



**PS 19 A**  
**SINGLE CHANNEL BELTPACK**  
**WITH PGM (AUX) INPUT**



**USER MANUAL**

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## 1.0 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The PS 19A is a portable single channel intercom station, equipped with a volume controlled input for external (program) audio signals. It is housed in a strong ABS case provided with a steel belt clip.

On the front panel are a Volume (listen level) controls for the intercom and the PGM signals, a TALK and a CALL push button with LED indicators, a side tone trimmer and a buzzer volume trimmer. On the rear panel is an XLR-3 connector for the intercom connection cable (the 'party line'), an XLR-3 connector for the external program audio and an XLR-4 connector for the headset.

The program (PGM) audio is only heard at the local headset (not fed to the intercom line)

Optionally an XLR-6 headset connector can be fitted allowing the user to hear the intercom signal at the left headset can and the PGM signal at the right headset can.

Special attention has been paid to the intelligibility of speech. By applying low noise / high speed op-amps, a speech presence filter and propriety high power bridged headphone amplifiers, communication is very comfortable even in environments with a high level of background noise.

The unique ASL call system provides both a flashing red LED and a very distinctive sound signal. A momentary push of the Call button makes the red LED flash whilst holding the button for 2 seconds activates the Call sound signal. The volume of this sound signal (the buzzer) can be adjusted at the front panel.

Fully electronic switching increases reliability and allows for:

- 'soft' microphone On switching, latched and momentary
- Remote Mic Mute facility

## 2.0 UNPACKING

The shipping carton contains the PS 19A and this user manual. If any are missing, contact your dealer.

ASL has taken great care to ensure this product reaches you in flawless condition.

After unpacking the unit please inspect for any physical damage and retain the shipping carton and relevant packing materials for use should the unit need returning.

If any damage has occurred, please notify your dealer immediately so that a written claim can be initiated. Please also refer to the warranty section of this manual.

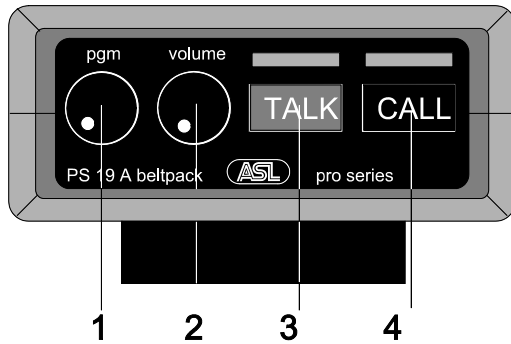
## 3.0 INSTALLATION

This PS 19A will form a part of an existing or new intercom system. Connection to it is straightforward. There are no separate power connections or batteries to install as the necessary DC voltages are derived from the intercom master station or power supply, via the intercom connection cable.

To connect the PS 19A to the intercom system use professional flexible microphone cable with 2 wires and 1 shield only. Connect this cable to the LINE connector on the rear panel.

The PS 19A is fully protected against eventual wiring mistakes (reverse power) or short circuit in the interconnecting cables.

## 4.0 FRONT PANEL CONTROLS



### 1 PGM VOLUME control knob

This knob is for adjusting the listen level of the PGM input signal.

### 2 VOLUME control knob

This knob is for adjusting the listen level of the intercom signal.

### 3 TALK button

By pushing this button the signal of the headset microphone is sent to the intercom party line. When the TALK button is switched On, its large green LED is lit.

#### *Momentary switching:*

When the TALK button is pushed and held, the microphone signal is sent to the intercom channel until the button is released.

#### *Latched switching:*

When the TALK button is pushed shortly it is electronically latched and the microphone signal is sent to the intercom channel. When pushed again, the TALK button switches Off.

#### *Mic Mute when latched On:*

After a so-called Mic Mute signal has been received from a Pro Series master station or power supply, the connection between microphone and intercom channel is interrupted. By pushing the TALK button, the connection is restored and one can talk to the intercom channel again.

### 4 CALL button

With a momentary push of the CALL button, a Call signal is sent to all stations connected to the intercom party line. The Call LED's of this beltpack and of all stations on the party line start flashing. By pushing the Call button for 2 seconds the Call Buzzers are activated, provided the buzzers are not muted by a Buzzer Mute signal received from a Pro Series master station or power supply. After the CALL button is released the LED's continue to flash for a further 2 seconds

## 5.0 REAR PANEL CONNECTORS

### 5 PGM connector

This XLR-3 connector is for feeding PGM signals into the PS 19A. The input is electronically balanced and accepts audio levels between -18 dBu and +22 dBu when configured for line level or between -38 dBu and +2 dBu when configured for mic. level.

See also section 'Internal Controls'.

#### *Pin assignment:*

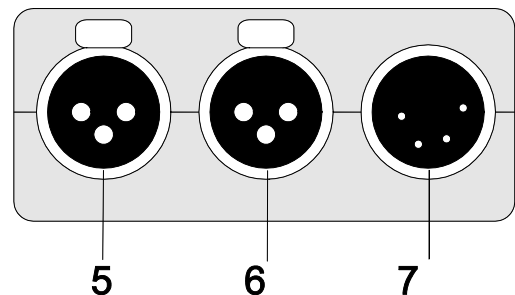
pin 1: 0V /ground  
pin 2: signal +  
pin 3: signal -

### 6 LINE connector

This XLR-3 connector is for connecting the PS 19A to the intercom party line.

#### *Pin assignment:*

Pin 1: 0V / ground shield  
Pin 2: +30V DC power wire  
Pin 3: audio wire



### 7 HEADSET connector

This XLR-4 connector is for connecting a headset to the beltpack. The impedance of the headset can must be minimum 200 ohms; in case the headset has 2 cans in parallel, the impedance of each can must be minimum 400 ohms.

#### *Pin assignment:*

Pin 1: shield mic. (GND)  
Pin 2: mic. +  
Pin 3: phones +  
Pin 4: phones -

## 6.0 SIDE PANEL CONNECTORS

### 8 SIDE TONE trimmer

This trimmer adjusts the level of one's own voice in one own headset.

Adjustment procedure:

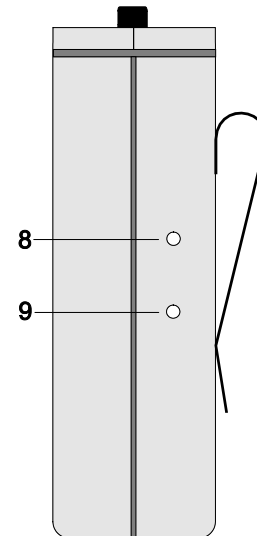
- Set trimmer in start position: turn fully clockwise
- Switch Off the microphones of all (speaker) stations connected to the party line
- Push the TALK button
- Turn up the listen volume
- Speak into the headset microphone
- Adjust the listen level by turning the side tone trimmer

The operating area of the trimmer is between fully clockwise and minimum level. Adjusting the side tone does not affect the level of your voice as heard by the other stations on the party line.

### 9 BUZZER VOLUME trimmer

This trimmer adjusts the volume of the internal buzzer.

The buzzer is activated when the CALL button on this beltpack (or on any other intercom station connected to the party line) is pushed longer than 2 seconds, provided the buzzers are not muted by a Buzzer Mute signal received from a Pro Series master station or power supply.



## 7.0 INTERNAL CONTROLS

### MIC GAIN trimmer

By this trimmer, located on the lower PCB, the mic gain is adjusted. Open the PS 19 by removing the 4 screws at the underside. To increase the gain, turn clockwise. To decrease the gain, turn counter clockwise.

### PGM LINE/MIC selector

Two jumpers inside the PS 19A determine mic or line level for the PGM input.

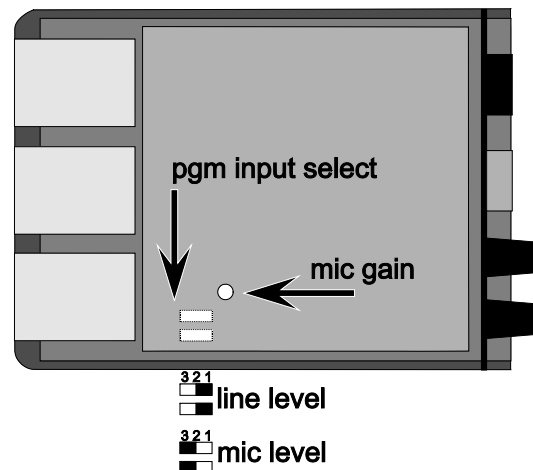
- Open the PS 19A by removing the 4 screws at the underside
- Remove the screws which fasten the upper PCB
- Remove the upper PCB by lifting it up
- The two jumpers are on the rear side of this upper PCB

Jumper positions:

1-2 : line level

2-3 : mic level

Factory setting is line level



## 8.0 WARRANTY

This unit is warranted by ASL to the original end-user purchaser against defects in workmanship and materials in its manufacture for a period of 12 months from date of shipment to the end-user.

Faults arising from misuse, unauthorized modifications or accidents are not covered by this warranty.

If the unit is faulty it should be sent, in its original packing, to your local ASL dealer, shipping costs prepaid. A note must be included stating the fault(s) found and a copy of the original suppliers invoice.

## 9.0 CABLING

The intercom lines (the 'party lines') in an ASL analog intercom system are of the shielded two-conductor microphone cable type. The intercom line connectors are of the XLR-3 type. Audio and Call signals are on pin 3, DC power is on pin 2 and pin 1 is connected to the shield of the cable which functions as the common return for audio and power.

The audio signal is transferred in an unbalanced way (see 'Party Line, Technical Concept'). To avoid earth loops (hum), the possible effect of electromagnetic fields and to minimize power loss, certain rules have to be obeyed when installing the cabling of an intercom system :

### **Use high quality cable**

Use high quality microphone cable (shielded two conductor cable, minimum 2x 0.30 mm<sup>2</sup>). In case multi-pair microphone cable is used, there should be an overall shield and each pair should consist of two conductors (minimum 2x 0.15 mm<sup>2</sup>) with separate shield

### **Use flexible cable**

Use flexible single and multi-pair microphone cable instead of cable with solid cores, especially when the cable is subjected to bending during operation or installation.

### **Cable screens to XLR pin 1**

The screen of each separate microphone cable and/or the screen of each single pair in a multi-pair cable, should be connected to pin 1 of each XLR-3 connector. Do not connect these screens to the metal housing of ASL units or XLR-3 wall boxes.

See section 'Earthing Concept'.

### **Connect metal cable trunks, wall boxes and overall multi-pair cable screens to clean earth**

Metal cable trunks, metal wall boxes and overall multi-pair cable screens should be interconnected and, at the 'central earth point' in the intercom network only, be connected to a clean earth or a safety earth.

See section 'Earthing Concept'.

### **Keep metal connection boxes and cable trunks or pipes isolated from other metal parts**

Metal trunks or pipes for intercom cables and metal connection boxes should be mounted in such a way that they are isolated from any other metal housing or construction part.

In case of more complex installations, don't hesitate to contact us. Please send us a block diagram of the planned network with a list of all user stations and their positions, and we are happy to advise you on cabling lay out.

### **Keep cables parallel as much as possible**

When two (multi channel) units in a network are connected by more than one cable, make sure that these cables are parallel to each other over the whole distance between those units. When using multi-pair cable, parallelism is ensured in the best possible way.

### **Avoid closed loops**

Always avoid that intercom cables are making a closed loop. So-called 'ring intercom' should not physically be cabled as a ring..

### **Keep cables away from electromagnetic sources**

Keep intercom cables away from high energy cables, e.g. 115/230/400V mains power or dimmer controlled feeds for spotlights. Intercom cables should cross high energy cables at an angle of 90° only. Intercom cables should never be in the same trunks as energy cables.

### **Place power supply in a central position**

In case of a system powered by a separate power supply: In order to diminish power losses, place the power supply as close as possible to where most power consumption occurs, in other words most user stations are placed.

### **ASL powered units to a 'clean' mains outlet**

Master stations or power supplies should be connected to a mains outlet with a clean earth. Other audio equipment may be connected to this mains outlet, but avoid using an outlet which also powers dimmer controlled lighting systems.

## 10.0 PART LINE, TECHNICAL CONCEPT

User stations and power supplies in an ASL intercom system are connected via one or several 'party lines'.

A party line offers two way ('full duplex') communication and consists of standard microphone (multi-pair) cable. One wire is used as an audio line, one as a power line and the screen of the cable functions as earth/return.

Current drive is used for signal transfer. Each station utilizes a current amplifier to amplify the microphone signal. That signal is put on the common audio line.

Due to the constant line impedance, a signal voltage is developed which can be further amplified and sent to the headphones or loudspeakers.

(The line impedance is situated in the power supply between XLR pin 3 and 1)

This principle has three advantages:

- the use of a single audio line allows several stations to talk and listen simultaneously
- due to the high bridging impedance offered by each station, the number of stations on the party line has no influence on the level of the communications audio signal
- power and audio to the intercom stations use the same cable

Also the Call signal is sent as a current, on the audio wire. It develops a DC potential over the line impedance which is sensed by each intercom station and interpreted as a Call signal.

## 11.0 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS PS 19A

### System

Dynamic range: 80 dB (1 kHz, THD , 1%)  
Call signal: 2.8 mA  
Call signal threshold (receive): +2.4V DC  
Supply voltage: + 30V DC (12 – 32V DC)  
Power interrupt time (mic mute): 0.1 sec

### Intercom party line

Impedance: 350  $\Omega$  (1 kHz) / 2.2 k $\Omega$  (DC)  
Audio level: nom. -18 dBu, max. +4 dBu

### Mic pre-amp

Headset mic. impedance: 200  $\Omega$   
Gain: 40 – 60 dB (adjustable internally)  
Presence filter: +6 dB at 5 kHz  
Frequency response: 200Hz - 15 kHz (-3 dB)  
Power to electret mic: +9V DC

### Headphone Driver Amps

Max output level: 14 Vrms @ 200  $\Omega$   
Max output power: 2x 0.28 Wrms @ 400  $\Omega$

### Side Tone

Rejection: 0 – 30 dB adjustable

### Buzzer

Max. SPL: 85 dBA

### PGM input

Input impedance:  
30 k $\Omega$  (balanced line level)  
4.6 k $\Omega$  (balanced mic level)  
Nominal input level:  
-18 dBu to +6 dBu (line level)  
-38 dBu to -14 dBu (mic level)  
Max. input level:  
+22 dBu (line level)  
+2 dBu (mic level)

### PS 19A Power Consumption

Current (at 30V DC):  
30 mA quiescent  
45 mA signaling  
170 mA at max. output + signaling

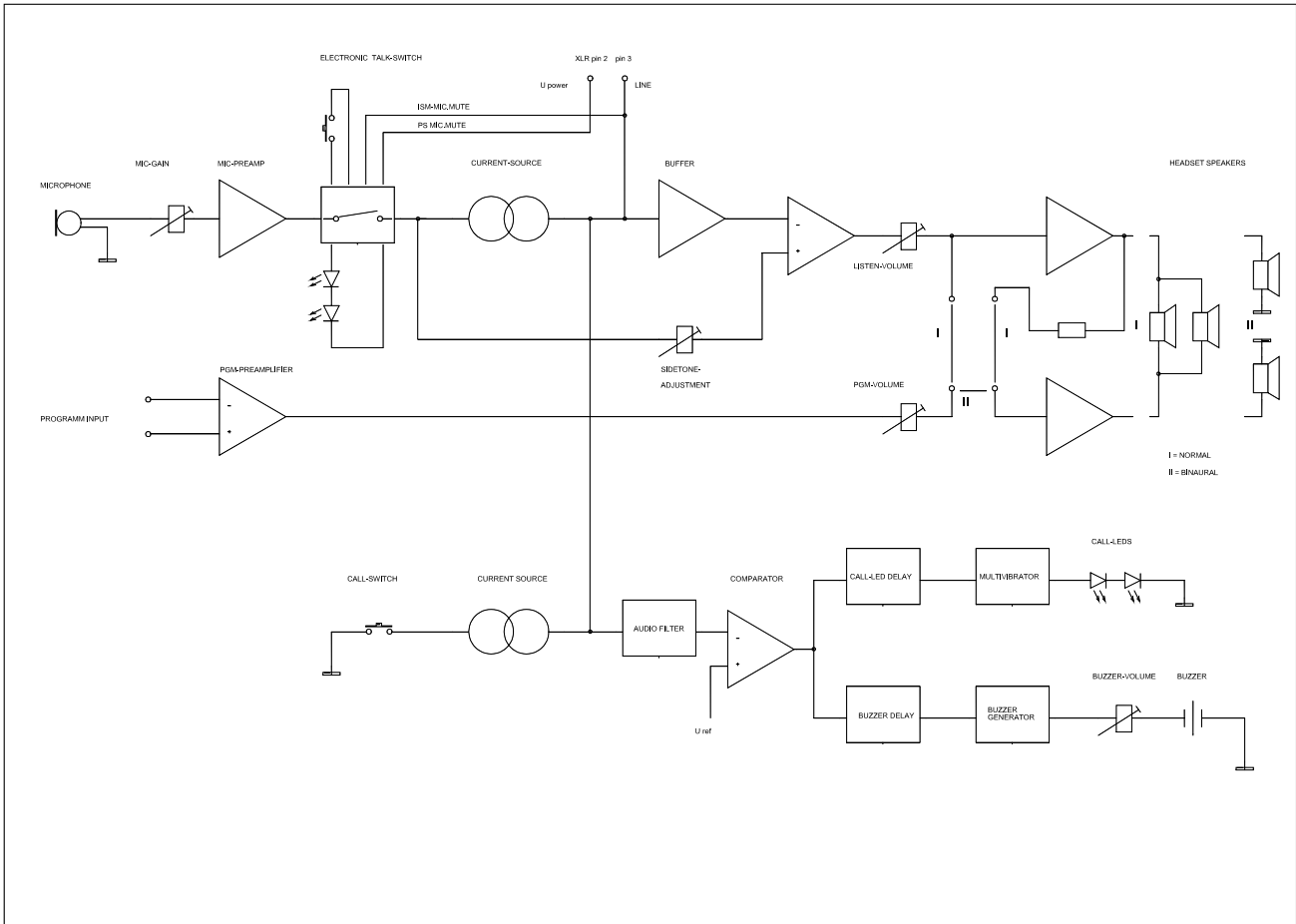
### PS 19A Dimensions & Weight

Width: 90 mm  
Height: 38 mm  
Depth: 124 mm  
Weight: 310 grams

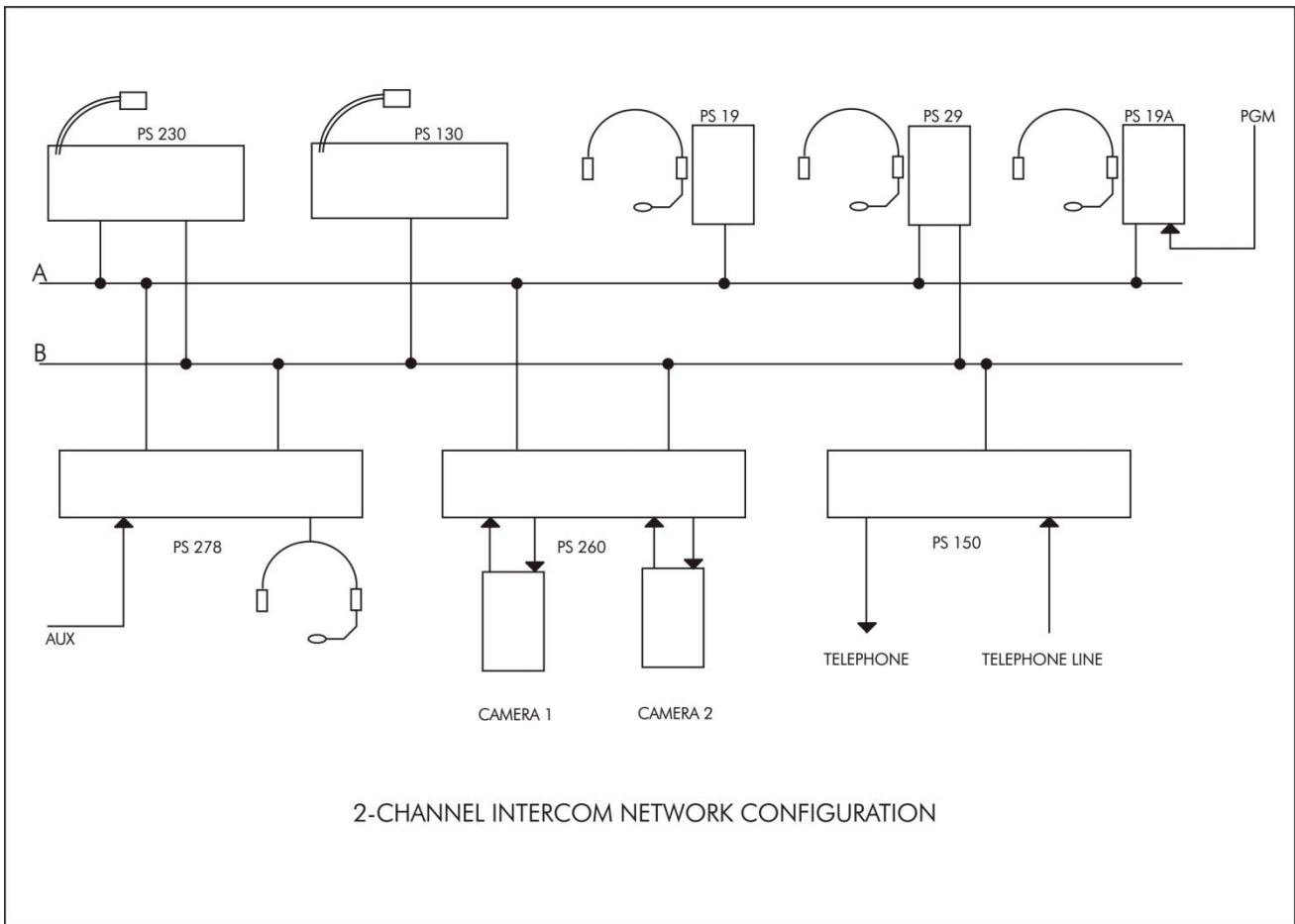
*0 dB is defined as 775 mV into open circuit*

*ASL reserves the right to alter specifications without prior notice*

**12.0 PS 19A BLOCK DIAGRAM**



**13.0 SYSTEM CONFIGURATION**



## 14.0 EARTHING CONCEPT

