
- NL8 pin 1+/1- is designated to Quint Audio subs
- NL8 pin 2+/2- is designated to Quint Audio lows
- NL8 pin 3+/3-= MF (mid frequency) and to NL4 pin 1+/1-
- NL8 pin 4+/4- = HF (high frequency) and to NL4 pin 2+/2-

Pin assignments are stated on the back panel (layouts on the right).

The same connection panels are fitted on all other L-series tops. They offer a maximum flexibility in connection, conversion, looping and twisting without the need of cables and connectors that would otherwise need to be customized for a specific purpose.







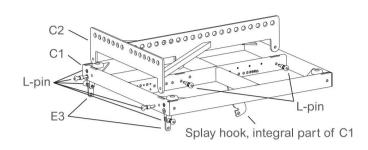


# The L16 rigging construction principle with C1 and C2

On the right you see a rigging construction consisting of C1 stacking/rigging frame and C2 rigging T-bar.

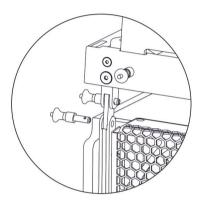
The flight system of the L16 is a so-called Tension Mode system in which the loudspeakers drop into a hook by their own weight during setup, after which they then are secured so the hook stays in place.

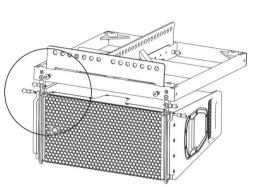
For transport, the hooks are unsecured so the speakers will gradually collapse at their maximum angle while lowering them into their trolley. (more about this further on in this manual)



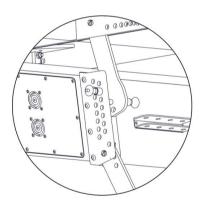
When the C1 cradle is used as a flying frame, the C2 T-bar must be mounted on top of it first.

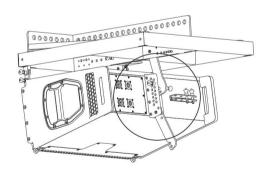
Attach the front of the L16 to the C1 cradle by inserting an L-pin through the E1 on both sides. The E1's on their turn have previously been attached to the C1 using the same pins, as well as the C2 T-bar.



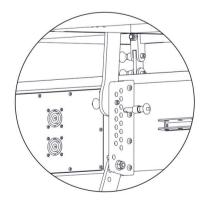


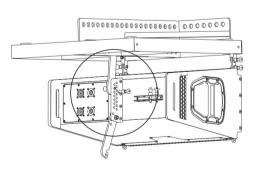
At the rear, place the first pin in the hole with the desired angle at which the L16 should hang from the cradle or the speaker hanging above it.

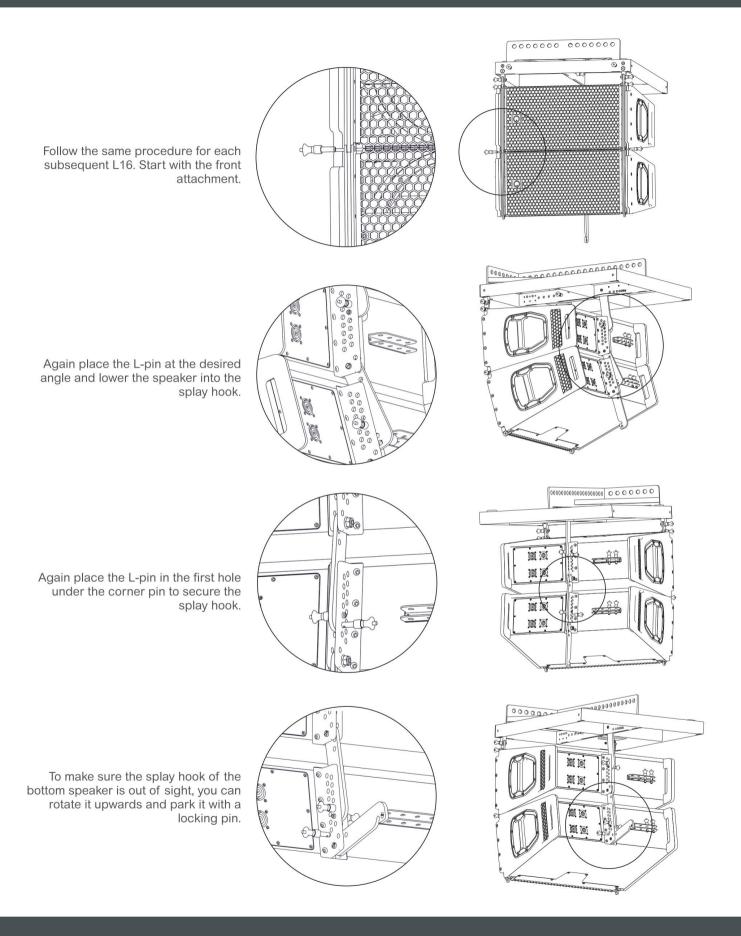




Lower the L16 so that the splay hook engages the degree pin, then insert a locking pin into the hole directly below the hook. The hook is now secured.





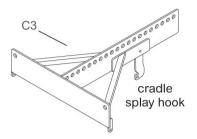


# The L16 rigging construction principle with C3

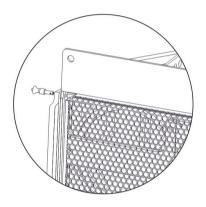
If you don't need to fly L-series subs or you don't need to stack L-series tops, instead of using the C1/C2 combination, you can also use the simpler C3 T-bar. The C3 T-bar offers a quick and easy solution for flying arrays consisting of L-series tops only.

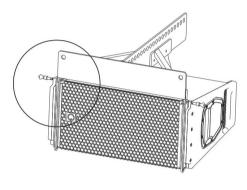
Except for the differences mentioned above. the C3 works basically the same way as the C1/C2 system. Also with C3 rigging the L16 is being handled as a so-called Tension Mode system in which the loudspeakers drop into a hook by their own weight during setup, after which they then are secured so the hook stays in place.

For transport, the hooks are unsecured so the speakers will gradually collapse at their maximum angle while lowering them into their trolley. (more about this further on in this manual)

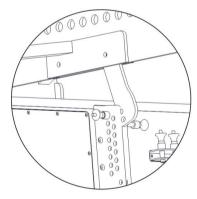


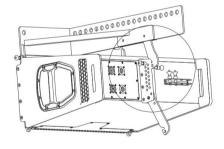
Attach the front of the L16 to the C3 cradle by inserting an L-pin through the L16 fitting on left and right front side of the L16.



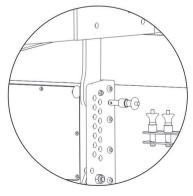


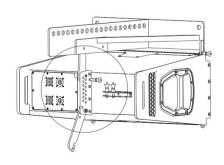
At the rear, place the first pin in the hole with the desired angle at which the L16 should hang from the cradle or the speaker hanging above it.

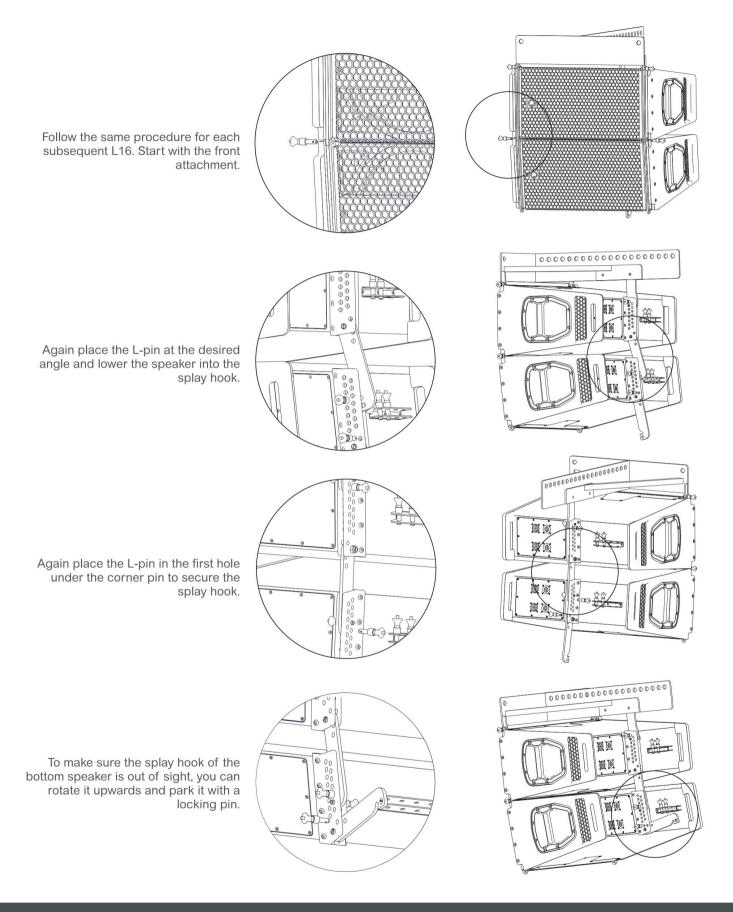




Lower the L16 so that the splay hook engages the degree pin, then insert a locking pin into the hole directly below the hook. The hook is now secured.

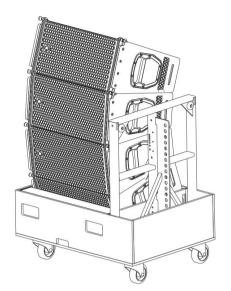




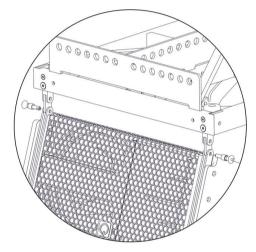


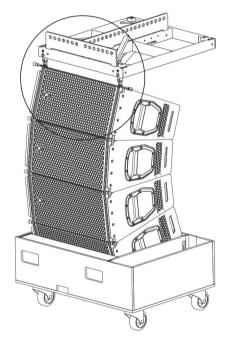
# Picking up L16 rigs from a trolley

The easiest way to build, break down and transport a larger L16 array is to use the L1 dolly which fits 4 L16s and which also has room for a C1 cradle and C2 T-bar.



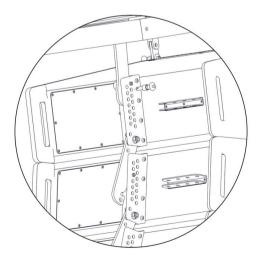
Attach the front of the L16 to the C1 cradle by inserting an L-pin through the E1 on both sides. The E1's on their turn have previously been attached to the C1 using the same pins, as well as the C2 T-bar.

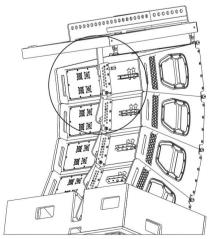


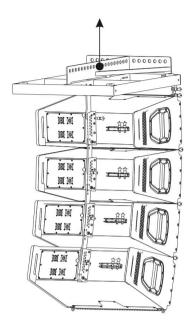


At the rear, for each loudspeaker, place the first pin in the hole with the desired angle at which the L16 should hang from the cradle or the loudspeaker hanging directly above it.

Note that the first hook is the one that is attached to the C1 cradle itself

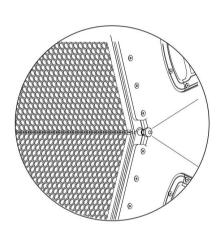






Adjust the angles, lift the rig so that the hooks fall into place and secure the hooks with L-pins.

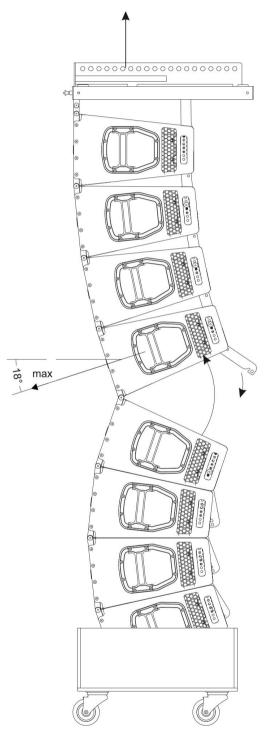
Hoist the rig from its trolley and move the next trolley (if more than 4 L16's are desired) directly underneath.



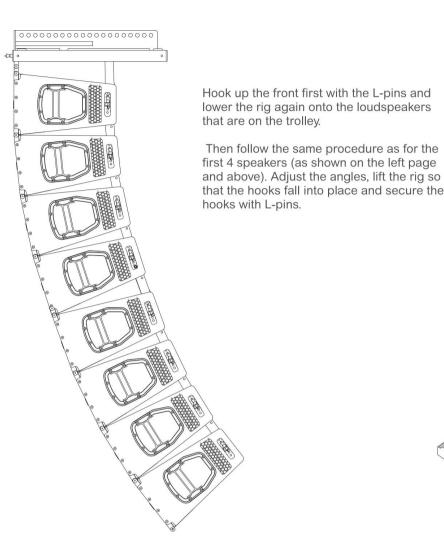
Follow the interconnecting procedure for each subsequent L16. Start with the front attachment.



18 degrees downwards looking of the lowest hanging cabinet is the maximum angle to pick up a next fully lowered rig underneath.





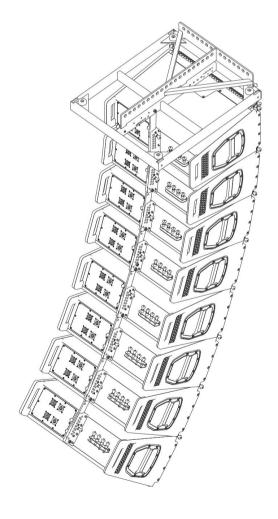


This drawing shows how the back of the array should look when the array is hanging.

The hooks are at the pre-set angles and are all secured with locking pins in the hole directly below the corner pin in order to keep all hooks properly and safely in place.

This case is just an example. The L16s can of course be any other desired angle and amount of cabinets within the safety calculations.

Calculating the desired angles, the number of speakers required for the venue and determining the point of contact on the T-bar is explained in the chapter EASE Focus 3.

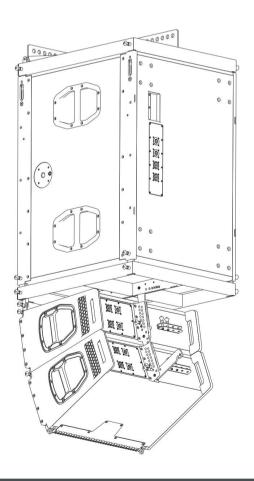


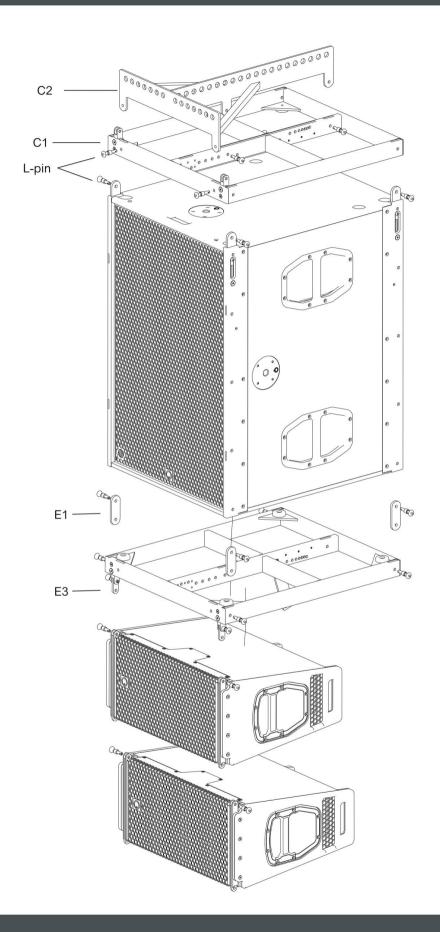
# L16 with sub rigging construction principle

Flying or carrying a bass cabinet in an L16 array is done exactly similar to flying L16 speakers only. The difference is that the C1/C2 cradle has to be mounted directly on top of the first flying bass cabinet while a subsequent C1 cradle is mounted under the bass cabinet onto which the L16's can be flown.

If necessary, more bass cabinets can be mounted underneath each other first without the need for an extra C1 cradle.

The bass cabinets have extendable couplers (which are retracted by a spring when not in use). The C1 cradle or a subsequent bass cabinet can be attached to these extendable couplers.





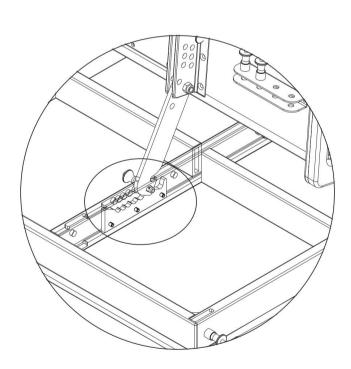
# Stacking L16 with the C1 combi frame

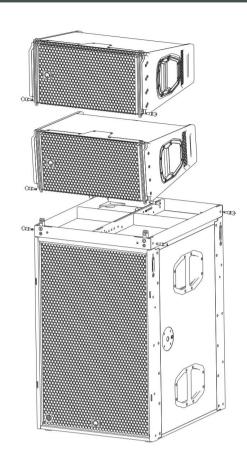
Mount the C1 cradle in its 'stacking' position on the bass cabinet with the extendable rigging couplers of the bass cabinet and the L-pins.

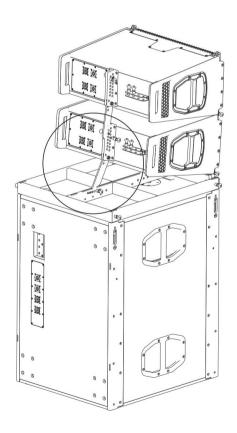
Then install the first L16 in the front fixings and secure it with an L-pin on each side.

The drawing below shows a cross section of the middle bar of the C1 cradle. Clearly visible here is the splay hook of an L16, fitting into the cradle in a detented receiver which makes setting and adjusting the desired angle of the L16 very easy.

After placing under the correct angle, only a locking pin has to be placed and the L16 is secured to the C1.







## L16 Sample setups

On the following pages some basic setups are given. Wiring is on the left page while cabling is on the right page. The proposed setups are just examples, of course many other setups and ways of wiring and cabling are possible.

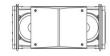
As for the impedance; we strive for a minimum impedance of approx. 4 Ohms, However the used A42 amplifier can be loaded down to 2 ohms.

# ordercode model description

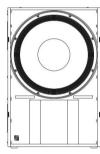
554000 L16-L	2x8"/4"/2".5" Biamped arrayable system / symmetrical
550102 L10-C1	L-Coupler
550202 L10-C2	C2 T-bar for C1
550302 L10-C3	C3 T-bar for L16 tops
550103 L10-E1	Bass cabinet interlink for C1
550105 L10-E3	Top cabinet interlink for C1
604200 A42	4x 2000 W/8 Ohms Class-D Amplifier

For more L-series products and other quint audio models, please check our website: www.quintaudio.com

L16 (554000) / 5 Ohms recommended: 2 per dual channel (bi-amped)



L-sub (551000) / 4 Ohms recommended: 1 per channel (2 optional)



**A42 (604100)** 4x2000W / 8Ohms SMPS Power Amplifier 19"/1U







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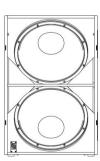
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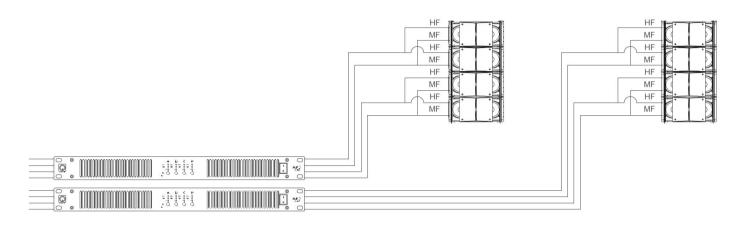
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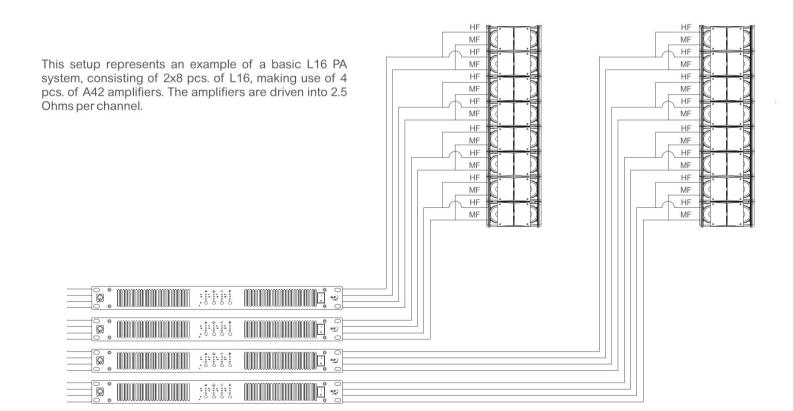




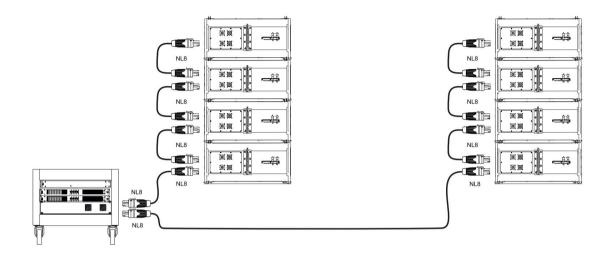
Example L16 setups Wiring

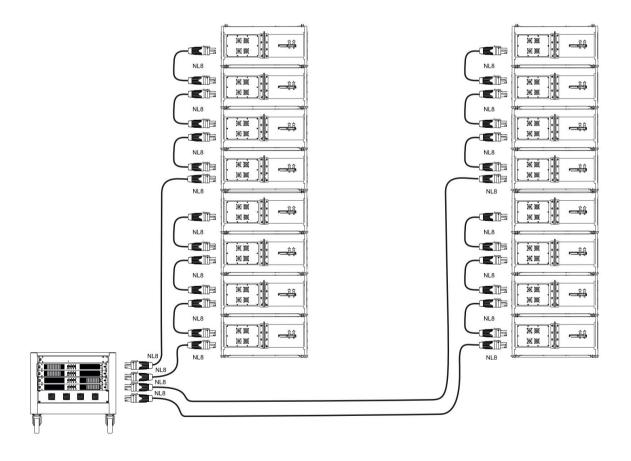
This setup represents an example of a small basic L16 PA system, consisting of 2x4 pcs. of L16, making use of 2 pcs. of A42 amplifiers. The amplifiers are driven into 2.5 Ohms per channel.





## Cabling

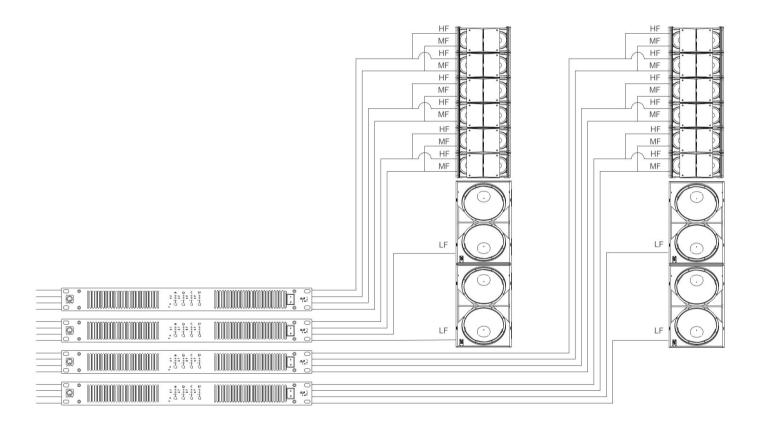




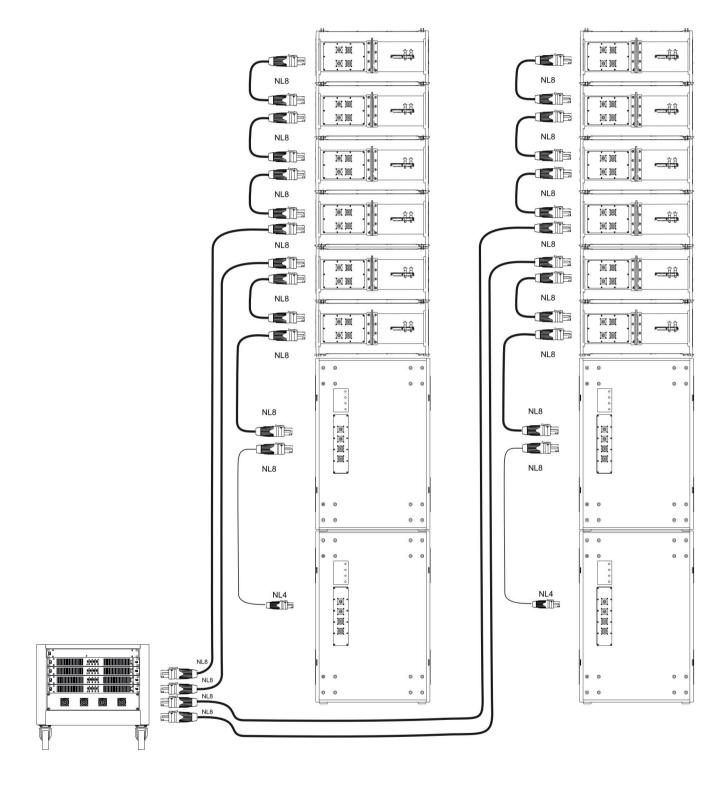


Example L16 setups Wiring

This setup represents an example of a dual channel groundstacked music PA system consisting of 16x L16 and 4x L-bass, making use of four 4-channel A42 amplifiers.



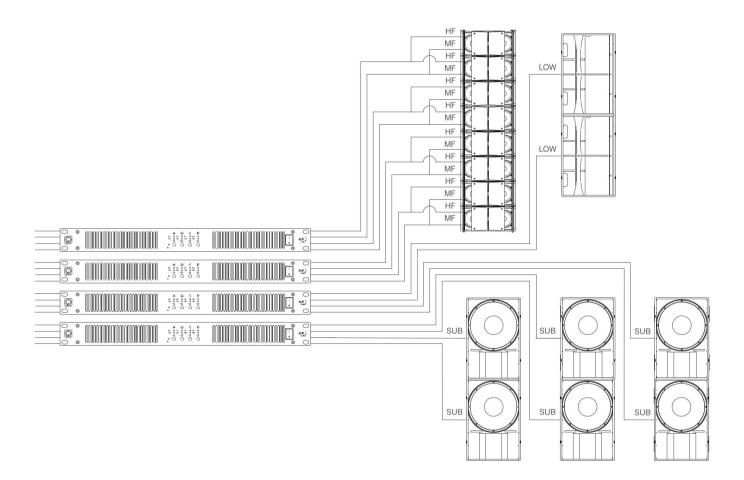
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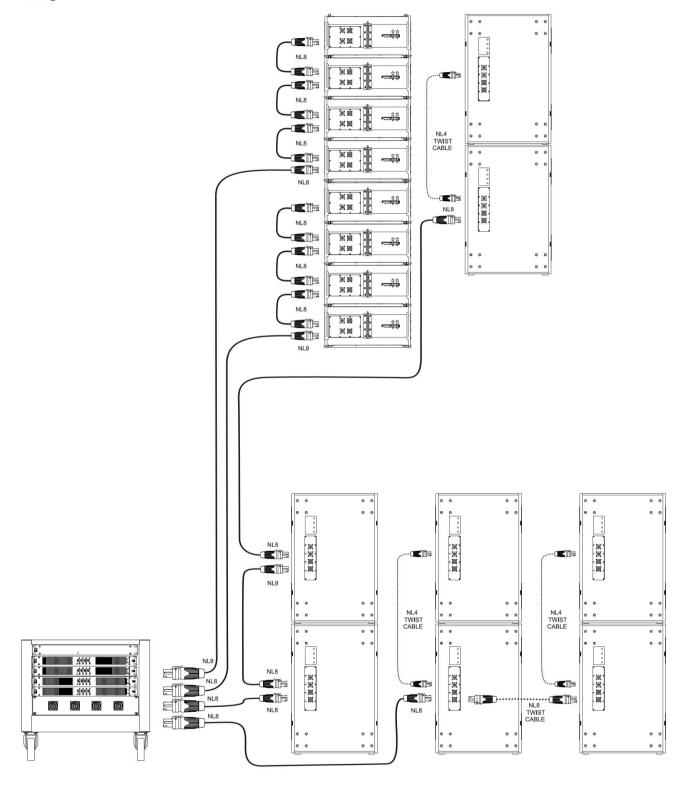


Example L16 setups Wiring

This setup represents an example of a high performance based mid-sized venue single-channel live sound PA-system, consisting of 8x L16, 2x L-low and 6x L-sub, making use of 4 pcs. of A42 amplifiers. The L-low's are flown next to the L16-array in order to support a phase coherent, well defined mid-low area in the sound image and to further raise the efficiency of the L16's.



# Cabling

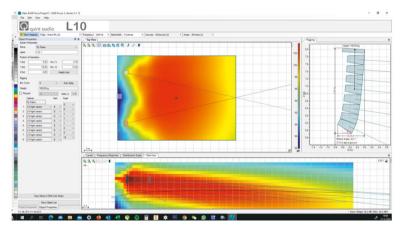




# EASE Focus 3 - Universal Sound System Modeling in 3D

With Quint Audio's proprietary EASE Focus 3, system designers can simulate the acoustical performance of the entire sound system to find the optimal setup for a given venue with multiple audience areas, curved and inclined seating. ease Focus 3 assists the user with many intelligent features such as auto splay functions, Virtual EQ, and detailed analysis of sound coverage, SPL and frequency response. The software is available as a free download from the quint audio website and from https://focus.afmg.eu/index.php/fc-downloads-en.html

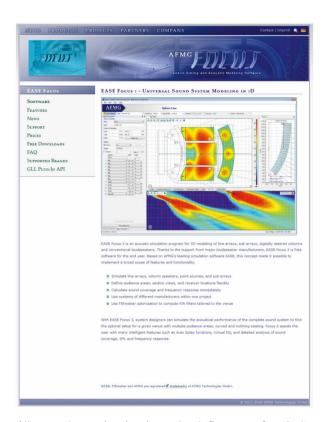
EASE Focus 3 is the universal tool for the simulation of loudspeaker systems. It is supported by many major loudspeaker manufacturers and offers a comprehensive set of features from general design functions for venues and sound systems all the way to specialized tuning and optimization features.



You can quickly enter a venue into EASE Focus 3 using differently shaped basic audience zones and define multiple audience areas within these. Areas can be placed at different heights and can have inclining seating. Geometry data can either be entered from an existing plan using regular X, Y, Z coordinates or by use of polar coordinates as derived from laser distance and inclinometers on site. Add additional vertical cutting planes to provide section views for extended evaluation.

You can add sound systems from the EASE Focus' encompassing database. EASE Focus 3 supports line arrays, configurable loudspeakers and columns, typical point sources, and subwoofer arrays. Each sound source can be tweaked and adjusted in placement, orientation, and electronic parameters such as gain, polarity, delay, and a virtual EQ. Up to 40 sound sources, even from different brands, are supported within one project. Nifty functions for stacking, snapping, moving, and copying make the setup of larger systems easy.

EASE Focus immediately calculates and shows the sound coverage on your audience zones and section including the splay angles between the adjacent cabinets. You can investigate the interaction between separate sound sources especially in the low and low-mid frequency range with the "Complex Summation" feature introduced with EASE Focus 3.



All mappings clearly show the influence of polarity, phase, and propagation delay of your systems on the audience areas. Adjust your settings and recalculate in order to maximize SPL and minimize negative effects.

The "Complex Sum" calculation setting allows effective simulation and tuning of basically any arrangement of subwoofer arrays. Place and stack your loudspeakers freely or insert a pre-configured array. Then tune them to deliver the desired radiation pattern. While inserting a new sound source you may specifically add subwoofers as a subwoofer array. EASE Focus 3 treats such an array as a single sound source, offers different parameters to conveniently configure it, and automatically computes suggested delays. EASE Focus provides high accuracy in the full frequency range from 20 Hz to 20 kHz due to the high internal data resolution and the GLL data format. Compatible data structures allow data exchange with EASE and other AFMG software packages. Fully configured line arrays can be exported for further use in EASE. Digitally steered columns and other configurable loudspeakers require an additional proprietary DLL that can provide beam steering filters and other manufacturer-specific settings.

EASE Focus currently supports German, English, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, and French languages.

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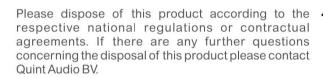
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