

# EMPHASYS

## IW8.5 IW6.7 IW6.5 IW6.0

### Installer's Guide

#### In-Wall Speakers

from EMPHASYS are designed and built to the highest standards of integrity for superior durability and power handling. The IW8.5 offers an 8" aluminum woofer and pivoting 1" aluminum dome tweeter for thundering bass, detailed highs and awesome projection. The IW6.7 has a 6½" aluminum woofer and 1" aluminum dome tweeter. Additionally, these models are equipped with boost switches for bass and treble, making it possible to tune the speaker response to room acoustics and listener preferences. The other models in the series offer combinations of soft dome tweeters and polypropylene woofers for smooth, life-like response. For home theater and distributed stereo, in rooms large or small, the In-Wall Series from EMPHASYS has it covered.

#### Positioning the Speakers

EMPHASYS In-Wall Speakers can be used in any position of a home theater speaker system. A single speaker can be used for the front center channel, or a pair can be used for left and right at the front or rear in the system.

#### The In-Wall Speaker as a Center Channel

In-Wall Speakers are designed to blend seamlessly with other EMPHASYS speakers and accessories, and to fill the specific needs of any configuration. To use the In-Wall Speaker for the center channel, be sure to install it directly above (or below) the TV. Preferably, it should be flush with the screen. The performance of the entire system will be enhanced if the center channel is aligned as closely as possible with the horizontal plane of the front left and right speakers.

#### Using In-Walls as Left and Right Speakers

The In-Wall Speaker, when used in the front left and right positions, should preferably be installed in vertical orientation with the tweeter above the woofer. To install the speakers horizontally, be sure the tweeters are located toward the center of the sound field, with the respective left and right tweeters nearest the TV.



# Speaker Adjustments

## Creating a Zone for Optimized Listening

The speakers should be placed so that they form a “triangular” relationship with respect to the listening position. (See Diagram 1) For example, if the listener’s vantage point is eight feet from the front speakers, then the speakers should be eight feet apart. This will ensure an accurate stereo image and help minimize the creation of excessive sound reflections.

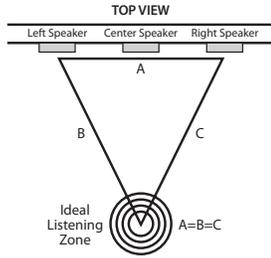


Diagram 1: Listening Zone

## Pivoting the Tweeters

Some models of the In-Wall Series speakers are equipped with pivoting tweeters that make it easy to optimize speaker performance to the size and shape of the room. (See Diagram 2) For example, if the speakers are positioned far from the primary listening area, aim the tweeters directly toward that area so that the upper frequencies (which are directional in nature) reach the listener. If the ideal listening perspective is relatively close to the speakers, a better balance of frequencies can be achieved by aiming the tweeters slightly outward, away from the listener.

## Preparing the Surface for Mounting

### Precautions for Installation

Careful consideration should be given to the possible presence of electrical conduits, piping, HVAC duct work and other elements within the walls before the speakers are installed. If there is any doubt regarding the most acceptable locations for the speakers, please consult EMPHASYS Technical Support or the dealer.

### New Construction: Unfinished Wall

A new construction bracket, available from your dealer, can be installed prior to drywall application across studs (up to 24” on-center) where a speaker will be located. Once the hole is cut and the drywall is installed, the speaker can be easily installed following the instructions for mounting in “Finished Wall” below.

### Finished Wall

Prior to the actual installation of the speakers, it will be necessary to run speaker wire to the locations in which they’ll be mounted. See your dealer for more information. Then, with the wire in place, the speakers can be mounted. To ensure a professional looking result, follow the simple steps described below:

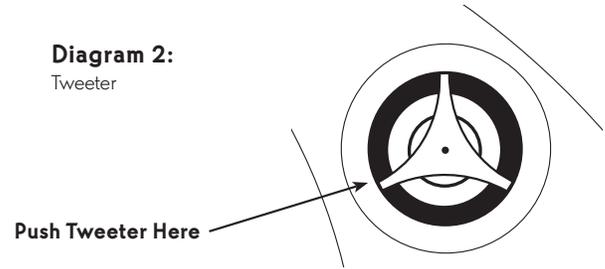
1. Choose the general location for the installation of each speaker, being certain that these areas present no obstructions such as electrical conduit, HVAC duct work or water lines.
2. Find the studs nearest the desired location for the speaker. EMPHASYS recommends the use of a good stud finder for this procedure. If you are lining up the speakers to some other object or molding in the room, be sure to allow for the size of the baffle, which, extends beyond the mounting hole on all four sides of the In-Wall Speaker.

**CAUTION: The tweeter dome, whether aluminum or silk, can be damaged through direct contact with fingers or objects. Please be careful when installing and adjusting the speaker.**

The following tips are recommended for use of the In-Wall Speakers in a home theater configuration:

- If the speaker is being used as a main front channel, the tweeter should be aimed toward the listener.
- If the speaker is being used as a rear surround speaker, it might be desirable to aim the tweeter away from the listener. This will enhance the diffusion of the sound, particularly for ambient effects.

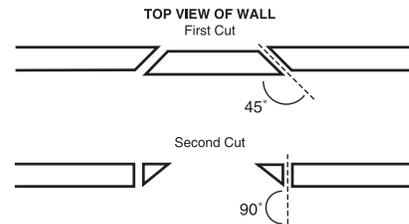
Diagram 2: Tweeter



3. Mark the hole. A template for setting the hole is provided in the box. Position the template in the desired position and outline it on the wall using a pencil.

4. Cut the hole. **CAUTION: This is the most important part of the installation.** If you aren’t certain whether there are any obstructions in the desired mounting area, use a drywall saw to cut a small hole at the center of the spot you’ve outlined. Cut at a 45° angle toward the inside of the hole (See Diagram 3).

Diagram 3: Wall Cutout



You can use the cutout piece to fill the hole again if obstructions are found. Once the mounting location is deemed to be free of obstructions, cut the outline at a 90° angle relative to the surface of the wall.

5. If the area in the wall isn’t already insulated, add insulation material sufficient to fill the cavity. If the insulation material used is faced with foil or paper, position the foil or paper away from the speaker.



**CAUTION: Speaker components can get hot while playing music at moderate to high volume levels. There should be nothing at all touching the speaker. Material in proximity to the back of the speaker must have at a minimum 1” or 26mm clearance for non-flammable materials and more for flammable materials like plastic vapor barriers.**

## Installing the Speakers

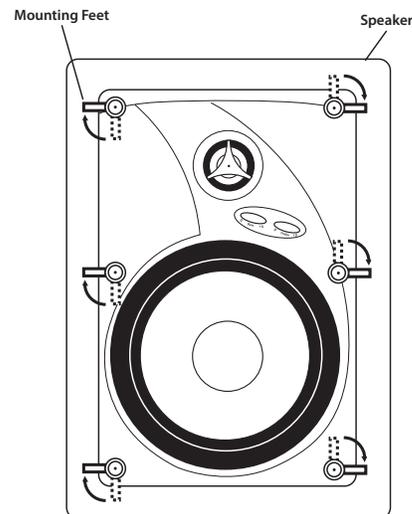
The In-Wall Speakers feature a mounting system with six swiveling feet for quick, secure installation. Use the following steps:

1. Remove the grille from the speaker baffle.
2. Attach the speaker wire (observing the proper polarity with your amplifier, matching positive (**red**) to positive and negative (**black**) to negative). Be certain the left channel of the amplifier is connected to the left speaker, and that the right channel is connected to the right speaker.
3. Be sure the mounting feet are turned inward to clear the opening, and then insert the speaker into the wall. Position the speaker into the hole. **Note: The speaker is designed to conform to minor imperfections in the wall's surface.** Tighten the six screws on the front of the baffle only so much that the speaker is snug against the drywall. As you tighten the screws, the feet will flip into an outward position (**See Diagram 4**), clamping the drywall between the feet and the speaker.

**CAUTION: Excessive tightening may torque the baffle, crack the wall or cause difficulty in aligning the grille.**

4. Reattach the grille onto the speaker baffle.

**Diagram 4:**  
Mounting Feet



## Adjusting the Frequency Response for IW8.5 & IW6.7

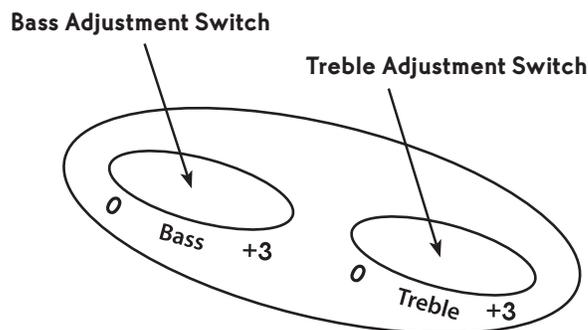
### Treble Adjustment

The Treble switch allows +3dB of adjustment from the "0" position, where the most linear frequency response is maintained. If more treble is desired, simply move the switch to the "+3" position. To return to the neutral setting, move the switch back to the "0" position. The Treble switch can be adjusted whenever desired. (**See Diagram 5**)

### Bass Adjustment

The Bass switch provides +3dB of bass adjustment from the "0" position, where the flattest bass frequency response is maintained. For extra bass, move the switch to the "+3" position. To return to the neutral setting, move the switch back to the "0" position. As with treble adjustment, the Bass switch can be moved whenever desired. (**See Diagram 5**)

**Diagram 5:**  
Adjustment Switches



## Painting the Grilles

We recommend painting your grilles prior to installation. If you decide to paint them in the future, it is best to remove them by simply detaching them from the speaker. Do not paint the grilles while they are installed on the speaker.

Before painting, be sure to remove the cloth material from beneath the grille. Once painted, place the cloth back to its position beneath the grille.

When painting, be careful not to clog the holes of the grille. The sound of the speaker will be dramatically reduced if the perforations in the grille are covered in paint.

EMPHASYS recommends only light spray painting using five parts thinning agent to one part paint.

## Features & Specs

	IW8.5	IW6.7	IW6.5	IW6.0
<b>Woofers:</b>	8" Aluminum Cone	6½" Aluminum Cone	6½" Polypropylene Cone	6½" Polypropylene Cone
<b>Tweeters:</b>	1" Pivoting Aluminum Dome	1" Pivoting Aluminum Dome	1" Pivoting Silk Dome	¾" Fixed Soft Dome
<b>Switches:</b>	+3dB Bass & Treble	+3dB Bass & Treble	N/A	N/A
<b>Power Handling:</b>	150 Watts	125 Watts	100 Watts	75 Watts
<b>Frequency Response:</b>	28Hz - 20kHz	32Hz - 20kHz	36Hz - 20kHz	45Hz - 20kHz
<b>Impedance:</b>	8Ω	8Ω	8Ω	8Ω
<b>Sensitivity:</b>	92dB 1W/1m	92dB 1W/1m	91dB 1W/1m	90dB 1W/1m
<b>Grilles:</b>	Thin-Bezel held by Neo Magnets	Thin-Bezel held by Neo Magnets	Thin-Bezel held by Neo Magnets	Thin-Bezel held by Neo Magnets
<b>Dimensions:</b>	H 14 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> " x W 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> " x D 3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	H 12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " x W 8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>16</sub> " x D 3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>16</sub> "	H 12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " x W 8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>16</sub> " x D 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "	H 12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " x W 8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>16</sub> " x D 3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>16</sub> "
<b>Cut Out Dimensions:</b>	H 13 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> " x W 8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	H 10 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> " x W 6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	H 10 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> " x W 6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	H 10 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> " x W 6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "

## Limited Ten-Year Warranty

EMPHASYS warrants to the original retail purchaser only ("you") that this product will be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of ten years (the "Warranty Period"), subject to the limitations and exclusions set out in this Limited Warranty. This warranty is not transferable to subsequent owners of the product. If you discover a defect in material or workmanship within the Warranty Period, you can obtain warranty service by contacting Emphasys during the Warranty Period at 800.472.5555 or by sending the product to Core Brands at 12471 E. Riverside Drive, Eastvale, CA 91752 or to the dealer from whom you purchased the product. Defective products must be shipped, prepaid and insured, together with proof of purchase. Warranty service requests made without proof of date of purchase will be denied. Freight collect shipments will be refused. It is preferable to ship this product in the original shipping container to lessen the chance of transit damage. In any case, the risk of loss or damage in transit is to be borne by the purchaser.

If, upon examination by Emphasys it is determined that the unit is in fact defective, Emphasys will, at its option:

- Repair or replace the product at no additional charge; or
- If the model is no longer available and cannot be repaired effectively, replace the unit with a current model of equal or greater value. In some cases where a new model is substituted, a modification to the mounting surface may be required. If mounting surface modification is required, Emphasys assumes no responsibility or liability for such modification.

Emphasys will bear the cost of returning the repaired or replaced product to you, freight prepaid. All replaced parts and product become the property of Emphasys. The foregoing is your sole and exclusive remedy for breach of warranty. If the product is not found to be defective, Emphasys will contact you to arrange for return of the product to you, at your expense.

### EXCLUSIONS:

- This Warranty does not include service or parts to repair damage caused by accident, disaster, misuse, abuse, negligence, inadequate packing or shipping procedures, commercial use, voltage inputs in excess of the rated maximum of the unit, or service, repair or modification of the product by unauthorized dealers. This Warranty also excludes normal cosmetic deterioration caused by environmental conditions.

- This Warranty will be void if:
  - The Serial Number on the product has been removed, tampered with or defaced.
  - The product was not purchased from an authorized dealer.

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