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**Auto  
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Allows the amplifier to  
turn on and off without  
the need for a remote  
turn-on wire

**PULSE CBR 12A**  
PULSECBR12A-V0

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Active Bass Reflex Subwoofer Enclosures



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## Owners Manual

Congratulations on purchasing your VIBE bass enclosure. Please read this manual in order to fully understand how to get the best results from this product and ensure that all advice on how to look after the product is followed.

Thank you for buying VIBE, we hope you enjoy listening to your product as much as we enjoyed creating it.

### Attention



An aftermarket audio amplifier will place an additional load on the vehicles charging system.

Most modern vehicles have sufficient capacity in the charging system as not all the electrical components of the vehicle will be switched on at once.

Check the fuse rating of the amplifier and use this as the peak current requirement.

Generally the continuous current draw will be a third of the peak current.

### Warning

During the normal use of this enclosure, the amplifier heatsink may become very hot. Please do not touch during or immediately after use.

Please ensure that when installing this product the heatsink will not come into contact with any materials that may be damaged by heat such as upholstery or plastics.

## Limited Warranty

All VIBE products carry a full 12 month warranty, valid from the date of the original receipt and proof of purchase (UK only). The online warranty card should be completed within seven days of the original purchase date. The original receipt and packaging should be retained for this twelve month period. If the product develops a problem any stage during the warranty period, it should be returned to the point of purchase in its original packaging, and complete with no items missing.

A full description of VIBE's warranty information can be found on our website:

**[www.vibeaudio.co.uk](http://www.vibeaudio.co.uk)**

### What Is Not Covered

- Damage to product due to improper installation.
- Subsequent damage to other components.
- Damage caused by exposure to moisture, excessive heat, chemical cleaners and / or UV radiation.
- Damage through negligence, misuse, accident or abuse. Repeated returns for the same fault may be considered abuse.
- Any cost or expense related to the removal and / or re-installation of the product.
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## Mounting Guidelines

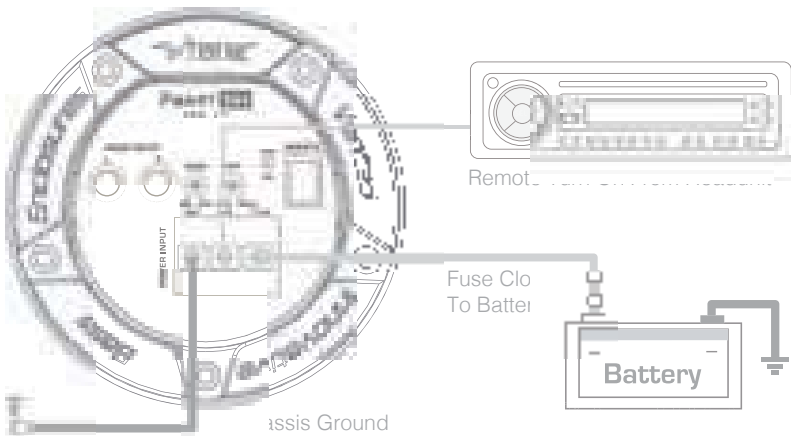
Your VIBE enclosure is designed with a swift installation routine in mind.

Please mount the enclosure in a dry location on a solid surface.

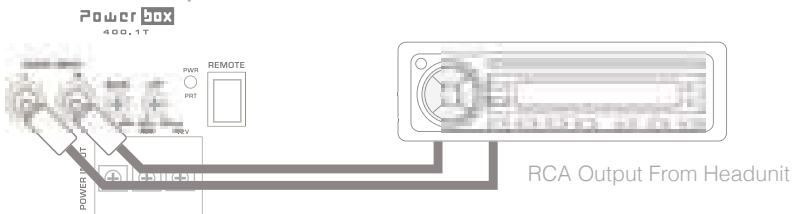
NEVER mount the enclosure upside down as this will cause the amplifier to over heat and will eventually damage the amplifier.

Before fixing the enclosure in place please ensure that there is sufficient air flow around the exterior of the casing, at least two inches is sufficient.

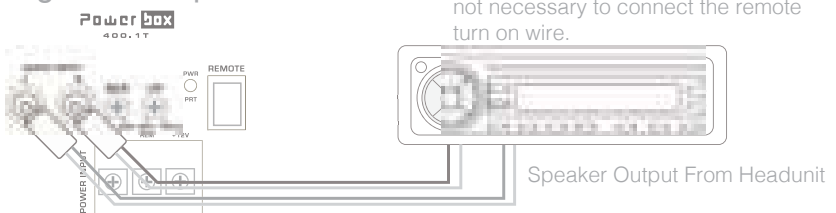
## Power Connections



## Low Level Input Connections



## High Level Input Connections



**NOTE :** When using high level input it is not necessary to connect the remote turn on wire.

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## Power Cable

- At least 10 gauge cable or Rapid Fit kit should be used for the power connection to the amplifier.
- The power cable should be taken directly from the battery. Rubber grommets should be used when passing through any bulkheads to prevent the cable from becoming chaffed or cut.
- It is vital that a fuse / circuit breaker (of at least equal value to the one fitted in the amplifier) is placed inline with the power cable and is no further than 18 inches away from the battery.
- Please ensure that the fuse is not fitted until the entire installation procedure is complete.

## Ground Cable

- At least 10 gauge cable or Rapid Fit kit should be used for the ground connection to the amplifier.
- The amplifier ground should be connected directly to the chassis of the vehicle, to bare metal.
- The cable length should be kept to an absolute minimum.
- It is not recommended that you connect the ground cable to the vehicles seatbelts anchor point.

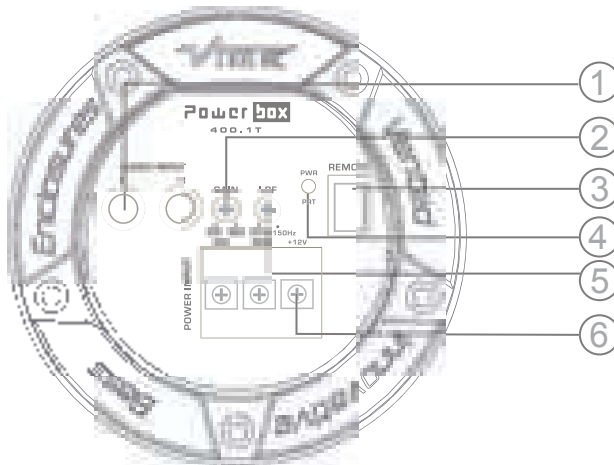
## Auto Turn On (High level Input Only)

- The SLICK active enclosures feature an auto turn on circuit called Autosense.
- This circuit allows the amplifier to switch on and off without a remote turn on wire when using high level input, for low level input (RCA) it will still be necessary to connect the remote turn on wire from the headunit.
- When the connected source (headunit) is turned on the amplifier will turn on automatically, after the connected source (headunit) is turned off the amplifier will shut down.
- It will be necessary to connect an RCA plug to the speaker output of your headunit, please ensure correct polarity or a loss of bass will result  
Centre pin : **Positive**  
Outer pin : **Negative**

## RCA Cables

- Please take extra care when running these cables from the source to the amplifier. Ensure that they are placed away from all items that can generate any interference, wiring harnesses etc.
- It is recommended that the RCA cables should be run on opposite sides of the car to the previously installed power cables if possible, to avoid the cable picking up interference.

## Terminals And Connections



### 1. High / low level input

For connection to either the speaker output of your source (head unit) this is to be used if the source (headunit) does not have a low level output or connection to any source (head unit) with a low level output. This is your RCA output from the source (headunit). If using high level input, it will be necessary to connect an RCA plug to the speaker output of your headunit, please ensure correct polarity or a loss of bass will result.  
Centre pin : **Positive**  
Outer pin : **negative**

### 2. Gain control

This control is used to match the input signal of the source to the amplifier. See the setup section for more details.

### 3. Remote level control port

For connection to the optional remote level control for the amplifier.

### 4. Power / protect LED

If the amplifier is operating normally, the GREEN LED will illuminate.  
If the amplifier is in protection mode the RED LED will illuminate.

### 5. Low Pass Filter (LPF)

This control is used to set the crossover frequency for the amplifier when LPF is selected. The frequency is adjustable between 30Hz and 150Hz.

### 6. Power terminals

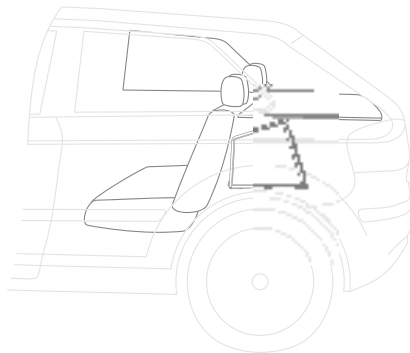
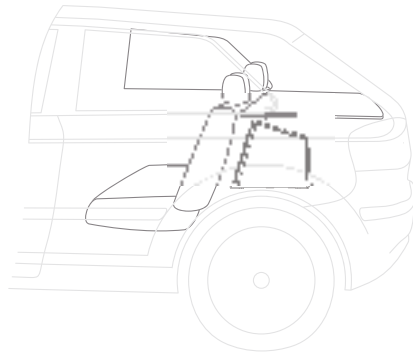
Used to connect DC power to the amplifier. See the power connections section for more details.

## Installation

The most common place to mount a bass enclosure is in the luggage compartment of the vehicle.

Where in the luggage compartment it is mounted will have an effect on the sound produced, allowing the user to tailor the sound to suit their musical tastes. For example, if the enclosure is mounted facing the rear bumper the bass produced will be noticeably deeper than if it is fired into the rear seat.

Do not be afraid to experiment with positioning as a little time and effort can yield great improvements in sound.



NOTE: When you have chosen your mounting position, please ensure that the enclosure is securely mounted and cannot move or come into contact with objects in the luggage area.

Damage to the enclosure or subwoofer caused by these objects will not be covered under warranty.

It is also advisable to use additional luggage straps to secure the enclosure.

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## Set Up Section

### Gain Control Setting

To correctly set the gain control of the amplifier to match that of the source (headunit) use the following setup routine:

- Turn the gain control to minimum on the amplifier.
- On the headunit set all crossovers to flat and both bass and treble to zero.
- Turn up the source (headunit) to approximately 3/4 volume.
- Very slowly turn up the gain on the amplifier until distortion can be heard in any of the speakers or until the volume reaches an uncomfortable listening level when this is reached turn down the gain control slightly.
- Do not increase the level so much that the subwoofers are driven into distortion as this will cause damage to the product that will not be covered under warranty.

The gain control is now set.

### Crossover Setting

All VIBE active enclosures come with a built in frequency control. This will allow you to set the frequency at which the crossover filter will take affect. It is variable from 30 Hz - 150 Hz. 30 Hz will produce only low frequencies, very deep bass. Whilst 150 Hz will produce low and higher punchy bass frequencies. In the correct set up the bass should not be overly prominent, although some users may wish to have a bigger bass presence.

To set this correctly follow the following routine:

- Firstly set the gain control correctly as described above.
- Play a known piece of dynamic music through the entire system.
- Use the frequency control to blend the frequencies from the subwoofer into the rest of the vehicle so that the bass coming from the enclosure disappears or blends in with the rest of the car speakers.

The crossover is now set.

## Run In Procedure

VIBE recommends that you follow the run in procedure for the subwoofer detailed below.

- When your subwoofer is used for the first time, naturally like most brand new items it is very stiff and rigid. It will take time for the moving parts of the subwoofer to loosen up before the subwoofer is ready to deliver it's full potential.
- For the first 30 hours it is recommended that you play the subwoofer initially at low to medium volumes and gradually increase the volume as time progresses.
- As a guide if you listen to your subwoofer for one hour every day it will take a month to run in.

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## Troubleshooting

### The Amplifier Will Not Power Up

- Check for good ground connections. Ensure that the ground cable is connected directly to bare metal and not a painted surface
- Using a multimeter ensure that the remote (REM) terminal has at least +12v DC.
- Using a multimeter ensure that the Battery voltage is at least 12v DC and below 16v DC.
- Check all fuses.
- Check that the protection light is not illuminated, if it is illuminated try turning the amplifier off for a short period of time and then turn back on.

### Protection LED Is Illuminated

- Check for shorts on all cables
- The amplifier is designed to shut down once automatically when the temperature reaches 80°C, if the amplifier heatsink is very hot this may be the reason for the amplifier shutting down.
- Remove the signal cables and try to restart the amplifier, if the amplifier will not restart then it is possible that the amplifier has been damaged. This damage may have been as a result of abuse or failure to follow the advice in this manual.

### Blown Fuses

- Check both positive and ground cables for shorts.
- Check that the positive wire is connected to the +12V terminal of the amplifier
- Check that the negative wire is connected to the GND terminal of the amplifier
- Check that the correct external fuse is fitted.  
CBR12A 1 x 20 amps : CBR12TA 1 x 30 amps

### Distorted Sound

- Reduce the gain until the sound is no longer distorted.

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## UK Technical Enquiries

**Call 09067031420**

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## Specification

Model	PULSECBR12A-V0
Driver	PULSE 12
Type	Active bass enclosure
Peak/RMS Power	900W/300W
Impedance	2 $\Omega$
Dimensions (H x W x D)	13.9" x 21.6" x 16.7" (354mm x 550mm x 425mm)
Configuration	4th order bass reflex
Enclosure Type	Trapezium Bass Enclosure
Recommended external fuse	25 amp



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