

NICKELBACK, THREE DOORS DOWN AND PUDDLE OF MUDD TOUR U.S. WITH EV®, MIDAS®, KLARK TEKNIK®



Burnsville, MN (July 2004): One of the summer's biggest tours kicked off at the Excel Energy Center in St Paul, Minnesota at the end of June: a triple-header featuring Nickelback, Three Doors Down and Puddle of Mudd. Rental company LD Systems of Houston Texas, equipped the tour with an extensive range of equipment from Telex Communications, Inc. Though by coincidence, it made sense for the tour to begin in the Twin Cities, world headquarters of Telex Communications, whose brands EV, Midas and Klark Teknik continue to set the standard in touring performance, technology and reliability.

At the invitation of LD's Robert Ausmus, Midas/Klark Teknik 's Matt Larson, EV's Monte Wise and Telex Pro Audio Group Tech Support's Ethan Wetzell made the 20-minute drive from Telex HQ to the Xcel Center to help expedite the learning curve on the latest technologies from EV (RL series™ remote-controlled DSP amplifiers) and Midas/KT (ELGAR™ software and Helix™ digital EQs), and to assist in the tweaking of tried and tested industry standards the EV X-Line and Midas XL4. This level of service and support is all part of the package LD Systems and Telex Communications provides to ensure successful sound production: now three weeks underway, all reports say the tour sounds superb.

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Matt Larson commented: “When we heard that the tour rehearsals were taking place in St. Paul at the Xcel, Monte, Ethan and I took the opportunity to go down there, help get the system set up, walk them through some of the new equipment, and generally give the extra attention a tour like this deserves. We’ve been working closely with Robert Ausmus and LD Systems for a long time now, and we were happy to contribute to the high level of support they provide their clients.



L-R: Midas/Klark Teknik's Matt Larson and Nickelback monitor engineer Scotty "Skitch" Canady

Larson continued: “This PA is all about Midas and EV: all the FOH and monitors consoles on the tour are Midas, and the line-arrays and amps are EV. Nickelback’s monitor engineer Scotty ‘Skitch’ Canady was particularly interested in looking at the KT Helix system with ELGAR remote-control software for the Heritage 3000 – I went along to help make sure things worked perfectly on first night. We also helped them tweak the new RL-Series remote controlled amplifiers – another product that’s changing live audio production. This is one of the most anticipated tours of the summer, and now it comes with the guarantee of great sound.”

Now three weeks into the tour, Nickelback FOH engineer Kevin “Chief” Zaruk reported: “This was my first time touring with the X-Line. It’s always a challenge to use a new PA, and the LD Systems crew, along with my FOH tech Chris Sharp, really helped things come together quickly. The X-Line sounds really good in terms of clarity and intelligibility. I’ve used a lot of PAs that tend to

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'mesh' the sound – you have to work the EQs hard to get an acceptable degree of separation. This is not the case when using the Midas XL4 and the X-Line combination – if you spend the time getting the EQs and time delays just right, this rig sounds equal or superior to anything else out there.”

Robert Ausmus of LD Systems added: “Similarly, all reports back to the LD team from Kirk Kelsey (FOH for Three Doors Down) offer nothing but praise about the audio crew and the EV/Midas/KT system. LD’s Mike ‘Monk’ Shear is doing an incredible job as audio crew chief for the 4 man audio team. This tour really is a success on every level.”

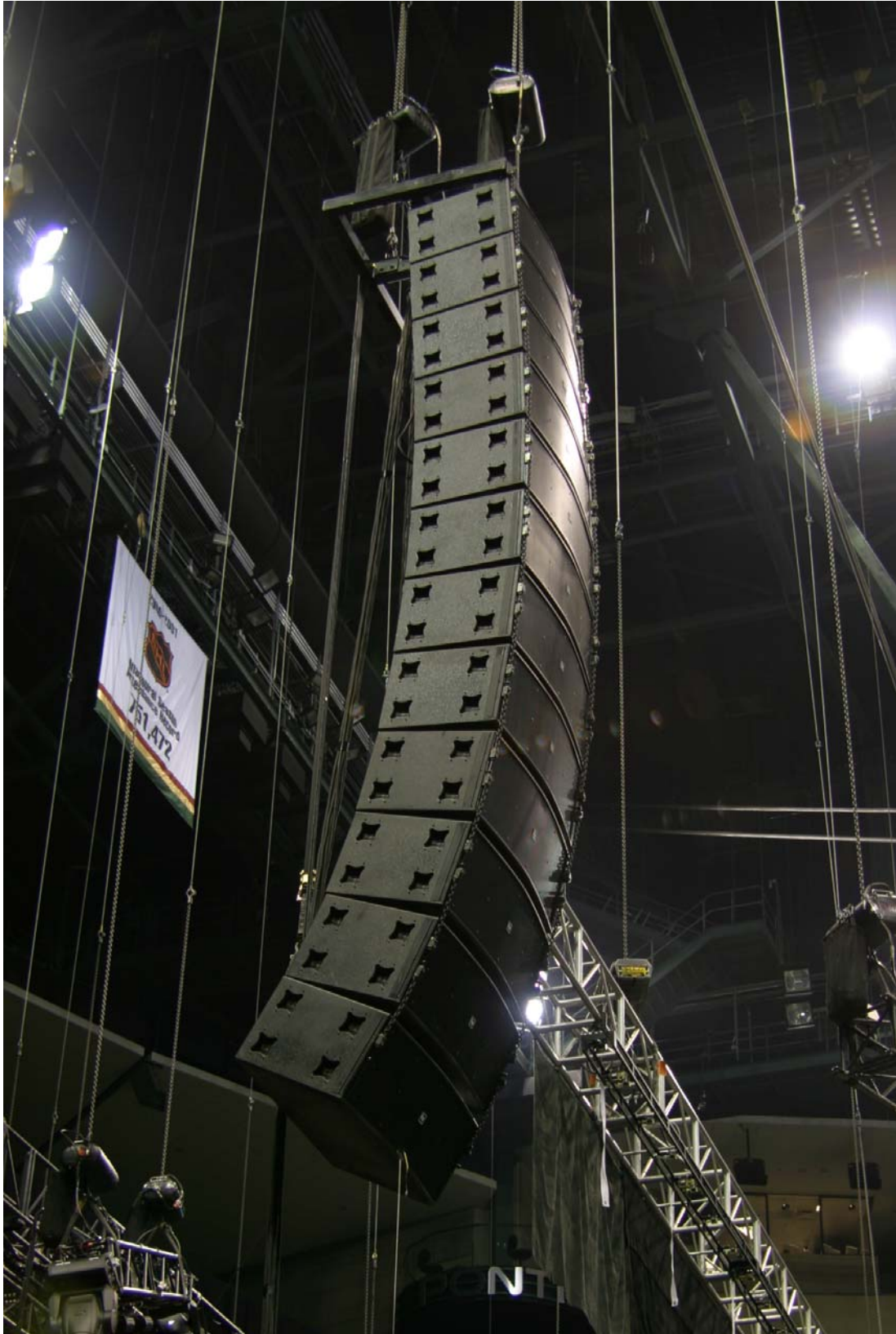


Midas XL4 consoles at FOH





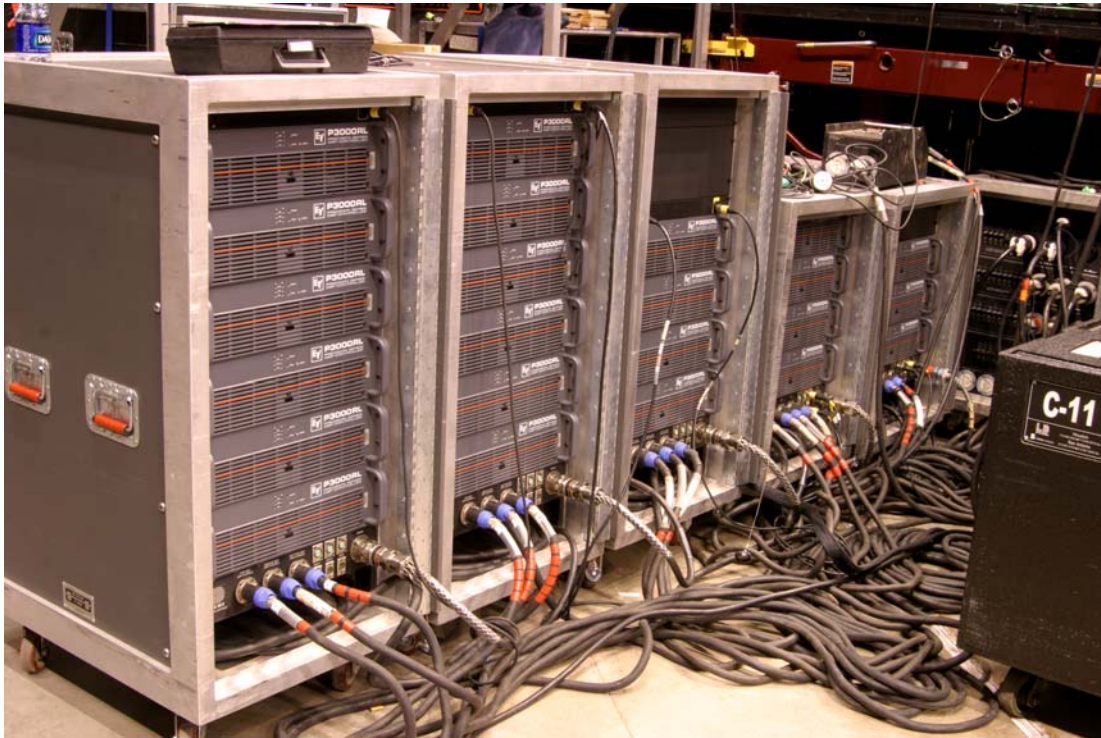
X-Subs



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P3000RL remote control amplifiers



Midas XL250

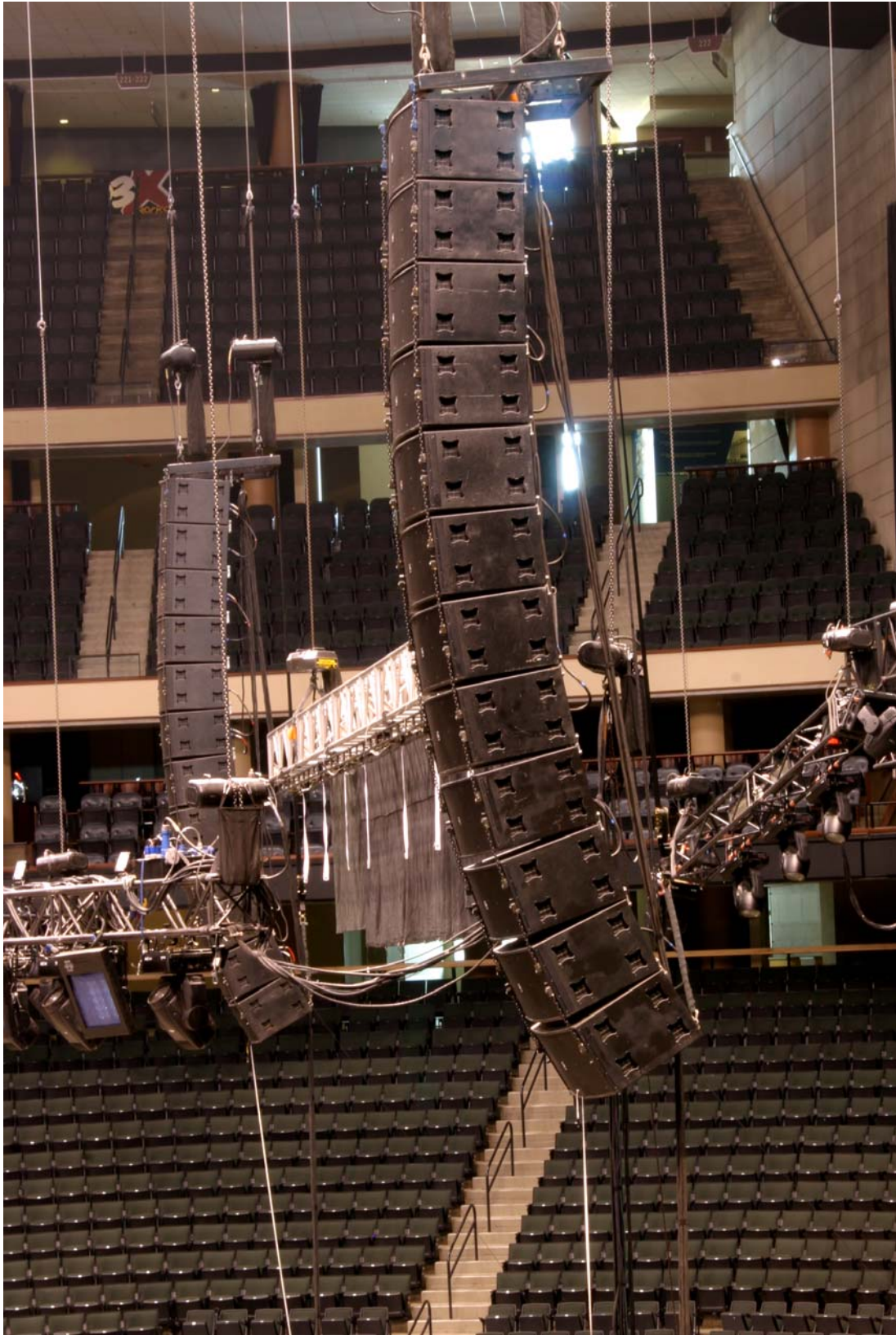
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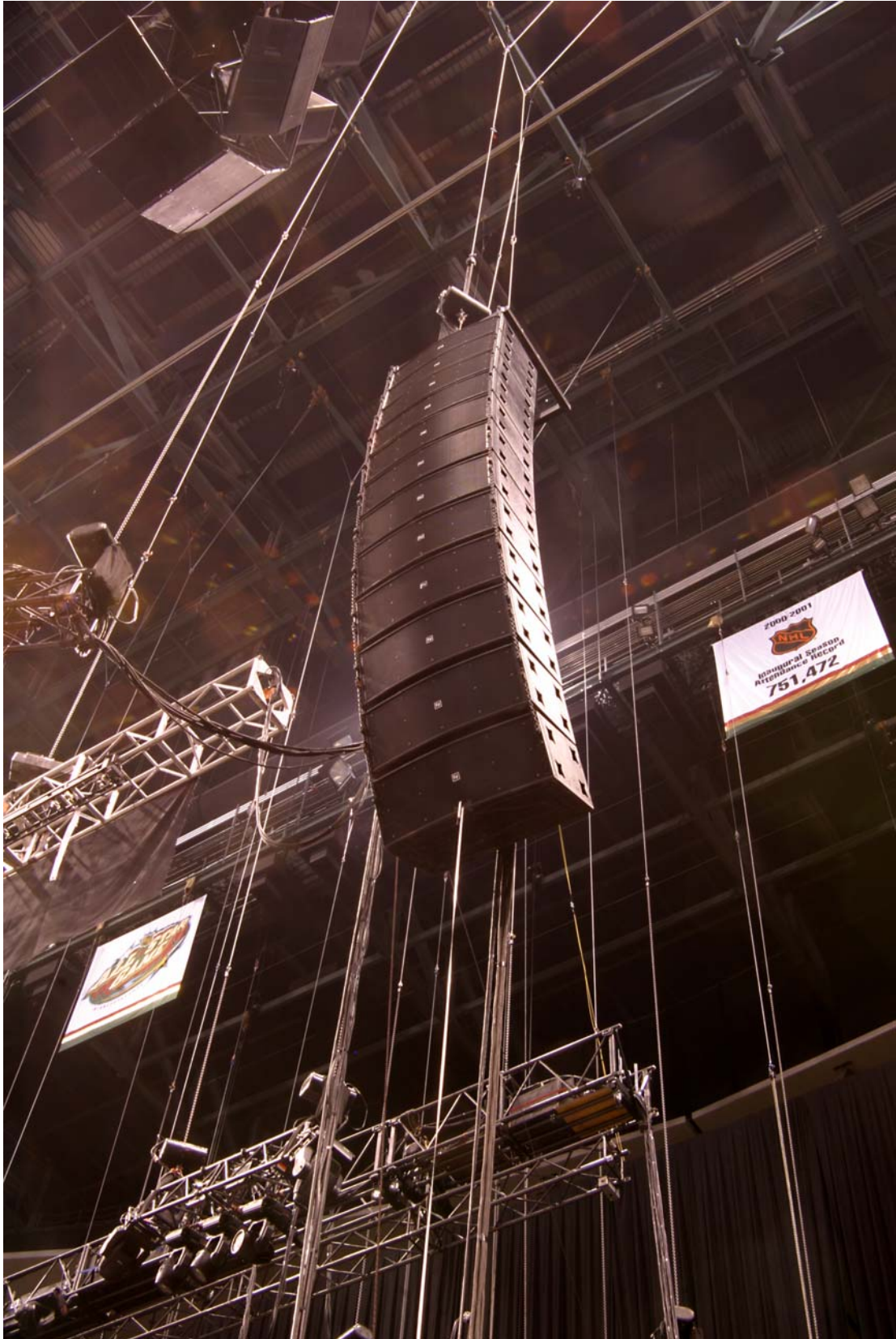
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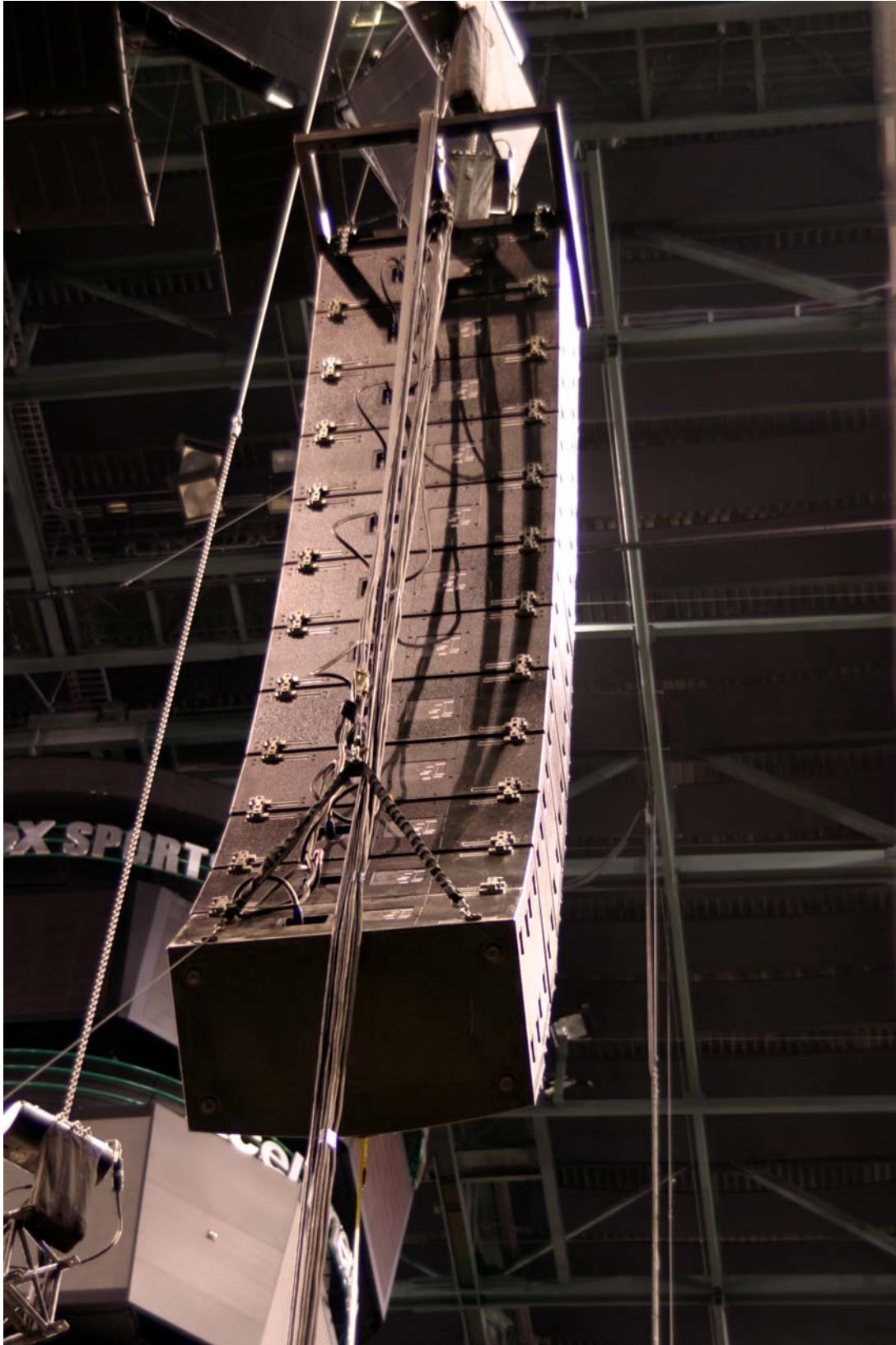
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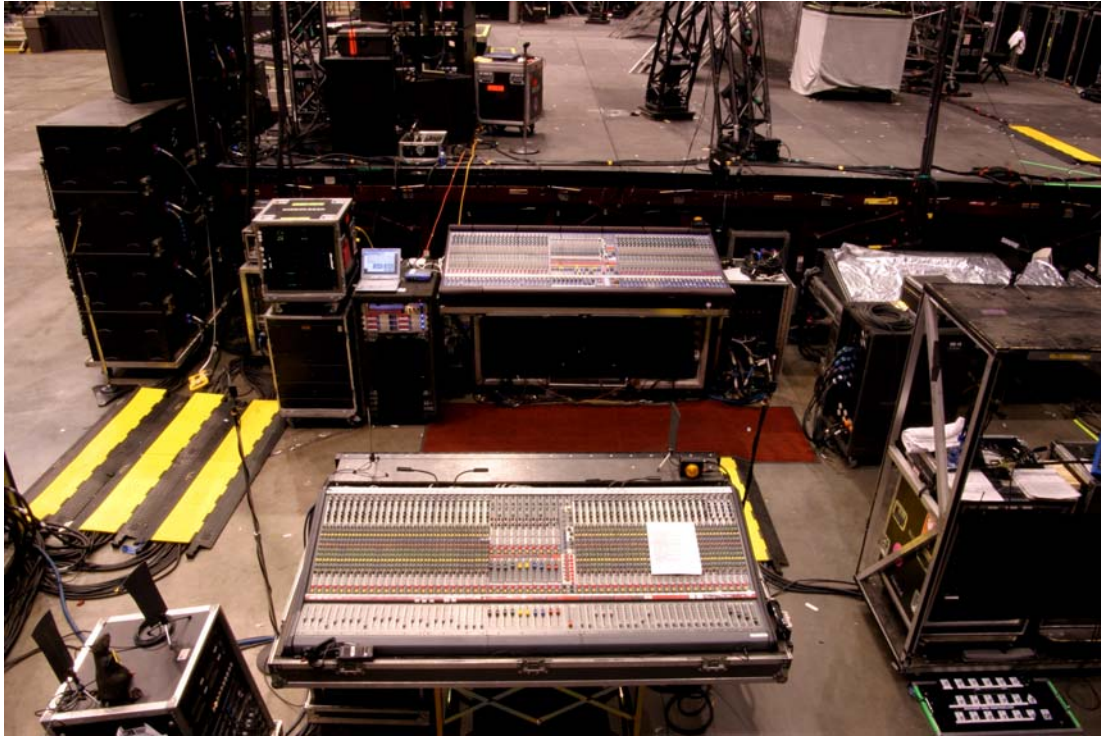
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Midas Heritage 3000

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Telex Pro Audio Group Tech Support Specialist Ethan Wetzell and Matt Larson tweak the KT Helix EQ with ELGAR software

EV, Midas and Klark Teknik equipment list:

FOH:

(2) Midas XL4
(1) Midas XL200
Klark Teknik DN 410 dual parametric equalizer
Klark Teknik DN6000 audio analyzer

Loudspeakers:

24 EV X-Line Xvls
28 EV X-Line X-Subs
(4) X-Array Xn
(4) X-Array Xf
(8) X-Array Xb

Amplifiers:

(52) P3000RL remote-control amplifiers
(6) P3000

Monitor System:

(1) Midas Heritage 3000
(2) Midas XL250
(4) X-Array Xn
(4) X-Array Xb

Amplifiers:

P3000

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