

## UX-series

Compact High Power 100V mixer-amplifiers

Item ref: UX120 953.014UK

UX240 953.015UK

User Manual



Version 1.0



Caution: Please read this manual carefully before operating  
Damage caused by misuse is not covered by the warranty

## Introduction

Thank you for choosing an Adastra UX-series mixer-amplifier as part of your public address system. This unit is designed to offer high quality, dependable service for mobile and installed systems. Please read this manual to gain the best results from your product and avoid damage through misuse.

### SAFETY SYMBOL AND MESSAGE CONVENTIONS



**CAUTION**  
RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK  
DO NOT OPEN

**AVIS**  
RISQUE DE CHOC ELECTRIQUE NE PAS  
OUVRIR



This symbol indicates that dangerous voltage constituting a risk of electric shock is present within this unit



This symbol indicates that there are important operating and maintenance instructions in the literature accompanying this unit.



### SAFETY NOTICE

1. Prior to use, read through this manual
2. Keep the manual in good condition
3. Pay attention to safety warnings
4. Observe all operating requirements
5. Do not use the device near water or wet areas
6. For cleaning, only use a lint-free, dry cloth
7. Install according to the specifications
8. Place away from heat sources or heating appliances
9. Use mains lead provided and avoid damage to cable or connectors
10. Unplug power from mains during stormy weather or if unused for long periods
11. In case of malfunction, water ingress or other damage, consult qualified service personnel
12. Do not place in damp areas or near liquids or moisture. Do not spill liquids on the housing
13. Please pay attention to warning symbols during transit and placement
14. Terminals marked with the ⚡ symbol are HAZARDOUS LIVE and should only be connected by qualified personnel
15. Ensure that the apparatus is connected to a mains socket with a protective EARTH connection
16. Ensure correct operation of the mains switch

### Warning

To prevent the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose any components to rain or moisture. If liquids are spilled on the casing, stop using immediately, allow unit to dry out and have checked by qualified personnel before further use. Avoid impact, extreme pressure or heavy vibration to the case. No user serviceable parts inside – Do not open the case – refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.

### Safety

- Check for correct mains voltage and condition of IEC lead before connecting to power outlet
- Use double insulated speaker wire with adequate current rating for 100V speaker connections
- Only use 1 type of output – i.e. 8Ω or 100V – do not mix or combine these outputs on a single zone
- Do not connect 8Ω speakers to the 100V terminal or 100V speakers to the 8Ω terminal
- Do not allow any foreign objects to enter the case or through the ventilation grilles

### Placement

- Keep out of direct sunlight and away from heat sources
- Keep away from damp or dusty environments
- For rack-mounting, use the supplied accessories and ensure adequate support
- Ensure adequate airflow and do not cover cooling vents at the front and rear of the amplifier
- Ensure adequate access to controls and connections

### Cleaning

- Use a soft cloth with a neutral detergent to clean the casing as required
- Use a vacuum cleaner to clear ventilation grilles of any dust or debris build-ups
- Do not use strong solvents for cleaning the unit

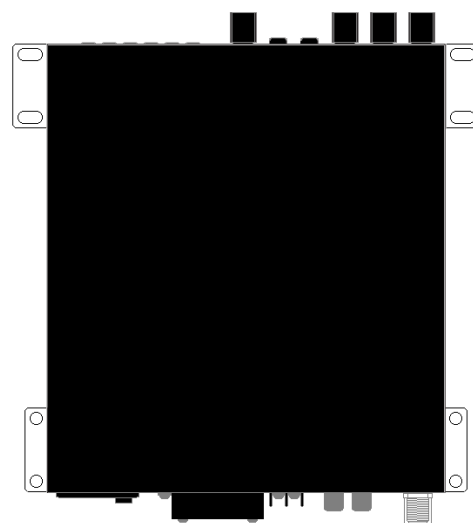
## Rack mounting

The UX series amplifiers can be mounted into a 19" rack cabinet using the supplied rack accessories. As shown below, the 2 joining brackets link a pair of UM series amplifiers together to form a full-width 1U rack-mount pair. One rack ear can be mounted at each end for fixing to the rack strip.

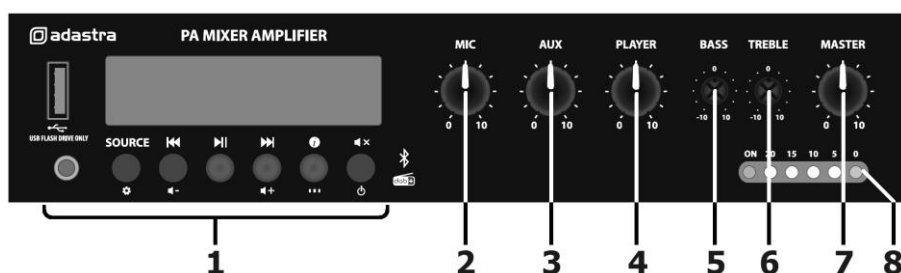


## Wall or under counter mounting

The rack mounting accessories can also be attached so that the amplifier can be mounted against a wall or under a counter or work surface. To do this, mount the rack ears with the tabs aligned with the top of the housing to provide mounting holes to screw the amplifier to the underside of a work surface or against a wall with the controls visible vertically.

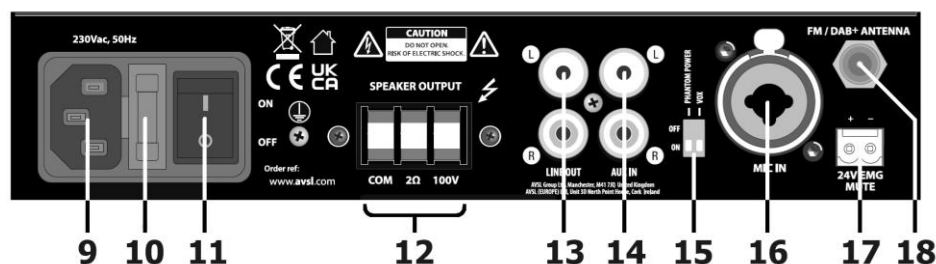


## Front panel



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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Audio player section     | 5. BASS EQ control       |
| 2. MIC input volume control | 6. TREBLE EQ control     |
| 3. AUX input volume control | 7. MASTER volume control |
| 4. PLAYER volume control    | 8. VU meter              |

## Rear panel



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|------------------------------|--|
| 9. IEC power inlet           | 14. AUX IN 2 x RCA sockets               |
| 10. Mains fuse holder        | 15. PHANTOM + VOX DIP switches           |
| 11. On/Off power switch      | 16. MIC input XLR/jack socket            |
| 12. Speaker output terminals | 17. 24V Emergency Mute trigger terminals |
| 13. LINE OUT 2 x RCA sockets | 18. FM/DAB+ antenna connection (F-type)  |

## Connection and setup

Connect the rear IEC inlet (9) to the mains using the supplied mains lead (or an equivalent approved type).

Connect a microphone (if required) to the rear panel MIC input (16) via XLR or jack.

Connect a line level audio input (if required) to the AUX IN connectors (14) on the rear panel using good quality RCA leads. An additional 3.5mm AUX line input is provided on the front panel for connecting a playback device such as a smart phone or MP3 player and is controlled through the audio player section. Further amplifiers can be connected from the rear LINE OUT sockets (13)

For stable DAB+ or FM radio reception, connect the Antenna 'F' type socket (18) to a suitable antenna.

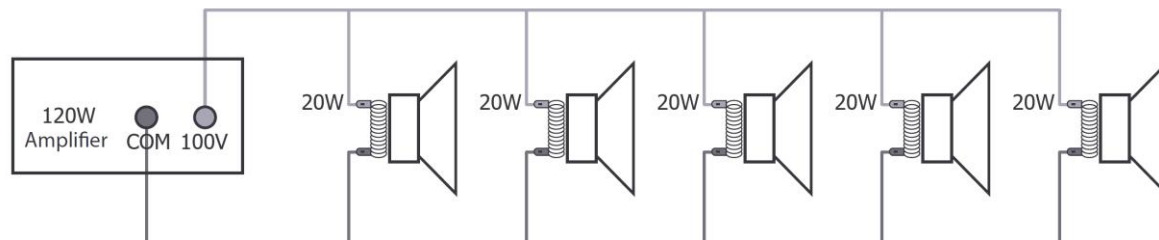
For buildings with a fire or security panel with 24Vdc trigger output, this trigger output can be connected to the 24V MUTE terminals (17), which will mute all except the mic input when 24V is present on the terminals. (The 24V contacts can be connected with either polarity +/- or -/+ to operate)

The UX series amplifiers can be used either as 100V line amplifiers or 2Ω low impedance power amplifiers. These 2 configurations cannot be used together, so it is important to decide which method to use at the start.

### 100V line systems

For 100V line systems, connect the amplifier to the first speaker in the system using double-insulated speaker wire which has adequate current rating to handle the total output of the amplifier.

Connect the "100V" output terminal to the positive (+) connection of the speaker and "COM" output to the negative (-) connection of the speaker (12). Connect further speakers in parallel to the first speaker with all positive terminals connected together and all negative terminals connected together as shown below.



A 100V line speaker system can comprise of many speakers connected together. The determining factor for how many speakers can be used on a single amplifier is the power rating. For most purposes, it is advised to connect as many speakers as needed with a combined wattage of no more than 90% of the amplifier's output power rating.

The terminals of a 100V speaker are connected to a transformer and in some cases, this transformer may be "tapped" for different power ratings. These tapings can be used to adjust the wattage (and output volume) of each speaker in the system to help achieve the ideal total power of the system for the amplifier.

### Low impedance systems

The UX120/UX240 amplifiers can alternatively provide an output for low impedance speakers by connecting the "2Ω" output to the positive (+) speaker connection and "COM" output to the negative (-) speaker connection. It is important to ensure that the total speaker load is no lower than 2Ω and that the power handling of the connected speakers is equal to or greater than the output power of the amplifier.

For example, 4 x 8Ω speakers can be connected in parallel to combine as a 2Ω load, with each handling a quarter of the amplifier's output. It is also acceptable to connect 1, 2 or 3 x 8Ω speakers this way, or even 4Ω and 16Ω speakers if needed. In all cases, the total load cannot be lower than 2Ω and able to handle the output power of the amplifier.

## Operation

When all connections to the amplifier are made, turn all volume controls down (keeping TREBLE and BASS at the vertical 12 o'clock position) Switch on the power (11) and the "ON" LED will illuminate.

Ensure a signal is being fed to the AUX IN input and gradually increase the MASTER rotary control (7) part way for testing. Increase the AUX rotary (3) until the output is heard through the speakers. Turn up the MASTER to the maximum required volume level and reduce the AUX IN control if necessary.

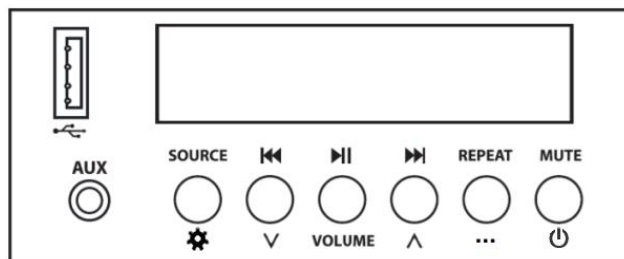
Note: If a line input is not connected to a UX-series mixer-amplifier, the initial test can be made using the built-in audio player. See section below for instructions.

If a microphone is connected, make sure it is switched on and gradually increase the MIC control (2) whilst speaking into the microphone until the required volume level is reached. The microphone should not be able to "hear" the speakers, which can cause feedback (squealing or howling noise).

## Audio player

The UX-series mixer-amps are each fitted with a built-in audio player.

The audio player has a Bluetooth receiver, USB mp3 player and a DAB or FM tuner. Pressing the SOURCE select button will step through Bluetooth, USB, DAB and FM tuner modes.



Pressing the MUTE button for any source will mute the output. Holding the MUTE button powers down the player section and pressing it again powers it up again.

## Settings menu

The audio player has a menu for global settings, which can be accessed by holding down the SOURCE button. Press ◀◀ and ▶▶ to step through menu pages and ▶ || to select an option. Press REPEAT / ... to go back.

Setting	Press ▶	Press ▶    to step through settings and enter. Use ◀◀ and ▶▶ to adjust values
<Time>	<Set Time/Date>	DD-MM-YYYY... HH:MM
	<Set 12/24 hour>	<Set 24 hour> / <Set 12 hour>
	<Set date format>	<DD-MM-YYYY> / <MM-DD-YYYY>
	<Auto update>	<Update from Any> / <No Update> / <Update from FM> / <Update from DAB>
<Backlight>	<Timeout>	< On / 10 Sec / 20 Sec / 30 Sec / 45 Sec / 60 Sec / 90 Sec / 120 Sec / 180 Sec >
	<On level>	<Low> / <Medium> / <High> (brightness)
<Language>	<English> / <Deutsch> / <Italiano> / <Français> / <Español> / <Português>	
<Factory Reset>	<No> / <Yes> (“Yes” will reset the audio player and start to re-scan for DAB, Bluetooth will need to be re-paired)	
<SW version>	Displays the current software version	

## Bluetooth

Search available Bluetooth devices on your smart phone or other sending device for a device with Bluetooth ID "adastra-\*\*\*\*" (where \*\*\*\* is a unique ID number for each unit). Select to pair and connect with this ID. When paired and connected, set the volume low on the smart phone or other sending device and play a track to check the sound through the speakers, increasing the volume on the smart phone to the required level.

Playback controls on the audio player can remotely operate the smart phone from the amplifier front panel. Pressing ▶ || will pause or play the current track, whilst holding ▶ || will disconnect the current device. Pressing ◀◀ or ▶▶ will select previous or next track. Holding ◀◀ or ▶▶ will decrease or increase output volume.

Pressing the REPEAT / ... button will switch the display to show the current time/date on the lower text line.

If there is no Bluetooth playback for 15 minutes, the display will revert to show the current time and date.

## USB player

The audio player can play mp3 or wma files stored on a USB flash drive (formatted FAT32 or exFAT) Select USB using the SOURCE button and insert the USB storage device containing the tracks. The display will show the play status and repeat status on the upper text line.

Pressing ▶ || will pause or play the current track, whilst ◀◀ or ▶▶ will select the previous or next track. Holding the ◀◀ or ▶▶ button will decrease or increase the output volume of the audio player.

Pressing the REPEAT/... button selects the lower text line information, cycling through ID3 info, time & date. The repeat mode can be set by holding the REPEAT/... button, pressing ▶ ||, and selecting using ◀◀ or ▶▶. NR = Normal (no repeat), RA = Repeat All, R1 = Repeat One (current track), Rd = Random.

If there is no USB playback for 15 minutes, the display will revert to show the current time and date.

## DAB/DAB+ tuner

The audio player has a digital radio receiver which can decode the DAB/DAB+ signal for high quality radio reception. To receive this signal, connect the DAB/FM Aerial 'F' connector on the rear panel (to an external or indoor active aerial that can receive the DAB/DAB+ frequency band (174-240MHz) Press and hold the ▶ || button to initiate auto-tuning for the DAB radio tuner. The display will show "Scanning..." with a progress bar and the number of stations detected and stored.

The display will show the current station in the upper row of text and additional information on the lower row. Select the station to be played using the ◀◀ and ▶▶ buttons.

Pressing the REPEAT/... button will cycle the display to show additional tuning, audio information, current time or date. Holding this button opens a sub-menu for the FM tuner.

<b>Setting</b>	Press ▶    then use ◀◀ and ▶▶ to step through settings and ▶    again to select.
<Full scan>	Press ▶    to scan and store all available stations
<Preset Recall>	Select a stored station (use ◀◀ and ▶▶ to select 1-30)
<Preset Store>	Select a memory slot (use ◀◀ and ▶▶ to select 1-30) and press ▶    to store the current station into the preset slot
<Manual tune>	Use ◀◀ and ▶▶ to step through DAB frequency band
<Prune>	<No> / <Yes> (removes any redundant stations from memory)
<DRC>	<off> / <low> / <high> setting for dynamic range compression (loud vs quiet balance)

## FM Tuner

The FM tuner function operates in the same way as a standard FM radio and will benefit from the connection of an FM antenna to the rear panel 'F' type connector.

If no channels are tuned in, press the Play/Pause ► || button to begin auto tuning, which scans available stations and stores them as channels within the FM tuner. Pressing Play/Pause again will abort auto-tuning.

To delete any selected station, press and hold the REPEAT button.  
Repeat the auto tuning process to re-populate any missing presets.

To step through pre-set stations, press the Previous ◀◀ or Next ▶▶ buttons.  
Turn up the PLAYER volume control to hear the output from the speakers and increase to the required level.

Holding the Previous ◀◀ or Next ▶▶ buttons will adjust the output volume of the player.

Pressing the REPEAT/... button will cycle the display to show additional tuning, audio information, current time or date. Holding this button opens a sub-menu for the FM tuner.

Setting	Press ►
<Preset Recall >	Select a stored station (use ◀◀ and ▶▶ to select 1-30)
<Preset Store >	Select a memory slot (use ◀◀ and ▶▶ to select 1-30) and ►    to store current station in the slot
<Scan Setting >	<All stations> / <Strong station> (only stores stations with a strong signal)
<Audio Setting >	<Stereo allowed> / <Forced mono>

## Line In Mode

When "Line in" mode is selected on the audio player, the front panel 3.5mm stereo AUX input is fed through the audio player. This is still governed by the MUTE control and rotary PLAYER volume control (4).

## Specifications

Model	UX120	UX240
Output power: RMS	120W	240W
Power supply	170-264Vac, 50Hz (IEC) or 24Vdc	
Amplifier: construction	Class D + transformer output	
Audio source	Internal USB/DAB+/FM/BT player	
Bluetooth version	5.0	
Inputs	1 x mic (6.3mm), 1 x line (2 x RCA), 1 x aux (3.5mm)	
Line output	2 x RCA (mono)	
Speaker outputs	Screw terminals - 100V / 2Ω / Com	
Mute	24V relay contacts	
THD	<0.4% @ 1kHz	
Input impedance	1k Ohms (mic/line)	
Input sensitivity	-10dB (line), -45dB (mic)	
Dimensions	320 x 210 x 54mm	350 x 210 x 54mm
Weight	3.36kg	4.32kg

## Troubleshooting

No power LED on control panel	Check IEC lead, mains switch and inlet fuse
Power LED is on but no other LEDs and no output	Check input signals and condition of input connection leads
	Check MASTER, MIC, AUX, or PLAYER controls are turned up
Power light and output LEDs lighting but no output	Check speaker output terminals are connected correctly
	Check speakers are working (test on another amp if available)
Bluetooth cannot connect	Ensure that the sending device is within Bluetooth range (5-10m)
	Check that the connected device is the correct ID for this amplifier
No audio from connected Bluetooth device	Ensure that volume controls are not turned down on sending device
	Check volume and Play/Pause buttons in case Bluetooth is muted
USB player will not play audio from memory device	Press PLAY on transport controls
	Check memory device is connected properly (remove and re-insert)
	Check file types – standard mp3 or wmv audio files required
	Check memory device works on a PC or Mac for standard playback
Output is very loud or distorted	Check level of input signal is not too high
	Reduce MIC, AUX, PLAYER and/or MASTER level
	Ensure Hi-Z line level input(s) not connected via MIC input
Output is working but at very low level	Check input audio source level is not too low
	Increase MIC, AUX, PLAYER and/or MASTER level
	Check for quiet recording of audio files on USB
Feedback from microphone	Face microphone away from speakers and monitors
	Turn down MIC and/or MASTER level
Amplifier overheating or cutting out	Check that low impedance speakers are not connected to 100V terminals
	Check minimum load impedance of speakers connected to the 2Ω terminal
	Ensure total 100V speaker wattage is lower than amplifier rating
	Ensure that 100V and 2Ω speakers are not both connected simultaneously



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