

GROUND ZERO[®]

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Digital Signal Processor

Owner's manual

GZDSP 4-8X

Feature list

- Digital signal processor (DSP) – 2x Analog Devices SigmaDSP
- 4-channel line input (RCA)
- 4-channel high-level input (with auto-on function)
- 8-channel line output (RCA)
- Realtime setup of all functions (via PC or APP*)
- Simple handling, one-page graphical user interface (Windows[®] compatible)
- Parametric equalizer for each channel (8x 10 bands)
- Time alignment (0-8 ms / 0-272 cm / 0-107") for each channel
- Adjustable crossover (HPF / LPF / BPF from 20 Hz to 20 kHz)
- Selectable crossover slope (6 to 24 dB/oct)
- 3 filter characteristics (Butterworth/Bessel/Linkwitz-Riley)
- Selectable phase shift for each channel (0° or 180°)
- Memory for 6 user presets (selectable via remote control, PC or APP*)
- Wired remote control (Main level and preset selection)
- Heatsink dimensions (w x l x h): 6.61" x 4.49" x 1.06"

*combined with optionally available interface GZDSP BT-STICK

App control:

For using your mobile device to control the unit and to make adjustments, please install the GROUND ZERO DSP-Control3 app on your device. Check the web page for further information and to download the app's owner's manual.

Product description

The GZDSP 4-8X is a digital signal processor increasing the sound quality of the vehicle's audio equipment, based on two 28-bit DSP chipsets in combination with four 24-bit AD and eight separate DA converters. Due to its universal summing function combining up to 4 high-level channels and its 8x 10-band equalizing, the GZDSP 4-8X can be integrated into most OEM sound systems.

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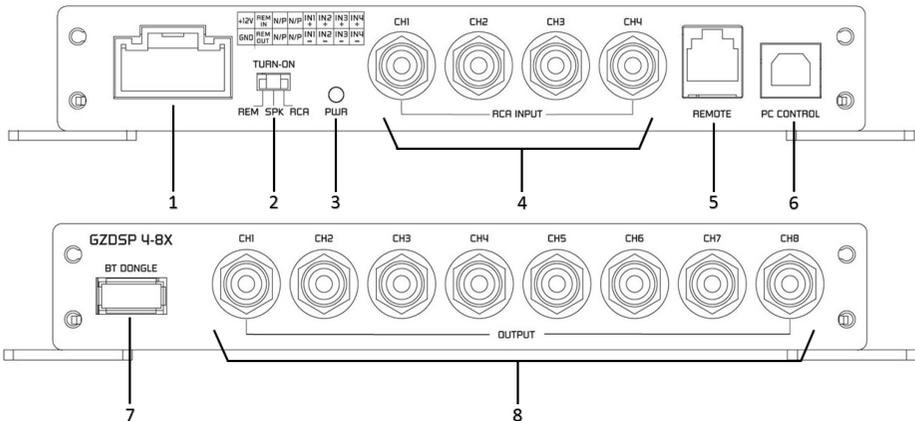
Package content

- 1 x GZDSP 4-8X
- 1 x USB cable (A to B connector)
- 1 x Power supply and high-level input harness
- 1 x Wired remote control
- 1 x CD-ROM (software & drivers) compatible with Microsoft Windows® XP SP3, Vista, 7, 8, 8.1 and 10
- 1 x Owner's manual (German/English)
- 1 x Fastening kit

General installation note

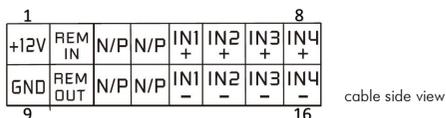
- As a precaution, it is recommended to disconnect the vehicles battery before mounting the amplifier. (Note: For new vehicles, disconnecting the battery might cause various errors in your vehicle’s electric system that can be cleared only by authorized service partners of your vehicle’s manufacturer! Please ask your service partner first before disconnecting the battery!)
- The power supply wire (+12 V) has to be protected within max. 20 cm / 8” by a main fuse holder with a fuse value matching the recommendation for your amplifier
(Note: If there is more than one amplifier connected using this power wire, the main fuse value must be equal to the sum of the recommended fuses of all connected devices. However, make sure the diameter of your power wire will be sufficient for the required current!)
- If necessary, replace a defective fuse by a fuse with identical quality and value
- Never drill a hole to the vehicles gas tank or brake lines, to wirings or any other important vehicle parts!
- Never pass wires over sharp edges or vehicle parts to avoid any kind of damage
- Keep the wiring away from the antenna and electronic devices contributing to radio reception
- Lay the power supply wiring always separated from speaker wiring to avoid disturbance
- The amplifier contains a temperature protection circuit that turns the device off in case of overheating. After a certain cooling time, it will turn on automatically. To avoid heat build-up, sufficient air supply for cooling must be provided. Never cover the surface of the amplifier’s heatsink entirely
- The DSP unit should **NEVER** be mounted onto a vibrating part or surface such as a subwoofer enclosure. This might lead to malfunction due to loosened electrical parts inside the amplifier.
- Some amplifiers offer a high-level input option, however if a pre-amplified output (RCA) is available (at the head unit), it is strongly recommended to make use of them.

Connections



1	Harness connection	To connect the power and speaker input harness (check the pinout on the next page).
2	TURN-ON switch	This unit offers automatic turn-on. Using the feature, it’s unnecessary to connect a remote wire. Set the switch to the RCA position for line input or SPK position for the high-level input. Caution: The high-level input and the line input cannot be used simultaneously. This may lead to malfunction and cause serious damage to the DSP unit.
3	Power indication	Indicating the operation status
4	Line input (RCA)	To connect the head-unit’s pre-amplified line output audio signal (RCA)
5	Remote control	To connect the supplied wired remote control
6	USB port	To connect the supplied USB cable to a compatible Windows PC’s USB port
7	Port for optional GZDSP BT-STICK	To connect the optionally available interface for wireless music streaming. The interface is required to control the unit and adjust the settings using a mobile device, as well.
8	Line output (RCA)	To connect one or more amplifiers using RCA signal cables

Harness connector pinout



1	Yellow	+ 12 V Power supply	Connect the unit to the positive pole (+) of the vehicles battery. Use adequate wiring gauge (not less than 1.0 mm ² / 17 AWG) with an additional fuse holder (2 A fuse) not further than 30 cm / 12" away from the terminal of the battery
2	Blue	Remote input	Using the line input (RCA), a remote wire can be connected to turn on the DSP unit. In this case, set the TURN-ON switch to the REM position. Setting the switch to the RCA or SPK position activates the auto-on function, in that case a remote wire is superfluous.
5	White	Channel 1 (+)	To connect the left front speaker output (+)
6	Grey	Channel 2 (+)	To connect the right front speaker output (+)
7	Green	Channel 3 (+)	To connect the left rear speaker output (+)
8	Purple	Channel 4 (+)	To connect the right rear speaker output (+)
9	Black	Ground (GND)	Connect the unit to a suitable ground terminal. The ground wire should be as short as possible and be mounted to an unvarnished metal part
10	Blue/ White	Remote output	To be used with additional system equipment like amplifiers to turn on together with the DSP unit. The current is limited to 500 mA max.
13	White/bl	Channel 1 (-)	To connect the left front speaker output (-)
14	Grey/bl	Channel 2 (-)	To connect the right front speaker output (-)
15	Green/bl	Channel 3 (-)	To connect the left rear speaker output (-)
16	Purple/bl	Channel 4 (-)	To connect the right rear speaker output (-)

PC software installation

The PC software is compatible* to Windows™ XP (SP3) operating systems (or later). One USB port and 25 MB free memory space is required for the installation. The files are located on the included CD-ROM. If there is no CD drive available, the software can be downloaded from the Ground Zero web page:

www.ground-zero-audio.com

* compatible operating systems: Microsoft Windows® XP SP3 / Vista / 7 / 8 / 8.1 / 10
 PC requirements: min. 1.5 GHz processor with 1 GB main memory (RAM) and graphic cards with a resolution of 1024x600 pixels or more

Run the **setup.exe** file. The installation wizard will guide through the installation process.

Note: We strictly recommend using the latest DSP software available from the web page.

USB connection

USB connection: We don't recommend using any passive extension cable together with the included USB wire, as the proper function can't be ensured.

DSP setting: The unit must be connected to a PC with the DSP software installed using the included USB wire. To adjust any setting the unit must be in operation mode. Click the program icon on the desktop or select the program from the software list to start. The starting window appears.

Windows® user account control (UAC): In case the PC operating system is set to restricted security clearance regarding software with unknown source or without digital signature a window will appear each time at the program is starting. Please confirm with >Yes< (language depends on your local setting) to run the program

USB port

In order to use the software, a communication to the PC must be established. Therefore, an unused USB port is required. During the connection of the USB cable the system will assign automatically a USB port.

Graphical user interface (GUI)

The screenshot shows the GROUND ZERO EQ software interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Memory' and 'Options', and a 'Disconnect' button. The main area features a frequency response graph with a red line indicating a 20Hz filter. Below the graph are settings for High-pass and Low-pass filters, including Type, Frequency, and Slope. An EQ section contains 10 bands with sliders for Level and Delay, and buttons for Mute and Phase. At the bottom, there are eight channel controls (CH1-CH8) with Level, Delay, Mute, and Phase settings.

Annotations with red lines and numbers:

- 2: Points to the Memory and Options tabs.
- 5: Points to the High-pass filter settings (Type, Freq, Slope).
- 6: Points to the Low-pass filter settings (Type, Freq, Slope).
- 3: Points to the Expert mode button.
- 1: Points to the Main level control.
- 4: A bracket spans across the channel controls (CH1-CH8).
- 9: Points to the Disconnect button.
- 7: Points to the EQ band sliders.
- 8: Points to the EQ band Mute and Phase buttons.

The screenshot shows the GROUND ZERO EQ software interface with the 'Expert mode' button highlighted. The main area displays a grid of input signal routing options for IN1 through IN4 across eight channels (CH1-CH8). Each input has 'ON' and 'OFF' buttons. Below the routing grid are the same channel controls (CH1-CH8) as seen in the previous screenshot, including Level, Delay, Mute, and Phase settings.

Annotations with red lines and numbers:

- 2: Points to the Memory and Options tabs.
- 3: Points to the Expert mode button.
- 1: Points to the Main level control.
- 4: A bracket spans across the channel controls (CH1-CH8).
- 9: Points to the Disconnect button.
- 10: A bracket spans across the input signal routing grid.

Graphical user interface (GUI)

1	Main level adjustment	Setting the main level (input sensitivity) in between the range of -60 up to +6 dB (the adjustment is equal to the remote control setting between 0 and 66) The MUTE button deactivates the output
2	Memory / Options dropdown menu	Tap the button to open the dropdown menu. Further information about the dropdown menu is to be found at the section below
3	Expert mode	Switch to the channel matrix. Further information about the dropdown menu is to be found at section 10
4	Channel settings	Channel: Select the required channel tapping the according button Level: Use the up/down buttons to adjust the output level of the channel Mute: Tap the button to deactivate the selected channel Input: The button is indicating the selected input channel. Tap repeatedly to select a channel Delay: The button indicates the selected unit of the time delay. Tap repeatedly to select a unit. Use the up/down buttons to adjust the time delay. The value can be entered to the display field directly, as well. Phase: Each tap inverts the phase (0°/180°) Link: Tap the button to link each pair of channels (e.g. 1 with 2, 3 with 4, etc.) to adjust both channels simultaneously
5	High pass filter settings	Type: Select the filter characteristic from the dropdown menu Freq: The required value can be entered to the display directly or selected using the scroll wheel of the PC mouse. The frequency chart shows the adjustments graphically (H=high pass) Slope: Select the crossover slope from the dropdown menu or deactivate the filter Note: The filter can be adjusted using the PC mouse at the frequency chart directly
6	Low pass filter settings	Type: Select the filter characteristic from the dropdown menu Freq: The required value can be entered to the display directly or selected using the scroll wheel of the PC mouse. The frequency chart shows the adjustments graphically (L=low pass) Slope: Select the crossover slope from the dropdown menu or deactivate the filter Note: The filter can be adjusted using the PC mouse at the frequency chart directly
7	Equalizer settings	As soon as the equalizer setting is changed from default, the following button appears Bypass EQ: Resets the adjustments temporarily to default setting. At bypass position: Restore EQ: Restores the previous setting of the equalizer Reset EQ: Resets the equalizer setting to default Freq / Q / dB: Enter the required value to the display field directly or select the value using the scroll wheel of the PC mouse. The frequency chart shows the adjustments graphically Note: Many settings can be changed at the frequency chart directly using the PC mouse
8	PEQ or LS/HS selection	Selecting one of the available modes for the first (1) and last (10) band, the default setting (PEQ) can be set to a variable shelf filter (LS/HS) instead with a slope of 6 or 12 dB/octave
9	Connect / Disconnect button	Tap the button to establish or separate the connection between the DSP unit and the PC via USB cable. The connection status is displayed at the top of the window
10	Input signal	Using the matrix, one or more input channels can be assigned for each output channel. If more than one channel is selected, the MIX-icon will be visible at the button

Memory dropdown menu

Memory	Options
Load DSP unit Preset(E)	
Save As DSP unit Preset(I)	
Delete DSP unit Preset(D)	
Load PC preset file(O)	
Save as PC preset file(S)	
Load all presets	
Save all presets	
Factory Reset	

Load DSP unit Preset	Loading a setup from the DSP memory
Save as DSP unit Preset	Saving a setup to the DSP memory Preset can be named individually
Delete DSP unit Preset	Deleting a preset from the DSP memory
Load PC preset file	Loading a preset from the PC memory
Save as PC preset file	Saving a setup to the PC memory
Load all presets	Loading all presets (from the PC to the DSP)
Save all presets	Saving all presets (from the DSP to the PC)
Factory Reset	Caution: The unit will run through a number of routines. Some windows will appear and disappear. The process will last for about 15 seconds.

Options dropdown menu

Options
Chinese
Firmware Update
Help(F)
About(A)

Language	Select the Chinese or English version of the software
Update	Opens a window to select the upgrade file
Help	Opens the GROUND ZERO web page within the browser
About	Displays the software version

Technical specifications

Model	GZDSP 4-8X
Type	8-channel signal processor (DSP) with 4 input channels Sampling frequency 48 kHz / resolution 56-bit
Frequency range	20 Hz – 20 KHz (-3 dB)
SNR / line input	≥ 115 dB
SNR / high level input	≥ 105 dB
THD / line input	0.002 %
THD / high level input	0.010 %
DSP chipset	2x Analog Devices SigmaDSP
Sensitivity	Line input (RCA) max. 855 mV RMS High level input max. 8.0 V RMS
Input impedance	Line input (RCA) ≥ 20 kΩ High level input 180 Ω
Output voltage / channel	≥ 2.5 V
Remote current	max. 500 mA
Remote input voltage	> 10 V
Switching voltage / speaker input	> 1.3 V
Switching voltage / line input	> 10 mV
Turn on delay	3 seconds
Recommended fuse value	2 A
Dimensions	168 x 114 x 27 mm (B x L x H) / 6.61 x 4.49 x 1.06" (w x l x h)
Software compatibility	Microsoft Windows™ XP SP3, Vista, 7, 8, 8.1, 10
Preset memory	6 presets (individually assignable)
Gain range	-60 bis +6 dB
Equalizer	8x parametric 10 band EQ (20 Hz – 20 kHz) with adjustable Q
Time delay	0 – 8 ms / 0 – 272 cm / 0 – 107"
Crossover	6 / 12 / 18 / 24 dB/oct. slope with selectable filter characteristic
Phase correction	0° / 180°
Optionally available accessory GZDSP BT-STICK	For wireless music streaming and to control and adjust the unit using a mobile device

Terms of warranty

The limited warranty for this product is covered by Ground Zero's local distribution partners and their terms and conditions. For further information contact your local retailer or distributor.

Error diagnosis

Error	Control	Help / Solution
No function	PWR LED on?	-check the fusing -check the remote wire -check the +12 Volt connection and wire -check the ground connection and wire
No sound (PWR LED on)	signal wire no contact or broken	-check the contact or replace the wire
	no audio signal from the head-unit	-check the audio output signal of the head-unit
	amplifier not switched on	-check the remote out of the DSP -check the amplifiers power supply
	non operational source selected	-check the setting
	activated >MUTE< function (User Interface)	-check the setting
Single channels with no function	adjusted level on optional remote control unit too low	-check the setting
	signal wire no contact or broken	-check the contact or replace the wire
	no audio signal from the head-unit	-check the audio output signal of the head-unit
	balance or fader control of the head-unit not in center position	-check the setting of the head-unit
Impure sound, incorrect stereo reproduction	wrong setup of input and output mode	-check the setting
	>GAIN< level too low or >Mute< function (user interface) active	-check the setting
Distorted sound quality	inverted phase of one or more speakers	-check the polarity of the speaker connection -check the polarity of the high-level input -check the >PHASE< setting -check the >TIME ALIGNMENT< adjustment
	speaker overload	-reduce the volume level -check the highpass filter and slope
	DSP input override (distortion)	-select the correct input mode -pay attention to the input sensitivity of the DSP unit
	head-unit output override (distortion)	-reduce the volume level of the head-unit -set the sound controls of the head-unit to center position -deactivate the >Loudness< function of the head-unit
	amplifier override (clipping)	-check the amplifiers input sensitivity -reduce the level
Increased noise level	>GAIN< level too high	-reduce the >GAIN< level
	head-unit creates noise	-select a superior quality head-unit -use the optical output (if available) -let the audio store or manufacturer check the head-unit
Car specific interferences audible through the audio system	diverse power supplies or ground connection	-the head-unit, the DSP and each amplifier should be wired up to a common ground and +12 Volt connection
	signal wire no contact or broken	-check the contact or replace the wire
	head-unit defective	-let the audio store or manufacturer check the head-unit
	amplifier defective	-let the audio store or manufacturer check the amplifier
	DSP unit or amplifier mounted close to an automotive control unit	-choose another mounting position

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