

# Adept Audio®

## Rock Speaker Specifications & Installation Manual

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ROCK80G • ROCK80S

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Thank you for buying Adept Audio Ceiling Speakers. Our loudspeakers deliver superior sound quality, underpinned by the expertise of leading designers who have developed product lines for the world's leading architectural audio brands for more than 30 years.

This manual provides all the necessary information for installation. If for any reason you experience problems or if you have installation questions, please contact us at [info@connectedmedia.co.nz](mailto:info@connectedmedia.co.nz) or 0800 232 0023

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# Warranty

Adept Audio warrants to the original end user only that our products will be free from defects in materials and workmanship, provided the product was purchased from an Adept Audio authorised dealer.

The following warranty periods apply:

- 10 years for passive indoor speakers
- 3 years for active electronics and outdoor speakers

If the product is determined to be defective, it will be repaired or replaced at Adept Audio's discretion. If the product must be replaced yet it is no longer manufactured, it will be replaced with a model of equal to or greater value that is the most similar to the original. If this is the case, installing the replacement model may require mounting modifications; Adept Audio will not be responsible for any such related costs.

This warranty may not be valid if the product was purchased through an unauthorised dealer. This warranty only applies to the individual that made the original purchase, and it cannot be applied to other purchases. The purchaser must be prepared to provide proof of purchase (receipt). This warranty will not be valid if the identifying number or serial number has been removed, defaced, or altered.

# Requirements & Warranty Coverage

All warranties and warranty conditions are subject to change.

These conditions are not covered by warranty:

- Accidental damage
- Damage caused by abuse or misuse
- Damage caused by attempted repairs/modifications by anyone other than Adept Audio or an authorised service agent
- Damage caused by improper installation
- Normal wear, maintenance and environmental issues
- Damage caused by voltage input in excess of the rated maximum of the unit
- Damage inflicted during the return shipment

## What's Included

One Pair of Rock Speakers • Silicone Filled Wire Nuts • Installation Manual

### Tools You'll Need

- Trench Spade or Shovel
- Burial-Grade Speaker Wire (or standard speaker wire plus PVC pipe)
- Wire Stripper
- Measuring Tape

## Speaker Cable Choice

If you are running speaker cables through walls and ceilings, make sure your cables are CL3-rated for in-wall use.

To ensure the best performance from the speakers, use stranded speaker wire of the appropriate gauge for the length of the wire run.

- 0 - 30m: 16 gauge – We recommend Kordz ONE Series 16AWG Speaker Cables
- 15 - 45m: 14 gauge – We recommend Kordz ONE Series 14AWG Speaker Cables
- Over 45m: 12 gauge – We recommend Kordz ONE Series 12AWG Speaker Cables
- Wiring outdoors in direct NZ sunlight? Try Kordz UV-Resistant Speaker Cables



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## Speaker Placement

Be sure to place the rock speakers so that their grilles point toward the main listening area, and so the line between the speakers and the listeners is not blocked by plants, landscaping features or furniture. Ideally, you should place the speakers so they are equidistant from where the listeners will usually sit.

Do not place the speakers in low spots where water can pool, or in the path of high-pressure sprinklers. They are waterproof, but they are not designed for submersion in water or for resistance to high-pressure water streams.

Note that the closer the speaker is to a wall, the more its bass will be reinforced. This could be a good thing or a bad thing depending on your taste in sound. Adjusting the bass control on the amplifier (if it has one) can help dial in the sound better if there's too much or too little bass.

A pair of rock speakers will cover a typical outdoor seating area. If you want to cover a large seating area, multiple seating areas or an entire yard, we recommend adding more pairs of rock speakers, or combining them with Adept Audio surface-mount outdoor speakers.

## Wiring The Speakers

When you've decided on the locations for the speakers, you will need to plan the route for the buried cables. Choose a route that will not interfere with supply pipes for sprinkler systems, wiring for outdoor lighting systems, etc.

For each wire, dig a 10-15cm-deep trench from the place where the amplifier is housed to the speakers. Place the wires (or conduit containing the wires) in the trench.

Strip 1cm of the jacket off the cable ends. Now twist each of these wires together with the wires that came attached to the speaker, making sure to connect positive (+) to positive, and negative (-) to negative. While wire colors vary, typically the black wire is used for negative. Now twist the supplied wire nuts onto each cable connection.

Connect the amplifier to the speakers and play some music. If the speakers are operating properly, fill the trench. If they are not, check the connections and don't fill in the trench until you're sure the speakers are working properly.

## Care and Maintenance

- To clean the speaker, wipe it with a damp cloth. Use of chemical cleaners is not recommended.
- Wipe down the grille every few months to make sure no insects nest in it.
- Do not spray the speaker with high-pressure water from a hose or sprinkler. It's not designed to withstand a high-pressure water jet.
- Cover the speaker when you apply chemicals (such as fertilizer, insecticide and deck sealants) to the surrounding area.
- Do not play the speakers when the temperature is below freezing.
- If the speakers will not be used for a few months, either cover them with a thick plastic tarp or bring them indoors.

## Specifications

### **ROCK80G (Granite) & ROCK80S (Sandstone)**

8" Injection-Molded Polypropylene (IMPP) Woofer

1" Aluminum-Dome Tweeter

Power Handling: 60 Watts

Frequency Response: 65Hz – 20kHz

Sensitivity: 90dB

Impedance: 8 Ohm

Weather-Resistant Design

Net Weight: 4.4 kg

Dimensions: 350 x 250 x 265 mm

## Troubleshooting

No sound from all speakers: Make sure the amplifier and source device (music streamer, CD player, Bluetooth receiver, etc.) are turned on, music is playing, and the volume is turned up. Check the connections between the source device and the amp to make sure they are firmly connected and that the cables are in good condition. If all units are on and the connections are good, disconnect the AC cord from the amp, wait for 5 minutes, plug it back in and try again.

No sound from one speaker: Check the cable connections on the speaker and the amplifier. If they are good, check the connection from the source device to the amp, to make sure both stereo channels are connected. If it still doesn't work, contact Adept Audio.

Sound seems unfocused or bass is weak: Check the polarity of the speaker cable connections on the amp and the speaker. The marked (or white or red) conductor of the cable should be connected to the positive (usually red) terminals on the speaker and the amp. The unmarked (or black) conductor should be connected to the negative (usually black) terminals on the speaker and the amp. If the polarity of a connection is wrong, reverse it and listen again.

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