Fitting satellites Altec Lansing FX 6021 with Apple Cinema Display 23"

MY NEED

I wanted a 2.1 Speaker System for my computer, Apple Power Mac G5 and HD Cinema Display 23", to replace the poor internal speaker.

THE SOLUTION

I bought these speakers for their aesthetics adapted to my screen 23 " brushed metal. I fast realized that, put on my small desk, they turned out cumbersome; furthermore, when you make turn the screen, they do not follow.



Fig 1

Fast measure shows that the height of satellites is practically identical to that of the screen: the solution is imperative of itself: hang on satellites on each side of the screen, but how?

The screen Apple is fixed to its foot by a very discreet pivot; no fixation is foreseen for speakers.

Furthermore, it is necessary to keep accessible buttons situated on right side.

It is enough in fact to clamp a polycarbonate plate between the screen and the foot, without preventing the rocking movement and without damaging screen!

A first assembly is prototyped and tried during some time.

The attempt is satisfactory, but a defect appears: the plate is too flexible and satellites are not solid with display.



Fig 2

You can notice on this picture the two polycarbonate guides between display and satellites to prevent lateral tilting. They are obviously inefficient.

SECOND VERSION

The second version is implemented with angles to stiffen the plate and press at the back of the display.



Fig 3

We detail here the shape of the oblong opening with chamfer edges.



Fig 4

You can notice protection film and adhesive tape to outline opening.

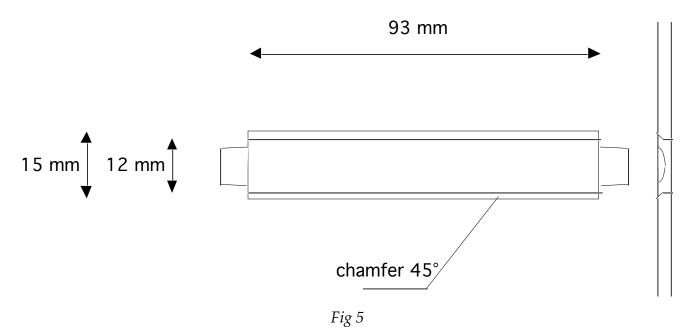


Plate thickness: 4 mm

Approximate dimensions.

And the fixation on the stand.



Fig 6

THE RESULT

And here is the finished assembly.



Fig 7

Nice, isn't it?

Well, it remains to replace keyboard and mouse by wireless devices....

NEXT VERSION

It's yours!

Improvement: cut angles shorter, so that they will be invisible.

Material list:

- Polycarbonate plate 70 x 22 cm x 4 mm; cut a 63 x 22 cm plate and two 2 x 22 cm plates
- Two light alloy angles 20x10 mm length 53 cm
- Screws and nuts (3 mm diameter for angles).

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