

FreeSpace® DS 16F loudspeaker



Key Features

- **Full-range** loudspeaker with a single 2.25" (57 mm) driver in a ported enclosure to deliver a 140° conical coverage pattern and clear, intelligible music and speech reproduction for flush-ceiling or pendant-mount applications
- **Integrated multi-tap transformer** with innovative thumb wheel adjustment for easy-to-change tap setting from underneath the loudspeaker grille
- **Shared voicing** across entire FreeSpace DS product family enables DS 16, DS 40 and DS 100 loudspeakers to be integrated on the same system and maintain consistent tonal quality
- **Can be combined** with either surface- or flush-mount FreeSpace 3 Acoustimass® module for extended bass response
- **Supported** by a suite of accessories, including ceiling-mount bracket, adjustable tile bridge, pendant-mount kit and square grille



TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Product Overview

The Bose® FreeSpace DS 16F is the entry-level member of the DS loudspeaker family. It is a high-performance, full-range, flush-mount loudspeaker designed for background music and speech reproduction in a wide range of installed applications. The DS 16F features a wide, even 140° conical pattern and frequency range down to 80 Hz.

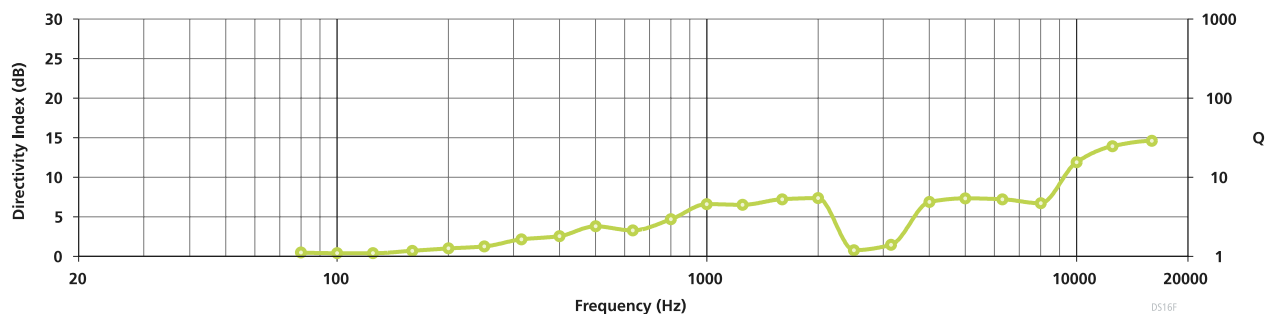
Technical Specifications

System Performance	
Frequency Response (+/-3 dB) ¹	95 Hz - 17 kHz
Frequency Range (-10 dB) ¹	80 Hz - 19 kHz
Nominal Dispersion	140° conical
Recommended High-Pass Filter	80 Hz high-pass filter
Loudspeaker EQ	Recommended
Long-Term Power Handling ²	16 W (64 W peak)
Sensitivity (SPL / 1 W @ 1 m) ³	84 dB SPL
Maximum SPL @ 1 m ⁴	96 dB SPL (102 dB SPL peak)
Nominal Impedance	8 Ω (transformer bypassed)
Transformer Taps (70/100 V)	70 V: 1 W, 2 W, 4 W, 8 W, 16 W 100 V: 2 W, 4 W, 8 W, 16 W
Transducers	
Driver Complement	2.25" (57 mm) full-range driver
Physical	
Enclosure	PC/ABS
Grille	Powder-coated steel grille
Environmental	Indoor use only
Connectors	Three-terminal barrier strip. Optional accessory available for use when ceramic connector and thermal fuse are required. Wire gauge: 18 AWG (0.8 mm) to 14 AWG (2.0 mm)
Suspension / Mounting	Three integrated quick-install mounting arms. Three mounting points at the rear of the enclosure for use with optional accessory pendant mount kit. Safety cable attachment: .35" (8.9 mm) diameter hole on junction box
Dimensions	Outer flange diameter: 9.4" (239 mm) Depth: 6.9" (176 mm) Ceiling hole diameter: 8.0" (203 mm)
Ceiling Thickness (Maximum)	1.5" (38 mm)
Net Weight	4.4 lb (1.9 kg)
Shipping Weight	6.0 lb (2.7 kg)
Product Code	
Black	043053
White	043054

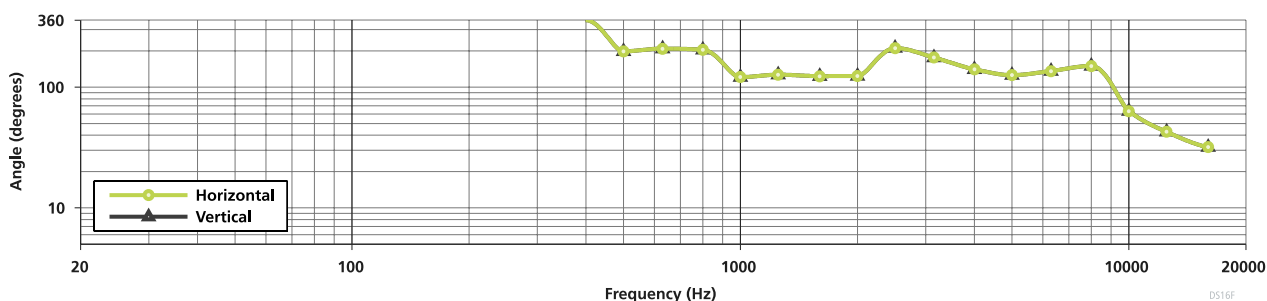
Footnotes:

- ¹ Frequency response and range measured on-axis with recommended active EQ in an anechoic environment.
- ² Power handling tested using pink noise filtered to meet IEC 268-5, 6 dB crest factor, 100 hours, with recommended EQ.
- ³ Sensitivity measured in free field (no boundary-loading gain) with recommended active EQ, referenced to 1W/1m.
- ⁴ Maximum SPL calculated from sensitivity and power handling specifications, exclusive of power compression.

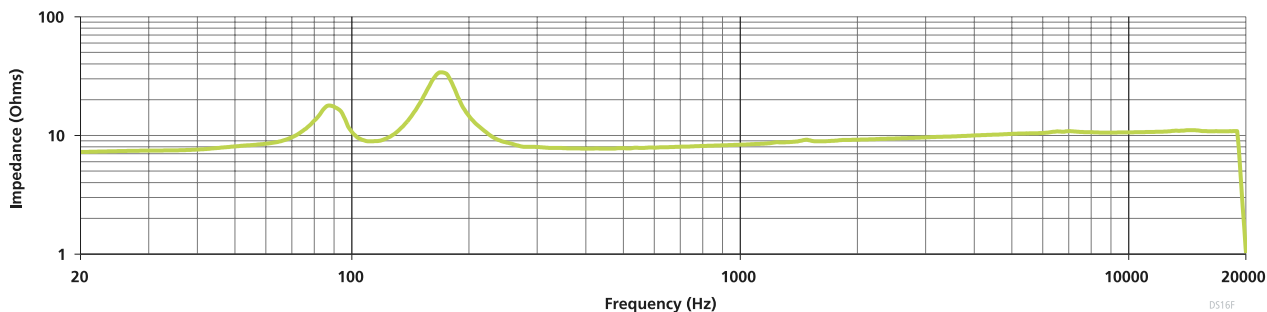
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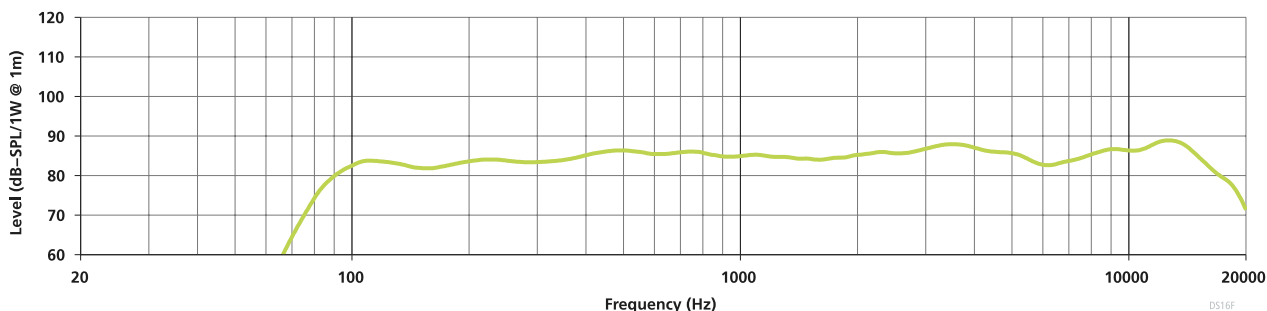
Beamwidth



Impedance



On-Axis Response



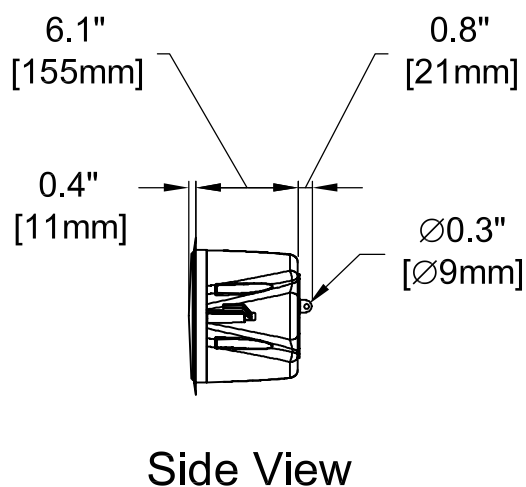
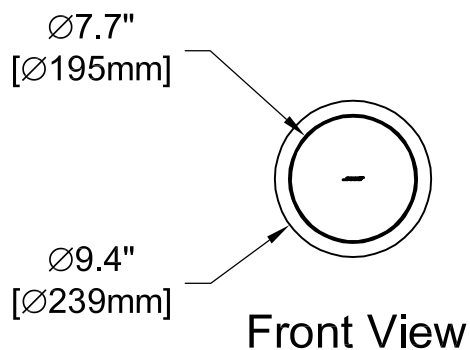
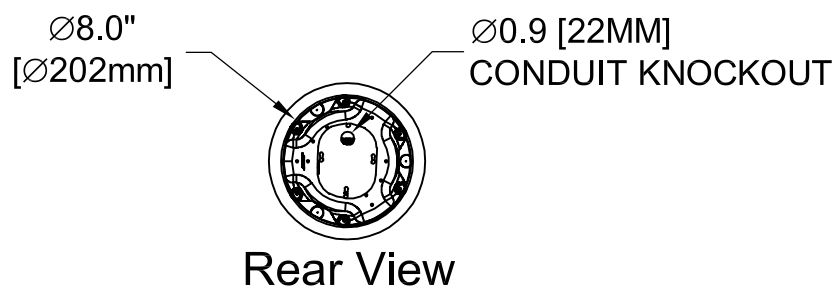
Tap Chart

FreeSpace DS 16F Tap Chart								
Mount	m	2.4	3.0	3.6	4.2	4.8	5.5	6.1
Height	ft	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
T A P	1	87	84	82	79	78	76	75
	2	90	87	85	82	81	79	78
	4	93	90	88	85	84	82	81
	8	96	94	91	88	87	85	84
	16	99	97	94	91	90	88	87

dB_{SPL}

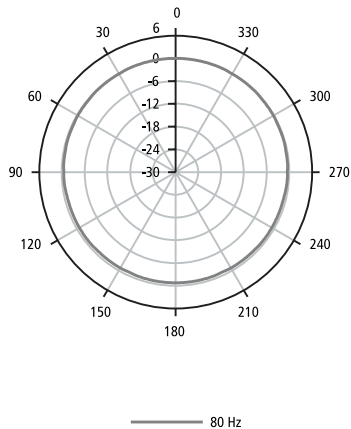
Note: 1 Watt tap is not available for 100V operation.

Mechanical Diagrams

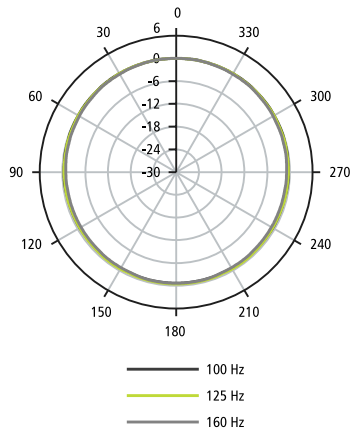


Horizontal Plots

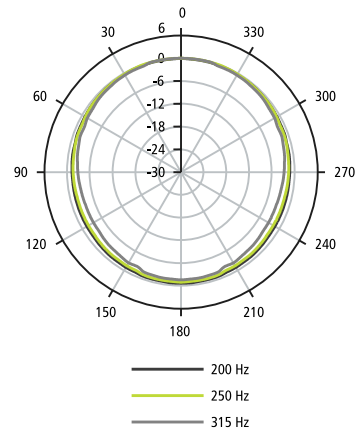
63 Hz Octave Band



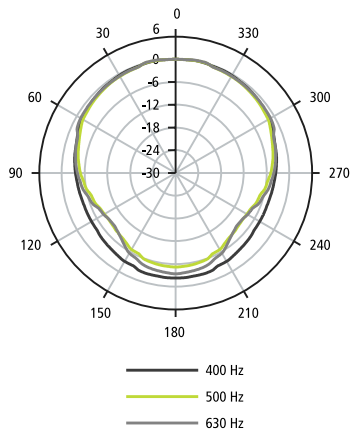
125 Hz Octave Band



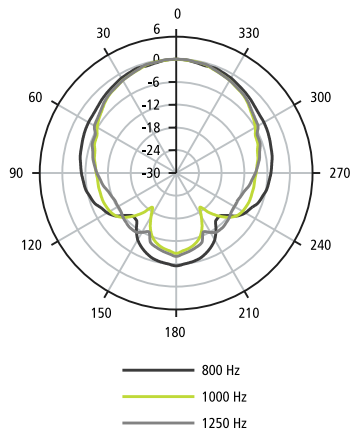
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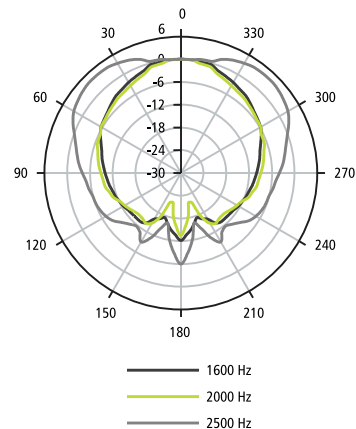
500 Hz Octave Band



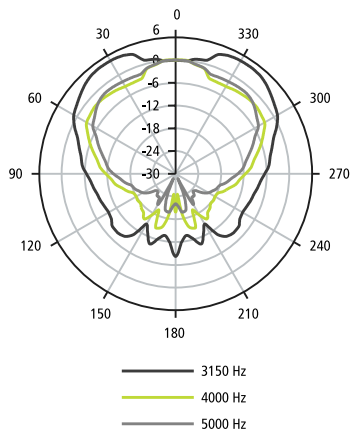
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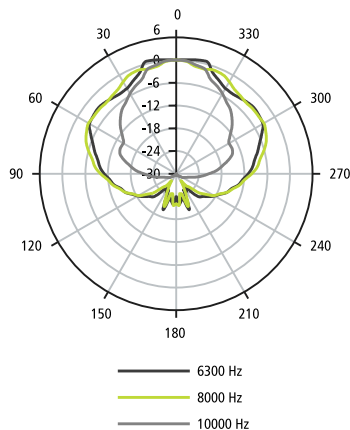
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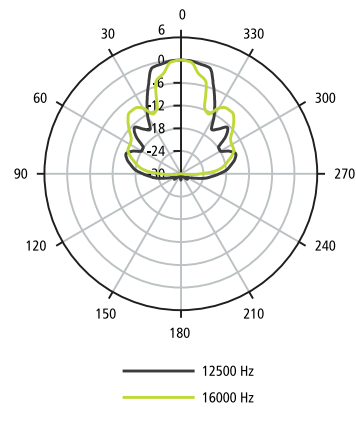
4000 Hz Octave Band



8000 Hz Octave Band

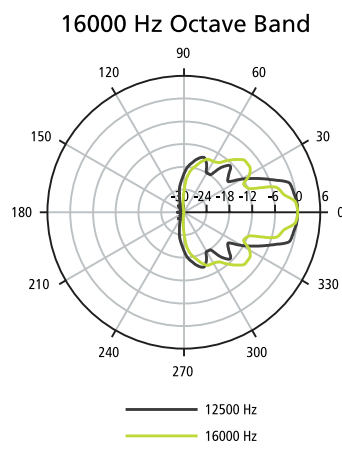
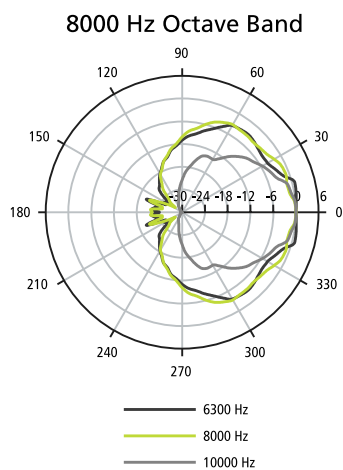
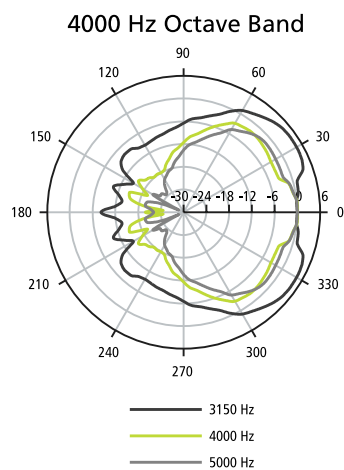
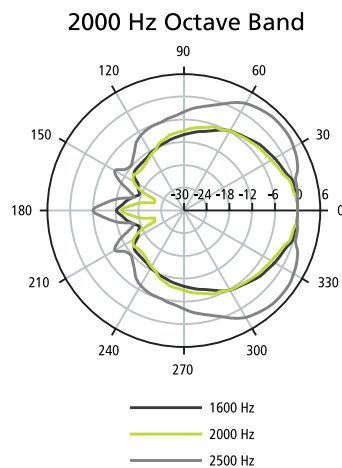
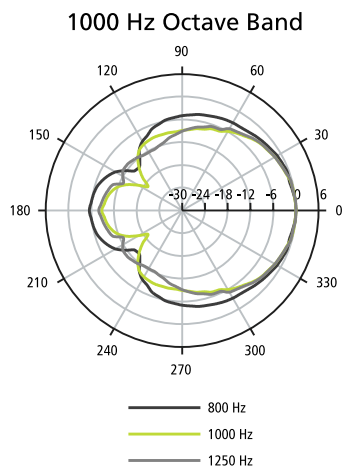
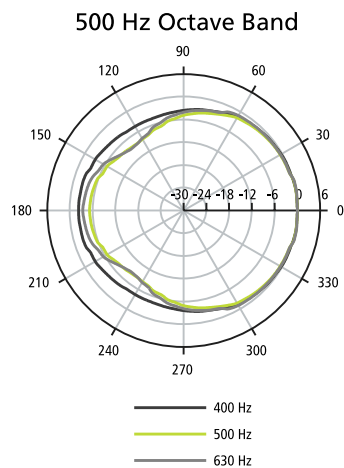
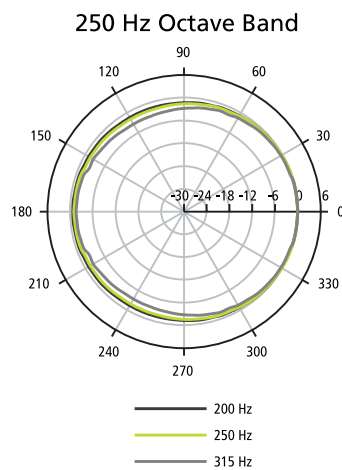
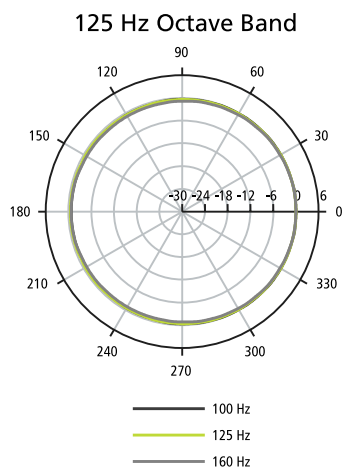
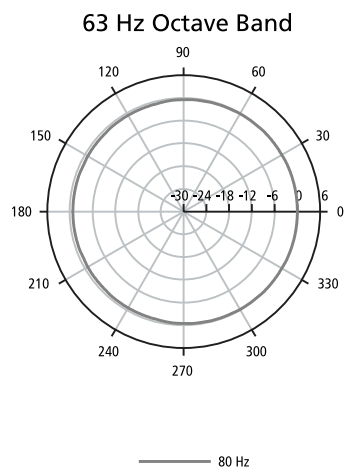


16000 Hz Octave Band



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Vertical Plots



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Architects' and Engineers' Specifications

The loudspeaker will be a 16 watt, ported loudspeaker system utilizing one 2.25" (57 mm) full-range driver. The loudspeaker shall be designed for installation in ceilings up to 20 ft (6.1 m) high. An optional pendant-mount accessory allows the loudspeaker to be hung from open ceilings.

The loudspeaker shall have a nominal rated impedance of 8 ohms and shall be wired in parallel with a line voltage matching (step-down) transformer with a selector switch appropriate for various output taps. The loudspeaker input connections will allow for direct connection to 70 volt, 100 volt or low-impedance amplifiers.

Exposed cosmetic surfaces of the loudspeaker shall be paintable, and the acoustically transparent grille component shall be formed of powder-coated steel.

Each loudspeaker shall have a bandwidth of 95 Hz – 17 kHz and a maximum continuous acoustic output of 96 dB SPL, referenced to a full bandwidth pink noise input at 1 meter at the loudspeaker's rated power. The input connection shall consist of a three-terminal barrier strip. The loudspeaker shall meet numerous standards for combination music and evacuation systems around the world.

Power settings available shall be: 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16 watts at 70 volts; 2, 4, 8, and 16 watts at 100 volts; and 16 watts at 8 ohms (when referenced to IEC noise for 100 hours). The nominal dispersion shall be 140° conical coverage pattern at -6 dB (average 1 – 4 kHz).

The loudspeaker shall be the Bose® FreeSpace® DS 16F loudspeaker.

Safety and Regulatory Compliance

The FreeSpace® DS 16F loudspeaker has passed extensive testing and complies with the following specifications and uses:

Listed to ANSI/UL 1480-2005

- Fire Protective Signaling Use – UL Category UUMW, File Number S 3241. Control Number 42S9. Not for use with DC-supervised systems
- General-Purpose Use – UL Category UEAY, File Number S 5591 Control Number 3N89
- Suitable for use indoors in damp locations
- Suitable for installation using Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 wiring methods in accordance with NFPA 70, *National Electric Code*, 2002, Article 640
- Suitable for use with fire alarm circuit wiring methods in accordance with NFPA 70, *National Electric Code*, 2002, Article 760
- Suitable for use in air handling plenum spaces with a model PC-16 Plenum Cover installed
- UL-2043, *Fire Test and Visible Smoke Release for Discrete Products and their Accessories Installed in Air Handling Spaces*
- NFPA 70, *National Electric Code*, 2002, Article 300-22 (c)
- NFPA 90-A, 2002, *Installation of Air Conditioning and Ventilation Systems*, Paragraph 4.3.10.2.6.5
- EMC Directive 89/336/EEC and Article 10 (1) of the directive, EN50081-1 and EN50082-1 as signified by the CE mark

The DS 16F also has been designed to the requirements defined in the following European regulatory specifications for combination systems:

- British Standard Code of Practice BS 5839, Part 8 (with PC-16)
- Tested to IEC60268-5