

ALPHA INSTALLATION MANUAL



Digital Broadcast Production Console with Bluefin HDSP



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

After Sales Modifications

Please be aware that any modifications other than those made or approved by Calrec Audio Limited or their agents, may invalidate the console's warranty. This includes changes to cabling provided by Calrec and variations to the recommended installation as detailed in Calrec documentation.

Modifications to this equipment by any party other than Calrec Audio Limited may invalidate EMC and safety features designed into this equipment. Calrec Audio Limited can not be liable for any legal proceedings or problems that may arise relating to such modifications.

If in doubt, please contact Calrec Audio Limited for guidance prior to commencing any modification work.

Equipment grounding

The necessity of earthing equipment is referred to under Health and Safety but it should be noted that it is also essential to fit sturdy grounding straps to the console grounding terminal and to the equipment rack containing the processing racks.

This is to ensure the equipment achieves the full compliance with EMC (electromagnetic compatibility) requirements. Failure to do so may make it more prone to noise problems from incoming electromagnetic fields from RF transmitters, radar and other equipment.

Do not rely only on conductivity between the console's metal chassis and any other metal surface to provide grounding.

ESD (Static) Handling Procedures

In its completed form, this equipment has been designed to have a high level of immunity to static discharges. However, when handling individual boards and modules, many highly static sensitive parts are exposed. In order to protect these devices from damage and to protect your warranty, please observe static handling procedures, for example, use an appropriately grounded anti-static wrist band. Calrec will supply an electrostatic cord and wrist strap with all of its digital products.

All modules and cards should be returned to Calrec Audio Limited in anti-static wrapping.

Calrec Audio Limited can supply these items upon request, should you require assistance.

This applies particularly to digital products due to the types of devices and very small geometries used in their fabrication, analog parts can however still be affected.

ROHS Legislation

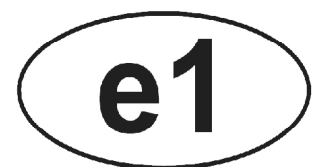
In order to comply with European RoHS (**R**eduction **o**f **H**azardous **S**ubstances) legislation, from the second week in April 2006 the vast majority of Calrec PCB and cable assemblies will have been produced with lead-free (tin/copper/silver) solder instead of tin/lead solder.



Lead Free

This means that for a period of time after April 2006 delivered consoles will contain a mixture of assemblies produced with different types of solder. This is unavoidable due to the fact that circuit boards are built in batches and allocated to consoles on a 'first in, first out' basis (hence the need to change the process well in advance of the legislation coming into force).

In the unlikely event of a customer having to carry out any re-soldering on such assemblies, it is imperative that the correct type of solder is used; not doing so is likely to have an adverse effect on the long-term reliability of the product. Circuit boards assembled with lead-free solder can be identified (in accordance with IPC/JEDEC standards) by a small oval sticker placed on the top-side of the circuit board near the PCB reference number (8xx-xxx).



The same sticker is used on the connectors of soldered cable assemblies. The absence of a sticker indicates that tin/lead solder has been used.

If in doubt, please check with a Calrec customer support engineer before carrying out any form of re-soldering.

Please observe the following:

- This equipment must be EARTHED
- Only suitably trained personnel should service this equipment
- Please read and take note of all warning and informative labels
- Before starting any servicing operation, equipment must be isolated from the AC supply (mains)
- Fuses should only be replaced with ones of the same type and rating as that indicated
- Operate only in a clean, dry and pollutant-free environment
- Do not operate in an explosive atmosphere
- Do not allow any liquid or solid objects to enter the equipment. Should this accidentally occur then immediately switch off the unit and contact your service agent
- Do not allow ventilation slots to be blocked
- Do not leave the equipment powered up with the dust cover fitted
- The rack mounting parts of this equipment must be fitted into an enclosure which complies with local regulations

Cleaning

For cleaning the front panels of the equipment we recommend anti-static screen cleaner sprayed onto a soft cloth to dampen it only.

Explanation of Warning Symbols

The triangular warning symbols below contain a black symbol on a yellow background, surrounded by a black border.

The lightning flash with arrow head symbol within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of dangerous voltages and energy levels within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock or injury.



The exclamation mark within an equilateral triangle is intended to prompt the user to refer to important operating or maintenance (servicing) instructions in the documentation supplied with the product.



Power Supply Blanking Plates (ZN4849-3 and ZN6020)

If you are in receipt of a ZN4849-3 or ZN6020 power supply unit please do not remove the blanking plates which are fitted to the unused output connectors. The maximum potential between the terminals exceeds 60 volts, the blanking plates are fitted to avoid the risk of electric shock.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Should you require any technical assistance with your Calrec product then please contact your local distributor, if outside the U.K. and Ireland. For a list of Worldwide distributors please see the Calrec Web site at www.calrec.com or contact Calrec UK.

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- Arrange repairs
- Supply of replacement or loan units while repairs are being carried out
- Service / commissioning site visits
- Operational training courses
- Maintenance training courses
- Supply of replacement components
- Supply of documentation
- Technical advice by telephone

Customer Support Hours

Factory based customer support engineers can be contacted by telephone during normal office hours (Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m - 5:30 p.m). Outside these hours, a message can be left on the answering machine, all messages are dealt with promptly on the next working day. Alternatively a message can be sent to them by email.

Product Warranty

A full list of our conditions & warranties relating to Goods & Services is contained in the Company's standard Terms and Conditions. A copy of this is available on request.

Repairs

If you need to return goods to Calrec, for whatever reason, please contact the Company beforehand in order that you can receive advice on the best method of returning the goods, and that a repair order reference number can be issued.

Standard of Service

Ensuring high standards is a priority, if you have any comments on the level of service, product quality or documentation offered to you by Calrec, then the Customer Support team would be pleased to receive your comments through any of the normal contact numbers, email or on the User registration form located at the end of this manual. If you have any other issues regarding your Calrec purchase, then please contact us and we will do our best to help. Calrec welcomes all Customer feedback.

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Operator and Installation Manual PDFs

This manual and the console's operator manual can be found in pdf format on your console's CD Handbook.

You can also access this manual on your console's PC from the Start menu, under the Calrec Alpha group.

ALPHA OVERVIEW

SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Up to 96 faders, with 2 layers of control (A and B), plus 4 dedicated main output faders.

480 equivalent channels: Up to 162 stereo or mono channels plus 156 mono channels.

Console operates independently of PC.

Independent DSP operation ensures audio continuity even during PC or control reset. Console and racks boot from power on in less than 20 seconds.

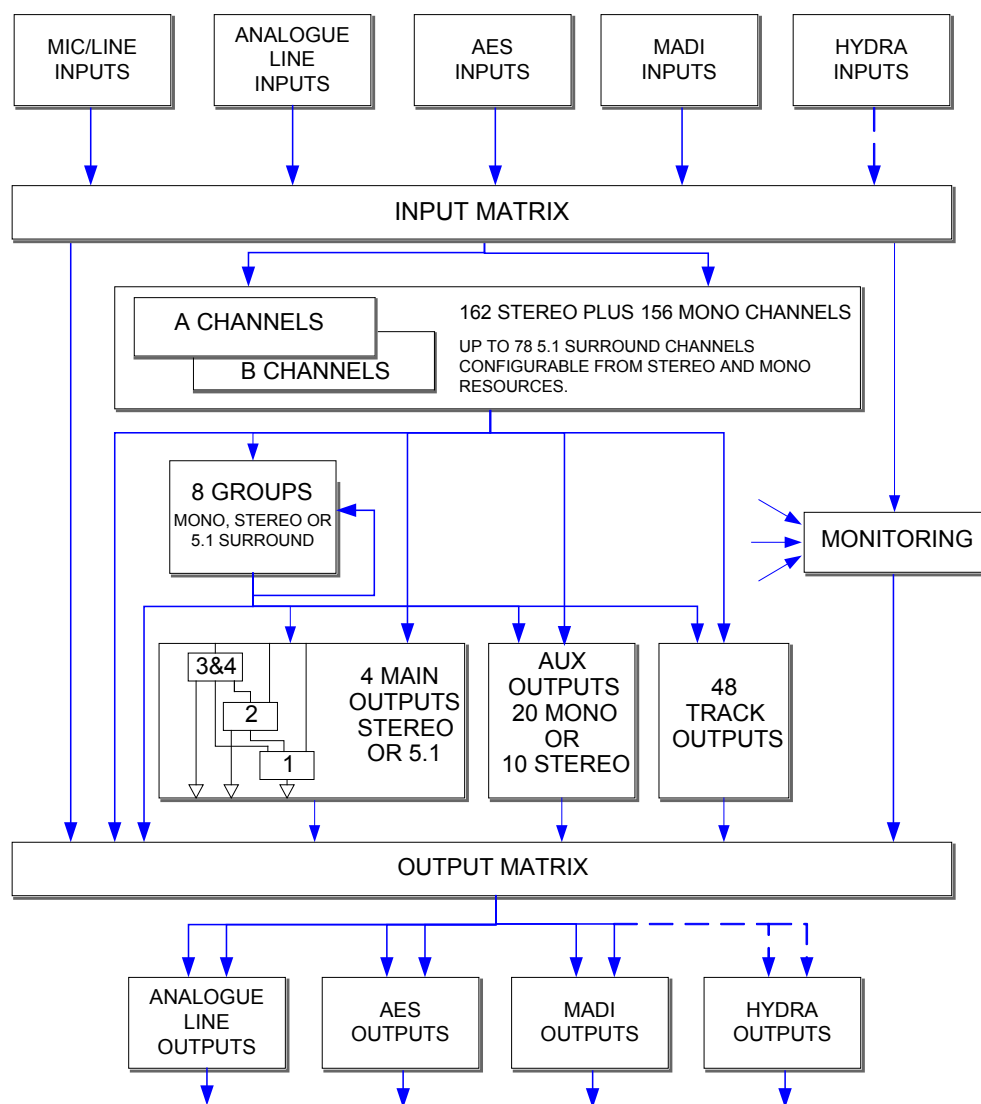
Full control system reset in less than 15 seconds.

Last settings fully restored on power-up or re-set.

Automatic change over to hot spares for power supplies, control cards and DSP cards.

All cards and modules are designed to be hot plugged.

All cards and modules are designed to initialise upon insertion.

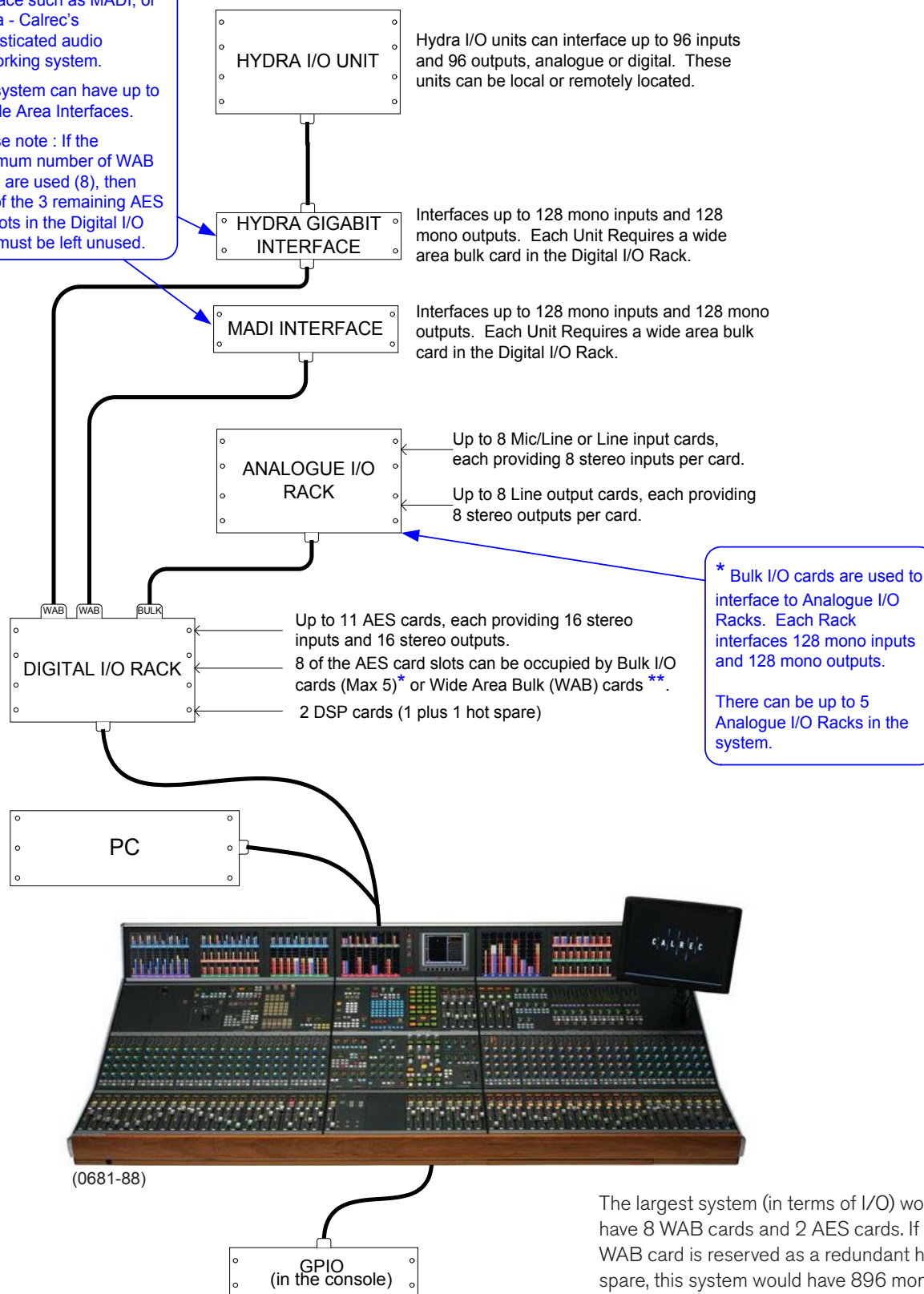


INPUTS AND OUTPUTS

****Wide Area Bulk Cards** are used to expand the I/O of the system via a wide area interface such as MADI, or Hydra - Calrec's sophisticated audio networking system.

The system can have up to 8 Wide Area Interfaces.

Please note : If the maximum number of WAB cards are used (8), then one of the 3 remaining AES I/O slots in the Digital I/O rack must be left unused.



The largest system (in terms of I/O) would have 8 WAB cards and 2 AES cards. If one WAB card is reserved as a redundant hot spare, this system would have 896 mono I/O on WAB interfaces, plus 32 stereo AES I/O. If all WAB I/O was AES through a Hydra network, the system could have up to 480 stereo AES on the system.

EQUIPMENT LIST

Depending on the options purchased, you should expect to receive the following:

1 Control Surface as specified in the quotation, and including:

1 Console Processor card (2 if the hot spare option has been purchased)

2-8 GPIO cards, in line with the quotation.

1 Digital I/O Rack

1 Rack Control Processor (2 if the hot spare option has been purchased)

1 DSP card (2 if the hot spare option has been purchased)

Up to 11 AES I/O cards, in line with the quotation

One Bulk I/O card per analog I/O rack in the system

One Wide Area Bulk I/O card for each optional I/O expansion interface, such as MADI or Hydra

Up to 5 Analog I/O Racks

1 Bulk I/O card to interface to the digital I/O rack

Up to 8 mic/line or line input cards, in line with the quotation

Up to 8 line output cards, in line with the quotation

2 Bulk Power Supply and Distribution Racks

Up to 3 plug-in PSU modules (dependent on size of console and its distance from the digital I/O rack, and whether a hot spare is required)

A number of Multi-Rail Power Supplies (For Analog Components)

1 Multi-Rail PSU is required for systems with just one analog I/O rack, 2 are required for systems with 2 or 3 analog I/O racks, plus 1 or more hot spares if required. PSU requirements can vary depending upon the cabling requirements of each installation

1 PC

1 Set of system cables

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Temperature Range

Operating: 0°C to +30°C (32°F to +86°F) in the immediate environment.

Non-operating: -20°C to +60°C (-4°F to +140°F).

Relative humidity

Operating: 25% to 80% non condensing.

Non-operating: 0% to 90% non condensing.

Altitude

Operating: Up to 2,000 metres (6562 feet). (This is the limit to which the safety tests are valid).

Non-operating: Up to 15,000 metres (49213 feet).

Earthing

The control surface, digital I/O rack analog I/O rack(s) and bulk power supply rack are provided with chassis earth studs. These must be connected to a common earth buss before any AC power is applied to the system. The multi-rail power supplies and PC are earthed via their AC power inlets.

AC (Mains) Power

All power supplies are rack-mounting and are separate from the units they power, except for the PC which has a built-in power supply. AC (Mains) Power inlets are IEC type.

- Each PSU in the Bulk PSU racks has one inlet.
- Each Multi-Rail power supply unit has one inlet.
- The PC has one inlet
- Each mains powered MADI unit (if purchased) has one inlet
- There is one inlet on the rear of the control surface, for any AC powered equipment which needs to be housed within it.

The whole system must be powered from the same phase of the AC power supply. All modules, cards and cables are designed to permit hot plugging.

Touch Screen

If the console is installed into an outside broadcast vehicle, it is important that the touch screen monitor is secured using suitable fixings during transit to prevent movement, and possible damage. Calrec Audio Ltd is not liable for any damages to the touch screen, the touch screen arm, the console or any other items caused by movement or damage of the monitor and / or monitor arm.

TFT Screens

The TFT meter screens that are fitted in our consoles are industrial units. The display manufacturer states that screen brightness may reduce to 50% of the initial value after the unit has been running at maximum brightness for 50,000 hrs. Our maximum brightness is intentionally reduced so that the useful life of the backlights should be in excess of 100,000 hrs.

We do not believe that there are any burn-in or image-persistence issues with this type of TFT display.

The TFT screens should be cleaned with a micro-fibre cloth, dampened only with clean water. Do not use any corrosive chemicals, solvents or window cleaning solutions.

The TFT screens have no user-serviceable parts. Should you encounter a problem with any of your screens, please contact Calrec.

INPUT/OUTPUT PORT LABELLING

When the console is installed, all the input and output ports on the system should be labelled to match the studio wiring. Please use the labelling sheets provided at the end of this manual.

Some rules are imposed on this labelling:

- The I/O must be labelled in pairs.
- The label must be no more than six characters (to fit on the console's displays).
- No two inputs can have the same label, but an input can have the same label as an output.

I/O is labelled in pairs to make it easier to use with any type of signal; mono, stereo or surround.

In addition to this, AES I/O is wired in pairs and it makes sense to deal with all the I/O in the same way.

The input port label is used as the default name for the channel input and will be shown on the display above the fader.

The system automatically adds a left (L) and right (R) suffix to the label to distinguish the two halves of the pair, or an L/R suffix when the pair is used together.

The pairs can be used either for two mono signals, a stereo signal, or parts of a surround signal.

One exception to these rules is allowed:

When I/O is dedicated to mono signals only, (e.g. phone lines, mono reverbs, mono distribution feeds) it can be marked as being mono in which case the two halves of the pair have separate labels and the L & R suffixes are not applied.

Note that I/O marked in this way cannot be connected in pairs to stereo paths from the control surface.

A stereo channel input can only be connected to the L - R of a pair of ports, or to one mono port in which case the mono signal will be fed to both L & R of the channel.

A stereo channel direct output can only be connected to the L - R of a pair of ports.

A mono channel input or direct output can be connected to any of: The L or R of a pair of ports, or any mono port.

Mono ports should therefore be considered as unusual. If there is any doubt as to the use of ports, they should be treated as a pair.

Suitable Labels

Generally, I/O ports should be labelled with the name which appears at the other end of the cable, which is connected to the port.

Ideally, the port will be connected directly to a device (Mic splitter box, Video Tape Recorder, Echo unit, Transmission Control Suite, etc.).

Alternatively, some I/O may be wired to a patch. This will be done, for example, to allow for hired devices to be connected and may also be done to aid maintenance and operator familiarity with analog consoles.

When planning the use and labelling of I/O, you should also bear in mind that the console includes an internal electronic input patch and output patch. These allow

ports to be used for different purposes on different shows and also, the patch connections are stored with the snap-shot memories.

Lists

In addition to labelling, each port can be allocated to one of a number of lists using the Options - Port Lists screens. This allows I/O which is wired for similar purposes to be grouped together for selection.

Each list will have been given a six character "list label" and the lists can be sorted into the required order on the Options-Port Lists screens. The lists will appear in the same order on the I/O port selection controls on the I/O matrix panel. It is possible to restrict the number of lists that appear for selection on the I/O Matrix panel. This reduces the number of times the pot needs to be pushed, to go through all the available lists.

SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

Digital Inputs		
Formats Supported	AES/EBU (AES3) 24-bit Also suitable for use with SPDIF (IEC958 Type 2) signals	
Interface	110 Ohm transformer balanced, 5V Pk-Pk 75 Ohm unbalanced (BNC), 1V Pk-Pk	
Sample Rate Conversion	24-Bit switchable on all digital inputs	
SRC THD+N	-117dB @ 1kHz, 0.00014%	
Digital Outputs		
Formats Supported	AES/EBU (AES3) 24-bit	
Interface	110 Ohm transformer balanced 4V Pk-Pk (nominal) into 110 Ohm load 75 Ohm unbalanced 1V Pk-Pk (nominal) into 75 Ohm load (BNC)	
Analogue Inputs		
Analogue - Digital Conversion	24-Bit	
Input	Electronically Balanced	
Input Impedance	>1k Ohms for Mic gains 10k Ohms for Line gains	
Sensitivity	+18 / -78dB on Mic/Line Input Card +18/-24dB on Line Only Input Card.	
Equivalent Input Noise	-126dB (150 Ohm source)	
Distortion	-1dBFS @ 1kHz - Better than 0.003% -20dBFS @ 1kHz - Better than 0.006% -60dBFS @ 1kHz - Better than 0.3%	
Frequency Response	20Hz to 20kHz +/- 0.5dB on Mic/Line Input Card 20Hz to 20kHz +/- 0.25dB on Line Only Input Card	
Input CMR (Common Mode Rejection)	>70 dB (Typical 80dB) on Line Inputs >75 dB (Typical 85dB) on Mic Inputs	
Analogue Outputs		
Digital - Analogue Conversion	24-Bit	
Output Balance	Electronically Balanced, 20Hz to 20kHz, Better than -35dB, typically -45dB	
Output Impedance	<40 Ohms	
Distortion	-1dBFS @ 1kHz - Better than 0.006% -20dBFS @ 1kHz - Better than 0.003% -60dBFS @ 1kHz - Better than 0.3%	
Frequency Response	20Hz to 20kHz +/- 0.25dB	
Performance		
Digital to Digital (AES/EBU) Distortion	-1dBFS, 20Hz to 10kHz - Better than 0.002%	
Digital to Digital (with SRC) Distortion	-1dBFS, 20Hz to 10kHz - Better than 0.005%	
Frequency Response (Analogue Input to Output)	20Hz to 20kHz +/- 0.5dB	
Synchronisation		
48kHz synchronisation	NTSC/PAL Video Internal Crystal Reference TTL Wordclock (48kHz) AES/EBU Digital Input (48kHz)	
Environmental Considerations		
	Operating	Non-Operating
Temperature Range	0°C to +30°C (32°F to +86°F)	-20°C to +60°C (-4°F to +140°F)
Relative Humidity	25% to 80% Non-condensing	0% to 90% Non-condensing
Maximum Altitude	2,000 Metres (6500ft)*	15,000 Metres (49,000ft)

Analog input for 0dBFS can be pre-set globally to +28, +24, +22, +20, +18 or +15 dBu

Pre-fader headroom on analog inputs is adjustable globally from +24 to +36dB in 2dB steps

Analog output for 0dBFS matches input setting into >1kOhms (+24dBu max into 600 Ohms)

The system can be pre-set with up to five external sync sources, plus internal, such that if the 1st source fails, it will automatically switch to the 2nd, and so on.

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FRAME OPTIONS AND DIMENSIONS

CONTROL SURFACE FRAME SIZES

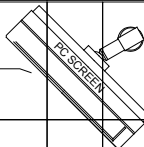
Frames are made up of sections which can be 4, 5 or 6 modules wide. This allows many different sizes of console to be achieved using different combinations of different sized sections. Fader modules have 4 faders each, so console size can depend on the number of faders required.

The table below shows the dimensions of the standard frame sizes available. Sections within the frame do not have to be in the order shown. For details of custom frames, with wedge sections etc., please contact Calrec.

The smallest frame size is 12 modules wide, made up of 3 sections (4:4:4) and usually provides 32 faders with two audio paths on each fader. This allows up to 64 "channel faders" within a frame only 1547 mm (60.9 inches) wide. The largest frame size is 28 modules wide, and made up of 5 sections (4:6:6:6:6) which provides 96 faders with two audio paths on each fader within a frame only 3559 mm (140.2 inches) wide.

For large consoles, some of the Assign panels may be duplicated to aid user operation.



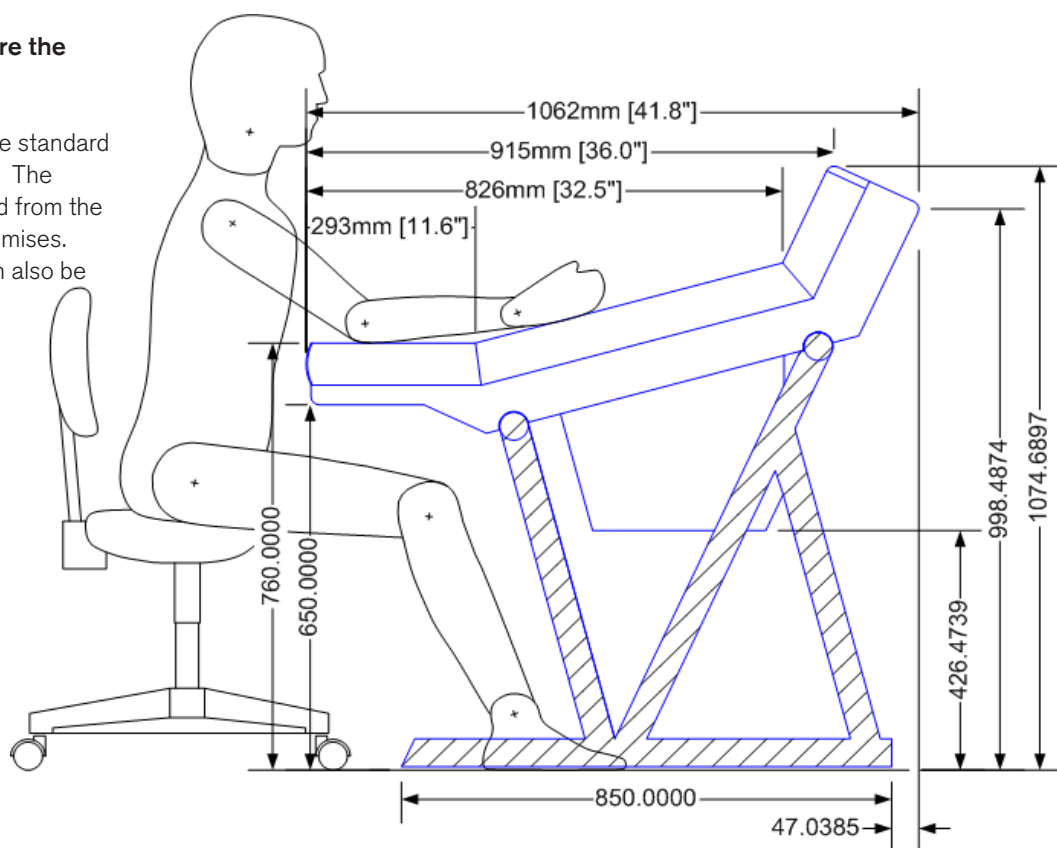
TFT METER		TFT METER		TFT METER		MOVING COIL METER	BLANK	RESET PANEL	TFT METER		TFT METER		TFT METER		TFT METER		
	TB	FUNCTIONS	JOYSTICK	DELAY	I/O MATRIX	ROUTING	MON SEL	MON LS	AUX	MAIN OUTPUTS	AUX O/P						
'CHANNEL' CONTROLS 1-24						INPUT OUTPUT	EQ	DYNAMICS	SURROUND SPILL		'CHANNEL' CONTROLS 33-56						
'CHANNEL' FADERS 1-24						ASSIGNABLE FADER	'CHANNEL' FADERS 25-56										
Keyboard and Trackball																	

No of Modules Wide	Frame	Length		Depth	
		inches	mm	inches	mm
12	4:4:4	60.9	1547	43.2	1098
13	4:4:5	65.9	1672	43.2	1098
14	4:4:6	70.8	1797	43.2	1098
15	4:5:6	75.7	1922	43.2	1098
16	4:6:6	80.7	2047	43.2	1098
17	5:6:6	85.6	2172	43.2	1098
18	6:6:6	90.5	2297	43.2	1098
19	4:4:5:6	95.7	2428	43.2	1098
20	4:4:6:6	100.6	2553	43.2	1098
21	4:5:6:6	105.5	2678	43.2	1098
22	4:6:6:6	110.4	2803	43.2	1098
23	5:6:6:6	115.4	2928	43.2	1098
24	6:6:6:6	120.3	3053	43.2	1098
25	4:4:5:6:6	125.4	3184	43.2	1098
26	4:4:6:6:6	130.4	3309	43.2	1098
27	4:5:6:6:6	135.3	3434	43.2	1098
28	4:6:6:6:6	140.2	3559	43.2	1098

END ELEVATION

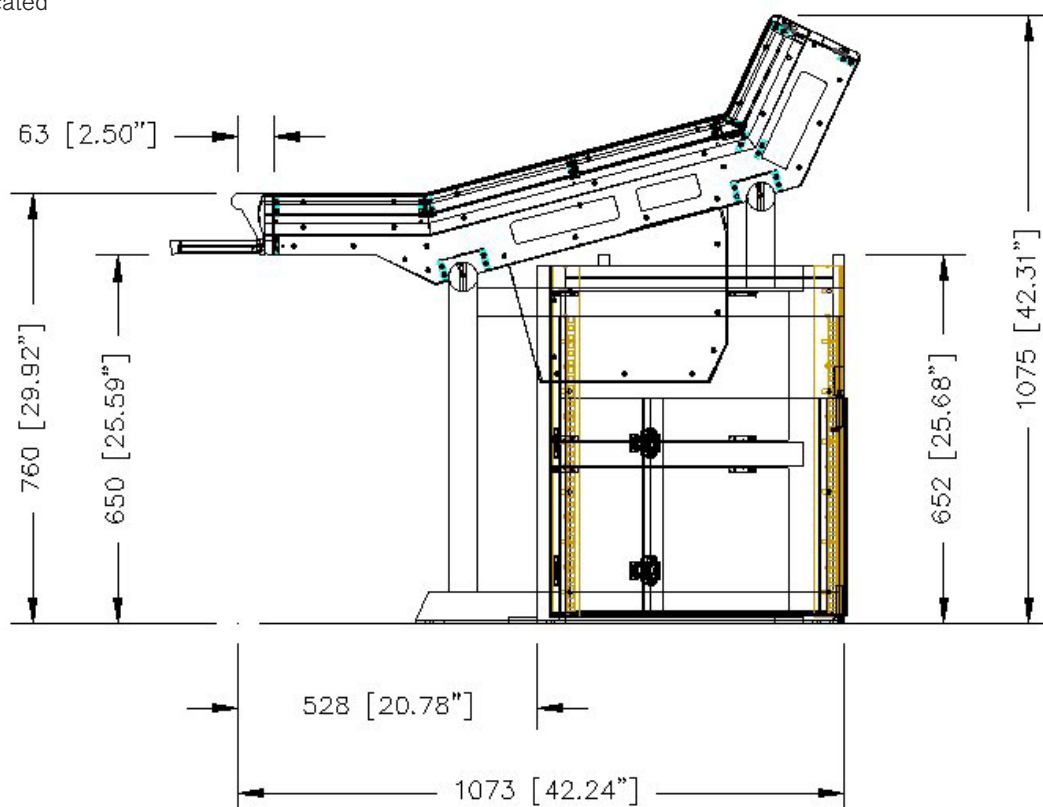
The end profile dimensions are the same for all frame sizes.

The above dimensions are for the standard control surface with A/B faders. The control surface can be separated from the stand (shaded) for access to premises. The control surface sections can also be split apart if required.



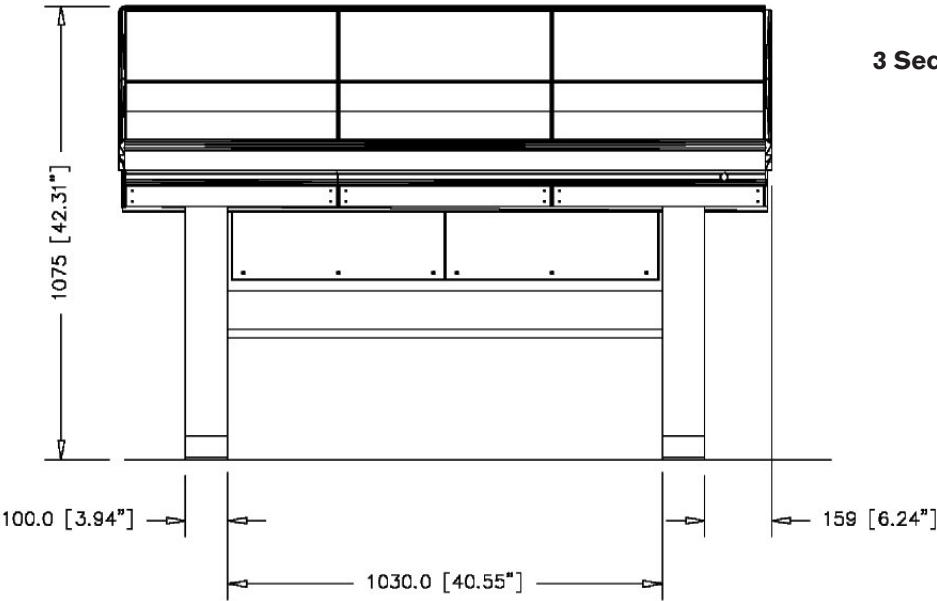
OB Frame Dimensions

When housed in an outside broadcast vehicle, the rack equipment is located underneath the console.

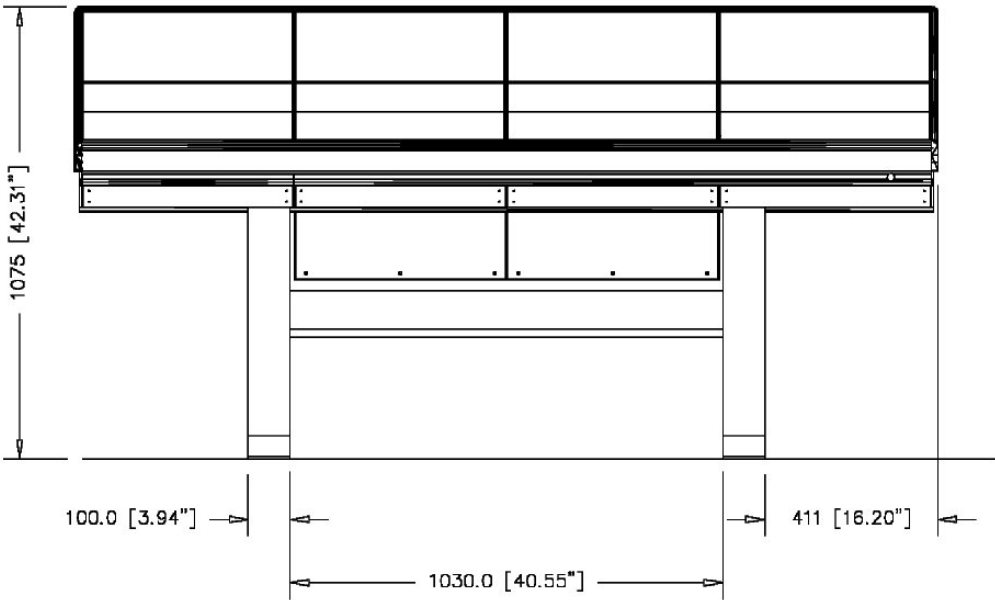


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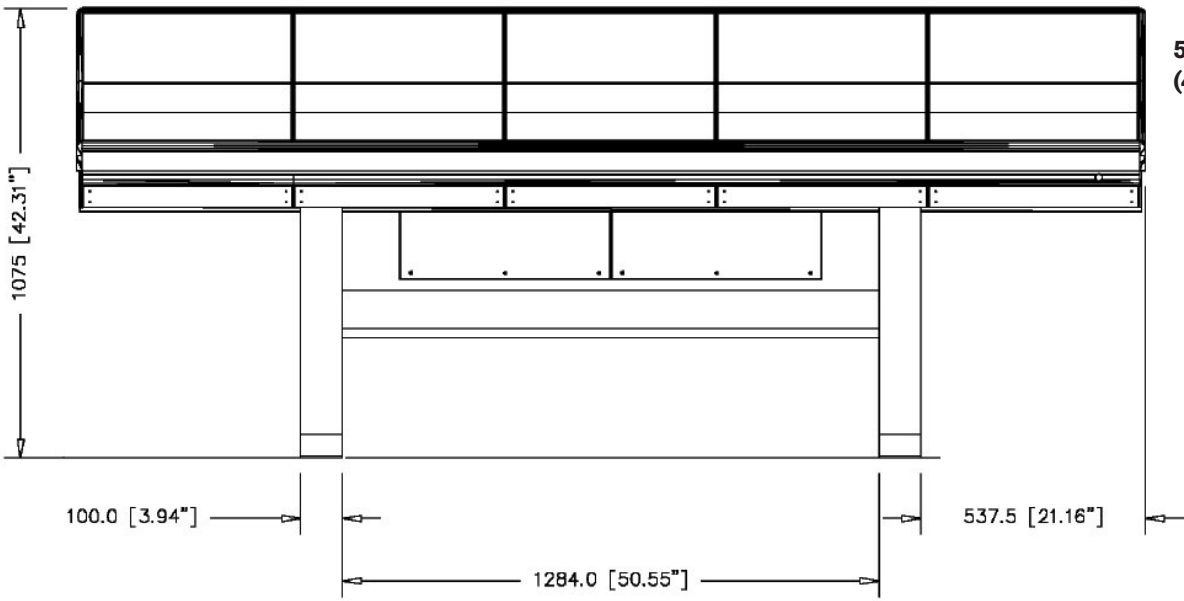
3 Section Frame (4:4:4)



4 Section Frame (4:4:4:4)



5 Section Frame (4:4:4:4:4)



ALPHA EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION

TYPICAL RACK LAYOUT

It is recommended that all equipment over 8 Kg (17.5 lbs) in weight, or over 150 mm (6 inches) deep is mounted into equipment bays which offer mechanical supports under each of the units. This will allow units to be supported as they slide forward during removal for maintenance purposes.

Equipment can be mounted in separate enclosures. Please refer to the cable lengths table when planning this.

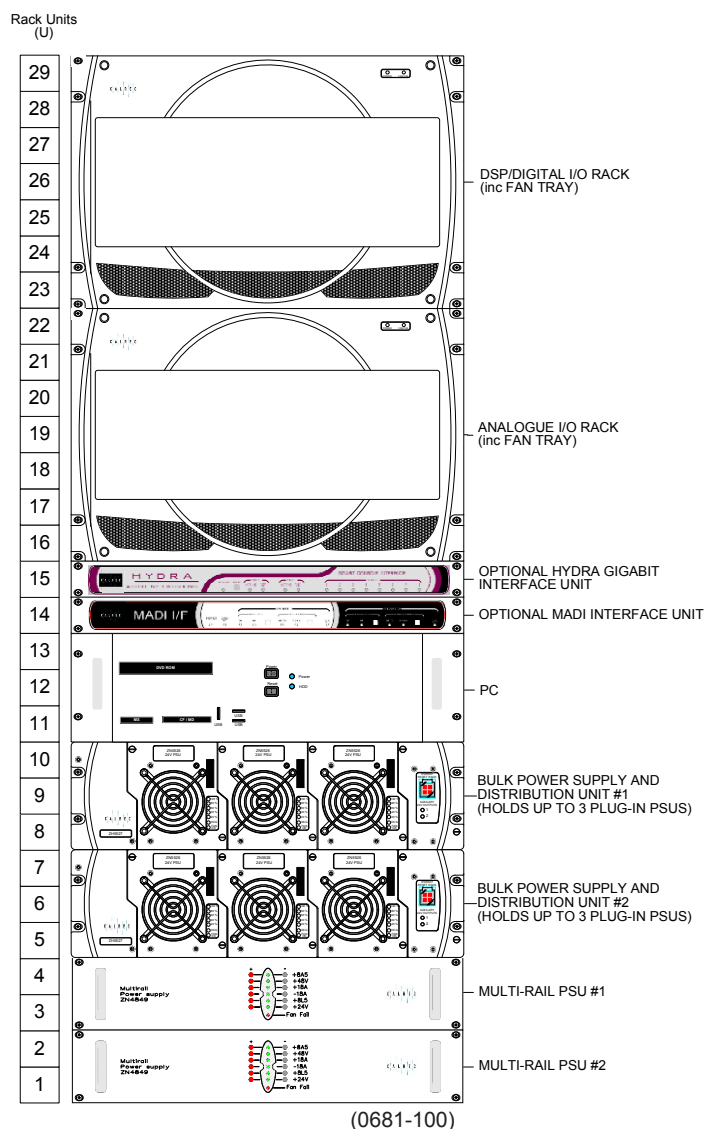
Each I/O rack has a fan tray built into it, which incorporates a baffle such that warm air is sucked up out of the rack and out through the rear of the fan tray. A vent in the front of the fan tray allows ambient air to enter. The baffle deflects this air up into the rack above. The bottom rack should not be positioned above any equipment producing significant heat.

WEIGHTS AND DIMENSIONS

Items	Height	Approx depth (incl. mating cons)		Approx weight	
		inches	mm	lbs	kgs
Digital I/O Rack (fully populated)	7U	18.1	460	49.5	22.5
Analog I/O Rack (fully populated)	7U	18.1	460	53.3	24.2
Bulk Power Supply and Distribution Rack with one PSU	3U	15	380	26	11.8
Additional PSU for Bulk PSU Rack	-	-	-	7.7	3.5
Multi-Rail PSU*	2U	18.1	460	22.1	10.0
Additional Multi-Rail PSU Hot spare	2U	18.1	460	22.1	10.0
PC*	3U	23.7	600	27	12.2
MADI Unit	1U	11.9	300	7.0	3.2
Hydra Gigabit Interface Unit	1U	11.9	300	6.0	2.7

MAXIMUM CABLE LENGTHS

From	Cables	To	Maximum Length	
			Feet	Metres
Control Surface (up to 84 faders)	Control Surface Bulk PSU		100.0	30.0
Control Surface (88-92 faders) **	Control Surface Bulk PSU **		72.6	22.0
Control Surface (96 faders) **	Control Surface Bulk PSU **		33.0	10.0
Control Surface	PC		500.0	150.0
Control Surface ***	Digital I/O Rack ***		100.0	30.0
PC	Digital I/O Rack		100.0	30.0
Digital I/O Rack	Racks Bulk PSU		100.0	30.0
Digital I/O Rack	Analogue I/O Rack		33.0	10.0
Digital I/O Rack	BNC I/O Interface Panel		16.5	5
Digital I/O Rack	XLR I/O Interface Panel		9.8	3
Analogue I/O Rack ****	Analogue I/O Interface Panel (EDAC) ****		16.5	5
Analogue I/O Rack	Multi-Rail PSU		33.0	10.0
Multi-Rail PSU	Other Multi-Rail PSU		1.3	0.4
MADI Unit	Digital I/O Rack		16.5	5
Hydra Gigabit Interface Unit	Digital I/O Rack		16.5	5



* Note: Units have handles protruding approx. 1.3" (32 mm) from the surface of the front panel.

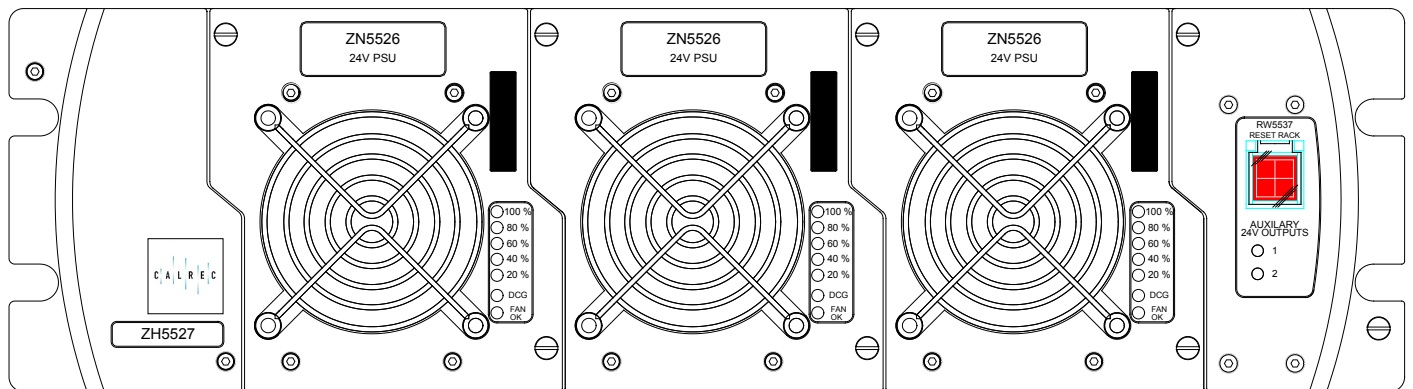
** For consoles with 88 faders or more, an extra Bulk Power Supply and Distribution rack with at least one plug-in PSU is required to achieve a distance of 30 metres between the console and its power system.

*** Extenders are supplied to provide console data connections greater than 30 meters (98 feet).

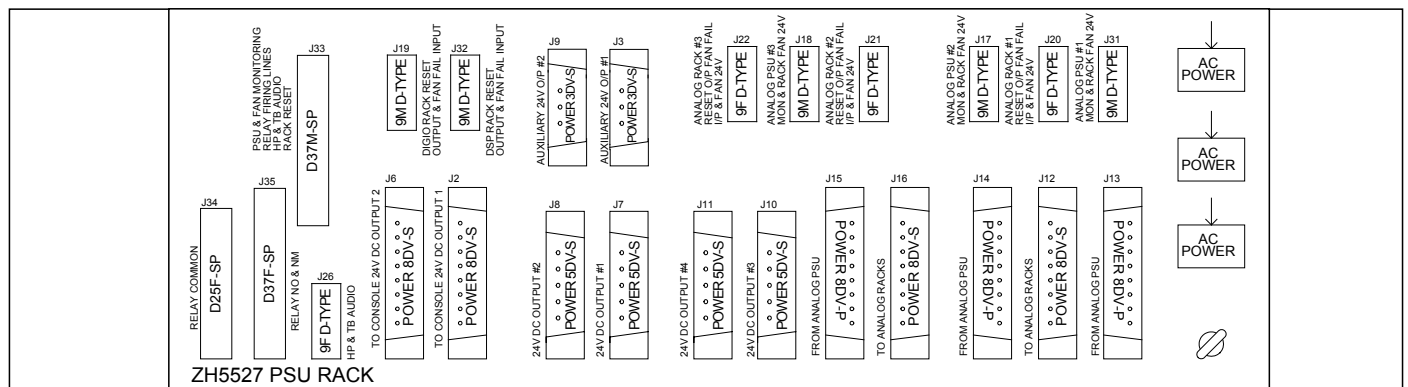
**** For longer distances, custom made cables can be provided.

BULK POWER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

Front



Rear



This 3U rack can hold up to 3 identical plug-in power supply units. A typical system would have two of these racks, one to provide power to the console control surface and another to provide power to the digital I/O rack. The number of plug-in PSU's required in the rack is dependant upon the size of the system, the distance between console and rack, and the "hot spare" requirement.

If your system uses the 2U Bulk power supply and separate distribution system, please refer to Appendix A at the end of this manual.

Plug-in Units

Each unit has separate AC power inputs via IEC 950 filtered inlets at the rear of the rack. The DC outputs are combined on the backplane. The maximum output power from each plug-in unit is 600 W.

Hot Swapping

The units can be "hot swapped" providing there is enough output power remaining to drive the load. Each unit has a bargraph to indicate the output power demand.

Auxiliary Power

Two 24 V Auxiliary outputs are provided via resetable 10 A current trips with LED status indication on the front panel. These could be used for a MADi interface unit or a Hydra networking interface unit for example.

Fan Cooling

The rack is fan cooled with fans mounted in the front of each PSU. The warm air is directed out of the sides of the rack.

To ensure proper cooling, there must be a minimum clearance of two inches (50 mm) from the fans and side air outlets. The maximum operating ambient temperature is 35 °C.

Power Monitoring & Distribution

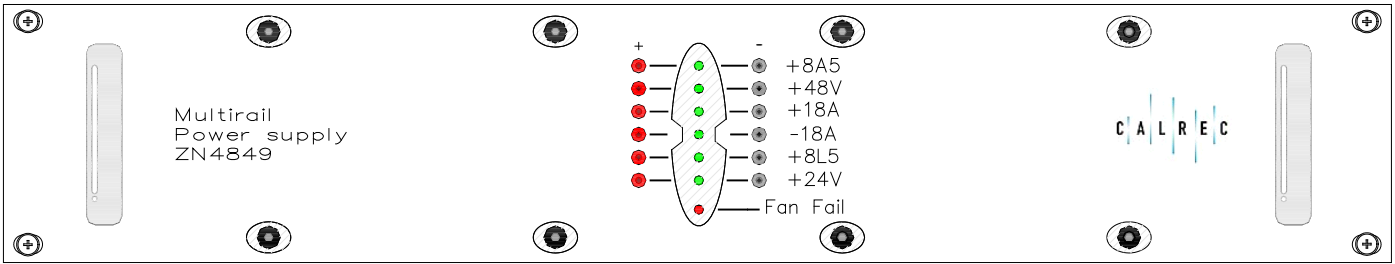
In addition to supplying the console and digital rack components of the system with power, the Bulk Power Supply and Distribution Unit gathers and distributes the multiple rails (from external power units) required for any analog I/O cards. All the system power rails and fan speed monitoring is gathered here before being sent to the console. Should a fault occur, a warning light will flash on the console and a diagnostic message will appear on the front end AWACS (Automatic Warning And Correction System) screen.

The unit also includes a front-mounted reset button for the Digital I/O rack.

Bulk PSU Rack Fan Noise (dB SPL A-Weighted)	
These measurements were taken on axis at 1 metre from the dominant noise source:	
1 x 24V 600W PSU	42dBA
2 x 24V 600W PSU	45dBA
3 x 24V 600W PSU	47dBA
4 x 24V 600W PSU	48dBA
5 x 24V 600W PSU	49dBA
6 x 24V 600W PSU	50dBA

MULTI-RAIL PSU

Front



Rear



A 2U multi-rail power supply unit is used to power the analog I/O racks. These supplies can be paralleled together. A typical system with 2 analog I/O racks would have two of these multi-rail power supply units, plus a third unit acting as a “hot spare” providing redundancy, in case one of the other units fail. If racks are housed in different locations, each may require a hot spare. This is dependant upon the cable lengths involved. All hot spares are optional.

Mounting

Multi-rail power supply units are fitted with rear flanges to allow the rear of the unit to be bolted to the studio equipment bay. In outside broadcast situations, the unit should ideally be located into an equipment bay which offers mechanical support from underneath.

Fan Cooling

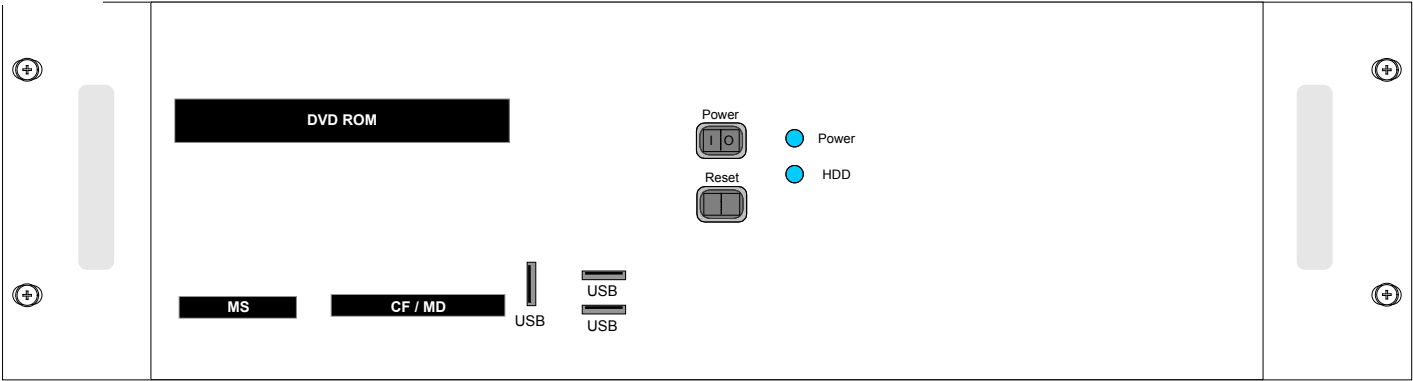
The multi-rail power supply unit is fan cooled but uses a very low noise fan (29 dBA), drawing air from side to side through the PSU instead of in from the front, to minimise noise. Should any of the fans slow down or stop, or any voltage rail fall outside specified limits, a PSU Fail signal will be sent to the console and PC to warn the operator of a problem.

Power Monitoring

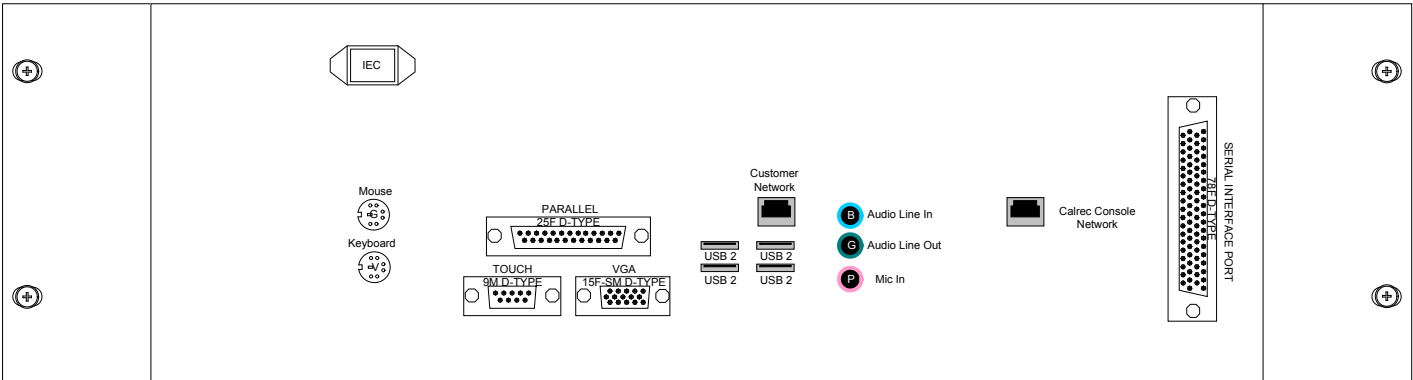
These units are monitored via the bulk power supply and distribution unit. Should a fault occur, the hot spare would automatically take over from the primary unit, the PSU Fail Indicator on the Broadcast Facilities panel would begin to flash and a message would be sent to the control surface via AWACS.

PC INFORMATION

Front



Rear



Mounting Instructions

The PC should be mounted by means of the side brackets, each of which has two mounting holes. The PC rack should always be mounted in a horizontal position. The sliders should be used when no support is provided under the PC assembly. It should not be supported by front flanges alone. Failure to follow these instructions may invalidate the warranty. The PC is earthed via its AC power inlet.

Remote Access

USB connectors are provided on both the front and rear of the PC for the option to add an external modem of your choice. If a modem is added, and a suitable telephone line installed, the console can be remotely accessed by Calrec Support Engineers to aid software upgrades and diagnostic work. This can greatly enhance the level of service and support we can provide. A dial-up facility must first be activated at the PC before this is possible, to ensure that connections are not made at inappropriate times or without the user's knowledge and consent.

Local Network

A network port is provided to enable the user to connect to their own LAN. Calrec will not be responsible for the configuration of this port or for any performance issues arising from its use.

Hydra Network Connection

A Gigabit Ethernet port is provided to enable the PC to be connected to a Calrec Hydra Audio Network, which is an option which can either be purchased with the console or in the future.

Software Supplied

An OEM PC Operating System license is supplied with each console, and the operating system software is pre-installed. The console software is also pre-installed, and supplied on a CD-ROM.

3rd Party Software

Calrec recommends that the PC is regarded as an integral control device for the console, and not as a general purpose PC. If 3rd party software is installed on the PC, care must always be taken to ensure that it does not interfere with the normal performance of the PC. The installation of inappropriate software on the PC may invalidate the console warranty.

Username and Passwords

The PC will initially be set up with two sets of usernames and passwords:

Username: CalrecAudio
Password: (none)

Operating System	Windows XP
CPU	Intel Celeron Processor (2GHz+)
RAM	256 MB DDR RAM
HDD	40GB
CD ROM	52x
Network Ports	2 x 10/100
Card Slots	Compact Flash/Microdrive, SmartMedia, Memory Stick, Secure Digital/Multimedia Card
USB 2 Ports	4 (Rear of Unit), 1 (Front of Unit)
IEEE1394 Port	1 (Front of Unit)
Additional Hardware	8 Port Serial Card

This user can install and run programs, but cannot change PC hardware settings (i.e. set up network, install drivers. It is recommended that this user is used during normal operation.

Username: CalrecAudioAdmin
Password: calrec

This user has full rights to the PC and can install and change PC hardware settings. It is recommended that this user is used during configuration of the PC and the setup of Hydra Audio Networking.

FILE BACKUP

A number of flash card slots are provided on the front of the PC for file backup. In addition, backup could also be to a LAN or to a USB device which can be plugged into the front or rear of the PC.

The system will automatically back up these files to a user-specified drive, if it is set to do so. This is done using the Set-up Application.

The following files are not installed from the CD-ROM as they are specific to each individual console. As such, a backup copy should be kept of these files in-case of PC or hard-drive failure:

FILENAME	DESCRIPTION
C:\Alpha\Cust1\Config.ini	This file should only be altered by an approved Calrec engineer using a specifically designed application. The file can be copied but any unauthorised changes made will render it inoperable, including changing the date stamp of the file (such as saving even if not edited). If the file needs to be e-mailed to Calrec for any reason it should always be zipped to protect the file time/date stamp. A new backup copy of this file should be made after a console upgrade.
C:\Alpha\Cust1\Setup.ini	This file is updated when changes to console settings are made and saved using the set-up application. It should not be altered by any means other than by using the set-up application. A new backup copy of this file should be made after such changes are made or after a software upgrade.
C:\Alpha\Cust1\Options\Options.bin	This file is updated and a new backup should be made when changes to any of the sub-pages of the options screen are made and saved.
C:\Alpha\Cust1\memories	This is the default location for the user memories. However, operators can choose to save them to any location they desire. The maintenance department should keep a backup of the important default memories, whilst operators should be encouraged to keep their own backups of their own memories and to update them whenever they make important changes to them. After a software upgrade the main set of memories will be upgraded and checked by the engineer carrying out the upgrade. A new backup should then be made of these memories.
C:\Alpha\Cust1\Meter	This is the default location for the user-definable meter configurations. If your console uses these, you should also keep a backup copy of the files in this folder.
C:\Alpha\Cust1\Monitor	This is the default location for the user-definable monitor panel configurations. If your console uses these, you should also keep a backup copy of the files in this folder.
C:\Alpha\Cust1\Network	If your console uses Hydra Audio Networking, you should also keep a backup copy of the files in this folder. These are the configuration settings for the network units.
C:\Alpha\Cust1\Lists	This is the default location for the user-definable port list configurations. You should keep a backup copy of the files in this folder.
C:\Alpha\Cust1\Router	This is the default location for any router configurations made using a serial interface. If your console uses these, you should also keep a backup copy of the files in this folder.
For customers using Compaq PC's only: C:\Alpha100\Cust1\A100fe1.ini C:\Alpha100\Alphaprg\Alphaprg.ini	These files are installed from the CD-ROM in a default format. The settings in these files can vary in different Compaq PCs. The backup of these files should be updated after a software upgrade. If a new hard-drive is fitted to the original Compaq PC, these files should be used to over-write the versions installed by the CD-ROM.

SNMP MESSAGING

Calrec digital consoles provide SNMP messages from the console's AWACS fault reporting system.

Calrec Alpha Setup Application:

File Help

Console \ Meters / Levels \ Monitoring \ Inputs \ Outputs \ Inserts \ Main Line Mon \

PFL/AFL settings

PFL switches

☒ Fader open cancels PFL

Track AFL

Direct o/p AFL

AUX settings

Aux clear

1 5 9 13 17 21 25 29 33 37 41 45 49 53 57 61 65 69 73 77 81 85 89 93

Assignable fader appears after fader: 24

0 96

Select Drive to save backups to

Enable SNMP ☒

Use the Interface which currently has the IP
The interface selected will be retained
even if the IP changes

Name/IP of remote host to
receive SNMP messages

Calrec-85835/192.168.31.143

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Calrec-85835/192.168.0.246

The message sent is the same text that is displayed when clicking on specific fault reports on the AWACS screen.

The console PC is normally supplied with two RJ45 network interfaces. Current systems use a Gigabit interface card for linking to a Gigabit switch when Hydra networking is in use. The PC also has a conventional 100 baseT network connection as part of the motherboard and it is this port that is used for SNMP messaging.

With appropriate network configuration, a topic going beyond this console installation manual, this same port can also provide access to the station/house IT network for the purpose of backing up

console memories to drives other than the one within the console PC.

Setting up SNMP reporting

SNMP reporting must first be enabled by clicking in the Enable box within the Setup Application.

The two console network interfaces are displayed in the drop down box, shown above in the process of having one selected. Identify which is which either by reference to the IP address where this is already known, or by going to the Windows Control Panel to verify which card is the 100 Base one, i.e. not the Gigabit one used for any Hydra network connections.

The name and IP address of the SNMP

server is entered in the lower field. Avoid making house network connections which use the same subnet as the one used for the Hydra network.

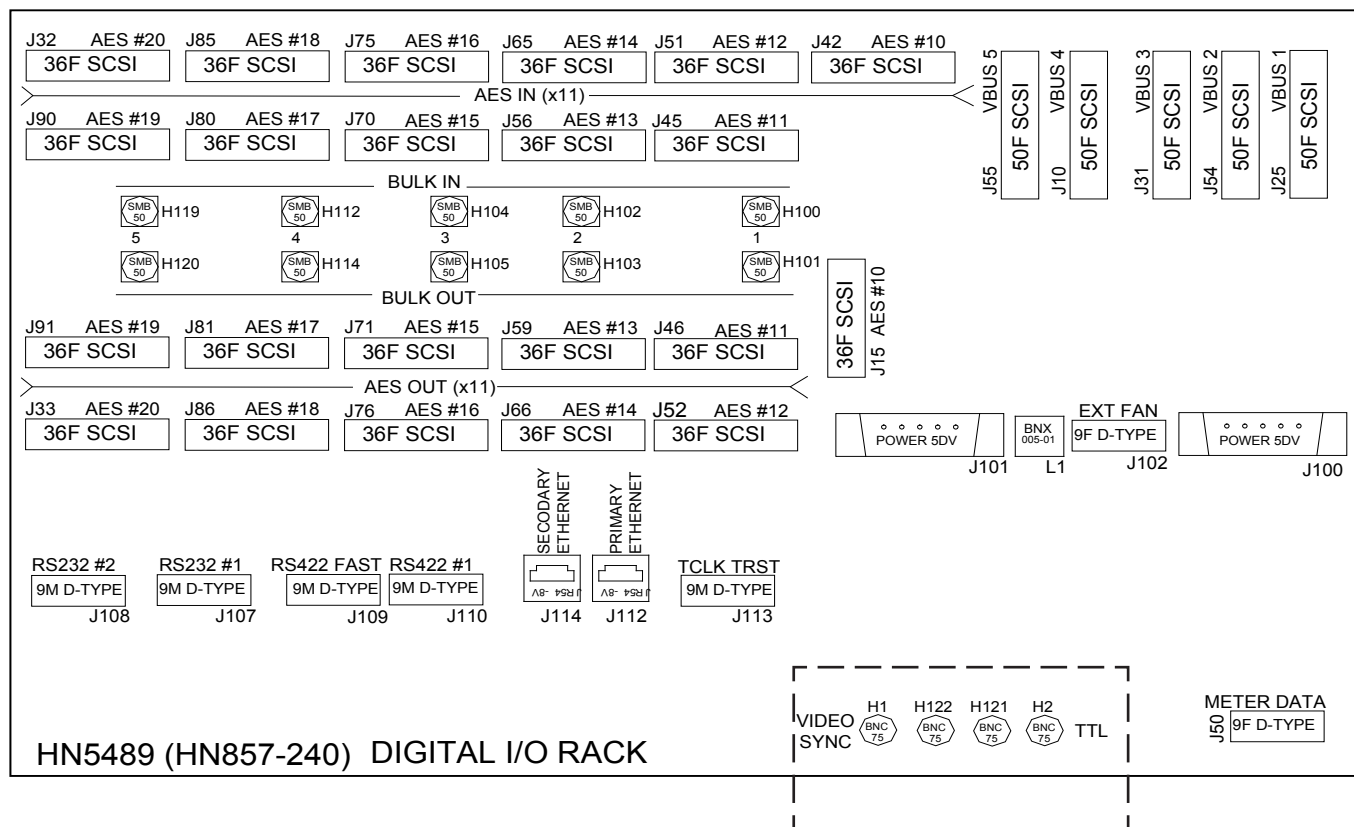
The SNMP server software needs to be configured to process the messages it receives and the necessary definition information is contained in the Management Information Base (MIB) file:

CALREC-TRAPS-MIB.txt.

This can be found on the console PC in the path:

C:\ALPHA\FRONTEND\.

SYNCHRONISATION



The system can be pre-set with up to five external sync sources, plus internal, such that if the 1st source fails, it will automatically switch to the 2nd, and so on.

It is strongly recommended that all items of digital equipment connected digitally to the console, are synchronised to the same sync signal.

If the console's internal sync is to be the master, other digital equipment should be synchronised to the digital outputs of the console.

External AES Sources

Please note that the facility for locking to external AES sources is restricted to the first six inputs of each AES card in the console. One of the external sources can be Video, (PAL or NTSC). TTL Word Clock is another possible external source.

Video and TTL Word Clock Synchronisation

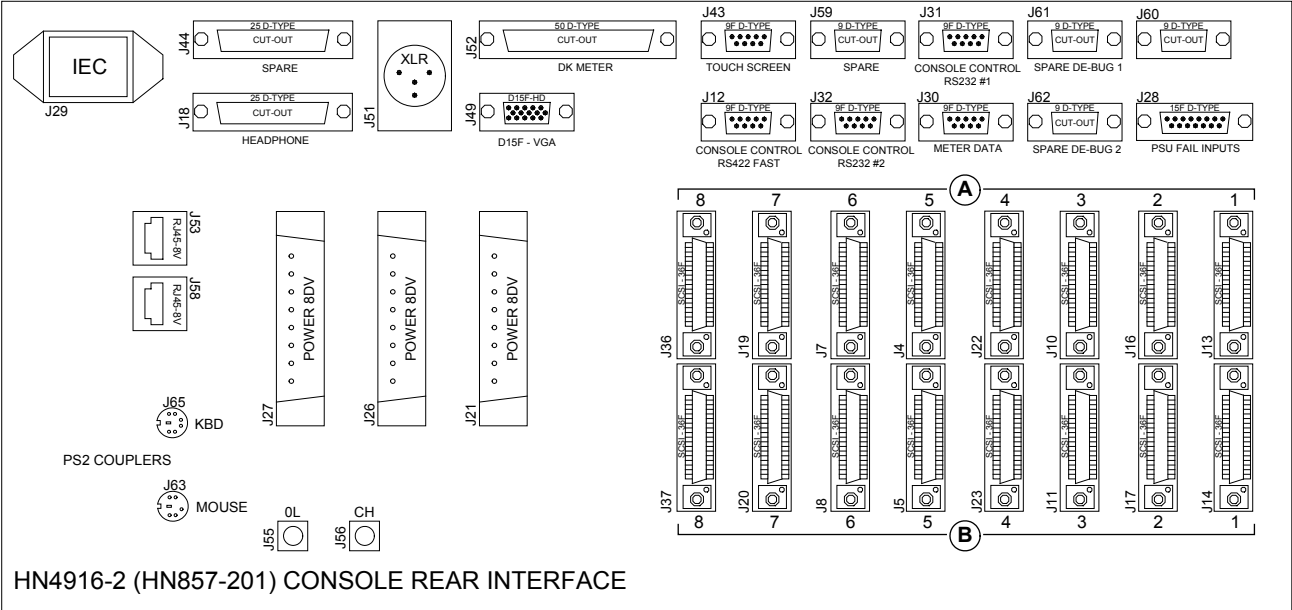
Two Video (PAL or NTSC) and two TTL Word Clock synchronisation inputs are provided. These are a parallel connection, to allow a 'loop through' or 'daisy chain' connection to be made.

NB - Since the video connection is low impedance, if only one connection is made, then the second connection must have a 75Ω termination fitted.

Frequency Variation

When using a digital input or TTL Word Clock as a source, the system will tolerate a variation of up to +/- 100 Hz in the frequency of the source. The console may also be synchronised from its internal crystal oscillator (48 kHz).

GPIO CONNECTIONS



Connections to the general purpose inputs and outputs are provided on 36 way female MDR connectors on the rear of the console. Up to 8 cards can be fitted, each of which can provide up to 16 general purpose outputs and 8 general purpose inputs.

* Note that on GPIO card 1, outputs 1 - 4 are not available, as they are used for TX, RX, PSU Fail and APFL facilities.

Relay Output Specification

100 mA maximum switch current, 30 V maximum voltage.

Opto Input Specification

DC - 5 to 50 volts, positive or negative, AC - 5 to 50 volts peak, 50-60 Hz.

A

Connector 1 of 2

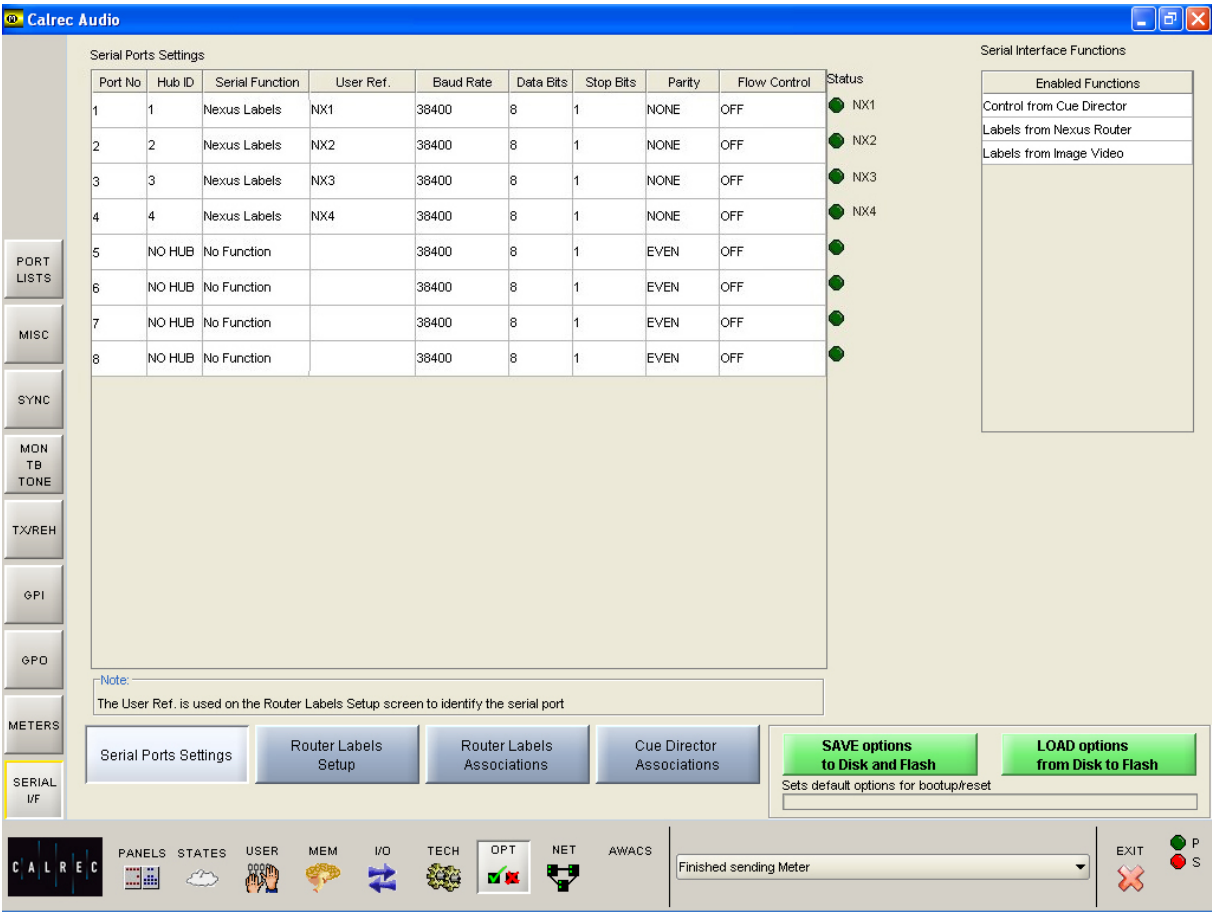
Pins	Circuit
1 . 19	5V
2 . 20	Opto 1
3 . 21	Opto 2
4 . 22	Opto 3
5 . 23	Opto 4
6	* Relay 1 No
24	Nm
7	Com
25	* Relay 2
8	Nm
26	Com
9	* Relay 3
27	Nm
10 .	Com
28	* Relay 4
11	Nm
29	Com
12	Relay 5
30	Nm
13	Com
31	Relay 6
14	Nm
32	Com
15	Relay 7
33	Nm
16	Com
34	Relay 8
17	Nm
35	Com
18 . 36	0V

B

Connector 2 of 2

Pins	Circuit
1 . 19	5V
2 . 20	Opto 5
3 . 21	Opto 6
4 . 22	Opto 7
5 . 23	Opto 8
6	Relay 9
24	Nm
7	Com
25	Relay 10
8	Nm
26	Com
9	Relay 11
27	Nm
10 .	Com
28	Relay 12
11	Nm
29	Com
12	Relay 13
30	Nm
13	Com
31	Relay 14
14	Nm
32	Com
15	Relay 15
33	Nm
16	Com
34	Relay 16
17	Nm
35	Com
18 . 36	0V

SERIAL INTERFACE



The system currently supports the following serial interfaces:

- Cue Director
- Nexus Router
- TSI Image Video 1000
- Ross Synergy

Serial port setup and label associations are made using the Options-Serial I/F screens.



Serial Port Settings Screen

The console can have up to 8 hub cards, each of which can have a serial interface port for allowing equipment to be connected to the system.



The Serial Port Settings screen is used to tell the system what information it should receive from each serial interface port, by allocating a function to each from the Serial Function column. Only the serial functions which are enabled for the console will be available for selection.

The Hub ID number is also selectable from a drop down list. The ability to change the Hub ID number is useful for the situation where two routers are connected to the console, sending the same information. If one router or serial port fails the serial function can be moved from one hub to another.

The function can be given a name by typing up to six characters in the USER REF column.

For each function there is an indicator which flashes when a valid message is received from the user serial port.

Serial Ports Settings			
Port No	Hub ID	Serial Function	Us
1	NO HUB	No Function	
2	NO HUB	No Function	
3	NO HUB	No Function	
4	NO HUB	No Function	
5	NO HUB	No Function	

DOLBY DP570 & DP564 SETUP

The following instructions are to set up a Dolby DP570 or DP564. They are included for convenience but may only apply to Dolby firmware versions circa 2006. Please refer to the Dolby documentation for other firmware versions. Please also refer to the table on the next page for connection details.

On the Dolby box: (<label> means press the button with the name label)

Power up the unit.

<setup>

<down arrow> until you see "SYSTEM SETTINGS"

<enter> Unit name is now displayed

<down arrow> until you see "GPI setup"

<enter> "GPI pin 23" is displayed

<enter> "GPI pin 23 trigger" is displayed

<enter>

<down arrow> until you see "Edge"

<enter>

<esc> "GPI pin 23 trigger" is displayed

<down arrow> "GPI pin 23 Polarity" is displayed

<enter>

<down arrow> until you see "Positive/High"

<enter>

<esc> "GPI pin 23 Polarity" is displayed

<down arrow> "GPI pin 23 Function" is displayed

<enter>

<down arrow> until you see "FULL" meaning surround.

<enter>

<esc> "GPI pin 23 Function" is displayed

<esc> "GPI pin 23" is displayed

<down arrow> "GPI pin 24" is displayed

Repeat the process for all the GPI pins 24-31

<esc> "GPI setup" is displayed

<down arrow> "GPO setup" is displayed

Now go through the same routine to set up the outputs on pins 7 to 14 (as drawing/spreadsheet) with trigger as "Level", Polarity as "Positive/High", and function as spreadsheet.

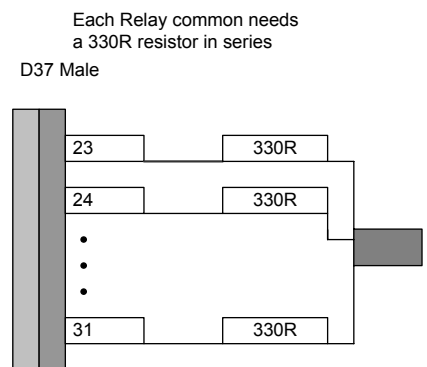
<esc> Until back at original menu.

Note: With issue 1 cable, the outputs are on pins 8 to 15.

Connections

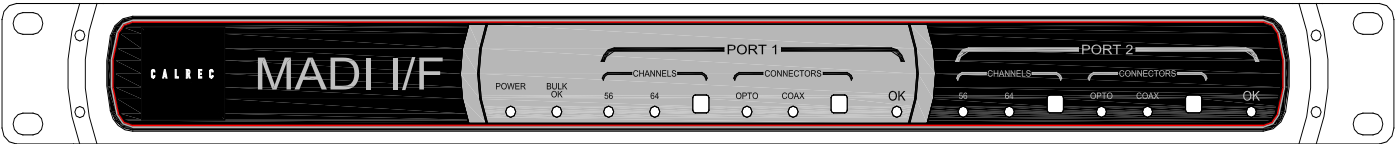
The pins on the D37 connector should be wired to two SCSI connectors as shown in the table on the next page. The SCSI connectors should be plugged into the second GPIO card at J16 and J17.

Alternatively an optional SCSI to EDAC breakout cable (HN5534) can be provided. In this case any interface wiring should be terminated using a female 38 way EDAC connector to mate with the male connector fitted on HN5534.

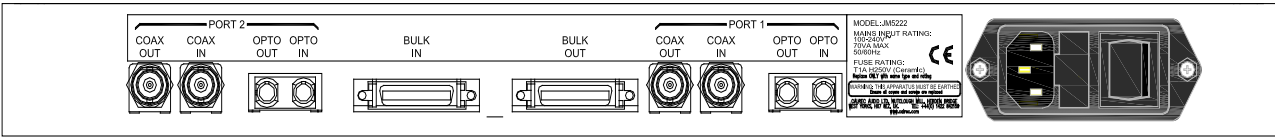


Dolby DP570 GPIO connector D37 Male		To Alpha GPIO Card 2 Remote SCSI 1 (J16)		To Alpha GPIO Card 2 Remote SCSI 2 (J17)		Optional GPIO EDAC male breakout connector (HN5534)
Pin	Function	Pin	Function	Pin	Function	Pin
1	5V	6, 9, 12, 15, 25, 28, 31, 34	Relay 17-24 No	6	Relay 25 No	V
2	Fault output					A
3	Error output					C
4	User defined output					E
5	Solo tally output					J
6	Solo control input					L
7	Surround					N
8	Stereo	2	Opto 9 (+)			R
9	Mono	3	Opto 10 (+)			T
10	Phantom Center	4	Opto 11 (+)			Z
11	3Stereo	5	Opto 12 (+)			BB
12	Prologic			2	Opto 13 (+)	DD
13	Line			3	Opto 14 (+)	FF
14	Custom			4	Opto 15 (+)	JJ
15	RF			5	Opto 16 (+)	MM
16						PP
17						SS
18						X
19						W
20						B
21						D
22						F
23	Surround	7	Relay 17 Com			K
24	Stereo	26	Relay 18 Com			M
25	Mono	10	Relay 19 Com			P
26	Phantom Center	29	Relay 20 Com			S
27	3Stereo	13	Relay 21 Com			U
28	Prologic	32	Relay 22 Com			AA
29	Line	16	Relay 23 Com			CC
30	Custom	35	Relay 24 Com			EE
31	RF			7	Relay 25 Com	HH
32						KK
33						NN
34						RR
35						TT
36						Y
37	Digital ground	8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 30, 33	Digital Ground	20, 21, 22, 23, 24	Opto 13-16 (-), Relay 25 Nm	

Front



Rear



The 1U rack mounted MADI unit contains two independent AES10 MADI compatible interfaces, and is available as an option. The two ports are interfaced to the console via a Wide Area Bulk (WAB) card, which occupies one of the AES card slots in the digital I/O rack.

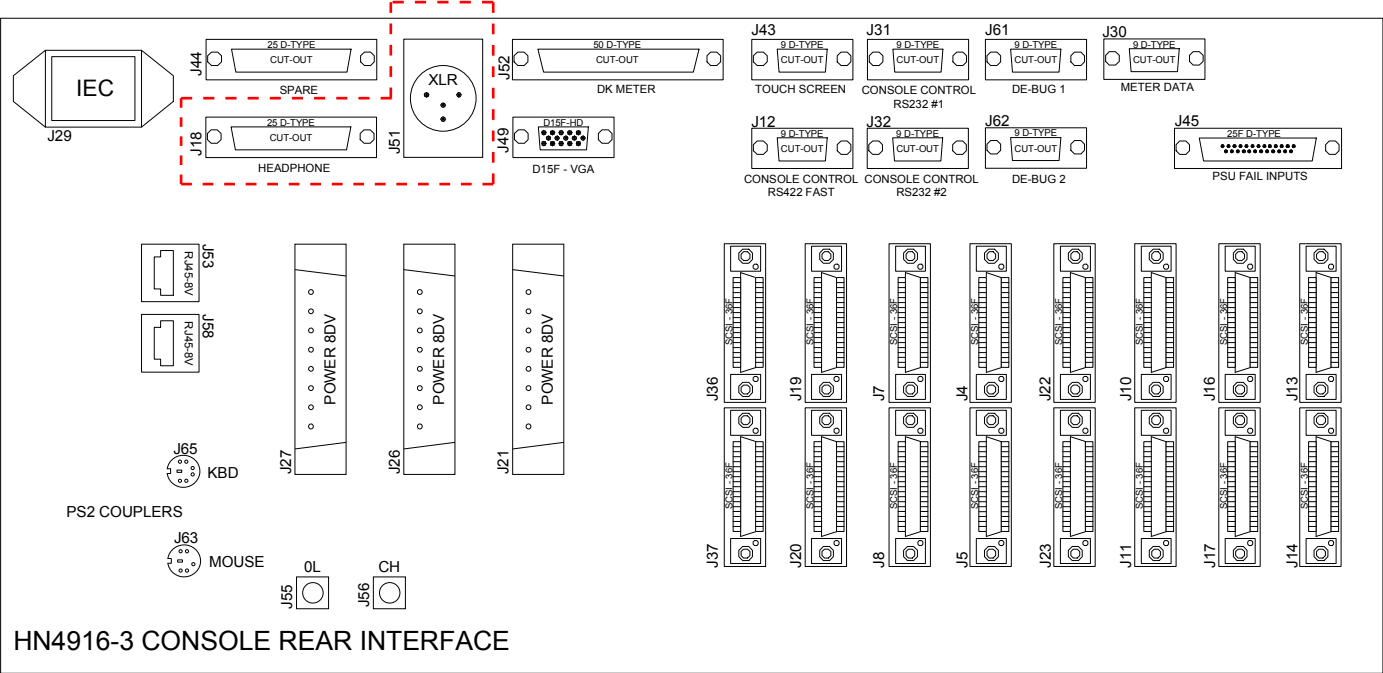
There illustration above shows one of the mains powered versions of the MADI interface. There are two versions of the MADI interface with the JM5407 and JM5450 versions being DC powered and so benefiting from the PSU redundancy of the console.

Each MADI interface can operate in either 56 or 64 channel mode and can transmit over a coaxial AND optical medium and receive over a coaxial OR optical medium. A switch allows receiver selection.

There is no sample rate conversion available on MADI inputs or outputs therefore, all the equipment connected via MADI must be synchronised to the same source as the console.

MADI Unit	Power	Fiber		Copper	
		Connection	Max cable length	Connection	Typ. cable length
JM5407	DC (24V)	ST - Multi-mode	2 km	BNC (75 Ohm)	<50 m
JM5418	AC (100-240V)	ST - Multi-mode	2 km	BNC (75 Ohm)	<50 m
JM5450	DC (24V)	SC - Multi-mode	2 km	BNC (75 Ohm)	<50 m
JM5451	AC (100-240V)	SC - Multi-mode	2 km	BNC (75 Ohm)	<50 m

TALKBACK MIC & DESK HEADPHONES

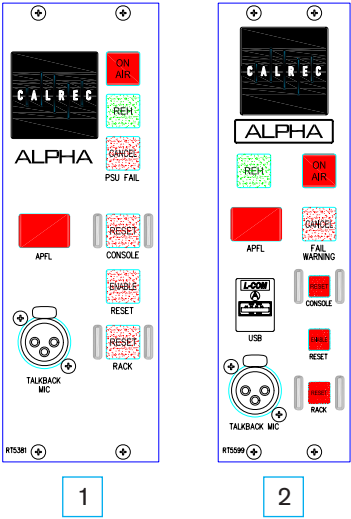


The connections for the talkback mic and desk headphones can be found on the console backplane on the panel labelled HN4916-3.

There are two Broadcast Facilities Panel options available to the Alpha.

The RT5381-2 (panel 1) provides the broadcast mode controls, reset buttons and the talkback mic connector and is fitted in the metering upstand.

In addition to the standard features the RT5599-2 (panel 2) includes a USB 1.1 port, primarily for connecting a flash memory device for storing and loading console settings.



USB Port (when fitted)

The USB port is linked to the console PC and provides USB 1.1 connectivity. The small size of console memory files means data speed is not normally an issue. The port is intended for use with portable flash memory sticks and may not necessarily meet the higher current demands of non-flash hard disc drives or other devices.

The USB Type A socket on the surface panel connects through to the USB Type B socket on the underside of the console. This socket should be connected to the console PC with a USB cable no longer than 5 meters. If this length is insufficient, a CAT5 USB extender kit can be used to extend the reach.

INPUT SOURCES FOR TALKBACK MICROPHONE

Input Type	Talkback	MIC i/p PH	DIG i/p SRC	Analogue Gain
TB	OFF	OFF	OFF	0.0 dB
RTB1	OFF	OFF	OFF	0.0 dB
RTB2	OFF	OFF	OFF	0.0 dB
RTB3	OFF	OFF	OFF	0.0 dB
RTB4	OFF	OFF	OFF	0.0 dB
Ext Stereo Tone L	OFF	OFF	OFF	0.0 dB
Ext Stereo Tone R	OFF	OFF	OFF	0.0 dB
Ext Mono Tone	OFF	OFF	OFF	0.0 dB
Ext Surr Tone L	OFF	OFF	OFF	0.0 dB
Ext Surr Tone R	OFF	OFF	OFF	0.0 dB
Ext Surr Tone C	OFF	OFF	OFF	0.0 dB
Ext Surr Tone LFE	OFF	OFF	OFF	0.0 dB
Ext Surr Tone LS	OFF	OFF	OFF	0.0 dB
Ext Surr Tone RS	OFF	OFF	OFF	0.0 dB

The D-type connector should be connected to any pair of analog output ports. Pins 1 and 14 carry the left hi and lo signals respectively, 2 and 15 carry the right hi and lo signals respectively and pin 5 is the screen.

The output port assigned to the headphone feed can be defined in the main application.



In this example the stereo Misc Output 6 has been labelled as DESK H/P in the setup application. Therefore the output chosen to be routed to Misc Output 6 would be sent to the headphone jack on the console.

Talkback Mic Connections

The talkback microphone XLR socket on the surface panel connects through internally to the male TB MIC XLR socket on the console backplane (J51). This socket can be linked to any analog input port and is set up using the main console application.



Here you can choose the port to use as the talkback mic input to the console, as well as setting the input gain and phantom power if necessary.

Once the talkback mic signal is in the console, it can also be routed out to a single output port.



USB TYPE A (LEFT) & TYPE B (RIGHT)



Headphone Connections

The headphone jack on the console is connected through to the 25 pin D-type connector on the console backplane (J18) and is passively transformer isolated.

OUTPUT SOURCES FOR TALKBACK AND DESK HEADPHONES

O/P Name			Port Conn	Port Conn	I S O
Main LS	L	R			
	C	LFE			
	LS	RS			
Small LS	L	R			
(inc. PFL)	C	LFE			
	LS	RS			
PFL/RTB LS	L	R			
AFL LS	L	R			
	C	LFE			
	LS	RS			
MISC 1	L	R			
	C	LFE			
	LS	RS			
MISC 2	L	R			
	C	LFE			
	LS	RS			
MISC 3	L	R			
MISC 4	L	R			
MISC 5	L	R			
DESK H/P	L	R			
LS PRE	L	R			
	C	LFE			
	LS	RS			
Tb Mic	M				
OSC	M				
LS Mon Ins	L	R			
	C	LFE			
	LS	RS			

ALPHA **HYDRA AUDIO NETWORKING**



Putting Sound in the Picture

The Hydra Audio Networking system provides a powerful network for sharing of I/O resources and control data between Calrec digital consoles. Hydra I/O boxes, with up to 96 inputs/outputs, analog or digital, may be connected onto the network, providing remotely located sources and destinations that can be used by any or all mixing consoles.

Gigabit Ethernet

Gigabit Ethernet is founded on key principles of preceding Ethernet technologies and provides a data rate of 1000 Mbps over copper or optical fibre. Data is transferred using the Ethernet frame format over switched media in a network constructed from standardised structured cabling.

The Hydra Audio Network fabric is constructed using low-cost off-the-shelf hardware. The network topology is similar to that of an office LAN, being created out of a central switch with connections to each mixing console, in a star formation. Connections may be made with Category 5e UTP, up to 90 metres, or with optical fibre, up to 10 kilometres.

Hardware

There are many commercially available Gigabit switches, repeaters and media

converters that can be used to build the network, however some proprietary hardware is required to interface the consoles and Hydra I/O boxes to the network. The diagram below shows a console and racks connected to a network via a Wide Area Bulk Card and Hydra Gigabit interface unit. 3 Hydra I/O boxes and 2 modular Hydra I/O boxes are also shown, each with up to 96 inputs/outputs available to any console on the network.

System Maintenance

For a network to be truly useful, it must be easy to use and maintain. The system's control software constantly monitors the network, performing essential administration functions, leaving the user free to creatively exploit network resources as easily as if they were locally connected.

Synchronisation

Consoles sharing sources must be synchronised (e.g. to station sync or video). The Hydra I/O boxes synchronise to console with the highest IP address on the network.

Network Privacy

In order to guarantee fully deterministic performance, it is necessary to apply the restriction that the network must be kept private. This means that it must not be

made to carry any data other than that generated by the audio network.

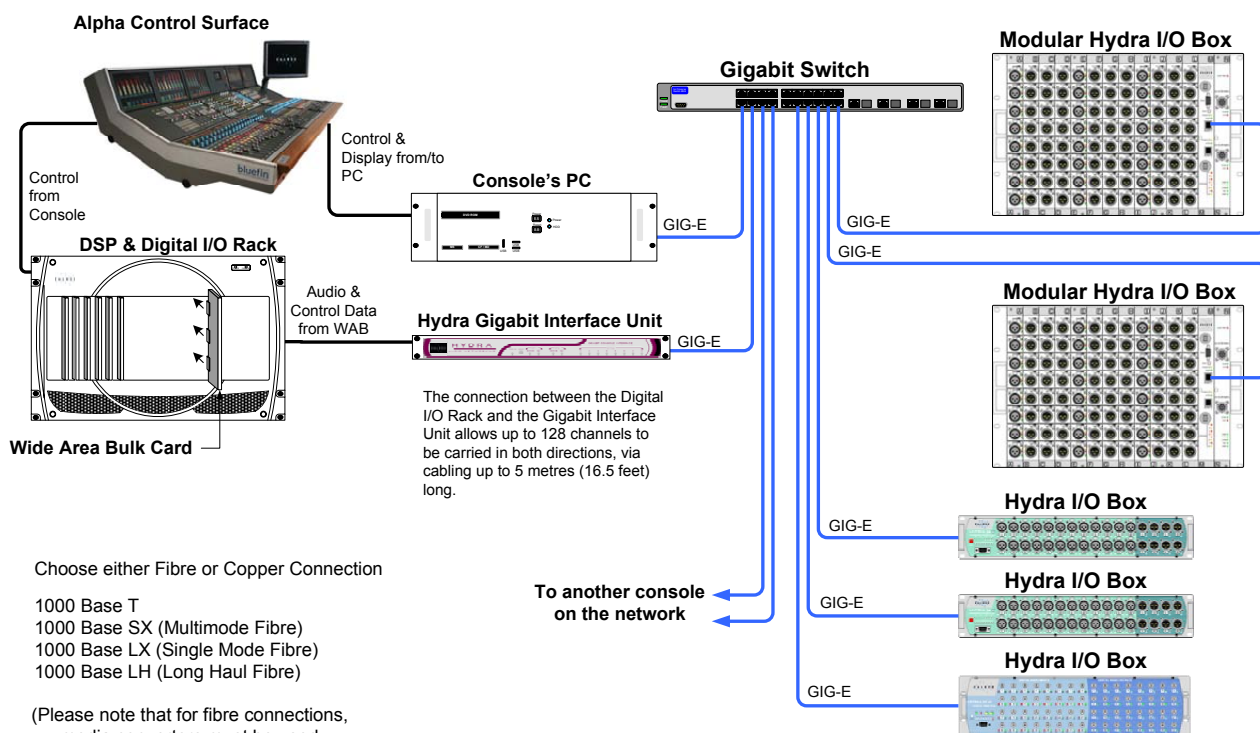
Local I/O in the console's own racks can be used for connections to routers, monitoring, talkback, inserts, etc.. It is not networked to the other consoles.

Network Editor

The system's control software constantly monitors the network, performing essential administration functions, leaving the user free to creatively exploit network resources as easily as if they were locally connected. The console's Network Editor consists of a set of screens for :

- Configuration of modular Hydra I/O boxes
- Offline editing of Hydra I/O and Audio Network
- Status representation of all devices on the network
- Utility for forcing ownership to be dropped

The Network Editor can be run independently of the Front End (console application), allowing the modular Hydra I/O boxes and audio network to be configured offline. During this time, any operations which require a console are disabled.



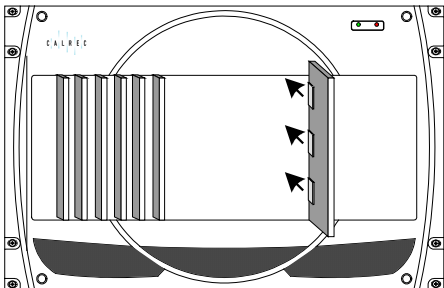
Please Note

Connections to the modular Hydra I/O box are via RJ45 connectors on the front of the unit's processor module. As this is a copper interface, when using fibre cabling, it is necessary for media converters to be used between the Gigabit switch and the modular Hydra I/O boxes.

CONSOLE HARDWARE

Wide Area Bulk Card

A Wide Area Bulk (WAB) card is inserted into the console's DSP and Digital I/O rack.



The function of the WAB is to transfer digital audio samples and control data between the backplane in the console and the Gigabit interface unit.

Alpha and Sigma systems can have up to 8 WAB interfaces; Omega and Zeta systems can have up to 3.

128 inputs and outputs are carried between each WAB card and the Gigabit interface unit via 36 way MDR (SCSI-style) cabling up to 5 metres (16.5 feet) long.

During set up, the user can decide how many of the system's WAB interfaces will be available for redundancy. The bandwidth chosen for redundancy will be reserved for use by the redundancy system, and will not be used during normal operation.

Control data is sent and received as UDP (User Data Protocol) messages, and consists of proprietary commands for audio routing, parametric control and network management.

Console PC

The console's PC is connected to the network via the Gigabit switch, such that the user can monitor the devices on the network.

If the console's PC is not connected to the network via the Gigabit switch, some limitations apply - the front end

screens will not show port status or device heartbeats, and the user will be unable to edit the device names.

The console PC can also send and receive UDP (User Data Protocol) messages to and from the network.

Gigabit Interface Unit

The Gigabit interface unit provides the console with a full duplex connection from the WAB interface to the network via a commercially available Gigabit switch.

Connection to the network is via a Gigabit port on the rear of the unit. The second Gigabit port on the unit is not used. The unit runs at Gigabit speed all the time, and may not be connected to switch ports that run at lower speeds.

The unit is powered from the console's bulk power supply system, via a 24 V DC input. A second connection is provided for redundancy. The console's bulk power supply can also be supplied with redundancy, further protecting the Hydra system from failure.

An RS232 port is provided, such that system diagnostics can be performed by a Calrec-approved engineer. Connection to the port is via a 9PIN D-Sub connector.

MAC Addresses

Any device on an Ethernet network requires a Media Access Control (MAC) address. The MAC address is a number that uniquely identifies a device.

Each Ethernet frame has a source and destination MAC address, length identifier and CRC. A device on the network can identify frames that are sent to it by checking the destination MAC address against its own MAC address. There is a special address known as the broadcast address in which all devices on the network will receive the frame.

IP Addresses

Calrec will supply each device in your system (including the console) with its own unique IP address, which the system uses to identify each network connection. Where a device has two ports, each will have a unique IP address. The 4th byte is unique to the device.

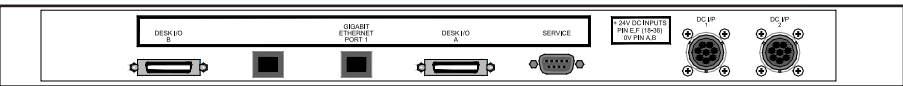
The Hydra I/O boxes synchronise to console with the highest IP address on the network.

For mobile installations, the 3rd byte of the IP address will be unique to that installation, such that it is possible for different installations to connect their networks together.

FRONT



REAR



Dimensions	1U X 482mm (19 inch)
Depth (not including mating connectors)	195mm (7.7 inches) behind the front panel
Depth (including mating connectors)	265mm (10.4 inches) behind the front panel
Weight	2.6 Kg (5.5125 lb)

GIGABIT SWITCH

A commercially available Gigabit switch is used to connect consoles and Hydra I/O boxes together, forming a Hydra audio network.

The switch serves to route traffic directly from source to destination. It learns which devices are connected to it, and routes data to the correct destination port. It is capable of continuously receiving data at one port and routing it to another at the maximum data rate, irrespective of what traffic other ports are handling.

Switches are available in 1U, 2U or 3U versions, and can have a combination of copper and fibre ports.

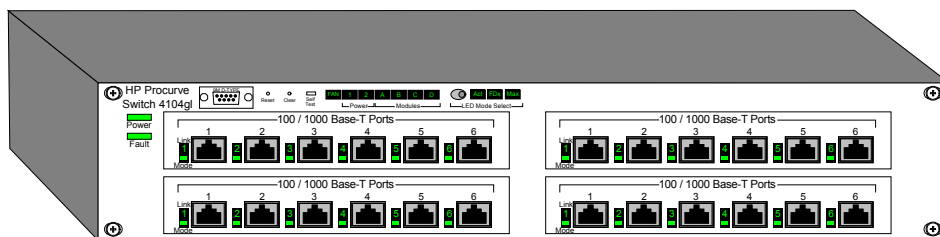
HP® ProCurve Switches

To ensure reliability in a live on-air broadcast environment, we recommend that only have chosen to standardise on one make of commercially available Gigabit switch. We recommend HP ProCurve switches because of their reputation for reliability; their high throughput (packets per second); their lifetime warranty; the availability of PSU redundancy; their hot-swappable modules and connections; their flexibility in offering a variety of fibre connections; and their management capabilities.

Our intensive test procedures are carried out on a Hydra network comprised of HP ProCurve switches and our own hardware. This repeated testing and the thousands of hours of use in the field, mean that we can be confident that we are providing a robust system using this type of Gigabit switch.

Although other makes of Gigabit switch are designed to the same Ethernet standards as HP ProCurve switches, there may be slight differences in how they work internally, which could lead to incompatibilities with our system.

It is for this reason that Calrec will not warranty its products for any Hydra network problem unless the HP ProCurve switches we recommend are used.



If other makes of switch are used and problems do occur, Calrec shall not be liable for the costs of any support, engineering or design work undertaken as a result of that equipment installation.

The switches we recommend are as follows:

- HP ProCurve 4101gl Switch: Modular - this switch can be fitted with up to 4 plug-in modules providing a combination of copper or fibre ports. This is a 3U mains powered switch.
- HP ProCurve Switch 2824 (J4903A): 20 copper ports and 4 copper or fibre ports. This is a 1U mains powered switch.
- HP ProCurve Switch 2848 (J4904A): 44 copper ports and 4 copper or fibre ports. This is a 1U mains powered switch.
- HP ProCurve 600 Redundant External PSU (J8168A) for the above switches. This is a 1U mains powered box. One redundant PSU can supply redundancy for any one of up to 6 switches (short cable length only so they all have to be in the same place) - any one switch can have a PSU failure and the redundant supply will take over. Due to cable length restrictions, the redundant PSU must be located in close proximity to the switches it is connected to.

HP GBIC Connectors

Please ensure that your switch uses genuine HP GBIC connectors.

Starting with software version G.07.65, the Series 4100gl switches detect and disable non-genuine ProCurve transceivers and mini-GBICs discovered in switch ports. When a non-genuine device is discovered, the switch disables the port and generates an error message in the Event Log.

HP ProCurve Switch Warranty Support

Please ensure that you register your switch for support in the country that it is to be used.

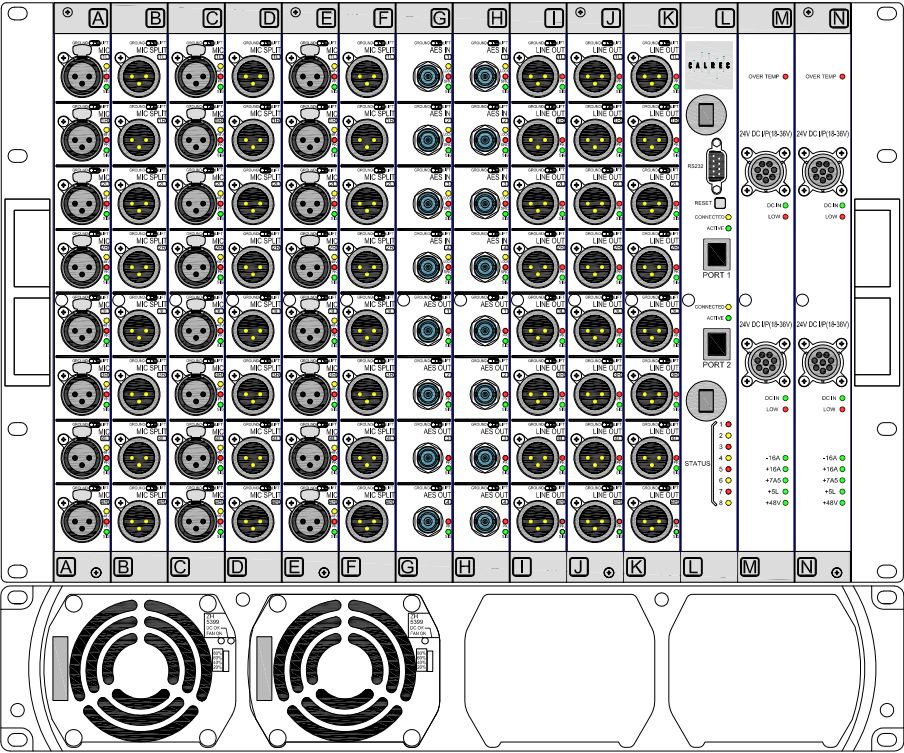
Redundant Power

The Gigabit switch can be provided with an HP ProCurve redundant power supply.

Booting

Although the console and racks boot from power on in less than 20 seconds, the switch may take longer. Therefore, networked I/O may take slightly longer to become available on power up, or after a switch reset. It is recommended that the switch is powered using an un-interruptible power supply.

MODULAR HYDRA I/O BOX



The modular Hydra I/O box offers the ability to carry mic/line input and line output circuits; and digital inputs and outputs via the networking system to one or more Calrec digital consoles.

Modular Structure

There are 14 modular slots across the width of the unit, labelled A to N. Input, output, processor and DC PSU modules fit into these slots, in accordance with the requirements of the installation. Input and output modules receive and transmit either analog or digital audio signals, dependant on type, to the Gigabit interface processor via a 32 bit TDM buss.

All 14 slots may be used by any of the modules in any combination. However, it is advised that the three slots at the right hand side of the unit are best occupied by a processor control unit and provision for two DC PSU modules, the second of which would be the optional hot-spare. If no spare DC PSU is present, either a blank panel must be fitted or the processor unit could move into slot M allowing a twelfth input or output module to be fitted into slot L.

Input and output modules are available with or without ground lift switches. On modules with switches fitted, the ground is lifted if the switch is toggled to the right.

Module Extraction

In some applications, it is envisaged that modules within the modular Hydra I/O box could occasionally be changed according to changing requirements. To aid this operation, a module extraction hole is located on the module front panels. The module slides into the unit on two runners, one each at the top and bottom of the rack. The rear interface connector on the module then locates into the appropriate connector located on the backplane. To aid accurate plugging-up, some guide strips are located between the three interface connectors on the backplane.

External Connections

All external connections are located on the front face of the modular Hydra I/O box. Space must be allowed in excess of the box dimensions to feed cables to the front interface from any rear access routes.

Unit	Height	Width		Approx depth (incl. mating cons)		Approx weight	
		inches	mm	inches	mm	lbs	kgs
Modular Hydra I/O Box (Fully Populated)	7U	19	483	12	300	35.2	16
Optional Rack Mounted PSU (with 2 plug-in units)	2U	19	483	12	300	15.6	7.1
Optional Rack Mounted PSU (with 4 plug-in units)	2U	19	483	12	300	25.3	11.5

Mounting

The modular Hydra I/O box is mounted in place using 4 fixing screws on each side angle bracket. No additional support is necessary.

Fan Operation

To dissipate the heat, 3 low-noise fans are located in the rear of the unit. They are controlled from the DC power supply unit. The rack's rear panel has venting holes which must not be obstructed in any way.

Internal Ambient Temperature	Fan Speed	DC PSU
<50°C (122°F)	OFF	OK
50°C to 55°C (122°F to 131°F)	SLOW	OK
55°C to 60°C (131°F to 140°F)	FAST	OK
60°C to 70°C (140°F to 158°F)	FAST	OVER TEMP
>70°C (158°F)	FAST	DISABLED

Earthing

The box is fitted with an external earth stud on the rear, for connection to an external earthing system. No AC mains power is contained within the rack. All power connections should be un-plugged prior to removing the earth connection.

Optional Rack-Mounted AC Power Supply Unit

A 2U rack-mounted power supply is also available to provide the DC power for the modular Hydra I/O box. This holds up to four AC PSU modules. One module could provide power for a fully populated modular Hydra I/O box, with a second providing redundancy. Two other modules could be fitted to power a second unit.

Bulk PSU Rack Fan Noise (dB SPL A-Weighted)	
These measurements were taken on axis at 1 metre from the dominant noise source:	
1 x 24V 200W PSU	24dBA
2 x 24V 200W PSU	27dBA
3 x 24V 200W PSU	29dBA
4 x 24V 200W PSU	30dBA

HYDRA FIXED FORMAT BOXES

These robust, self-contained boxes can provide audio input and output facilities for use in areas such as:

- Equipment Room Rack
- Studio Wall Box
- Studio Gantry / Lighting Grid
- Control Room Rack
- Outside Broadcast Truck
- Outside Broadcast Flight Case

Variants

Units are available in the following variants:

- 12 mic/line inputs and 4 line outputs (XLR)
- 24 mic/line inputs and 8 line outputs (XLR)
- 48 mic/line inputs and 16 line outputs (XLR)
- 32 AES inputs and 32 AES outputs (BNC)
- 4 SDI inputs with 'thru' connectors (rear panel connections)

The units connect to the network via an Ethernet port on the rear of the unit. Each unit has two identical ports to provide network redundancy. All versions are supplied with two RJ45 ports for copper connections (1000BASE-T for distances up to 90m = 290 feet). In addition, plug-in GBIC modules allow connections with 1000BASE-SX (for distances up to 550m) and 1000BASE-LX (for distances up to 10km) are available.

All external connections to the units are hot pluggable. If more than one media type is detected, the system will switch to fiber as its connection.

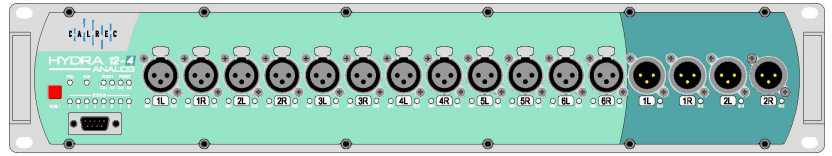
Power and Redundancy

The units are mains powered and have two internal power supply units, providing PSU redundancy.

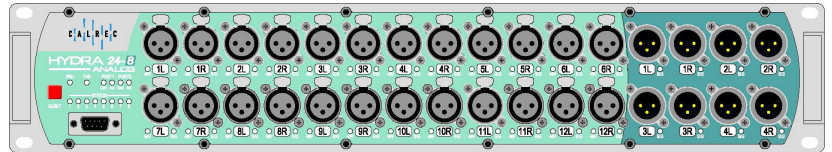
As standard, one IEC input connector is fitted to power both internal PSUs. Optionally, a second IEC can be fitted to allow a unit to be powered from two separate mains supplies. The twin IEC approach supports mains supply redundancy, as well as internal power supply component redundancy.

The units incorporate a cooling fan module. Each PSU module and the fan module within the unit are monitored to ensure proper performance. PSU OK and FAN FAIL indication is provided on the front of the unit.

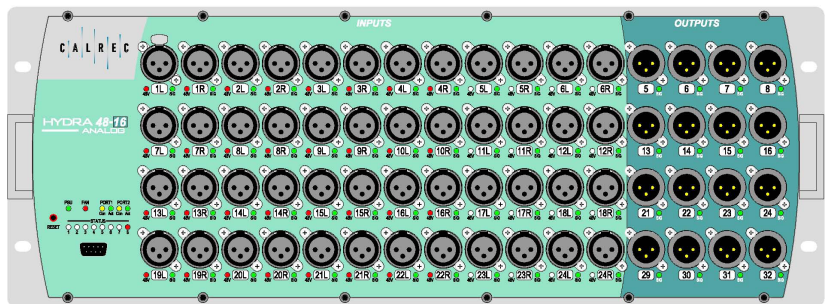
12 MIC/LINE IN & 4 LINE OUT (AD5608)



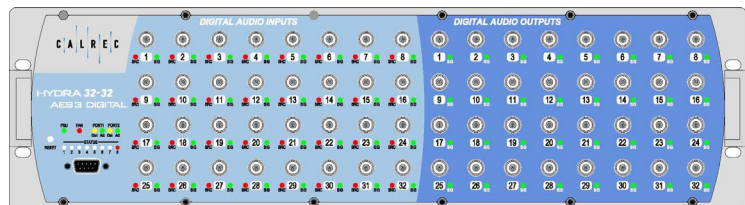
24 MIC/LINE IN & 8 LINE OUT (AD5603)



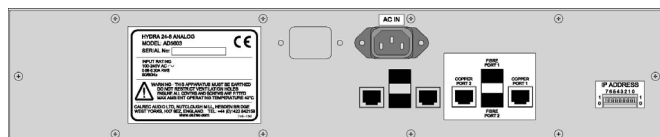
48 MIC/LINE IN & 16 LINE OUT (AD5600)



32 AES IN & 32 AES OUT (JB5607)



REAR CONNECTORS (SIMILAR FOR ABOVE UNITS)

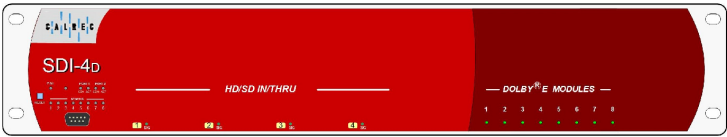


HYDRA FIXED FORMAT BOXES

Calrec SDI boxes come in two different versions one for use with HD (high definition video) and the other for SD (standard definition).

As with the analog and AES-3 boxes, these SDI interfaces connect to the network via an Ethernet port on the rear of the unit. Each unit has two identical ports to provide network redundancy. All versions are supplied with two RJ45 ports for copper connections (1000BASE-T for distances up to 90m = 290 feet). Plug-in GBIC modules allow connections with 1000BASE-SX (for distances up to 550m) and 1000BASE-LX (for distances up to 10km) are available.

4 SDI IN & PASS THROUGH (VI5672)



4 SDI IN & PASS THROUGH (VI5672)



DIMENSIONS & WEIGHTS

Unit	Height	Width		Approx depth (incl. mating cons)		Approx weight		Input Power Rating
		inches	mm	inches	mm	lbs	kgs	
AD5603 24 mic/line in & 8 line out - XLR	2U	19	483	12	300	12.5	5.7	100-240V AC ~ 0.58-0.30A RMS 50/60Hz
AD5608 12 mic/line in & 4 line out - XLR	2U	19	483	12	300	11.5	5.2	100-240V AC ~ 0.42-0.23A RMS 50/60Hz
AD5600 48 mic/line in & 16 line out - XLR	4U	19	483	12	300	16.1	7.3	100-240V AC ~ 1.0-0.48A RMS 50/60Hz
JB5607 32 AES in & 32 AES out - BNC	3U	19	483	12	300	12	5.8	100-240V AC ~ 0.38-0.20A RMS 50/60Hz
VI5672 4 SDI in and through (rear connectors)	2U	19	483	12	300	13.9	6.3	100-240V AC ~ 50/60Hz

HYDRA FIXED FORMAT BOXES

Status LEDs

The following indicative LEDs are visible from the front panel:

- PSU OK (green)
- Fan Fail (red)
- Port 1 connected (yellow)
- Port 1 active (green)
- Port 2 connected (yellow)
- Port 2 active (green)
- Status (x8 red)

In addition, each input connector has its own tricolour LED to indicate signal presence. The incoming signal will cause the LED to light green when the signal is between -60dBFS and -38dBFS, amber when between -38dBFS and -2dBFS, and red when the signal clips at -2dBFS or above.

Each output connector has a green LED to indicate that there is a route established to it from a console on the network.

Synchronisation

Units are frequency synchronised using

synchronisation packets received from the Hydra network.

Diagnostics

The units support remote FPGA firmware and software updates across the network via the Ethernet ports. In addition, an RS232 port is provided, such that system diagnostics can be performed by a Calrec approved engineer. Connection to the port is via a front-mounted 9 pin D-Sub connector.

IP Addresses

Calrec will supply each device in your system with its own unique IP address, which the system uses to identify each network connection. On the front of each Hydra I/O box, there is a label showing the IP address. The secondary port will use the address of the primary port + 100 decimal. For example:

Primary Port 192.168.0.050
Secondary Port 192.168.0.150

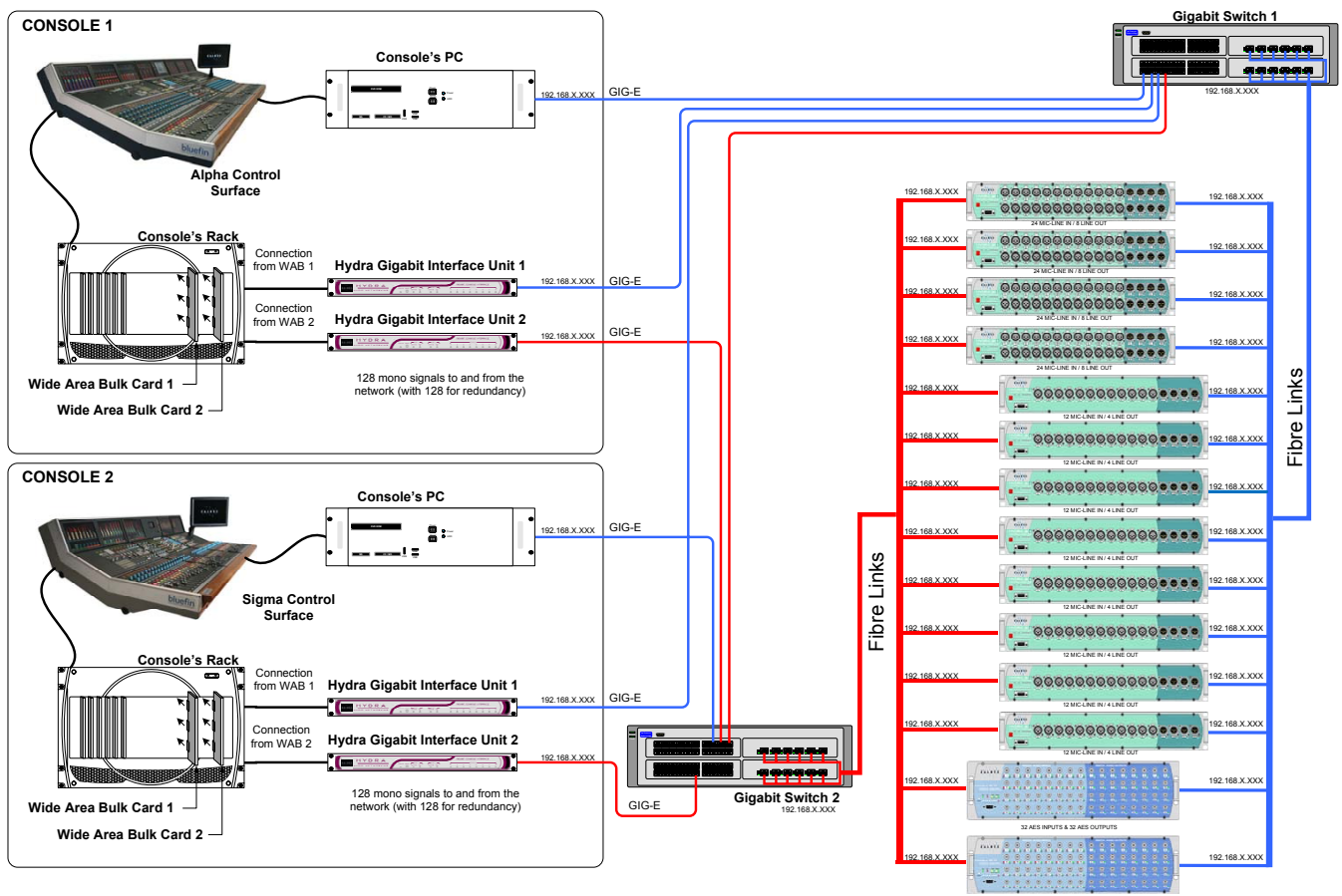
significant byte is the part of the address which is unique to that port on the device.

For mobile installations, the 3rd byte of the IP address will be unique to that installation, such that it is possible for different installations to connect their networks together.

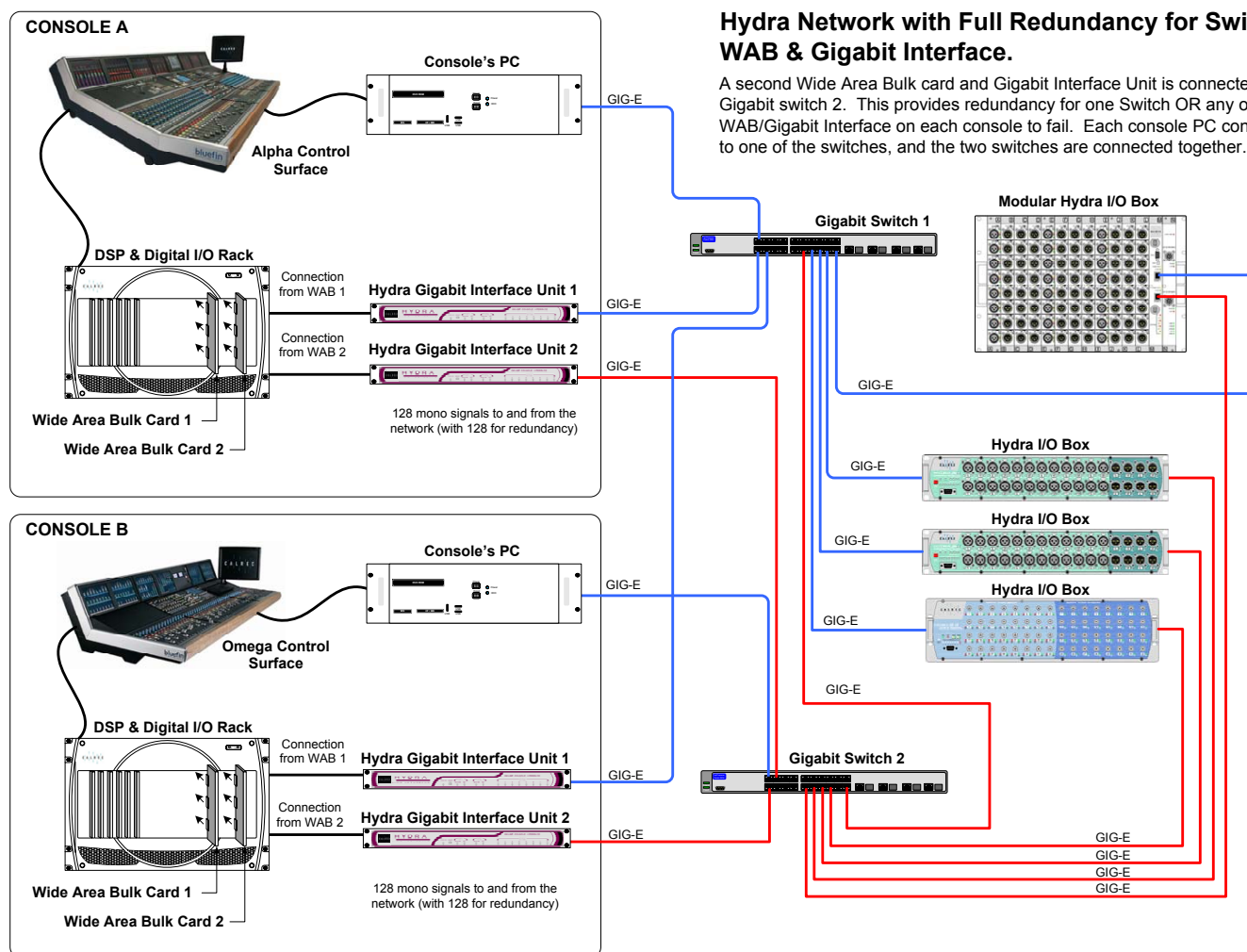
If a Hydra I/O box needs to be swapped out, the replacement unit must be programmed with the correct IP address. The 8-way switch on the rear of the unit allows the least significant byte of the IP address of the primary port to be set in binary.

Surround Signals

It is not recommended that ports on a modular Hydra I/O box should be combined with ports on a standard Hydra I/O box to create a 5.1 surround signal.



NETWORK REDUNDANCY



Hydra Network with Full Redundancy for Switch, WAB & Gigabit Interface.

A second Wide Area Bulk card and Gigabit Interface Unit is connected to Gigabit switch 2. This provides redundancy for one Switch OR any one WAB/Gigabit Interface on each console to fail. Each console PC connects to one of the switches, and the two switches are connected together.

The system can offer redundancy, such that it is protected in case of failure of any connector, cable, or even a Gigabit switch.

An additional Wide Area Bulk card, Gigabit interface unit and Gigabit switch are fitted to the system. The control system tests end to end connectivity, detecting what can be “seen” from each console and works out how to reach each Hydra I/O box. In the event of the system detecting any failures, the signals affected by the failure are automatically re-routed using the redundant hardware. This will happen quickly but there will be a brief audio interruption, typically 3-4 seconds.

The system can have up to 8 Hydra Gigabit Interface units. During set up, the user can decide how many of the system’s Gigabit interfaces will be available for redundancy. The bandwidth chosen for redundancy will be reserved for use by the redundancy system, and will not be used during normal operation.

Each console uses just one port on each Hydra I/O box, which is used for both audio and control data. The Hydra I/O boxes have a second port, which allows a second connection to the network to be made. This second port has its own IP address. Two consoles on the same network may use different ports on the same Hydra I/O box. They can each still have a redundant path to the other port.

In addition, Gigabit switches are available with redundant power supplies.

Automatic Fault Detection

Once powered, the Hydra I/O boxes broadcast “heartbeats” to advertise their presence. When a Gigabit interface unit detects the presence of a Hydra I/O box, it begins to “echo” each of the Hydra I/O box’s two ports. In this way, it can be determined which ports can be “seen” from the Gigabit interface unit. When two device echo responses have been missed, the network connection to that port is

assumed to have failed. AWACS will then report to the console that a Gigabit port on a Hydra I/O box is no longer available.

At the console end, echo messages are periodically sent to each of the Gigabit interface units in its configuration. If a Gigabit interface unit does not respond, that path to the network is assumed to have failed. If there is an alternative redundant path, then take over will happen. Each console manages the re-routing of its own audio. Only those audio paths affected by a failure will be re-routed.

The Hydra fixed format I/O boxes are connected into the Hydra Network using SFP GBICs (Small Form-factor Pluggable Gigabit Interface Converters). These convert the Gigabit Ethernet data into light waves using a laser diode to transmit into a fibre optic cable and a photodiode receiver to convert the light waves back into electrical signals.

Hydra modular wallboxes have only RJ45 connections (for copper circuits) and media convertors need to be added if they are to be linked over fiber optic circuits.

Fiber types

Two types of fibre are in use - Multimode and Singlemode. The choice between them is based on the length of fiber needed.

As Hydra network data has to pass in both directions between the switch and the two I/O box, two fibers are needed for each Gigabit port, i.e. a duplex system. When connection redundancy is required, two duplex fibre cable runs will be needed per I/O unit.

Signal losses

The Optical Power Budget column in the table above gives an indication of the maximum loss that is allowable for enough light from the transmitter to reach the receiver for the system to work satisfactorily. The losses occur in 3 areas:- fibre loss, splice loss and connector loss.

Fibre losses vary from 3.5dB per km in Multimode down to 0.4dB per km in Singlemode.

Splice loss is typically better than 0.3dB per fusion splice. Splices are best avoided if possible however, a good fusion splice is a better method than using a connector pair.

Connector loss is typically better than 0.5dB per connector pair.

It is important that your cable installer or supplier provides certified attenuation figures based on EN 50173 or the US equivalent EIA/TIA 568A.

CABLE TYPE	CONNECTOR	MAX DISTANCE	CALREC PART	GBIC - HP REF	OPTICAL POWER BUDGET
Copper CAT 5e/6 Ethernet	RJ45	90 m / 296 feet	-	n/a	n/a
Fibre 62.5/125mm Multimode	LC Duplex	275 m / 905 feet	491-045	SX - J4858A	7.5 dB
Fibre 50/125mm Multimode	LC Duplex	550 m / 1810 feet	491-045	SX - J4858A	7.5 dB
Fibre 62.5/125mm Multimode	LC Duplex	550 m / 1810 feet	491-061	LX - J4859A	7.5 dB
Fibre 50/125mm Multimode	LC Duplex	550 m / 1810 feet	491-061	LX - J4859A	7.5 dB
Fibre 8/125mm Singlemode	LC Duplex	10 km / 6.2 miles	491-061	LX - J4859A	8 dB
Fibre 8/125mm Singlemode	LC Duplex	70 km / 43.6 miles	491-060	LH - J4860A	23 dB

The table above gives an indication of possible connectivity options.

The Maximum Distance column is a guide based on operating at Gigabit Ether rates and having cables with no splices and a connector at either end.

If the optical power budget less the combined losses of connectors/splices and fibre is still a positive number then the system will work.

Fibre cable construction

When installing fibre cable, it is important to use a type which gives enough protection to the fibre for the environment in which it is to be used. The inner material of these fibres is made out of glass and about the thickness of a human hair. To give the fibre protection, various coatings and layers are added using materials such as silicone and Nylon or PVC, and often a layer of Kevlar is added to ruggedise the construction.

When fibre cables are to be installed in external environments, additional protection may be necessary. A number of individual ruggedised elements are often stranded around a central strength member such as high tensile steel, bound with paper tape and an external sheath applied on top of an aluminium tape moisture barrier.

Installation precautions

Precautions are necessary during installation to protect against the following:-

- Moisture which if it gets into the cable sheath and freezes can cause the fibres to crack.
- Temperature changes causing expansion and contraction stresses.
- Strain especially during the installation process which can cause the fibres to break.
- Abrasion and friction damage when a cable is pulled in.
- Crushing and cracking if a cable is bent beyond its safe bending radius or crushed by heavy objects or over-enthusiastically tie wrapped etc..
- Chemicals which can eat through or dissolve the sheathing.
- Rodents chewing on the cables.

Media Converters

Connections to the modular Hydra I/O box are via RJ45 connectors on the front of the unit's processor module. As this is a copper interface, when using fibre cabling, it is necessary for media converters to be used between the Gigabit switch and the Modular Hydra I/O boxes.

Calrec offer 1U rack mounting tray, part EC5453 and this can be fitted with one or more pairs of media convertor type AT-MC1008/SP with appropriate SFPs as listed alongside.

Preventive maintenance of optical cables

The successful use of fibre optics depends upon the correct cleaning and maintenance regime. These relate to cleanliness of the connector ends of the fibre and the optical transceiver ports, i.e. the receptacles at the laser transmitter and photodiode receiver that the fibre connectors plug into.

Small oil micro-deposits and dirt/dust particles on fibre optic cable optical surfaces cause a loss of light or degraded signal power which may ultimately cause intermittent problems in the optical connection. Laser power density eventually burns contaminants into the optical surfaces causing the fibre to produce inaccurate results effectively rendering it unusable. Contaminated cable connectors can also transfer contaminants and into the "Optical Sub-Assembly" (OSA) barrels of the Optical Module with which they are mated and this can be a particular risk in remote truck applications.

WARNING

Never look into the end of an optical interface while the device is operational. Laser radiation can be harmful to the human eye and injury may occur.

CABLE TYPE	CONNECTOR	MAX DISTANCE	CALREC PART	SMALL FORM FACTOR PLUGABLE (SFP)	OPTICAL POWER BUDGET
Copper CAT 5e/6 Ethernet	RJ45	90 m / 296 feet	-	n/a	n/a
Fibre 62.5/125mm Multimode	LC Duplex	275 m / 905 feet	491-087	SX - AFBR - 5717LZ	7.5 dB
Fibre 50/125mm Multimode	LC Duplex	550 m / 1810 feet	491-087	SX - AFBR - 5717LZ	7.5 dB
Fibre 62.5/125mm Multimode	LC Duplex	550 m / 1810 feet	491-072	LX - AFCT - 5715LZ	7.5 dB
Fibre 50/125mm Multimode	LC Duplex	550 m / 1810 feet	491-072	LX - AFCT - 5715LZ	7.5 dB
Fibre 8/125mm Singlemode	LC Duplex	10 km / 6.2 miles	491-072	LX - AFCT - 5715LZ	8 dB
Fibre 8/125mm Singlemode	LC Duplex	70 km / 43.6 miles	491-060	LH - J4860A	23 dB

Cautions

- Do not remove transceiver covers when operating.
- Ensure the unit power is turned off during cleaning.
- Ensure that other power/light sources are disabled during the cleaning of optical interfaces.
- Do not install any unauthorized modifications to the optical devices.

The following tools can be useful for optical maintenance

Compressed air

Clean Dry Air is essential to ensure the aerosol stream is free of dust, water and oil. Use filtered compressed air or canned compressed air, available at any laboratory supplier or camera shop.

Lens paper

A long fibre, low ash content type; having no chemical additives is recommended to minimize particulates and the chance of streaking and/or scratching the optical surfaces. Lens paper is widely available at any laboratory supplier or camera shop.

Isopropyl Alcohol or Methanol

Cleaning solutions are available at any laboratory supplier. Isopropyl Alcohol is also available at local pharmacies, or camera shops. Special care should be practised when using chemicals and it is important to follow the manufacturer's product guidelines.

Inspection Microscope

A 200 x (for multimode) or 400 x (for singlemode) magnification inspection scope is necessary tool for inspecting the connector ends of fibre cabling and optical sub-assemblies for cracks and deposits of oil and dirt. These Inspection Scopes are available from various fibre optic suppliers.

Make doubly sure that no lasers transmitters are operational before carrying out examinations with this device.

CLEANING FIBRE OPTIC INTERFACES

Cleaning fibres

- Do not allow the end of the fibre optic cable to contact any surface including fingers.
- Do not excessively bend fibre cables. Bending may cause internal breaks along the fibre resulting in poor performance or instability.
- Optics and optic coatings are easily chipped or scratched. Use of finger cots or powder free surgical gloves while handling fibre optic cables, will help ensure cleanliness.
- Only fresh (dry) spectroscopic grade isopropyl alcohol should be used as a cleaning solvent.
- Ensure that the module power is off and that other light sources are disabled.

Procedure

Blow the fibre surface with a stream of clean dry air to dislodge larger loose particles. Do not tip the can of clean dry air whilst aerosol spraying as liquid may be released contaminating the surface of the fibre.

Place 1-3 drops of spectroscopic grade isopropyl alcohol in the centre of a lens tissue. To maintain purity, do not insert the lens tissue, swabs, etc.. into the liquid. Instead, drip the liquid on to the material. Do not use lens paper dry as it is extremely abrasive. Do not use acetone as a cleaning solvent on the fibre optical surfaces.

Hold the fibre by the connector or cable, place the wet portion of the lens tissue on the optical surface and slowly drag it across.

Examine the surface of the fibre end under high intensity light using a direct magnifying inspection microscope or an indirect video inspection tool if available. If streaks or contaminants still remain, repeat the process using a fresh lens tissue.

Immediately fit a cover to protect the end of the cable or insert the fibre back into the previously cleaned receptacle for immediate use.

Cleaning transceivers

The best way to clean a transceiver port is to remove particles using a stream of clean dry air.

- Always handle optical GBIC modules in an ESD safe manner using the proper safety precautions.
- Ensure that the module power is off and handle the modules with care.
- Always use clean dry air or an approved canned compressed air supply.
- Always hold the can of compressed air upright. Tipping may release liquids into the air stream.
- Do not touch the inner surfaces of the module including the Optical Sub-Assemblies (OSA), or insert any foreign objects into the ports.
- Use of finger cots or powder free surgical gloves are not required but may be used for cleanliness.

Procedure

With the clean dry air, blow the inner barrel of the Transmitter and Receiver Optical Sub-Assemblies (OSA). This will dislodge loose particles.

Examine the surface of the OSA lens under high intensity light using the inspection microscope. If contaminants still remain, repeat the process.

Following these guidelines should provide a successful installation and ensure optimum reliability and system performance.

For further information or advice please contact Calrec.

CATEGORY 5E AND CATEGORY 6 CABLES

The same installation practises generally apply for both category 5e and category 6 cabling.

However, as category 6 cables have such a demanding performance criterion, they are less forgiving in the quality of the installation. Cable manufacturers strongly recommend adhering closely to the installation practises outlined for their cable specification.

Some important issues to consider during installation:

Do not exceed the cable manufacturer's specified cable pulling tension and avoid sharp bends in the cable, as it will alter the lay of the pairs within it. Cable manufacturers recommend that cable bend radius should be no less than 4 times the diameter of the cable (post installation). The minimum cable bend radius during installation is 8 times the cable diameter. In practise, this means that where a 25mm radius would be appropriate within a rack, the conduit leading to it would require minimum bends of 50 mm radius.

Avoid compressing the cables by over-tightening any cable ties (tie-wraps). This problem is most likely to occur in large bundles of cables, where the cables on

the outside of the bundle are exposed to more compression than those on the inside. Over-tightening deforms the twisted pairs within the cable, and can affect their performance. The cable ties should only be tight enough to sufficiently support the cable bundle, and not to deform the outer cable sleeve/jacket. One solution can be to use the hook and loop (Velcro) cable ties. When any number of cables are bundled together in long parallel lengths, the capacitive coupling of pairs in different cables in the bundle with the same twist rates can cause cross-talk interference to increase. The best way to avoid this is to minimise the length of long parallel runs, and to install cables as they lie rather than trying to straighten them out into perfectly aligned bundles.

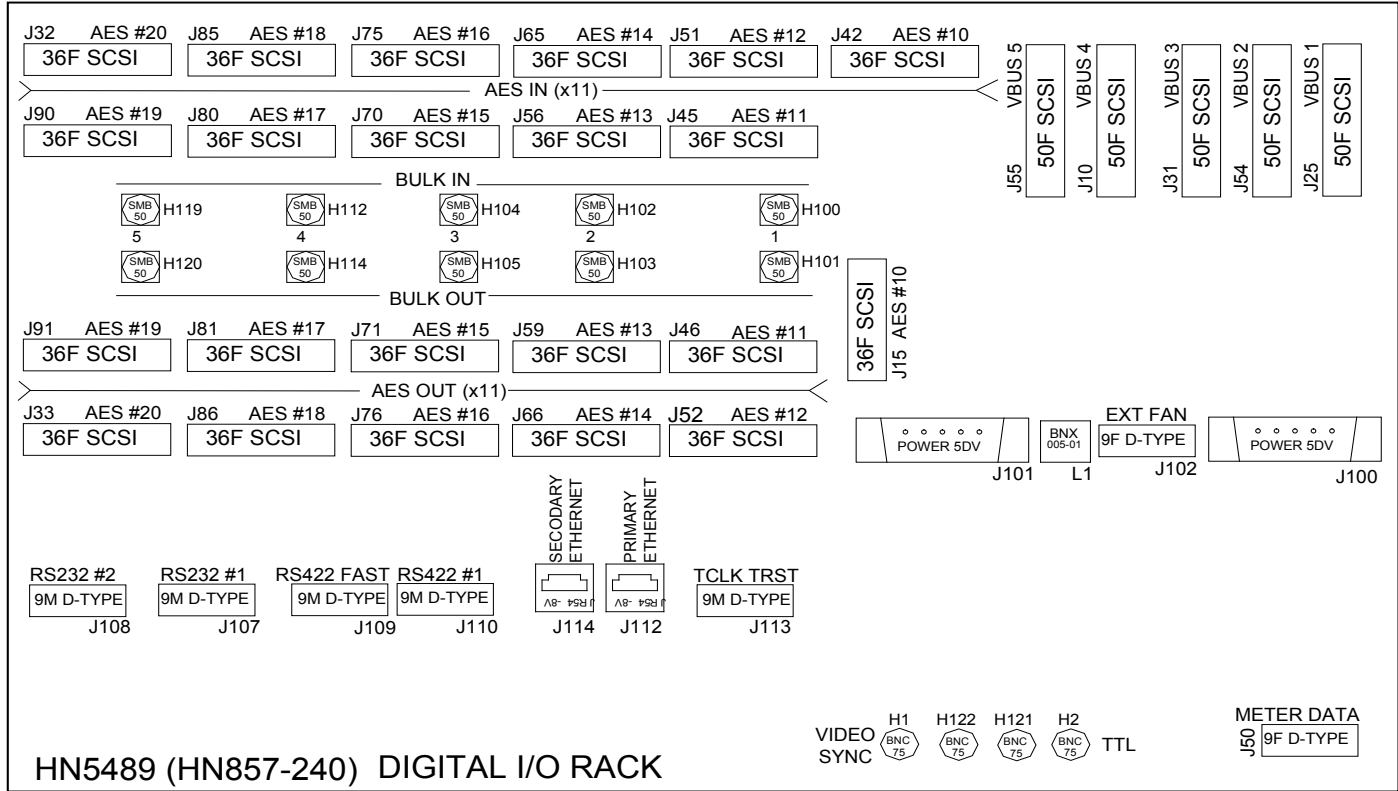
When pulling cables from the reels, be conscious of the occasional tendency of the cable to kink. If the cable kinks, it should be regarded as damaged, and replaced. Do not try to straighten the kink out of the cable.

At the point of cable termination, remove only the minimum amount of cable sleeve/jacket. This ensures that the twist rate and lay of the core pairs within the cable are maintained for as much of the transmission path as possible. The twist rate of each pair of cable cores should also be maintained to as close as possible to point of termination within the connector.

These are general rules to follow, and if in doubt, always refer to the cable manufacturer's recommendations.

ALPHA AUDIO INTERFACES

AES INPUTS AND OUTPUTS



Local AES inputs and outputs are provided on 36 way female MDR connectors on the rear of the digital I/O rack (16 AES pairs of inputs or outputs per connector).

The digital I/O rack can house up to 11 AES I/O cards, each of which provides 16 AES inputs and 16 AES outputs. The cards are inserted into slots 10-20 within the rack.

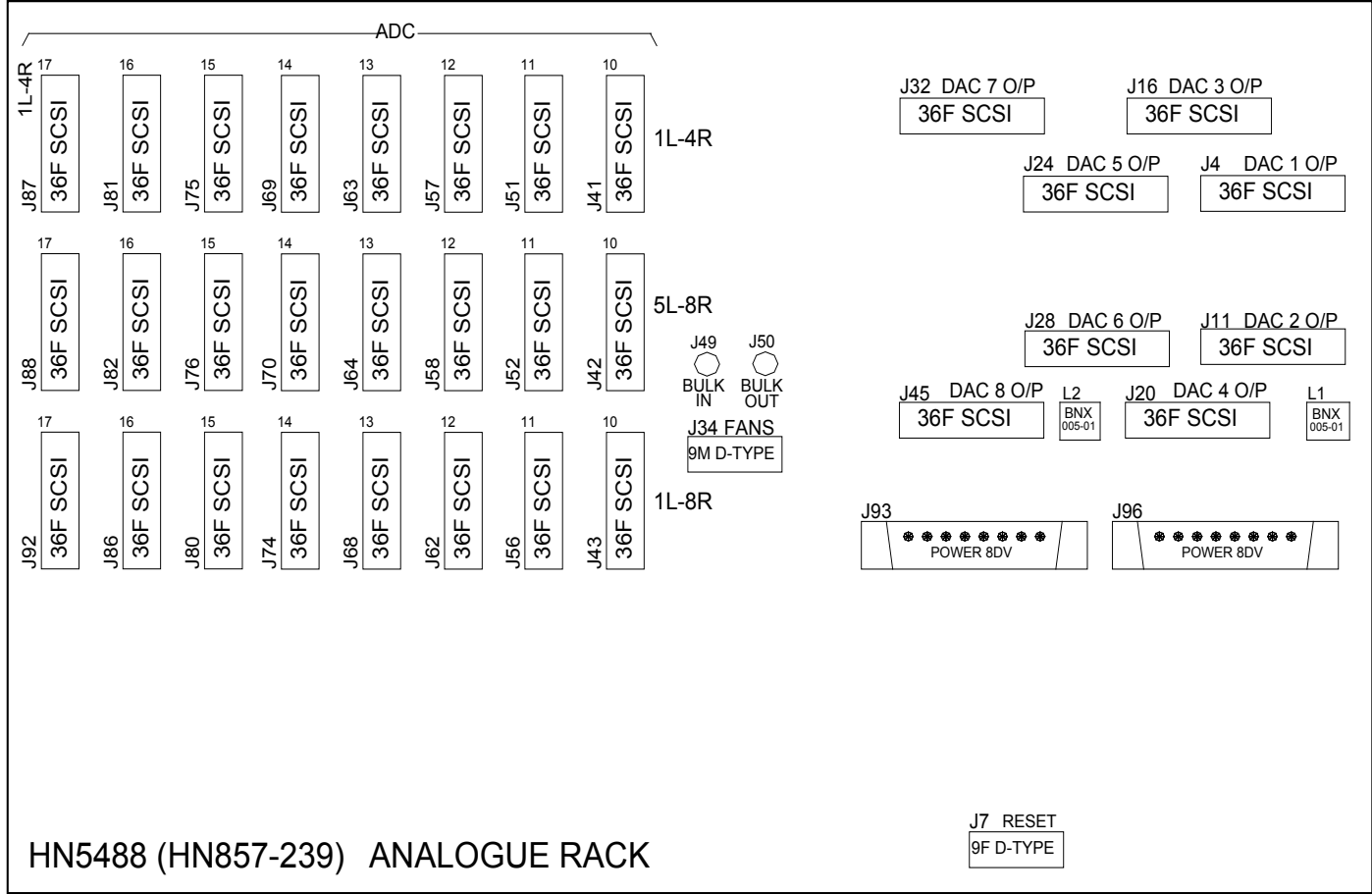
Each slot has dedicated input and output connectors on the rear of the rack, to which the system's AES inputs and outputs are connected. These connectors are used only when an AES I/O card occupies the slot.

Of the 11 AES slots available, up to 5 can be occupied by bulk I/O cards which are used to interface to analog I/O racks. If a slot is occupied by a bulk I/O card, then the AES I/O connectors belonging to that slot are left unused, and the SMB connectors for bulk I/O are used to connect to the analog I/O racks.

Up to 8 of the 11 slots can be occupied by wide area bulk I/O (WAB) cards which are used for wide area interfaces such as MAD1 or Hydra. If a slot is occupied by a WAB I/O card, then the AES I/O connectors on the rear of the Digital I/O rack belonging to that slot are used to connect to the wide area interface.

Digital I/O Rack Slot Arrangement					
Slot No	Compatible Card	AES Input Connector	AES Output Connector	Bulk Input Connector	Bulk Output Connector
1-7	DSP (ONLY 2 NEEDED - 1 PLUS HOT SPARE)	-	-	-	-
8-9	RACK PROCESSOR	-	-	-	-
10	AES, BULK OR WAB	J42	J15	H100	H101
11	AES OR WAB	J45	J46	-	-
12	AES, BULK OR WAB	J51	J52	H102	H103
13	AES OR WAB	J58	J59	-	-
14	AES, BULK OR WAB	J65	J66	H104	H105
15	AES OR WAB	J70	J71	-	-
16	AES, BULK OR WAB	J75	J76	H112	H114
17	AES	J80	J81	-	-
18	AES, BULK OR WAB	J85	J86	H119	H120
19	AES	J90	J91	-	-

ANALOG INPUTS AND OUTPUTS



All analog inputs and outputs are provided on 36 way female MDR connectors on the rear of the analog I/O racks.

Each analog I/O rack is connected to the digital I/O rack via the BULK IN and BULK OUT connectors J49 and J50.

ADC Card Slots and Connectors

Each analog I/O rack can house up to 8 mic/line or line input (ADC) cards, each of which provides 8 stereo inputs. The cards are inserted into the slots within the rack, these are numbered 1-8. Each slot has 2 dedicated input connectors on the rear of the rack, to which the system's analog inputs are connected. Each of the input connectors provides connections for 4 stereo inputs.

DAC Card Slots and Connectors

Each analog I/O rack can house up to 8 line output (DAC) cards, each of which provides 8 stereo outputs. The cards are inserted into the slots within the rack, these are numbered 1-8. Each slot has a dedicated output connector on the rear of the rack, which provide connections for the system's analog outputs. Each of the output connectors provides connections for 8 stereo outputs.

DAC SLOT	LINE OUTPUTS 1-16 CONNECTOR
1	J4
2	J11
3	J16
4	J20
5	J24
6	J28
7	J32
8	J45

ADC SLOT	MIC/LINE INPUTS 1-8 CONNECTOR	MIC/LINE INPUTS 9-16 CONNECTOR
1	J41	J42
2	J51	J52
3	J57	J58
4	J63	J64
5	J69	J70
6	J75	J76
7	J81	J82
8	J87	J88

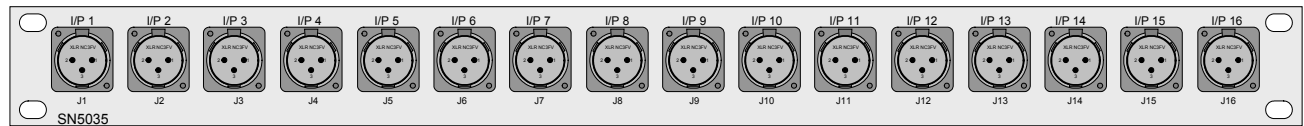
BNC AND XLR PANELS

Audio inputs and outputs may be connected directly to the console using 36 way MDR connectors. Optionally, break out connector panels and cabling can be provided.

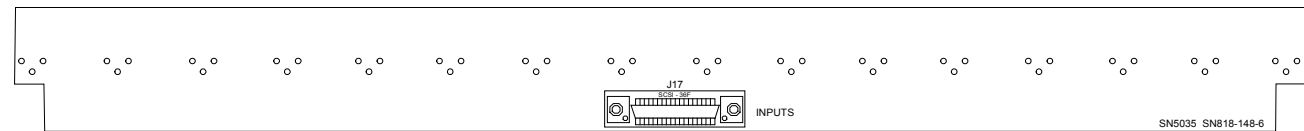
Ideally, BNC interface panels should be fitted within 5 m (16.5 ft) of the backplane they connect to. XLR interface panels should be fitted within 3 m (9.8 ft) of the backplane they connect to.

For digital inputs and outputs, interface panels can be either XLR (16 male or female on a 1U panel) or BNC (32 on a 1U panel).

XLR Input Panel (Front)



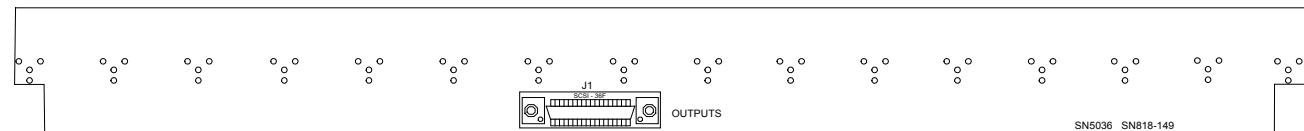
XLR Input Panel (Rear)



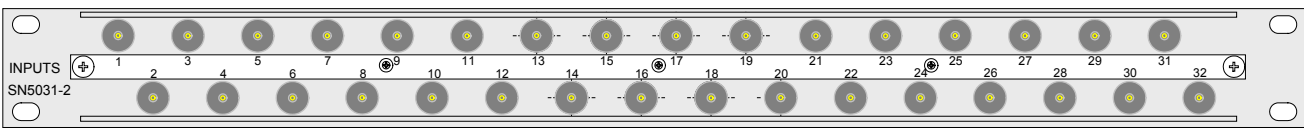
XLR Output Panel (Front)



XLR Output Panel (Rear)



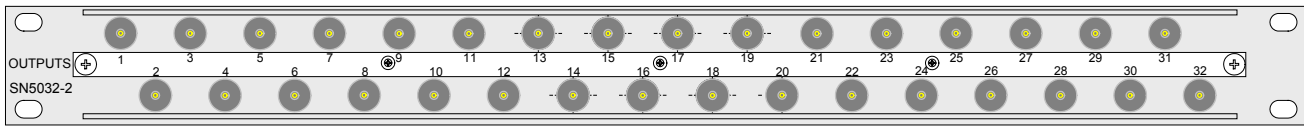
BNC Input Panel (Front)



BNC Input Panel (Rear)



BNC Output Panel (Front)



BNC Output Panel (Rear)



EDAC INTERFACE PANELS

8 or 12 way EDAC connector 2U panels are available to interface analog I/O in one of the styles shown in the table.

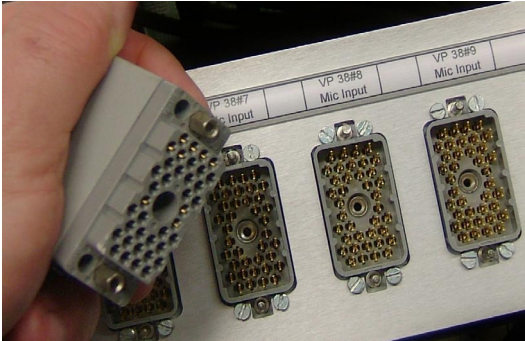
The choice of style depends on the installation with the major influence normally being the number of circuits in the installation cabling. Style 2 lends itself to easy installation with 12 pair cable, though the vast majority of users opt for style 1 as this works well with commonly available 8 circuit cables.

The different styles are achieved using interface cards which attach to the rear of the 2U panels to provide different combinations of MDR (SCSI-style) connectors per EDAC.

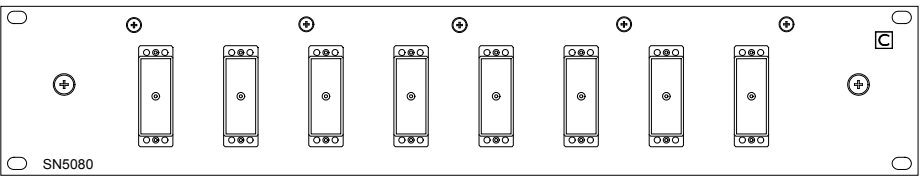
In many cases, customer cabling with EDAC connectors for the console on one end may have the opposite end broken out to IDC (punch-block) connectors. This can make for easy routing of circuits to the required destinations.

The panel mounted connectors are 38 pin, males - EDAC 38MP. Cables connecting to these panels need 38 pin, female cable connectors (38FC). Refer to the photograph to be sure your EDAC supplier interprets male and female in the right way. As with all the installation connectors, unless specially ordered as optional extras, mating EDAC connectors for customer cabling are not supplied by Calrec.

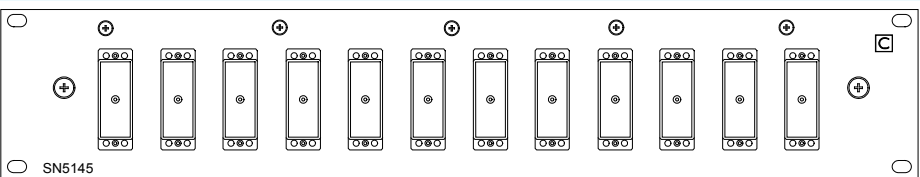
EDAC connectors can be 'keyed' with the two locating pins, one of which is larger than the other. Each pin can also be fitted with the slot at one of six different angles which can make for a vast range of unique pairings of connector halves. This can be a major inconvenience during installation testing and for maintenance. For this reason Calrec assembles all EDACs in the same way with the large pin at the top which is the same end of the connector as pin A. The keying pins are all aligned



8X38W EDAC PANEL



12X38W EDAC PANEL



Interface	Back-plane cable	Style 1	Style 2
Mic/line inputs	hand wired	8 mono circuits	12 mono circuits
Line only inputs	moulded plugs	16 mono circuits	12 mono circuits
Line outputs	moulded plugs	16 mono circuits	12 mono circuits

Component	Calrec part	EDAC part
38 way socket	400-040	516-038-000-401
38 way metal hood	400-037	516-230-538
Crimp pin	400-024	516-290-590
Solder pin	400-025	516-290-500
Pin extractor tool	-	516-280-200

vertically with the slots/keys pointing outwards.

EDAC and other styles of connector panel link to the console I/O back plane via Calrec supplied cables, normally of 1, 3 or 5 metres but this length can affect pricing.

Most of these cables have balanced audio pairs with an overall screen and moulded MDR connectors.

Mic/line inputs use a hand wired cable assembly of twin and screen cables. The extra screen connections is the reason for fewer audio circuits with style 1.

AES INPUTS - BNC INTERFACE

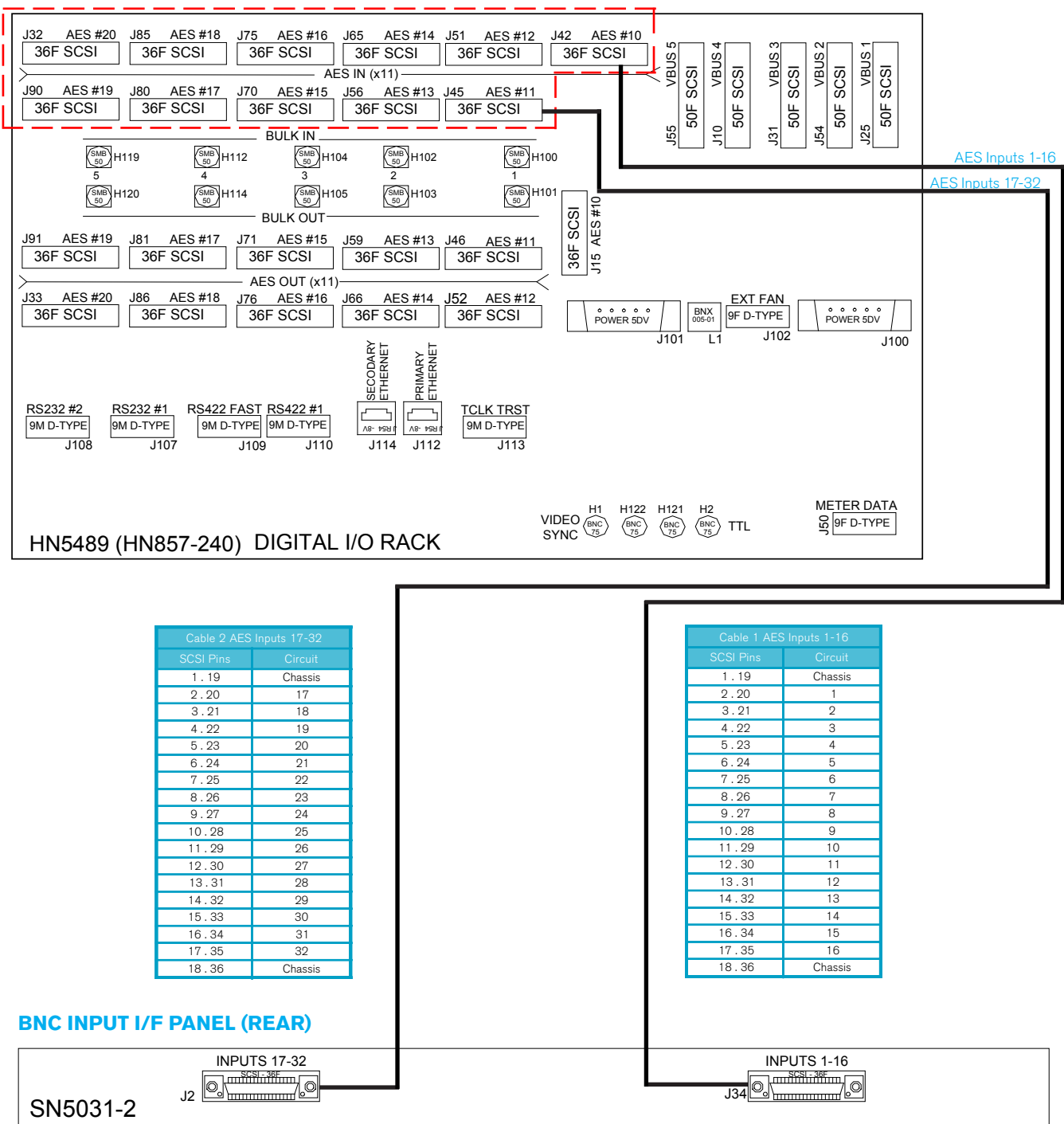
Each AES I/O card in the digital I/O rack provides 16 AES inputs and 16 AES outputs. Each slot has dedicated input and output connectors on the rear of the rack, to which the system's AES inputs and outputs are connected.

The diagram below shows how the AES input connectors (shown within dotted border) are connected to BNC interface

panels via MDR cabling. For clarity, input connections from just 2 AES cards (occupying slots 10 and 11) to an interface panel are shown here.

Ideally, the BNC input interface panels should be located within 5 m (16.5 ft) of the digital I/O rack. Each panel can interface 32 AES inputs. Therefore if all local AES inputs are used, 5 panels would be needed.

Please Note:
AES inputs 1-16 are available on connector J42, provided that the card in slot 10 is an AES I/O card. If a Bulk I/O or WAB I/O card occupies slot 10, then AES inputs 1-16 will be available on connector J45, using the AES card in slot 11.



AES OUTPUTS – BNC INTERFACE

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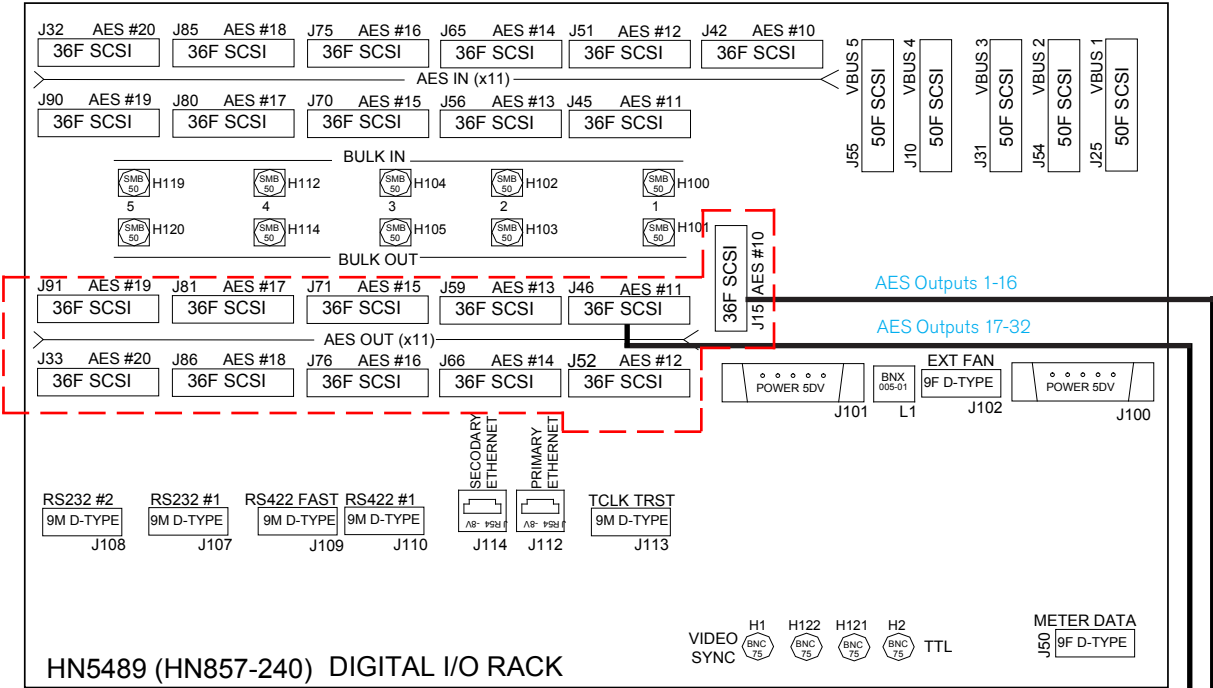
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Please Note

AES outputs 1-16 are available on connector J15, provided that the card in slot 10 is an AES I/O card. If a Bulk I/O or WAB I/O card occupies slot 10, then AES outputs 1-16 will be available on connector J46, using the AES card in slot 11.



Cable 2 AES Outputs 17-32	
SCSI Pins	Circuit
1 . 19	Chassis
2 . 20	17
3 . 21	18
4 . 22	19
5 . 23	20
6 . 24	21
7 . 25	22
8 . 26	23
9 . 27	24
10 . 28	25
11 . 29	26
12 . 30	27
13 . 31	28
14 . 32	29
15 . 33	30
16 . 34	31
17 . 35	32
18 . 36	Chassis

Cable 1 AES Outputs 1-16	
SCSI Pins	Circuit
1 . 19	Chassis
2 . 20	1
3 . 21	2
4 . 22	3
5 . 23	4
6 . 24	5
7 . 25	6
8 . 26	7
9 . 27	8
10 . 28	9
11 . 29	10
12 . 30	11
13 . 31	12
14 . 32	13
15 . 33	14
16 . 34	15
17 . 35	16
18 . 36	Chassis

BNC OUTPUT I/F PANEL (REAR)



AES INPUTS - XLR INTERFACE

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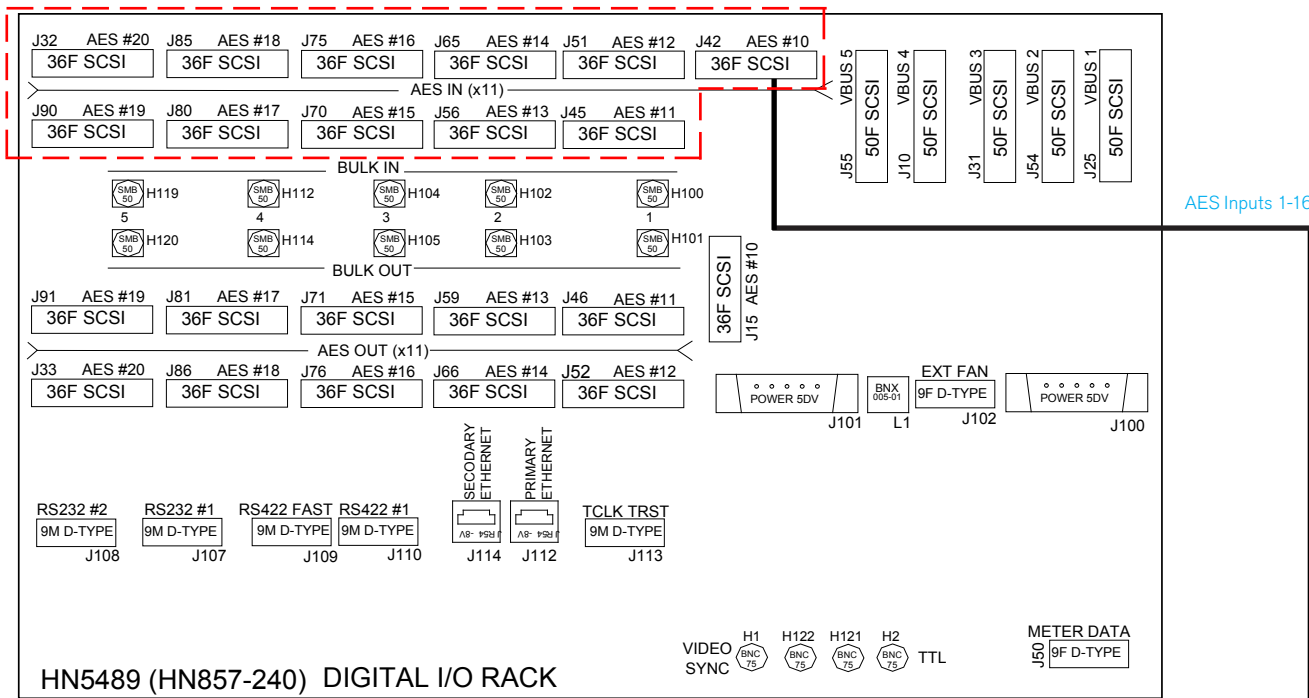
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Please Note

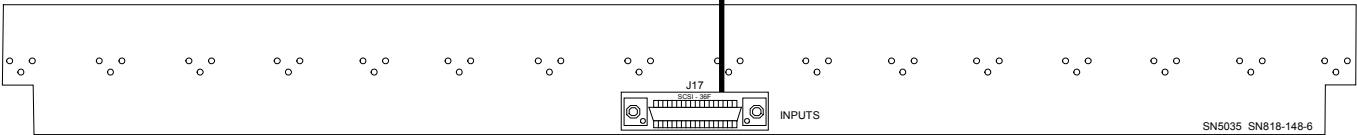
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On 3 pin XLR, pin 2 is HOT (phase), pin 3 is COLD (anti-phase) and pin 1 is chassis connections.

Cable 1 AES Inputs 1-16		
SCSI Pins	Circuit	
1 . 19	Chassis	
2 . 20	1	
3 . 21	2	
4 . 22	3	
5 . 23	4	
6 . 24	5	
7 . 25	6	
8 . 26	7	
9 . 27	8	
10 . 28	9	
11 . 29	10	
12 . 30	11	
13 . 31	12	
14 . 32	13	
15 . 33	14	
16 . 34	15	
17 . 35	16	
18 . 36	Chassis	

XLR INPUT I/F PANEL (REAR)



AES OUTPUTS - XLR INTERFACE

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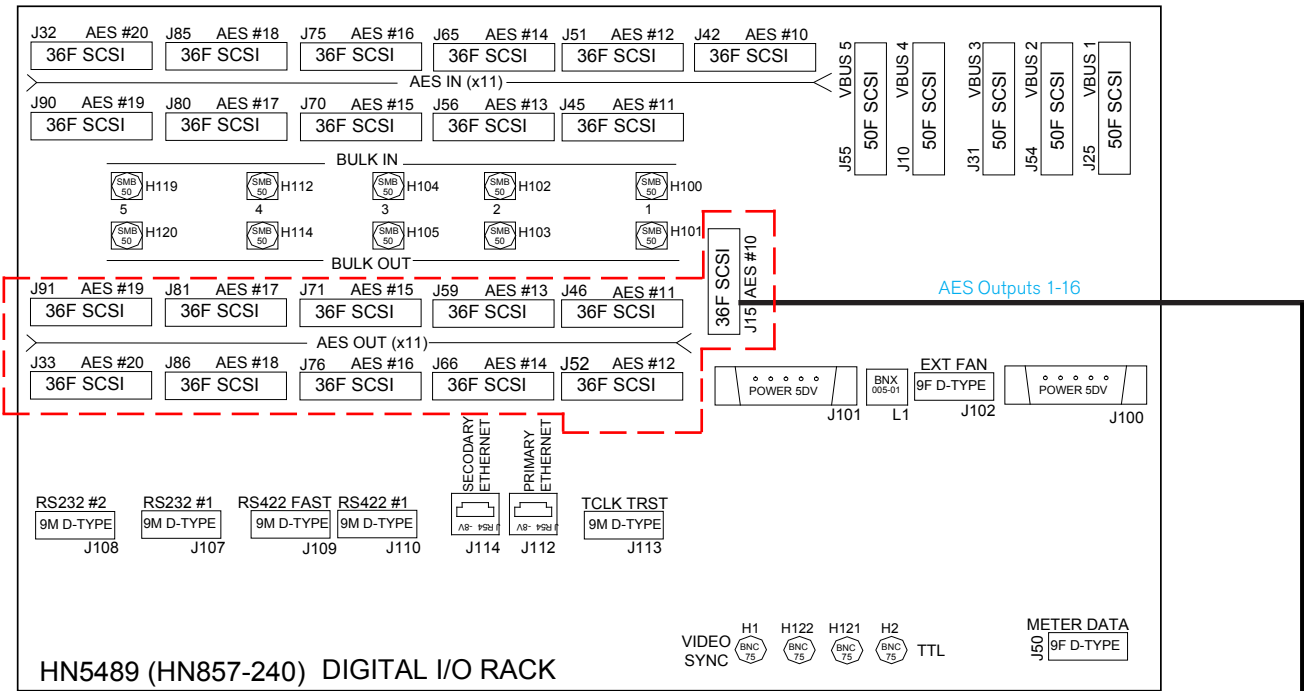
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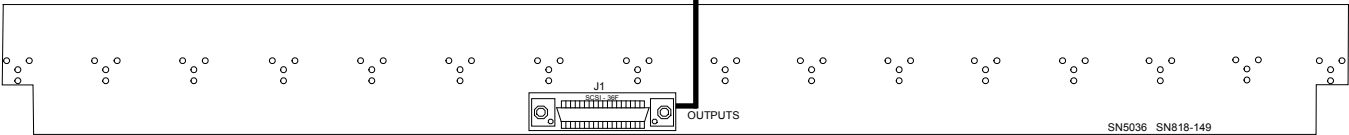


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On 3 pin XLR, pin 2 is HOT (phase), pin 3 is COLD (anti-phase) and pin 1 is chassis connections.

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1 . 19	Chassis
2 . 20	1
3 . 21	2
4 . 22	3
5 . 23	4
6 . 24	5
7 . 25	6
8 . 26	7
9 . 27	8
10 . 28	9
11 . 29	10
12 . 30	11
13 . 31	12
14 . 32	13
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17 . 35	16
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XLR OUTPUT I/F PANEL (REAR)



ANALOG MIC/LINE INPUTS – STYLE 1

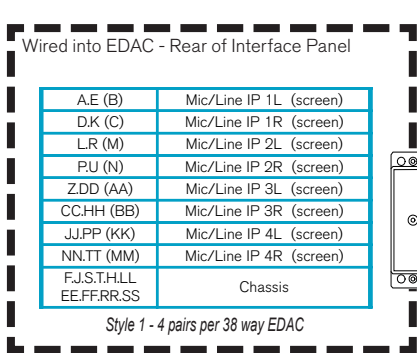
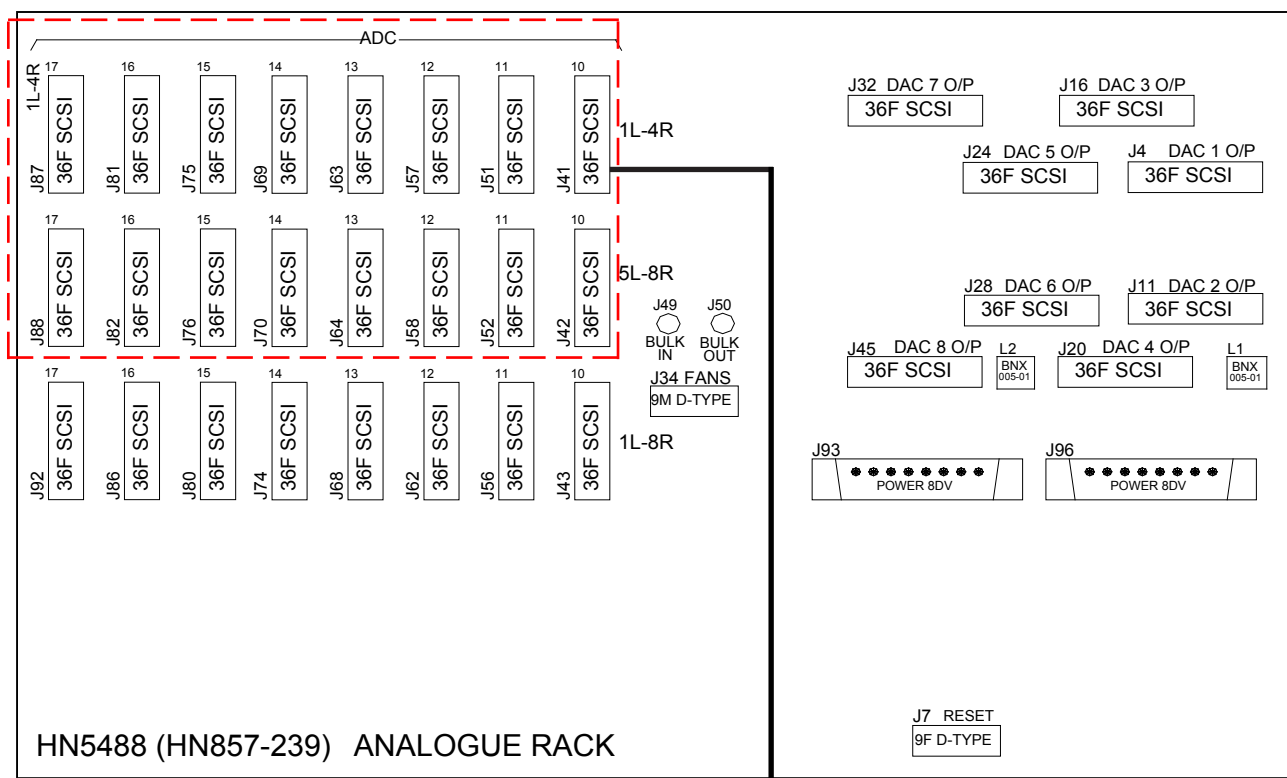
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Each of the input connectors provides connections for 4 stereo inputs.

The diagram below shows how these connectors are connected to 8 or 12 way EDAC interface panels via Calrec custom cabling to achieve Style 1 (4 pairs per EDAC connector).

There are 2 cables for each ADC card fitted (Just one shown here), with 4 stereo inputs on each cable

Ideally, the EDAC interface panels should be located within 5 m (16.5 ft) of the analog I/O rack.



Calrec Custom Cabling

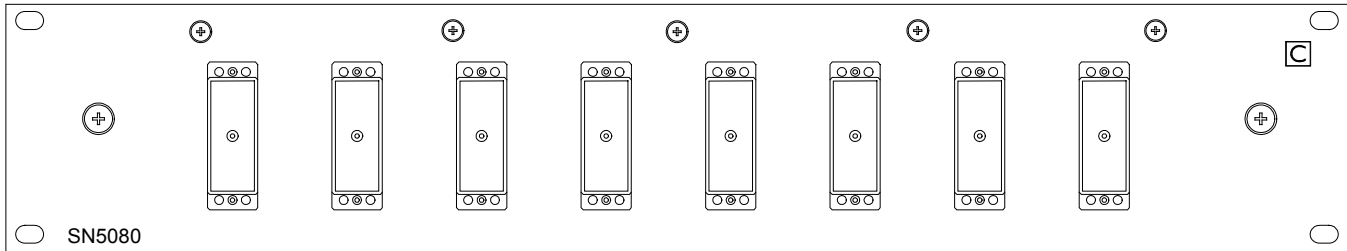
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Cable 1 Stereo Inputs 1-4	
SCSI Pins	Circuit
1 . 19	Chassis
2 . 20	1L
3 . 21	Chassis
4 . 22	1R
5 . 23	Chassis
6 . 24	2L
7 . 25	Chassis
8 . 26	2R
9 . 27	Chassis
10 . 28	Chassis
11 . 29	3L
12 . 30	Chassis
13 . 31	3R
14 . 32	Chassis
15 . 33	4L
16 . 34	Chassis
17 . 35	4R
18 . 36	Chassis

Cable 2 Stereo Inputs 5-8	
SCSI Pins	Circuit
1 . 19	Chassis
2 . 20	5L
3 . 21	Chassis
4 . 22	5R
5 . 23	Chassis
6 . 24	6L
7 . 25	Chassis
8 . 26	6R
9 . 27	Chassis
10 . 28	Chassis
11 . 29	7L
12 . 30	Chassis
13 . 31	7R
14 . 32	Chassis
15 . 33	8L
16 . 34	Chassis
17 . 35	8R
18 . 36	Chassis

On EDACs, pin 1 (A) is HOT (phase), pin 2 (E) is COLD (anti-phase) and pin 3 (B) is chassis connections.

8 WAY EDAC INTERFACE PANEL



ANALOG MIC/LINE INPUTS - STYLE 2

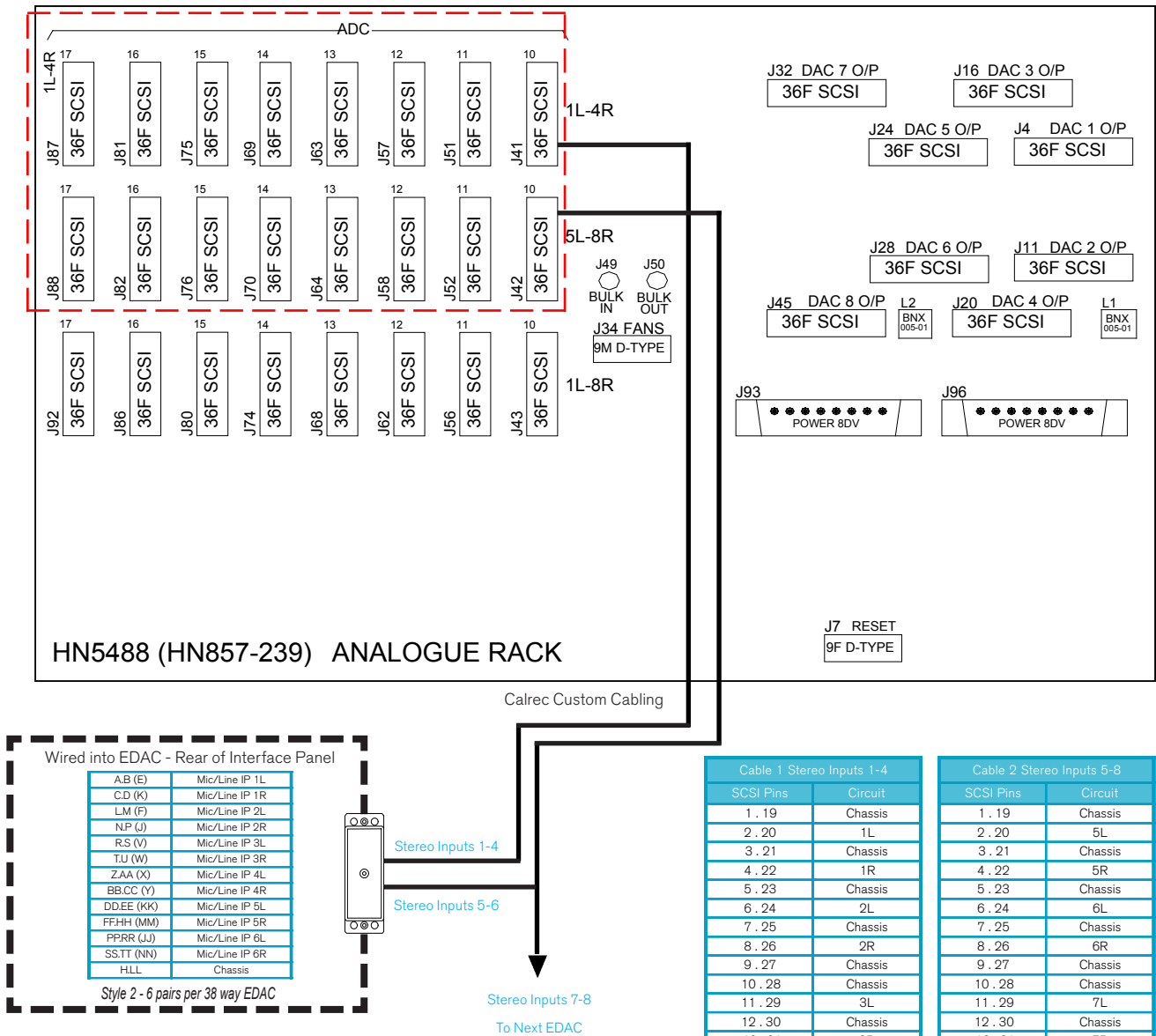
Each analog I/O rack can house up to 8 mic/line or line input (ADC) cards, each of which provides 8 stereo inputs. The cards are inserted into the slots within the rack, and each slot has 2 dedicated input connectors on the rear of the rack (shown within dotted border), to which the system's analog inputs are connected.

Each of the input connectors provides connections for 4 stereo inputs.

The diagram below shows how these connectors are connected to 8 or 12 way EDAC interface panels via Calrec custom cabling to achieve Style 2 (6 pairs per EDAC connector).

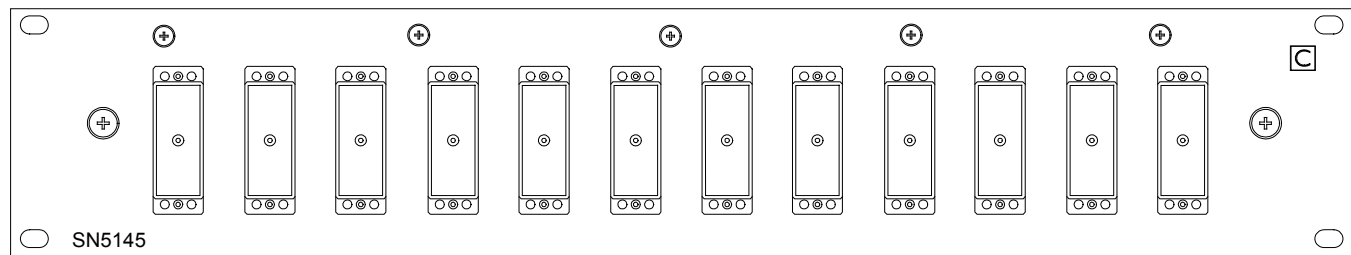
There are 2 Cables for each ADC card fitted, with 4 stereo inputs on each cable. Cable 2 also wires into the first EDAC to provide circuits 5 and 6.

Ideally, the EDAC interface panels should be located within 5 m (16.5 ft) of the analog I/O rack.



On EDACs, pin 1 (A) is HOT (phase), pin 2 (B) is COLD (anti-phase) and pin 3 (E) is chassis connections.

12 WAY EDAC INTERFACE PANEL



ANALOG LINE ONLY INPUTS - STYLE 1

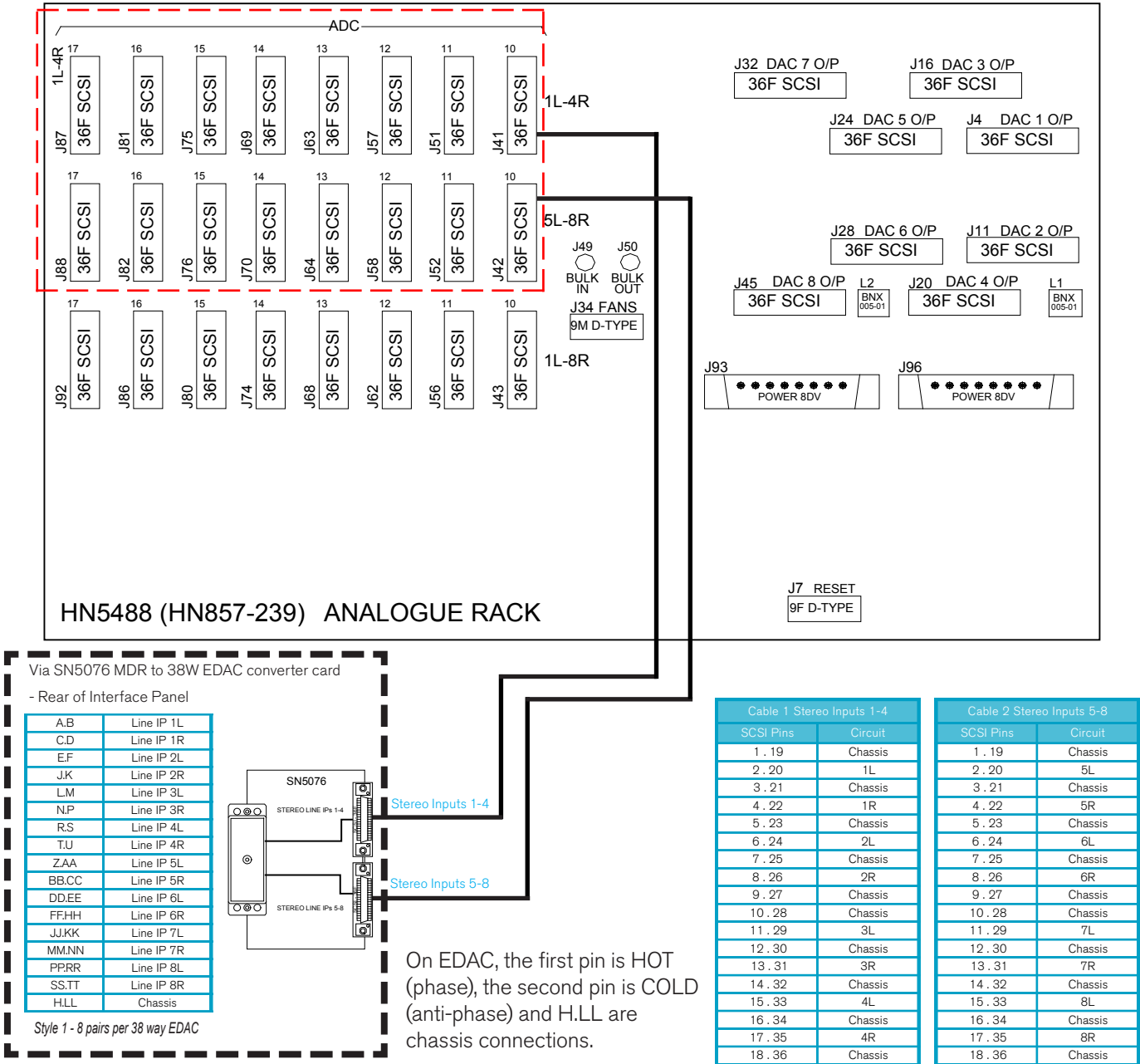
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Each of the input connectors provides connections for 4 stereo inputs.

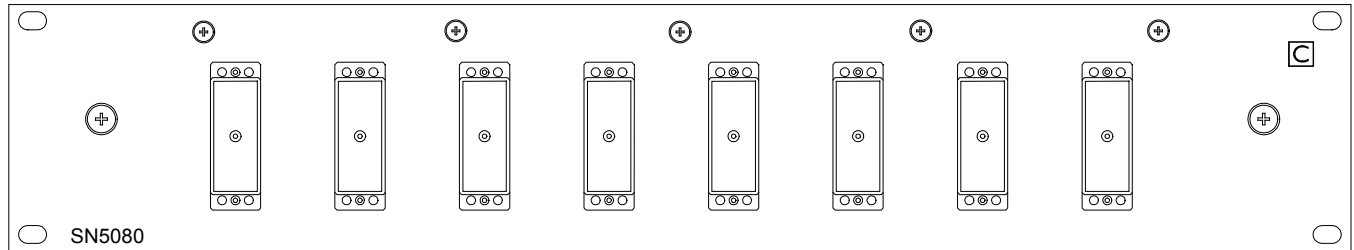
The diagram below shows how the Line inputs can be connected to 8 way EDAC interface panels via MDR cabling to achieve Style 1 (8 pairs per EDAC connector).

There are 2 Cables for each ADC card fitted, with 4 stereo inputs on each cable.

Ideally, the EDAC interface panels should be located within 5 m (16.5 ft) of the analog I/O rack.



8 WAY EDAC INTERFACE PANEL



ANALOG LINE ONLY INPUTS - STYLE 2

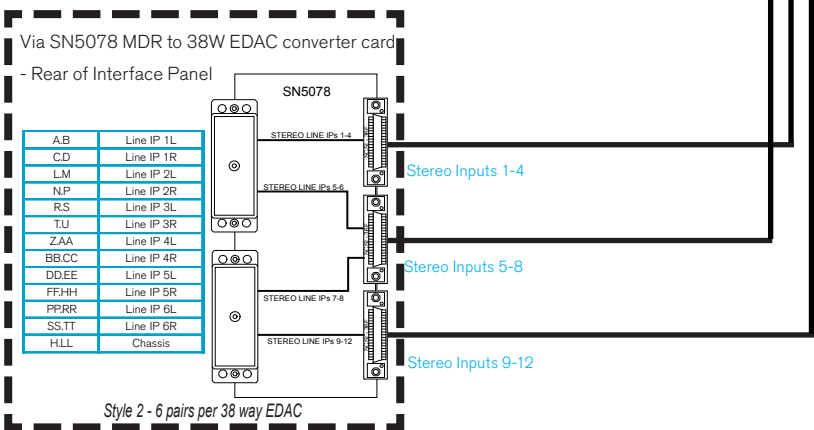
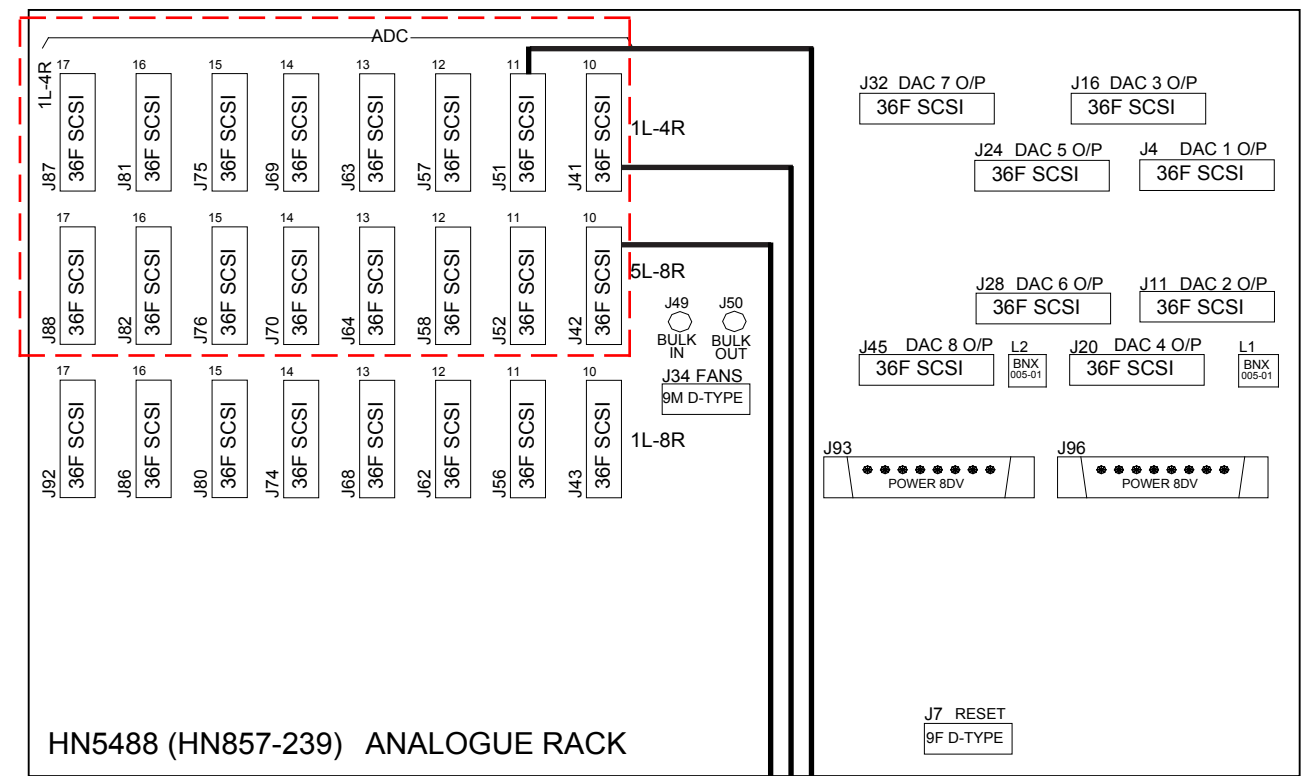
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Each of the input connectors provides connections for 4 stereo inputs.

The diagram below shows how the Line inputs can be connected to 8 way EDAC interface panels via MDR cabling to achieve Style 2 (6 pairs per EDAC connector).

There are 2 Cables for each ADC card fitted - 4 stereo inputs on each cable.

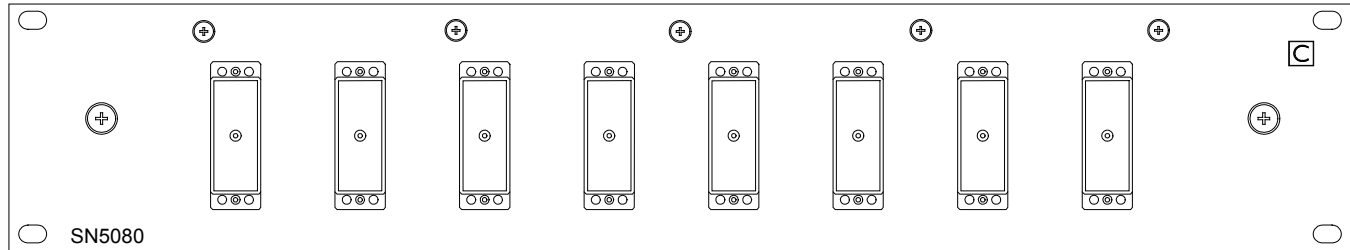
Ideally, the EDAC interface panels should be located within 5 m (16.5 ft) of the analog I/O rack.



On EDAC, the first pin is HOT (phase), the second pin is COLD (anti-phase) and H.L.L are chassis connections.

Cable 1 Stereo Inputs 1-4		Cable 2 Stereo Inputs 5-8	
SCSI Pins	Circuit	SCSI Pins	Circuit
1 . 19	Chassis	1 . 19	Chassis
2 . 20	1L	2 . 20	5L
3 . 21	Chassis	3 . 21	Chassis
4 . 22	1R	4 . 22	5R
5 . 23	Chassis	5 . 23	Chassis
6 . 24	2L	6 . 24	6L
7 . 25	Chassis	7 . 25	Chassis
8 . 26	2R	8 . 26	6R
9 . 27	Chassis	9 . 27	Chassis
10 . 28	Chassis	10 . 28	Chassis
11 . 29	3L	11 . 29	7L
12 . 30	Chassis	12 . 30	Chassis
13 . 31	3R	13 . 31	7R
14 . 32	Chassis	14 . 32	Chassis
15 . 33	4L	15 . 33	8L
16 . 34	Chassis	16 . 34	Chassis
17 . 35	4R	17 . 35	8R
18 . 36	Chassis	18 . 36	Chassis

8 WAY EDAC INTERFACE PANEL

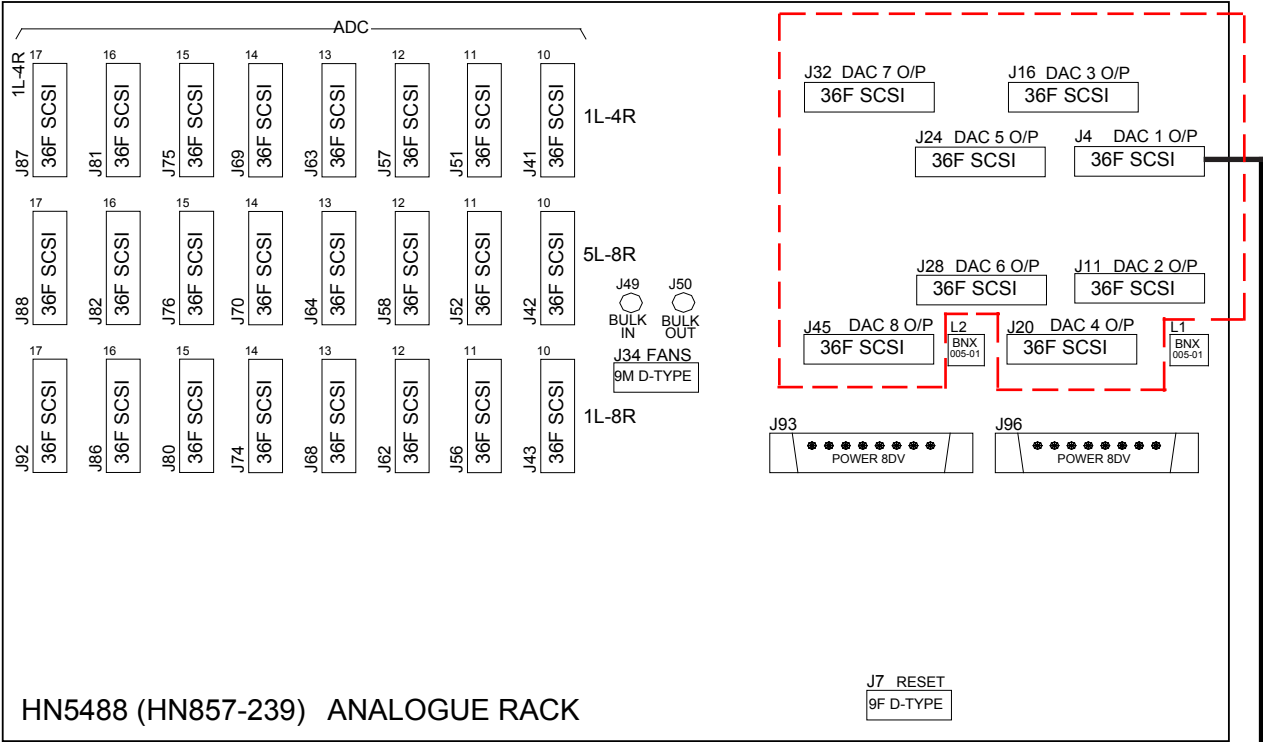


ANALOG LINE OUTPUTS - STYLE 1

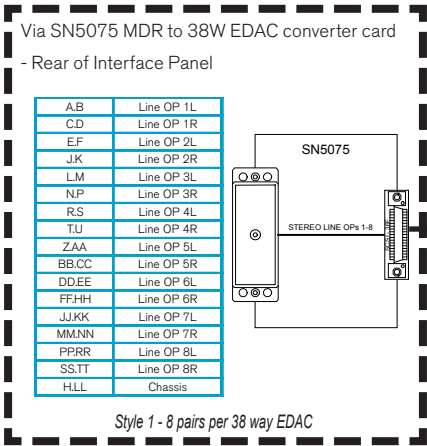
Each analog I/O rack can house up to 8 line output (DAC) cards, each of which provides 8 stereo outputs. The cards are inserted into the slots within the rack, these are numbered 1-8. Each slot has a dedicated output connector on the rear of the rack, which provide connections for the system's analog outputs.

Each of the output connectors provides connections for 8 stereo outputs. The diagram below shows how the line outputs can be connected to 8 way EDAC interface panels via MDR cabling to achieve Style 1 (8 pairs per EDAC connector).

There is 1 cable for each DAC card fitted - 8 stereo outputs on each cable. Ideally, the EDAC interface panels should be located within 5 m (16.5 ft) of the analog I/O rack.



HN5488 (HN857-239) ANALOGUE RACK

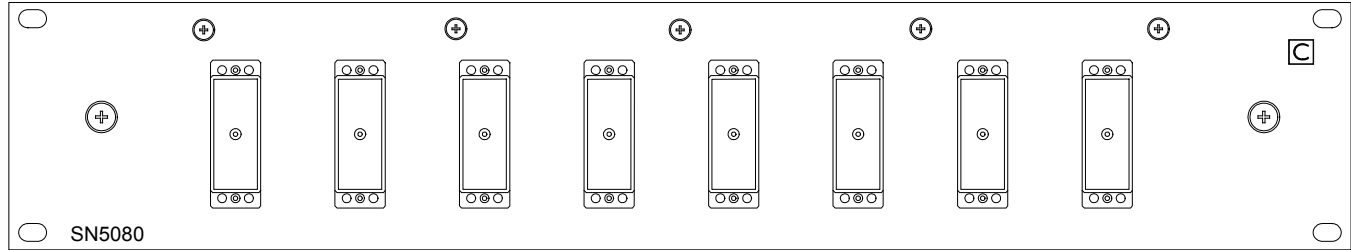


Stereo Outputs 1-8

Cable 1 - Stereo Outputs 1-8	
SCSI Pins	Circuit
1 . 19	Chassis
2 . 20	1L
3 . 21	1R
4 . 22	2L
5 . 23	2R
6 . 24	3L
7 . 25	3R
8 . 26	4L
9 . 27	4R
10 . 28	5L
11 . 29	5R
12 . 30	6L
13 . 31	6R
14 . 32	7L
15 . 33	7R
16 . 34	8L
17 . 35	8R
18 . 36	Chassis

On EDACs, the first pin is HOT (phase), the second pin is COLD (anti-phase) and H.L.L are chassis connections.

8 WAY EDAC INTERFACE PANEL



ANALOG LINE OUTPUTS - STYLE 2

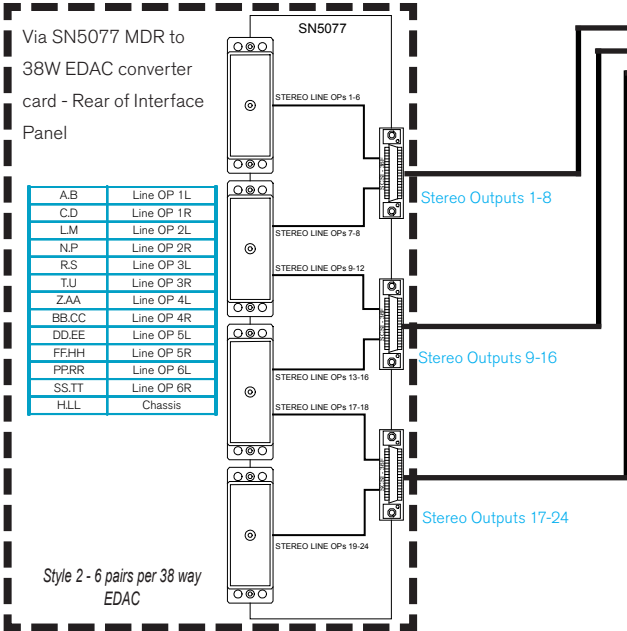
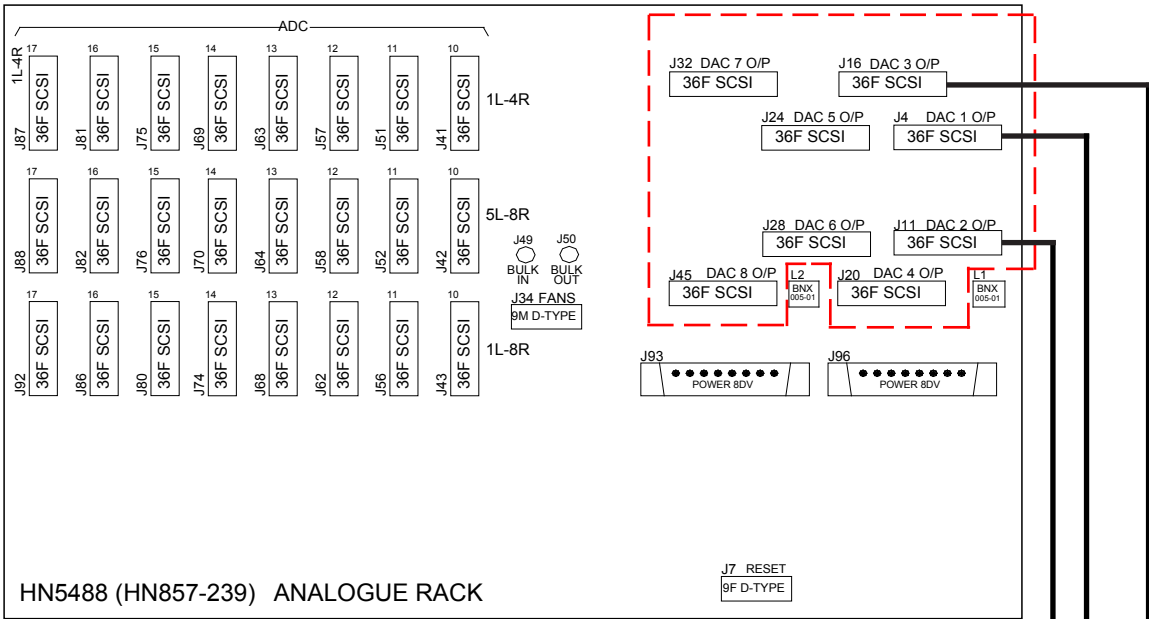
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Each of the output connectors provides connections for 8 stereo outputs.

The diagram below shows how the line outputs can be connected to 8 way EDAC interface panels via MDR cabling to achieve Style 2 (6 pairs per EDAC).

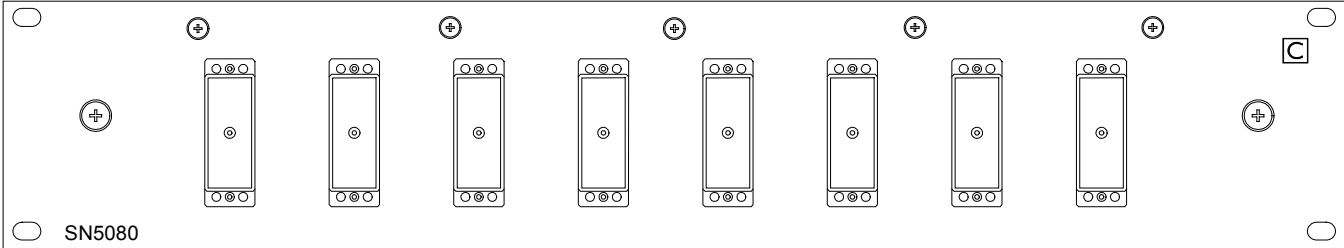
1 Cable for each DAC card fitted - 8 stereo outputs on each cable.

Ideally, the EDAC interface panels should be located within 5 m (16.5 ft) of the analog I/O rack.



Cable 1 - Stereo Outputs 1-8		Cable 2 - Stereo Outputs 9-16		Cable 3 - Stereo Outputs 17-24	
SCSI Pins	Circuit	SCSI Pins	Circuit	SCSI Pins	Circuit
1 . 19	Chassis	1 . 19	Chassis	1 . 19	Chassis
2 . 20	1L	2 . 20	9L	2 . 20	17L
3 . 21	1R	3 . 21	9R	3 . 21	17R
4 . 22	2L	4 . 22	10L	4 . 22	18L
5 . 23	2R	5 . 23	10R	5 . 23	18R
6 . 24	3L	6 . 24	11L	6 . 24	19L
7 . 25	3R	7 . 25	11R	7 . 25	19R
8 . 26	4L	8 . 26	12L	8 . 26	20L
9 . 27	4R	9 . 27	12R	9 . 27	20R
10 . 28	5L	10 . 28	13L	10 . 28	21L
11 . 29	5R	11 . 29	13R	11 . 29	21R
12 . 30	6L	12 . 30	14L	12 . 30	22L
13 . 31	6R	13 . 31	14R	13 . 31	22R
14 . 32	7L	14 . 32	15L	14 . 32	23L
15 . 33	7R	15 . 33	15R	15 . 33	23R
16 . 34	8L	16 . 34	16L	16 . 34	24L
17 . 35	8R	17 . 35	16R	17 . 35	24R
18 . 36	Chassis	18 . 36	Chassis	18 . 36	Chassis

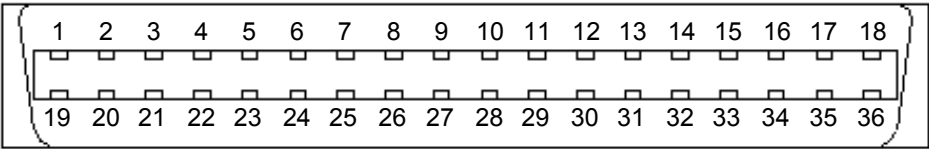
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SPECIFICATION FOR SCSI STYLE CABLING

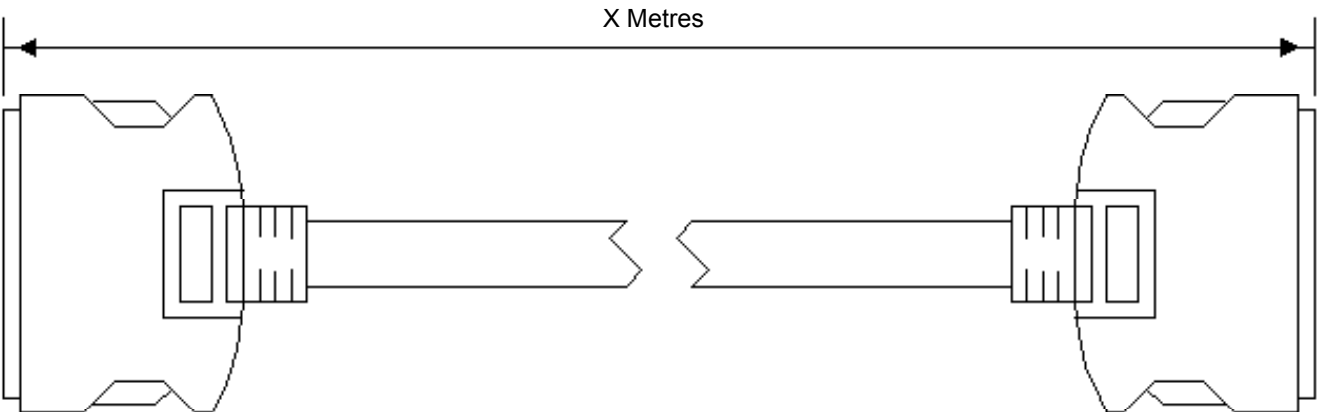
FRONT VIEW OF MATING CONNECTOR

CABLE PAIRS WIRED AS:	
1 .	19
2 .	20
3 .	21
4 .	22
5 .	23
6 .	24
7 .	25
8 .	26
9 .	27
10 .	28
11 .	29
12 .	30
13 .	31
14 .	32
15 .	33
16 .	34
17 .	35
18 .	36



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