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NEW JBL PROFESSIONAL POWERED AND PASSIVE VERTEC® SUBWOOFERS FEATURE ULTRA-LONG EXCURSION 18" TRANSDUCER

FRANKFURT, GERMANY, 29 March 2006 — In an engineering breakthrough that adds to the power and versatility of JBL Professional's VERTEC® line array series, the company has developed an innovative Ultra Long Excursion 460mm (18") transducer with 2000 watts continuous (AES), 8000 watts peak power handling capacity. The model 2269 is the latest example of JBL's patented Differential Drive® dual voice-coil loudspeaker technology, and is fitted with dual voice coils and magnetic gaps, and an ultra-robust composite cone. It provides high output capabilities with an extremely advantageous power-to-weight ratio and is available only in JBL's two newest VERTEC subwoofers, the VT4881ADP compact powered subwoofer and VT4880A full-size passive subwoofer system products.

"The VERTEC series has established itself as the leading line array option through its power, fidelity and versatility," said David Scheirman, Vice President of Tour Sound, JBL Professional. "By incorporating the new 2269 transducers, the VT4881ADP and VT4880A provide audio professionals with enhanced subwoofer capabilities in areas such as concert audio and multimedia presentations where extended low-frequency performance is desired."

The new Ultra Long Excursion 18" transducer features dual neodymium magnets, JBL's exclusive Vented Gap Cooling™, and robust suspension elements for high excursion and extra long life. The new woofer is capable of a peak-to-peak maximum excursion of 89 mm (3.5").

First field use of the new component has been achieved by ATK Audiotek of Burbank, CA. The world-renowned rental sound firm has already deployed a total of 48 2 x 18" subwoofers, JBL's new 2269-equipped VT4880A, for numerous high-profile corporate productions, concerts and awards shows. Included in a diverse list of demanding special events have been Microsoft's Global Briefing at the Georgia Dome, the 2006 Grammy Awards at Los Angeles' Staples Center, and the 2006 Academy Awards at L.A.'s Kodak Theater.



“We’ve now deployed the new VT4880A subwoofers in a variety of circumstances. JBL’s new Ultra Long Excursion 18” component provides significant benefits for ultra low-frequency fidelity, and has proven to be 100% reliable in our professional applications,” noted Scott Harmala, CTO/VP Engineering for ATK Audiotek.

The VT4880A is designed to deliver high-fidelity sound reinforcement of sub-low frequencies for a wide variety of live music and A/V support applications. The versatile, centrally vented enclosure houses two 2269H 460mm (18”) Ultra Long Excursion transducers. The enclosure features advanced construction techniques, replete with JBL PlyMax® engineered panels and a rugged DuraFlex™ exterior finish. The VT4880A has a frequency range of 25-160 Hz with a maximum peak output of 142 db, 1 m (2p, half-space, ground-based applications). The system weighs only 83.9 kg (185 lbs.), including supplied integral suspension hardware.

Also employing the new 2269 18” transducer is the newly-developed VT4881ADP. This compact, powered subwoofer enclosure houses one 2269G Ultra Long Excursion 460mm (18”) woofer. The enclosure features advanced construction techniques including JBL PlyMax® engineered panels and a rugged DuraFlex™ exterior finish. The VT4881ADP includes a JBL DrivePack® DP1 fully integrated power and digital signal-processing electronics package. The JBL DrivePack, developed in cooperation with Crown and dbx, brings leading-edge technology to the VERTEC DP Series including patented high-efficiency Class-I power amplifier technology and onboard digital signal processing.

About JBL Professional:

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