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# DBF200H USER MANUAL



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## **INTRODUCTION**

The DIGBETH Foundry series builds on our rich bass heritage, offering a range of bass combos designed for beginners and semi-professionals alike.

With a vintage aesthetic inspired by the classic tones of the 60s and 70s, paired with ultra-modern functionality and British engineering, these combos redefine affordability without compromising on performance.

The DIGBETH Foundry series is destined to become the new standard in affordable bass amps.

We care about music and musicians. The Digbeth Foundry amps are designed by experts, not committees. Our amps are made to play.

The Laney DIGBETH Foundry series combines heritage, innovation, and affordability into one unbeatable package. Whether you're just starting out or looking for reliable gigging gear, these amps offer everything you need to make your mark in music. Now everyone can experience the new standard in bass amplification.

The DIGBETH Foundry series amplifies your creativity with features that cater to all playing styles. From clean tones to gritty overdrive, these amps give you the tools to shape your unique sound. Join the growing community of DIGBETH artists who are setting new standards in music.

The DBF200H bass head combines ultra-modern functionality with vintage-inspired design in a compact format. The DBF200H is the ideal choice for gigging musicians who need a reliable, powerful head that delivers premium tone in a portable package

#### **FEATURES**

- 200 Watts RMS Power Output: Delivers substantial power suitable for rehearsals and mediumsized performances.
- Two Channels. Fet and Drive, with mix options for gritty drive whilst maintaining clarity.
- Preshape Switch provides a mid-frequency cut for a scooped sound whilst pushing the tops and lows. Switchable Mid Voicing.
- Compact and Lightweight Design. Weighing 5.8Kg (13lbs) it offers easy portability without compromising durability.
- FX Loop for added flexibility.
- D.I Output (Pre) for easy recording.
- Includes a 3.5mm auxiliary input for connecting external audio devices and a 3.5mm headphone output for silent practice sessions.
- These features make the DBF200H a versatile and user-friendly bass amplifier head designed for bassists seeking a balance between power, portability, and tonal flexibility whilst using their choice of cabinets.



## CONTROLS

**FRONT PANEL** 



#### 1. INPUT

A mono 6.35mm jack socket with a  $1M\Omega$  input impedance for connecting an active or passive bass guitar. For best performance, use a good quality instrument cable.

#### 2. FET VOLUME

Controls the level of the FET Channel. This channel offers a clean, fast response which is articulate & punchy in the low end

#### 3. CHANNEL SELECT SWITCH

Changes the selected channel between FET, DRIVE or a MIX of FET and DRIVE channels. This can also be switched remotely.

#### 4. DRIVE

Sets the amount of pre-gain to the DRIVE channel. At low settings the DRIVE channel will have subtle amount of overdrive adding a characteristic warm sound. At higher settings the preamp into the DRIVE channel is pushed harder, giving you more growl and distortion.

#### 5. CHANNEL INDICATOR

The led to the right of the DRIVE control indicates the current active channel. It's green for FET and RED for MIX and DRIVE.

#### 6. VOLUME

Controls the post-gain level of the DRIVE channel. Use it in conjunction with the DRIVE control to get the perfect overdrive tone at the right volume.

#### 7. PRESHAPE



PRESHAPE active - scooping the mids and pushing the top and bottom frequency content. '



PRESHAPE disabled.

#### 8. BASS

Increasing this control adds more low frequencies to the sound, great for increasing the sub. Decreasing this control cuts back low frequencies, useful to help reign in low end feedback or clean up a muddy sound.

#### 9. MID MODE

A 4-position rotary switch proving access to four different pre-shaped EQ sounds. The position selected works in conjunction with the MID LEVEL control.

#### **Position 1**

A narrow lower mid cut which is great for giving more definition to your bass when playing with a drummer. Pull it back to give space to the kick & snare, bring it up to push your bass in front of the drums.

#### **Position 2**

A wider mid-range control is great for bringing out the growl of you bass, very useful to give more bite to your distorted tones, or for cutting back and increasing mid-range clarity.

#### **Position 3**

A narrow mid-range setting, similar to position 2, though more refined and less aggressive, good for scooping out your bass for a slap tone or increasing definition when playing distorted guitars.

#### Position 4

An upper mid setting, great to homing in on the pop of a bass or to cut back on fret noise.

#### 10. MID LEVEL

This control works in conjunction with the MID MODE control. Increasing the control boosts the set MID band, decreasing the control cuts the set MID band while a centre setting effectively bypasses the mid control irrespective of the MID MODE setting.

#### **11. TREBLE**

Boost the higher frequencies giving more top end clarity to the sound. Decrease the control to remove higher frequencies, good for a subby mellow sound.

#### 12. TILT

Works like an overall balance control of the tone. Turning toward the treble clef will decrease lower frequencies and boost higher frequencies. Turning towards the bass clef does the opposite. This control is perfect for fine tuning your overall tone and making sure your tone works in any situation.

#### **13. POWER INDICATOR**

A red led which will illuminate when the amplifier is connected to mains power and the POWER switch is set to ON.



#### 14. AUX

A 3.5mm jack for connecting an external sound source. Useful for jamming along with audio tracks.

#### **15. PHONES**

A 3.5 mm jack for monitoring or silent practice.

#### **16. MASTER VOLUME**

Allows for the quick adjustment of the overall output level whilst maintaining the tone and colouration achieved in the input and EQ stages.



#### **REAR PANEL**



#### **1. LOUDSPEAKER CONNECTOR**

A speakON<sup>®</sup> compatible combo output producing 200W RMS into a 4 Ohms loudspeaker. Suitable for either ¼" Jack or NL2 connectors, but NL2 connectors are rated for higher continuous power and are the recommended choice.

Ensure the total impedance connected to the loudspeaker output is 4 Ohms or greater. An impedance lower than 4 Ohms could result in damage to the amplifier stage. Leaving the speaker outputs unconnected is fine and will not result in damage to the DBF200H.

Laney recommend DBV212 or DBV410 cabinets to compliment the DBF200H amplifier.

#### 2. DI OUT

A balanced XLR output feed for connecting to an external device. Example of this include house PA, a recording setup or stage monitor system.

THE DI signal is essentially a buffered version of the guitar input signal so is PRE-VOLUME/DRIVE and EQ.

#### 3. FX LOOP - SEND/RETURN

These sockets are used for connecting an external effects device to your amplifier. Use the send jack to connect to the input of your external device and the return jack to connect the output of the external device to your amplifier.

#### 4. REMOTE

A 6.35mm jack socket provides remote access to the CHANNEL SWITCH function (3) located on the front panel. The footswitch function depends on the position of the channel selection switch. A LANEY FS1 footswitch remote is recommended (not included).



UP: DRIVE -> FET CHANNEL indicator led - OFF



MIDDLE: MIX > DRIVE CHANNEL indicator led - GREEN



DOWN: FET > DRIVE CHANNEL indicator led - RED



#### 5. POWER SWITCH

The onboard switch provides power isolation to the incoming mains power. Set the switch to off when not in use.

#### 6. POWER INLET

A universal power input provided via an IEC C14 socket. An AC supply from 110V-240V is acceptable and voltage selection or adjustment is not required. Use the mains cable provided.

#### 7. SAFETY INFORMATION

Important information, and the amplifier serial number. Ensure the ventilation slots aren't covered.

## **CONNECTIONS**





## **BLOCK DIAGRAM**





## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Model No	DBF200H
Name	Digbeth Foundry DBF200H
Туре	Bass Amplifier Head
Frequency response (-10)	20Hz >20kHz
Power Rating	400W Continuous, 200W RMS
Amplifier Type	Class D, with fully passive convection cooling for silent operation
Channels	Two Channels, Fet and Tube with mix option. Footswitchable with optional FS1-Mini footswitch
Input	6.3mm (1/4") Jack Socket Instrument Input, 3.5mm Stereo Aux in. 6.3mm (1/4") Jack Socket FX Return.
Input Impedance	1ΜΩ
Outputs	3.5mm Stereo Headphone Jack. 6.3mm (1/4") Jack Socket FX Send (Doubles as line out) Balanced Male XLR D.I. Output (Pre EQ) speakon® Compatible Combi Jack Output socket speakON® is a registered trademark of Neutrik AG.
Controls	Fet Volume, Preshape Switch, Drive Switch with Fet, Drive and Channel Mix Options, Drive, Drive Volume, Bass, Middle, Middle Voicing Switch, Treble, Tilt Control, Master Volume
EQ	Preshape, Bass (±12dB), Middle (±12dB) with four switchable voicing options, Treble (± 12dB), Tilt Control
Indicators	Power LED
Remote	6.3mm (1/4") Jack Socket to be used with optional FS1-Mini Footswitch (Not Included) for channel switching
Enclosure	Precision-crafted 15mm Plywood cabinet for optimal strength, reduced weight, and a resonant, natural tonal character.
Handles	Top mounted steel reinforced strap handle for comfortable and easy transportation
Finish	Hard wearing black vinyl, Steel Corners for enhanced protection
Power Supply	Internal universal 100-200V~ 50/60Hz, Switched mode power supply. IEC C14 inlet connector
Power Consumption	Typical Power Consumption 150W Nominal, Max Power Consumption 365 Watts
Unit dimensions (HWD)	194 x 397 x 218mm, (7.6" x 15.6" x 8.6")
Unit weight	5.8Kg, (12.8 lbs)
Carton dimensions (HWD)	250 x 455 x 275mm, (9.8" x 17.9" x 10.8"), 0.031 M3
Packed Weight	7.8Kg, (17.2 lbs)
EAN Code (Single)	5060109459630

In the interest of continued development, Laney reserves the right to amend product specification without prior notification.

### **DIMENSIONS (in mm)**



## SAFETY AND WARNINGS

To take full advantage of your new product and enjoy long and trouble-free performance, please read this owner's manual carefully, and keep it in a safe place for future reference

#### MANUFACTURER: LANEY AMPLIFICATION. STEELPARK ROAD. COOMBS WOOD BUSINESS PARK WEST, HALESOWEN, B62 8HD, UK

- 1) Unpacking: On unpacking your product, please check carefully for any signs of damage that may have occurred whilst in transit from the Laney factory to your dealer. In the unlikely event that there has been damage, please re-pack your unit in its original carton and consult your dealer. We strongly advise you to keep your original transit carton, since in the unlikely event that your unit should develop a fault, you will be able to return it to you dealer for rectification securely packed.
- Amplifier Connection: To avoid damage, generally it is advisable to establish and follow a pattern for turning on and off your system. 2) With all system parts connected, turn on source equipment, mixers, effects processors etc, BEFORE turning on your amplifier. Many products have large transient surges at turn on and off which can cause damage to your speakers. By turning on your amplifier LAST and making sure its level control is set to a minimum, any transients from other equipment should not reach your loudspeakers. Wait till all system parts have stabilised, usually a couple of seconds. Similarly, when turning off your system always turn down the level controls on your amplifier and then turn off its power before turning off other equipment.
- Cables: Never use shielded or microphone cable for any speaker connections as this will not be substantial enough to handle the amplifier load and could cause damage to your complete system. Use good quality shielded cables everywhere else. 3)
- 4) Servicing: The user should not attempt to service these products. Refer all servicing to gualified service personnel.
- 5) Heed all warnings
- 6) Follow all instructions.
- 7) Do not use this apparatus near water.
- 8) Clean only with a dry cloth.
- 9) Do not block any of the ventilation openings. Install in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- 10) Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- 11) An apparatus with Class I construction shall be connected to a mains socket outlet with a protective connection. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or third prong is provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
- 12) Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched, particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point they exit from the apparatus.
- 13) Only use attachments/accessories provided by the manufacturer.
- 14) Use only with a cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.
- 15) The mains plug or appliance coupler is used as the disconnect device and shall remain readily operable. The user should allow easy access to any mains plug, mains coupler and mains switch used in conjunction with this unit thus making it readily operable. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- 16) Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as when power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
- 17) Never break off the ground pin. Connect only to a power supply of the type marked on the unit adjacent to the power supply cord.
- 18) If this product is to be mounted in an equipment rack, rear support should be provided.
- 19) Note for UK only: If the colours of the wires in the mains lead of this unit do not correspond with the terminals in your plug, proceed as follows:
  - 0 The wire that is coloured green and yellow must be connected to the terminal that is marked by the letter E, the earth symbol, coloured green or coloured green and yellow.
  - The wire that is coloured blue must be connected to the terminal that is marked with the letter N or the colour black. 0
  - The wire that is coloured brown must be connected to the terminal that is marked with the letter L or the colour red. 0
- 20) This electrical apparatus should not be exposed to dripping or splashing and care should be taken not to place objects containing liquids, such as vases, upon the apparatus.
- 21) Exposure to extremely high noise levels may cause a permanent hearing loss. Individuals vary considerably in susceptibility to noise-induced hearing loss, but nearly everyone will lose some hearing if exposed to sufficiently intense noise for a sufficient time. The U.S. Government's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has specified the following permissible noise level exposures: According to OSHA, any exposure more than the above permissible limits could result in some hearing loss. Earplugs or protectors to the ear canals or over the ears must be worn when operating this amplification system to prevent a permanent hearing loss, if exposure is more than the limits as set forth above. To ensure against potentially dangerous exposure to high sound pressure levels, it is recommended that all persons exposed to equipment capable of producing high sound pressure levels such as this amplification system be protected by hearing protectors while this unit is in operation. In the EU, exposure is regulated under Directive 2003/10/EC. Prolonged exposure above 85 dB(A) can cause hearing damage. Hearing

Duration Per	Sound Level dBA,
Day in Hours	slow response
8	90
6	92
4	95
3	97
2	100
1 1/2	102
1	105
1/2	110
1/4 ou inférieur	115

protection must be used when operating equipment capable of producing high sound pressure levels.

- 22) If your appliance features a tilting mechanism or a kickback style cabinet, please use this design feature with caution. Due to the ease with which the amplifier can be moved between straight and tilted back positions, only use the amplifier on a level, stable surface. DO NOT operate the amplifier on a desk, table, shelf or otherwise unsuitable non-stable platform.
- 23) Symbols & nomenclature used on the product and in the product manuals, intended to alert the operator to areas where extra caution may be necessary, are as follows:

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COUV	ues de choc électrique - NE PAS OUVIRIR. Afin de réduire le risque de choc électrique, ne pas enlever le vercle. Il ne se trouve a l'intérieur aucune pièce pouvant être réparée par l'utilisateur. Confier l'entretien a un sonnel qualifié.
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	revent electrical shock or fire hazard, do not expose this appliance to rain or moisture. Before using this liance, please read the operating instructions for further warnings.
ADVERTISSEMENT : Afin o l'hum	de prévenir les risques de décharge électrique ou de feu, n'exposez pas cet appareil a la pluie ou a midité. Avant d'utiliser cet appareil, lisez les avertissements supplantais situes dans le guide.
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ACHTUNG: Um e Feuc	einen elektrischen Schlag oder Feuergefahr zu vermeiden, sollte dieses Gerat nicht dem Regen oder chtigkeit ausgesetzt werden. Vor Inbetriebnahme unbedingt die Bedienungsanleitung lesen.
	device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules Operation is subject to the following two conditions:
	This device may not cause harmful interference. This device must accept any interference received, that may cause undesired operation.
	rning: Changes or modification to the equipment not approved by Laney can void the user's authority to use
the e	equipment.
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	product conforms to the requirements of the following European Regulations, Directives & Rules: CE Mark 68/EEC), Low Voltage (2014/35/EU), EMC (2014/30/EU), RoHS (2011/65/EU), ErP (2009/125/EU)
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	rder to reduce environmental damage, at the end of its useful life, this product must not be disposed of 1g with normal household waste to landfill sites. It must be taken to an approved recycling centre according 1e recommendations of the WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) directive applicable in your ntry.





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