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Daktronics Completes Major Install At Minor League Hockey Arena With JBL AE Series Loudspeakers

NORTHRIDGE, California – Daktronics recently completed an installation at the Allen Event Center in Allen, Texas, using 25 JBL AM4215/95 loudspeakers placed every 30 feet to deliver even sound throughout the bowl seating area. The sound system is powered by Crown CT1200 amplifiers and uses an assortment of Harman products in to reach into the Arena’s bar and lounge area.

One of the largest manufacturers of LED video boards, Daktronics has used JBL loudspeakers for more than 30 years in all different types of installations. For the Allen Event Center, Daktronics was faced with the task of installing a sound system that could be played individually in the bar or lounge area for private parties, but also have the ability to be integrated into the larger system for hockey games and public skating events. Having used JBL loudspeakers such a long period of time, system consultant and installer Doug Dodge was familiar with JBL’s sonic integrity, and he knew that the AM4215/95’s would be the best solution for the application.

“The biggest reasons for choosing the JBL speakers were great sound and affordability,” Dodge said. “They provide excellent performance for an affordable price, and they make the system at the Allen Event Center very loud and intelligible at the same time.”



Daktronics installed a JBL AE Series loudspeaker system at the Allen Event Center in Texas.

One of the biggest challenges faced by Daktronics during the installation was the time frame. The system was going up along with all of the other construction that came with building the hockey arena and meant that Daktroniks had to work around the other companies installation schedule, but finish in the same amount of time.

“We had to hang all of the speakers and wire everything on a very short deadline,” continued Dodge. “That was another major reason for choosing JBL: they are very easy to install, and they all went up very quickly.”

In addition to the JBL loudspeakers and Crown amplifiers, the system included the use of AKG microphones. With the array of Harman products in use, Daktronics was able to utilize Harman’s HiQnet System Architect™ to easily plug and play the system.

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