

User Manual



THUNDERBIRD BX108

Vintage-Style 15-Watt Bass Amplifier with Original 8" BUGERA Speaker

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EN Important Safety Instructions



Terminals marked with this symbol carry electrical current of sufficient magnitude to constitute risk of electric shock. Use only high-quality professional speaker cables with ¼" TS or twist-locking plugs pre-installed. All other installation or modification should be performed only by qualified personnel.



This symbol, wherever it appears, alerts you to the presence of uninsulated dangerous voltage inside the enclosure - voltage that may be sufficient to constitute a risk of shock.



This symbol, wherever it appears, alerts you to important operating and maintenance instructions in the accompanying literature. Please read the manual.



Caution

To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not remove the top cover (or the rear section). No user serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified personnel.



Caution

To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this appliance to rain and moisture. The apparatus shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing liquids and no objects filled with liquids, such as vases, shall be placed on the apparatus.



Caution

These service instructions are for use by qualified service personnel only. To reduce the risk of electric shock do not perform any servicing other than that contained in the operation instructions. Repairs have to be performed by qualified service personnel.

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 plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
11. Use only attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.



12. Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with

the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/ apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.

13. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.

14. Refer all servicing to qualified service 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.

15. The apparatus shall be connected to a MAINS socket outlet with a protective earthing connection.
16. Where the MAINS plug or an appliance coupler is used as the disconnect device, the disconnect device shall remain readily operable.



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LIMITED WARRANTY

§ 1 Warranty

① This limited warranty is valid only if you purchased the product from a MUSIC Group Authorized Reseller in the country of purchase. A list of authorized resellers can be found on BEHRINGER's website behringer.com under "Where to Buy", or you can contact the MUSIC Group office closest to you.

② MUSIC Group* warrants the mechanical and electronic components of this product to be free of defects in material and workmanship if used under normal operating conditions for a period of one (1) year from the original date of purchase (see the Limited Warranty terms in § 4 below), unless a longer minimum warranty period is mandated by applicable local laws. If the product shows any defects within the specified warranty period and that defect is not excluded under § 4, MUSIC Group shall, at its discretion, either replace or repair the product using suitable new or reconditioned product or parts. In case MUSIC Group decides to replace the entire product, this limited warranty shall apply to the replacement product for the remaining initial warranty period, i.e., one (1) year (or otherwise applicable minimum warranty period) from the date of purchase of the original product.

③ Upon validation of the warranty claim, the repaired or replacement product will be returned to the user freight prepaid by MUSIC Group.

④ Warranty claims other than those indicated above are expressly excluded. PLEASE RETAIN YOUR SALES RECEIPT. IT IS YOUR PROOF OF PURCHASE COVERING YOUR LIMITED WARRANTY. THIS LIMITED WARRANTY IS VOID WITHOUT SUCH PROOF OF PURCHASE.

§ 2 Online registration

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carefully. Registering your purchase and equipment with us helps us process your repair claims quicker and more efficiently. Thank you for your cooperation!

§ 3 Return materials authorization

① To obtain warranty service, please contact the retailer from whom the equipment was purchased. Should your MUSIC Group Authorized Reseller not be located in your vicinity, you may contact the MUSIC Group Authorized Fulfiller for your country listed under "Support" at behringer.com. If your country is not listed, please check if your problem can be dealt with by our "Online Support" which may also be found under "Support" at behringer.com. Alternatively, please submit an online warranty claim at behringer.com BEFORE returning the product. All inquiries must be accompanied by a description of the problem and the serial number of the product. After verifying the product's warranty eligibility with the original sales receipt, MUSIC Group will then issue a Return Materials Authorization ("RMA") number.

② Subsequently, the product must be returned in its original shipping carton, together with the return authorization number to the address indicated by MUSIC Group.

③ Shipments without freight prepaid will not be accepted.

§ 4 Warranty Exclusions

① This limited warranty does not cover consumable parts including, but not limited to, fuses and batteries. Where applicable, MUSIC Group warrants the valves or meters contained in the product to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of ninety (90) days from date of purchase.

② This limited warranty does not cover the product if it has been electronically or mechanically modified in any way. If the product needs to be modified or adapted in order to comply with applicable technical or safety standards on a national or local level, in any country

which is not the country for which the product was originally developed and manufactured, this modification/adaptation shall not be considered a defect in materials or workmanship. This limited warranty does not cover any such modification/adaptation, regardless of whether it was carried out properly or not. Under the terms of this limited warranty, MUSIC Group shall not be held responsible for any cost resulting from such a modification/adaptation.

③ This limited warranty covers only the product hardware. It does not cover technical assistance for hardware or software usage and it does not cover any software products whether or not contained in the product. Any such software is provided "AS IS" unless expressly provided for in any enclosed software limited warranty.

④ This limited warranty is invalid if the factory-applied serial number has been altered or removed from the product.

⑤ Free inspections and maintenance/repair work are expressly excluded from this limited warranty, in particular, if caused by improper handling of the product by the user. This also applies to defects caused by normal wear and tear, in particular, of faders, crossfaders, potentiometers, keys/buttons, guitar strings, illuminants and similar parts.

⑥ Damage/defects caused by the following conditions are not covered by this limited warranty:

- improper handling, neglect or failure to operate the unit in compliance with the instructions given in BEHRINGER user or service manuals;
- connection or operation of the unit in any way that does not comply with the technical or safety regulations applicable in the country where the product is used;
- damage/defects caused by acts of God/Nature (accident, fire, flood, etc) or any other condition that is beyond the control of MUSIC Group.

⑦ Any repair or opening of the unit carried out by unauthorized personnel (user included) will void the limited warranty.

⑧ If an inspection of the product by MUSIC Group shows that the defect in question is not covered by the limited warranty, the inspection costs are payable by the customer.

⑨ Products which do not meet the terms of this limited warranty will be repaired exclusively at the buyer's expense. MUSIC Group or its authorized service center will inform the buyer of any such circumstance. If the buyer fails to submit a written repair order within 6 weeks after notification, MUSIC Group will return the unit C.O.D. with a separate invoice for freight and packing. Such costs will also be invoiced separately when the buyer has sent in a written repair order.

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§ 5 Warranty transferability

This limited warranty is extended exclusively to the original buyer (customer of authorized reseller) and is not transferable to anyone who may subsequently purchase this product. No other person (reseller, etc.) shall be entitled to give any warranty promise on behalf of MUSIC Group.

§ 6 Claim for damage

Subject only to the operation of mandatory applicable local laws, MUSIC Group shall have no liability to the buyer under this warranty for any consequential or indirect loss or damage of any kind. In no event shall the liability of MUSIC Group under this limited warranty exceed the invoiced value of the product.

§ 7 Limitation of liability

This limited warranty is the complete and exclusive warranty between you and MUSIC Group. It supersedes all other written or oral communications related to this product. MUSIC Group provides no other warranties for this product.

§ 8 Other warranty rights and national law

- ① This limited warranty does not exclude or limit the buyer's statutory rights as a consumer in any way.
- ② The limited warranty regulations mentioned herein are applicable unless they constitute an infringement of applicable mandatory local laws.
- ③ This warranty does not detract from the seller's obligations in regard to any lack of conformity of the product and any hidden defect.

§ 9 Amendment

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1. Introduction

With the THUNDERBIRD you purchased a retro-style bass amp that offers you lots of practical uses in a really cool design. When developing the BX108, our top-priority goal was to fully exploit its sound potential and combine it with a set of useful connection options.

With the THUNDERBIRD BX108 we purposefully went back to the roots of bass amplification. We realized the idea “less is more” by designing a “nostalgic” practice amp that allows you to fully unfold your creativity. With its well-balanced basic sound it gives you what is most important when playing: lots of fun!

1.1 Before you begin

Your BX108 was carefully packed in the factory and the packaging is designed to protect the unit from rough handling. Nevertheless, we recommend that you carefully examine the packaging and its contents for any signs of physical damage, which may have occurred during transit.

- ◇ If the unit is damaged, please do not return it to BEHRINGER, but notify your dealer and the shipping company immediately, otherwise claims for damage or replacement may not be granted. Shipping claims must be made by the consignee.

1.2 Control elements

1.2.1 Front panel

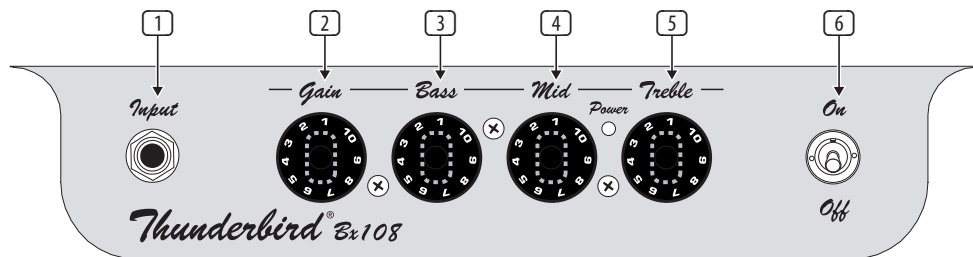


Fig. 1.1: Front panel control elements

- 1 **INPUT** is the BX108's ¼" jack input for your active/passive electric bass.
- 2 The **GAIN** control determines the overall volume of the BX108.
- 3 The **BASS** control in the EQ section allows you to boost or cut the bass frequencies.
- 4 With the **MID** control you can boost/cut the midrange frequencies.
- 5 The **TREBLE** control adjusts the upper frequency range.
- 6 Use the **ON/OFF** button to switch your BX108 on or off: the LED located between the MID and TREBLE controls lights up when the unit is switched on.

Please ensure that your BX108 is set to the correct supply voltage before you connect the unit to the AC power system! Three triangular markings can be found on the fuse holder at the AC power connection socket. Two of these three triangles will be aligned with one another. The BX108 is set to the operating voltage shown next to these markings and can be switched over by twisting the fuse holder by 180°. **IMPORTANT: This does not apply to export models designed only for 115 V ~!**

Please ensure sufficient air circulation around the unit and do not place the BX108 close to a radiator or other heating system, so as to avoid overheating.

- ◇ Please note that all units must have a proper ground connection. For your own safety, never remove or disable the ground conductor of the unit or of the AC power cable.

1.2.2 Rear panel

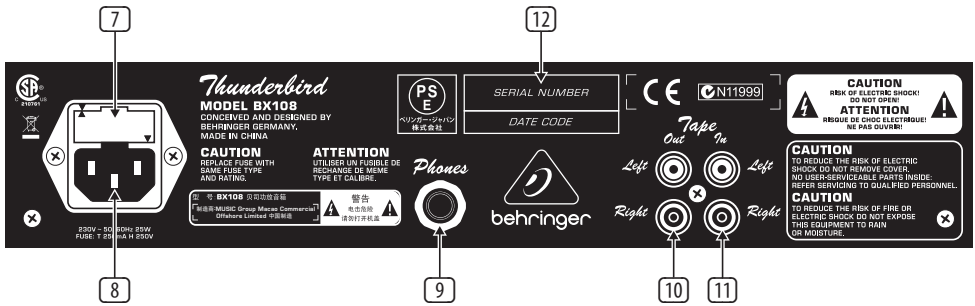


Fig. 1.2: Rear panel connectors

- 7 **FUSE HOLDER / VOLTAGE SELECTOR.** Please make sure that your local voltage matches the voltage indicated on the unit, before you attempt to connect and operate the BX108. Blown fuses may only be replaced by fuses of the same type and rating. Some models allow for inserting the fuse holder in two different positions, in order to switch over from 230-V to 115-V operation, and vice versa. Please note that for 115-V operation outside Europe, you need to use a fuse of a higher rating (see chapter 1.1).
- 8 Use the enclosed power cord to connect the unit to the mains.
- 9 The stereo ¼" **PHONES** jack allows you to monitor the BX108's audio signal with a pair of commercially available headphones. Connecting the headphones will mute the built-in speaker.
- 10 The **TAPE OUT** cinch connector supplies the audio signal of your BX108, for example to send it to a recording machine.
- 11 The **TAPE IN** cinch connector allows you to connect an external signal source such as a drum computer or other machine providing audio playbacks.
- 12 **SERIAL NUMBER.** Please take the time to have the warranty card filled out completely, and return it within 14 days after the date of purchase, so as to be entitled to benefit from our extended warranty. Or use our online registration option available on the World Wide Web at behringer.com.

2. Installation

2.1 Mains connection

The mains connection is made by using the enclosed power cord and a standard IEC receptacle. It meets all of the international safety certification requirements.

2.2 Audio connections

The input of your THUNDERBIRD BX108 is on a mono ¼" jack, the PHONES output on a stereo ¼" jack. The tape inputs/outputs are on cinch connectors.

- ♦ Please ensure that only qualified personnel install and operate the BX108. During installation and operation the user must have sufficient electrical contact to earth. Electrostatic charges might affect the operation of the THUNDERBIRD BX108.

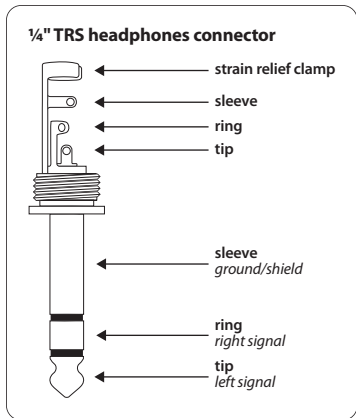
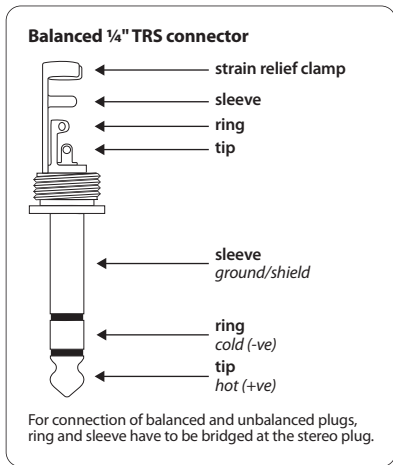


Fig. 2.1: Wiring of mono and PHONES jacks

3. Specifications

Audio Inputs

Guitar input	1/4" mono jack, approx. 200 kΩ unbalanced
Tap input	Cinch connector, approx. 68 kΩ unbalanced

Audio Outputs

Phones output	1/4" stereo jack
Tap output	Cinch connector, approx. 1 kΩ unbalanced

System Specifications

Power amp output	15 Watts / 8 Ω
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Loudspeaker

Type	8" special custom-made speaker
Impedance	8 Ω
Power handling	25 Watts

Power Supply

Mains Voltages

U.S./Canada	120 V ~, 60 Hz
U.K./Australia	240 V ~, 50 Hz
Europe	230 V ~, 50 Hz
General export model	100 - 120 V ~, 200 - 240 V ~, 50 - 60 Hz
Power consumption	max. 25 Watts
Fuse	100 - 120 V ~: T 500 mA H 200 - 240 V ~: T 250 mA H
Mains connection	Standard IEC receptacle

Physical

Dimensions (H x W x D)	approx. 14.5 x 9.1 x 13" approx. 369 x 229 x 330 mm
Weight	approx. 7.33 kg

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