

## eCA120

COMPACT AMPLIFIER

*Stereo Micro-Amplifier*



## USER MANUAL

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## 1. IMPORTANT REMARK




WARNING: SHOCK HAZARD - DO NOT OPEN  
AVIS: RISQUE DE CHOC ÉLECTRIQUE - NE PAS OUVRIR



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated “dangerous voltage” within the product’s enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

**WARNING (If applicable):** The terminals marked with symbol of “” may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock. The external wiring connected to the terminals requires installation by an instructed person or the use of ready-made leads or cords.

**WARNING:** To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose this equipment to rain or moisture.

**WARNING:** An apparatus with Class I construction shall be connected to a mains socket-outlet with a protective earthing connection.

## 2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read these instructions.
2. Keep these instructions.
3. Heed all warnings.
4. Follow all instructions.
5. Do not use this apparatus near water.
6. Clean only with dry cloth.
7. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.
8. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.

9. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
10. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at the plugs, convenience receptacles, and at the point where they exit from the apparatus.
11. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
12. Unplug the apparatus during lightning sorts or when unused for long periods of time.
13. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
14. Disconnecting from mains: When switching off the POWER switch, all the functions and light indicators of the unit will be stopped, but fully disconnecting the device from mains is done by unplugging the power cable from the mains input socket. For this reason, it always shall remain easily accessible.
15. Equipment is connected to a socket-outlet with earthing connection by means of a power cord.
16. The marking information is located at the bottom of the unit.
17. The apparatus shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing and that no objects filled with liquids, such as vases, shall be placed on apparatus.

**NOTE:** *This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.*



**WARNING:** This product must not be discarded, under any circumstance, as unsorted urban waste. Take to the nearest electrical and electronic waste treatment centre.

**NEEC AUDIO BARCELONA, S.L.** accepts no liability for any damage that may be caused to people, animal or objects due to failure to comply with the warnings above.

### 3. IMPORTANT NOTE

Thank you for choosing our Ecler **eCA120 Stereo Micro-Amplifier!**

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to carefully read this manual and to fully understand its contents before any connection in order to maximize your use and get the best performance from this equipment.

To ensure optimal operation of this device, we strongly recommend that its maintenance be carried out by our authorised Technical Services.

Ecler **eCA120** comes with a **3-year warranty**.

### 4. COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

The eCA120 micro amplifier complies with the following international standards:

- EN55103-1 Electromagnetic Compatibility.  
Product family standard for audio, video, audio-visual and entertainment lighting control apparatus for professional use  
Part 1: Emission
- EN55103-2 Electromagnetic Compatibility.  
Product family standard for audio, video, audio-visual and entertainment lighting control apparatus for professional use  
Part 2: Immunity
- EN60065 Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus. Safety requirements  
Complying with the requirements of directives 2006/95/EC and 2004/108/EC

## 5. INTRODUCTION

The eCA120 is a stereo amplifier with a very small size and a remote control function through a 0-10VDC port; it's an ideal choice for audio-visual applications: school rooms, meeting rooms, multimedia presentations, commercial premises, etc.

### 5.1. Main characteristics

- 2 x 60 W RMS @ 4  $\Omega$  amplifier
- Universal external power supply
- AUTO STANDBY function: in the absence of an audio signal the unit automatically goes into *STANDBY* mode, minimising power consumption
- Lightweight, silent, high-performance amplifier (fan-free convection cooling)
- Suitable for stereo and parallel (mono)
- 1 unbalanced stereo line input (LINE IN / STACK), with dual RCA connector and 3-pin Euroblock connector
- Local volume control by knob
- Remote volume control by Wpa series wall panel (0-10VDC)

## 6. INSTALLATION

**WARNING:** Non-compliance with the instructions or neglecting warnings may cause malfunction or even damage the unit:

1. Avoid turning on the device without the speakers connected to its outputs and without having previously set the volume/gain controls to minimum level.
2. Always use shielded cables to make connections between devices.
3. In an amplifier, avoid placing the speaker output cables close to other signal cables (micro, line...). This may cause the system to oscillate, damaging the amplifier and speakers.

### 6.1. Location and assembly

The eCA120 is suitable for installation on a wall or under a surface (table, shelf, cupboard, etc.), thanks to its design and layout of its connectors, controls and LED indicator lights.

### 6.2. Mains connection

The amplifier is powered by alternating current through its external power source: 100-240 VAC and 50-60 Hz.

This apparatus must be earthed through its mains cable (earth resistance,  $R_g = 30 \Omega$ , or lower). The atmosphere should be as dry and dust free as possible. Do not expose the unit to rain or water splashes. Do not place liquid containers or incandescent objects like candles on top of the unit.



Should any work or connection / disconnection task be done, always disconnect the unit from the mains supply. There are no elements that can be manipulated by the user inside the amplifier.

To avoid buzzing, do not allow the power cable to intertwine with the shielded cables that transport the audio signal.

### 6.3. Audio input connections

The eCA120 input channel only supports stereo line signals (or two mono signals). It has an unbalanced stereo connection with dual RCA connector and 3-pin Euroblock connector (LINE IN / STACK). This input is designed to support -6dBV to 0dBV signals, given that the rotary volume control of the front panel has an extra +6dB of gain at its maximum position.

This audio input can receive signals from CD players, radio tuners, mixing consoles, media players, audio outputs of computers and tablets, etc.

LINE IN and STACK connections are linked, so that when you use one of them as an audio signal input for your unit, you can use the other to send that signal to another unit or external equipment.

**Note:** Turntables **CANNOT BE CONNECTED** directly to this device because none of the inputs have an RIAA preamp.

### 6.4. Audio output connections

The amplified output (**OUT L** and **R**) have Euroblock connectors.

The connection cable that connects the eCA120 connectors and the speakers should be good quality, with a suitable cross section and as short as possible.

The L and R outputs respectively deliver an amplified version of the L and R inputs of the unit.

Remember that the minimum load impedance for each output channel is 4Ω. For correct operation of the eCA120, under no circumstances must you work with impedance lower than specified above.

### 6.5. Remote control port

The RJ-45 **REMOTE** connector allows to connect a WpaVOL-type wall control panel (or another model of the Wpa series) to adjust the overall output volume. The connection is made with a standard CAT5 cable between the Wpa wall panel and the REMOTE connector of the eCA120.

**Note:** The jumper labeled "REMOTE" on the front panel has to be in the ON position to enable the remote volume control.



## 7. OPERATION AND USAGE

### 7.1. Start up

Start up the eCA120 by connecting the equipment to an external power source to which the **DC 24V** connector of the eCA120 has already been connected. The LED indicator **ON/STBY** immediately lights up on the front panel. We recommend you turn on all the devices in the following order: sound sources, mixer, equalisers, active filters and processors and, finally power amplifiers. Powering off should be done by following the exact reverse sequence. Following this order, the introduced noise due to turning on or switching off the devices will not affect those further on in the chain and will be inaudible.

Once turned on, the front volume control (VOLUME) and the controller connected to the REMOTE port (if any) may be used to set the output volume of the signal amplified by the unit.

### 7.2. AUTO STANDBY Function

The **AUTO STANDBY** function (idle or low consumption mode) means you can install the eCA120 in inaccessible places and leave the device connected to the mains power supply permanently because when no signal is detected, it automatically goes into standby mode, saving energy.

To enable the **AUTO STANDBY** mode, the jumper labeled "AUTO STBY" on the front panel has to be in the ON position. When it is enabled and after 2 minutes or more without any audio signal at the audio input of the device (or a very weak signal, lower than the activation threshold), the eCA120 will automatically switch into standby mode, lighting up the amber **ON/STBY** LED located on the front panel of the device. When a valid audio signal is detected in any of the inputs, the eCA120 leaves standby mode and starts operating normally again and the **ON/STBY** LED goes green.

When enabling the **AUTO STANDBY** mode with the front panel jumper (**ON** position), one of the 2 following assumptions may occur:

- a) There is NO audio signal in the inputs. Result: the amplifier immediately goes into AUTO STANDBY mode
- b) There is an audio signal in the inputs. Result: the amplifier stays active

### 7.3. LED indicators

- **SP:** The signal presence or **SP** LED indicator shows that there is a signal in the amplifier input. This lights up when the input level reaches the established detection threshold.
- **CLIP:** The saturation or **CLIP** LED indicator comes on when the signal delivered to the speakers is close to the amplifier's clipping or saturation level. Input signals should be set to ensure the **CLIP** (saturation or cut off) indicators never stay on, but that they do so at most to the beat of the lowest sound frequencies. Otherwise the amplified signal will be distorted with low quality and low intelligibility.

**Note:** If the input signal is too high, the CLIP indicator lighting up very frequently over a short time interval (a few seconds), the amplifier may go into protection mode, being muted to return to normal operation in a short time

- **ON/STBY:** the green light comes on when the equipment is in normal operating mode and it goes orange when it is in standby or low consumption mode (STANDBY).

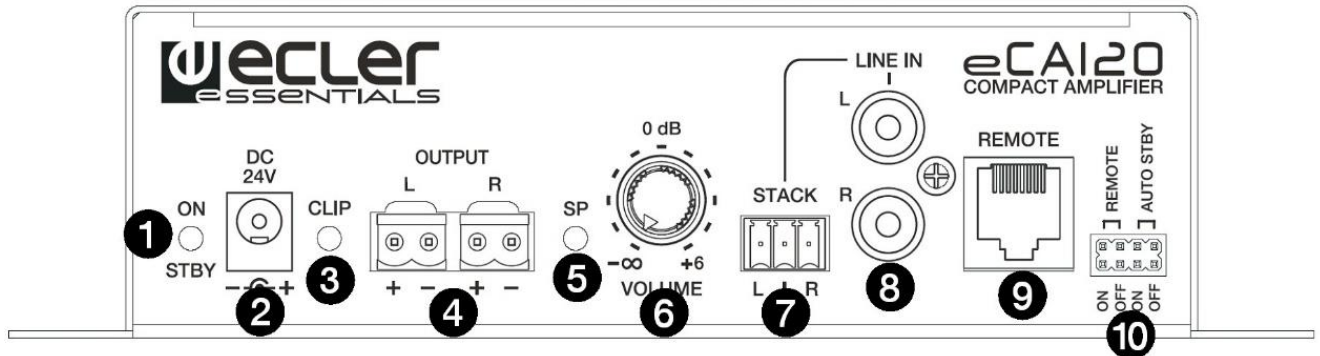
### 7.4. Setup jumpers

- **REMOTE: REMOTE:** enables (ON) the remote volume control from a Wpa-type wall panel (or another model of the Wpa series) connected to the REMOTE port.
- **AUTO STANDBY:** Switch the AUTO STANDBY function on (ON) or off. When the function is on, the eCA120 will automatically go into STANDBY or low consumption mode in the absence of audio signals in its inputs.

## 8. CLEANING

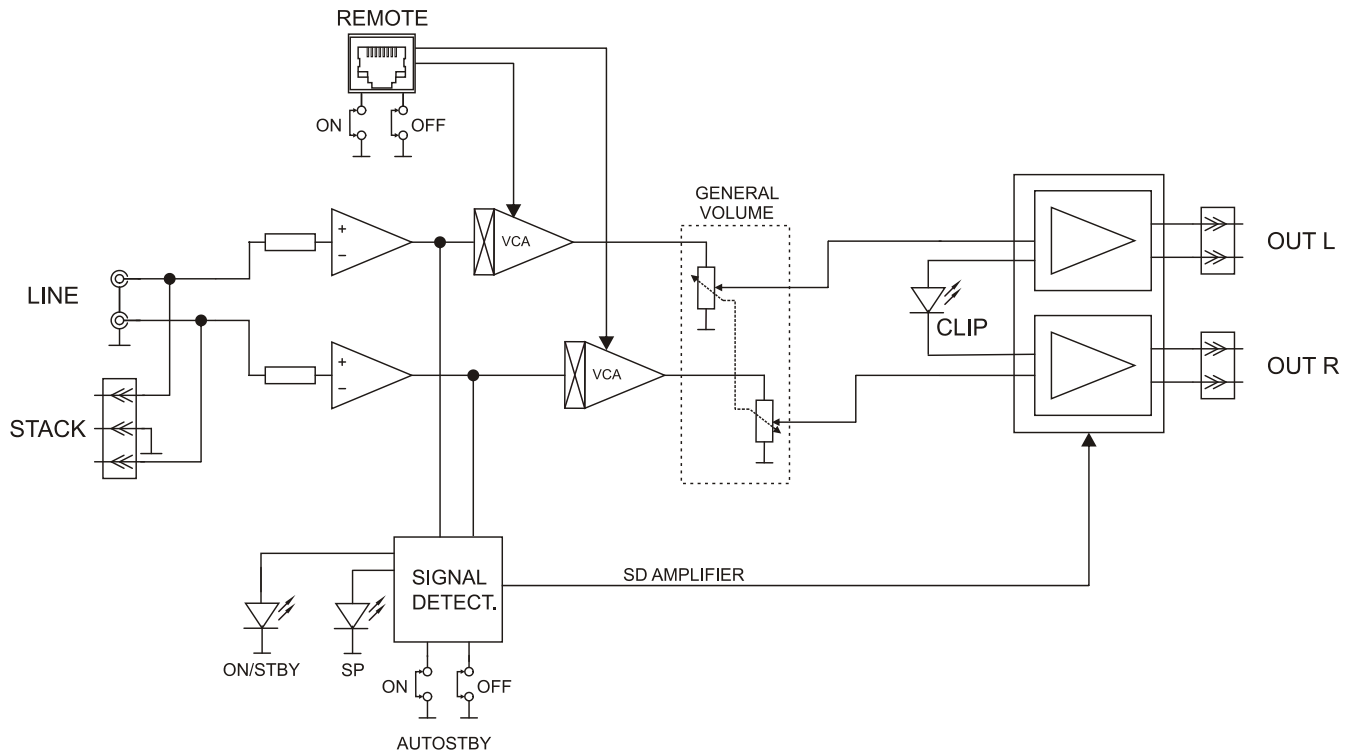
The eCA120 must not be cleaned with solvents or abrasive substances which may damage the prints. Clean using a cloth moistened in water and a neutral liquid detergent, then dry with a clean cloth. Under no circumstances allow water to enter any of the orifices in the equipment.

## 9. DIAGRAM and LIST OF FUNCTIONS



- 1 ON/STBY on or standby indicator light
- 2 DC24V power connector
- 3 CLIP indicator light
- 4 OUT L / R amplified output
- 5 SP input signal presence indicator light
- 6 VOLUME knob
- 7 Euroblock input line, LINE
- 8 RCA input line, LINE1
- 9 RJ-45, REMOTE connector
- 10 REMOTE & AUTO STANDBY jumpers

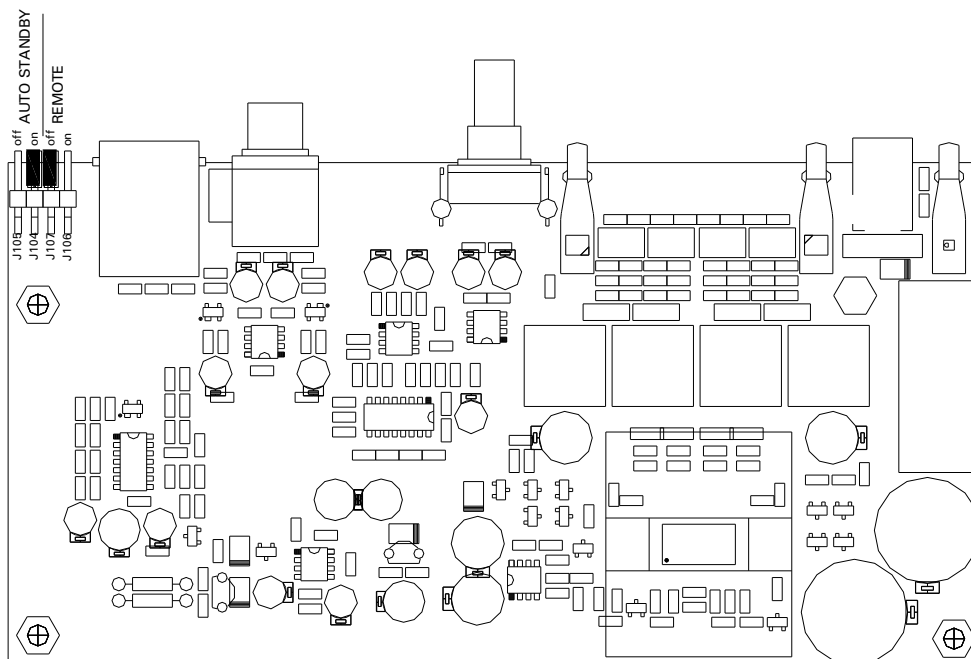
## 10. BLOCK DIAGRAM



## 11. CONFIGURATION DIAGRAM

### JUMPERS FACTORY ADJUST

AUTO STANDBY    ON  
 REMOTE            OFF



## 12. TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

### eCA120

Power (stereo/mono)	2x56W@4Ω 1% THD 2x68W@4Ω 10% THD 2x34W@8Ω 1% THD 2x41W@8Ω 10% THD
Frequency response	15Hz - 30kHz (-3dB)
THD+Noise @ 1kHz Full Pwr. SPKR OUT	< 0.15%
Channel crosstalk @ 1kHz	>65dB
Inputs Sensitivity nom/Impedance	0dBV/>20kΩ (VOLUME at 0dB)
Volume adjust	-∞ to +6dBV
Signal Noise Ratio	>85dB (VOLUME at 0dB)
Remote control (externally selectable)	Master Volume Analog. 0 - 10V based
Auto standby	Time: 2 minutes (aprox.) Threshold: -40dBV (L&R)
DC supply	24V
Mains (using supplied DC adapter)	100-240VAC + External PSU 24VDC
Power consumption	
pink noise, 1/8 power	38VA / 26W
pink noise, 1/3 power	61VA / 51W
Standby (time 2 minutes)	<2.5W
General	
Dimensions WxDxH	190x90x48mm (knobs and connectors excluded)
Weight	600g

All product characteristics are subject to variation due to production tolerances. **NEEC AUDIO BARCELONA S.L.** reserves the right to make changes or improvements in the design or manufacturing that may affect these product specifications.

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