



## HPR Series Basic Specs



# QSC Unleashes HPR

An in-the-trenches look at how a leader in amplifier technology is changing the speaker realm

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**I**t never ceases to amaze me that every time I pay a visit to the QSC Headquarters in Costa Mesa, California, they are always doing something to dramatically improve the pro audio world. I have mentioned previously that QSC should stand for Quality, Sound, and Commitment. Quality in the products that QSC founder Pat Quilter has stood behind since the company's inception. Sound, in terms of some of the finest engineers and support staff in the country working on sound reinforcement technology. Commitment, in that they listen to what the end user needs to put on a better performance, whether it's a concert or a small wedding.

#### Ready to Put the Amp in the Speaker

QSC has done it again by getting into the powered speaker market with their new HPR Series. These powered speakers are the first portable speakers to feature the legendary power and reliability of QSC amplification. The very first time I had the opportunity to listen to these speakers at the QSC showroom they just blew me away. It did not surprise me that these 15" two-way speakers had such pristine clarity and sound. As QSC Audio CEO Barry Andrews remarked, "For over 35 years, QSC has been making everyone else's speakers sound great...The HPR Series is a self-powered loudspeaker system worthy of the QSC name." Now, by entering the realm of active speakers, QSC has come full circle.

The HPR's top-quality components include a 13-ply birch cabinet, protected by a 16-gauge perforated

steel grill, with a unique, stylish design. The HPR Series delivers incredible performance and reliability, even when pushed to the limit. You can hear the warm sounds when playing the classic music of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, and Diana Krall. Then you can get the power-packed punch of rock & roll with Santana's "Oye Como Va," as well as clarity and projection with today's great R&B sounds. To add that extra low-end punch high-energy dance music, QSC also offers the HPR Series Subwoofer.

#### Passing the Field Test with Flying Colors

I had the chance to beta test these high-powered speakers at several events, but the best testimony came from the executive secretary of student activities of a junior college in southern California, during recent homecoming festivities. She was backstage, with a partition between where she was standing and where I was performing with the sound system. She claimed that she could hear every word I said with clarity, as if she were actually standing in front of the speakers. That says a lot for the HPR series. I have put them on stands and also on the ground at weddings, college events, and a wide variety of parties. Even at 50th anniversary parties, with the volume barely reading on my mixer, the sound was well above average.

During my 31-year career as a DJ, this was the first time I have ever used or tested powered speakers, and then found it hard to go back to using my regular speakers. I now plan to invest in a new pair of powered speakers that I am sure will enhance my shows.

Just like a line in the movie *Field of Dreams*, "If you build it, they will come." I believe that now that QSC has built this fabulous series of powered speakers, mobile entertainers will come by the hundreds to experience the Quality, Sound, and Commitment, that is QSC's specialty. [www.qscaudio.com](http://www.qscaudio.com) ■

#### HPR152F

Config. 15" 2-way  
15" cone transducer with 3" voice coil and 1.75" diaphragm compression driver  
Max. SPL (1 meter)  
135 dB peak  
Amps - Power Output  
400W LF, 100W HF  
MSRP \$1,499

#### HPR153F

Config. 15" 3-way: 15" cone transducer with 3" voice coil, 6.5" horn loaded mid-range and 1.4" diaphragm compression driver  
Max. SPL (1 meter)  
133 dB peak  
Amps - Power Output  
400W LF, 100W MF, 100W HF  
MSRP \$1,699

#### HPR151W

Config. 15" subwoofer: 15" cone transducer with 3" voice coil  
Maximum SPL (1 meter)  
133 dB peak  
Amps - Power Output  
700W  
MSRP \$1,499

#### HPR181W

Config. 18" subwoofer: 18" cone transducer with 4" voice coil  
Maximum SPL (1 meter)  
134 dB peak  
Amps - Power Output  
700W  
MSRP \$1,849