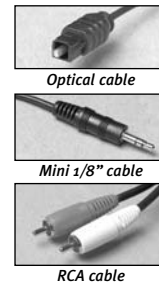


MAINstage™ start here – quick set-up guide

STEP one

Unbox and check contents

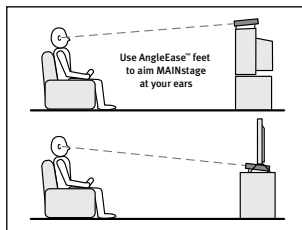


You should have a MAINstage unit, owner's manual, remote control, batteries, optical cable, stereo 1/8" mini-jack cable, stereo RCA cable, three Angle-Ease™ feet + one extra-long threaded post, and a power cord.

NOTE: We have supplied three commonly needed connecting cables. For some applications you may need to acquire additional cables/adapters (i.e., a digital RCA coax cable or a mini-to-RCA adapter. See steps below for details.)

STEP two

Adjust Angle-Ease™ feet



Place one "foot" in the rear and two "feet" in the front (using the widest possible spacing). If mounting on a TV with a steep sloping back, use the 4" screw provided, adding the sleeve and rubber foot from a shorter screw.

STEP three

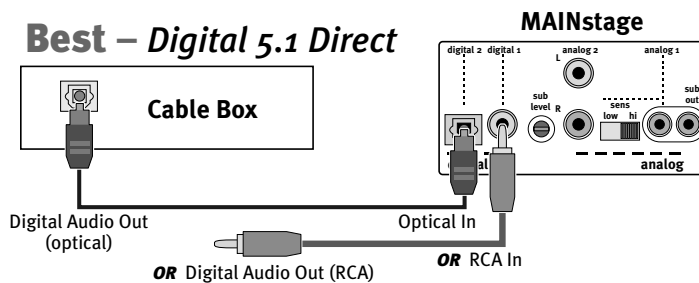
Connect inputs

The MAINstage has 4 inputs for connecting 4 different sound sources. Use the following guide to optimize your connections.

TV Sound

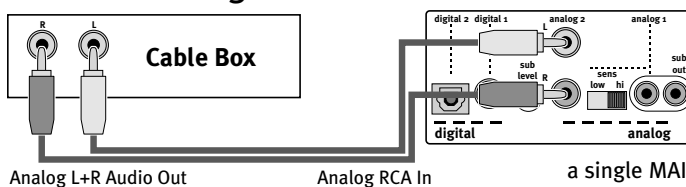
■ From Cable TV

Best – Digital 5.1 Direct



If there's a digital audio out, connect either the RCA or the optical cable (remove optical input dust cover) to one of the digital inputs of the MAINstage. Note: The digital audio output of some HDTV Cable Boxes only works when an HDTV channel is being watched. This means you will need to connect both the Digital (Best) and Analog Direct (Good) connections.

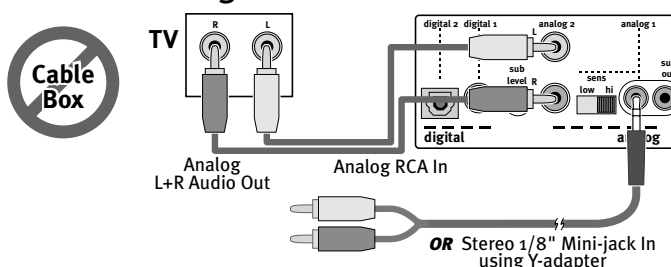
Good – Analog Direct



If no digital audio out, connect the analog left and right RCA output to the Analog 2 RCA inputs on the MAINstage.

Alternately, if your cable signal runs into your stereo VCR, and then to your TV, connecting your VCR audio to the MAINstage will allow both your cable and VCR signals to be accessed from a single MAINstage input. (see VCR Connection instructions) Note: this hookup does not allow for watching one channel while recording another on your VCR.

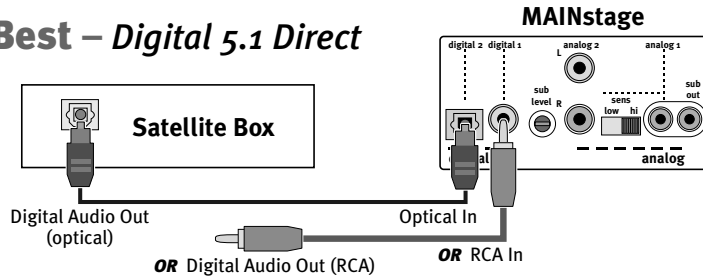
Basic – Analog via TV



If your cable connects directly to your TV with no cable box (and you have no stereo VCR in the system), you will need to connect the audio out from your TV (RCA pair) to one of the two audio inputs on the MAINstage. (Analog 2 uses RCA pair. For Analog 1 use RCA pair to 1/8" mini-jack Y-adaptor such as Radio Shack catalog #42-2550 or longer 6-ft #42-2551.) If available, use the fixed (not variable) audio connection. It may need to be selected via TV's set up menu

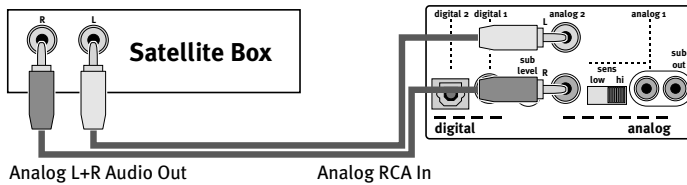
■ From Satellite TV Box

Best – Digital 5.1 Direct



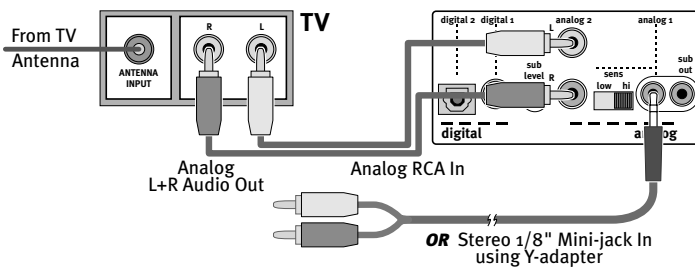
Use either the single Digital “coax” RCA or the optical output (optical cable included) to the appropriate digital input of the MAINstage. (If you use the Digital 2 optical jack, be sure to remove dust cover.)

Basic – Analog Direct



If no digital audio out, connect the analog left and right RCA output to the Analog 2 RCA inputs on the MAINstage

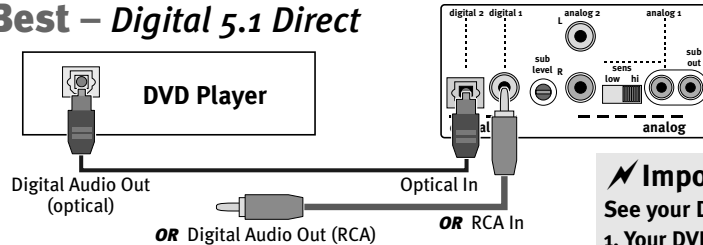
■ From TV Antenna



Connect the audio out from your TV (RCA pair) to one of the two audio inputs on the MAINstage. (Analog 2 uses RCA pair. For Analog 1 use RCA pair to 1/8” mini-jack Y-adaptor. (i.e., Radio Shack #42-2550 or longer 6-ft version #42-2551) If available, use the fixed (not variable) audio connection. It may need to be selected via TV’s set up menu

DVD Player

Best – Digital 5.1 Direct



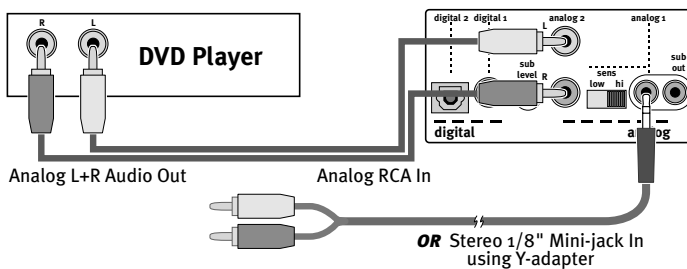
Use either the single Digital “coax” RCA or the optical output (optical cable included) to the appropriate digital input of the MAINstage. (Be sure to remove Digital 2 optical jack dust cover)

⚡ Important DVD notes:

See your DVD Player Owner’s Manual for details.

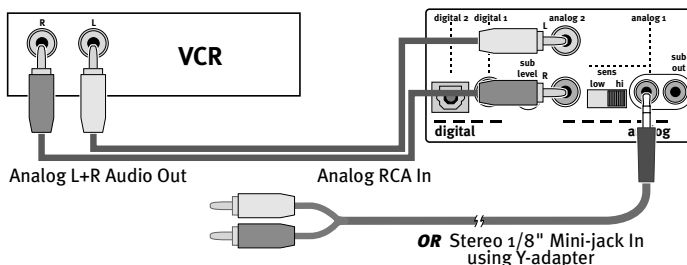
1. Your DVD player cannot play 5.1 surround unless a digital output is used and Dolby® Digital 5.1/Surround is selected in the menu (NOT 2.0)
2. If you get no sound out of the digital outputs, you may need to activate the digital output circuit in the setup menu of your DVD player.

Basic – Analog Direct



If your DVD player has no digital audio output, we highly suggest that you upgrade to one that does. Otherwise, connect the analog left and right RCA output to the Analog 2 RCA inputs on the MAINstage. If that input is in use, connect to Analog 1 using stereo 1/8” mini-jack to RCA pair Y-adaptor. (i.e., Radio Shack #42-2550 or longer 6-ft version #42-2551.)

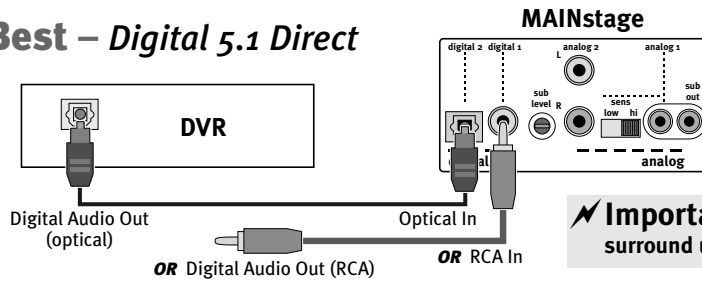
VCR



Connect the audio out from your VCR (RCA pair) to one of the two audio inputs on the MAINstage. (Analog 2 uses RCA pair. For Analog 1 use RCA pair to 1/8” mini-jack Y-adaptor. (i.e., Radio Shack #42-2550 or longer 6-ft version #42-2551.)

Digital Video Recorder (i.e., TiVo®, replaytv®)

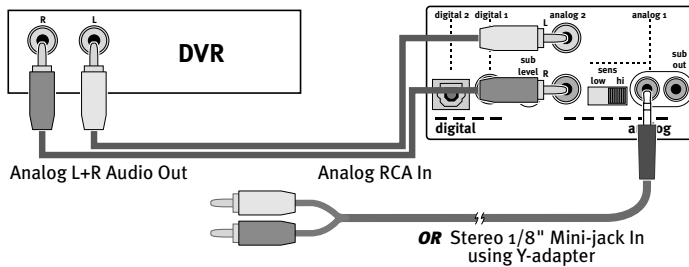
Best – Digital 5.1 Direct



Use either the single Digital “coax” RCA or the optical output (optical cable included) to the appropriate digital input of the MAINstage. (If you use the Digital 2 optical jack, be sure to remove dust cover.)

Important note: DVR won't playback 5.1 digital surround unless a digital output is used.

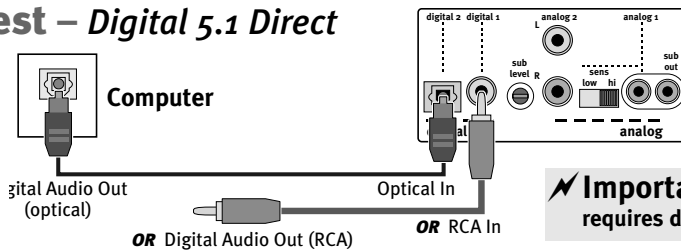
Basic – Analog Direct



Connect the audio out from your TV (RCA pair) to one of the two audio inputs on the MAINstage. (Analog 2 uses RCA pair. For Analog 1 use RCA pair to 1/8" mini-jack Y-adaptor (i.e., Radio Shack #42-2550 or longer 6-ft version #42-2551).

Computer

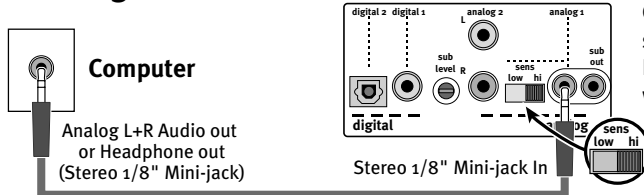
Best – Digital 5.1 Direct



If your Mac or PC has a digital audio out use either the single Digital “coax” RCA or the optical output (optical cable included) to the appropriate digital input of the MAINstage. (Be sure to remove optical jack dust cover)

Important note: Playback in 5.1 digital surround requires digital output to be used.

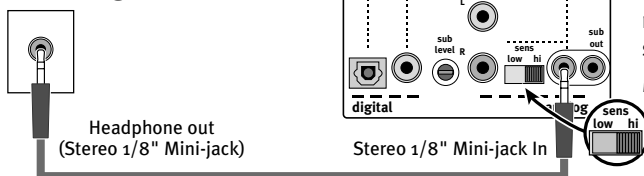
Basic – Analog Direct



Connect headphone or audio out to Analog 1 using stereo 1/8" mini-jack cable provided. Use Analog 1 Low/Hi Sensitivity switch for best volume matching with source.

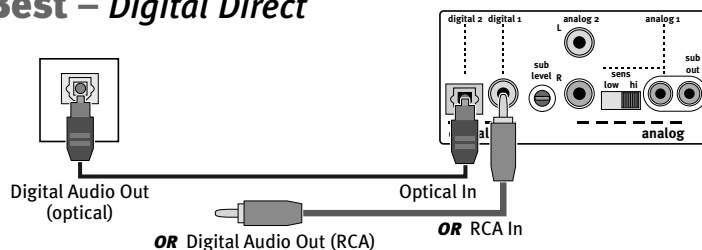
Portables & Radios

Basic – Analog Direct



Connect “headphone” output to Analog 1 using stereo 1/8" mini-jack cable provided. Use Analog 1 Low/Hi Sensitivity switch for best volume matching with source. MAINstage is not recommended for use with AM radio band.

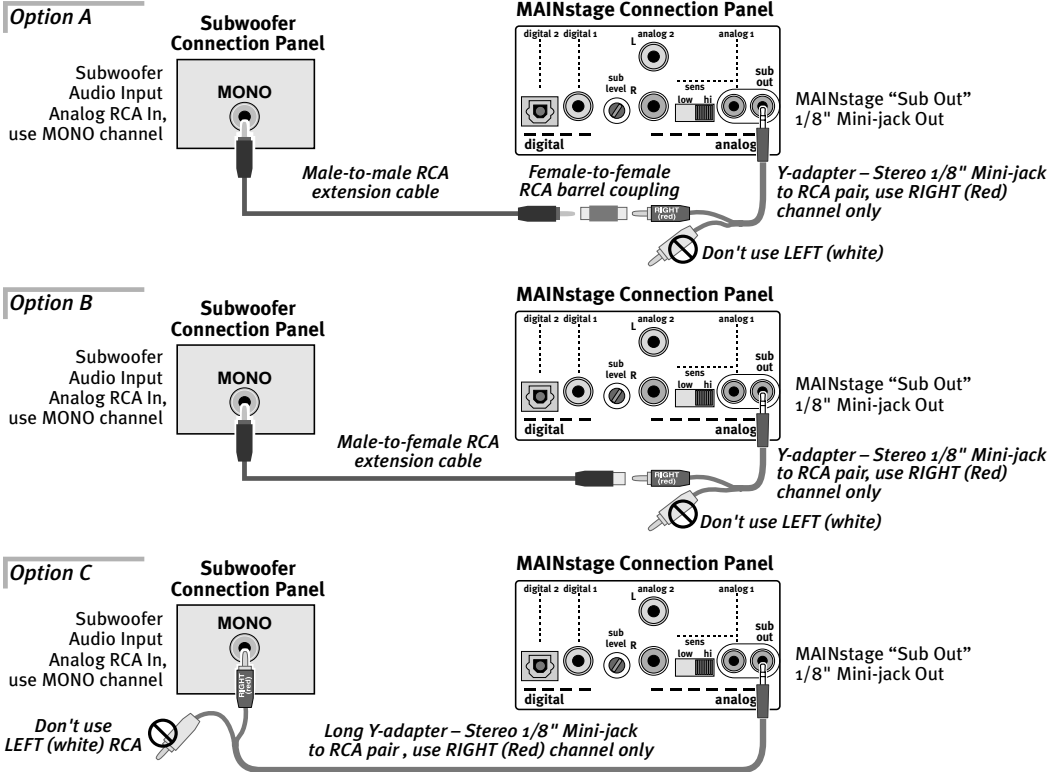
Best – Digital Direct



Using a digital portable? Connect with either digital optical or RCA “coax,” if available. (If you use the Digital 2 optical jack, be sure to remove dust cover.)

Connecting optional subwoofer

Important note: Connect only the RIGHT RCA connector (typically RED) from the adapter out of the MAINstage to the MONO input of your subwoofer.



STEP four

■ Connect power cord



■ Confirm that master power switch is on



■ Load batteries into remote

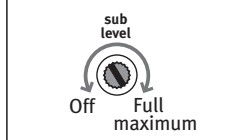


■ Select source and enjoy



■ Set bass level for internal subwoofer

Adjust subwoofer output
(view from back shown here)



To adjust subwoofer output level while standing in front of the MAINstage, turn the knob counter-clockwise to increase, and clockwise to reduce.

Note: this adjustment affects internal subwoofer even when an external unit is been connected.

Additional Hook-up/Operation Tips

- When the MAINstage "turns-on" it always starts up in SURROUND mode.
- Master power switch should normally be left on.
- If you need to convert one of your digital sources to either Coax or Optical out to match MAINstage's available input, Digital Signal Converters are available, i.e., RadioShack #15-1228.