

# OWNER'S MANUAL

## S4dc & S8dc Multi-Room Speaker Selectors Featuring Direct Connect

SpeakerCraft Multi-Room Speaker Selectors allow the operation of multiple pairs of speakers when using one amplifier or receiver. Once the speakers are connected to the selector, individual pairs may be turned on or off as desired using the push buttons on the front of the selector. One pair, all pairs, or any assortment of pairs may be played. When engaged, a protection circuit allows the amplifier to operate safely, even when all selected speakers are playing.

Installation utilizing Direct Connect makes wiring the selector to your speakers quick and easy. With a simple turn of a screw, wires are solidly secured and a perfect electrical bond is created. The process is quick, simple, and eliminates the worry of wires becoming loose.

### INSTALLATION

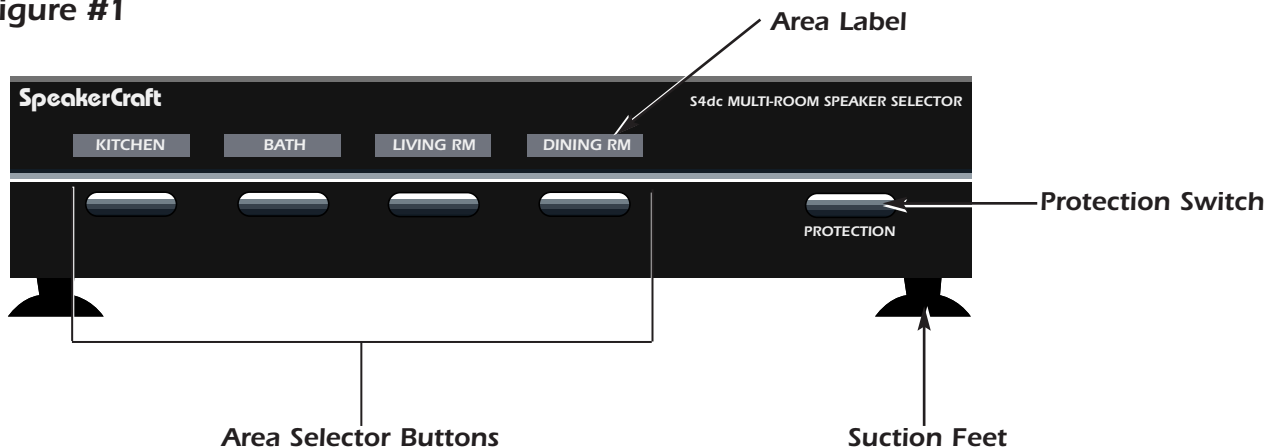
#### Guidelines

- Use the Multi-Room Speaker Selectors only with amplifiers rated at 125 watts per channel or less.
- The Direct Connect connectors on the S4dc and S8dc accept wire up to 14 AWG. If you are not sure about the gauge of the wire you intend to use, please consult your SpeakerCraft dealer.
- To avoid possible damage to your amplifier, pay careful attention to the section titled "Protection Settings".
- One set of adhesive area labels are included for identifying the locations of speakers on the front of the Speaker Selector.
- Do not daisy chain (hook the outputs of one selector into the inputs of another) speaker selectors together.
- Do not connect impedance matching volume controls to the speaker outputs of the selectors. Standard volume controls, such as SpeakerCraft models VST60, VST60fc, VST45, VCR60 or VCR120, should be used if volume controls are needed in the system.

#### Placement

The unique suction feet on the bottom of the selectors increase placement options and hold the selector securely when buttons are depressed. The suction feet are designed to work well with a variety of textures that cover the tops of other components.

Figure #1

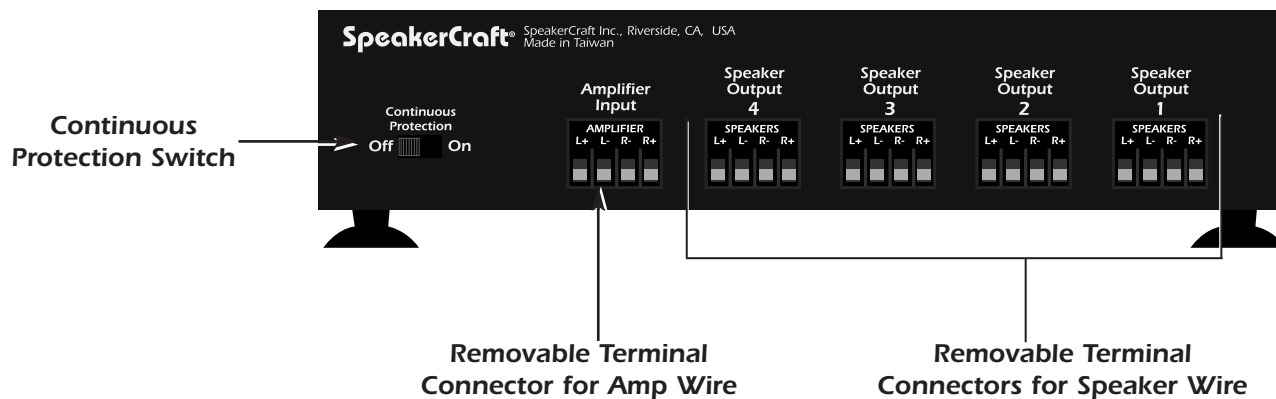


## Connecting Wires to the Speaker Selector

**CAUTION:** Please make sure your amplifier or receiver is turned off before proceeding.

Direct Connect features removable terminal connectors, which simplify connecting the speaker and amplifier wires to the Speaker Selector. (See Figure #2)

**Figure #2**

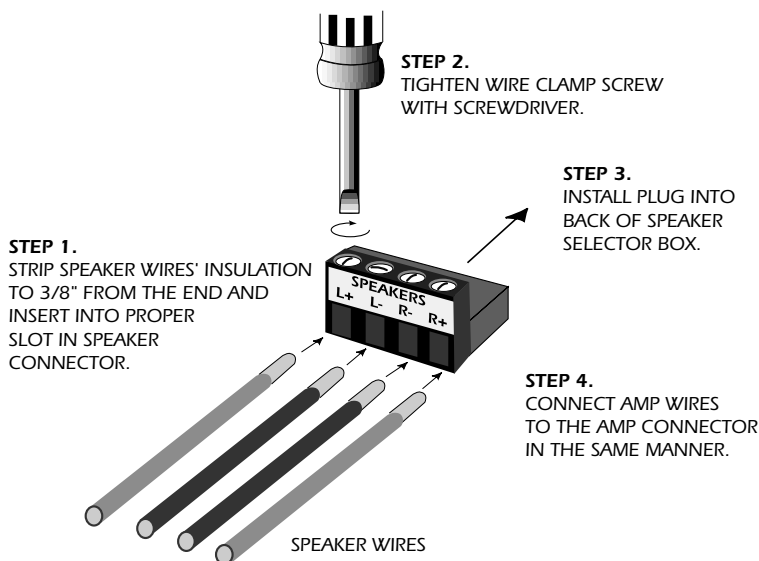


For best results, use speaker wire that is at least 18 gauge. For runs longer than 75 feet, 14 gauge wire is recommended. Wire larger than 14 gauge is not recommended because it may not fit into the connector. For best results, strip all wire insulation no more than 3/8" from the end before inserting into the connector.

1. Pull the Direct Connect terminal from its location on the back of the cabinet. This will make it easier to connect the wires. (Figure #3)
2. Connect the wires from the speakers to the appropriate location under "SPEAKERS" on the removable terminals. Please observe proper polarity (+, -) of the connections. (Figure #3)
3. Connect the amplifier's or receiver's speaker outputs to the appropriate location under "AMPLIFIER" on the removable terminal. Please observe proper polarity (+, -) of the connections. (Figure #3)

**CAUTION:** If the "AMPLIFIER" and "SPEAKERS" connections are reversed, a short could result across the amplifier or receiver output terminals, which may seriously damage your amplifier or receiver. Please double-check all connections before turning on your amplifier or receiver.

**Figure #3**



### Labeling the front of the Speaker Selector (Figure #4)

There is one set of adhesive labels included to be used on the front of the Speaker Selector. These labels make it easy to identify which area has been selected when the button is depressed. There are indentations above each button on the front of the Selector. Place the appropriate area label into each of these locations. If you can't find the label you need, you can create your own by writing on one of the blank labels using a pen or small marker.

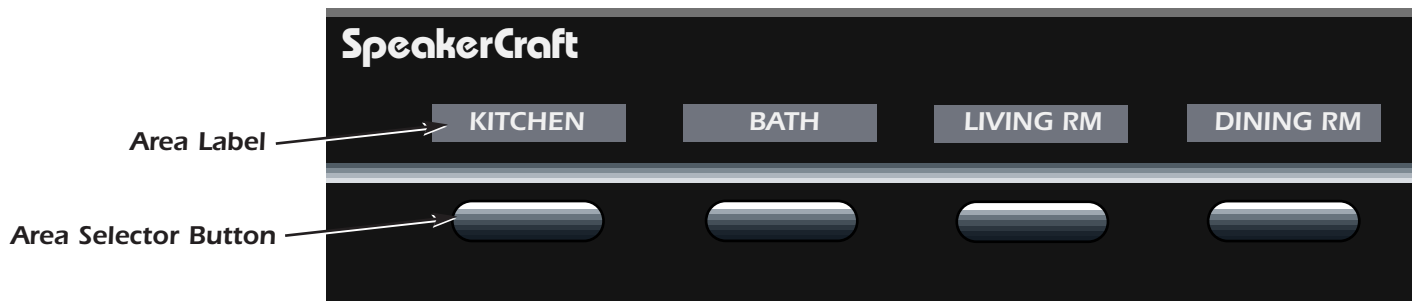


Figure #4

## OPERATION

### Understanding the Protection Circuit

To prevent damage to your amplifier or receiver, the S4dc and S8dc feature protection circuitry. When engaged, the protection features prevent damage from occurring to your amplifier or receiver.

### When to Use the Front Mounted Protection Switch

The front Protection switch (Figure #5) should be engaged under the following circumstances to best protect your amplifier or receiver. The switch is "ON" when depressed:

| Speakers Selected                     | Front Protection Button |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 or 2 pair of 8 ohm speakers         | OFF                     |
| 3 or more pairs of 8 ohm speakers     | ON                      |
| 1 pair of 4 ohm speakers              | OFF                     |
| 2 or more pairs of 4 ohm speakers     | ON                      |
| A combination of 4 and 8 ohm speakers | ON                      |

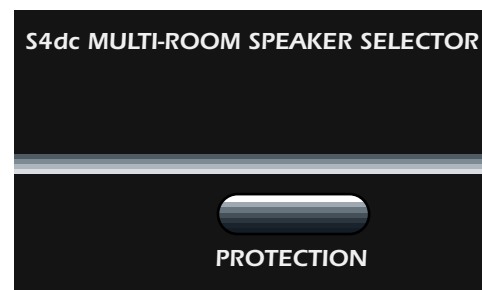


Figure #5

### When to Use the Rear Mounted Protection Switch

On the back of the selector there is a slide switch labeled "Continuous Protection" (Figure #6). When this button is in the "ON" position, it will override the front Protection button and assure that the protection circuitry is always on, no matter what the position of the front button.

This switch should be placed in the "ON" position if you are concerned that someone unfamiliar with the system may fail to properly use the front protection button.



Figure #6

### Selecting Speakers

To turn on a pair of speakers, simply depress the button associated with that pair. Please take precautions to make sure that the amplifier volume is not set at a high level before you depress the button.

## SPECIFICATIONS

### S4dc Four Zone Multi-Room Speaker Selector

Power Handling: 125 Watts Per Channel  
Frequency Response: 20Hz to 20 kHz, +/- 0dB  
Protection: Front Mounted Switch and Rear Override  
Dimensions: W= 8 3/8", D= 6 1/2", H= 2 3/8"

### S8dc Eight Zone Multi-Room Speaker Selector

Power Handling: 125 Watts Per Channel  
Frequency Response: 20Hz to 20 kHz, +/- 0dB  
Protection: Front Mounted Switch and Rear Override  
Dimensions: W= 17", D= 6 1/2", H= 2 3/8"

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