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|INTRODUCTION

This application calculates the theoretical acoustical impedance, acoustical power, electrical impedance, diaphragm displacement, phase response and group delay versus frequency characteristics of finite and infinite horn loaded loudspeakers.

Finite horns radiating into free space, half space, quarter space or eighth space can be analysed ($4 \times \text{Pi}$, $2 \times \text{Pi}$, Pi or $\text{Pi} / 2$ steradians solid angle).

Horn systems can have an oblate spheroidal waveguide, a single Le Cléac'h, tractrix, radius, spherical wave or Salmon's family hyperbolic-exponential flare segment, or up to four conical, exponential and/or parabolic flare segments connected in series, coupled to a throat chamber, loudspeaker driver and acoustically lined or vented rear chamber. Horns with multiple drivers and arrays of multiple loudspeakers can be modelled.

A parabolic (Par) flare should be used when simulating a rectangular cross-sectional area horn segment having two parallel straight sides and two sloping straight sides, where the area varies linearly with axial length.

Horn segment parameter values can be reset to zero by entering a blank for the throat area, mouth area, axial length, flare cutoff frequency, flare parameter or throat entry half-angle.

For multiple-segment horns, the more that the value of Cir (mouth circumference in flare cutoff frequency wavelengths) exceeds 1 for any horn segment, the less accurate the calculated throat acoustical impedance and other results become.

The application assumes that the velocity of sound in air is 344 metres per second, and that the density of air is 1.205 kilograms per cubic metre.

The driver diaphragm is modelled as a rigid plane circular piston. No allowance is made for frequency-dependent directional characteristics due to driver cone angle or cone material, or for changes in moving mass, acoustical impedance or radiated power caused by diaphragm resonance modes.

Horn transmission losses are assumed to be zero, unless absorbent filling material is specified.

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|INPUT PARAMETERS WINDOW  
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Moving the mouse pointer over an object or message on the input parameters window displays a context-sensitive explanatory note in the status bar panel at the bottom of the window.

After calculating results by pressing F5 or clicking the Calculate button, press F2 to move to the next window, Shift+F2 to move to the previous window or Esc or F5 to return to the input parameters window from any result window.

To enter a length, area or volume value in Imperial inch or foot units, press F6 in edit mode when the relevant input parameter has the focus.

|Radiation, Amplifier and Mouth Parameters
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Ang Solid radiation angle (steradians).

Enter 4, 2, 1 or 0.5 for finite horn, 0 for infinite horn, or double-click the angle parameter.

Eg Amplifier open circuit root-mean-square voltage (volts).

Enter 0 for driver diaphragm constant rms velocity of 10 centimetres per second.

Rg Amplifier output resistance (ohms).

Cir Free space normalised horn mouth circumference in flare cutoff frequency wavelengths.

Fta Horn mouth flare tangent angle (degrees).

|Horn Parameters  
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S1 Horn segment 1 throat area (sq cm).

S2 Horn segment 1 mouth area and horn segment 2 throat area (sq cm).

L12 Horn segment 1 axial length (cm).

To select Con, Exp or Par flare in edit mode, press C, E or P when the relevant horn segment length parameter has the focus or double-click the length label. The length value must be non-zero to preserve the flare setting. To select Hyp, Lec, Obl, Rad, Sph or Tra flare in edit mode, press H, L, O, R, S or T when the L12 length parameter has the focus.

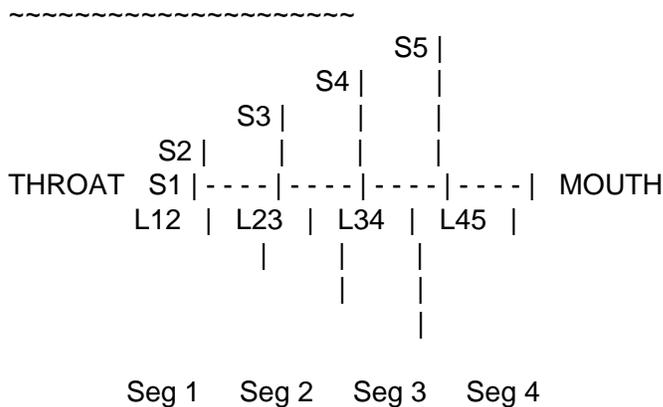
F12 Horn segment 1 flare cutoff frequency (hertz).

T Hyperbolic-exponential and Le Cléac'h horn flare parameter.
Enter 0 for catenoidal, < 1 for cosh, 1 for exponential, > 1 for sinh
or 99999.99 for conical.

R Radius horn flare profile radius (cm).

AT Horn throat entry half-angle (degrees).

Multiple Segment Horn



|Driver Parameters

Sd Driver diaphragm piston area (sq cm).

Bl Driver magnetic flux density x voice coil conductor length (tesla.m).

Cms Driver diaphragm suspension mechanical compliance (m/newton).

Rms Driver diaphragm suspension mechanical resistance (newton.sec/m).

Mmd Driver diaphragm and voice coil dynamic mechanical mass (gm).

Mmd equals Mms (total moving mass) minus air load.

Le Driver voice coil inductance (millihenrys).

Re Driver voice coil dc resistance (ohms).

Nd Number and position of drivers in loudspeaker.

Specify driver system configuration using the Driver Arrangement tool.

fs Driver free-air resonance frequency (hertz).

Vas Volume of air that provides a restoring force equal to that of the driver's mechanical compliance (litres).

Qes Driver resonant electrical Q at the driver resonance frequency, due solely to inherent electromagnetic damping.

Qms Driver resonant mechanical Q at the driver resonance frequency, due solely to internal mechanical damping.

Qts Driver total Q.

|Chamber Parameters

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Vrc Rear chamber volume (litres).

Lrc Rear chamber average length (cm).

Fr Rear chamber acoustical lining airflow resistivity (mks rayls/m).

Tal Rear chamber acoustical lining thickness (cm).

Fr1 Absorbent filling material airflow resistivity (mks rayls/m).

Tal1 Absorbent material filled length (cm and percent).

Ap Vented rear chamber port cross-sectional area (sq cm).

Lpt Vented rear chamber port tube length (cm).

Ap1 Throat port or throat adaptor entry cross-sectional area (sq cm).

Lp Throat port tube or throat adaptor length (cm).

Vtc Throat chamber volume (cc).

Atc Throat chamber average cross-sectional area normal to axis (sq cm).

The rear chamber volume is the effective enclosed air volume behind the driver diaphragm, including any space occupied by acoustical lining material but excluding port tube, driver magnet and chassis assemblies.

The throat chamber volume is the effective air volume between the driver diaphragm and the throat chamber port, the throat adaptor entry or the horn throat.

The locations of the throat chamber and rear chamber are as shown in the schematic diagram.

Set relevant values to zero if no throat chamber, rear chamber, acoustical lining, port tube or throat adaptor.

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|DEFAULT RESULT WINDOWS
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|Schematic Diagram  
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Loudspeaker schematic diagram and system volume. The design is assumed to be axisymmetric. Use the mouse pointer to identify component parts and show scale.

|Acoustical Impedance
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Horn throat acoustical resistance and reactance in normalised acoustical ohms versus frequency in hertz. The actual cgs acoustical resistance and reactance can be determined by multiplying the chart values by the given scaling factor.

|Acoustical Power  
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Constant directivity sound pressure produced at a point source normalised distance of one metre when the driver is supplied with a signal of a given voltage, versus frequency in hertz. The level is expressed in decibels relative to the standard reference sound pressure of 20 micropascals.

The Directivity Response tool can be used to take into account the frequency dependent directional characteristics of direct radiating single drivers and finite single-segment horns.

|Electrical Impedance
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Loudspeaker electrical input impedance magnitude in ohms versus frequency in hertz.

|Diaphragm Displacement  
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One-way maximum displacement of the driver diaphragm from its mean position in millimetres for a specified input signal, versus frequency in hertz. The actual displacement can be determined by dividing the chart value by the scaling factor, where given.

Behaviour at all input voltage levels is assumed to be linear. No allowance is made for low frequency high power amplitude compression.

Each diaphragm in a multiple driver configuration has the same displacement, as given by the calculated value.

|Phase Response
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Phase-angle difference in degrees between the input voltage and the output sound pressure of a loudspeaker system, versus frequency in hertz.

By default, the phase is corrected by adding a linear phase offset equivalent to the mean group delay across the -12 dB delimited SPL bandwidth. Use the Delay tool to specify a different offset correction value or to display standard wrapped phase.

|Group Delay

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Negative derivative in milliseconds of the loudspeaker system phase response, versus frequency in hertz.

Group delay is a measure of the rate of change of phase with respect to frequency, and is positive when the phase slope is negative.

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|TOOLS MENU

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|Radiation Angle

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Specifies the placement of the loudspeaker, and the solid angle into which the loudspeaker radiates. The solid angle is measured in steradians. Set the value to zero to specify an infinite horn.

The Tools menu command is enabled when Ang has the focus. The tool can also be selected by double-clicking the parameter in edit mode.

|Horn Segment Wizard

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Calculates either the throat area, mouth area, axial length, flare cutoff frequency, flare parameter, throat entry half-angle, mouth circumference in cutoff frequency wavelengths or mouth flare tangent angle, given the other relevant horn segment parameters. Cir or Fta can be set to a specified value when the mouth area or flare cutoff frequency calculation option is selected.

The Tools menu command is enabled when any horn segment parameter or the Ap1 throat adaptor parameter has the focus. The tool can also be selected by double-clicking the parameters in edit mode. The mouth area calculation option can be used to determine the cross-sectional area at any point along the axial length of a horn segment. For system volume, double-click segment volume.

|Calculate Parameter

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Derives Bl, Cms, Rms and Mmd values from relevant Thiele-Small parameters, calculates Eg given the power delivered to a specified load and determines Lpt given the Helmholtz resonance frequency.

When selected from Sd, displays the driver Thiele-Small parameters Sd, Re, fs, Vas, Qes, Qms and Qts, and the electro-mechanical parameters Le, Pmax and Xmax. The values of all parameters shown can be edited, except for Qts.

The Tools menu command is enabled when Eg, Sd, Bl, Cms, Rms, Mmd or Lpt has the focus. The tool can also be selected by double-clicking the parameters in edit mode.

#### |Chamber Type

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Specifies a lined or vented rear chamber, a ported throat chamber or a throat chamber coupled to the horn throat by a conical adaptor.

The Tools menu command is enabled when the input parameters window is in edit mode. The chamber configuration can also be selected by double-clicking the Fr, Tal, Ap, Lpt, Ap1 or Lp label.

|Driver Arrangement

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Specifies the number and position of driver modules connected electrically in series and/or parallel. A driver module can contain a single driver, or up to 9 drivers connected in a series or parallel isobaric configuration.

Multiple drivers share the horn system, throat chamber and rear chamber as defined by the input parameter values and as shown in the schematic diagram. An offset driver horn, a tapped horn, a compound horn, a multiple entry horn or a 6th or 8th order band pass enclosure can be specified.

Select the tool by double-clicking the Nd, OD, TH, TH1, CH, ME1, ME2, BP6 or BP8 disabled text box in edit mode.

#### |System Design With Driver

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Determines the optimum design for a hyperbolic-exponential horn loudspeaker given the driver parameter values and the required operating frequency range. Horn flare parameter T can be entered as an optional input by double-clicking the upper rolloff corner frequency label. The tool is enabled when the input parameters window is in edit mode.

|System Design From Specifications

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Determines the optimum design for a hyperbolic-exponential horn loudspeaker given the system parameter values and the required operating frequency range.

#### |Loudspeaker Wizard

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Automatically re-calculates the results for a specified loudspeaker system in real time, as input parameter values are changed. The tool is applicable to direct radiator loudspeakers, single segment conical and parabolic horns, and all multiple segment horns.

Absorbent filling material can be included in the horn segments of a Loudspeaker Wizard system by selecting the Filling option.

The airflow resistivity of the absorbent filling material in each segment is specified in mks rayls/m using the Fr1 slider controls. If a Fr1 slider value is changed while the F5 function key is pressed, all segments are set to the same resistivity value.

The Tal1 sliders can be used to partially fill segments with absorbent material. The first half of the slider fills the segment from the throat end, and the second half fills the segment from the mouth end. For horn 2 in a compound horn system, the first half of the slider fills the segment from the mouth end, and the second half fills the segment from the throat end. If a Tal1 slider value is changed while the F5 function key is pressed, all segments are filled to the same percentage value.

When the airflow resistivity value is less than 1000 mks rayls/m and the Schematic and Filling options are selected, the total amount of Polyfill absorbent material required to achieve the specified resistivity value is shown in kilograms. Double-click on the total value to display the amount in the currently selected segment.

The initial slider control settings and chart results are saved as a reference baseline when the tool is selected. Up to four sets of values can be temporarily stored and recalled while the Wizard is open by clicking the appropriate memory button or pressing the equivalent function key.

Pressing Ctrl+C when the power response chart is displayed captures the current results. Pressing Ctrl+V shows or hides previously captured results. Not applicable when room gain is included.

Press the S key to instantly check the schematic diagram.

To change the flare of a horn segment, double-click on the label above the length slider control. To change the Manual / Auto setting of an area slider control, double-click on the label above the area slider. To change the frequency range, double-click on the chart frequency label.

To directly set a slider control to a specified value, key in the value and then press Enter while the control has the focus. For the Tal1 slider, a directly entered positive percentage value will fill the currently selected segment with absorbent material from the throat end, and a directly entered negative percentage value will fill the segment from the mouth end. For horn 2 in a compound horn system, a directly entered Tal1 positive percentage value will fill the currently selected segment with absorbent material from the mouth end, and a directly entered negative percentage value will fill the segment from the throat end.

To quickly move through a slider control value range, press and hold the Home or End key while the slider has the focus.

To reset a slider control to its baseline value, press B while the control has the focus. To reset all slider controls to their baseline values, press Alt+B. To save a new baseline with the current slider control settings and chart results, press Ctrl+Alt+B.

Imported room gain data can be included in the Loudspeaker Wizard acoustical power results by either clicking the Include Gain button in the Memory window or pressing the F7 function key.

The active or parametric equaliser filter option in the Filter Wizard tool can be selected from the Loudspeaker Wizard by either clicking the Filter Wizard button in the Memory window or pressing the F8 function key.

|Multiple Entry Horn Wizard

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Automatically re-calculates the results for a specified two-way or three-way multiple entry horn loudspeaker system in real time, as input parameter values are changed.

CoEntrant, Unity and Synergy loudspeakers are examples of multiple entry horn systems.

A Nd record is used to specify the horn system and HF driver at the horn throat. A ME1 record is used to specify the MF drivers at the first offset entry point and a ME2 record is used to specify the LF drivers at the second offset entry point.

A three-way system requires the Nd record to have at least three segments, and both a ME1 and a ME2 record to be activated.

A two-way system requires the Nd record to have at least two segments, and a ME1 record to be activated. If a ME2 record is also activated it will be disregarded if only two segments are specified in the Nd record.

The Tools menu command is enabled when the input parameters window for a Nd record is in edit mode and at least two horn segments have been specified, and a ME1 record has been previously activated.

The initial slider control settings and chart results are saved as a reference baseline when the tool is selected. Up to four sets of values can be temporarily stored and recalled while the Wizard is open by clicking the appropriate memory button or pressing the equivalent function key.

Pressing Ctrl+C when a power response chart is displayed captures the current results. Pressing Ctrl+V shows or hides previously captured results.

Press the S key to instantly check the schematic diagram.

To change the flare of a horn segment, double-click on the label above the length slider control. To change the Manual / Auto setting of the S2 area slider control, or S3 area slider control if three-way, double-click on the label above the area slider.

Pressing the Ctrl key while adjusting an Amplifier Eg or Rg slider control sets the other Eg or Rg

sliders to the same value.

To change the alignment type of a band pass filter, double-click on the alignment label. To change the slope units from dB per octave to dB per decade, double-click on the slope label.

To switch a band pass filter on or off, double-click on the On / Off label for that filter.

To change the frequency range, double-click on the chart frequency label. To directly set a slider control to a specified value, key in the value and then press Enter while the control has the focus.

To quickly move through a slider control value range, press and hold the Home or End key while the slider has the focus.

To reset a slider control to its baseline value, press B while the control has the focus. To reset all slider controls to their baseline values, press Alt+B. To save a new baseline with the current slider control settings and chart results, press Ctrl+Alt+B.

Select the Schematic option to display the schematic diagram of the specified two-way or three-way multiple entry horn loudspeaker system.

Select the Power 1 option to display the horn mouth acoustical power output of the driver assembly located at the horn throat. The baseline shows the total horn mouth acoustical power output.

Select the Power 2 option to display the horn mouth acoustical power output of the driver assembly located at the first offset entry point. The baseline shows the total horn mouth acoustical power output.

Select the Power 3 option to display the horn mouth acoustical power output of the driver assembly located at the second offset entry point. The baseline shows the total horn mouth acoustical power output.

Select the Total Power option to display the acoustical power output of the complete system.

Select the Impedance 1 option to display the magnitude of the electrical input impedance of the driver assembly located at the horn throat.

Select the Impedance 2 option to display the magnitude of the electrical input impedance of the driver assembly located at the first offset entry point.

Select the Impedance 3 option to display the magnitude of the electrical input impedance of the driver assembly located at the second offset entry point.

Select the Displacement 1 option to display the driver diaphragm displacement of the driver assembly located at the horn throat.

Select the Displacement 2 option to display the driver diaphragm displacement of the driver assembly located at the first offset entry point.

Select the Displacement 3 option to display the driver diaphragm displacement of the driver assembly located at the second offset entry point.

#### |Driver Front Volume

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Calculates the effective air volume between the driver diaphragm and the front plane of the driver, given D1 the inside diameter of the mounting sealing strip, D2 the inside diameter of the diaphragm suspension, D3 the diameter of the dust cap, H1 the thickness of the sealing strip, H2 the perpendicular distance from the front plane to the edge of the dust cap, and H3 the perpendicular distance from the front plane to the centre of the dust cap.

The Tools menu command is enabled when the input parameters window is in edit mode. The tool can also be selected by double-clicking the Vtc or Atc label or text box in edit mode.

|View Schematic

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Displays the loudspeaker schematic diagram and system volume.

#### |Sample

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The Sample menu command can be selected from any default chart window, or by pressing F3 or double-clicking the chart.

Single-clicking a chart will provide abbreviated data at the frequency given by the mouse pointer location. The sampling frequency can be changed by dragging the red marker line, or by using the Up, Down, Left, Right, Home or End navigation keys. Press the Esc key to release a set frequency point.

Acoustical impedance chart ~ Calculates the normalised throat acoustical resistance and reactance and the actual throat acoustical resistance and reactance at any given frequency between 1 and 20000 hertz.

Acoustical power chart ~ Calculates the constant directivity sound pressure level, electrical input power, acoustical output power, power conversion efficiency, horn throat peak sound pressure and horn throat peak particle velocity at any given frequency between 1 and 20000 hertz. When a single-segment horn is sampled the second-harmonic distortion is also calculated. When the maximum SPL response is sampled the acoustical output is shown as either power or displacement limited, and the input voltage and Pmax diaphragm displacement are given. When the power compression response is sampled the thermal power compression is also shown, expressed in decibels.

Electrical impedance chart ~ Calculates the driver electrical input impedance magnitude and phase at any given frequency between 1 and 20000 hertz.

Diaphragm displacement chart ~ Calculates the driver diaphragm mean-to-peak displacement, peak velocity and peak acceleration at any given frequency between 1 and 20000 hertz. When

the Maximum SPL tool has been selected the sampled displacement is shown as either power or displacement limited. When displacement limited, the Pmax displacement value is also given.

Phase response chart ~ Calculates the system corrected phase shift or the system standard wrapped phase shift at any given frequency between 1 and 20000 hertz.

Group delay chart ~ Calculates the system group delay, equivalent distance travelled and equivalent wavelengths at any given frequency between 1 and 20000 hertz.

Beam width chart ~ Calculates the directivity pattern -6 dB beam width at any given frequency between 1 and 20000 hertz.

|Compare

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Displays the current and previous or captured acoustical impedance, acoustical power, acoustical pressure, electrical impedance, diaphragm displacement, phase response, group delay or beam width results on the same chart.

Previous results are used in comparisons by default. Press Ctrl+C to capture the current results or Ctrl+R to release captured results. Results can also be captured or released by right-clicking on any chart.

Press F4 to show or hide the previous or captured results.

|Output

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Calculates the acoustical power output from the front side of the driver, the acoustical power output from the rear side of the driver, or the combined front and rear acoustical power outputs. The chosen output option is retained until changed by the user, or until a different record is selected, at which time the default output option is restored. The default option calculates the combined acoustical power output.

For a direct radiator in a vented-box enclosure loudspeaker system, the Combined output option combines the direct radiator acoustical power output with the port acoustical power output.

The path length from the rear side of the driver diaphragm to the port outlet is assumed to be equal to L_{rc} plus L_{pt} , as shown in the schematic diagram.

The distance from the port outlet to the listener can be adjusted if necessary using the path length difference parameter. A positive value for path length difference increases the listener distance.

The path length difference is the distance from the port outlet to the listener minus the distance from the direct radiator diaphragm to the listener. The difference is positive when the distance from the port outlet to the listener is greater than the distance from the direct radiator diaphragm to the listener.

Press the F9 function key to permanently save the entered path length difference value.

For a finite damped transmission line enclosure loudspeaker system, the Combined output option combines the transmission line acoustical power output with the direct radiator acoustical power output.

For a finite front-loaded horn loudspeaker system with no rear chamber, the Combined output option combines the horn acoustical power output with the direct radiator acoustical power output.

For a finite back-loaded horn loudspeaker system, the Combined output option combines the horn acoustical power output with the direct radiator acoustical power output. The direct radiator cannot be located inside the horn mouth.

For a finite horn-loaded vented-box enclosure loudspeaker system, the Combined output option combines the horn acoustical power output with the port acoustical power output.

For a finite offset driver horn loudspeaker system, the Combined output option combines the horn acoustical power output with the direct radiator acoustical power output or the port acoustical power output.

For a finite compound horn loudspeaker system, the Combined output option combines the horn 1 acoustical power output with the horn 2 acoustical power output.

|Directivity Response

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Displays the far-field acoustical pressure of a direct radiating single driver, a finite single-segment non-negative flare horn with no throat adaptor, or a port at a specified off-axis angle, taking into account the frequency-dependent directional characteristics of the radiating system.

Select from the acoustical power or acoustical pressure chart window.

#### |Directivity Pattern

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Displays the directional characteristics of a direct radiating single driver, a finite single-segment horn with no throat adaptor, or a port at a specified frequency. The polar diagram shows the far-field sound pressure at a fixed distance as a function of the off-axis angle, expressed relative to the on-axis pressure with the maximum value normalised to 1. The sound pressure ratio can be indicated directly or in decibels. The on-axis directivity index and -6 dB beam width are also given. Click on the polar diagram to show the pressure level at a specified angle. For a direct radiating single driver, the value of ka (wave-number $k = 2 * \text{Pi} * f / c$ multiplied by piston radius a) is also given.

Select from the acoustical power, acoustical pressure or beam width chart windows.

|Directivity Beam Width

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Displays the angular distance in degrees between the two points on either side of the principal

axis of the directivity pattern where the sound pressure level is down 6 decibels from its value on axis, versus frequency in hertz.

Select from the acoustical power or acoustical pressure chart window. Only applicable to direct radiating single drivers, finite single-segment horns with no throat adaptor, and ports.

#### |Directivity Polar Map

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Displays the far-field sound pressure at a fixed distance as a function of the off-axis angle in degrees, versus frequency in hertz. Click the check box to show the results normalised to the on-axis response.

Results can be sampled by moving the mouse pointer over the chart window. A specific point can be selected by clicking or dragging on the window, and by using the Up, Down, Left and Right navigation keys. Press the Esc key to release a set point.

Select from the acoustical power, acoustical pressure or beam width chart windows. Only applicable to direct radiating single drivers, finite single-segment horns with no throat adaptor, and ports.

|Impulse Response

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Displays the impulse pressure versus time response of a loudspeaker system. The maximum positive or negative amplitude value is normalised to 0.9 and the maximum peak is positioned by default at the 0 msec reference point.

Select from the acoustical power or acoustical pressure chart window.

Click the Export button to save the impulse response data values to a wave sound file. Click the Compare or Clear button or press F4 to show or hide the comparison with the previous result.

#### |Impulse Spectrogram

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Displays the impulse spectral density, or normalised amplitude in decibels as a function of frequency, versus time in milliseconds.

Select from the acoustical power or acoustical pressure chart window.

Results can be sampled by moving the mouse pointer over the chart window. A specific point can be selected by clicking or dragging on the window, and by using the Up, Down, Left and Right navigation keys. Press the Esc key to release a set point.

|Room Gain Excluded

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Displays the power response with imported room gain data excluded.

#### |Room Gain Included

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Displays the power response with imported room gain data included.

|Room Gain Profile

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Displays the room gain data only.

#### |Maximum SPL

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Displays the maximum sound pressure level in decibels that can be achieved at 1 metre without exceeding the driver rated thermal limited electrical input power P_{max} or the diaphragm linear mean-to-peak displacement limit X_{max} , versus frequency in hertz. Set X_{max} to 99.9 to remove the displacement limit.

Black indicates power limited, red indicates displacement limited.

Press the F9 function key to permanently save the entered P_{max} and X_{max} values.

|Power Compression

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Displays the thermal power compression response for a given driver input voltage and voice coil temperature, taking into account the increase in voice coil resistance due to the coil being heated above the standard reference value of 20 degrees Celsius.

The value of the increased voice coil resistance due to heating is displayed in the status bar panel at the bottom of the input parameters window when the mouse pointer is moved over the  $R_e$  text box.

The design maximum voice coil temperature for a driver is typically about 200 degrees Celsius. The  $R_e$  input parameter value is assumed to be the resistance of the voice coil at 20 deg C.

In most cases the specified driver voice coil temperature will be an estimate only, due to the difficulty in determining the actual precise temperature. The response results should therefore be taken as indicative and not exact.

#### |Multiple Speakers

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Displays the acoustical power output response of a given multiple loudspeaker array connected to a single amplifier. Not applicable to infinite horns.

|Filter Wizard

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Automatically re-calculates the results for a specified filter system in real time, as input parameter values are changed. The Le Cléac'h high pass passive filter option provides for two-stage impedance equalisation and high frequency uplift.

Select from the acoustical power or acoustical pressure chart window. The tool is disabled when Eg is set to zero, or when maximum SPL has been calculated.

Select the Schematic option to display the network schematic diagram of the specified passive filter

Select the Power or Pressure option to display the acoustical power or acoustical pressure of the specified passive or active filter and loudspeaker system.

Select the Impedance option to display the magnitude of the electrical input impedance of the specified passive filter and loudspeaker system.

Select the Displacement option to display the driver diaphragm displacement of the specified passive or active filter and loudspeaker system.

Select the Delay option to display the group delay of the specified passive or active filter and loudspeaker system.

Select the Impulse option to display the impulse response of the specified passive or active filter and loudspeaker system.

Select the Filter Gain option to display the gain response of the specified active filter.

Select the Filter Phase option to display the phase response of the specified passive or active filter.

Select the Filter Delay option to display the group delay of the specified passive or active filter.

The initial chart results are saved as reference baselines when the tool is selected. Up to four sets of values can be temporarily stored and recalled while the Wizard is open by clicking the appropriate memory button or pressing the equivalent function key.

Pressing Ctrl+C when the power or pressure response chart is displayed captures the current results. Pressing Ctrl+V shows or hides previously captured results. Not applicable when room gain is included.

Press the S key to instantly check the schematic diagram.

To change the components in the branch of a standard passive filter from series to parallel configuration, double-click on the label below the relevant slider group. To change the alignment type of an active filter, double-click on the alignment label. To change the slope units from dB per octave to dB per decade, double-click on the slope label.

To switch a parametric equaliser filter band on or off, double-click on the On / Off label for that band. To select either a peaking EQ filter, a low shelving filter, a high shelving filter, a low pass

filter or a high pass filter for a given band, double-click on the filter label for that band. Press the Esc key to hide the green frequency marker.

If any filter band is switched on, current active and parametric equaliser settings (but not passive and Le Cléac'h filter settings) can be saved to the permanent data record.

If all filter bands are switched off, current passive, active and Le Cléac'h filter settings (but not parametric equaliser settings) can be saved to the permanent data record.

To change the frequency range, double-click on the chart frequency label. To directly set a slider control to a specified value, key in the value and then press Enter while the control has the focus.

To quickly move through a slider control value range, press and hold the Home or End key while the slider has the focus.

To reset a slider control to its baseline value, press B while the control has the focus. To reset all slider controls to their baseline values, press Alt+B. Current slider control settings and chart results for the currently selected filter can be saved as a new baseline by pressing Ctrl+Alt+B.

Click the Save button in the Memory window or press the F9 function key to permanently save the current Filter Wizard settings. Click the Reset button in the Memory window or press the Ctrl+F9 function keys to reset current settings back to the saved settings. Press the F5 function key to restore all slider controls to their initial default settings.

The active or parametric equaliser filter option can be selected from the Loudspeaker Wizard by either clicking the Filter Wizard button in the Memory window or pressing the F8 function key. When the Filter Wizard is selected from the Loudspeaker Wizard, current slider control settings can be saved as a new baseline by pressing Ctrl+Alt+B. Pressing Ctrl+Alt+B does not change the chart baseline itself.

#### |Efficiency

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Displays the acoustical output power divided by the electrical input power, or power conversion efficiency, in percent versus frequency in hertz. Click on the chart to show the efficiency value at a specified frequency.

Select from the acoustical power chart window.

Previous results are used in comparisons by default. Press Ctrl+C to capture the current results or Ctrl+R to release captured results. Results can also be captured or released by right-clicking on the chart.

Press F4 to show or hide the previous or captured results.

|Driver Power

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Displays the driver electrical input power in watts versus frequency in hertz. Click on the chart to

show the power value at a specified frequency.

Select from the acoustical power chart window.

Previous results are used in comparisons by default. Press Ctrl+C to capture the current results or Ctrl+R to release captured results. Results can also be captured or released by right-clicking on the chart.

Press F4 to show or hide the previous or captured results.

|Sound Pressure

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Displays the peak sound pressure at the horn throat, horn mouth, port inlet, port outlet or direct radiator in pascals versus frequency in hertz. Click on the chart to show the sound pressure value at a specified frequency. The throat of an offset driver or tapped horn is at S2.

Select from the acoustical power chart window. Not applicable to combined outputs.

Previous results are used in comparisons by default. Press Ctrl+C to capture the current results or Ctrl+R to release captured results. Results can also be captured or released by right-clicking on the chart.

Press F4 to show or hide the previous or captured results.

|Particle Velocity

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Displays the peak particle velocity at the horn throat, horn mouth, port inlet, port outlet or direct radiator in metres per second versus frequency in hertz. Click on the chart to show the particle velocity value at a specified frequency. The throat of an offset driver or tapped horn is at S2.

Select from the acoustical power chart window. Not applicable to combined outputs.

Previous results are used in comparisons by default. Press Ctrl+C to capture the current results or Ctrl+R to release captured results. Results can also be captured or released by right-clicking on the chart.

Press F4 to show or hide the previous or captured results.

|Range

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When selected from the electrical impedance chart window, sets the electrical impedance chart range. Select Zoom to optimise the scale for the resonance peak.

When selected from the group delay chart window, sets the group delay chart range.

|Impedance Phase

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Displays the electrical impedance phase in degrees versus frequency in hertz. Click on the chart to show the phase value at a specified frequency.

Previous results are used in comparisons by default. Press Ctrl+C to capture the current results or Ctrl+R to release captured results. Results can also be captured or released by right-clicking on the chart.

Press F4 to show or hide the previous or captured results.

|Diaphragm Pressure

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Displays the peak sound pressure at the driver diaphragm in pascals versus frequency in hertz. Click on the chart to show the pressure and force at a specified frequency. Total pressure is the difference between the pressures on the front and rear sides of the diaphragm with phase taken into account.

Select from the diaphragm displacement chart window.

Previous results are used in comparisons by default. Press Ctrl+C to capture the current results or Ctrl+R to release captured results. Results can also be captured or released by right-clicking on the chart.

Press F4 to show or hide the previous or captured results.

|Velocity

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Displays the driver diaphragm peak velocity in metres per second versus frequency in hertz. Click on the chart to show the velocity value at a specified frequency.

Select from the diaphragm displacement chart window.

Previous results are used in comparisons by default. Press Ctrl+C to capture the current results or Ctrl+R to release captured results. Results can also be captured or released by right-clicking on the chart.

Press F4 to show or hide the previous or captured results.

|Acceleration

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Displays the driver diaphragm peak acceleration in metres per second per second versus frequency in hertz. Click on the chart to show the acceleration value at a specified frequency.

Select from the diaphragm displacement chart window.

Previous results are used in comparisons by default. Press Ctrl+C to capture the current results or Ctrl+R to release captured results. Results can also be captured or released by right-clicking on the chart.

Press F4 to show or hide the previous or captured results.

|Delay
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Sets the phase response chart offset delay correction. Move the slider control to minimum to show standard wrapped phase. Select from the phase response window.

|Throat Adaptor Designer  
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Displays the flare profile of a horn throat adaptor transition element, given D1 the entry diameter, D2 the exit diameter, A1 the entry flare tangent angle and A2 the exit flare tangent angle. The minimum length element is calculated. The profile data can be exported.

|Wavefront Simulator
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Models sound wave propagation in horn loudspeakers. Isophase wavefronts are shown.

Click or drag the mouse with 'Mouse = Edit Walls' option selected to add or delete walls. Click or drag the mouse with 'Mouse = Edit Wave' option selected to add or change wavefronts. Shift+click the mouse at line end points to specify a straight wall. Ctrl+click the mouse at diagonal corners to specify a rectangular walled box enclosure. Alt+click the mouse at diaphragm end points to specify a driver source. Alt+click the mouse twice at the same location to specify a point source. Shift+Alt+click the mouse to add a source without deleting the previous one.

|Options  
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Sets the throat chamber and rear chamber resonance masking and default result window options.

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|FILE MENU  
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|New
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Creates a new data file.

|Open  
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Opens an existing data file.

|Editor

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Moves or copies records from one data file to another, or deletes records from a data file.

|Copy Driver

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Copies driver parameter values from the current record to the Clipboard.

|Paste Driver

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Pastes driver parameter values from the Clipboard to the current record.

The File menu command is enabled when the input parameters window is in edit mode.

|Copy Driver to Database

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Copies driver parameter values from the current record to the driver database.

Not applicable to the default record.

|Paste Driver from Database

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Pastes driver parameter values from the driver database to the current record.

The File menu command is enabled when the input parameters window is in edit mode. The menu command can also be selected by right-clicking any driver parameter label in edit mode.

|Find

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Searches for records that match the given comment text and filter.

The Page Up, Page Down, Home, End and Enter keys can also be used to move from one record to another, when the input parameters window is displayed.

|Sort

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Sorts records in comment-ascending alphanumeric order.

|Import Hornresp Record

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Loads input parameter data values from an exported record file.

|Import Room Gain Profile

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Loads room gain profile data values from a text (.txt) or frequency response data (.frd) file.

The file must not contain any header or footer comment records.

File data records must be listed sequentially, with the first field in the record being a frequency value and the second field being a room gain value. Additional record fields are disregarded. Room gain values must be relative to a zero decibel reference point.

Fields in a record can be space or tab delimited, and field values can have either a period or a comma as the decimal separator.

#### |Export AkAbak Script

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Saves current record input parameter data values to an AkAbak script file. Record must be valid. Select from the input parameters window.

|Export Hornresp Record

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Saves current record input parameter data values to a Hornresp export record file. Record must be valid. Select from the input parameters window.

#### |Export Horn Data

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Saves schematic diagram data values to a tab-delimited text (.txt) or comma separated values (.csv) file. Select from the schematic diagram window.

Axial length values for each horn segment increase linearly from zero to the segment length. The length increment for each segment can be set to a specified value in centimetres.

Con width flare ~ Rectangular cross-section horn segment width changes linearly with axial length. The height at any point equals the cross-sectional area divided by the width at that point.

Exp width flare ~ Rectangular cross-section horn segment width changes exponentially with axial length. The height at any point equals the cross-sectional area divided by the width at that point.

Uni width flare ~ Rectangular cross-section horn segment cross-sectional area aspect ratio changes uniformly with axial length.

Click the Preview button to show the diameter profile for an axisymmetric horn, the width and height profiles for a rectangular horn, and the petal profile for a petal horn.

The flat profile of the left and right side walls of a rectangular cross-section horn can be determined by plotting the schematic diagram exported Height / 2 values against Side Len as the X-axis centre line. The flat profile of the top and bottom horn walls can be determined by plotting Width / 2 values against Top Len as the X-axis centre line.

The flat profile of a petal horn side wall can be determined by plotting Width / 2 values against Side Len as the X-axis centre line.

The 2007 flare profile used in the Le Cléac'h horn simulation model becomes slightly inaccurate near the horn mouth. The error is not large enough to make any practical difference to predicted results, however for construction purposes the exact axisymmetric profile can be previewed and exported if required by selecting the Exact Profile option.

|Export All Chart Data

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Saves data values for all calculated charts to a tab-delimited text (.txt) or comma separated values (.csv) file. Frequency values increase logarithmically from 10 to 20000 hertz. Select from any chart window.

|Export Za + Phase

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Saves horn throat acoustical impedance magnitude and phase values to a tab-delimited text (.txt) file for use with other loudspeaker design software tools. Frequency values increase logarithmically from 10 to 20000 hertz. Select from the acoustical impedance window.

|Export SPL + Phase

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Saves SPL magnitude and phase values to a tab-delimited text (.txt) or frequency response data (.frd) file for use with other loudspeaker design software tools. Frequency values increase logarithmically from 10 to 20000 hertz. Select from the acoustical power or acoustical pressure window.

|Export Ze + Phase

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Saves electrical impedance magnitude and phase values to a tab-delimited text (.txt) or impedance response data (.zma) file for use with other loudspeaker design software tools. Frequency values increase logarithmically from 10 to 20000 hertz. Select from the electrical impedance window.

|Print

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Prints the input parameter values and displayed schematic diagram or chart.

|Exit

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Closes the Hornresp application.

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|LOUDSPEAKER MODELS  
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|Direct Radiator in an Infinite Baffle

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Set  $\text{Ang} = 2 \times \text{Pi}$ ,  $\text{S1}$  to  $\text{L45} = 0$  and  $\text{Vrc}$  and/or  $\text{Lrc} = 0$ .

|Direct Radiator in a Closed-Box Enclosure

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Select the 'Rear Lined' option from the Chamber tool and set S1 to $\text{L45} = 0$ and Vrc and $\text{Lrc} > 0$. To specify acoustical lining material in the rear chamber set Fr and $\text{Tal} > 0$.

|Direct Radiator in a Vented-Box Enclosure

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Select the 'Rear Vented' option from the Chamber tool and set  $\text{S1}$  to  $\text{L45} = 0$  and  $\text{Vrc}$ ,  $\text{Lrc}$ ,  $\text{Ap}$  and  $\text{Lpt} > 0$ .

By default, the combined direct radiator plus port acoustical power output is calculated. The Output tool can be used to determine the direct radiator output or the port output. An end correction is added to the  $\text{Lpt}$  rear chamber port tube length where appropriate.

|Sixth or Eighth Order Band Pass Enclosure

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Select the BP6 or BP8 option from the Driver Arrangement tool or press the Ctrl key and double-click the CH label in edit mode to set the BP6 or BP8 flag.

Press F5 or click the Wizard button to open the Loudspeaker Wizard. Set the chamber, port, amplifier and filter slider control values by moving the sliders or by directly keying in the value and then pressing Enter while the control has the focus.

The enclosure is modelled as shown in the schematic diagram.

|Aperiodic Bi-Chamber Enclosure

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Select the ABC option from the Driver Arrangement tool or press the Ctrl key and double-click the BP8 label in edit mode to set the ABC flag.

Press F5 or click the Wizard button to open the Loudspeaker Wizard. Set the chamber, port, amplifier and filter slider control values by moving the sliders or by directly keying in the value and then pressing Enter while the control has the focus.

The enclosure is modelled as shown in the schematic diagram.

#### |Damped Transmission Line Enclosure

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Select the offset driver option and use the Loudspeaker Wizard to add absorbent filling material to horn segments as required.

Set $L_{12} = 0.01$ cm if the driver is not offset.

By default, the combined transmission line plus direct radiator acoustical power output is calculated. The Output tool can be used to determine the transmission line output or the direct radiator output.

|Front-Loaded Horn

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Set  $V_{rc}$  and  $L_{rc} > 0$ .

To specify acoustical lining material in the rear chamber select the 'Rear Lined' option from the Chamber tool and set  $F_r$  and  $T_{al} > 0$ .

To specify a throat adaptor between the throat chamber and the horn throat select the 'Throat Adaptor' option from the Chamber tool and set  $A_{p1}$ ,  $L_p$ ,  $V_{tc}$  and  $A_{tc} > 0$ .

By default, if no rear chamber is specified, the combined horn plus direct radiator acoustical power output is calculated. The Output tool can be used to determine the horn output or the direct radiator output.

#### |Back-Loaded Horn

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Set V_{rc} and/or $L_{rc} = 0$.

To specify a throat adaptor between the throat chamber and the horn throat select the 'Throat Adaptor' option from the Chamber tool and set A_{p1} , L_p , V_{tc} and $A_{tc} > 0$.

By default, the combined horn plus direct radiator acoustical power output is calculated. The Output tool can be used to determine the horn output or the direct radiator output.

|Horn-Loaded Vented-Box Enclosure With Port Exit Located Outside Horn Mouth

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Select the 'Rear Vented' option from the Chamber tool and set  $V_{rc}$ ,  $L_{rc}$ ,  $A_p$  and  $L_{pt} > 0$ .

By default, the combined horn plus port acoustical power output is calculated. The Output tool can be used to determine the horn output or the port output. An end correction is added to the Lpt rear chamber port tube length where appropriate.

#### |Horn-Loaded Vented-Box Enclosure With Port Exit Located Inside Horn Mouth

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Select the tapped horn option and set Vrc, Lrc, Ap and Lpt > 0.

Set L12 = 0.01 cm if the driver is not offset.

|Mass-Loaded Horn

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Specify the mouth cover plate as a conical segment having negative flare (mouth area < throat area) and a length of 0.01 cm, and the mouth mass-loading port tube as a cylindrical exponential segment having zero flare (mouth area = throat area).

#### |Offset Driver Horn

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Specify at least two conical, exponential and/or parabolic flare segments connected in series, and select the offset driver option from the Driver Arrangement tool or double-click the Nd, TH, TH1, CH, ME1, ME2, BP6 or BP8 label in edit mode to set the OD flag.

The driver entry point is at S2. Vtc and Atc can be used to specify a chamber between the driver diaphragm and the throat entry point. Ap1 and Lp can be used to specify a port opening between the chamber and the horn (not required if the cross-sectional area of the opening is equal to Atc).

By default, if no closed rear chamber is specified, the combined horn plus direct radiator or port acoustical power output is calculated. The Output tool can be used to determine the horn output or the direct radiator or port output. An end correction is added to the Lpt rear chamber port tube length where appropriate.

The Loudspeaker Wizard tool can be used to change the driver position without altering the horn length or flare.

|Two-Way or Three-Way Multiple Entry Horn

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CoEntrant, Unity and Synergy loudspeakers are examples of multiple entry horn systems.

Specify the horn system, horn throat driver assembly, associated chambers, amplifier and filter using a Nd record.

Specify the first offset driver assembly, associated chambers, amplifier and filter using a ME1 record. The ME1 values of Vrc, Ap, Ap1, Vtc and Atc are the sum totals of the chamber volumes and areas for all the ME1 drivers.

Specify the second offset driver assembly, associated chambers, amplifier and filter using a ME2 record. The ME2 values of Vrc, Ap, Ap1, Vtc and Atc are the sum totals of the chamber volumes and areas for all the ME2 drivers.

Select the ME1 option from the Driver Arrangement tool or press the Ctrl key and double-click the Nd label in edit mode to set the ME1 flag.

Select the ME2 option from the Driver Arrangement tool or press the Ctrl key and double-click the ME1 label in edit mode to set the ME2 flag.

A ME1 or ME2 record can be activated or deactivated by clicking on the designated button. Activating a ME1 record deactivates any previously activated ME1 record. Activating a ME2 record deactivates any previously activated ME2 record.

The Multiple Entry Horn Wizard command is included on the input parameters window Tools menu list when a Nd record with at least two segments is selected, and a ME1 record is active.

#### |Tapped Horn

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Specify three or four conical, exponential and/or parabolic flare segments connected in series, set Vrc and/or Lrc = 0 and select the tapped horn option from the Driver Arrangement tool or double-click the Nd, OD, CH, ME1, ME2, BP6 or BP8 label in edit mode to set the TH flag. The TH label can be double-clicked to set the optional TH1 flag.

Driver entry points are at S2 and S3 for a three segment TH horn, S2 and S4 for a four segment TH horn, and S2 and S3 for a four segment TH1 horn.

Vtc and Atc can be used to specify a chamber between the driver diaphragm and the throat entry point. Ap1 and Lp can be used to specify a port opening between the throat chamber and the horn (not required if the cross-sectional area of the opening is equal to Atc).

Vrc and Lrc can be used to specify a chamber between the driver diaphragm and the mouth entry point. Ap and Lpt can be used to specify a port opening between the mouth chamber and the horn (not required if the cross-sectional area of the opening is equal to Vrc / Lrc).

The Loudspeaker Wizard tool can be used to change the driver position without altering the horn length or flare.

|Compound Horn

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Select the compound horn option from the Driver Arrangement tool or double-click the Nd, OD, TH, TH1, ME1, ME2, BP6 or BP8 label in edit mode to set the CH flag. Horn 1 is specified using segment 1 plus segments 2 and 3 if required. Horn 2 is specified using segment 4.

By default, the combined horn 1 plus horn 2 acoustical power output is calculated. The Output tool can be used to determine the horn 1 output or the horn 2 output.

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