

## **DN800** Configurable Active Crossover

The Klark Teknik DN800 is a highly specified, active frequency divider designed for use in sound reinforcement, recording studio and installed sound systems. It may be configured as a four-input, two-way systems or as a two-input, three or fourway system, the compact, 1U format making it particularly suitable for use in systems where space is at a premium.

Interchangeable cards are used to set the filter frequency and slope characteristics, while each band has its own adjustable VCA limiter, the time constants being optimised for the frequency range covered by that band. The plug-in filter cards offer a choice of 12, 18 or 24 dB/octave filter slopes with a choice of Linkwitz-Riley, Butterworth or Bessel responses. In many applications, the Linkwitz-Riley response is the most suitable as it exhibits equal phase shift in adjacent frequency bands at the filter corner points. Optional equaliser cards may be fitted.

Optional software is available for those users who wish to calculate component values with a view to populating their own filter boards. This runs on a standard PC computer and unpopulated filter boards are available.

In two-channel applications, the low bands may be linked to provide a mono feed to sub-bass or bass systems while in the stereo, three-way mode, the unused fourth band can be used to provide a direct (unfiltered) feed.

In addition to level and limiter controls, each band is equipped with a phase reverse switch and a continuously variable phase control (180 degrees maximum) based around an advanced all-pass filter design. In combination, these controls allow up to 360 degrees phase shift to be set independently for each band. Full LED status indication is provided for all relevant parameters in each frequency band.

Provision is made for optional equaliser cards which can provide response 'tailoring' for each crossover band.

## Connections

The signal connections are on conventionally wired XLRs (pin 2 hot). As standard, these are electronically balanced and operate at a nominal +4dBu signal level. Transformer balanced inputs are available as an option while internal System Gain trims can be used to reset the output level if required.

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## Installation

Before connecting to the main power supply, ensure that the selector switch adjacent to the mains inlet socket is set for the correct mains voltage. It is also prudent when first commissioning the unit to ensure that the correct option boards have been installed. 3

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## Using the DN800 Configurable Active Crossover





## Controls

Before use, the internal links should be set to configure the system for dual, twoband stereo operation or three or four-band stereo operation. This is achieved by removing the top cover of the unit and selecting the appropriate link positions. Note: If the DN800 was ordered to a specific setup requirement, then no internal readjustment should be required.

## Level Control

All eight bands are fitted with Input Gain controls, the 0dB centre position indicating unity gain. These are located prior to the limiter circuitry in the signal chain and provide +/- 6dB of control enabling the user to make fine adjustments to the levels in each frequency band to suit the driver systems being used.

## Mute switch

Latching mute switches are provided for each frequency band to assist in setting up and for checking the correct functioning of individual loudspeaker driver systems. A red status LED indicates that a band is muted.

## Power

Mains power switch. This has no independent status LED as one of the 2-Way, 3-Way or 4-Way indicator LEDs will always be on when the unit is powered up.

The remaining controls are located beneath the two security panels and will normally only require adjustment during the initial setup. The presets require a small screwdriver for adjustment while the latching switches may be set using a screwdriver, ballpoint pen or similar tool.

#### Limiter On

Depressing this switch puts the band limiter into circuit.

## Limiter Threshold

Controls the limiter threshold over the range -12 to +12dBu. The limiter monitors the signal after the System Gain preset gain controls and so is not affected by any subsequent adjustments. The yellow Limit LED illuminates when the output signal reaches the limiter threshold and the red Over LED comes on when the signal exceeds the limiter threshold by more than 6dB.

#### **Phase Reverse**

Depressing this switch inverts the phase of the signal in the corresponding frequency band (180 degrees shift).

#### Phase Adjust

This preset provides a continuous adjustment of phase shift from 0 degrees (fully anticlockwise) to 180 degrees (fully clockwise). This may be used in combination with the Phase Reverse switch to provide precise phase adjustment up to 360 degrees. Bands 4 & 8 have no variable phase preset as it is normal to set up the lower bands with reference to the highest.

#### Mono Bass

Depressing this switch sums the signals in the low frequency bands (Bands 1 & 5) to mono. This is common practice when feeding bass or sub-bass speaker systems.

#### Sub Bass

The input stage incorporates a band pass filter operating at 30Hz to 30kHz. The low frequency response can be extended to 20Hz or 15Hz by replacing 3 filter capacitors on the main board:-

For input A change capacitors C45, C46, C47 For input C change capacitors C245, C246, C247

For a 30Hz filter (standard value) fit 330nF For a 20Hz filter fit 470nF For a 15Hz filter fit 680nF

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Access to the unit is via the top cover which is retained by four captive fasteners. For the location of the individual cards, refer to diagram below.

## Filter and Limiter Card Location Diagram (Bands 1 - 4 shown only)



#### System Gain

Adjustable make up gain is provided after the crossover filters to match the signal level to the power amplifier input requirements. These controls are accessed by removing the top cover and give a gain range from -6dB to +12dB.

#### Operation

The Klark Teknik DN800 can be used to provide four channels of two-way operation or two channels of either three or four-way operation. In dual three-way operation, bands 4 and 8 may be used to provide a direct output, for example, to a secondary system which utilises passive crossovers.

Whatever the configuration chosen, all inputs pass through an independent band limiting filter section providing an 18dB/octave high pass response at 30Hz and an 18dB/octave low pass response at 30kHz. This provides an extra degree of driver protection and is effective in rejecting RF interference.

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	Frequency card com	ponent table		
[]	Desired	Capacitor	Resistor (ohm)	
[]	frequency			
E J	50Hz	330nF	6.8k	
E J	63Hz	220nF 330nF	8.2k 4.3k	
	80Hz 100Hz	100nF	11k	
E J	125Hz	100nF	9.1k	
EJ	125Hz 160Hz	47nF	15k	
G; ;3	200Hz	100nF	5.6k	
E J	250Hz	22nF	20k	
service in the second second	315Hz	33nF	11k	
ED	400Hz	68nF	4.3k	
	500Hz	33nF	6.8k	
	630Hz	22nF	8.2k	
EB	800Hz	33nF	4.3k	
E 30	1000Hz	10nF	11k	
EI	1250Hz	10nF	9.1k	
EJ	1600Hz	4.7nF	15k	
	2000Hz	10nF	5.6k	
E	2500Hz	2.2nF	20k	
EB	3150Hz	3.3nF	11k	
	4000Hz	6.8nF	4.3k	
E	5000Hz	3.3nF	6.8k	
	6300Hz	2.2nF	8.2k	
EZ	8000Hz	3.3nF	4.3k	
<b>E</b> 2	10000Hz	lnF	11k	
	12500Hz	lnF	9.1k	
EZ	16000Hz	lnF	6.8k	
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I	50		luF	220nF
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	200		luF	47nF
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	500	6.6mS	330nF	22nF
Ð	630	Attack	330nF	15nF
I	800		330nF	12nF
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	1k25		100nF	8n2F
2	1k6	2mS	100nF	6n8F
A	2k	Attack	100nF	4n7F
	2k5		100nF	4n7F
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	5k	.66mS	33nF	2n2F
3	6k3	Attack	33nF	ln5F
D	8k		33nF	ln2F
3	10k		10nF	lnF
	12k5	.2mS	10nF	820pF
3	16k	Attack	10nF	680pF
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	Limiter Setup
E.3	If the limiters are to be used to eliminate the possibility of power amplifier clipping,
E3	they can be set up by monitoring the clip LEDs on the amplifiers and applying a high level test signal. It is advisable to run the amplifiers into a dummy load during
<b>[]</b>	this operation. The limiter threshold can then be backed off until the clip LEDs on the
EI	amplifier are just extinguished. A more accurate method is to monitor the amplifier output waveform with an oscilloscope which will enable the point of clipping to be
E3	determined with greater precision. It is recommended that the limiter be set at least
D	1dB below the clipping threshold of the power amplifier due to possible am- plifier performance fluctuations during normal use.
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	If the limiter is required to limit the amplifier power to below its maximum output level, then the output of the amplifier must be measured at the desired power
[]	ceiling and the limiter threshold set accordingly.
[]	Limiter Time Constants
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E 3	The Attack and Release Time Constants for the limiters are determined by a capacitor fitted to the filter card. This is used to "optimise" the limiter protection
E J	for the frequency band selected. When using limiter protection there is always a
11	compromise required between the degree of protection, the maximum sound pressure level and the amount of distortion when limiting occurs.
EB	The following table gives some suggested capacitor values to provide reasonably
El	low distortion while still offering a high degree of protection. The capacitor selec-
1.3	tion should be made for the lowest frequency in the crossover filter pass band. For example:
11	example.
	1) A mid frequency driver operating from 500Hz to 2K5Hz should select a limiter capacitor for 500Hz on the table i.e. 330nF.
	2) A low frequency driver should select a limiter capacitor for 30Hz.
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## Phase Adjustment

Because of the mechnical characteristics of loudspeakers and the geometry of their cabinets, it is generally necessary to adjust the relative phases of the signals feeding drivers in adjacent bands in order to ensure that the sound from drivers is in phase in the crossover region.

Normally, the highest frequency band is used as a reference and all other bands set in relation to that. When the phase is optimised, the level of a test frequency equal to the frequency of the crossover region being optimised will be at a maximum. Hence if, for example, a crossover point is set to 2.5kHz, a 2.5kHz test signal may be applied and then the phase adjustment preset of the lower band turned until the signal is at a maximum. If this occurs at one or other extreme of the preset's travel, then the Phase Invert button should be operated.

A more reliable method is to adjust the phase preset to give a minimum signal level which will occur at the point when the signals in the adjacent bands are exactly 180 degrees out of phase. Once the minimum has been located, the Phase Invert button can be operated to bring the signals back into phase. Some engineers prefer to make final adjustments while listening to musical programme material over the system.

The correct sequence when setting up a four-way system is to first adjust the phase of the third band to align the phase at the crossover point between the third and fourth bands. The process is then repeated using the appropriate test frequency for the crossover point between the second and third bands. Finally, the lower crossover point can be optimised using the phase control preset on the lowest band. If any subsequent adjustment is made to any of the phase controls, then the bands below it should also be readjusted.

## Signal Path

After being de-balanced at the input, the signal is passed through the fixed high and low pass filters (18dB/octave high pass response at 30Hz and 18dB/octave low pass response at 30kHz) before being routed to the filter bands via the 2-way or 3/4-way links.

The front panel Gain control is located at the start of the band signal path after which the signal is passed through the limiter and filter circuitry before encountering the System Gain output level trim control (internal). There is an additional control input to the limiter taken after the System Gain control so that any increase in level caused by resetting this control will not cause the limiting threshold to change. The filtered signal is then balanced and passed to the output via the muting relay. This relay also mutes the signal during power up to reduce the risk of loudspeaker damage.

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E I	Configuration	S		
E3	Four-channel, 7	`wo-way		
E.1 .	LEDs Indicate:			
EB	Input 1	Output 1 Low	Output 2 High.	
	Input 2 Input 3	Output 3 Low Output 5 Low	Output 4High Output 6 High.	
613	Input 4	Output 7 Low	Output 8 High.	
E3	Two-channel, T	Three-way		
E 3	LEDs Indicate:	3 WAY		
	Input 1	Output 1 Low	Output 2 Mid	
EB	Input 2	Output 3 High Output 5 Low	Output 4 Direct Output 6 Mid	
EJ		Output 7 High	Output 8 Direct	
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E J	LEDs Indicate:	4 WAY		
	Input 1	Output 1 Low	Output 2 Low Mid	
	Input 2	Output 3 High Mid Output 5 Low	Output 4 High. Output 6 Low Mid	
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e parte a	Impedance	(ohm)	
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J	Outputs	Eight	
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3	Min. load impedence	600ohm	
3	Source impedence Max. level	<60ohm >+21dB	
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I	Performance		
I	Distortion	<0.01% (20Hz to 20kHz @ 4dB)	
E	Equivalent input noise	<-90dBu (any output)	
	Nominal gain	(20Hz to 20kHz unweighted) 0dB	
I	Adjustable gain	+ or - 6db on front panel control	
3	,	additional +12 or -6dB on internal	
-	the latter state, by every series (and	preset	
	Limiter threshold	-12dB to +12dB	
Z	Phase relationship	Continuously adjustable 0 degrees to 180 degrees between bands	
J		Polarity switch provides additional	
_		180 degrees	
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)	Frequency division filters	Putterworth Regal or Linkwitz Biley	
3	inters	Butterworth, Bessel or Linkwitz-Riley 12, 18 or 24dB/Oct	
J	Power requirements		
3	Voltage	110/120/220/240v 50/60HzAC	
	Consumption	<30 vA	
2	Dimensions		
3	Width	482mm (19 inches)	
3	Height	44mm (1.75 inches)	
	Depth	285mm (11.2 inches)	
3	Weight		
P	Weight Net	3.5kg	
	Shipping	6kg	
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E]	Terminations		
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# Warranty

This product is manufactured by Klark Teknik and is warranted to be free from defects in components and factory workmanship under normal use and service for a period of one year from the date of purchase.

During the warranty period, Klark Teknik will undertake to repair or at its option, replace this product at no charge to its owner when failing to perform as specified, provided the unit is returned shipping pre-paid, to the factory or authorised service facility.\*

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a) Repair work or alteration by persons other than those authorised by Klark Teknik in such a manner as to injure, in the sole judgement of Klark Teknik, the performance, stability, reliability or safety of this product.

b) Misuse, negligence, accident, act of God, war or civil insurrection.

c) Connection, installation, adjustment or use otherwise than in accordance with the instructions provided by Klark Teknik.

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