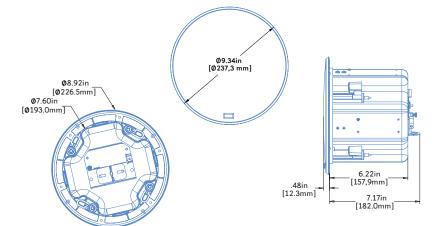
DATASHEET ULTRA SERIES

# Ashby-5C Ceiling Loudspeaker







**Outside Dimensions** 

8.92 in (226.5 mm) diameter

7.17 in (182 mm) depth: front of ceiling surface to built-in

safety attachment ring

Cutout Diameter Range 7.70 - 7.95 in (195.5 - 201.9 mm)

Weight 7.8 lb (3.53 kg)

Enclosure Zinc-plated steel-back can and UL 94 V-0 rated baffle Grille Perforated steel 9.34 in (237.3 mm) in diameter

Mounting Options C-Ring with bridge kit, new construction bracket, and pendant mount

The Ashby-5C self-powered, ceiling-mounted loudspeaker provides wide coverage and low distortion, even at high sound levels, for applications that require accurate music reproduction and intelligible voice. The Ashby-5C out performs all in-ceiling loudspeakers of comparable size.

The Ashby-5C is engineered to the same award-winning standards as all Meyer Sound IntelligentDC loudspeakers. With on-board amplification with sophisticated signal processing, the Ashby-5C exhibits the flat frequency and phase response for which Meyer Sound loudspeakers are known.

The Ashby drivers are designed and manufactured at the Meyer Sound factory in Berkeley, California. The 0.75-in metal-dome tweeter is concentrically mounted over a 5-in cone driver in an innovative configuration that maximizes the surface of the wave guide.

With an incredibly smooth, consistent 100° coverage, fewer loudspeakers can cover a larger area, which reduces system cost while maintaining the highest sound quality.

The Ashby-5C requires an external MPS-488HP IntelligentDC power supply. The 19-in (1 RU) unit distributes DC power and balanced audio to Ashby loudspeakers or other Meyer Sound IntelligentDC loudspeakers. Composite multi-conductor cables (e.g., Belden® 1502) can deliver both DC power and balanced audio from a single Phoenix™ 5-pin male connector.

The MPS-488HP can power up to 24 Ashby-5C loudspeakers (3 per channel) and can connect to Meyer Sound's RMS remote monitoring system. Using IntelligentDC to supply power from an external source has several advantages:

- Eliminates the need to use conduit (Class 2 wiring)
- Allows longer, lighter-gauge cable runs
- Preserves the advantages of selfpowered systems with even more flexible installation options

Housed in an integrated metal back-can to meet commercial fire codes, the Ashby-5C can be flush-mounted in ceilings using a low-profile grille that blends discretely into any décor. The following Meyer Sound accessories are designed specifically to install Ashby loud-peakers into a variety of ceiling environments:

- C-Ring with Bridge Kit: Used for suspended ceilings, the C-ring better distributes the clamping force of the four mounting clamps, while the bridges help support and distribute the weight of the loudspeaker.
- New Construction Bracket: This bracket can be fastened to the ceiling and acts as a template for ceiling cutout, ensuring a neat installation.
- Ashby Pendant: Allows Ashby loudspeakers to hang from ceilings where a flushmount is not practical. These elegant pendant enclosures utilize a minimalistic design typically used in pendant lighting to blend discreetly into the environment.

### Features and Benefits

- Self-powered
- Easy to install
- Extremely wide and consistent coverage
- Ultra low distortion
- Exceptional SPL-to-size ratio
- Beautiful reproduction of speech and music
- Supports long cable runs with light-gauge cables
- One MPS-488HP can power up to 24 Ashby-5Cs

## **APPLICATIONS**

- Distributed systems for music and paging that demand high-quality audio and vocal intelligibility
- Constellation acoustic systems

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

#### ACOUSTICAL **Operating Frequency Range** 100 Hz - 18 kHz Frequency Response<sup>2</sup> 110 Hz - 16 kHz ±4 dB 290 Hz - 16 kHz ± 45° Phase Response Linear Peak SPL<sup>3</sup> 104.5 dB, Pink noise 107.5 dB, B-noise 112.0 dB, M-noise COVERAGE Coverage 110° conical TRANSDUCERS Low Frequency One 5-in cone driver **High Frequency** One 0.75-in dome tweeter mounted concentrically in wave guide in front of 5-in driver **CONNECTOR PANEL** Two 5-pin female Phoenix (one input and a hard wired loop-output) Audio/Power Connector Two pins for 48 DC power, three pins for balanced audio **Pinout** Power Wiring Pin 1: DC Power (-) Pin 2: DC Power (+) **Audio Wiring** Pin 3: Audio shield, chassis/earth Pin 4: Signal (-) Pin 5: Signal (+) LED Displays loudspeaker status INPUT Differential, electronically balanced Type Impedance 10 kΩ balanced (AC Impedance) Nominal Input Sensitivity -2.5 dBV (0.25 V rms, 1.00 V peak) continuous average is typically the onset of limiting for noise and music where pink noise has 12 dB peak-to-RMS ratio Audio Input Source Audio source must be capable of producing +16 dBV (6.3 V rms, 9.0 V peak) into 600 $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$ to produce the maximum peak SPL over the operating bandwidth of the loudspeaker with a sine wave. AMPLIFIER Type Output Power<sup>4</sup> High efficiency Class D 220 W (440 W peak) Natural convection through the metal enclosure Cooling DC POWER 48V DC Powered from Meyer Sound MPS-488HP Power Supply Approved for Class 2 Wiring used in conjunction with MPS-488HP Safety Agency Rated Operating Range<sup>5</sup> 48 V DC 0.16 A rms **Idle Current** Maximum Long-Term Continuous Current (>3 sec) 0.32 A rms Maximum Instantaneous Peak Current 170 A neak Meyer Sound Power Supply Required For information and specifications on the Meyer Sound MPS-488HP IntelligentDC external power supply, refer to its datasheet. COMPLIANCE Safety Agency certification: Standard for audio, video and similar electronic apparatus: UL 60065, CSA C22.2 NO. 60065-03 (AMD 2),IEC 60065,IEC 62368-1 Fire Rated to UL Standard 2043, Product and Accessories Installed in Air-Handling Spaces **EMC Certification:** CE and FCC Part 15 Emission Class B emission limits applied. MAXIMUM CABLE LENGTHS 6 Maximum Cable Length (feet) - imperial Number of Maximum Cable Length (meters) - metric Speakers 12 AWG 14 AWG 16 AWG 18AWG 2.5 mm<sup>2</sup> 1.5 mm<sup>2</sup> 1.0 mm<sup>2</sup> 0.75 mm<sup>2</sup> 1800 1125 450 480 135 80 700 260 2 900 225 240 130 70 40 3\* 375 237 150 160 87 45 27 \* this applies to one 8C and one 5C looped

#### NOTES

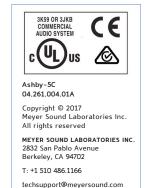
- Recommended maximum operating frequency range. Response depends on loading conditions and room acoustics.
- Half-space loading, measured with 1/3octave frequency resolution at 4 m.
- 3. Measured at 4 m and referred to 1 m

Pink noise is an unfiltered, full range test signal with an average-to-peak ratio of 12.5 dB.

B-noise is a Meyer Sound test signal used to ensure measurements reflect system behavior when reproducing the most common input spectrum, and verify there is still headroom over pink noise.

M-noise is a full-range signal developed by Meyer Sound to better measure the loudspeaker's performance with music. It has a constant instantaneous peak level in octave bands, a crest factor that increases with frequency, and a full bandwidth peak-toaverage ratio of 18 dB.

- Amplifier wattage rating is based on the maximum unclipped burst sine wave rms voltage the amplifier will produce for at least 0.5 s into the nominal load impedance 30 V rms (42 V peak).
- Tolerates voltage drops up to 30% due to long cable runs. Normal operating conditions with recommended cable gauge, length, and number of speakers assures peak SPL to remain within 2 dB of max SPL specification.
- 6 Some high frequency loss can occur from long analog audio cables. For lengths greater than 500 ft (150 m) Meyer Sound recommends using low capacitance shielded audio cable or AES Digital audio cable. Discuss expected high frequency loss with the cable manufacturer to determine acceptability.



#### ARCHITECTURAL SPECIFICATIONS

The loudspeaker shall be self-powered and include one 5-in (127 mm) diameter coaxial transducer and one 0.75-in (20 mm) dome tweeter mounted concentrically in wave guide in front of the 5-in driver.

Performance specifications for a typical production unit shall be as follows, measured at 1/3-octave resolution: operating frequency range, 100 Hz - 18 kHz; phase response,  $290 \text{ Hz} - 16 \text{ kHz} \pm 45^\circ$  and a conical coverage of 110 degrees. The loudspeaker shall be capable of maximum linear peak SPL of 112 dB peak at 1 m measured using M-noise, a full-range signal developed by Meyer Sound to better model the loudspeaker's performance with music.

The loudspeaker shall be equipped with two Phoenix 5-pin male connectors (pins 1, 2 for 48 V DC power, pins 3, 4, 5 for balanced audio). One shall be the input, the second connector shall be hard wired for looping.

The loudspeaker shall have looping capabilities, and when connected to one channel of the required power supply up to three units can be powered.

The audio input shall be electronically balanced with a 10 kohm impedance and shall accept a nominal -2.5 dBV (0.25 V rms, 1 V peak) signal.

The loudspeaker shall incorporate a highly efficient Class–D power amplifier with a total output power of 220 W (440 W peak).

Power requirements for the loudspeaker shall be a Meyer Sound MPS-488HP power supply, capable of delivering 48 V DC. Current draw for the loudspeaker shall be 0.16 A in idle state and its maximum long-term continuous current draw shall be 0.32 A with a duration of less than 3 s.

The loudspeaker shall tolerate voltage drops up to 30% caused by long cable runs when connected to one channel of the required power

supply. Maximum cable run for a single unit is 450 ft with 18 AWG (135 m with 1.0  $\text{mm}^2$ ) and the maximum cable run for three looped units is 150 ft with 18 AWG (45 m with 1.0  $\text{mm}^2$ ).

Loudspeaker components shall be housed in a zinc-plated steel enclosure which shall also include a UL94V-0 rated baffle. The enclosure shall incorporate 4 mounting clamps for flush-mount installations in ceilings and walls with a minimum depth of 7.17 in (182 mm). Grille shall be made of perforated steel and its diameter shall be 9.34 in (237.3 mm).

Dimensions shall be 8.92 in (226.5 mm) in diameter and 7.17 in (182 mm) in depth (front of ceiling surface to built-in safety attachment ring). Cutout diameter range shall be 7.60 – 7.875 in (193 – 200 mm). Weight shall be 7.8 lb (3.53 kg).

The loudspeaker shall be the Meyer Sound Ashby-5C.