

# TECHNICAL Practice

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## PA-30

**30 Watt Paging Amp  
with Loud Ringing**

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## Add Paging and Loud Ringing with Background Music to Any Phone System



The **PA-30** can directly drive up to thirty (30) 8 ohm paging speakers or fifty (50) 70 volt paging speakers.

The **PA-30** provides loud ringing and paging to electronic key systems, 1A2 Key systems, PABX's as well as No-KSU phones and multi-line phones.

Paging is accomplished by connecting the **PA-30** to a paging port or unused telephone line input (trunk port) of nearly any phone system.

The **PA-30** will also generate adjustable loud ringing from a ringing analog line or from a dry contact closure. Either a loud electronic warble, or one of three

other soft chime sounds may be selected. An external "night transfer" switch can be added to turn loud ringing on or off in night bell applications.

The **PA-30** is easy to install and eliminates the installation of multiple bells, relays and paging cards. The unit comes complete with a power supply, and integrated 30 watt amplifier.

## Features

- 30 Watts of paging power
- Drive up to (30) 8 ohm speakers
- 70V output can drive up to (50) 70V speakers
- Master volume control
- Separate volume controls for Auxiliary Input, Paging, Ringing Tones and Background Music
- Choose from up to 4 ringing sounds:
  - Electronic warble (traditional loud ringer)
  - Double gong (two identical "gong" tones)
  - Quadruple chime (four descending chime tones)
  - Door chime (ding-dong)
- Provides loud ringing or night bell
- Night transfer switch
- Page from an unused trunk port or paging port
- Can provide background music from an external source
- Use as a low cost stand alone power amplifier
- 600 Ohm output to drive additional amplifiers
- Use multiple units for more paging power

## Applications

- Amplified loud paging
- Loud ringing
- Night bell
- Background music



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## Specifications

**Power:** 120V AC/15V AC 2.2A UL listed adapter provided  
**Dimensions:** 133mm x 89mm x 44mm (5.25" x 3.5" x 1.75")  
**Shipping Weight:** 1.36 kg (3 lbs)  
**Environmental:** 0°C to 32°C (32°F to 90°F) with 5% to 95% non-condensing humidity  
**Paging Output:** 30 watts - powers up to (30) 8 ohm speakers or (50) 70V speakers  
**Talk Battery:** 40V DC  
**Connections:** (1) 3.5mm (1/8") audio jack, (1) 17 position screw terminal block

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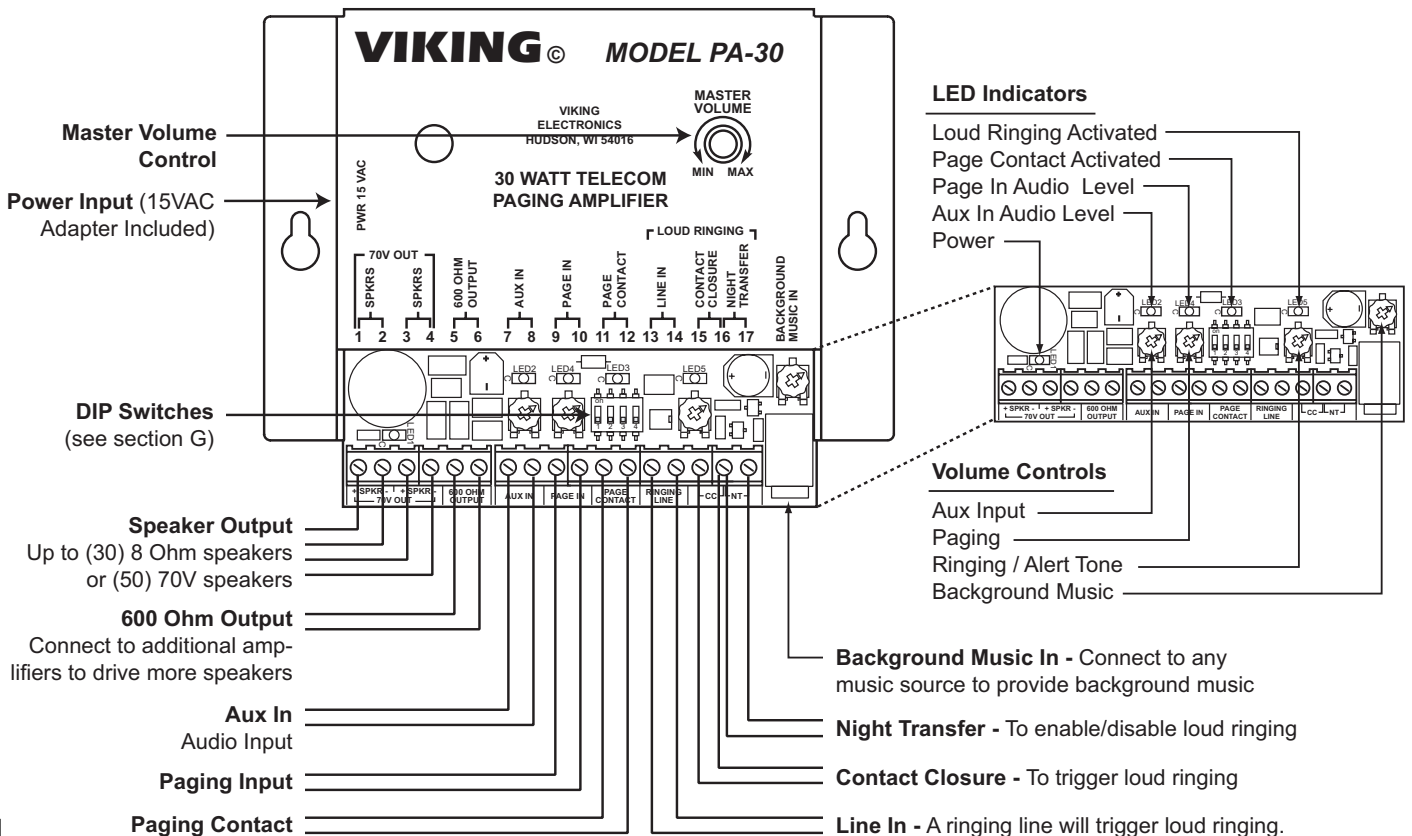
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# Features Overview



# Installation and Programming

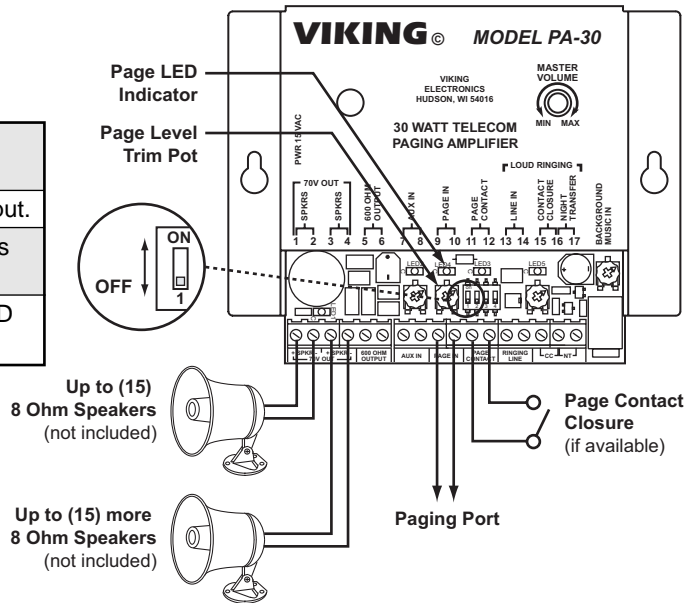
## A. Amplified Loud Paging

### 1. Paging Port

<b>Step 1.</b>	Move the <b>TALK BATTERY</b> DIP switch to the <b>OFF</b> position ( <b>DIP switch 1</b> ).
<b>Step 2.</b>	Connect pins <b>9</b> and <b>10</b> to the paging port output.
<b>Step 3.</b>	Connect pins <b>11</b> and <b>12</b> to the paging contacts (if available).
<b>Step 4.</b>	Adjust the page level trim pot so the Page LED flashes with page audio.

**Important:** Page Alert Tone is not given when page contacts are not provided.

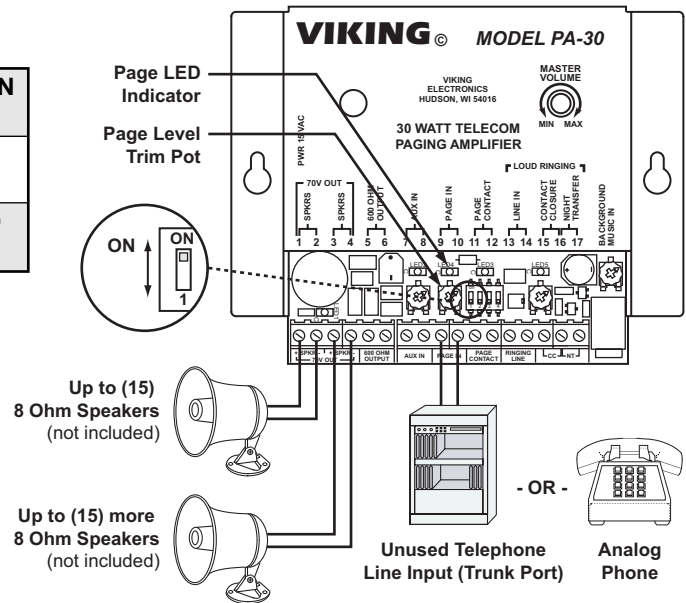
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### 2. Trunk/Line Port

<b>Step 1.</b>	Move the <b>TALK BATTERY</b> DIP switch to the <b>ON</b> position ( <b>DIP switch 1</b> ).
<b>Step 2.</b>	Connect pins <b>9</b> and <b>10</b> to an unused telephone line input (trunk port).
<b>Step 3.</b>	Adjust the page level trim pot so the page LED flashes with page audio.

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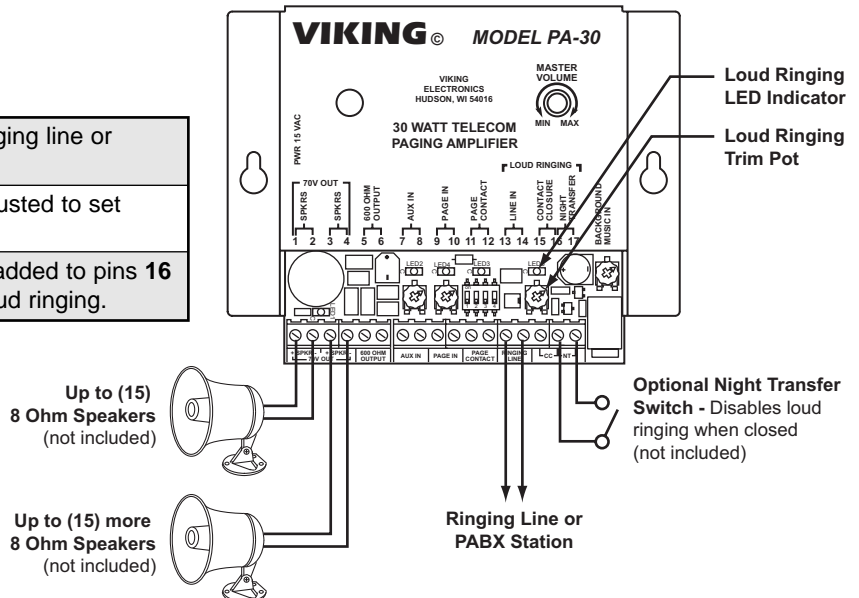


## B. Loud Ringing/Night Bell

### 1. Ringing Analog Lines

<b>Step 1.</b>	Connect pins <b>13</b> and <b>14</b> to a ringing line or PABX station.
<b>Step 2.</b>	The loud ringing pot may be adjusted to set volume.
<b>Step 3.</b>	A night transfer switch may be added to pins <b>16</b> and <b>17</b> to enable and disable loud ringing.

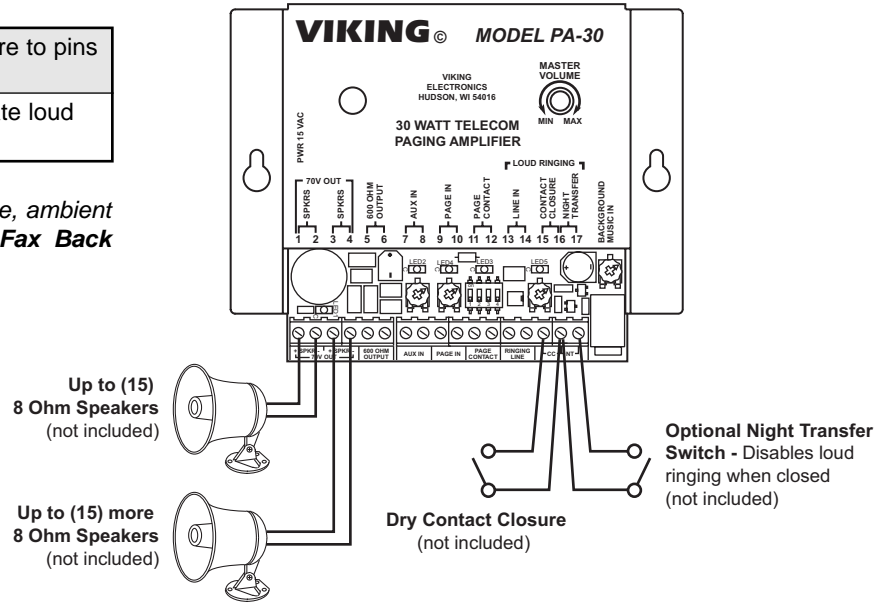
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## 2. Dry Contact (Common Audible) Closure (contacts not included)

<b>Step 1.</b>	Connect the dry contact closure to pins 15 and 16.
<b>Step 2.</b>	A dry contact closure will initiate loud ringing.

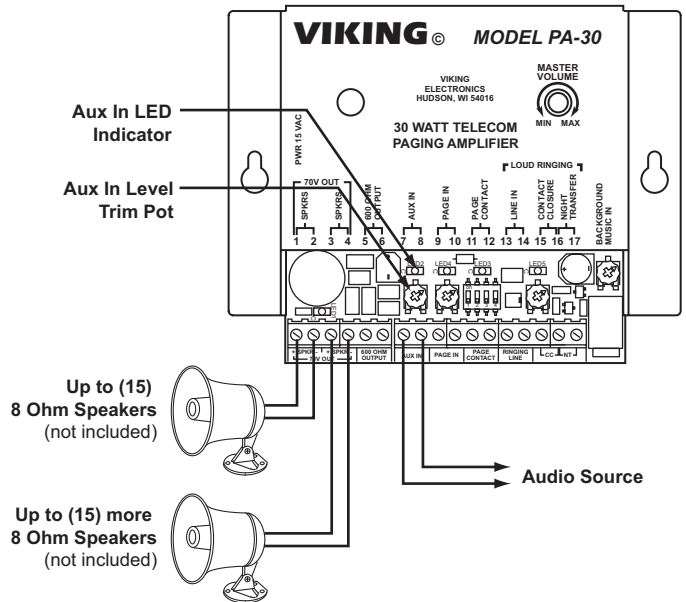
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## C. Auxiliary Input

<b>Step 1.</b>	Connect pins 7 and 8 to any other line level audio source.
<b>Step 2.</b>	Adjust the aux in level trim pot so the aux in LED flashes with aux audio.

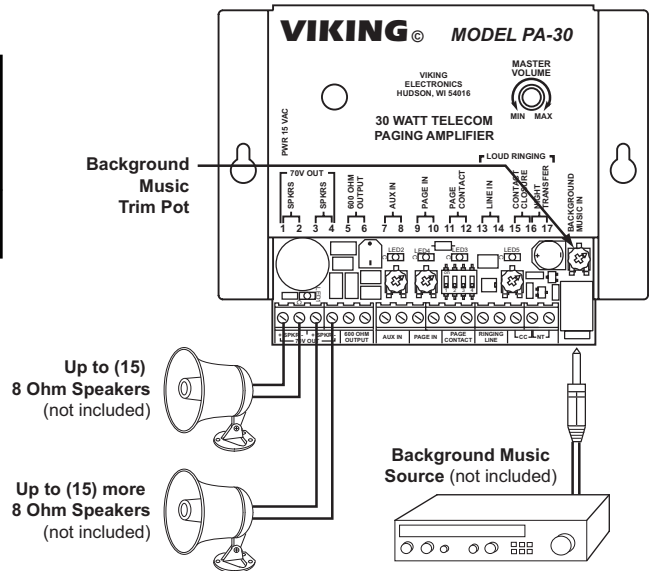
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## D. Background Music

<b>Step 1.</b>	Connect a background music source to the background music in jack using the 1/8" (3.5mm) cable provided.
<b>Step 2.</b>	Adjust the background music trim pot to the desired volume.
<b>Step 3.</b>	Background music will play when all other inputs are idle.

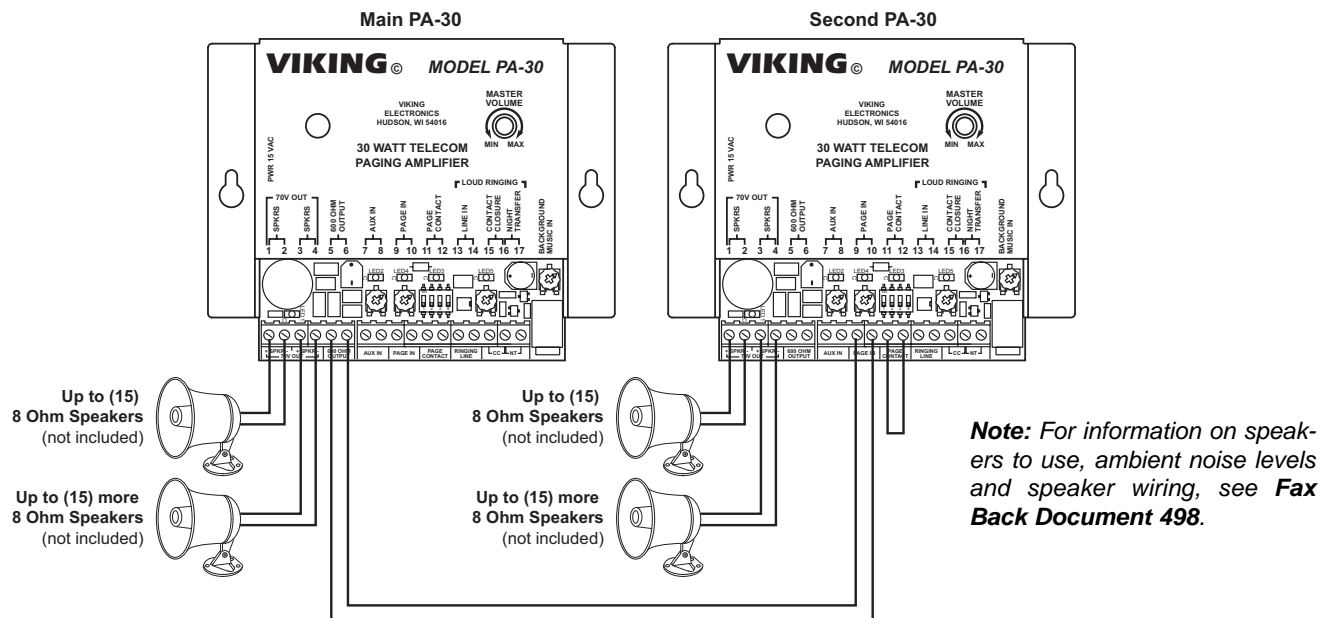
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## E. Additional Paging Power

When more than (30) 8 ohm speakers are required, an additional **PA-30** can be added.

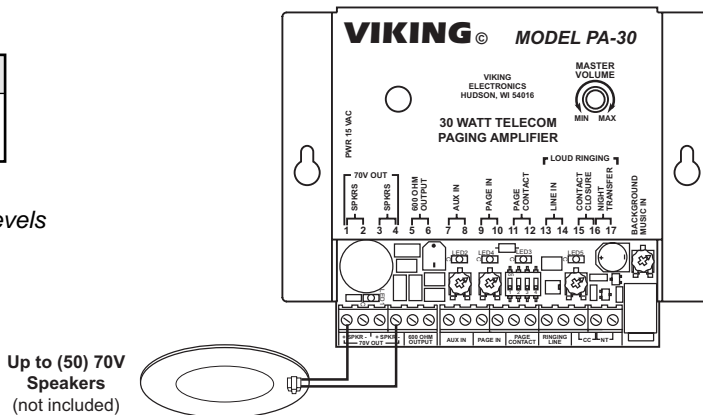
<b>Step 1.</b>	Connect the main <b>PA-30</b> as described on previous pages.
<b>Step 2.</b>	Move the talk battery DIP switch to the <b>OFF</b> position (DIP switch 1)
<b>Step 3.</b>	Connect the main <b>PA-30</b> 600 Ohm Output (pins 5 and 6) to a second <b>PA-30</b> Page In (pins 9 and 10).
<b>Step 4.</b>	Add a jumper wire across the Page Contact (pins 11 and 12) of the second <b>PA-30</b> .



## F. 70 Volt Speakers

<b>Step 1.</b>	Connect pins 1 and 4 to the 70 volt speakers.
<b>Step 2.</b>	For increased volume levels change the speaker's "tap" to a higher power level.

**Note:** For information on speakers to use, ambient noise levels and speaker wiring, see **Fax Back Document 498**.

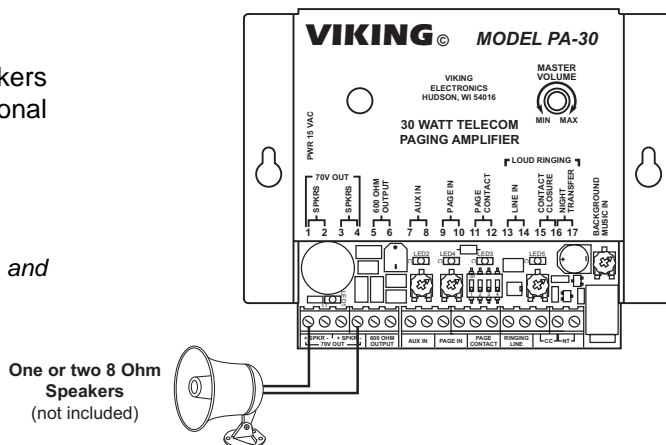


## G. Very Loud Paging

If very loud paging is required, one or two 8-Ohm speakers can be connected in a way that provides 6dB of additional speaker volume.

Connect one or two 8-Ohm speakers to pins 1 and 4.

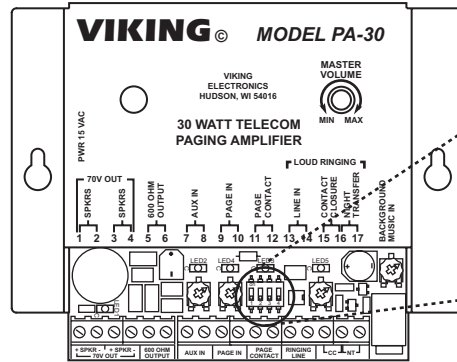
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## H. DIP Switch Programming

Switch	Position	Description
1	OFF	Talk Battery disabled (use for paging port)
1	ON	Talk Battery enabled (use for trunk input)
2	OFF	Normal Priority: Aux In → Page → Ringing → Background Music
2	ON	Alternative Priority: Page → Aux In → Ringing → Background Music

Switch 3	Switch 4	Sound Output Description
OFF	OFF	Electronic Warble
OFF	ON	Double Gong
ON	OFF	Quadruple Chime
ON	ON	Door Chime

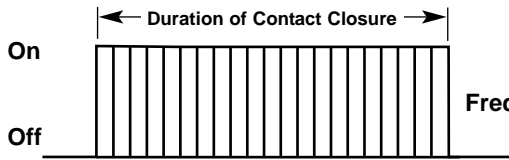


DIP Switches are shown in factory default settings

## Sound Output Specifications

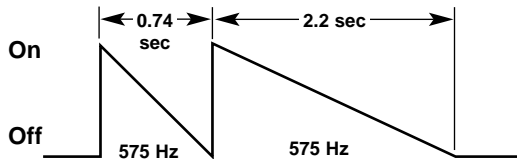
All tones require a minimum of 180ms of ringing voltage (or contact closure) to trigger. Once triggered, the electronic warble will run continuously until ringing stops (or contacts open). All other tones (double gong, quadruple chime, doorbell) will run through their full sequence once and will not cycle again until the ringing stops (or contact opens) for at least 50ms and a second ring signal (or contact closure) triggers them again.

### A. Electronic Warble (Traditional Loud Ringer)

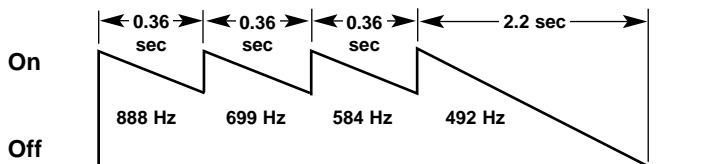


Frequency alternates between 1440 Hz and 1140 Hz 20 times per second.

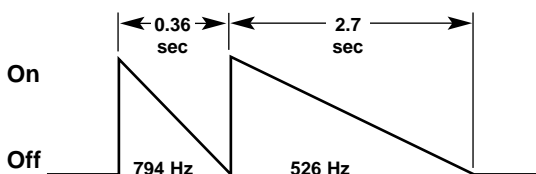
### B. Double Gong (Two "Gong" Tones)



### C. Quadruple Chime (Four Descending Chime Tones)



### D. Door Chime (Ding-Dong)



# Operation

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## A. Background Music In

This audio input allows background music from an external source to plug into the **PA-30**. While any other input is active, background music is turned off, so music will only be heard through the speakers when all other inputs are idle. A 3.5mm (1/8") audio cable is provided, and the music level can be set using the trim POT just behind the Background Music input jack.

## B. Loud Ringing

### 1. Line In

This input provides loud ringing through the speakers whenever ringing voltage is detected. Connect an analog ringing line to screw terminals 13 & 14 for this feature.

### 2. Contact Closure

This input provides loud ringing through the speakers whenever a contact closure is detected. Some phone systems provide a "common audible" dry contact closure whenever a call is coming in. Wire the contact closure across screw terminals 15 & 16 to provide loud ringing from the **PA-30**.

### 3. Night Transfer

This input can be used to disable loud ringing. For example, if loud ringing is only necessary during off business hours, an external switch can be added to disable loud ringing during the day, and transfer it back on at night. Wire an external switch across screw terminals 16 & 17. When the switch is closed, loud ringing will be disabled.

### 4. Loud Ringing Sounds

The **PA-30** can produce one of 4 selectable loud ringing sounds. Use DIP Switches 3 and 4 to choose between Electronic Warble, Double Gong, Quadruple Chime, or Door Chime sounds for loud ringing. Select the Electronic Warble tone (traditional loud ringing) for noisy areas. The softer chime tones work well in less noisy environments.

## C. Paging

### 1. Page In

This audio input allows paging from a phone system's Paging Port, a phone system's unused Telephone Line Input (Trunk Port), or even a simple dedicated analog phone. Wire the appropriate page source to screw terminals 9 & 10.

If paging from a phone system's unused Telephone Line Input (Trunk Port), or dedicated analog phone, DIP Switch 1 must be turned ON so the **PA-30** will provide the necessary 40V DC of Talk Battery. To page, either access that Trunk Port or go off hook on the analog phone. Loop current will be detected and activate paging. Wait for the Page Alert Tone to pass, and then speak.

If paging from a Paging Port and the Page Contacts are not used, the **PA-30** relies on a Voice Activation Switch (VOX) feature that will switch to paging when voice audio is detected. This means the voice audio must be loud enough to be detected; in addition, there is not an opportunity for the **PA-30** to produce a page alert tone. The VOX sensitivity can be adjusted using the Page Level Trim Pot located just behind the Page In screw terminals. Adjust this Pot so the Page LED flashes with page audio. To page, simply access the phone systems paging port and speak.

If paging from a Paging Port and Page Contacts are used (see below), the **PA-30** will provide a Page Alert Tone. To page, simply access the phone systems paging port, wait for the Page Alert Tone to pass, and then speak.

### 2. Page Contacts

Page Contacts are only useful if paging from a phone system's Paging Port (see above). If a Page Contact Closure is available from the phone system, wire it to screw terminals 11 & 12. A contact closure will activate the **PA-30**'s Paging Input.

## D. Aux In

This audio input allows any additional audio sources to be connected into the **PA-30** on screw terminals 7 & 8. Possible uses are: audio from another paging system, clock controlled tones to announce work shift times (see Viking model **CTG-1**), emergency siren (see Viking model **MTG-10**), digitally recorded announcements (see Viking model **DVA-500A** or **DVA-2WA**), etc.

The **PA-30** relies on a Voice Activation Switch (VOX) feature that will switch to the Aux Input when audio is loud enough to be detected. The VOX sensitivity can be adjusted using the Aux In Level Trim Pot located just behind the Aux In screw terminals. Adjust this Pot so the Aux In LED flashes with Aux audio.

## E. 600 Ohm Output

This audio output is provided so that additional paging amplifiers can be added if additional paging power is needed. This is a 600 ohm line level output that can be connected into any single ended amplifier input (such as a second **PA-30**).

## F. Master Volume

A master volume control is provided. This adjustment only affects the gain of the **PA-30**'s output amplifier. Use it to set the power level going to the speakers.

## G. Priorities

Since there are multiple uses and inputs to the **PA-30**, priorities need to be established to prevent contentions. If two inputs are activated at the same time, the one with the highest priority will take effect. Examples: Paging is higher priority than Loud Ringing, so Paging would interrupt loud ringing tones. Background Music input is always the lowest priority, and thus can be interrupted by any other input. Two different DIP Switch programmable Priority selections are available as listed below.

### Normal Priority (DIP Switch 2 OFF)

1. Aux In
2. Paging
3. Ringing
4. Background Music

### Alternative Priority (DIP Switch 2 ON)

1. Paging
2. Aux In
3. Ringing
4. Background Music

## H. Speakers

### 1. Typical 8-Ohm Speakers

The **PA-30** contains two separate high current amplifiers, each of which can drive up to fifteen 8-ohm speakers. This means the **PA-30** is capable of driving a total of thirty 8-ohm speakers. For best results, connect ½ of the speakers across screw terminals 1 & 2 (the first amplifier), and connect the other ½ of the speakers across screw terminals 3 & 4 (the second amplifier), to balance out the power handling.

### 2. Managing Power Losses

An important part of installing any paging system is to understand how amplifier power is lost, and then know how to take measure to reduce this loss if needed. For example, if eight 8-ohm speakers are all connected together, their combined parallel impedance would be 1 ohm (8 ohms divided by 8 speakers equals 1 ohm). If these eight speakers are wired 125 feet away from the **PA-30** using #16 gauge wire, ½ of the paging power would be lost in the long run. This is because a 125 foot full loop of #16 wire contains 1 ohm of total resistance, so half the power would be lost in the wire, and ½ the power would be produced across the speakers. For reference, ½ power is a 3dB loss.

There may be enough amplifier "headroom" for this to be acceptable in most applications, but in applications in which this much power loss is not acceptable, some measures can be taken to get some additional power to the distant speakers as listed below:

1. Use heavier gauge wire. Every 3 gauge sizes heavier represents ½ the resistance.
2. Double-up on the existing gauge wire.
3. Have more wire runs and fewer speakers in parallel for each run. Each speaker wired on its own "homerun" would maximize this approach.
4. Install the **PA-30** closer to where the speakers are installed to minimize the wire run lengths.
5. Use 70 volt speakers as described below.

### 3. 70-Volt Speakers

Paging systems often utilize 70 volt speakers as a way to distribute audio with a minimal amount of power loss in the wire run. Typically, 70 volt speakers have an integral step down transformer that converts the high 70 volt signal down to a lower voltage, but higher current signal the speaker needs. The benefits of running a high voltage paging system are identical to the benefits of running high voltage power lines. That is, the higher the voltage is, the lower the current becomes. This is good because, as with lower current, there is less loss of power in the long wire runs due to resistance in the wire.

Since the **PA-30** has two amplifiers that are running in differential mode, the output across them together will have double the voltage swing. This Bridge Tied Load (BTL) strapping of the two amplifiers enables the use of 70 volt speakers when wired across screw terminals 1 and 4. If increased volume levels are needed, use a higher power tap on the 70 volt speaker. Even though the **PA-30** is able to drive either 70 volt or 8 ohm speakers, it is not recommended to mix 70 volt speakers and 8 ohm speakers on the same **PA-30**, because the 8 ohms speakers will play louder at any given volume setting.

### 4. Very Loud Paging

If the installation requires very loud paging, one or two 8 ohm speakers can be BTL strapped across the **PA-30**'s two amplifiers, (like 70 volt speakers as described above). Connecting one or two 8 ohm speakers across screw terminals 1 and 4 of the **PA-30** will provide 6dB more speaker volume than normal. If more than two 8 ohm speakers are needed, wiring them as described in section "1." above will provide best results.

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