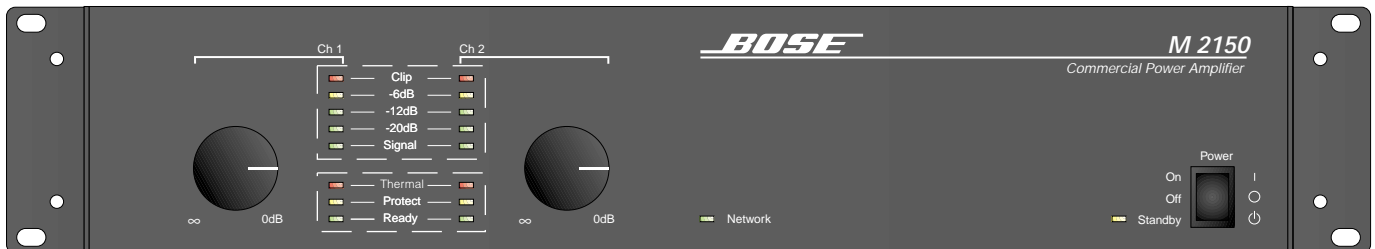


# Bose® Model 2150 Commercial Power Amplifier

Installer's Guide

Guía de instalación

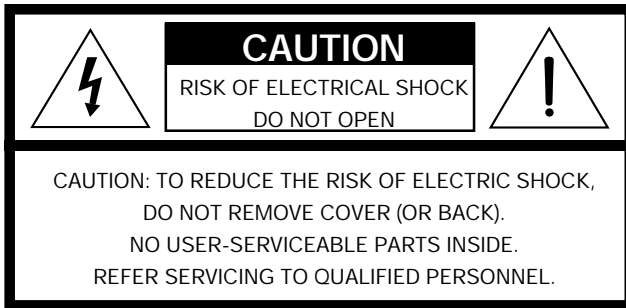
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## Warning

To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose the unit to rain or moisture.



These CAUTION marks are located on the back of the Model 2150 commercial power amplifier.



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated dangerous voltage within the system enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle, as marked on the system, is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance instructions in this owner's guide.

## Important Safety Instructions

1. **Read and follow these instructions.**
2. **Heed all warnings** – on the product and in the owner's guide.
3. **Do not use this apparatus near water or moisture.**
4. **Clean only with a dry cloth.**
5. **Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions** – To ensure reliable operation of the product and to protect it from overheating, put the product in a position and location that will not interfere with its proper ventilation.
6. **Do not install near any heat sources, such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.**
7. **Do not defeat the safety purpose of the grounding-type plug. A grounding-type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The third prong is provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit in your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the outlet.**
8. **Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched, particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.**
9. **Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.**
10. **Use only with a cart, stand, tripod, bracket or table specified by the manufacturer or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.**
11. **Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way: such as power supply cord or plug is damaged; liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus; the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped** – Do not attempt to service this product yourself. Opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltages or other hazards. Please call Bose® to be referred to an authorized service center near you.
12. **To prevent risk of fire or electric shock, avoid overloading wall outlets, extension cords, or integral convenience receptacles.**
13. **Do not let objects or liquids enter the product** – as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short-out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock.
14. **See product enclosure back for safety related markings.**
15. **No naked flame sources, such as lighted candles, should be placed on the apparatus.**

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*Please read this installer's guide*

The Model 2150 commercial power amplifier is carefully engineered to provide superior sound quality. This guide will help you set up and operate your system properly.

*Record your serial number here*

Model 2150 commercial power amplifier: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Retailer's name \_\_\_\_\_

For ease in obtaining service, we recommend that you keep your purchase receipt, or a copy of the receipt, in this owner's guide.

Thank you for purchasing a new Bose® commercial power amplifier. It is backed by state-of-the-art engineering and manufacturing techniques to bring you the best in quality craftsmanship and reliable performance.

The instructions presented in this installer's guide are written for professionals who are familiar with the installation and operation of the equipment. If you are not, contact an authorized Bose Professional Products dealer.

### 2.1 Unpacking the amplifier

Carefully unpack your amplifier. Keep the original carton and packing materials for possible future use. Check for any visible signs of damage. If the amplifier appears damaged, do not use it. Notify Bose Product Support or your authorized Bose Professional Products dealer.

### 2.2 The Bose Model 2150 commercial power amplifier

The Bose Model 2150 commercial power amplifier is specially designed for commercial sound applications. Its rugged construction and low profile allow the amplifier to sustain heavy use with reliability and space-saving economy. Accurate sound and ample power make this amplifier ideal for critical listening applications.

The Model 2150 amplifier is rated at 150 watts per channel into 4Ω, 8Ω, 25V, 35V, 50V, 70V or 100V. In bridged mono operation, it is rated at 300 watts.

Sophisticated protection circuits have been designed into the amplifier to protect your system from unexpected faults. They also help protect the amplifier from excessive temperature, continuous current limiting, and shorted outputs.

The balanced inputs of the amplifier use a high quality, high common-mode rejection differential amplifier for exceptional hum and noise rejection.

In addition, the Model 2150 amplifier is equipped with an input module to allow for separate equalization of each channel (provided the correct equalization card is installed). Equalization cards (EQ cards) are available for all Bose professional loudspeakers requiring active equalization.


A sample setup might involve one Model 2150 amplifier driving two channels of 402® loudspeakers in stereo mode. A second Model 2150 could be added to drive a 502B® module. Alternatively, just one amplifier could be used to drive the 402 loudspeakers on one channel and the 502B module on the other channel. Many configurations are possible using the four loudspeakers above. This flexibility can be achieved by installing the EQ cards for the desired setup.

### 3.1 Using the Bose® Model 2150 commercial power amplifier

Once you have installed and wired the amplifier, follow these tips to get the most from it:

- **Verify** that all switches (STEREO/MONO, CLIPPING LIMITER, EQ BI-AMP/FULL RANGE AND LEVEL DEFEAT) are set to the mode you want.
- **Turn down** the amplifier controls when you power up the system for the first time. Then advance them slowly, one at a time, to verify that each channel is operating correctly.
- **Set input level controls** high enough to allow the preceding device to drive the amplifier to full output. Usually, this is wide open (fully clockwise).
- **Write down** the settings, either on paper or self-stick dots, and attach to the front of the amplifier.
- **In bi-amplified (multi-amp) systems**, start with the low frequency amps turned down or off. Check each frequency range from highest to lowest to make sure each loudspeaker component is operating correctly.


### 3.2 General precautions

 *Caution: Place the unit where it will be protected from heat and allow adequate ventilation. Place it away from direct heat sources, such as heating vents and radiators. Make sure the air can circulate freely behind, beside, and above the unit.*

### 3.3 Mechanical considerations

The amplifier requires two 3.5" (8.9 mm) rack space units with a 16" (40.6 cm) inside depth (including the rear supports). When mounting, use four screws with washers to prevent marring the front panel. Neoprene rubber washers are a good choice because they grip the screw head and prevent the screws from backing out from vibration or during transportation.

#### 3.3.1 Rear support

 *Caution: If either unit is rack mounted and the rack is transported, you must mechanically support the rear of the amplifier. You can place a shelf across the rear of the amplifier or use brackets in such a way as to support the rear of the unit.*

### 3.4 Thermal considerations

When the amplifier is used freestanding, no thermal considerations are necessary other than keeping sufficient ventilation around the unit.

Bose® Model 2150 amplifiers may be stacked directly on top of each other without spacer panels. If a Model 2150 amplifier is used with other amplifiers, be sure the heat output from the amplifier does not interfere with the adequate ventilation of the others.

If the unit is rack mounted, allow for adequate ventilation exits in front of and behind the amplifier. When several amplifiers are mounted together in a rack, you may need to provide air inlets and a fan from the outside of the rack.

**⚠ CAUTION:** *Do not allow the chassis to exceed the maximum operating temperature of 50° C. Be aware of conditions in an enclosed rack that may increase the temperature above room ambient conditions.*

### 3.5 AC power considerations

Be sure to plug your amplifier into an outlet capable of supplying the correct voltage specified for your model. Check to be sure the circuit can provide enough current to allow full-power operation of all the amplifiers in your system.

The power plug serves as the main disconnect device and should always be easily accessible after installation.

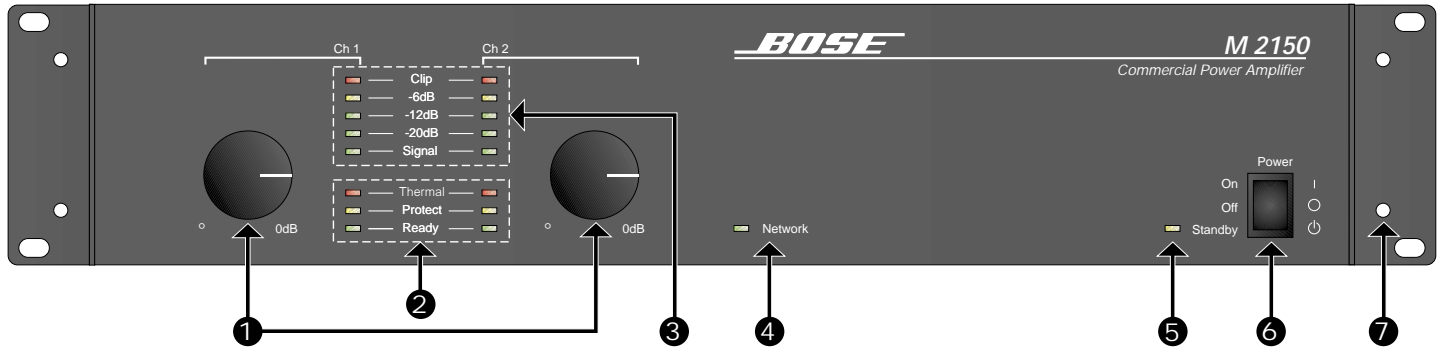
The current demand of a power amplifier varies depending on the impedance of the load, the output level of the amplifier, and the crest factor and duty cycle of the program material.

For example, consider typical conditions during rock music reproduction, with both channels driven into 4 ohms until musical peaks are just below clipping. Under these conditions, the Bose Model 2150 amplifier requires an average of 4.2 amps for 120V versions (2.2 amps for 220-240V versions).

### 3.6 Magnetic leakage considerations

You can mount the Model 2150 amplifier without concern for magnetic flux leakage. However, it is not a good idea to mount any power amplifier near a microphone input transformer or magnetic storage media.

## 4.1 Front Panel



- ① Level Controls
- ② Status Indicators
- ③ Level Indicators
- ④ Network Activity Indicator
- ⑤ Standby Indicator
- ⑥ Power Switch
- ⑦ Removable Rack Ears

### 1. Level controls

Independent level controls are provided for Channel 1 and Channel 2. When each level control is set fully clockwise the channel operates at maximum gain. Turning the controls counterclockwise attenuates the output signal. Each level control adjusts incrementally in steps of  $\pm 2.5\text{dB}$ .

The level knobs can be removed to prevent tampering with the amplifier volume. Once the amplifier level is set, remove the knobs. Gently pull the knobs straight off and store them in a safe place for future use. The controls can then be replaced with the supplied plastic covers. See Figure 1 below.

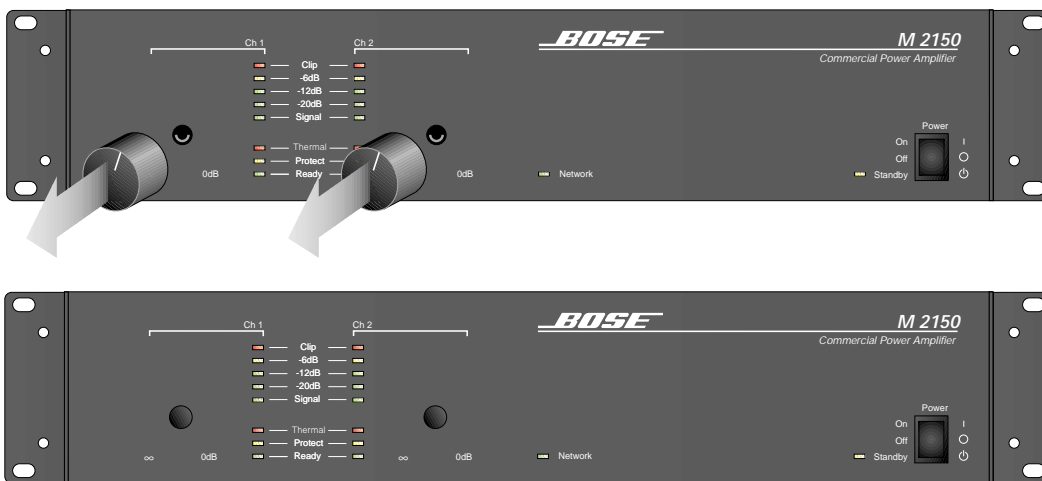
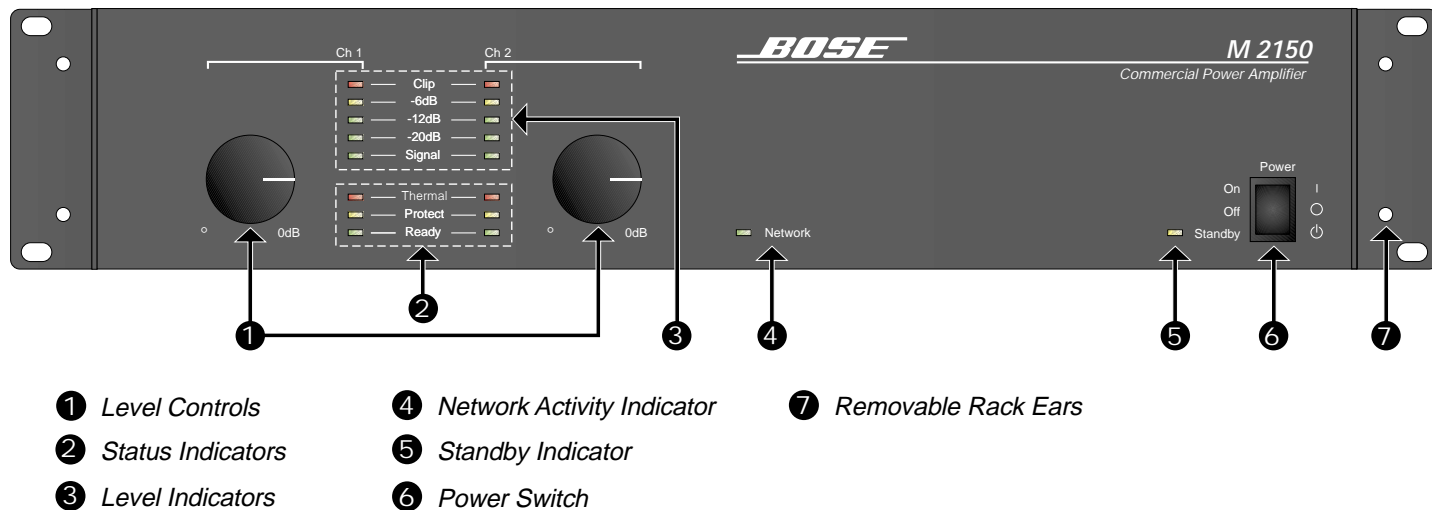


Figure 1

Level control knobs can be removed and covered

## 4.1 Front Panel (Cont.)



## 2. Level indicators

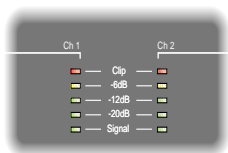


Figure 2

Level indicators

The level indicators (see Figure 2) for each channel reflect the gain of each output stage. The following LEDs light up when the signal reaches each respective threshold:

- **CLIP** – red light indicates the signal is clipping (0dB)
- **-6dB** – yellow light indicates the signal is at -6dB below clip
- **-12dB** – green light indicates the signal is at -12dB below clip
- **-20dB** – green light indicates the signal is at -20dB below clip
- **SIGNAL** – green light indicates the signal is at -40dB below clip

It is common to operate the amplifier so that the CLIP (red) LED illuminates at the loudest point. If the CLIP LED remains on for an extended length of time or clipping is audible, then the level should be reduced on the channel(s).

## 3. Status indicators

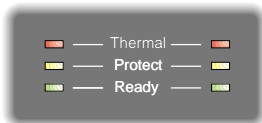


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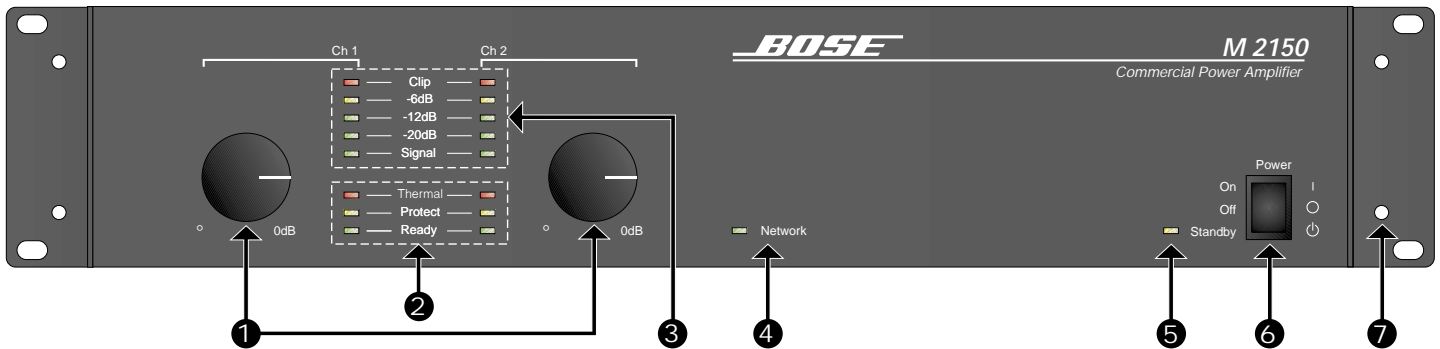
Status indicators

Status indicators are visible for the following (See Figure 3):

**THERMAL** – A red light indicates when the amplifier temperature has exceeded its working limits. When the THERMAL LED illuminates, both channels of the amplifier will become muted. The amplifier will shut down and reset itself when conditions return to a safe operating temperature.



## 4.1 Front Panel (Cont.)



- |                     |                              |                       |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ① Level Controls    | ④ Network Activity Indicator | ⑦ Removable Rack Ears |
| ② Status Indicators | ⑤ Standby Indicator          |                       |
| ③ Level Indicators  | ⑥ Power Switch               |                       |

### 3. Status indicators (cont.)

PROTECT – A yellow light indicates if there is:

1. An over or under voltage condition
2. An over current condition
3. A short circuit

Any of these conditions will immediately mute both channels on the amplifier. Check all connections and level settings. The amplifier will automatically shut down and reset itself when conditions return to a safe operating temperature.

READY – A green light indicates that the amplifier is on.

### 4. Network activity indicator

In the future a network compatible input card will be available for the amplifiers. When this card is installed, the network LED will flash yellow when the amplifier is receiving network information.

### 5. Standby indicator

The LED illuminates yellow when the amplifier is set to STANDBY (standby).

### 6. Power switch

The power switch has three positions (ON/OFF/STANDBY). When on, the READY indicators illuminate green. When off (middle position), no power reaches the unit and the sequencing function is not active.

When set to STANDBY, the AC mains is connected to the standby circuit. The circuit awaits a 12V DC current to be supplied to the amplifier. When the DC current is detected, a triac allows the AC mains to be connected to the power supply, turning the amplifier on.

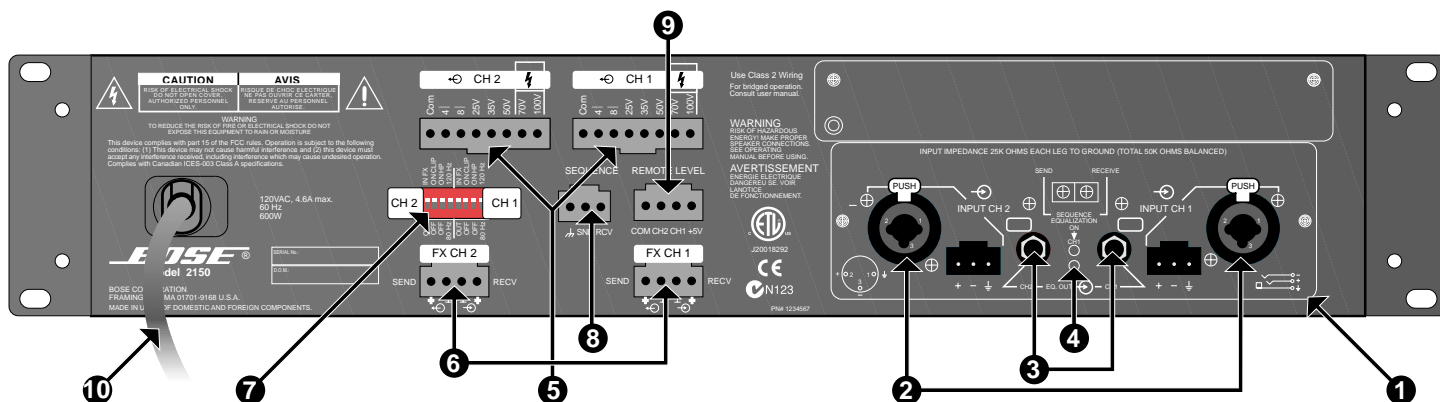
*Note: Standby and Sequencing modes are activated at the amplifier only when using the standard input module.*

See Section 4.3.1 for additional information regarding the sequence feature.

### 7. Removable rack ears

**⚠ Caution:** If you shelf-mount the amplifier, the rack ears can be removed. Once removed, replace the screws that fastened the rack ears to the chassis. This will maintain the structural integrity of the chassis.

## 4.2 Rear Panel



- ① Standard Input Module
- ② Input Connectors
- ③ EQ Out Connectors
- ④ Equalizer Present LEDs
- ⑤ Speaker Outputs
- ⑥ Effects Loop
- ⑦ Dip Switches
- ⑧ AC Power Sequence Connector
- ⑨ Remote Level Control
- ⑩ IEC Power Cord

## Input Modules

## 1. Standard input module

Through the use of the Bose® input module (the standard module provided with the amplifier) and EQ cards, Bose Model 2150 amplifier can provide active equalization for Bose Model 8, Model 32, Model 32SE, 402®, 502®A, 502B and 802® Series II professional loudspeakers.

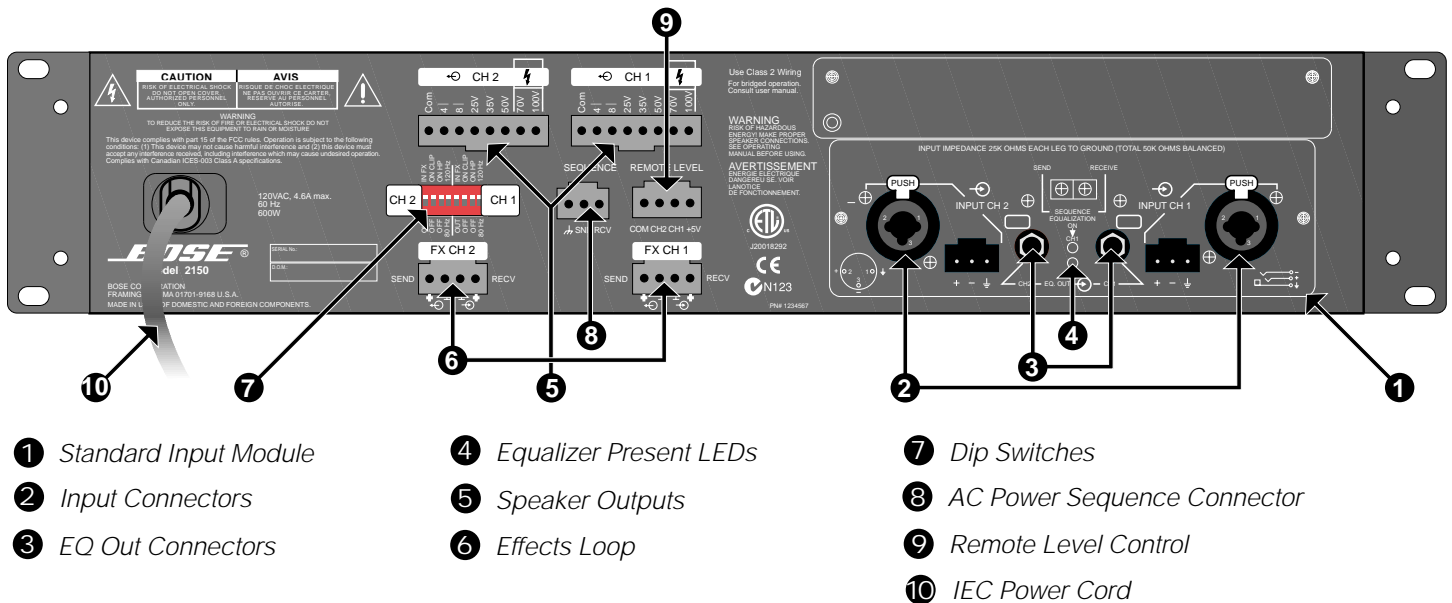
Each channel of the input module has its own EQ card input connector, which allows independent equalization for each channel. For a view of the input module, refer to Figure 31 on page 28.

## 2. Input connectors

A combination 1/4" TRS/XLR input connector on the input module allows for either a 1/4" TRS (Tip-Ring-Sleeve) input or a XLR input. The input module quick-connect terminal block is wired in parallel with the TRS/XLR input connector. This allows for easy connection of stripped wires to the provided connector. Two parallel input connectors allow for simple connection of parallel amplifiers. Only one connection per channel can be used.

*Note: When using the standard input module in mono mode, use CH 2 input only.*

## 4.2 Rear panel (cont.)



### 3. EQ out connectors

A 1/4" TRS output connector provides access to an equalized line level output signal for each channel. If equalizer cards are installed, this signal has passed through the internal equalizer, but has not passed through the amplifier itself. (For additional information on EQ cards, see Input Modules on page 10.)

This is helpful if several devices are going to be driving similar Bose® loudspeakers (402® loudspeakers, for example) with the same source signal. With EQ cards installed in the Model 2150 amplifier, the EQ OUT (output) of the amplifier can be connected to the line level inputs of additional devices driving the same type of Bose loudspeakers (e.g. 402 loudspeakers). Be sure to use EQ cards that correspond to the type of loudspeakers.

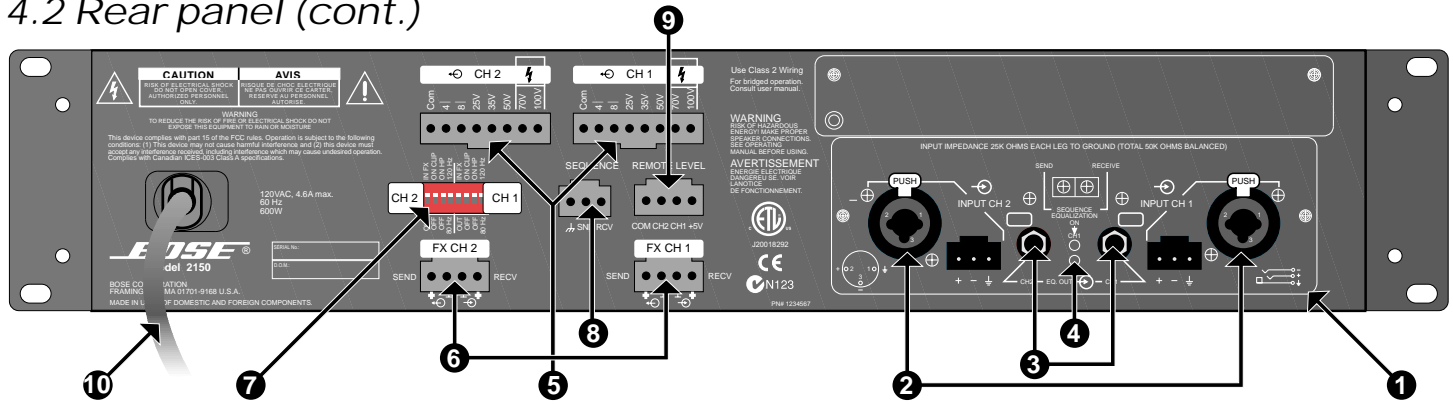
### 4. Equalizer present LEDs

When you install an equalizer card, the corresponding LED illuminates to indicate the presence of the card.

Each channel can utilize a different card. For example, the Bose Model 2150 commercial power amplifier can have both a 402® and a 502®B equalizer card installed. When you install a 502B card in either card position, it automatically selects the high frequency output of the other card. When a system uses two or more amplifiers, and you are using a 502B module, use the EQ BI-AMP/FULL RANGE switch to run in the bi-amp mode.

*Note: When EQ cards are installed, the input module recognizes the cards and switches to the equalizer circuitry. If no cards are installed, the input module bypasses the equalizer circuitry and no LED will illuminate.*

4.2 Rear panel (cont.)



- 1 Standard Input Module
- 2 Input Connectors
- 3 EQ Out Connectors
- 4 Equalizer Present LEDs
- 5 Speaker Outputs
- 6 Effects Loop
- 7 Dip Switches
- 8 AC Power Sequence Connector
- 9 Remote Level Control
- 10 IEC Power Cord

5. Speaker outputs

Barrier block speaker outputs on each channel accommodate independent connections for 4Ω, 8Ω, 25V, 35V, 50V, 70V, and 100V. The COM tap is the negative connection (-) and the positive wire (+) connects to the desired load.

6. Effects loop

Independent serial effects (FX) Loops per channel allow you to add additional processing. The FX Loop is unbalanced and can accommodate levels up to +20dBu.

7. Dip switches

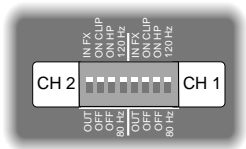


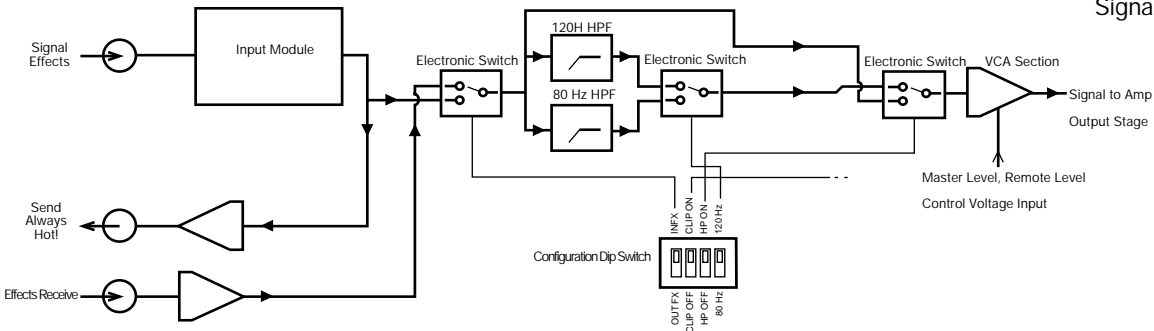
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Dip Switches

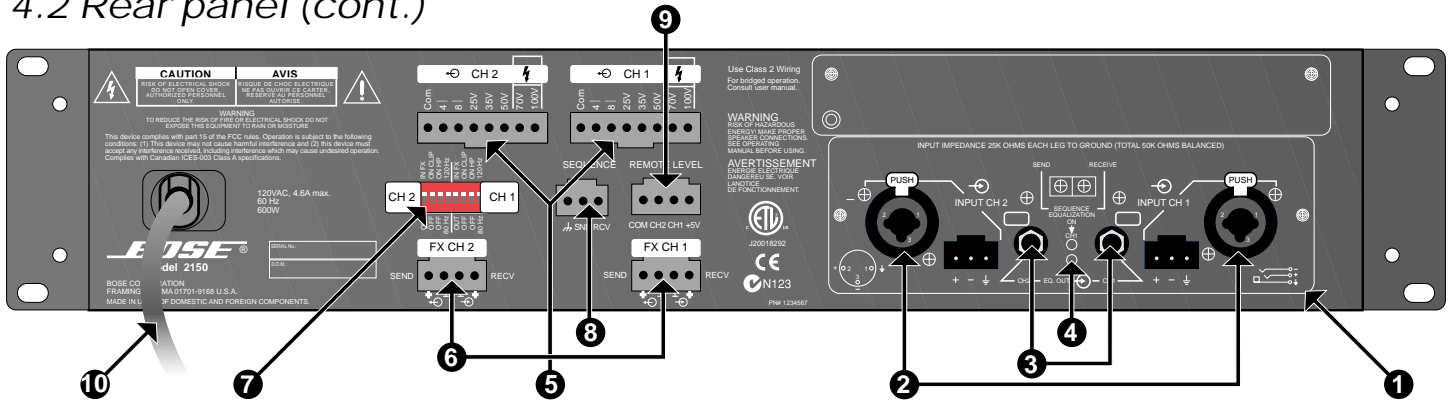
Each channel has dip switches for Clip Limiter, High-Pass Filter and FX Loop.

Figure 5

Signal Path



## 4.2 Rear panel (cont.)



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| ① Standard Input Module | ④ Equalizer Present LEDs | ⑦ Dip Switches                |
| ② Input Connectors      | ⑤ Speaker Outputs        | ⑧ AC Power Sequence Connector |
| ③ EQ Out Connectors     | ⑥ Effects Loop           | ⑨ Remote Level Control        |
|                         |                          | ⑩ IEC Power Cord              |

*FX Loop in/out*

Engages or bypasses the FX loop. ON (on) allows signals to pass through the FX loop. OFF (off) closes the loop internally.

A four-pin barrier block connector is provided on each channel. The FX loop can be used to send and receive unbalanced signals from outboard signal processing equipment such as EQs, Delays, Limiters, etc. To activate the FX loop, set the dip switch to the ON position.

The send pins (+ and -) are always active and can be used to daisy chain the signal from one amp to another amp via the receiving amplifier's normal input. The return pins are activated by the FX dip switch.

*Clip limiter*

Select between ON and OFF. When set to ON, the clip limiter will engage when the output stage exceeds 0 dB, preventing output stage clipping. When set to OFF, there is no clip limiter in the signal chain.

*High-pass filter on/off*

Selects whether the high-pass filter is ON or OFF. When set to ON, the high-pass filter will default to the selection made on the 80Hz/120Hz dip switch. When set to OFF, there is no high-pass filter in the the signal chain.

*120Hz/80Hz (12dB/octave high-pass filter)*

Selects the frequency for the high-pass filter. Selectable between 120Hz and 80Hz.

## 8. AC Power sequence connector

A three-pin Euro style terminal and mating connector are supplied with each amplifier to allow the amplifier to be sequenced on or off remotely. This allows multiple amplifiers to be powered on or off locally by using the first amplifier as the on/off master. These terminals are located on the rear panel of the amplifier and are labeled SEQUENCE. The three terminals are from left to right and labeled ground, SND, and RCV (see Figure 6).

The sequence feature can be used to turn on or off one or more Bose® amplifiers. When used with more than one amplifier the sequence feature will turn the amplifiers on or off sequentially at about 0.5 second intervals. This will prevent a large turn-on surge through the AC mains supply that could possibly cause disruption of the flow of current through the AC mains.

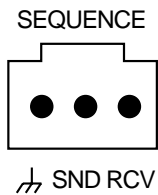


Figure 6

Sequence connectors

### Turning a single amplifier on or off:

Connect the positive side of a 12 to 15 VDC supply to the RCV terminal of the SEQUENCE connector. Connect the ground side of the 12 to 15 VDC supply to the GROUND terminal of the sequence connector.

The amplifier will remain on as long as the DC voltage is present. The amplifier will turn off when the DC voltage is interrupted by opening the circuit at the SEQUENCE connectors. If a switch is used to control the SEQUENCE circuit, it should be a SPST (single pole single throw) type. A control device such as a contact closure contained within a system such as Creston®, AMX® or Panja® can also be used to remotely control the power of the amplifier. The contact closure must be a latching type and not a momentary contact closure.

### Turning multiple amplifiers on or off:

Starting with the first amplifier in the sequence to be turned on, connect the positive 12 to 15 VDC to the RCV terminal. Next, connect a wire from the SND terminal of the first amplifier to the RCV terminal of the next amplifier to be turned on. Continue in this manner until all amplifiers in the sequence are connected.

If the amplifiers are mounted together in a rack where the chassis grounds are connected through common connection via the metal rack rail or by a common AC ground, no other connections should be required (see Figure 7). If this is not the case, simply connect all of the chassis ground terminals together (see Figure 8).

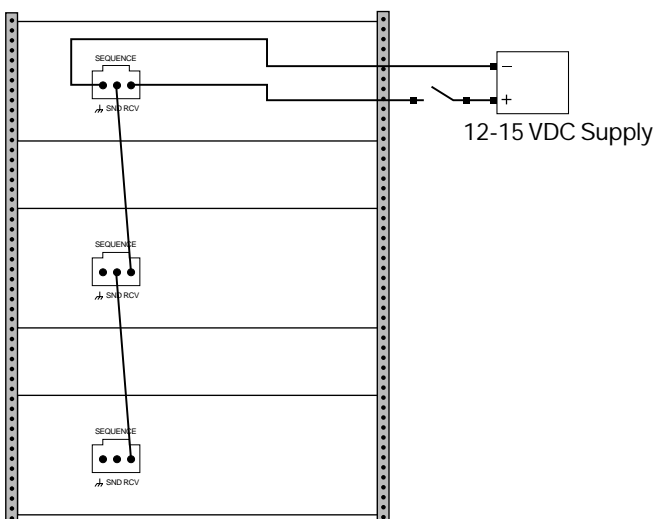
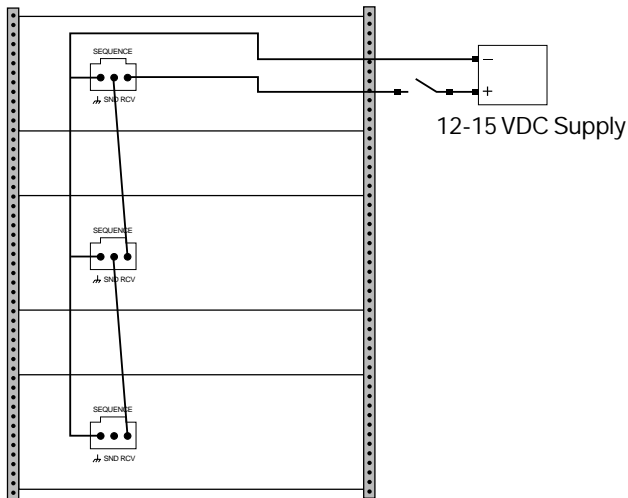


Figure 7

Connections by common AC ground or via the metal rack

### 8. AC power sequence connector (cont.)



**Figure 8**

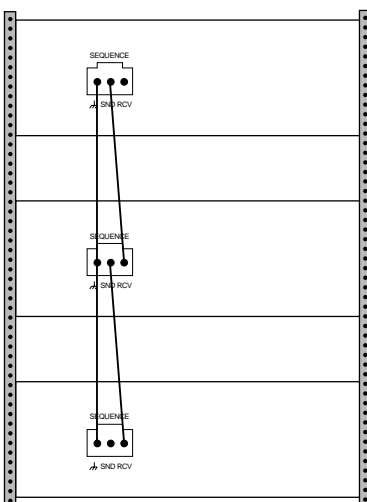
Connect all the chassis ground terminals together

To remotely begin the sequencing function, close the circuit and supply the DC voltage to the RCV receive pin on the first amplifier. The subsequent amplifiers should turn on at 0.5 second intervals.

*Note:* The front panel power switch should be in the *STANDBY* position on all of the amplifiers in this group.

When the DC voltage is interrupted, the amplifiers will then turn off. If there are signal processing and input source devices in the system, they should be turned on before the amplifiers are sequenced on, and these same devices should be powered down after the amplifiers are sequenced off. This will avoid large transient thumps being passed to the loudspeakers attached to the system.

When using multiple amplifiers that utilize the SEQUENCE feature of the Bose® 2150, and you would like to power them on, but remote operation is not required, you do not need the DC Voltage to activate the SEQUENCE function. Simply connect the SND send terminal of the first amplifier to the RCV receive terminal of the next amplifier and so on (see Figure 9). The front panel power switch of the first amplifier will activate the SEQUENCE function when switched to the ON position. All other front panel power switches should be in the *STANDBY* position for the SEQUENCE function to operate properly. Again, if the amplifiers are mounted together in a rack where the chassis grounds are connected together through common connection via the metal rack rail or by a common AC ground, no other connections should be required. If this is not the case, simply connect all of the chassis ground terminals together.



**Figure 9**

Ground test procedure

### 8. AC power sequence connector (cont.)

When mounting the amplifiers in a common rack, you should verify if the amplifiers' chassis are sharing a common ground via the rack rails. To do this use a Digital Multi-Meter DMM to measure the DC resistance between the rack rail and the chassis ground of each unit. Set the DMM to measure DC resistance. Connect one probe to the rack rail and the other to the chassis ground terminal on the SEQUENCE terminal of the Bose® 2150. If the DC resistance is greater than 0.2 ohms we recommend that you connect the chassis ground terminals of the sequence connector together in a daisy chain as in Figure 8. Repeat this for each Bose 2150 in the rack.

You do not have to daisy chain the chassis grounds together if there is less than a 0.2 ohm resistance from the rail to the chassis ground of each unit. Let the rack rail be your chassis ground path.

#### *Using other amplifiers in the power sequence:*

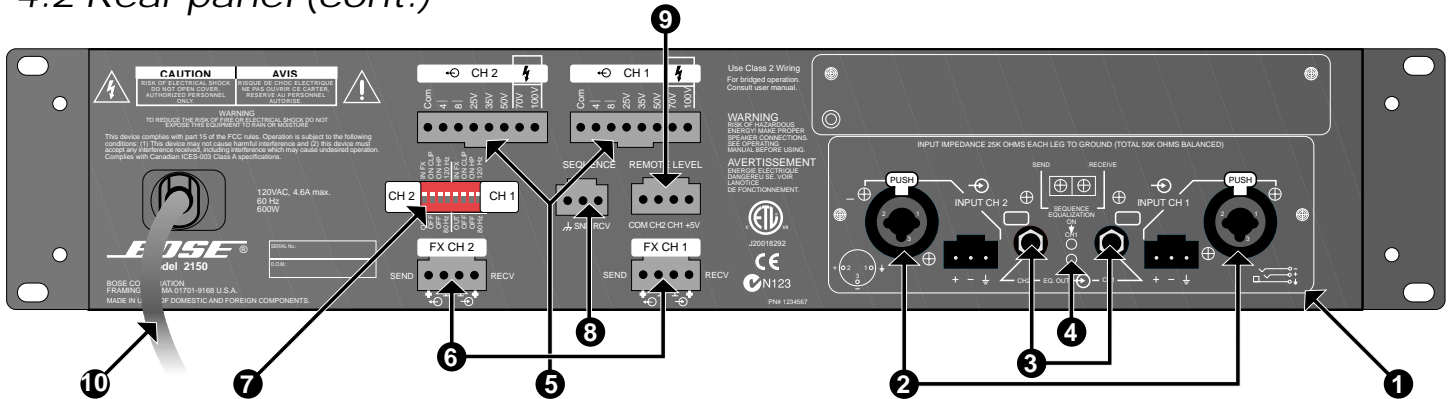
The Bose Models 1600 VI and 1800 VI can be used together with the Bose Model 2150 in a sequenced configuration.

However, as the sequence terminal on the Bose® Model 1600 VI and 1800 VI has no chassis ground connector, whenever this manual references the chassis ground connector, you should replace it with some reliable ground connection point on the amplifier chassis, such as a screw that is used in fastening the chassis parts together. A good example would be the screws that retain the Bose input modules to the amplifier chassis. All other connections would be exactly as described in this discussion of sequencing hook-up procedures.

*Note: For operation details regarding the Bose Model 1600 VI and the 1800 VI, please consult the respective user guides provided with those amplifiers.*



## 4.2 Rear panel (cont.)



- |                         |                          |                               |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ① Standard Input Module | ④ Equalizer Present LEDs | ⑦ Dip Switches                |
| ② Input Connectors      | ⑤ Speaker Outputs        | ⑧ AC Power Sequence Connector |
| ③ EQ Out Connectors     | ⑥ Effects Loop           | ⑨ Remote Level Control        |
|                         |                          | ⑩ IEC Power Cord              |

## 9. REMOTE LEVEL (remote level) control

Use a 1k to 10k potentiometer, preferably with a reverse log taper. Identify the terminal of the pot to which the wiper is connected when the knob is set to the fully clockwise position. Connect this terminal to the RTN (ground return) terminal of the REMOTE LEVEL input plug.

Connect the center terminal of the pot to the CH1 (or CH2) control voltage terminal of the REMOTE LEVEL input plug. The two channels are independently controlled by the voltages applied to the CH1 and CH2 terminals. Both control inputs can be connected together and driven off the wiper of one pot.

Connect the remaining terminal of the pot to the +5V terminal of the REMOTE LEVEL input plug. This connection will set the control voltage to 0 with the knob fully clockwise (maximum level), 5V with the knob fully counterclockwise (minimum level).

Inside the amplifier, a 0V control voltage corresponds to 0dB added attenuation (that is, added to the attenuation already set by the front panel level control for that channel). A 5V control voltage corresponds to 100dB added attenuation. The control voltage effect is "dB linear": a 2.5V control voltage input will add 50dB of attenuation: the control characteristic is -1dB per 50mV.

### REMOTE LEVEL control wiring recommendations

For best results, use 24AWG (or larger) control wiring, especially for the +5V and RTN connections. Since 24AWG wire has DC resistance of 25mΩ per foot, using 1000 feet of 24AWG (total loop resistance of 50Ω) to make connection to a 5kΩ potentiometer will result in a 1% voltage drop. This will cause a reduction in the control voltage range. This voltage drop increases as more current is carried by the +5V and RTN conductors; for example, when the 5V line is used to light a remote LED indicating that the amp is ON.

In the example given above, an additional 10mA load on the +5V and RTN conductors will cause 10% reduction in control voltage range, yielding lower maximum level and higher minimum level. Within reason, conductor capacitance is not a problem since the control voltages are averaged in the amplifier and any additional RC delay will not be noticeable.

*Note: Do not connect the RTN conductor to a ground reference at the remote control location. Ground potential differences will drive currents through the RTN line and cause unpredictable REMOTE LEVEL control performance.*

4.2 Rear panel (cont.)

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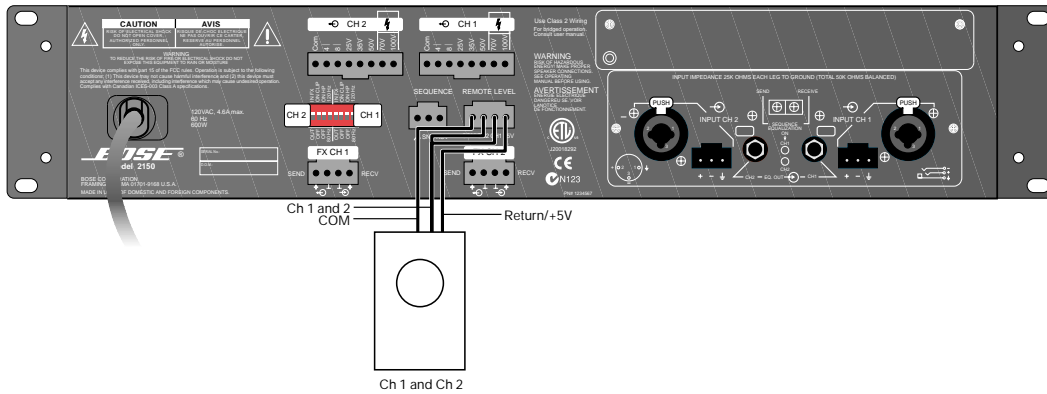


Figure 10

Single remote volume control of Channels 1 and 2

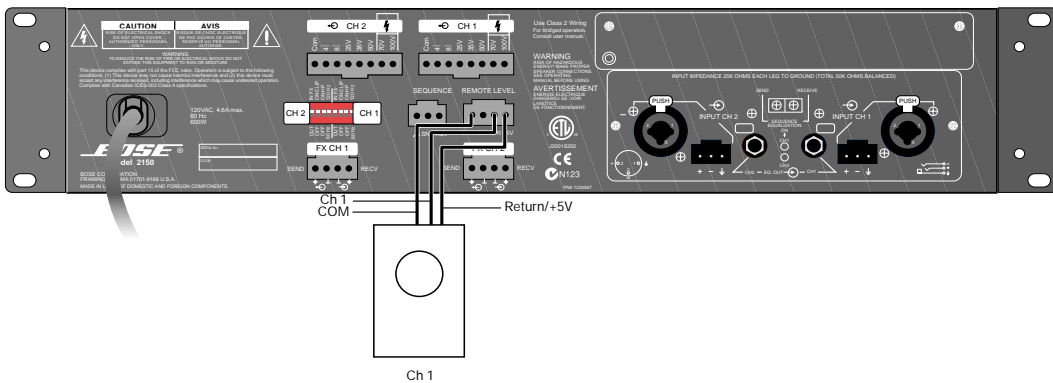


Figure 11

Remote volume control of Channel 1

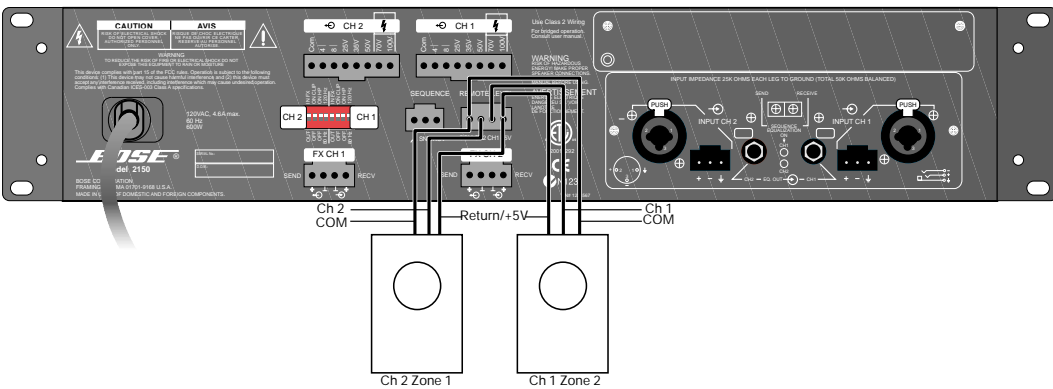


Figure 12

Independent control of Channel 1 and Channel 2

10. Power

Insert the power cord into a properly configured A/C power mains.

## 5.1 Installing Bose® EQ Cards

If your Bose loudspeakers require active equalization, follow these steps to install them in the Model 2150:

1. Turn the power switch to the OFF position.



Figure 13

Turning the power switch off

2. Remove all input card connections to the amplifier. Then, disconnect the power cord from the wall outlet and the amplifier.

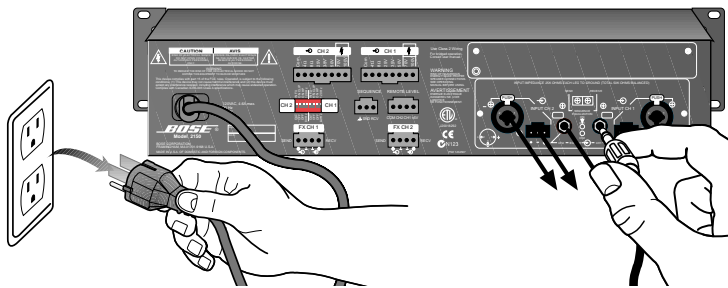


Figure 14

Removing card connections and disconnecting the power

3. Remove the input card screws.

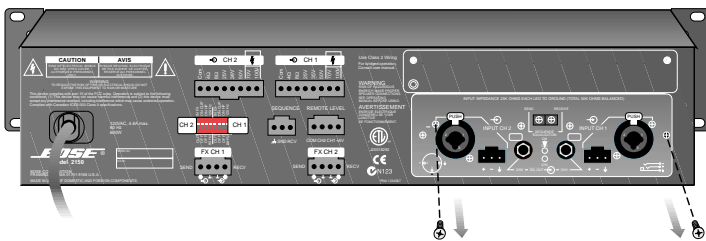


Figure 15

Removing screws

4. Remove the input card and disconnect the ribbon cable.

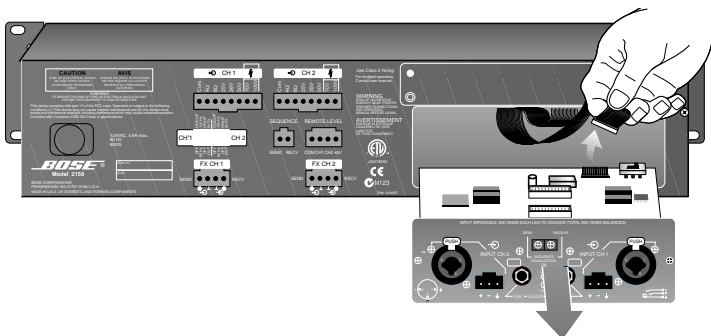


Figure 16

Remove card and disconnect ribbon cable

### 5.1 Installing Bose® EQ Cards (cont.)

If your Bose loudspeakers require active equalization, follow these steps to install them in the Model 2150:

5. Install EQ card into the desired channel.

*Note: If you are using the amplifier in dual mono or bridged mono mode, you must install the equalizer card in Channel 2.*

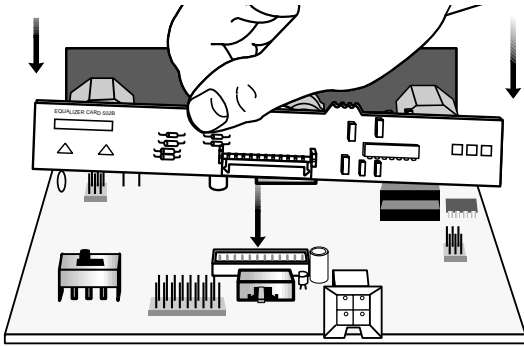


Figure 17

Installing the EQ card

6. Place included label on input card.

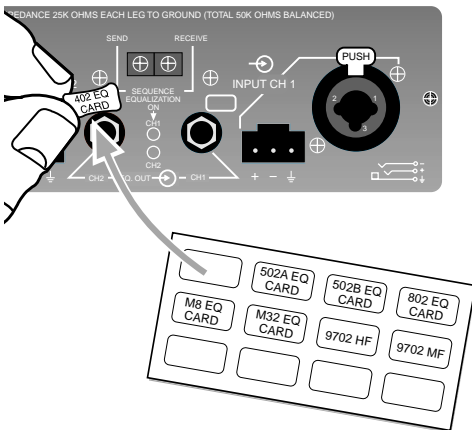


Figure 18

Attaching labels

7. Set the EQ BI-AMP/FULL RANGE switch and the STEREO/MONO switch. See sections 5.3.3 and 5.3.4 for additional details regarding these features.

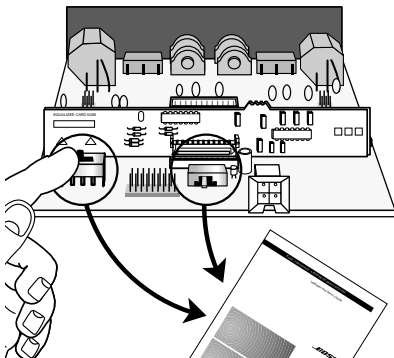


Figure 19

Setting the switches

### 5.1 Installing Bose® EQ Cards (cont.)

If your Bose loudspeakers require active equalization, follow these steps to install them in the Model 2150:

8. Reconnect the ribbon cable.

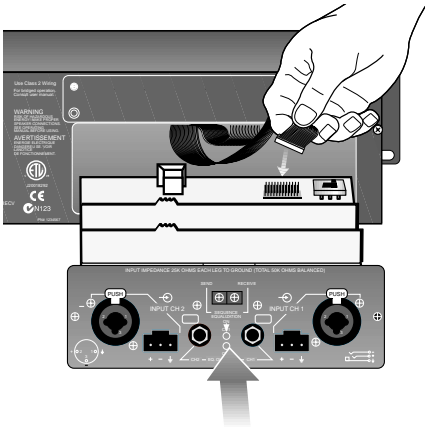


Figure 20

Reconnecting ribbon cables

9. Install the input card.

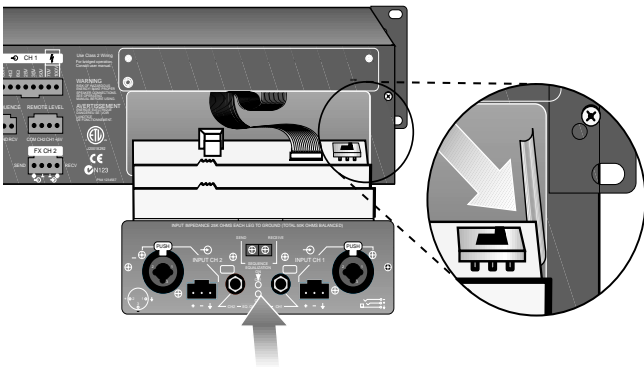


Figure 21

Installing the input card

10. Reconnect input card screws.

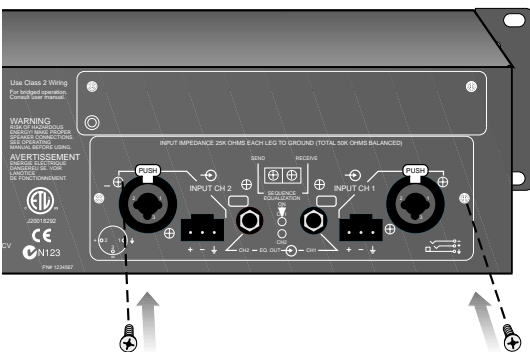


Figure 22

Reconnecting the screws

### 5.1 Installing Bose® EQ Cards (cont.)

If your Bose loudspeakers require active equalization, follow these steps to install them in the Model 2150:

11. Connect all input connections to the amplifier, and line cord to the wall.

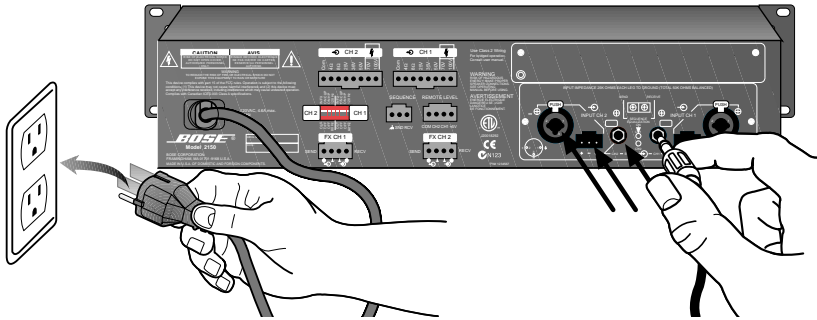


Figure 23

Connect all inputs and power cord



Figure 24

Turn the amplifier on

## 5.2 Input wiring

You can use 1/4" phone jacks, XLR connectors, or quick connect terminal block connectors for the input signal with either unbalanced 2-conductor or balanced 3-conductor cables. Use shielded coaxial cable to conduct the signal from the source (mixer, equalizer, CD player) to the amplifier.

### 5.2.1 Balanced operation

For the 1/4" phone jack, use a 3-conductor TRS 1/4" phone plug. The tip of the plug carries the + (hot, non-inverting) side of the signal. The ring carries the - (low, inverting) side of the signal. The sleeve is ground (see Figure 25).

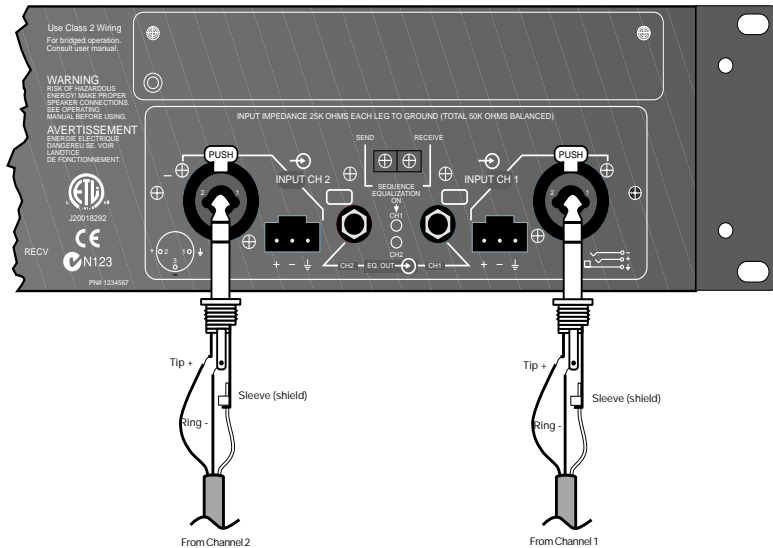


Figure 25

1/4" phone jack balanced input connection

For the XLR jack, use a male XLR connector. Pin 2 carries the + (hot, non-inverting) side of the signal. Pin 3 carries the - (low, inverting) side of the signal. Pin 1 is ground (see Figure 26).

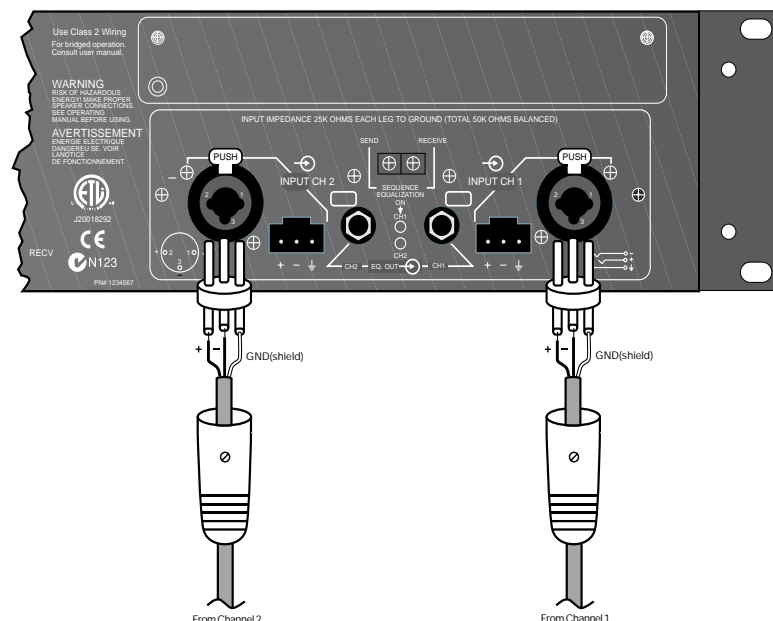


Figure 26

XLR balanced input connection

### 5.2.1 Balanced operation (cont.)

For the quick connect terminal block, use the female connector provided. Pin 3 carries the + (hot, non-inverting) side of the signal. Pin 2 carries the - (low, inverting) side of the signal. Pin 1 is ground (see Figure 27).

When using the standard input module for either amplifier, you can reverse the polarity of the balanced inputs by changing four jumpers located on the input board, just behind the input connectors.

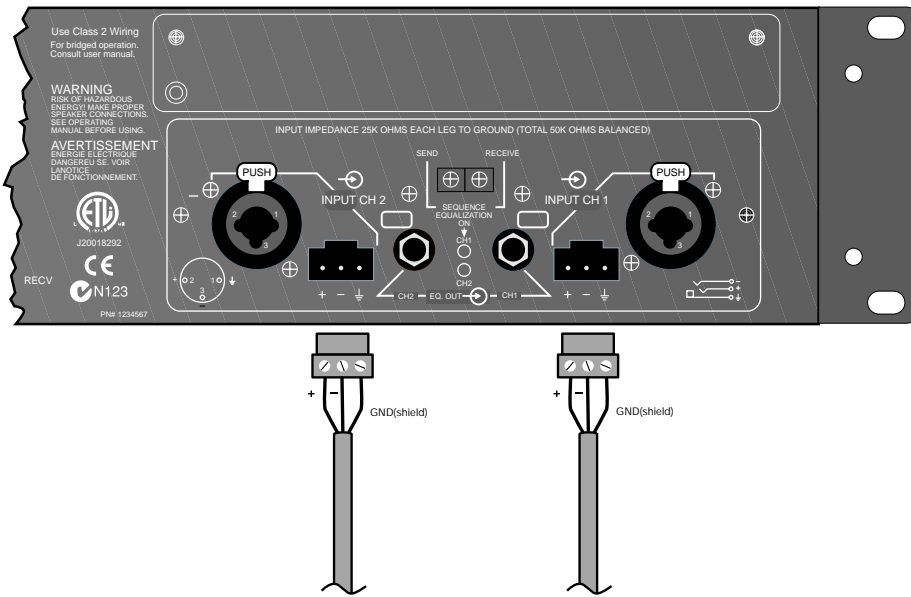


Figure 27

Quick connect terminal block balanced input connection

### 5.2.2 Unbalanced operation

For the 1/4" phone jack, use a 2-conductor (tip-sleeve) 1/4" phone plug. The tip of the plug carries the signal and the sleeve is ground. The ring connection in the jack is automatically grounded by the sleeve (see Figure 28).

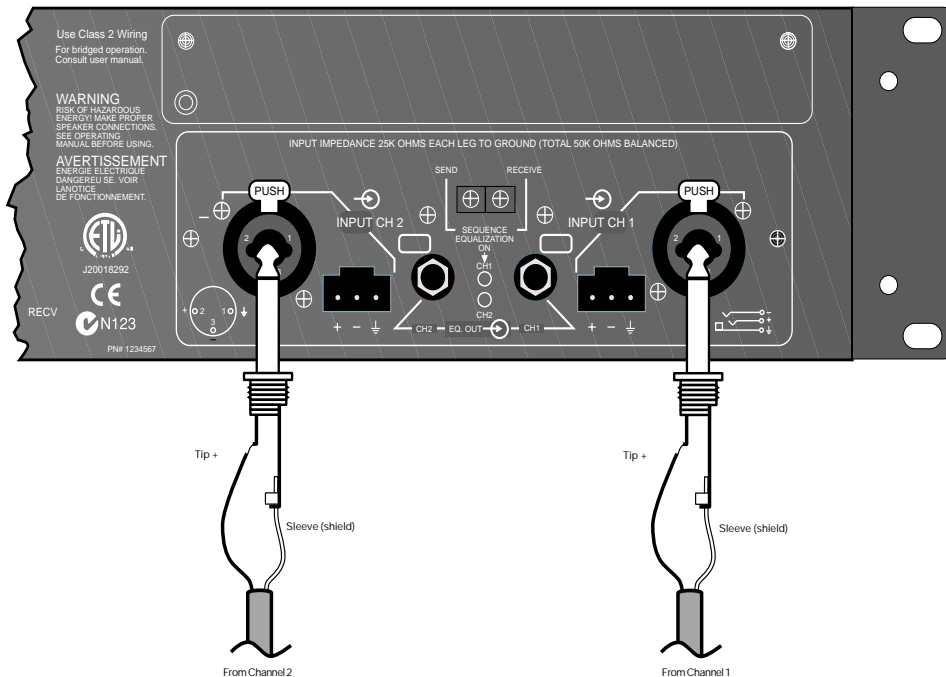


Figure 28

1/4" phone jack unbalanced input connection



## 5.2.2 Unbalanced operation (cont.)

For the XLR connector, pin 2 carries the + (hot, non-inverting) side of the signal, and pin 1 is ground. To reference the input differential amplifier for the correct gain, short pin 3 to pin 1 (see Figure 29).

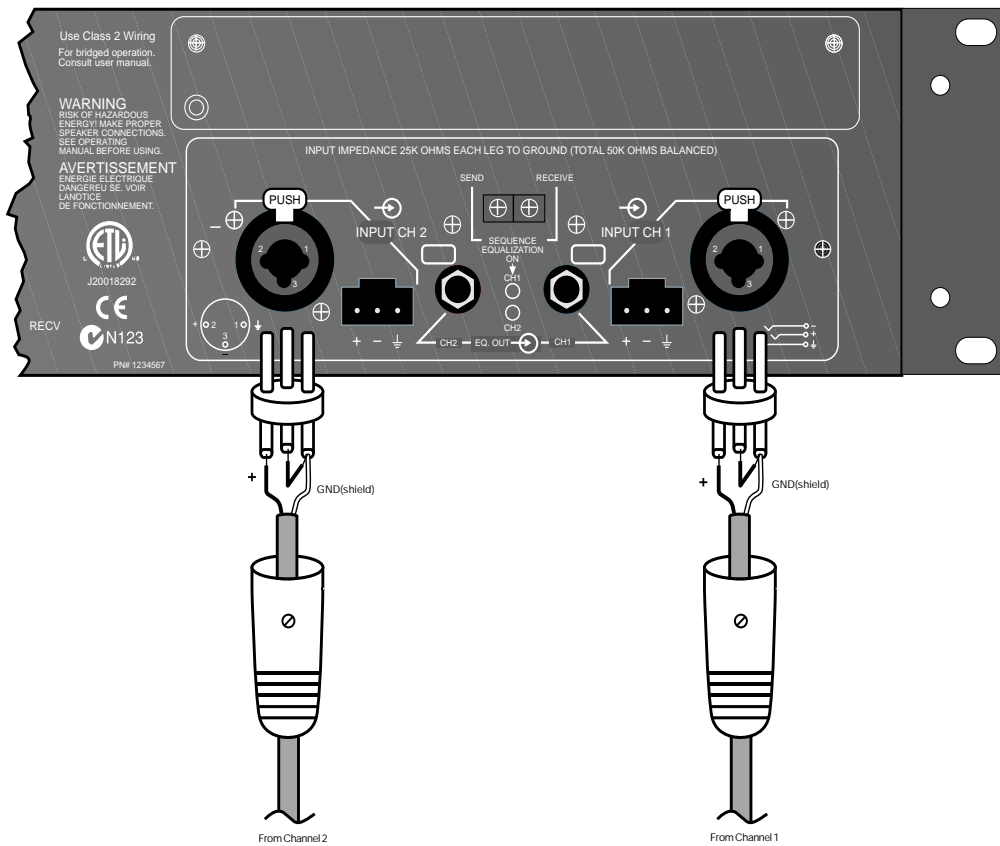


Figure 29

1/4" XLR unbalanced input connection

5.2.2 Unbalanced operation (cont.)

For the quick connect terminal block, pin 3 carries the + (hot, non-inverting) side of the signal, and pin 1 is ground. Short pin 2 to pin 1 in order to reference the input differential amplifier for the correct gain (see Figure 30).

*Note: The gain remains the same whether the input is balanced or unbalanced. However, if you make an unbalanced connection with a balanced source, there will be a -6dB gain loss.*

English

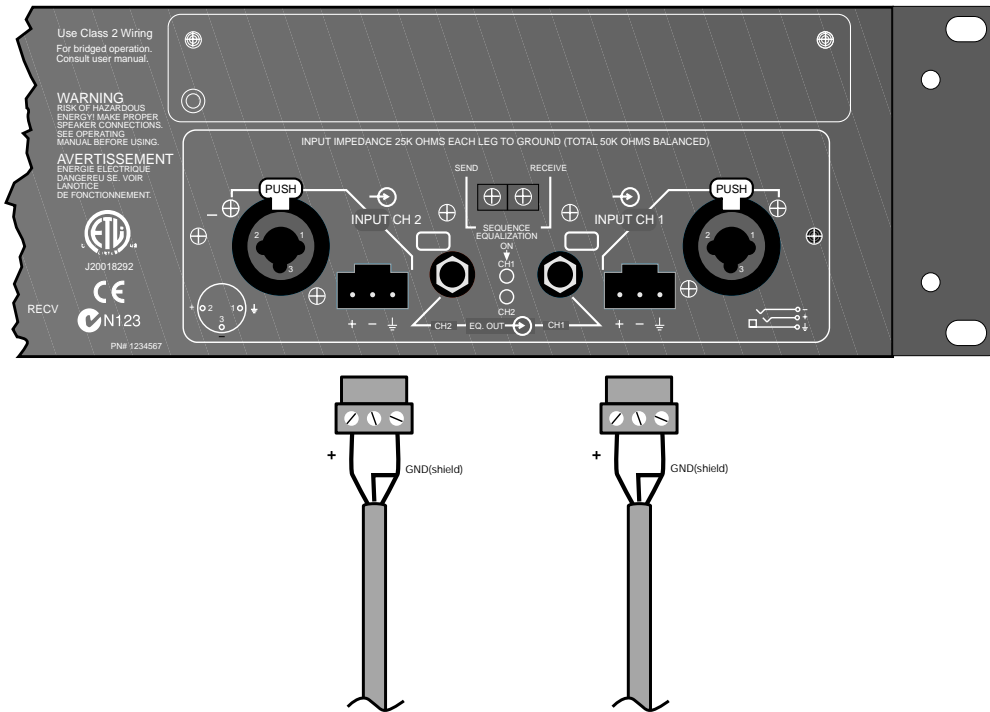


Figure 30

Quick connect terminal block unbalanced input connection

### 5.3 Output wiring

The Model 2150 speaker outputs on the amplifiers can accommodate wire from 20 gauge up to 12. We recommend that you do not use speaker wire smaller than 20 gauge. You must use Class I (NEC) wiring.


The greater the distance between the amplifier and the speakers, the larger the diameter the wire should be. This will minimize power losses across the wire and improve damping of the speaker. Wire thickness specifications (gauges) get larger as the wire gets thinner. A 14-gauge wire is thicker than 18-gauge wire.

Using the following chart as a guide for low-impedance operation (4Ω, 8Ω):

Wire Length	Gauge of Wire
Up to 10'	20 gauge
10' to 15'	18 gauge
15' to 25'	16 gauge
25' to 40'	14 gauge
40' to 60'	12 gauge

Use the following as a guide for high-impedance operation (25V, 35V, 50V, 70V, 100V):

Wire Length	Gauge of Wire
Up to 250'	18 gauge
250' to 500'	16 gauge

 **Caution:** Be sure all the fine strands of the wire are twisted together and contained within the connector. If even one strand is loose and can touch the adjacent terminal, a short circuit may result.

#### 5.3.1 Polarity

In order to have correct phasing between loudspeakers, you must connect them with consistent polarity. While incorrect phasing will do no physical harm, it will diminish your bass response. It is important that each speaker is connected to the amplifier as positive (+) to positive (+) and negative (-) to negative (-).

#### 5.3.2 STEREO/MONO and DUAL/MONO operation

The STEREO/MONO switch is located on the input board behind slot #2 of the standard input module (see Figure 31). For dual-mono operation, move the STEREO/MONO switch all the way to the left to the DUAL/MONO setting. Connect the input signal to CH 2 input (CH 1 input becomes disabled). Connect the speakers to the speaker outputs on the amplifier just as for normal stereo operation. Both speaker outputs will carry the signal connected to the CH 2 input.

*Note:* When changing settings, always disconnect the power cord.

## 5.3 Output wiring (cont.)

### 5.3.3 Stereo/Mono switch

This switch selects between NORMAL STEREO (normal stereo), DUAL MONO (dual mono), or BRIDGED MONO (bridged mono) operation. It is located on the motherboard of the input module.

For NORMAL STEREO operation, use CH 1 and CH 2 inputs. For DUAL MONO or BRIDGED MONO operation, use CH 2 input only. See the section on bridged operation for more information.

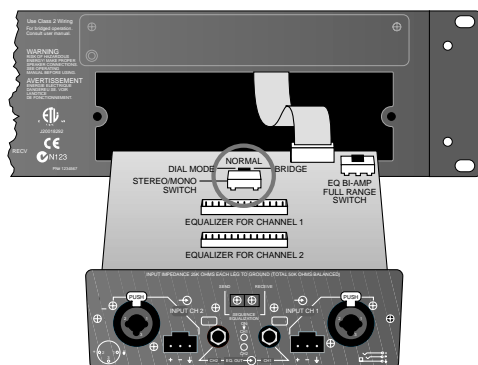


Figure 31

Stereo/Mono switch

### 5.3.4 EQ BI-AMP/FULL RANGE switch

This feature allows the same equalizer card to be used for full range output and bi-amp output. This switch is located on the motherboard of the input module. The module must be removed to access this switch. To select the high frequency output from both equalizer cards, engage this switch (HF ONLY position). This feature is useful when configuring two or more amplifiers and a 502®B module.

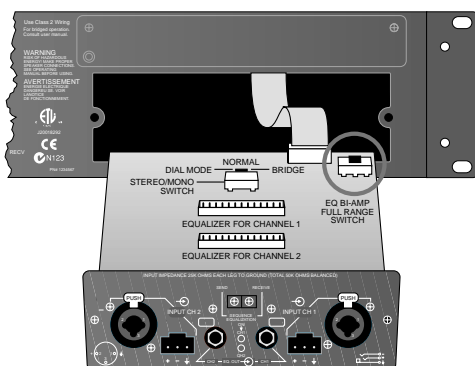


Figure 32

EQ BI-AMP/FULL RANGE switch

### 5.3.5 Stereo operation

The STEREO/MONO switch is located behind slot #2 of the standard input module (see Figure 31). For stereo operation move the STEREO/MONO switch to the middle position. Connect your stereo input signal to CH 1 and CH 2 inputs.

*Note: This is the default setting on the input card.*

Output wiring:

Connect the positive (+) to the desired setting on CH 1 (4Ω, 8Ω, 25V, 35V, 50V, 70V, 100V); then connect the negative (-) to the Common (COM). Next, connect the positive (+) to the desired setting on CH 2 (4Ω, 8Ω, 25V, 35V, 50V, 70V, 100V); then connect the negative (-) to the Common (COM).

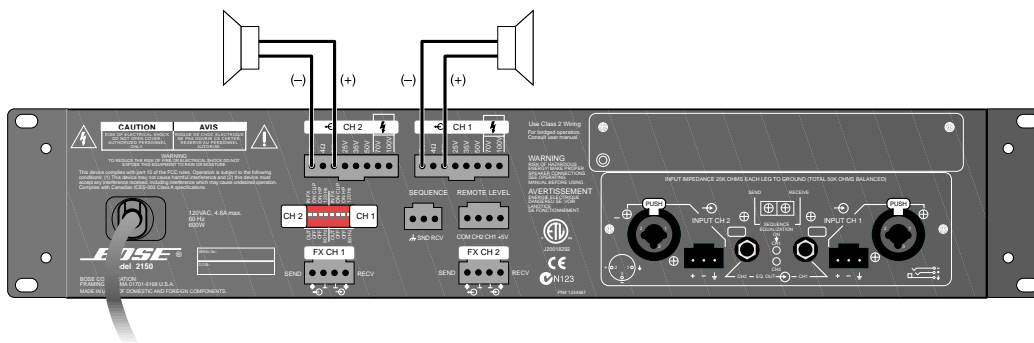


Figure 33

Stereo operation

### 5.3.6 Bridged mono operation

The STEREO/MONO switch is located behind slot #2 of the standard input module (see Figure 31). For bridged mono operation, move the STEREO/MONO switch all the way to the right to the BRIDGED setting. Connect the input signal to CH 2 input (CH 1 input becomes disabled).

Outputs:

Jumper the Commons (COM) on both CH 1 and CH 2. Next, connect the negative (-) to the desired setting CH 1 output and positive (+) to the same setting on the CH 2 output.

When connected in this way, each channel "sees" half the impedance of the speaker connected between them.

*Note: Be sure to set both input level controls to exactly the same setting for equal power distribution per channel.*

In high-impedance bridged mono operation, the amplifier will yield the following results:

<u>Channel 1</u>		<u>Channel 2</u>		<u>Bridged Operation</u>
25V	+	25V	=	50V
35V	+	35V	=	70V
50V	+	50V	=	100V
70V	+	70V	=	140V
100V	+	100V	=	200V

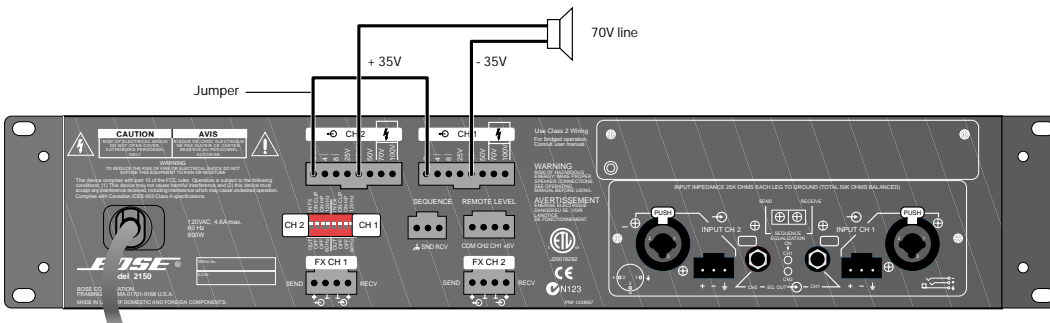


Figure 34

High impedance operation at 70V

In low impedance bridged mono operation, the amplifier will yield the following results:

<u>Channel 1</u>		<u>Channel 2</u>		<u>Bridged Operation</u>
4Ω	+	4Ω	=	8Ω
8Ω	+	8Ω	=	16Ω

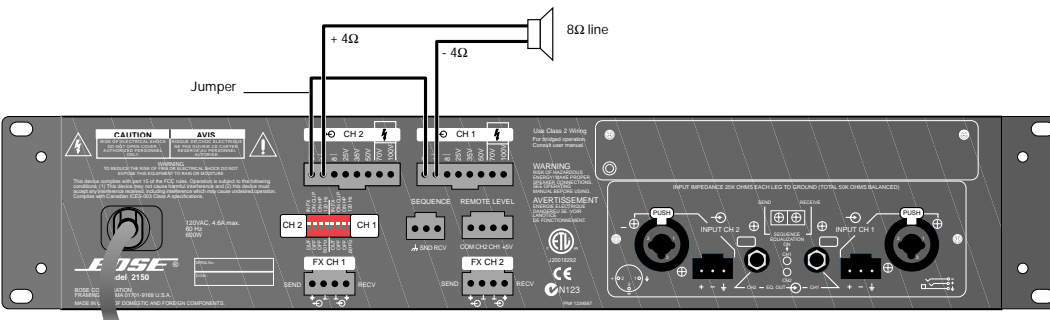


Figure 35

Low impedance operation at 8Ω

### 5.3.7 *Parallel mono*

Parallel mono operation is useful when running sustained high levels in a single load or when driving a low impedance load.

For instructions, contact Bose® or your authorized Bose Professional Products dealer.

## Troubleshooting

<i>Problem</i>	<i>Cause or Solution</i>
No sound, no power (Usually indicates a power supply problem, either in the power line or the amplifier's power supply.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check amplifier. Power off, then turn on.</li> <li>• Linecord disconnected.</li> <li>• Poor fit between the plug and AC receptacle. Try another receptacle.</li> <li>• Power off at AC receptacle. Check with tester or lamp.</li> <li>• Blown amplifier fuse. Replace fuse.</li> <li>• No source playing.</li> <li>• Faulty connection between mixer and amplifier.</li> <li>• Open thermal breaker in the power transformer. Allow amplifier to cool and the breaker will reset itself.</li> </ul>
Power on, low output or no output (Usually signal-source, bad cable or partial output short circuit related.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Input level controls set too low. Reset.</li> <li>• Check to see if problem is at the source. Move the input connections to another amplifier you know is working.</li> <li>• Be sure that there are no small strands of wire touching similar strands coming from the other wire in the cable.</li> <li>• Make sure the speakers are functioning correctly.</li> <li>• If you are using bridged-mono mode, make sure the stereo/mono switch is set correctly.</li> <li>• Use a voltmeter to determine if the power line voltage is dropping excessively when the amplifier is driven hard.</li> <li>• Disconnect equipment in the FX loop to be sure that the equipment is not faulty.</li> <li>• Check remote volume control.</li> </ul>
Playback mixed with hum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check or replace the connecting cables.</li> <li>• Make sure that each screw terminal connection is tight.</li> <li>• Signal cables may have been routed too closely to AC cables, power transformers, motors, or other EMI inducing device.</li> <li>• Connect another source to the power amplifier inputs. If the hum stops, the problem lies with the original source component.</li> </ul>
Distortion (Usually caused by excessive loss in the input controls when the mixer/equalizer/crossover does not produce enough output. Also caused by over-driving that results in output clipping, or current limiting caused by excessively low load impedances.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check input level controls. If set too low, the preceding piece of equipment may not have sufficient output to overcome the loss.</li> <li>• Check speaker connections and verify that all screw connections are tight and that there are no stray strands of wire to cause short circuits.</li> <li>• Verify that the total load impedance presented to the amplifier is within the limits described in this manual for the mode of operation selected.</li> </ul>
Unnatural sound (Some parts of the frequency band do not sound balanced with the rest of the band.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check the EQ cards. Verify that the EQ card corresponds to the model speaker being used and that the EQ card is installed in the proper channel. Verify that the speakers are connected to the same channel that the corresponding EQ card is installed in.</li> <li>• Speakers may be out of phase.</li> </ul>
Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wipe the front panel and chassis with a soft, dry cloth.</li> <li>• For stubborn spots, use a mild dish soap or detergent sparingly applied to a soft cloth.</li> <li>• Don't use alcohol, ammonia, or other strong solvents.</li> </ul>



### *Warranty period*

Bose® warrants the Model 2150 commercial power amplifier with a five-year, transferable, limited warranty. For more information, please read the warranty card.

### *Service*

If you experience problems with your Model 2150 commercial power amplifier, contact your authorized Bose Professional Products dealer. The dealer will verify any defects and arrange for service.

Please complete the owner's registration card included with this guide. Return it to Bose within ten days of purchase.

## Specifications for Bose® Model 2150 Commercial Power Amplifier

### Power Output

Continuous average output power, both channels driven:

150W per channel into 4Ω at 1kHz with 0.5% or less THD

150W per channel into 8Ω at 1kHz with 0.5% or less THD

150W per channel at 100V into a 67Ω load at 1kHz with 0.5% or less THD

150W per channel at 70V into a 33Ω load at 1kHz with 0.5% or less THD

### Bridged mono operation:

300W at 8Ω with 0.5% or less THD

300W at 16Ω with 0.5% or less THD

300W at 100V into a 33Ω load at 1kHz with 0.5% or less THD

300W at 70V into a 16Ω load at 1kHz with 0.5% or less THD

### Power consumption:

60W or less at idle, no input, maximum gain

125W with musical program at 1/8 rated power

250W with musical program at 1/3 rated power

### Power requirements:

485W @ 4Ω with a sinewave test tone, rated continuous power at maximum gain

500W @ 8Ω with a sinewave test tone, rated continuous power at maximum gain

525W @ 70V with a sinewave test tone, rated continuous power at maximum gain

525W @ 100V with a sinewave test tone, rated continuous power at maximum gain

### Net weight

35 lbs. ( 15.9 kg)

### Shipping weight

38 lbs. ( 17.2 kg)

### Output configurations

Audio output transformer taps per channel: 100V, 70V, 50V, 35V, 25V, 8Ω, 4Ω

### Dynamic headroom

1.2 dB

### Full power bandwidth

30Hz to 20kHz @ 0.5% THD

### Frequency response

30Hz to 20kHz (-3dB)

### Channel separation

>80dB @ 1kHz

### Input impedance

50kΩ balanced; 25kΩ unbalanced

### Sensitivity

0.775V for rated power @ 1kHz

### Maximum input

+ 20dBu (7.75 V)

## Specifications for Bose® Model 2150 Commercial Power Amplifier (cont.)

### *IM distortion*

0.2%

### *THD*

<0.5% rated power, <0.2% 1/8 rated power

### *Signal - to - noise ratio*

>95dB A-weighted below full power bandwidth

### *CMRR*

>80dB @ 1kHz

### *Power requirements*

USA/Canada: 120V ~ 50/60 Hz, 600W

International: 220-240V ~ 50/60 Hz, 600W

Japan: 100V ~ 50/60 Hz, 600W

### *Fusing/protection*

Mains internally fused. Amplifier thermal and short circuit protection

### *Display*

19 LED indicators per channel

1 amber NETWORK, 1 amber STANDBY, 2 green READY, 2 red THERMAL, 1 red PROTECT, 2 amber SIGNAL, 2 green -20dB, 2 green -12dB, 2 yellow -6dB, 2 red CLIP

### *Size (H x W x D)*

3.5"H x 19"W x 16"D (8,9cmH x 48,3cmW x 40,1cmD)







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