# HIGH QUALITY, LOW COST GENERAL PURPOSE MONAURAL POWER AMPLIFIERS



# 1407A and 1415A Power Amplifiers

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#### **Continuous Average Output Power**

(Direct or transformer output) 1415A 1407A

150 watts
75 watts

Maximum	Midband	Output	Power
		Output	

#### (Ref. 1 kHz, 1% THD) D

irect Output	
1415A	200 watts
1407A	100 watts

**Transformer Output** (Any output tap) 190 watts 1415A 1407A

#### **Power Bandwidth**

(+0/-3 dB. Ref. 1 kHz at rated output power)20 Hz - 20 kHz **Direct Output** 

95 watts

Transformer Output 50 Hz - 15 kHz (Any output tap)

#### **Frequency Response**

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output power)
20 Hz - 20 kHz
10 Hz - 30 kHz

#### **Transformer Output**

(Any output tap)	
±1 dB	20 Hz - 16 kHz
±3 dB	10 Hz - 30 kHz

#### **Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)**

(Ref. 1 kHz at rated output power, 30 kHz low pass filter) **Direct Output** 20 Hz < 0.1% %

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1 kHz	< 0.01
20 kHz	< 0.1%

#### **Transformer Output**

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Any output tap)	
50 Hz	< 1.0%
1 kHz	< 0.02%
15 kHz	< 0.1%

#### Intermodulation **Distortion (SMPTE)** < 0.01% SMPTE 4:1, at rated output power, direct output

#### **Input High Pass Filter**

300 Hz, switchable Frequency Slope -12 dB/oct (-40 dB/dec)

#### Input Sensitivity/Input Impedance

(Ref. 1 kHz, 0 dBu = 0.775 vrms) Balanced Line Input 0 dBu/SB-15k $\Omega$ (Pad switched "out")

Balanced Line Input -15 dBu/SB-15kΩ (Pad switched "In")

Unbalanced Line Input (Phono connector)  $0 \text{ dBu}/47 \text{ k}\Omega$ 

#### **Input Pad**

(Ref. 1 kHz) Type Attenuation

Maximum Input Level +35 dBu (43.5 vrms) (Ref. 1 kHz, pad in, signal applied to XLR female, MASTER off)

#### Output Level/Load Impedance

(Ref. 1 kHz, ) dBu = 0.775 vrms applied to balanced line input,  $\pm 1 \text{ dB}$ ) Line Output  $0 \text{ dBu}/15 \text{ k}\Omega$ (XLR male, balanced)

Balanced "H", switchable

15 dB,±1 dB

0 dBu/600 Ω PRE Auxiliary Output (Pre-fader, unbalanced, phono connector)

POST Auxiliary 0 dBu/600 Ω Output (Post-fader, unbalanced, phono connector)

24.5 vrms/4 Ω 1415A Direct Output (Unbalanced)

1415A Transformer			1 - 300 Hz high pass filter
Output (Balanced)	25 vrms/4.2 Ω 34.6 vrms/8 Ω		switch
	70.7 vrms/33.3 Ω	Amplifier/Load Protection	Short Circuited loads
1407A Direct Output	24.5 vrms/8 Ω	Totection	Excessive load reactance RF
(Unbalanced)		Requirements	Excessive temperatuC Power 100, 120, 200, 220, or
<b>1407A</b> Transformer Output	17.3 vrms/4 Ω 25 vrms/8.3 Ω	·	240 vac, 50/60 Hz,
Balanced)	70.7 vrms/66.7 Ω	Power Consumption/H 1415A (Max.	Heat Generated 365 watts/580 BTU/hr
<b>Damping Factor</b> (20 Hz - 1 kHz, direct output)	> 50	output power) 1407A (Max. output power)	175 watts/255 BUT/hr
Output Regulation		<b>1415A</b> (1/3 rd Max. output power)	230 watts/560 BTU/hr
(Ref. 1 kHz, no load to Direct Output	< 0.5  dB	1407A (1/3 rd Max. output power)	130 watts/330 BTU/hr
Transformer Output	< 1.0 dB		
Signal-to-Noise Ratio (A-weighted, MASTER	>100 dB	Operating Temperature Range	Up to 60 °C (140 °F)
	ion, input shorted, pad	Dimensions	5¼'' (13.3 cm) H x 19'' (48.2 cm) W x 12½'' (31.7 cm) D
Connectors Input	1 - XLR female	Weight	
mput	1 - 5-lug screw terminal 1 - Phono	(Net) 1415A 1407A	30.8 lbs (14 kg) 24.2 lbs (11 kg)
Output	1 - XLR male 2 - phono	Color	Black
	1 - 7-terminal barrier strip	Included Accessories	1 - Operating/Service Instructions
AC	1 - Aux AC grounding outlet (500 watts max)		<ol> <li>Shorting bar (Direct out to OT IN, installed)</li> <li>Rubber feet (installed)</li> </ol>
Controls and Indicator Front Panel	<b>rs</b> 1 - Power on-off switch		1 - 220/240 voltage sticker (for Int'l use)
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The power amplifier shall be the ALTEC LANSING Model **1415A** (or the ALTEC LANSING Model **1407A**).



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(Direct or transformer output) 1415A 150 watts 1407A 75 watts

#### Maximum Midband Output Power

(Ref. 1 kHz, 1% THD) **Direct Output** 

•	200 watts
	100 watts

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#### **Power Bandwidth**

1415A

1407A

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Transformer Output 50 Hz - 15 kHz (Any output tap)

#### **Frequency Response**

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#### Transformer Output

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#### **Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)**

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1415A Direct Output

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(Unbalanced)

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Transformer Output		output power)	150 Watts 550 D T G/ III
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# OPERATING AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE **1407A** AND **1415A** POWER AMPLIFIERS

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#### **1.0 ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS**

#### 1.1 120 Volt, 50/60 Hz Power Connections

The amplifier is configured with the primary of the power transformer strapped for 120 volt operation from the factory. Refer to Table I. for the exact strapping details and other voltage options.

The numbers in Table I. correspond to numbered positions on the AC terminal block connector adjacent to the power transformer. A line voltage is selected by installing the colored primary leads into the designated numbered positions on the terminal block.

#### Verify that the line voltage is in accordance with the selected voltage <u>before</u> connecting the amplifier to the AC line.



Figure 2. Location of Voltage Selection Terminal Block

Table I. AC Line Voltage Selection and Strapping Options Chart

Primary	Transformer Primary Lead Color			ad Color	
Line Voltage	WHITE	YELLOW	RED	BLUE	ORANGE
100V	5	2	11	9	3
120V	2	5	11	3	9
200V	5	2	7	10	8
220V	5	2	7	8	10
240V	2	5	7	8	10

## 1.2 100, 200, 220, and 240 volt, 50/60 Hz Power Connections

The amplifier may be powered from line voltages other than 120 volts by re-strapping the primary of the power transformer. Follow the procedures below to change the factory strapping to the desired line voltage.

 Remove the seven screws securing the top cover. There are two screws on each side, two screws on the top near the rear edge of the rear panel. Refer to Figure 1 for details.



Figure 1. Top Cover Removal

2. Locate the voltage selection terminal block between the side of the chassis and the power transformer. Refer to Figure 2.

- 3. While referring to Table I., disconnect the primary leads from the terminal block and reconnect each lead into its designated position on the terminal block corresponding to the desired line voltage. Pull each wire firmly to disengage the push-on connector. Press each connector firmly to snap into place.
- 4. Install the appropriate fuse value from Table II. below.

#### Table II. Fuse Value Selection Chart

	1415A	1407A
AC Line	AC Line Fuse	AC Line Fuse
Voltage	(Type 3AG)	(Type 3AG)
100V	7 Amp/250	3.5 Amp/250 Volt
	Volt	Voit
120V	7 Amp/250	3.5 Amp/250
	Volt	Volt
200V	4 Amp/250	2 Amp/250
	Volt	Volt
220V	4 Amp/250	2 Amp/250
2201	Volt	Volt
240V	4 Amp/250	2 Amp/250
	Volt	Volt

NOTE
Use of fuses other than those listed in
Table II. will void the warranty.

If the power transformer's primary leads were connected for 100, 220, or 240 volt operation, perform Steps 5, 6, and 7 to prevent future confusion and possible damage to the amplifier. Otherwise, proceed with Step 8.

- 5. Affix the 220/240 VAC label above the power cord's strain relief to cover the 120 VAC silkscreened designation.
- 6. Affix the appropriate fuse label over the original silkscreened designation. Refer to Figure 3. Apply the 4 Amp label to the 1415A. The 1407A requires the 2 Amp label. The appropriate label is included with each amplifier.



#### Figure 3. Location of Voltage Stickers for 220/240 V Installations

- Replace the AC line fuse with the appropriate fuse type and value from Table II. The proper fuse for the amplifier was enclosed in the plastic bag along with this manual.
- 8. Re-install the top cover. Secure with the seven screws previously removed in Step 1.

#### 2.0 SHELF OR RACK MOUNTING THE AMPLIFIERS

The power amplifier may be either shelf or rack mounted. For shelf or countertop applications, rubber feet are provided to protect the resting surface and to provide elevation for air flow underneath the unit. For rack or cabinet applications, remove the four rubber feet from the bottom of the chassis and install the unit in the rack with the screws and shoulder washers provided.

#### 2.1 Ventilation

The amplifier generates minimal heat during normal use. Although the amount of heat is relatively low, the amplifier must be ventilated to prevent an excessive temperature rise. Because the output power devices (transistors) are sensitive to heat, the amplifier should not be sandwiched between other heat generating equipment or in areas where the ambient temperature exceeds 60°C (140°F). If the amplifier is mounted in an equipment rack or cabinet with other heat-producing equipment, space must be provided between the units or they may become too warm. A 1% in. (4.45 cm) perforated panel is recommended for this purpose.

In a rack or cabinet containing several amplifiers, the acceptability of the air temperature may be in question. To determine the ambient temperature, operate the system until the temperature stabilizes. Measure the ambient air with a bulb-type thermometer held at the bottom of the uppermost amplifier. Do not let the thermometer bulb touch the metal chassis because the chassis will probably be hotter than the ambient air. If the air temperature exceeds 60°C (140°F), the equipment should be spaced farther apart or a blower should be installed to provide air movement within the cabinet.

CAUTION

Do not block the air intake holes located

on the bottom of the chassis or the

exhaust holes on the top cover.

#### **3.0 SIGNAL CONNECTIONS**

A block diagram of the power amplifier is shown in Figure 4. Study it carefully. A good understanding of the amplifier is mandatory if it is to be utilized to its fullest extent.

#### 3.1 Balanced Input Connections

Two balanced input connectors are provided, a 5-lug screw terminal and an XLR-female connector. The 5-lug screw terminal connector is suitable for fixed installations were permanent wiring is preferable. The XLRfemale connector is provided primarily for portable applications. Both connectors are wired in parallel. Select one connector only and leave the other disconnected. Do not attempt to use both connectors at the same time. For wiring purposes, refer to Table III.

A 15 k $\Omega$  input bridging transformer is supplied in the amplifier to provide full transformer isolation and protection from radio frequency interference. Between the input connectors and the transformer's primary winding is a 25 dB attenuation pad which may be switched in or out as needed. The pad permits high line levels in excess of  $+15 \, dBu$  (Ref:  $0 \, dBu =$  $0.775 \, vrms$ ) to be handled by the amplifier's input circuitry.

#### Table III. Balanced Input Connector Wiring

Signal Connections	5-lug Screw Terminal	3 Terminal XLR-female
Gnd (Shield)	1	1
Hi (+)	2	2
Lo (—)	3	3
	4 Not used	
	5 Not used	

NOTE With the output level control fully clockwise and the pad switched "out", a nominal input signal level of 0 dBu (0.775 vrms) will produce rated output power.



Figure 4. Power Amplifier Block Diagram

Since the input transformer provides a bridging (high impedance) input, many amplifiers may be "paralleled" and driven from a single source. However if only one amplifier is used and the driving source requires a terminating resistor, a 600  $\Omega$  (or other appropriate value) resistor should be installed between terminals 2 and 3 of the 5-lug screw terminal connector. Refer to Figure 5 for some typical input configurations.

#### 3.2 Unbalanced Input Connections

The unbalanced input (phono connector) has an input impedance of approximately 47 k $\Omega$  and a sensitivity of 0 dBu. The input may be driven directly from background music sources such as tape, cassette, or CD players. The input is also designed to interface directly with the preamp out or AUX OUT outputs from a 1700 series mixer/power amplifier or compatible products.



#### Figure 5. Typical Input Connection Options

As mentioned earlier, a 15 dB pad is included as a standard feature of the input circuitry. When the push-push switch (rear panel) is "out", the pad will be bypassed. The pad affects the balanced input signal only. It does not affect the unbalanced input signal (phono connector). Since the balanced and unbalanced inputs are actively and equally mixed in the summing amplifier, it is possible to use them both simultaneously with two different sources. For example, the unbalanced input could be used as a background music input while the balanced input accepts a feed from a separate mixer such as the **1700B**. One word of caution, however, the unbalanced input signal is mixed in equal proportion to the balanced input signal and no means exist within the amplifier to perform "mixing" via level controls or trims. Therefore, any level adjustments must be done at the signal sources. Refer to Figure 4.

#### 3.3 300 Hz High Pass Filter

A switchable 300 Hz high pass filter is included in the signal path of the amplifier. When the push-push switch (rear panel) is "out", the filter is bypassed. Since the filter is preceded by the summing amplifier, it will affect the balanced and unbalanced signals when switched to the "in" position.

#### 3.4 The Line Output

An XLR-male connector wired in parallel with the balanced input connector(s) provides a signal "flow-thru" connection or patch point to another amplifier. The LINE OUT capabilities are limited only by the driving source feeding the amplifier. Refer to the block diagram shown in Figure 4 and to the typical input connections in Figure 5.

NOTE If the balanced input is configured in an unbalanced mode, then the LINE OUT-PUT will be unbalanced.

#### 3.5 Auxiliary Outputs: PRE and POST

Two other unbalanced outputs are provided in the amplifier, the PRE and POST auxiliary outputs. The PRE output is pre-fader meaning that the signal appearing at this output is the signal feeding the MASTER level control. The signal appearing at the POST output is the signal taken from the wiper of the MASTER level control. As a result, the POST output signal level is variable as a function of the MASTER control setting.

The PRE output may feed the unbalanced input of a second amplifier where its level may be independently controlled by the second unit's MASTER control. If it is necessary for one MASTER to simultaneously control the levels of several 1400-series amplifiers, connect the POST output to the unbalanced inputs of the additional units.

The PRE or POST outputs may be used with the unbalanced input of another 1400 series amplifier, or the LINK IN or AMP IN on a **1715A** mixer/power amplifier mainframe. Refer to Figure 6 for typical connection schemes.



Figure 6. Typical PRE and POST Connections

The nominal level of the PRE output is 0 dBu (0.775 vrms). The POST output level varies from less than -70 dBu (MASTER at full counterclockwise) up to 0 dBu. Both outputs are fully buffered and can drive loads as low as 600 chms.

#### 3.6 Output Connections

All power output connections are made to the 7-terminal barrier strip connector on the rear panel. The **1415A** provides a 4  $\Omega$  direct output (24.5 vrms), and a 25 vrms (4.2  $\Omega$ ). 8  $\Omega$ (34.6 vrms), and 70.7 vrms (33  $\Omega$ ) balanced transformer output. The **1407A** provides an 8  $\Omega$  direct output (24.5 vrms), along with a 4  $\Omega$ (17.3 vrms), 25 vrms (8.3  $\Omega$ ), and a 70.7 vrms (66.7  $\Omega$ ) balanced transformer output. For connection details, refer to Figures 7a and b.



Figure 7. Output Connections

NOTE When using the output transformer, any combination of 70.7V, 25V, or  $8/4 \Omega$ outputs may be used simultaneously as long as the total connected load does not consume more than the total rated output power of the amplifier.

If only the direct output is used, remove (and save) the shorting bar normally installed by the factory between the direct output and OT IN (Output Transformer INput).

#### **4.0 PROTECTION SYSTEMS**

#### 4.1 Output Fuse

The output of the amplifier is fused to prevent damage from excessive current flow. If replacement of the fuse ever becomes necessary, replace only with a fuse of the same type and rating as the original installed in the unit. If the fuse continues to blow, check for a shorted load or a load consuming more than the amplifier's rated output power. If the load appears normal, refer the unit to a qualified service technician.

#### 4.2 Amplifier Internal Protection Mechanisms

The main power amplifier section protects iteslf and the load against radio frequency interference, spurious oscillatory waveforms, excessive temperatures, DC, turn-on/turn-off transients, and excessive voltage/current phase shift due to reactive loading.

A signal overload circuit monitors the level at the input stage of the amplifier section. A front panel CLIP LED warns that high input signal levels are present which may cause significant output clipping.

The output devices are protected by a dual slope V-I limiter. The limiter is used to keep the devices operating within their SOA (safe operating area) as defined by the device manufacturer.

A special integrated circuit function block monitors the heatsink temperature, power supply voltage, and the amplifier's output. When a problem is detected, the front panel PROTECT LED is illuminated and the output relay disengaged.

#### **5.0 OPERATION**

After installation and hookup, rotate the MASTER level control to the MIN (full counterclockwise) position. Apply power and slowly increase the level control until the desired output power is obtained. If the CLIP LED illuminates, reduce the output with the MASTER control or reduce the input signal level at its source.

#### 5.1 In Case of Problems

Please check the following items:

- Check that the amplifier is properly connected to an AC power source and that the power switch is "on" (depressed). The rectangular LED power indicator mounted in the switch bezel should be illuminated.
- 2. Check the AC line fuse. Refer to Table II.
- Check that the MASTER output level control is not at the MIN position.
- 4. Verify that the input connections are properly made. Refer to Figure 5, and Sections 3.1 and 3.2.
- 5. Verify that the output connections are properly made. Refer to Figures 7a and b, and Section 3.6.
- 6. Check the output fuse.
- 7. Check the input and output cables for proper wiring. Refer to Table III.
- 8. Check the signal source and the load.
- 9. Refer the unit to a qualified service technician.

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#### 6.1 Biasing the Amplifier

Figure 8 is the schematic of the amplifier. Trimpot VR202 is provided to set the bias for the amplifier. The bias current should be set to approximately 20 milliamps DC. To set the bias, use a battery-powered DC voltmeter (capable of reading in the millivolt range) and follow the procedures outlined below. If an AC-powered voltmeter must be used, float the AC ground wire using the appropriate adapter.

1. With the unit unplugged, remove the top cover from the unit to expose the main circuit board. Refer to Figure 2.

Attach the RED probe lead from the DC voltmeter to the junction of R232 (0.27 Ω emitter resistor) and the emitter of Q217. Refer to Figure 9.



Figure 9. Setting the Bias with DC Voltmeter

- Attach the BLACK probe lead to the junction of R234 (0.27 Ω emitter resistor) and the emitter of Q219.
- 4. Apply power and adjust VR202 for a reading of approximately 5.5 millivolts.

#### 6.2 Adjusting the DC Offset (Requires DC voltmeter as above)

1. Turn power off. Rotate the MASTER level control fully counterwise.

- 2. Connect the rated load to the direct output of the amplifier (8  $\Omega$  for 1407A or 4  $\Omega$  for 1415A). Connect the DC voltmeter across the load.
- Locate VR201 on the main circuit board. Apply power and adjust VR201 for a reading of 0.00 VDC ±10 mv DC.

#### 6.3 Parts Ordering

To order replacement parts, note the component designator from the schematic and call (405) 324-5311, Telex 160369, FAX (405) 324-8981, or write:

ALTEC LANSING Replacement Electronic Parts P.O. Box 26105

Oklahoma City, OK 73126-0105 U.S.A.

#### 6.4 Factory Service

Should factory service be required, ship the unit prepaid in a well packed carton to:

ALTEC LANSING Customer Service/Repair 10500 W. Reno

Oklahoma City, OK 73128 U.S.A.

Enclose a note describing the problem along with any other helpful information such as where used, how used, etc.

#### 6.5 Technical Assistance

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