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STL Apex® 150 Watt Siren Operation Manual and Instructions

Congratulations, you are the owner of a STL Apex® 150 Watt Siren! Your siren is equipped with the latest technology and features at the best value found industry wide, GUARANTEED. In addition to that, your purchase comes with the STL 2 Year Warranty against any manufacture defects that may occur with your bar. So please read this document carefully and call Customer Service at 800-757-2581 Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM central time if you need assistance. We are available and happy to help!

Warnings and Notices for Users and Installers

WARNING: Take CAUTION when installing a siren system. Adequate hearing protection for you and those within the immediate vicinity is mandatory since sirens emit extremely loud warning tones. Loud noise can cause hearing damage and/or loss. Refer to OSHA 1910.95 prior to operating a siren unit for occupational noise exposure guidelines. .

This document must be delivered to and read by the end user and installer as it serves to provide you with the required information for proper and safe use of your STL product. Before operating this or any STL products the user and installer must read this manual all the way through. You will find important information in this manual that could prevent property damage and/or serious injury to the user and installer.

STL products are intended to alert pedestrians and other operators of the presence of personnel, the operation of emergency vehicles, an emergency site, and any warning needs. This does not ensure that pedestrians or drivers will react, heed, or observe emergency warning signals. Nor does the use of emergency signals grant or ensure you the right of way. It is your responsibility to make sure you can proceed safely before driving against traffic, entering an intersection, responding to a high rate of speed, or walking on or around traffic lanes.

Your STL emergency vehicle devices should be tested daily to insure the device and all it's functions are operating correctly. If you experience a malfunction contact STL's Customer Service immediately for troubleshooting options, or a warranty or service claim. You must ensure sure that the projection of the visual and audible is not blocked by vehicle components (i.e.: open trunks, visors, compartment doors), vehicles, other obstructions, or people.

STL's sirens and other audible devices project sound in a forward direction and should be installed in a forward direction that faces away from the occupants of the vehicle.



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This is professional grade equipment and is intended for strict use by authorized personal only. It is the user's responsibility to understand and obey all laws regarding emergency warning devices. You must know and be familiar with all applicable city, state, and federal laws and regulations prior to the use of emergency vehicle warning devices.

SpeedTech Lights, Inc. assumes no liability for any loss resulting from the use of this warning device. Proper installation is vital to the performance of the warning devices and safe operation of the emergency vehicle. Since the operator is under stressful environments the equipment must be properly wired and mounted to ensure effectiveness and safety. Therefore controllers must be properly installed and placed within convenient reach of the operator so eye contact with the roadway is never lost.

The effectiveness of your STL equipments is highly dependent upon correct mounting and wiring. Improper wiring and mounting of the warning device will reduce the output and performance of the equipment. Emergency warning devices frequently require high electrical voltages and/or currents. Properly protect and use caution around live electrical connections. Grounding or shorting of electrical connections can cause high current arcing, which can cause severe personal injury and/or serious vehicle damage, including fire.

Electromagnetic interference can be caused by many electronic devices used in emergency vehicles. To ensure that this doesn't happen to you, lights bars should be mounted a minimum of 12" - 34" from the radio antenna and do not power your equipment from the same circuit or share the same grounding circuit with radio communication equipment. After installation test all the vehicles equipment together to ensure everything operates free of interference.

Driver and/or passenger airbags bags (SRS) will impact the way you mount your equipment. Any equipment installed in the deployment area of the airbags will damage or dislodge the airbags and sensors. This will also reduce the effectiveness of the airbags to protect the passengers and therefore these areas must be avoided. Installers must make sure that this equipment along with any parts, hardware, wiring, power supplies, and switch boxes do not interfere with the airbags, SRS wiring, or sensors.

All STL equipment needs to be mounted and installed according to the vehicle manufactures instructions and securely attached to a part of the vehicle of sufficient strength to withstand the forces applied to the equipment. This device should be permanently mounted within the zones specified by the vehicle manufactures. This especially applies to equipment mounted on the exterior of the vehicle to avoid dislodging. When mounting units on the interior of the vehicle



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by a method other than permanent mount is discouraged as the it may become to detached under aggressive driving conditions such as sudden breaking, collision, or swerving.

PROPER INSTALLATION COMBINED WITH OPERATOR TRAINING IN THE PROPER USE OF EMERGENCY WARNING DEVICES IS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF EMERGENCY PERSONAL AND THE PUBLIC.

Important Points for Your Safety and Longevity of your Equipment

- Installers are required to have a good understanding of automotive electronic, systems and procedures for proper installation.
- Never stare directly into the LEDs as momentary blindness and/or eye damage may occur.
- Never take any lights through a car wash. Use only water to clean the outer body/lens of your equipment.
- Never use a pressure washer to clean any STL products. Inspect and test your product daily to insure it operates properly and is mounted correctly.
- Never cut wires or work on a unit while the unit is still connected to a power source.
- Never install this product or rout any wires through or in the deployment area of the airbag. Doing so may cause serious personal injury as it will damage or reduce the effectiveness of the airbag by causing the unit to become a projectile. Reference the owner's manual for your vehicle to find the airbag deployment area. The User/Installer assumes all responsibility to determine proper mounting location, based on providing ultimate safety to all passengers in the vehicle.
- If the product requires you to drill holes the installer must ensure that the drilling process does not damage any vehicle components or other vital parts. Check all sides of the mounting surface before beginning to drill. Make sure to deburr all drilled holes and remove any metal remnants or shards to avoid injury and wires from becoming spliced. Grommets are to be installed in all wire passage holes.
- In order for STL products to operate at optimum efficiency a secure and good electrical connection to the Batteries Ground Post must be made. The recommended procedure requires the unit's ground wire be connected directly to the NEGATIVE (-) battery post.
- Instruction manuals should be stored in a safe place for reference if you need to reinstall the unit or performing maintenance. They can also be found at the main site under the product listing at www.SpeedTechLights.com. If your product is no longer available on the website contact STL's Customer Service at 1-800-757-2581 for assistance.



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- If your product requires the use of a control box or remote device to turn on and control your equipment make sure it is installed in a location that allows both the user and the vehicle to operate safely in any driving conditions.

- Never activate or control your equipment in hazardous driving conditions.

- FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, WARNING, NOTICES, AND INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE PRODUCT OR VEHICLE THAT WILL VOID WARRANTY AND/OR SERIOUS INJURY TO YOU AND YOUR PASSENGER.

SUMMARY OF THE APEX® 150 WATT SIREN

The Apex 150 Watt Siren from SpeedTech Lights features 4 independent switches (10 amp ratings) and a 2 position slide switch for powering on vehicle lighting products along with being a siren control system.

The 6 switches to power on lights come equipped with an LED light which powers on when each switch is activated so you know what products are in use from inside the vehicle. Simply wire all your products to the separate amplifier, and you have full vehicle control from you Apex Siren faceplate.

We definitely took power into consideration when building the Apex emergency vehicle siren by incorporating a 150-watt siren output for the horn and siren functions. You can be more than confident that traffic will hear you coming from a distance with this powerful siren system in your vehicle.

Features:

- Powered by 12V
- Clear sound frequency
- Amplifier output power of 150-watts
- 4 independent lamp input switches rated at 10 amps
- 2-position linked sliding lamp input switch for independent front/rear control
- Independent siren tones for easy selection
- Siren tones include: Wail, Yelp, Sting, Siren, Horn, Tool, Hi-lo
- Includes microphone with 2 feet of coiled cable which extends to 6 feet
- Includes 8.5 feet of cable to speaker, power, and 4 other units
- Includes 10 feet of cable from amp to faceplate
- Speaker sold separately
- Amplifier Dimensions: 5" L x 2.5" H x 6.5" D
- Faceplate Dimensions: 5.75" L x 3.25" H x 1.5" D
- 7 day money back guarantee
- 2 year warranty*

*See Terms and Conditions



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Wiring Diagram for power harness with four (4) colored wires. Siren speaker wires need to be soldered and heat shrunk to the Speaker Wires:

Red (Positive)	Main Power
Black (Negative)	Main Ground
Brown	Speaker wire
Brown	Speaker wire

There will be an additional group of cables that will be used for the light control features. The user will decide the corresponding cable inputs to be used.

Unpacking your STL Product

Unpack your unit to identify all parts including but not limited to: lightbar, switch box, brackets, screws, bolts, wiring harness, fuses, etc.

Some parts may be in small bags

Some parts such as Gutter Brackets, may be in the foam protection. Double check that no parts are left within the foam protection or left in the box.

Pre-Installation and Testing

BENCH TEST all units prior to installation. Sirens need to be connected to the Positive and Negative Terminal of the battery. Make sure the

Test Check List:

- Speaker emits appropriate sound volume
- Siren functions are fully operational
- PA and Microphone emit sound
- No physical damage

If you have trouble call Customer Service at 800-757-2581 before proceeding.

Instructions for Mounting and Wiring

IMPORTANT! To ensure proper installation installers are required to have a good understanding of automotive electronic, systems and procedures for proper installation. When you are drilling into the vehicle's surfaces, ensure that the area is free of any electrical wires, vehicle upholstery, fuel lines, etc. that could be damaged. All wiring passing through drilled holes should use grommets and silicone sealant to prevent wire or moisture damage when passing through compartment walls.

WARNING! Larger wires and secure or tight connections will ensure longer service life for your product. It is highly recommended that soldered connections have heat shrink used to protect the connection. Special attention should be given to the location and method of splicing wires



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to make electrical connections to protect these splices from lost power or connection and corrosion. Insulation displacement connectors are not to be used. To reduce voltage drop, minimize the number of splices in the wires. The current carrying capacity of wires and fuses will be significantly reduced under high ambient temperature (e.g. under the hood). Use SXL type wire in the engine compartment where higher heat resistance is required according to SAE J-1128. All wires should be in accordance with the minimum wire size and other recommendations made by the manufacturer and be protected from hot surfaces and moving parts. Grommets, cable ties, looms, and other installation hardware should be used to anchor and protect all wiring. Fuses should be properly sized and located as close to the power take off points as possible to protect the wiring and device. To protect against short circuits, a fuse is included by STL for all products. Do NOT use a fuse with a higher amp rating than the initial fuse included. Do NOT use Circuit Breaks with STL Products. Ground terminations should only be made directly to the battery.

Mounting the STL Apex 150 Watt Siren

- The STL Apex 150 Watt siren is composed of an amplifier box and a separate controller. Both components must be installed in the interior of the vehicle.

Wiring

- The STL Apex 150 Watt siren has a cable harness with four (4) cables coming from the unit. These are your speaker and power cables.
- Solder and heat shrink each speaker cable to the cables provided in your siren system.
 - Make sure the cables from the siren system are the correct cables that are meant to be wired to the speaker.

Maintenance

While STL's product's are very durable, there are some things you need to keep in mind and practice to preserve the longevity and function of your bar.

- Never take any STL Products through a car wash, such as a pressure washer, automatic car wash, brushes that will scratch your equipment or similar car washes or equipment where chemicals, high pressure water, and materials may scratch or damage your equipment.
- Use Water (H₂O) with a soft cloth to clean your Speaker.



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Parts List

Amplifier

Controller

RJ45 cable

2 wire harness bundles

Trouble Shooting

All Manufacture Defects are covered under the STL Warranty accordingly. Warranty is void with disassembly or rewiring of STL Products. If you are unsure how to trouble shoot your Siren or Speaker for any reason call Customer Service immediately for assistance at 800-757-2581.

Problem	Scenarios	Possible Cause	Trouble Shooting
Static	Muffled or Crackling Sound	Electrical interference OR Bad amplifier Improper Ground	<p>Check the ground cable to ensure that the siren is grounded correctly and its cables have no nicks or cuts in the wiring cause electrical interference from the chase.</p> <p>Disconnect the speaker and test the amplifier, the tones can be heard faintly from the amplifier and if there is static heard from the amplifier the amplifier will need to come in for service.</p> <p>Move the ground to the battery terminal. If already grounded correctly, check how the siren amplifier is secured to the vehicle. If the screws securing the amplifier can cause electrical interference if screwed the floor of the vehicle where metal is contacting the amplifier.</p> <p>If test are inconclusive, contact our customer service department at 1-800-757-2581 to place a warranty claim.</p> <p>Test another speaker to compare sound, if another speaker is working with no static, contact our customer service department at 1-800-757-2581 to place a warranty claim.</p>
No Sound	Siren is powered on but no sound from speaker.	The siren may be blown or have a short	Test another speaker to compare sound, if another speaker is working with no issues, contact our customer service department at 1-800-757-2581 to place a warranty claim.



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