



# INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## AL2 and AL2/S INDUSTRY UPGRADE

### AUTOMATIC SECONDARY SOURCE SELECTOR

## INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the AL2 — AL2/S Automatic Source Selector. The AL2 and AL2/S automatically switch between two line-level stereo sources: a main source connected to the *Input A* jacks and a remote source connected to the *Input B* jacks.

When the AL2 senses a remote source signal present at the *Input B* jacks, that source signal is automatically switched-through to the output jacks. When the remote source signal is no longer present on *Input B*, after a short (installer-adjustable) time delay the AL2 and AL2/S automatically switch the outputs to the main source connected to the *Input A* jacks.

The time it takes the AL2 and AL2/S to switch back to Input A from Input B can be adjusted to suit the different types of audio sources being used, or the preferences of the listeners. The sensitivity of the detection/switching circuitry is also adjustable to work with a variety of audio source equipment.

## APPLICATIONS

Here are three examples of how the AL2 and AL2/S can be used in different system configurations:

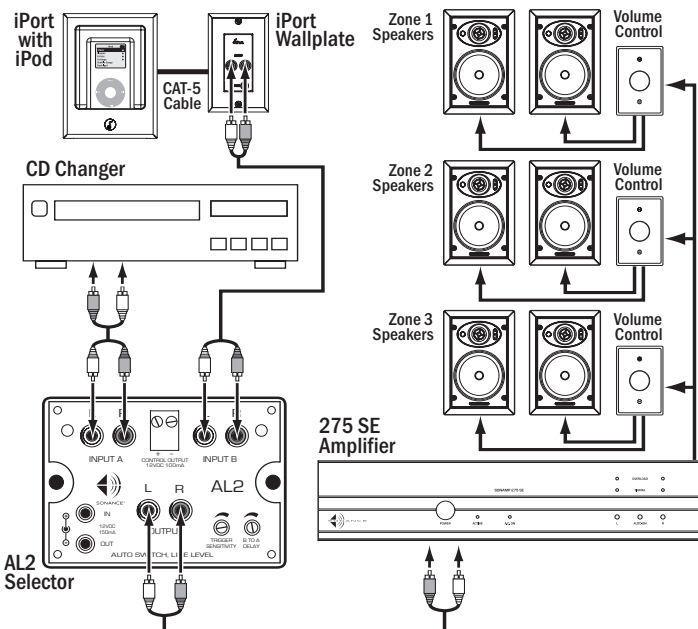
### Basic Music System (see *Illustration 1*)

A basic music system consisting of two music sources (such as an iPort™ docking station and a CD changer), an AL2, a Sonance Sonamp® 275 SE amplifier and speakers with in-wall volume controls would offer automatic selection of the source and automatic turn-on of the Sonamp (using its *Auto-On* feature).

With the CD changer connected to the AL2's *Input A* and the iPort connected to its *Input B*, the CD changer would be the system's main source and would remain automatically selected by the AL2 whenever the iPod® was paused, or was not docked in the iPort. When the iPort/iPod sends an audio signal to the AL2 it would automatically be selected and its signal sent to the amplifier.

A system like this does not require a preamp or other source selecting device.

*Illustration 1: Basic Music System*



## AL2 and AL2/S NEW FEATURES

The AL2 and AL2/S incorporate several new features that improve their performance and installability:

- The AL2 operates on a single-output 12V DC power supply, and can also be powered directly by 12V sources in cars, boats or RV installations. The AL2 power inputs have reverse polarity protection.
- The AL2 features *DC In* and *DC Out* connections that allow multiple *Industry Upgrade* units to share a single power supply.
- The AL2 *Control Out* and AL2/S *Control In* connectors are removable quick-toggle RIA connectors.
- The AL2 and AL2/S chassis have recessed mounting holes that allow them to easily be wall-mounted using two screws.
- The AL2 and AL2/S chassis' are compatible with 3" TK-series SnapTrack® from Augat.

When the iPod is paused or not docked and the CD changer is not playing, the Sonamp will revert to its *Standby* mode and no sound will be heard. When the system is playing, volume is controlled by the in-wall volume controls.

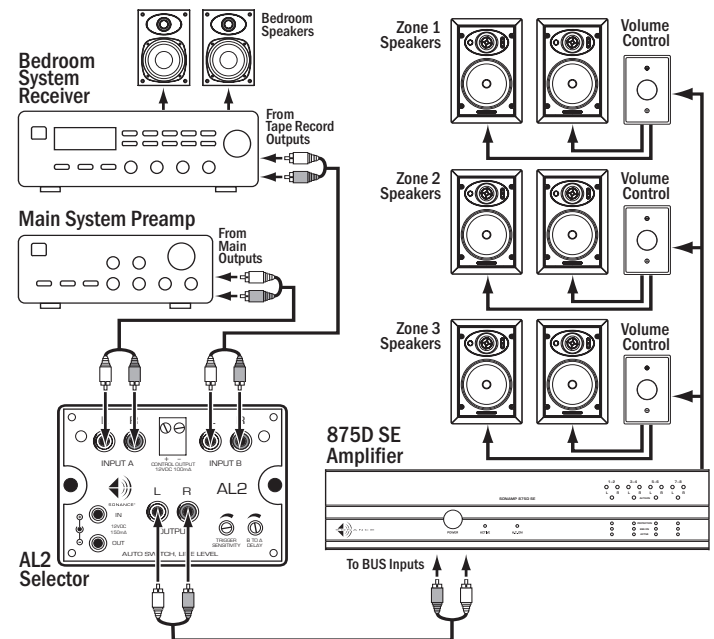
### Combining Two Separate Systems (see *Illustration 2*)

Two separate systems in a home (such as the preamp/controller for a whole-home audio system and a master bedroom system with a small receiver) could be connected to the AL2's *A* and *B* inputs.

Connecting the AL2's outputs to the *Bus* inputs of a multi-zone amplifier like the Sonamp 875 SE creates an elegant selector for the two systems.

With the whole-home system preamp connected to the AL2's *Input A* and the bedroom system's *Tape Monitor* output connected to the AL2's *Input B*, the bedroom system is now the remote source. Whenever it presents a signal to the AL2 the whole-home system preamp is overridden and the bedroom system will be heard throughout the house. As with the first example, the whole-home system's in-wall volume controls would control the volume in each individual zone.

*Illustration 2: Combining Two Separate Systems*





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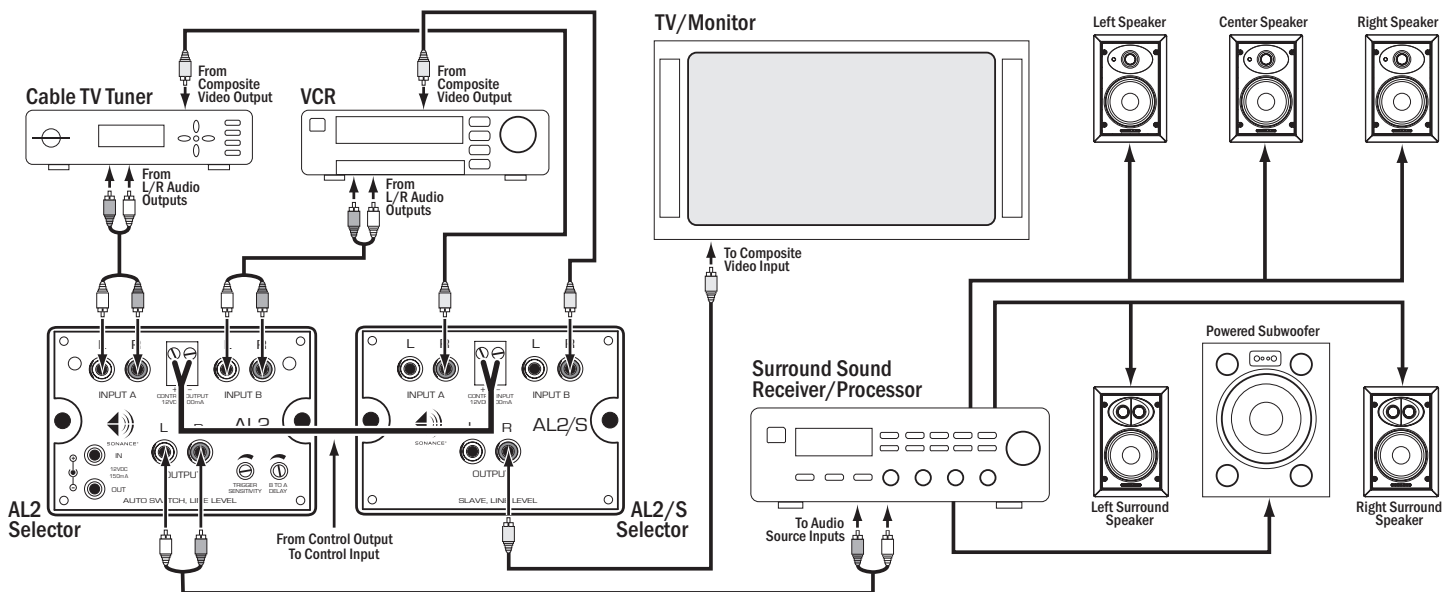
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#### In a Home Theater System (see Illustration 3)

The AL2 and AL2/S can be used to automatically select between a VCR and a cable TV tuner in a home theater system. The AL2 would switch the stereo audio signal feeding the surround sound receiver/processor, while the AL2/S would switch the composite video signal feeding the TV.

With the cable TV tuner connected to Input A and the VCR connected to Input B of the AL2 and AL2/S, the cable tuner would be the system's main source and would remain automatically selected by the AL2 whenever the VCR was not playing. When the VCR sends an audio signal to the AL2 and a video signal to the AL2/S, it would automatically be selected and its signal sent to the surround receiver/processor and TV.

Illustration 3: Home Theater System

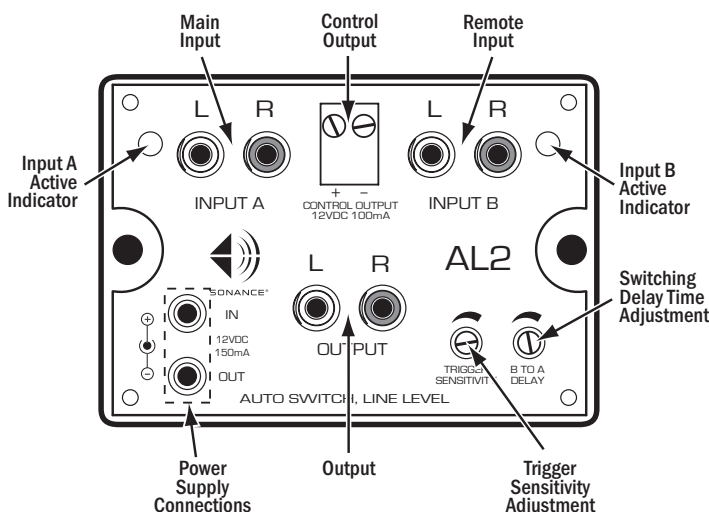


#### CONNECTING THE AL2 (see Illustration 4)

**IMPORTANT: Make sure all source components and power amplifiers are turned OFF before making any connections.**

**Do not plug the AL2 power supply into a wall outlet until all connections have been made.**

Illustration 4: AL2 Connections and Controls



- Determine which component will be the main (default) source and which is the remote (sensing/switching) source. In most cases the Main source will be the one with program that is continuous or active most of the time, such as a satellite radio or cable TV tuner, or a CD changer in the *Continuous Repeat* or *Random Play* mode. The Remote source will be something with program material the user will be watching or listening to for a relatively short time, such as an iPod/iPod, CD player, or VCR.
- Connect the left & right line outputs of the main source to the AL2's *Input A* jacks; connect the left & right line outputs of the remote source to the AL2's *Input B* jacks.
- Connect the AL2's left & right *Outputs* to the inputs of the system's amplifier, preamp/controller or receiver.
- Connect the included PS-1 power supply to the AL2's 12VDC jack and plug it into a *non-switched* AC outlet that supplies continuous current.
  - If you're using more than one Sonance *Industry Upgrade* component you can power it from the AL2's power supply by connecting a cable with standard 2.1mm internal diameter connectors between the AL2's *Loop* jack and the other component's 12V DC jack.
- The amount of time it takes for the AL2 to revert back to *Input A* after the signal to *Input B* has stopped is user-adjustable by the *B To A Delay Adjust* control. Turning the control clockwise increases the delay time.
  - The minimum delay time is 3 seconds; the maximum is 3 minutes.
- The amount of *Input B* voltage required to switch the AL2 from *Input A* to *Input B* is user-adjustable by the *Trigger Sensitivity* control. Turning the control clockwise increases the trigger sensitivity (requires less voltage to trigger the inputs to change).
  - The minimum voltage required for triggering is 5mV; the maximum is 4.5V.



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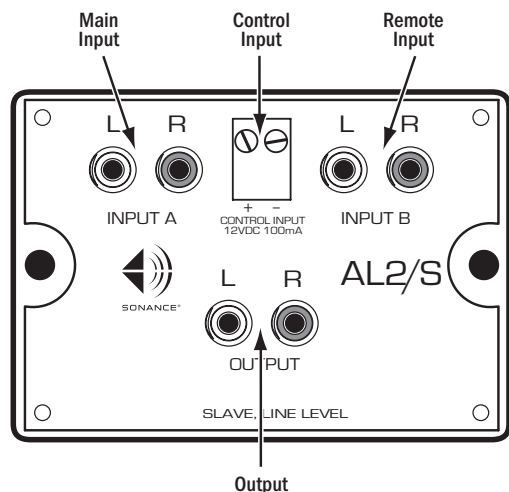
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### Using the AL2 *Control Output* with Multiple Slave Units

The AL2's Control Output can supply up to 200mA of current. This allows it to be daisy-chained with up to five (5) AL2/S slave units.

### CONNECTING THE AL2/S (see *Illustration 5*)

*Illustration 5: AL2/S Connections and Controls*



The AL2/S is a 'slave' unit that operates similar to the AL2, except that its input switching is controlled by an external control voltage source. In most systems the control voltage will be supplied by the Control Output connector of an AL2 unit, but any 12V source (with a minimum of 40mA of current) that switches on and off can be used as a control trigger.

1. Connect the left & right line outputs of the main (default) source to the AL2/S' *Input A* jacks; connect the left & right line outputs of the remote source to the AL2/S' *Input B* jacks (see *Step 1* of *Connecting The AL2*).
2. Connect the AL2/S' left & right *Outputs* to the inputs of the system's amplifier, preamp/controller or receiver.
  - If you're using the AL2/S to switch a composite video signal connect its *Output* jack to the TV or other video equipment.
3. Connect the switching 12V source to the AL2/S' *Control Input* connector.
  - You can use any 2-conductor wire (16ga ~ 22ga) to connect the AL2/S *Control Input* terminals to the *Control Output* terminals of an AL2.

**Caution: Do not short the '+' and '-' terminals together on the AL2 or AL2/S Control Outputs/Inputs.**

### SPECIFICATIONS

Power Consumption (AL2):	90mA ±5% @ 12VDC
Power Consumption (AL2/S):	40mA ±5% @ 12VDC
Dimensions (W x H x D):	4" x 2" x 3" (102mm x 51mm x 76mm)

### OTHER SONANCE INDUSTRY UPGRADE COMPONENTS

#### AVL1 Automatic Audio/Video Source Selector

The AVL1 provides automatic stereo line-level audio and composite video switching between two audio/video sources (such as a VCR, cable TV tuner or DVD player). Features and operation are otherwise identical to the AS2.

#### AS2 and AS2/S Automatic Secondary Source Selector (Speaker-Level)

The AS2 and AS2/S function identically to the AL2 and AL2/S except that they switch speaker-level audio signals instead of line-level audio signals. Typical applications would be switching a whole-home audio system and a local television to a single pair of speakers, or as a 'break-in' device for paging applications. Features and operation are identical to the AL2 and AL2/S, except the AS2 and AS2/S operate at speaker level.

#### LS2 and LR2 Balanced Audio Sender and Receiver

The LS2 and LR2 the most efficient and highest-quality way to distribute audio throughout a residential or commercial system. The LS2 converts typical line-level audio signals to balanced configuration, allowing them to be sent long distances and in close proximity to sources of noise interference without inducing noise or high-frequency roll-off.

As a general rule of thumb, a balanced signal should be used for all but short lengths of audio cable (under 20 feet) and wherever the possibility of signal interference is likely. This includes where the audio signal passes near dimmers, transformers, fluorescent and neon lights, or along the same pathways as house current.

Active circuitry in the LS2 sends the balanced signal to the LR2, which converts it back to an unbalanced line level signal that can be connected to the audio component. The LS2 and LR2 must always be used with each other unless the audio equipment has balanced inputs or outputs (such as professional sound or recording equipment). In this situation the LS2 could be used as an unbalanced-to-balanced converter and the LR2 could be used as a balanced-to-unbalanced converter. The LS2 can also be used with the 275 SE and ASAP2 SAT amplifiers with an LR1 SAT module (part# 91815) installed.

#### VT1 Video Trigger

The VT1 provides a 12V DC signal when a video sync pulse is detected (picture or blue screen). This can be useful in triggering any component requiring a 12V signal. An LED indicates when the unit is active. A detachable 12V DC power supply is included.

#### RFGI1 Radio-Frequency Ground Loop Isolator

A passive device, the RFGI 1 is used to break a ground loop that can occur when using a cable TV or antenna feed along with AC system grounding. The RFGI1 blocks low frequency and DC by capacitor-coupling the shield and the center conductor of any RF cable connected through it. This prevents the occurrence of low-frequency humming and TV screen hum bars. The RFGI1 connects between the main cable TV feed and the cable distribution box, RF amplifier, cable converter, VCR or TV. F-connections are used on each side for a secure and reliable termination. Because it does not allow any RF leakage, the RFGI1 is a superior termination compared to a 75-to-300-to-75 ohm balanced connection.

#### OP3 Output Pad

Attenuates a stereo speaker-level signal to a stereo line-level signal. Can be used to create an additional preamp signal from any amplifier or receiver speaker terminals. Can also be used to add line-level output capability to a TV with only external speaker leads. Use in conjunction with a 2-female to 1-male Y-cord to sum left and right channels for monaural applications.

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SERVICE

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3. If you're directed to return the unit to Sonance for repair, pack the unit in its original shipping carton. If needed, you can obtain replacement packaging from us for a small charge. Note: it is best if you place the box into an additional outer "overcarton" before shipment to minimize a chance of theft in shipment. Please include a copy of the original bill of sale inside the package.
4. Contact a package delivery service such as United Parcel Service or Federal Express to arrange prepaid (not collect) shipping. Do not use the U.S. Postal Service.

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**5. Write the RA Number on the outside of the shipping carton.**

6. Ship the packaged unit to:  
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