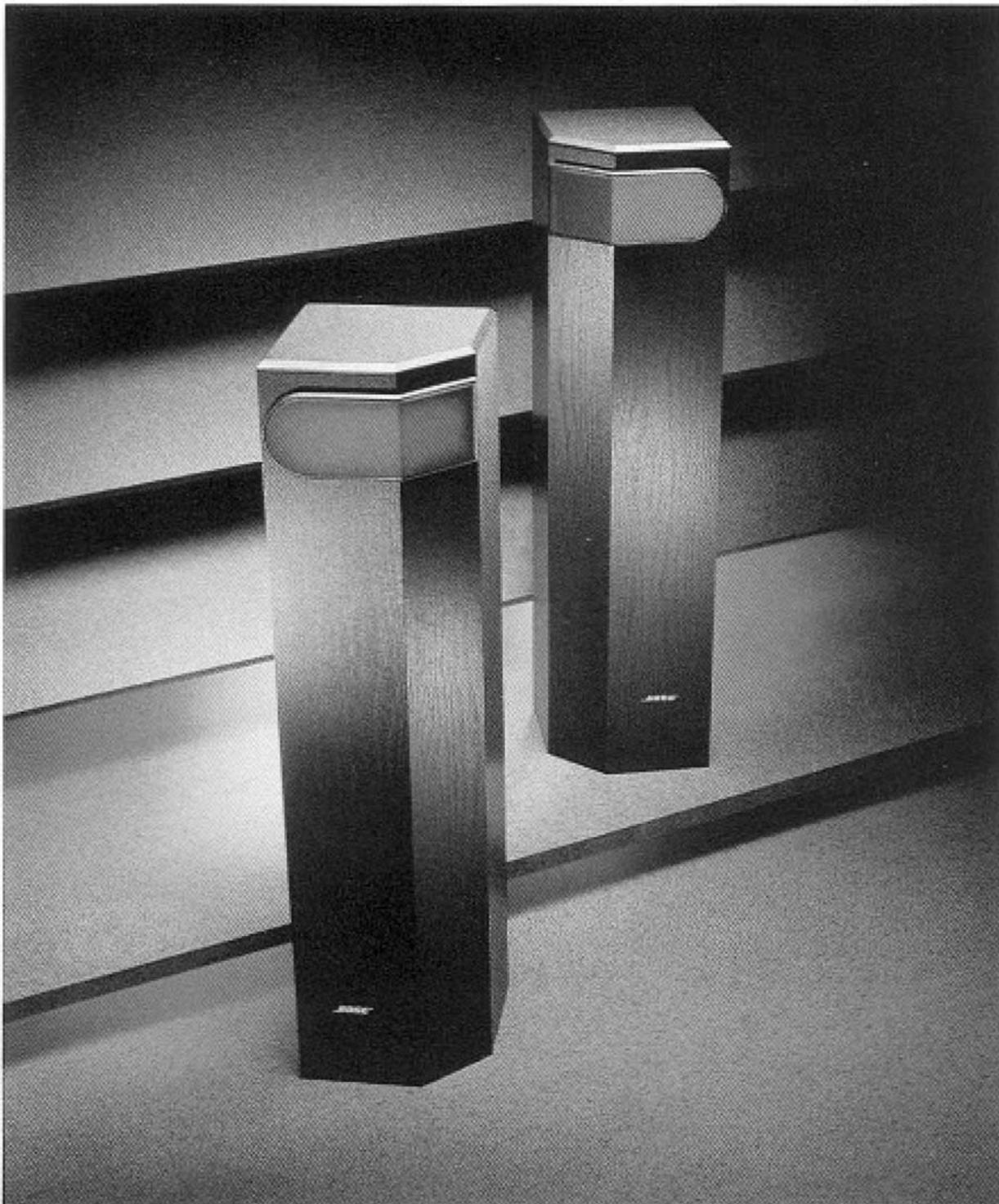


The Bose® 501™ Series V Direct/Reflecting® Speakers

Owner's Guide

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Customer Information

Congratulations on your purchase of Bose® 501™ Series V Direct/Reflecting® speakers. We are confident that their fine sound quality will provide you with full listening enjoyment.

Please read and follow the instructions in this owner's guide to ensure proper operation and performance of your speakers.

For your records

The serial numbers are on the back of each 501 speaker.

Serial numbers _____ and _____

Date of purchase _____

Retailer's name _____

Retailer's address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Declaration of Conformity



We, the offerer:

Bose® Corporation, The Mountain
Framingham, MA 01701-9168 USA

acknowledge our sole responsibility, that the product:

Kind of equipment:	Loudspeaker
Type designation:	501™ SERIES V SPEAKER

in accordance with EMC Directive 89/336/EEC and Article 10(1) of the Directive,
is in compliance with the following norm(s) or document(s):

Technical regulations: EN50081-1, EN50082-1

Accredited by Bose Corporation

6 October 1995

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Introduction

Your 501™ Series V Direct/Reflecting® speakers re-create a natural balance of reflected and direct sound energy for an open, spacious performance. As with all Bose® products, their design is meant to bring you high quality listening pleasure. The patented multi-chamber bass enclosure reproduces low frequencies free of audible distortion. And it delivers a wider band of pure, deep bass than conventional designs. Yet the slim cabinets fit in easily with your decor.

Unpack the speakers

Carefully unpack the speakers and inspect each one. If either speaker appears damaged, do not use them. Repack both speakers in the original carton and notify your authorized Bose dealer immediately.

CAUTION:

To avoid danger of suffocation, keep the plastic bag that wraps these speakers out of reach of babies and children. The thin film may cling to nose and mouth and prevent breathing.

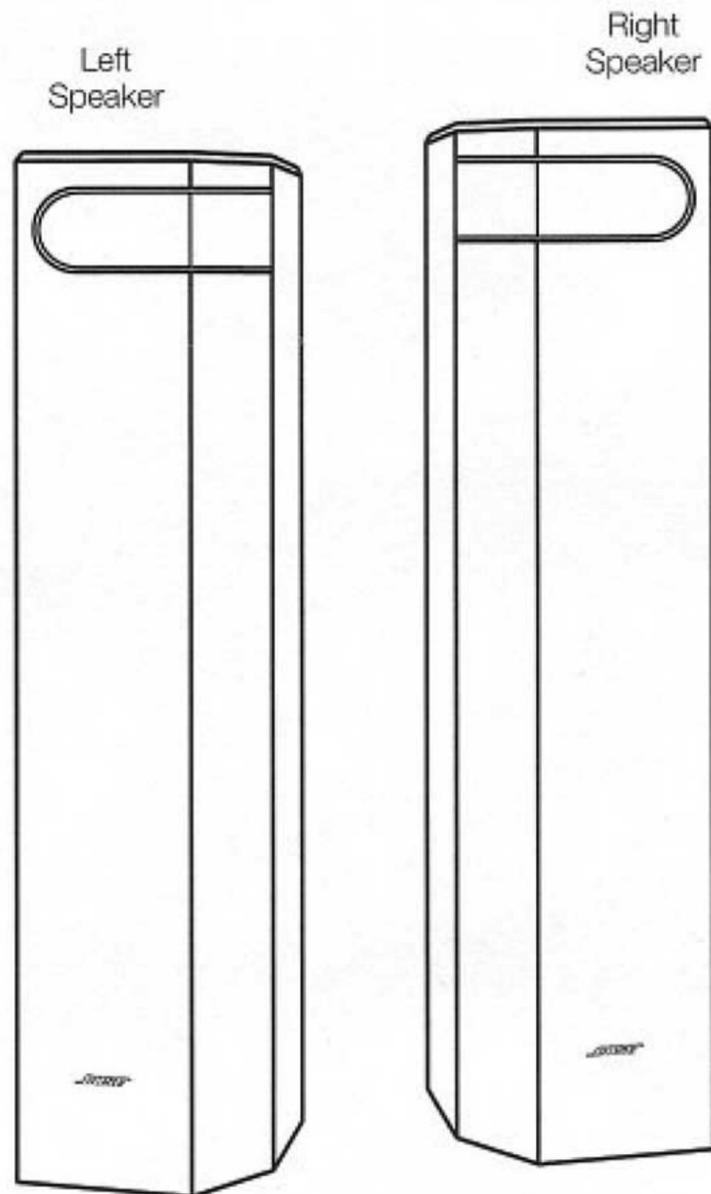


Figure 1

Bose 501 speakers are designated left and right, for positioning on the left and right sides of your room. Their mirror image design is engineered to make the most of the room acoustics.

Where to stand the speakers

Notice the shape of your speakers (Figure 1). For best acoustic performance, stand the left speaker on the left side of your room. Stand the right speaker on the right side. For your convenience, each speaker is labeled "Left" or "Right" on the back.

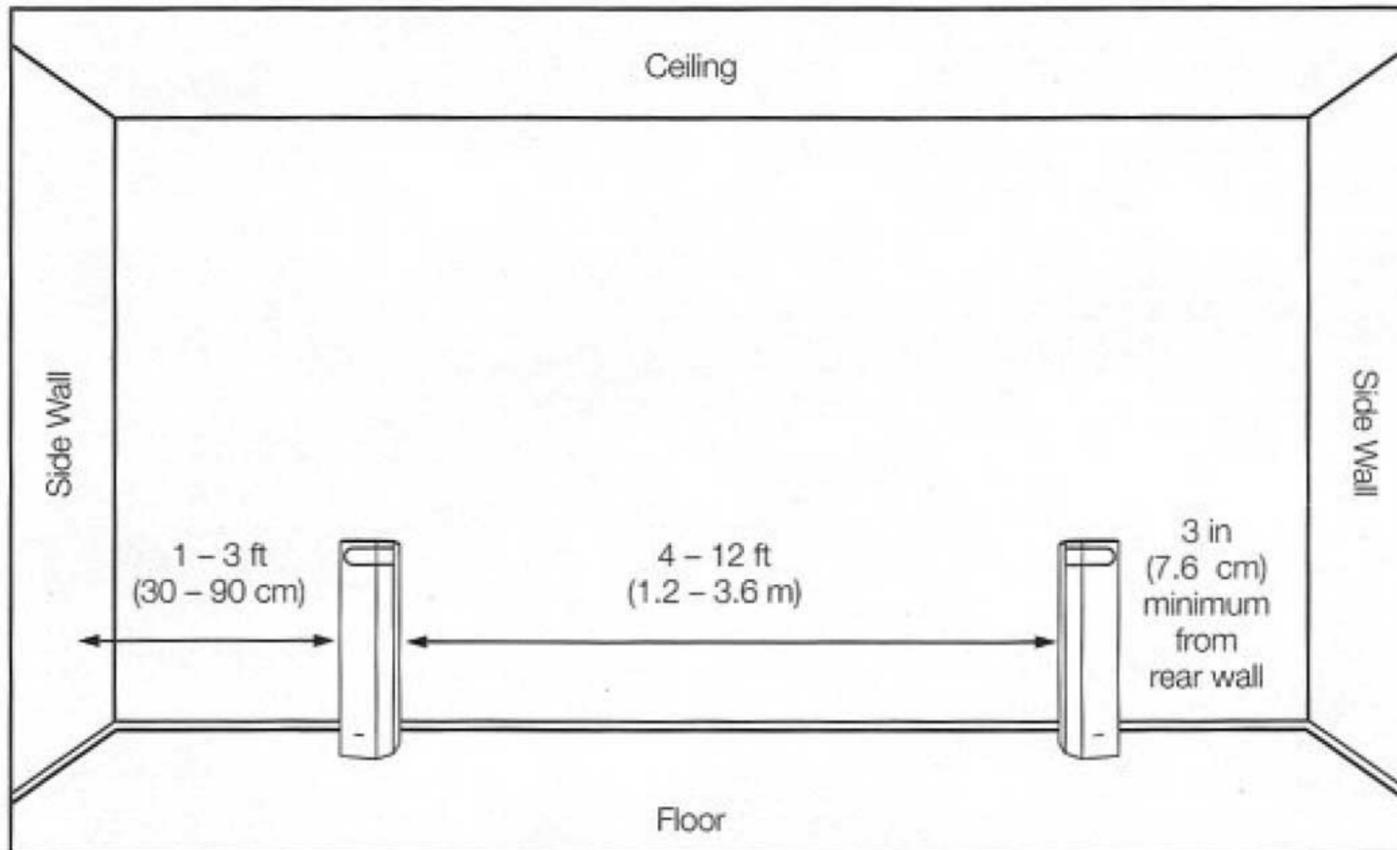


Figure 2

Ideal placement in an average-sized room.

CAUTION:

Bose® 501™ speakers are not intended to hang from walls or to stand on shelves or tables. They are designed as floor-standing speakers only.

To prevent injury to children and pets, and to protect your speaker investment, do not place your 501 speakers in high traffic areas where they can be accidentally knocked over.

Place the speakers 4 to 12 feet apart and 1 to 3 feet from side walls (Figure 2). Make sure the rear of each speaker is at least 3 inches from back wall. For full performance, avoid blocking the speaker ports.

For more bass response, move your speakers closer to the walls or corners of your room. To reduce bass response, move them farther from the walls. This will soften heavy or booming bass.

To prevent video interference, make sure the lower inside corner of each speaker is at least 24 inches from your video screen (Figure 3). The twiddlers near the top of each speaker are magnetically shielded to prevent interference, but the woofer near the bottom is not. It needs to be kept at least 24 inches from the TV screen.

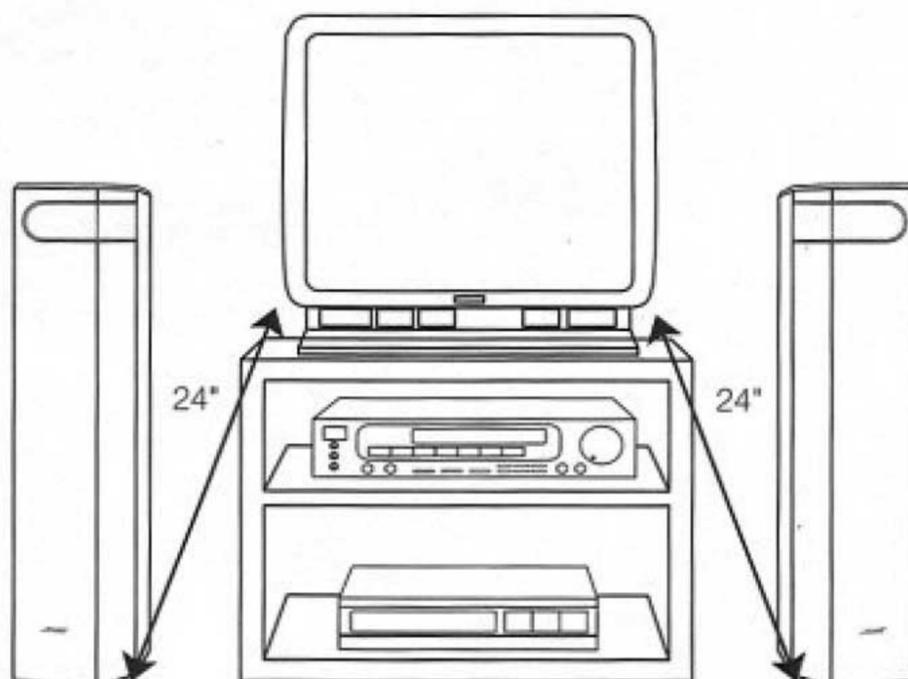


Figure 3

Make sure the lower inside corner of each speaker is at least 24 inches from your TV screen to prevent interference.

Choose the speaker cord

It is important to use the proper gauge (thickness) of speaker cord. Standard zip cord (2-conductor, 18-gauge wire) is recommended for most applications. You can find this wire at most electrical and hardware stores.

You will need thicker wire if your speakers will be more than 30' from a receiver or amplifier. Refer to the "Wire recommendations" under "Technical Information," or contact your authorized Bose® dealer for more information.

To run speaker wire through a wall or under a floor

Make sure you have enough wire to reach from the receiver to each speaker. Also check your local building code requirements. Before proceeding, you may want to contact an electrical installer for information about your local building or safety regulations.

Prepare the cord

Speaker cord consists of two insulated wires. The insulation around one wire is marked (striped, collared, or ribbed). This marked wire is always positive (+). The plain wire is always negative (-). These wires correspond to the red (+) and black (-) terminals on the back of the speaker, receiver, or amplifier.

To prepare ends of the cord:

1. Strip approximately ½ inch (12mm) of insulation from both wires.
2. Twist the bare ends of each wire.

Make the connections

Just press down on the terminal tab to insert the appropriate wire (Figure 4).

1. Connect one cord to the right speaker output of your receiver or amplifier.
 - a. Attach the marked wire at one end to the red (+) terminal.
 - b. Attach the plain wire at that end to the black (-) terminal.
2. Connect the other end of the same cord to your right speaker.
 - a. Attach the marked wire to the red (+) terminal.
 - b. Attach the plain wire to the black (-) terminal.
3. Connect the second cord to the left speaker output and left speaker. Follow the procedure described above.

CAUTION:

Never use broken or frayed wiring, as electrical shock or damage may result.

Note:

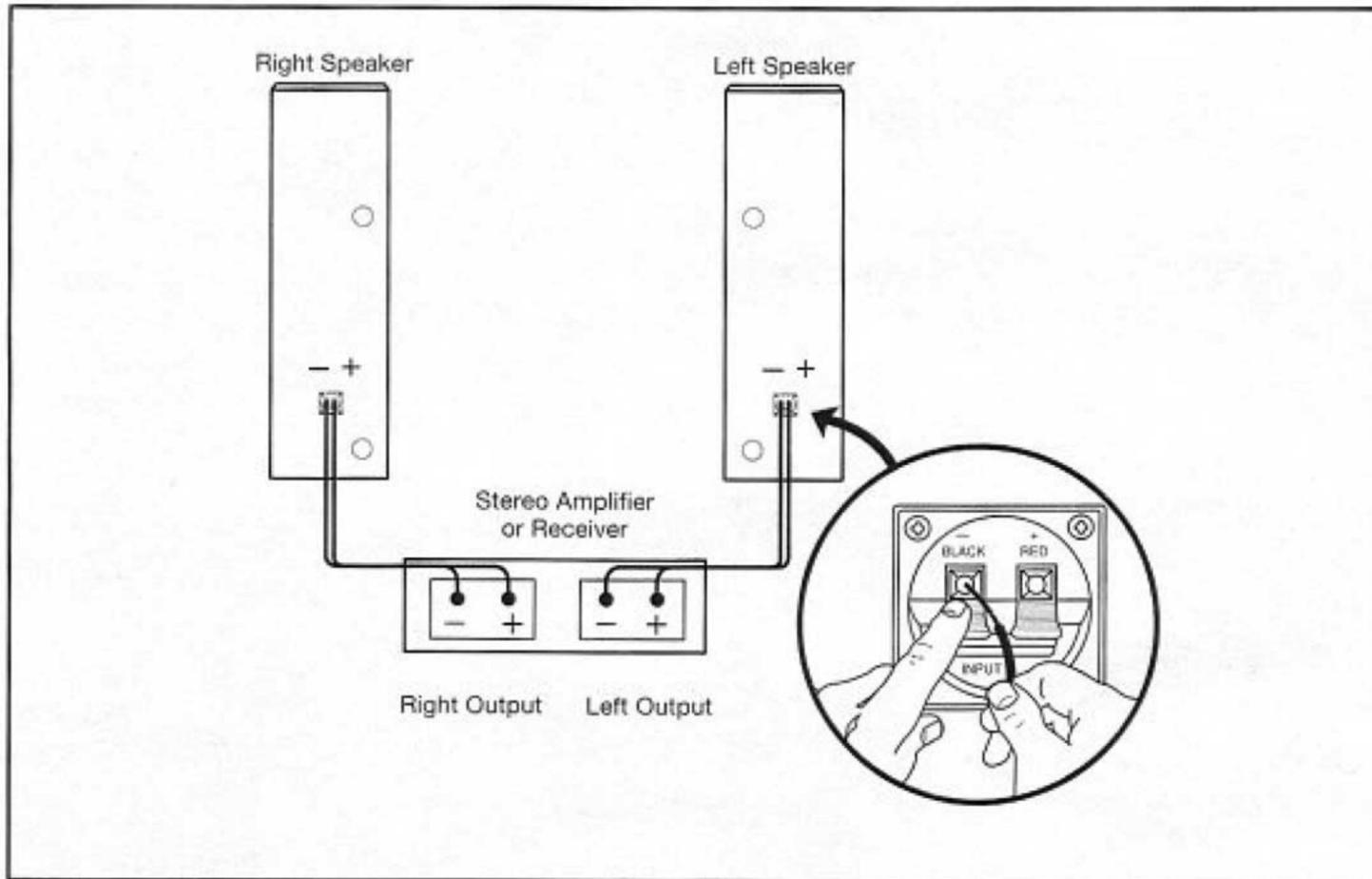
It is sometimes difficult to distinguish wire markings. Inspect both wires carefully.

CAUTION:

Before making any connections, turn off your receiver or amplifier and unplug from outlet (the AC power mains). Not doing so may result in damage to your system.

Note:

Be careful when using stranded wire. Loose strands should not touch across terminals.

**Figure 4**

Complete the speaker connections.

Check the connections

Make sure that no loose strands of wire touch across terminals. Bridged wires can short circuit and damage the speakers or components. Tighten any loose connections before you plug in the receiver or amplifier and turn it on.

Test the connections

To make sure your speakers operate correctly:

1. Set your receiver or amplifier for MONO (monophonic) and turn it on.
2. Set the balance control to normal (center position).
3. Place the speakers less than 6 inches (15 cm) apart, facing each other.
4. Play some deep bass passages of music through the speakers.

The sound should seem to come from a point between the two speakers. The bass should be full and natural. If it is not, your connections may be out of phase. To correct the problem, reverse the connections on the back of one speaker. Then repeat steps 1 – 4.

To clean your speakers

Wipe the 501™ Series V speaker cabinets clean using a soft cloth dampened with a mild detergent. No other regular maintenance is required.

How to troubleshoot problems

If you have a problem with your 501 Series V speakers:

1. Turn off the amplifier or receiver and check all the connections between the speakers, amplifier, or receiver. Refer to Figure 4 on page 7.
2. Check your amplifier or receiver owner's guide, since other components may be the cause of the problem.
3. Use the chart on the next page as troubleshooting guidelines. If this does not solve your problem, contact your Bose® dealer to arrange for service. Or use the "For Service" information listed on page 11. Bose Corporation will make every effort to remedy any problem within the terms of your warranty.

Problem	Possible cause	How to find out	Solution
One speaker doesn't play or sounds distorted.	Defective amplifier or receiver channel, or defective speaker.	Disconnect the cords from both speakers only. Then, switch them, connecting the right speaker cord to the left speaker and the left speaker cord to the right speaker.	If the previously "broken" speaker now plays properly and the other does not, one channel in the amplifier or receiver is probably defective. If the original speaker still does not play properly, call Bose® or your retailer to arrange for service.
Both speakers do not play or sound distorted.	Defective amplifier or receiver.	Disconnect the amplifier or receiver from the speakers.	Reconnect the speakers to another amplifier or receiver that is working properly.
High sound volume drops suddenly.	The automatic system protection circuit has activated to protect the speakers from electrical stress or overload.	Lower the volume. If it returns to normal, your speakers' automatic protection circuit caused the sudden drop. This volume reduction protects the speakers from electronic stress and overload.	Return the volume to a reasonable level and avoid extremely high volume settings.

Warranty information

Bose® 501™ Series V Direct/Reflecting® speakers are covered by a limited five-year transferable warranty. Details of the coverage are provided on the warranty card that came with your speakers. Please fill out the information section on your card, detach, and mail to Bose.

Technical information

Features

- Direct/Reflecting® speaker design
- Patented multi-chamber bass enclosure
- Stereo Targeting® speaker array
- Automatic system protection circuitry
- Syncom® computer quality control

Driver complement

- One 5 ¼" woofer (13.3 cm) per cabinet
- Two 2 ½" (6.4 cm) magnetically shielded tweeters per cabinet

Compatibility/Impedance

- Compatible with receivers or amplifiers rated from 10 to 200 watts per channel and 4 to 8 ohms
- Power rating: 100 watts IEC

Enclosure

- Black ash vinyl veneer
- Black metal mesh grilles

Dimensions/Weight

- 31"H x 7 ⅝"W x 7 ⅝"D (78.7 x 19.4 x 19.4 cm)
- Shipping weight: 44 lb (20 kg) per pair in carton
- Speaker weight: 20 lb (9.1 kg) per speaker

Wire recommendations

Based on maximum frequency response deviation of ± 0.5 dB

- | • Gauge | Length |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 18 (0.75 mm ²) | 30 ft (9 m) maximum |
| 16 (1.5 mm ²) | 45 ft (14 m) maximum |
| 14 (2.0 mm ²) | 70 ft (21 m) maximum |

To contact Bose®

Use the information below to contact Bose directly with questions or requests. Please use the address for your country when you mail in your Warranty Registration card.

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