

# **sima**®

## **Speaker Selectors Models SSW-4 and SSW-6**

### **User Manual**



**(SSW-4)**



**(SSW-6)**

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## Important Safety Precautions

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When using this product, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire and electric shock, including the following:

Read and understand all instructions.

Follow all warnings and instructions marked on this product.

Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.

To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose this product to rain or moisture. Do not use near a bath tub, wash bowl, sink, or laundry tub; do not use in a wet basement or in a swimming pool.

To avoid electrical shock, do not open the case of this product.

The unit should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, stoves, etc.

## What's Included

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- 1 - SSW Speaker Selector
- 1 - Sheet of labels
- 1 - This instruction manual

**Date Purchased:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Model:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Introduction

The Sima speaker selectors have been designed to let you add additional speakers around your home or office and turn them on and off without purchasing additional amplifiers.

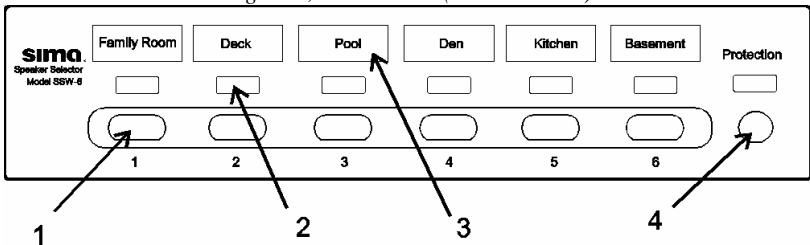
The Sima speaker selectors have the following features:

- Ability to add up to 4 (SSW-4) or 6 (SSW-6) speaker pairs to your amplifier

- Left and right “commons” are isolated to work with all types of amplifiers
- Protection for amplifier and unit
- Small size to fit with any system
- No power required for operation
- Easy installation
- Can handle up to 100 watts amplifier power with unique protection circuitry

## Front Panel

Figure 1, Front Panel (SSW-6 shown)



### Controls

**1 Speakers 1 through 4/6** - Press button in to select desired speaker. Orange indicator will show which speakers are active.

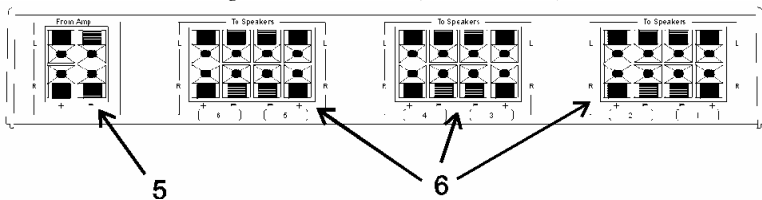
**2 Indicators** - Indicates selected speakers when orange.

**3 Labels** - To customize your selector to make speaker selection fool-proof.

**4 Protection Switch:** Press in, with the white indicator showing, to activate impedance protection to protect your amplifier from low speaker impedance.

## Rear Panel

Figure 2, Rear Panel (SSW-6 shown)



**5 - Connection from amplifier** - from the speaker output of your receiver or amplifier (100 watts max).

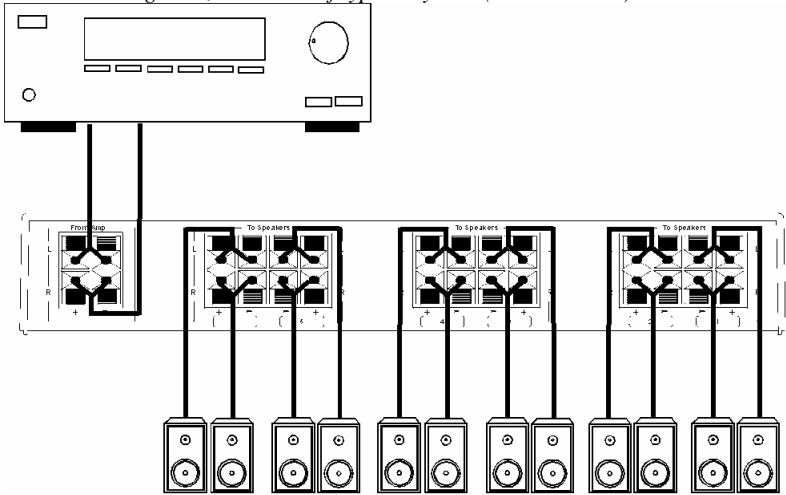
**6 - Speaker Connections** - Connect your speakers to these terminals.

## Typical Hook up

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The diagram below shows an overview of a typical system with the SSW-6 using 6 speaker pairs.

*Figure 3, Overview of typical system (SSW-6 shown)*



## Installation Tips

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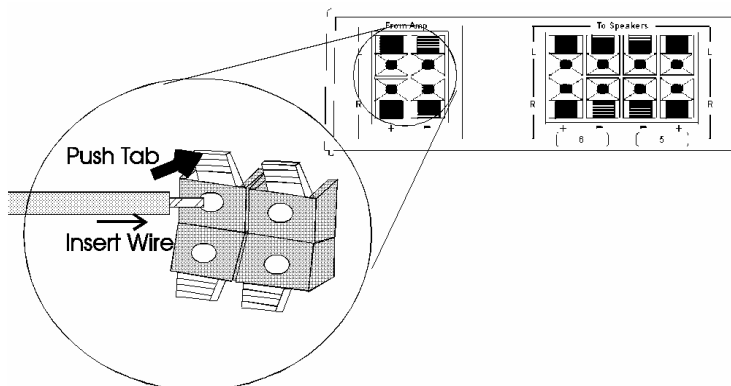
- It is recommended to use 18 or 16 AWG gauge stranded wire. For runs longer than 50', 14 gauge is recommended.
- You can mix 4, 6, 8 and 16 ohm speakers.
- Since speakers have different efficiencies, more efficient speakers will sound louder than less efficient speakers. Either select your speakers to have the same efficiencies (a typical measurement is 90 db/watt) or add a speaker volume control between the SSW-4/6 and the speaker in the room where the speaker is located where you want to adjust the volume.
- Wire according to state and local laws. Most places require that you use special in-wall speaker wire with a specific "CL" fire rating. Consult your dealer about obtaining such wire.
- Keep the speaker wiring from running close to AC power wiring for safety and to avoid any noise pick up.

## Installation

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Make sure power is turned off on your receiver or power amplifier before doing any wiring

- To make a connection, using a wire stripper, strip 3/8" of insulation from the end of the wire. To avoid short circuits and possible amplifier damage, do not strip too much insulation from the wire.
- Tightly twist the end of the wire so that there are no frayed wires.



- Push the tab and simultaneously insert the wire into the correct hole.
- Verify that there are no wire frays.

Connect the wires from the speaker output from your receiver or amplifier to the SSW-4/6 terminals marked AMPLIFIER. Pay attention and connect the “+” output from the right front output on the amplifier to the right “+” input on the SSW-4/6 and connect the “-” output from your amplifier to the “-” input on the SSW-4/6. Likewise, connect the left channel wires to the left input of the SSW-4/6.

Next, connect the wires from each of the speakers to the corresponding connection on the SSW-4/6.

Finally, attach one of the pre-printed labels to the front of the unit in the recessed area so the button matches the location of the speaker.

## Operation

### Initial connection

It is recommended that you select only one speaker pair in the same room you are in for initial turn on. Select this speaker pair and turn on your receiver/amplifier. Make sure sound is coming from both speakers. Before you turn on additional speakers, read the information below.

### Inputs

Pushing an input button on the front panel will select another speaker pair to turn on. The orange indicator above the button will indicate the active button.

### Protection Circuit

#### When to use the protection switch

When you have more than one speaker pair selected (see chart on page 6). This circuit provides additional impedance so your amplifier does not drive too low of an impedance. In addition, the protection circuit has an electronic circuit breaker to automatically turn off if the volume level is excessive. It will automatically reset when the overload is removed and/or the volume is reduced.

#### It is recommend not to use the protection when:

When you want to listen to just one speaker pair, especially at loud levels.

Refer to your amplifier or receiver's user manual or on the rear panel of the amplifier to determine the minimal speaker impedance that your amplifier can handle.

**If your amplifier can handle 4 ohm loads**

	<b>4 ohm speakers</b>	<b>6 ohm speakers</b>	<b>8 ohm speakers</b>	<b>16 ohm speakers</b>
<b>1 selected</b>	Protection OFF	Protection OFF	Protection OFF	Protection OFF
<b>2 selected</b>	Protection ON	Protection ON	Protection OFF	Protection OFF
<b>3 selected</b>	Protection ON	Protection ON	Protection ON	Protection OFF
<b>4 selected</b>	Protection ON	Protection ON	Protection ON	Protection OFF
<b>5 selected</b>	Protection ON	Protection ON	Protection ON	Protection ON
<b>6 selected</b>	Protection ON	Protection ON	Protection ON	Protection ON

**If your amplifier can handle 2 ohm loads**

	<b>4 ohm speakers</b>	<b>6 ohm speakers</b>	<b>8 ohm speakers</b>	<b>16 ohm speakers</b>
<b>1 selected</b>	Protection OFF	Protection OFF	Protection OFF	Protection OFF
<b>2 selected</b>	Protection OFF	Protection OFF	Protection OFF	Protection OFF
<b>3 selected</b>	Protection ON	Protection OFF	Protection OFF	Protection OFF
<b>4 selected</b>	Protection ON	Protection ON	Protection OFF	Protection OFF
<b>5 selected</b>	Protection ON	Protection ON	Protection ON	Protection OFF
<b>6 selected</b>	Protection ON	Protection ON	Protection ON	Protection OFF

**Calculating Impedance**

If you want to calculate the impedance of speakers with different impedance here is how to do it.

Parallel Impedance is equal to  $(R1 \times R2) / (R1 + R2)$ .

Say you had a 6 ohm and an 8 ohm speaker. The parallel impedance if you selected these two speakers would be:

$$(6 \times 8) / (6 + 8) = 48 / 14 = 3.4 \text{ ohms.}$$

If the calculated impedance is less than the minimal amplifier allowed impedance, turn the PROTECTION mode on.

## Trouble Shooting

Problem	Solution
No sound	Make sure correct speaker is selected. Make sure no wires are touching each other or the case of the amplifier or SSW-4/ SSW-6 selector.
One or both speakers turn off when music is playing	Reduce volume level and unit will automatically reset. Internal protection circuit is detecting overload or excessive volume level and is shutting off speakers.
Slight drop in volume when PROTECTION is turned on	Normal - This is due to the additional resistance added to protect your amplifier.
Unit gets very hot	Reduce volume level. Turn unused speakers off. If only one speaker pair is used, turn PROTECTION switch off.

## Technical Specifications

### Input

100 watt per channel max

### Outputs

4 Speaker pairs (SSW-4), 6 Speaker pairs (SSW-6)

4 to 16 ohm impedance

### Protection Circuit

Amplifier Protection: 3 ohm resistor per channel

Unit Protection: Automatic resetting poly switch

### Wire gauge

14 to 22 gauge

**Size:** 11.75" wide, 6.5" deep, 2" high

**Weight:** 3 lbs

### Supplied accessories

User Manual (this document)

Sheet of front panel labels

Design and specifications are subject to change without notice.

# Limited Warranty

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## Limited Warranty

Sima Products Corp. ("Company") warrants that is the accompanying product proves to be defective to the original purchaser in material or workmanship within 90 days from the original retail purchase, the Company will, at the Company's option, either repair or replace same without charge (but no cash refund will be made).

### What you must do to enforce Warranty

You must deliver, mail or ship the product, together with both the original bill of sale and this limited Warranty statement as proof of warranty coverage to:

Sima Products Corp., Att: Customer Service, 140 Pennsylvania Ave., Bldg. #5, Oakmont, PA 15139

It is recommended that you contact Sima to obtain a return authorization number.

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This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.



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