

Funktion One MB112A

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One of the UK's premier loudspeaker manufacturers releases the powered version of their MB112. Let's crank it up shall we? **Words: Paul Morrissey**



Somehow this compact sub bass bin is small enough to fit under a bench seat, yet it features a 12" bass driver with its own built-in power amp... Wow! The previous version of the 112 was unpowered, but with the inclusion of a power module the 112A is highly attractive... With left and right inputs (as well as links) and a mere 20 kilo weight, it could be just as at home as part of a portable soundsystem as it would be in an installation. With its dedicated volume control, signal present and clip/protection LEDs you can independently control the 112A from the rest of your setup. The integral crossover is selectable between 100 or 150Hz, so you can match up the sub with the rest of your system.

The 112A is perfect for those moments when you want to add more weight to a system – just run a signal from your mixer or EQ and power this mother up! The recessed amp is at one end of the box so there are no issues with fitting the box flat against a wall, meaning it could easily be built into some seating in a club or bar so as not to take up valuable floor space.

So how does the 112A sound? For such a small cab, the sub is nothing less than impressive. In 150hz mode the bass has solid punch, while in the 100Hz mode the sub is more of an earth tremor, which is no bad thing. What's more, the amp module didn't even break out a sweat! When setting the crossover point, take into consideration what else you are running this system with, and what effect you want from your subs.

There is no doubting Funktion One's reputation, and the MB112A does its upmost to retain that. It's amazing how they get such a thumping bass from such a small box. Installed in a bar, small club, studio or as part of a mobile soundsystem the MB112A will go a long way, and if you need some solid thumping bass then this is your answer!

FEATURES

- Loudspeaker
- Built in power amp
- Compact sub bass cabinet
- 1 x 12" bass driver
- 105dB sensitivity
- Freq response 65Hz~160Hz
- 350 watt RMS
- 8 ohms impedance
- Birch plywood enclosure
- Weight 20.5Kg

ALTERNATIVES

All the major loudspeaker manufacturers will be able to offer something similar depending on your budget versus performance

PROS & CONS

- ✓ Size, power handling, thumping bass, birch ply construction, size
- ✗ Funktion One's prices may put off some, but you get what you pay for!

VERDICT

Quality loudspeaker that delivers heavyweight bass and all from such a small box