



S3 ISOLATION BASE

The Foundation Of Great System Performance

Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the Harmonic Resolution Systems S3 Isolation Base. When used properly, it will give you many years of superior musical or video signal reproduction.

The S3 Isolation Base significantly reduces the negative impact of structure-borne vibration on your audio or video component performance. Many years of engineering experience, custom material development, and listening tests are incorporated into the design of the S3 Isolation Base. The performance of the S3 Isolation Base will enable your audio/video source and amplification components to achieve a very high level of performance.

The S3 Isolation Base is an excellent match with HRS Damping Plates, Nimbus products, and Vortex products. While the S3 Isolation Base works to significantly reduce structure-borne vibration, the HRS Damping Plates, Nimbus products, and Vortex products significantly reduce the harmful effects of airborne vibration and structural resonance on your components.

Please read this manual completely prior to use of your S3 Isolation Base for setup and product care instructions. Proper care of your S3 Isolation Base will ensure optimum performance and an aesthetically pleasing appearance.

Safety Instructions

IMPORTANT WARNINGS!

*Do not place any tall objects on the isolation base. A tall object is any object with a height that is greater than the length of the isolation base. A tall object is also any object that has a height greater than its own width or length. Tall objects **must not** be placed on top of the isolation base for any reason. The object may become unstable and tip over causing damage to the component, adjacent objects, or injury to people.*

Lifting or moving the isolation base should always be done by means of the outer rectangular frame. Do not lift the isolation base by the external feet attached to the bottom of the rectangular frame.

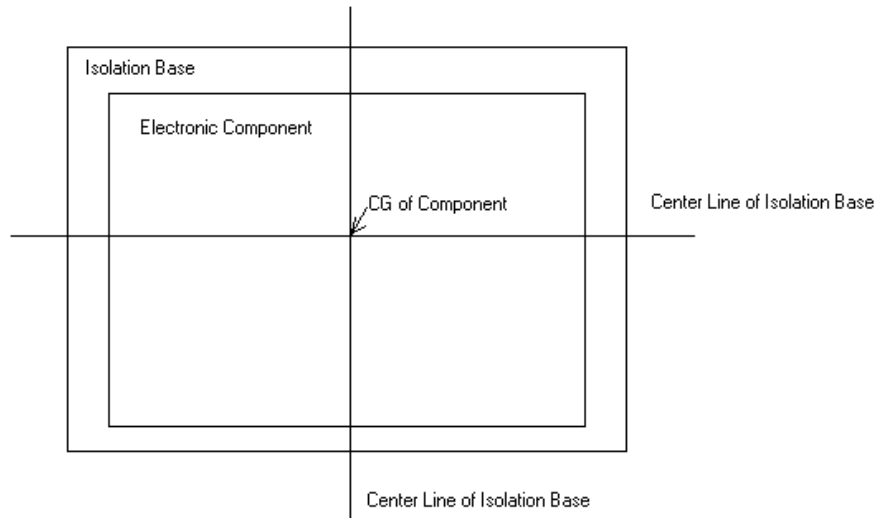
Setup Instructions

Placing components with sharp or pointed feet directly on the isolation base may cause nicks, scratches or gouges in the surface. Use of a protective barrier between any metal-like feet or sharp objects will prevent damage to the isolation base surface. Protection from sharp objects as described above is recommended to prevent scratches and maintain the original beauty of the isolation base.

S3 Isolation Bases are produced in various load ranges to optimize performance. Please verify that the component that will be placed on the isolation base is within the rated load range. You can determine the load range of your isolation base by the color code in the isolation base part number. The isolation base part number is located on the product identification tag fixed to the bottom of the isolation base. See the specification section of this manual to determine the rated load range of your isolation base. If the S3 Isolation Base is overloaded the custom HRS isolators will bottom out and significantly reduce the product performance. You can check to see if the isolation base is overloaded by checking for compliance between the isolation base frame and the four small feet. With the component loaded on the isolation base, check each corner individually by pressing on each corner. The isolation base should be compliant at each location and not rigid. If there is any displacement prior to bottoming out then the isolation base is working fine. If there is no compliance at all then the load range should be changed by HRS to the proper range. HRS can modify the S3 Isolation Base load range as many times as needed for a fraction of the original purchase price. Overloading the isolation base for an extended period of time may reduce its service life and voids the warranty.

A majority of source components have a center of gravity that is approximately near the geometric center of the component. However, some amplifiers and source components can have significant variation in weight distribution that is dependent on the design layout of the heavier objects within the component.

The ideal isolation base setup is to have the center of gravity of the component in the geometric center of the isolation base. This will result in even loading of the isolation feet. This can be achieved by estimating the center of gravity of your component and placing it in the geometric center of the isolation base. Even loading of the isolation feet can also be achieved by moving the component until the isolation base is level.



Top View
Component and Isolation Base

If you have a component that does not allow you to locate the center of gravity near the geometric center of the isolation base, you can utilize a custom combination of isolation feet to accommodate a significant variation in isolator loading. Please consult with your authorized HRS Retailer or HRS directly if you have questions regarding proper loading of your S3 Isolation Base.

Specifications

The following specifications are based on your S3 Isolation Base part number which is marked on the outside of the original factory box. The part number is composed of the following information sequence.

Series - Model Number - Load Range

The load range can also be identified by the color of the sticker located on the back of the isolation base frame. Cross-reference the color of the sticker to the S3 Isolation Base Load Range chart shown below.

S3 Isolation Base Physical Characteristics

<i>Model Number</i>	<i>Dimensions inch (cm)</i>	<i>Weight lbs. (Kg)</i>
<i>1921</i>	<i>19 x 21 x 3 (48.3 x 53.3 x 7.6)</i>	<i>51 (23)</i>
<i>1719</i>	<i>17 x 19 x 3 (43.2 x 48.3 x 7.6)</i>	<i>42 (19)</i>

S3 Isolation Base Load Range

<i>Load Range</i>	<i>Supported Equipment Load Range lbs. (Kg)</i>
<i>RD - (Red mark on bottom of isolator and on back of frame)</i>	<i>0 – 35 (0 – 16)</i>
<i>GN - (Green mark on bottom of isolator and on back of frame)</i>	<i>35 – 70 (16 – 32)</i>
<i>BL - (Blue mark on bottom of isolator and on back of frame)</i>	<i>70 – 135 (32 – 61)</i>

Note: The recommended load range is the range of component weight that will yield optimal performance. If you have less than recommended load you will still likely obtain very good results based on HRS technology. Placing more than 10% over the maximum recommended load may result in a significant decrease in isolation base performance because there is a safety stop mechanism that will engage that prevents damage to the isolation base. When the safety mechanism is engaged the performance is decreased significantly until the isolation base is returned to within rate load range.

Care and Maintenance

The S3 Isolation Base is a very low maintenance item that will provide many years of trouble free performance by applying these basic care instructions.

Clean the surfaces of the S3 using a lint-free soft (non-abrasive) cloth. If needed use a cloth lightly damped with water. Do not use any solvents and do not use any abrasive cleaners or abrasive materials on any part of the isolation base.

Do not spray, soak, or submerge the isolation base in water or any cleaning solutions. The isolation base is an assembly of many different parts and materials. Submerging the isolation base will cause permanent damage to the assembly.

Do not wash the interior flex element of the isolation feet even if you see a coating or white substance on the surface of the flex element. This coating is intentional and is put in the flex element to protect the custom isolation material from the environment

Warnings!

Do not place objects with sharp or pointed feet directly on the isolation base.

Do not immerse in water or spray with water or any other liquids.

Do not use abrasive cleaners or abrasive sponges.

Do not wash the base or isolation feet with any solvent based cleaning solutions.

Do not wash the interior flex element of the isolation feet even if you see a coating or white substance on the surface of the flex element.

Limited Warranty

Harmonic Resolution Systems warrants the product designated herein to be free of manufacturing defects in material and workmanship subject to the conditions herein set forth, for a period of 90 days from the date of purchase by the original purchaser. If the purchaser registers the unit with Harmonic Resolution Systems by mailing in the warranty card, together with a copy of the bill of sale, within 14 days of the date of purchase, said purchaser would be registered for an extended service contract. The extended service contract extends the 90 days to a period of 5 years from the date of purchase by the original purchaser or no later than 6 years from the date of shipment to the authorized Harmonic Resolution Systems dealer, whichever comes first. This warranty is subject to the following conditions and limitations.

- 1. This warranty is subject to the following conditions and limitations. The warranty is void and inapplicable if the product has been used or handled other than in accordance with the instructions in the owner's manual, abused or misused, damaged by accident or neglect or in being transported, or the defect is due to the product being repaired or tampered with or modified by anyone other than Harmonic Resolution Systems. The product must be packed and returned to Harmonic Resolution Systems by the customer at his or her sole expense. A written description of the defect and a photocopy of the original purchase receipt must accompany a returned product. This receipt must clearly list model and serial number, the date of purchase, the name and address of the purchaser and authorized dealer and the purchase price. Harmonic Resolution Systems reserves the right to modify the design of any product without obligation to purchasers of previously manufactured products and to change the prices or specifications of any product without notice or obligation to any person.*
- 2. Warranty does not cover normal recommended care and maintenance.*
- 3. Harmonic Resolution Systems shall not be responsible in any way for consequential or indirect damages or liabilities resulting from the use of the product covered herein or resulting from any breach of this warranty or any implied warranty relating to said product.*
- 4. Harmonic Resolution Systems shall not be responsible in any way for damage to finishes resulting from normal use and exposure to sunlight and the environment even within the normal and extended warranty period.*

During the warranty period, Harmonic Resolution Systems will repair or replace any defective components free of charge. A Return Authorization Number (RA Number) obtained directly from Harmonic Resolution Systems is required before any product is returned to Harmonic Resolution Systems for any reason. This number must be visible on the exterior of the shipping container(s) for Harmonic Resolution Systems to accept the return.

Units shipped to Harmonic Resolution Systems without a visible RA Number on the exterior of the shipping container(s) are subject to be returned to the sender, freight collect.

Units to be repaired by Harmonic Resolution Systems must be sent shipping and insurance prepaid by the original purchaser in the original packaging material. A returned product should be accompanied by a written description of the defect. Repaired units will be returned by Harmonic Resolution Systems shipping and insurance prepaid by the customer.

All other warranties or conditions either written or implied are void.

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