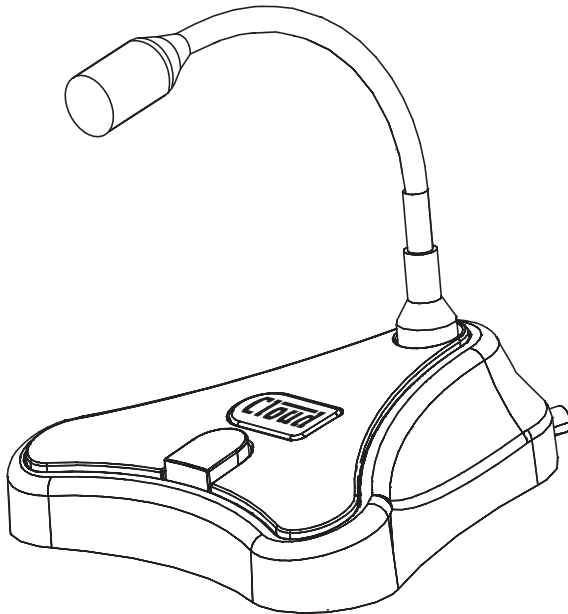




PMI

Paging Microphone



Installation and User Guide

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Introduction

Safety Information

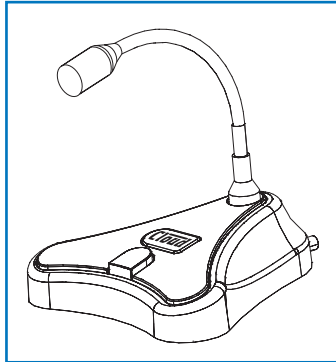
The Cloud PMI contains no active electronics and thus requires no AC or DC voltage supply. Safety precautions are therefore minimal.

However, note that both the metal base of the unit and the mic gooseneck will be electrically connected to the chassis of the host device (e.g. Cloud zoner or mixer/amplifier) once the installation is carried out. This means that if the mains wiring of the host device and/or the building is faulty, the microphone could present a shock hazard. Fitting a suitable earth leakage circuit breaker (e.g. 30 mA RCD type) to the mains supply of the host device can provide additional protection.

Overview

Thank you for purchasing this Cloud PMI paging microphone.

The PMI is a single-zone, passive paging microphone; that is, one for use in situations where announcements are always made to the same area (or areas) of a building*. It consists of a heavy-duty moulded base fitted with a dynamic mic capsule on a 300 mm gooseneck. The base incorporates a PTT (Press To Talk) button which unmutes the mic and provides switch contacts for the host device's access connector.



The PMI is directly compatible with the following current Cloud products:

- Z4ii and Z8ii Venue Mixers
- CX163, CX261 and CX263 Mixers
- 36/50 and 46/50 Integrated Mixer Amplifiers
- MPA-626
- MPA 60/120/240
- DCM-I Digitally-Controlled Mixer (via its analogue connection)

Other, older Cloud products may also be compatible; please contact Cloud's Technical Department for advice.

The PMI may also be used with any OEM audio system equipped with 'short-to-ground' paging access for selecting the zone(s) to be paged.

*Other models in the PM range are available which permit announcements to be made to specific areas of a building – these are termed "multi-zone" paging microphones. Please contact your Cloud dealer/distributor for more information

Scope of this guide

The primary purpose of the guide is to describe the connection of the PMI to a host zoner or mixer/amplifier. For the benefit of the user, a section of 'recommendations for use' is also included.

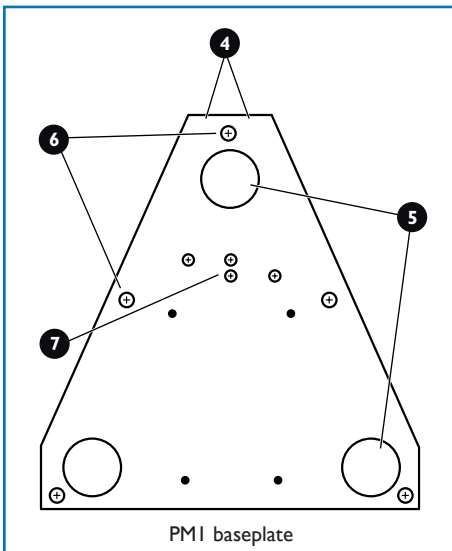
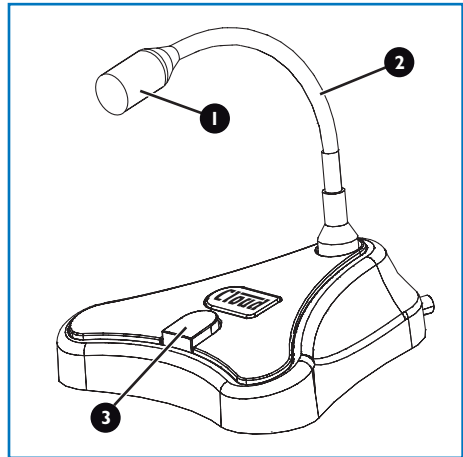
What's in the box

- Cloud PMI paging microphone
- Installation and User Guide (this manual)

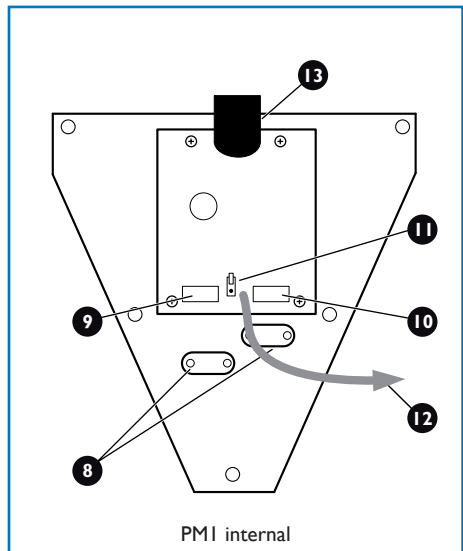
If any items are received in a damaged state or are missing from the packaging, please contact your Cloud dealer/distributor at once. Wherever possible, please retain the packaging until the microphone is satisfactorily installed and working, in case it needs to be returned to the factory.

PMI components

- 1 Microphone capsule
- 2 Flexible gooseneck
- 3 PTT (Press To Talk) button



- 4 Cable access holes
- 5 Rubber feet (x3)
- 6 Base securing screws (x5)
- 7 Screws for internal cable clamps (x4)



- 8 Cable clamps (x2)
- 9 Microphone output connector (audio signal)
- 10 Access control connector
- 11 Jumper for ground interconnection (see text)
- 12 Mic capsule cable
- 13 PTT (Press To Talk) button

Using the PM - Recommendations for use

To the installer: please photocopy this section and leave with the customer.

Making an announcement

1. To start announcing, press and hold down the TALK button.
2. Make the announcement.
3. When the announcement is finished, release the TALK button.

General Dos and Don'ts

- Think what you need to say before making the announcement.
- Speak slowly and clearly in a normal speaking voice.
- Don't "swallow" the microphone; unless you are in a particularly noisy environment your mouth need be no closer than 4 - 5 inches (10 – 12 cm) from the mic.
- Don't start speaking before you press the TALK button, and then also wait for any pre-announcement chime which the audio system might produce has sounded in full before starting.
- Don't release the TALK button until the announcement is finished.
- Don't twist the gooseneck into odd shapes – it isn't a toy!

Installation

Cables and connections

Connections to the PMI are made via two 3-way screw-terminal connectors on the internal PCB. Two cut-outs are provided at the rear of the base moulding for cable access; these can accommodate cables up to 9 mm diameter. A single 2-pair cable (with an individual screen for each pair) provides the neatest finish, though using two separate cables for the audio and access connections is perfectly acceptable (see page 11 for information regarding use of 2-pair cable).

To access the internal connectors, turn the microphone upside-down and remove the five self-tapping screws securing the steel baseplate to the moulded plastic base (item 6 in the baseplate diagram on page 7). Gently remove the baseplate from the base moulding; be careful not to strain the internal mic capsule cable.

Audio connection

If using two separate cables, the audio cable should be a good quality, two-core, screened microphone cable. The cable should be fed through the left-hand of the two cable clamps (looking from the rear of the unit), and connected to the left-hand screw-terminal block (marked AUDIO) on the internal PCB.

Connect to the terminal block as follows:

TERMINAL	USE	TYPICAL CABLE COLOUR
Hot	Phase (+)	Red
Cold	Anti-phase (-)	Black
Screen	Screen (Scn)	Screen

The other end of the audio cable should be connected to a suitable microphone input on the host mixer (or zoner). Consult the Installation Guide for the mixer to confirm the most suitable method of connection. It may also be necessary to configure the microphone input for use with a paging microphone. As all recent Cloud mixers and zoners are designed with this application in mind, connection to them is straightforward.

The maximum cable run over which the microphone will operate satisfactorily is a function of the cable quality, the design of the host mixer's input stage and the level of electrical noise present in the installation environment. As rough guidance, with professional-quality mic cable and a Cloud mixer, 100 m should present no problems.

Note that the mic capsule is a dynamic type and no phantom power is required. Ensure that the microphone input used does NOT have phantom power enabled as damage to the capsule may result from the inadvertent application of a DC voltage.

Control (paging access) connection

If using two separate cables, the control cable may be any suitable two-core cable, though the use of single-core or twin-core screened cable is preferred (especially if the microphone is more than a few metres from the host mixer). Many installers will choose to use a second run of microphone cable, which provides a neat appearance.

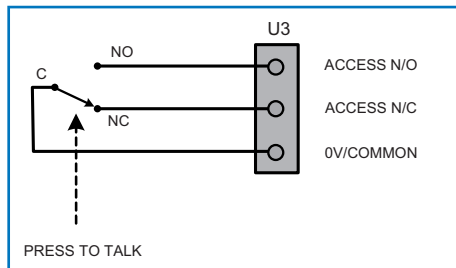
The control cable should be fed through the right-hand cable clamp (looking from the rear of the unit), and connected to the right-hand screw-terminal block (marked ACCESS) on the internal PCB.

Connect to the terminal block as follows:

TERMINAL	USE	TYPICAL CABLE COLOUR
0V/Common	Switch common contact (C)	Screen
ACCESS N/C	Switch normally-closed contact (NC)	Core*
ACCESS N/O	Switch normally-open contact (NO)	

*Connect the core to either N/O or N/C, not both. See following text.

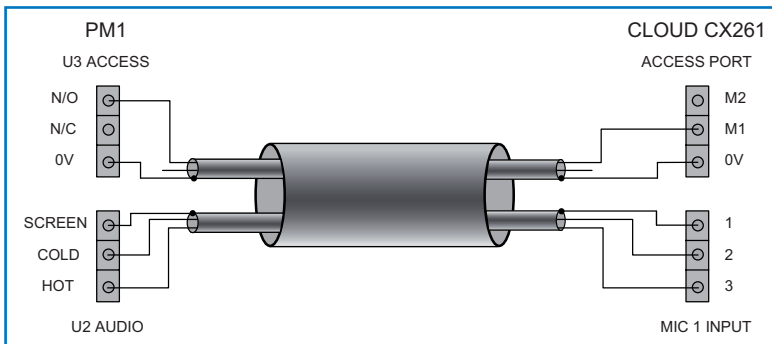
Connect the control cable to the 0V/Common terminal and either the ACCESS N/C or the ACCESS N/O terminal. The PTT (Press-To Talk) switch is fitted with both types of contact (see diagram below); use whichever the host mixer's Access Port requires (consult the Installation Guide for the mixer to confirm the convention used). All Cloud mixers and zoners require the use of external NO contacts for paging access, so use the ACCESS N/O terminal if connecting the PMI to a Cloud host unit.



The other end of the control cable should be connected to the host mixer's Access Port. It may be necessary to configure the mixer for correct operation with a paging microphone. Mixers/zoners with more than one microphone input will probably have an Access Port catering for each input; be sure to connect the control cable to the terminal related to the microphone input being used. Again, all recent Cloud mixers and zoners are designed for use with paging microphones and connecting to and configuring them is straightforward.

Typical example

The example shown below illustrates the connection of a PMI to a Cloud CX261 mixer. It is assumed that MIC 1 input is used.



In the example, 2-pair cable is employed, with separate screened twin-and-screen cores for the Audio and Access connectors. The PMI's audio output is wired pin-to-pin to the MIC 1 INPUT connector on the CX261. The access connector is wired to the CX261's Access Port, the ground terminal being connected to 0V on the host via the cable screen and the N/O terminal to M1.

Use this same wiring arrangement if using two separate cables.

In addition, the CX261's internal jumpers will need to be set to enable the Access Port and to set the Mic 1 priority circuit for access triggering. The CX261's own User Guide fully describes this procedure. It is likely that similar adjustments will need to be made with all makes and models of host mixer; the unit's documentation should be consulted in all cases.

Cable lengths

The maximum permissible length of cable between the PMI and the host mixer is dependent on the quality of the cable(s), the input of stage of the mixer and the general electrical environment in the building. However, as rough guidance, it should work satisfactorily with cable runs up to 100 m when connected to a well-designed mic input stage (such as found in the Cloud CX Series) with professional microphone cable.

Grounding issues

As the PMI is a passive microphone, hum and buzz problems due to grounding will be rare. Always ensure that the screen of the microphone cable is connected at both ends. In a very few circumstances with third-party mixers, it may be necessary to join the 'common' terminal of the mixer's Access Port to the audio ground; this can be accomplished by shorting the pins of J1 on the internal pcb with the jumper provided.

Specifications

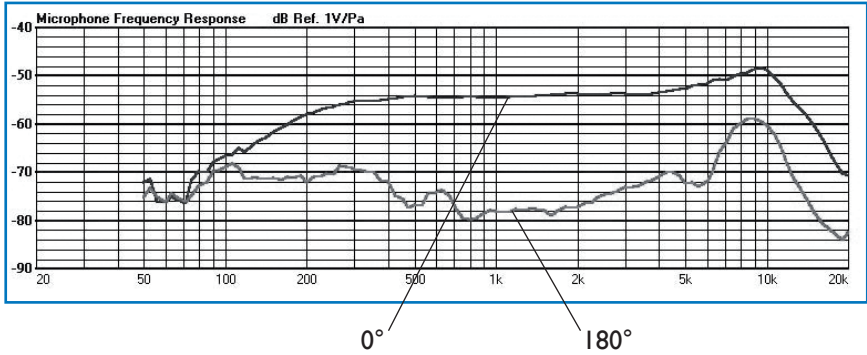
MICROPHONE	
Type	Dynamic, Cardioid
Frequency Response	80 Hz – 15 kHz
Sensitivity	-54 dB \pm 3 dB (0 dB = 1 V/Pa at 1 KHz)
PTT SWITCH	
Type	Momentary
Contacts	NO and NC
CONNECTIONS	
Audio	Balanced, 3.5 mm-pitch screw terminals
Control	NO/NC, 3.5 mm-pitch screw terminals
Cable Access	At rear, 9 mm max. dia., internal retention
PHYSICAL	
Base dimensions (W x D x H)	150 x 150 x 43 mm
Gooseneck length (inc capsule)	312 mm
Weight	430 g

Microphone frequency response

Source level: 0.1 Pa

Measurement distance: 50 cm

Test instruments: Bruel & Kjaer 2012 & 9640



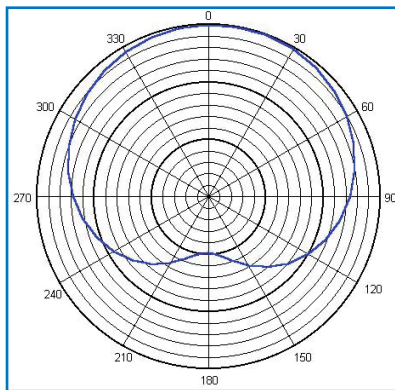
Microphone polar plot

Source level: 0.1 Pa

Frequency: 1000 Hz

Measurement distance: 50 cm

Test instruments: Bruel & Kjaer 2012 & 9640



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