

Knowledge Base

aktiv 05 connectors & functions (with standby)

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This text describes the layout and main functions of the rear panel of our aktiv 05 active monitors. Please note that the information in this document refers to the model with standby functionality (Revision B) which started shipping to resellers in Europe by late 2012. A description of the connectors and functions of the other hardware version can be found here.

Rear Panel



1. XLR input - this connector accepts balanced XLR input connections (optimised for +4dBu). XLR input is wired like this:

INPUT SIGNAL	XLR CONNECTIONS
+	PIN 2
-	PIN 3
Shield	PIN 1

2. TS input - this jack accepts TS input connections, unbalanced (optimised for -10dBV). The TS input is wired like this:

INPUT SIGNAL	TRS CONNECTIONS
Signal	Tip
Shield	Sleeve

The TS input should not be used with balanced TRS signals. Although this is possible, the input level will not be correct in that case. For balanced connection, please use a XLR cable whenever possible.

3. vent port - aktiv 05 is a vented box speaker system with a vent port on the rear panel. Make sure you are not blocking the vent port (i.e. by putting the speaker too close to a wall) or the sound colour will be changed.

4. volume control knob - use the volume control knob to set the proper input level from the sound source. Make sure to setup all speakers accordingly. When set to the center position, the output level is set to the recommended calibrated level to reach the most optimised dynamic response (expecting a balanced XLR +4dBu or unbalanced TS -10dBV input signal).



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5. power switch - when you push the power switch, aktiv 05 will be turned on, and -surprise- it will be turned off when you push the power switch again.

6. power port with ext. fuse - use this connector to plug in the detachable 3-circuit line cord that connects to the power outlet. The connector contains a replaceable fuse (T1AL250V).

7. power mode switch - you can select either *STANDBY* or *ON*. When set to *ON*, the unit will always be turned on. When set to *STANDBY*, the unit will switch to power saving mode after a while without any audio signal. The power saving mode is indicated by a red LED on the front panel (instead of the blue power LED). When there is an audio signal again, regular operation resumes.