

# **HD/SD Frame Sync**

with Audio Embedding/De-Embedding and Dolby® Encoder

9083-ENCD – with Dolby® Digital™Encoder

9083-ENCE – with Dolby<sup>®</sup> E™Encoder

# Product Manual



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# Introduction

#### **Overview**

This manual provides installation and operating instructions for the 9083-ENCD and 9083-ENCE HD/SD Frame Sync with Audio Embedding/ De-Embedding and Dolby Encoder cards (also referred to herein as the 9083-ENCD, 9083-ENCE, or collectively as the "9083").

Note: This manual covers the 9083-ENCD (which is the 9083 card equipped with an optional Dolby<sup>®</sup> Digital<sup>™</sup> encoder as an option) and the 9083-ENCE (which is the 9083 card equipped with an optional Dolby<sup>®</sup> E encoder). Where applicable, descriptions related exclusively to either the 9083-ENCD or the 9083-ENCE are respectively denoted by (9083-ENCD only) or (9083-ENCE only). In all other aspects, both cards function identically as described in this manual.

**This manual** consists of the following chapters:

- Chapter 1, "Introduction" Provides information about this manual and what is covered. Also provides general information regarding the 9083.
- Chapter 2, "Installation and Setup" Provides instructions for installing the 9083 in a frame, and optionally installing 9083 Rear I/O Modules.
- Chapter 3, "Operating Instructions" Provides overviews of operating controls and instructions for using the 9083.

This chapter contains the following information:

- 9083 Card Software Versions and this Manual (p. 1-2)
- Manual Conventions (p. 1-3)
- Safety Summary (p. 1-4)
- 9083 Functional Description (p. 1-5)
- Technical Specifications (p. 1-24)
- Warranty and Service Information (p. 1-28)
- Contact Cobalt Digital Inc. (p. 1-29)

## 9083 Card Software Versions and this Manual

When applicable, Cobalt Digital Inc. provides for continual COMPASS<sup>TM</sup> card product enhancements through software updates. As such, functions described in this manual may pertain specifically to cards loaded with a particular software build. If you received your 9083 and this manual at the same time, this manual reflects all facets of your card.

This manual (9083-ENC-OM (V4.0)) was specifically written for **Software Version: 4.0 / 2823 (or greater)** 

If your 9083 was purchased **earlier** than receiving this manual, you can check the Software Release Number/Software Build Number of your 9083 and see if it matches the Software Release Number/Software Build Number covered by this manual.

If necessary, the Software Release Number/Software Build Number of your 9083 can be checked by viewing this information as displayed on the **Info** submenu on the card-edge display, or by checking the **Card Info** menu in DashBoard<sup>TM</sup>. See Checking 9083 Card Information (p. 3-14) in Chapter 3, "Operating Instructions" for more information.

Proceed as follows if your 9083 card's software does not match this manual:

Card Software <b>earlier</b> than version in manual	Card is not loaded with the latest software. Not all functions and specified performance described in this manual may be available.
	If desired, contact Cobalt Digital Inc. to receive the latest Update software for your card. Software is typically sent by e-mail.
	You can update your card by uploading the new Update software by going to the <b>Support&gt;Downloads</b> link at www.cobaltdigital.com. Then, go to the listing for your card and download "COMPASS™ Firmware Update Guide".
Card Software <b>newer</b> than version in manual	A new manual is expediently released whenever a card's software is updated and specifications and/or functionality have changed as compared to an earlier version (a new manual is not necessarily released if specifications and/or functionality have not changed). A manual earlier than a card's software version may not completely or accurately describe all functions available for your card.
	If your card shows features not described in this manual, you can check for the latest manual (if applicable) and download it by going to the <b>Support&gt;Downloads</b> link at www.cobaltdigital.com.

**Introduction** Manual Conventions

#### **Manual Conventions**

In this manual, display messages and connectors are shown using the exact name shown on the 9083 itself. Examples are provided below.

• Card-edge display messages are shown like this:

Ch01

• Connector names are shown like this: AES IN 1

In this manual, the terms below are applicable as follows:

- 9083-ENCD refers to the 9083 HD/SD Frame Sync with Audio Embedding/De-Embedding and Dolby<sup>®</sup> Digital<sup>TM</sup> (AC-3) Encoder card.
- **9083-ENCE** refers to the 9083 HD/SD Frame Sync with Audio Embedding/De-Embedding and Dolby® E Encoder card.
- Frame refers to the 8310 (or similar) frame that houses the Cobalt®
   COMPASS<sup>TM</sup> cards.
- **Device** and/or **Card** refers to a COMPASS<sup>TM</sup> card.
- System and/or Video System refers to the mix of interconnected production and terminal equipment in which the 9083 and other COMPASS<sup>TM</sup> cards operate.

#### Warnings, Cautions, and Notes

Certain items in this manual are highlighted by special messages. The definitions are provided below.

#### **Warnings**

Warning messages indicate a possible hazard which, if not avoided, could result in personal injury or death.

#### **Cautions**

Caution messages indicate a problem or incorrect practice which, if not avoided, could result in improper operation or damage to the product.

#### **Notes**

Notes provide supplemental information to the accompanying text. Notes typically precede the text to which they apply.

#### **Labeling Symbol Definitions**

$\triangle$	Attention, consult accompanying documents.
	Electronic device or assembly is susceptible to damage from an ESD event. Handle only using appropriate ESD prevention practices.  If ESD wrist strap is not available, handle card only by edges and avoid contact with any connectors or components.
	Symbol (WEEE 2002/96/EC) For product disposal, ensure the following:  • Do not dispose of this product as unsorted municipal waste.  • Collect this product separately.  • Use collection and return systems available to you.

# **Safety Summary**

#### **Warnings**

! WARNING!

To reduce risk of electric shock do not remove line voltage service barrier cover on frame equipment containing an AC power supply. NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

#### **Cautions**

**CAUTION** 

This device is intended for environmentally controlled use only in appropriate video terminal equipment operating environments.

CAUTION

This product is intended to be a component product of an openGear™ frame. Refer to the openGear™ frame Owner's Manual for important safety instructions regarding the proper installation and safe operation of the frame as well as its component products.

CAUTION

Heat and power distribution requirements within a frame may dictate specific slot placement of cards. Cards with many heat-producing components should be arranged to avoid areas of excess heat build-up, particularly in frames using only convection cooling. The 9083 has a moderate power dissipation (15 W max.). As such, avoiding placing the card adjacent to other cards with similar dissipation values if possible.

CAUTION

If required, make certain Rear I/O Module(s) is installed before installing the 9083 into the frame slot. Damage to card and/or Rear I/O Module can occur if module installation is attempted with card already installed in slot.

CAUTION

If card resists fully engaging in rear I/O module mating connector, check for alignment and proper insertion in slot tracks. Damage to card and/or rear I/O module may occur if improper card insertion is attempted.

# 9083 Functional Description

Figure 1-1 shows a functional block diagram of the 9083. The 9083 frame synchronizer also includes a full 16-channel audio embedder/de-embedder, an 8-channel, and a 24-bit balanced analog-to-digital audio converter. The 9083 also handles AFD code detection/insertion. Additionally, the 9083-ENCD also performs Dolby® Digital<sup>TM</sup> (AC-3) encoding using any of the audio sources supported by the 9083, and using either external or internally generated metadata. Similarly, the 9083-ENCE also performs Dolby® E encoding using any of the audio sources supported by the 9083, and using either external or internally generated metadata.

Note:

Some of the functions described below are available only when using the DashBoard<sup>™</sup>, or Cobalt<sup>®</sup> OGCP-9000 or OGCP-9000/CC Remote Control Panels user interfaces. Refer to User Control Interface (p. 1-19) for user interface descriptions.

#### 9083 Input/Output Formats

The 9083 provides the following inputs and outputs:

- Inputs:
  - HD/SD SDI IN dual-rate HD/SD-SDI input
  - AES I/O (1-4) user-switchable as AES inputs or AES outputs
  - AES IN (5-8) dedicated AES inputs
  - AN-AUD IN (1-8) balanced analog audio inputs
  - **DOLBY META IN** RS-485 external Dolby® metadata input
- Outputs:
  - SDI OUT two dual-rate HD/SD-SDI buffered video outputs
  - RCK OUT two reclocked HD/SD-SDI buffered input copies
  - AES OUT (1-4) dedicated AES outputs
  - AES I/O (1-4) user-switchable as AES inputs or AES outputs
  - ENCD COPY (1-4) four Dolby® encoded pair copies (available on discrete AES output channels 9/10 thru 15/16 over the AES OUT 5-8 BNC connectors)

**Note:** The input/output complement listed above represents the maximum capability of the 9083. The practical input/output complement is determined by the particular Rear I/O Module used with the 9083. Refer to 9083 Rear I/O Modules (p. 1-21) for more information.

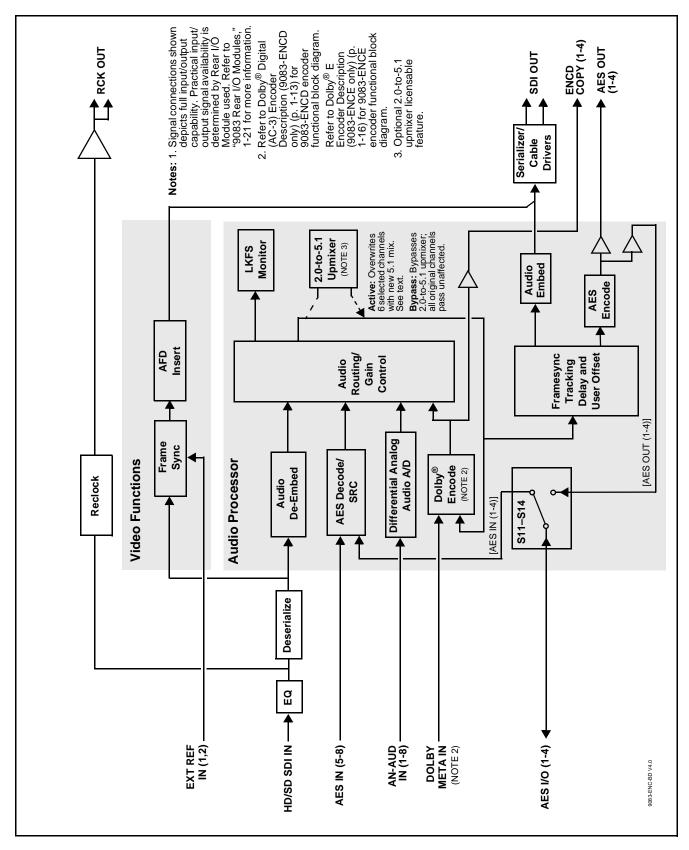


Figure 1-1 9083 Functional Block Diagram

#### **Video Functions Description**

#### Frame Sync Function

This function provides for frame sync control using either one of two external **EXT REF IN (1,2)** reference signals distributed with the card frame, or the input video as a frame sync reference.

This function also allows horizontal and/or vertical offset to be added between the output video and the frame sync reference.

A video/audio delay offset function allows adding or reducing audio delay from the matching video delay. This function is useful for correcting lip sync problems when video and audio paths in the chain experience differing overall delays. A Reset Framesync function resets the frame sync following any horizontal or vertical offset changes, clearing any buffered audio and video and re-establishing the frame sync. The 9083 re-establishes video/audio sync following framesync changes by applying an offset in small, progressive amounts to provide a seamless, glitch-free retiming. A user-selectable hard resync function allows setting a threshold at which hard resync is applied if audio-video offset exceeds the threshold. Hard resync provides fastest snyc-up suitable for off-air manipulation. Conversely, a threshold setting that avoids hard resync allows glitch-free on-air manipulation.

In the event of input video loss of signal, this function provides for disabling the video, going to a desired color raster, or freezing to the last intact frame (frame having valid SAV and EAV codes).

#### **AFD Inserter**

This function provides for assignment and insertion of AFD codes into the SDI output video. Using this function, AFD codes in accordance with the standard 4-bit AFD code designations can be applied to the output video.

This function checks for any existing AFD code within the received video input. If a code is present, the code is displayed. When used in conjunction with a separate downstream card capable of providing AFD-directed scaling, the image can in turn be scaled in accordance with the AFD coding embedded by this card.

The function also allows the selection/changing of the AFD code ancillary data line number for the outputted AFD code.

#### **Audio Processor Description**

The audio processor operates as an internal audio router. The router function chooses from the following inputs:

- 16 channels of embedded AES from the SDI video
- 16 channels (8 pairs) of discrete AES input
- 8 channels of balanced analog audio input
- Four independent internal tone generators (described below)
- Digital silence (mute) setting
- Internal Down Mix and Mono Mixer outputs (described below)
- (9083-ENCD only) Dolby® Digital (AC-3) encoded pair
- (9083-ENCE only) Dolby® E encoded pair

The router function provides the following audio outputs:

- 16 channels of embedded AES SDI output
- 8 channels of discrete AES output on four discrete AES pairs
- Dolby<sup>®</sup> encoded pair, which can be routed on embedded or discrete AES channels

The router acts as a full audio cross point. Each of the 24 output channels (16 embedded, 8 discrete AES) can receive signal from any one of the 40 (16 embedded, 16 discrete AES, 8 analog) input channels, four internal tone generators, or several mixer sources. Unused output channels can be mapped to a "Silence" source. Each output also provides gain adjustment and selectable polarity inversion.

Output audio rates are always 48 kHz, locked to output video, but discrete AES inputs can be set to use sample rate converters to align these inputs with the output timing. (AES must be nominally 48 kHz input; 32, 44.1, 96, and 192 kHz inputs are not compatible with the 9083.) The sample rate converters are disabled by default. Output AES is always precisely synchronized with the output video. The balanced analog audio input is sampled at 48 kHz with a +24 dBu clipping level (+24 dBu => 0 dBFS).

As set with the default settings, the routing between embedded audio channels **Embed Ch 1** thru **Embed Ch 16** and discrete AES audio channels **AES Ch1** thru **AES Ch 16** is as shown in Figure 1-2. In this mode, the routing is basic 1-to-1 embedding/de-embedding for the 16 embedded and AES discrete audio channels. Other sources and/or destinations (described below) for each channel are selected using the card edge controls or a remote control system.

Note:

As shown in Figure 1-1, the 9083-ENCD and 9083-ENCE are equipped with eight discrete AES input pair ports and four discrete AES output pair ports. On Rear I/O Modules having limited AES I/O capabilities, switches S11 thru S14 allow available rear module BNC connectors to be allotted between AES inputs and outputs as desired. Buffered copies of **AES OUT (1-4)** are available as dedicated outputs and as respective outputs fed through S11 - S14 on the card.

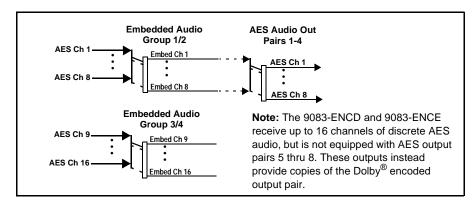


Figure 1-2 Default Embed/De-Embed Audio Routing

#### **Audio Down Mixer and Mono Mixer Function**

(See Figure 1-3.) The audio down mixer function provides for the selection of any five embedded, AES discrete, or analog audio sources serving as Left (L), Right (R), Center (C), Left Surround (Ls), and Right Surround (Rs) individual signals to be multiplexed into a stereo pair (Down Mix Left (DM-L) and Down Mix Right (DM-R)). The resulting stereo pair DM-L and DM-R can in turn be routed and processed just like any of the other audio sources described earlier.

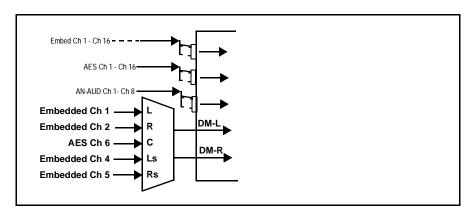


Figure 1-3 Audio Down Mix Functional Block Diagram with Example Sources

The mono mixer function (Figure 1-4) generates an additional mono-mixed channel from two selected embedded, AES discrete, or analog input channels serving as left and right inputs. The resulting mono mix channel **MONO** can in turn be routed and processed just like any of the other audio sources described earlier.

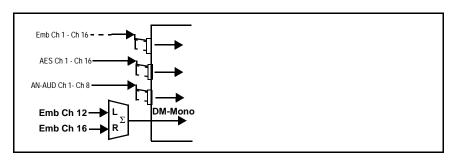


Figure 1-4 Audio Mono Mix Functional Block Diagram with Example Sources

#### 2.0-to-5.1 Upmix Function

Note:

Upmix function is an optional licensable feature. This function and its controls appear only when a license key is entered and activated. (This option (identified in Cobalt® price lists as "OPT-SW-UM") can be purchased upon initial order, or field-activated using a key string which is sent to you when this option is purchased.)

The 2.0-to-5.1 upmixer function receives a normal PCM stereo pair from the Audio Routing/Gain Control function and upmixes the pair to provide 5.1 channels (Left (L), Right (R), Center (C), Low Frequency Effects (LFE), Left Surround (Ls), and Right Surround (Rs)). Whenever the upmixer is active, it overwrites the six selected channels with the new 5.1 upmix signals (including replacing the original source stereo L and R inputs with new L and R signals).

The 2.0-to-5.1 upmixer can be set to up mix in any of three modes: Always upmix, Bypass upmix, or Auto enable/bypass upmixing. The Auto upmixing mode looks at the signal levels on the selected channels and compares them to a selectable level threshold. It then determines whether or not to generate 5.1 upmixing from the stereo pair as follows:

- If the upmixer detects signal level below a selected threshold on all four of the selected channels designated as C, LFE, Ls, and Rs, this indicates to the upmixer that these channels are not carrying 5.1. In this case, the upmixer overwrites all six selected channels with the new 5.1 content.
- If the upmixer detects signal level **above** a selected threshold on **any** of the four selected channels designated as **C**, **LFE**, **Ls**, and **Rs**, this indicates to the upmixer that the channel(s) are already carrying viable 5.1 content. In this case, the upmixer is bypassed, allowing the original channels to pass unaffected.

The examples in Figure 1-5 show the automatic enable/disable up-mixing function applied to example selected channels **Emb Ch 1** thru **Emb Ch 6**. As shown and described, the processing is contingent upon the signal levels of the channels selected to carry the new 5.1 upmix relative to the selected threshold (in this example, -60 dBFS). Note also that this function is applied **after** the Audio Routing/Gain Control function. Because all audio inputs pass through the Audio Routing/Gain Control function before the up mixer, the up mixer can use embedded, AES discrete, and/or analog audio sources.

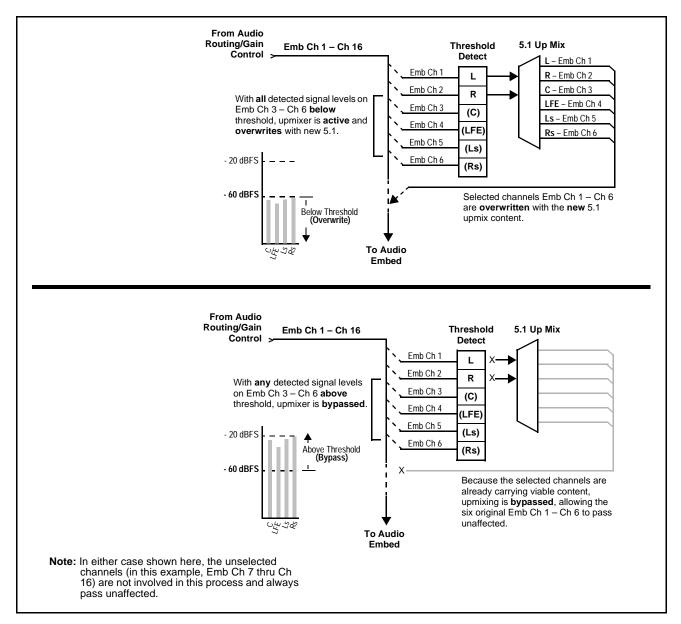


Figure 1-5 Up Mix Auto Enable/Bypass with Example Sources

#### **Tone Generator Function**

The 9083 contains four built-in tone generators (Tone Generator 1 thru Tone Generator 4). Each of the four tone generators can be set to a different frequency, and are available as audio sources for the embedded or AES audio outputs.

18 discrete sine wave frequencies are available, ranging from 50 Hz to 16 kHz (default frequency is 1.0 kHz).

#### **AES Audio Input Advanced Features**

#### **AES Sample Rate Converter**

The 9083 AES inputs have sample rate converters that can be independently enabled for each AES pair to allow the card to interface with asynchronous AES sources (sources in which AES timing does not match the video input timing). The sample rate converters are set to disabled (bypassed) by default; this is necessary when embedding undecoded, non-PCM audio such as Dolby® E or Dolby® Digital<sup>TM</sup> audio streams. When a valid Dolby® E or Dolby® Digital<sup>TM</sup> signal (in accordance with SMPTE 337M) is detected on an AES or embedded audio signal, SRC is automatically bypassed along with gain and polarity controls.

#### **Zero-Delay Audio Embedding**

In cases where additional delay must be avoided, it may be desirable to embed AES with minimum latency. Using zero-delay embedding, the video can then be delayed by one frame to account for any remaining audio delay. In this manner, any delay between video and audio can be cleanly contained and managed within one frame period.

When zero-delay audio embedding is enabled for a given AES pair, the pair is directly embedded into its corresponding group (for example, AES Pair 1 into embedded channels 1 and 2; AES Pair 2 into embedded channels 3 and 4, and so on) with the normal frame sync audio delay being bypassed.

This function overrides the audio routing system (for example, if AES Pair 1 is selected then the controls to route AES Pair 1 into other embedded channels will not apply). Gain and polarity control is not available when this option is selected. Zero-delay audio embedding is set to Off by default.

#### **Low-Latency AES Passthrough**

This function is similar to zero-delay audio embedding. If low-latency AES passthrough is selected for a given input pair, it causes the corresponding AES output pair to act as a bit-for-bit copy of the corresponding AES input pair.

This control overrides the normal audio routing and delay. Gain and polarity control is not available when this option is selected. Passthrough is set to Off by default.

#### Audio LKFS Monitor Description

Note: Refer to Appendix A, "Loudness Measurement Guidelines and Techniques" for more information about LKFS parameters and this function, as well as practical measurement techniques.

This function monitors selected output ("destination") channels from the Audio Routing/Gain Control function and applies signal analysis based on ITU-R BS.1770-1 – ATSC A/85 criteria to produce an LKFS measurement and provide indications of under-threshold and over-threshold level conditions.

The function can monitor any combination of embedded, AES, or analog channels (or channels fed to the Dolby® encoder) selected as the L, R, C, Ls, and Rs ITU-R BS.1770-1 channels (note that the LFE and AUX channels are not included in any LKFS calculations). Because the LKFS monitor uses output (post-processed "destination") channels, LKFS under/over conditions can be corrected using the Dashboard<sup>TM</sup> controls on this card for the monitored channels (Dolby® channel selections use the channels routed to the Dolby encoder inputs).

The functions provides a configurable moving average period for tailoring the measurement to suit various program material conditions, as well as configurable thresholds which provide an unambiguous alarm indication if the measured LKFS deviates from the thresholds. This function uses the encoder metadata dialnorm setting as the LKFS target reference.

## Dolby® Digital (AC-3) Encoder Description (9083-ENCD only)

(See Figure 1-6.) The Dolby<sup>®</sup> Digital (AC-3) Encoder receives up to six different audio sources (Input Audio IN 1 thru IN 6) from the card Audio Routing/Control and produces an encoded Dolby® pair using either received external metadata or internally generated metadata that can be user-defined using the encoder controls. The encoded pair can be sent from the card as embedded audio or over discrete AES-3id connections as a SMPTE 337M-formatted non-PCM signal.

On cards equipped with a Rear I/O Module accommodating AES OUT pairs 5-8, the encoded pair is available as copies on AES channels 9 thru 16.

#### **Input Audio Mapping**

Any audio input supported by the card can serve as audio inputs for the Dolby<sup>®</sup> Digital (AC-3) Encoder. The six user-selected audio sources are mapped to Encr Ch 1 thru Encr Ch 6, which are then fed to the Dolby® Audio Encode function.

#### **Dolby® Metadata Selection/Control**

When external metadata is being used for encoding, the Dolby<sup>®</sup> Digital (AC-3) Encoder allows user selection of the following external metadata sources:

- **Input Video** De-muxed metadata extracted from SDI input video VBI portion in accordance with SMPTE 2020.
- **RS-485 Input Port** Metadata received from external device/system using the card's **DOLBY META IN** RS-485 connector.

When an external source is selected, its status is displayed showing the following:

- Presence of data on selected source.
- Program configuration status (AC-3 modes for the various program configurations defined in the metadata).

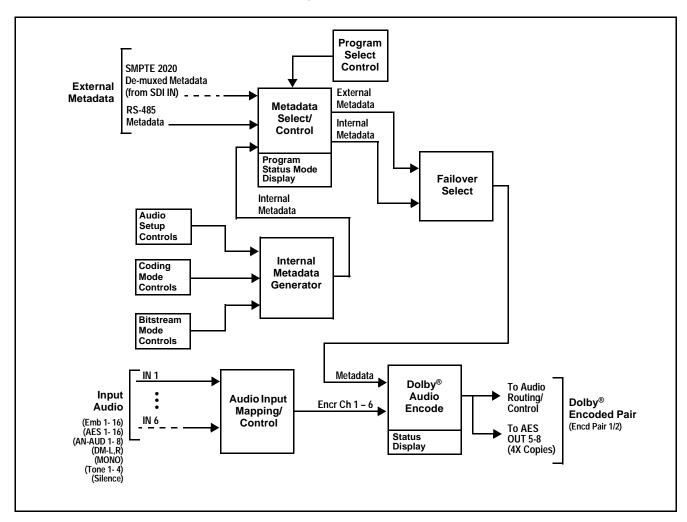


Figure 1-6 Dolby® Digital (AC-3) Encoder Functional Block Diagram

Where multiple external source programs are available (up to eight separate programs), the descriptions and audio settings for each program 1 thru 8 are displayed. This function in turn allows selection of the desired AC-3 external source program. The external metadata selected here is fed to Failover Select.

Failover Select allows user selection of the action to take in the event of loss of external metadata, with the choices being:

- Switch to internal metadata
- · Use last received metadata
- Stop encoding

The available metadata following this function is fed to the Dolby® Audio Encode function.

#### **Internal Metadata Generator**

The Internal Metadata Generator provides full audio setup, program coding, and bitstream definition controls, allowing user-generated metadata for providing Dolby<sup>®</sup> Digital (AC-3) encoding without any external metatdata being required.

Full audio production controls are provided in general conformance with ATSC A/52B definitions, as well as extended bitstream controls. The Internal Metadata Generator can be used as a stable, known source of metadata/encoding, or can be used as a failover in the event of loss of external metadata.

## Dolby® Audio Encode

In accordance with the selected metadata, the Dolby<sup>®</sup> Audio Encode function receives the audio inputs **Encr Ch 1- Ch 6** from Audio Input Mapping/Control and provides the Dolby<sup>®</sup> Digital (AC-3) encoded SMPTE 337M pair **Encd Pair 1/2**. The pair is available as a source as an embedded channel pair (allowing the encoded pair to be embedded in the SDI output) and as a source for an AES output pair (allowing the encoded pair to be available over a discrete AES-3id port).

**Note:** On the encoder-equipped 9083, AES Audio Out pairs 5-8 serve as four dedicated copies of the encoded pair in addition to any other encoded pair routing.

The encoded AC-3 data rate can be selected from multiple choices with associated audio quality trade-offs.

#### Dolby® E Encoder Description (9083-ENCE only)

(See Figure 1-6.) The Dolby® E Encoder receives up to eight different audio sources (Input Audio IN 1 thru IN 8) from the card Audio Routing/Control and produces an encoded Dolby® pair using either received external metadata or internally generated metadata that can be user-defined using the encoder controls. The encoded pair can be sent from the card as embedded audio or over discrete AES-3id connections as a SMPTE 337M-formatted non-PCM signal.

Note: On cards equipped with a Rear I/O Module accommodating AES OUT pairs 5-8, the encoded pair is available as copies on AES channels 9 thru 16.

#### **Input Audio Mapping**

Any audio input supported by the card can serve as audio inputs for the Dolby® E Encoder. The eight user-selected audio sources are mapped to Encr Ch 1 thru Encr Ch 8, which are then fed to the Dolby® Audio Encode function.

#### **Dolby® Metadata Selection/Control**

When external metadata is being used for encoding, the Dolby® E Encoder allows user selection of the following external metadata sources:

- Input Video De-muxed metadata extracted from SDI input video VBI portion in accordance with SMPTE 2020.
- **RS-485 Input Port** Metadata received from external device/system using the card's **DOLBY META IN** RS-485 connector.

When an external source is selected, its status is displayed showing the following:

- Presence of data on selected source.
- Program configuration status (program descriptions for the various program configurations defined in the metadata).

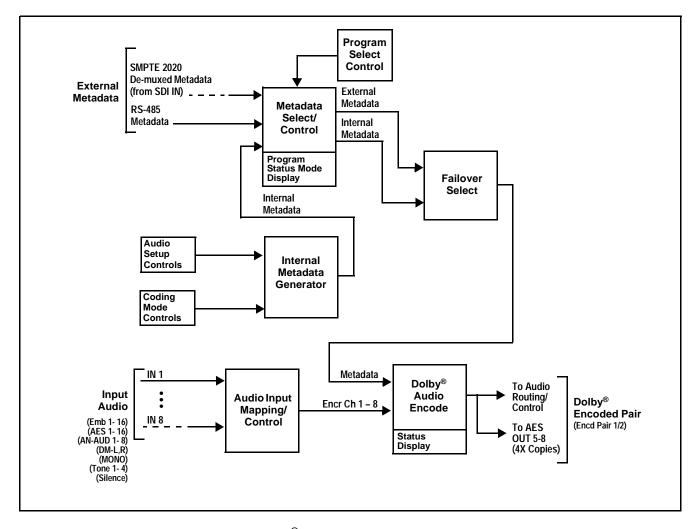


Figure 1-7 Dolby® E Encoder Functional Block Diagram

Where multiple external source programs are available (up to eight separate programs), the descriptions and audio settings for each program 1 thru 8 are displayed. The external metadata selected here is fed to Failover Select.

Failover Select allows user selection of the action to take in the event of loss of external metadata, with the choices being:

- · Switch to internal metadata
- Use last received metadata
- Stop encoding

The available metadata following this function is fed to the Dolby® Audio Encode function.

#### **Internal Metadata Generator**

The Internal Metadata Generator provides full audio setup, program coding, and bitstream definition controls, allowing user-generated metadata for providing Dolby<sup>®</sup> E encoding without any external metadata being required.

Full audio production controls are provided in general conformance with ATSC A/52B definitions. The Internal Metadata Generator can be used as a stable, known source of metadata/encoding, or can be used as a failover in the event of loss of external metadata.

#### **Dolby® Audio Encode**

In accordance with the selected metadata, the Dolby<sup>®</sup> Audio Encode function receives the audio inputs **Encr Ch 1- Ch 8** from Audio Input Mapping/Control and provides the Dolby<sup>®</sup> E encoded SMPTE 337M pair **Encd Pair 1/2**. The pair is available as a source as an embedded channel pair (allowing the encoded pair to be embedded in the SDI output) and as a source for an AES output pair (allowing the encoded pair to be available over a discrete AES-3id port).

**Note:** On the encoder-equipped 9083, AES Audio Out pairs 5-8 serve as four dedicated copies of the encoded pair in addition to any other encoded pair routing.

#### **User Control Interface**

Figure 1-8 shows the user control interface options for the 9083. These options are individually described below.

**Note:** All user control interfaces described here are cross-compatible and can operate together as desired. Where applicable, any control setting change made using a particular user interface is reflected on any other connected interface.

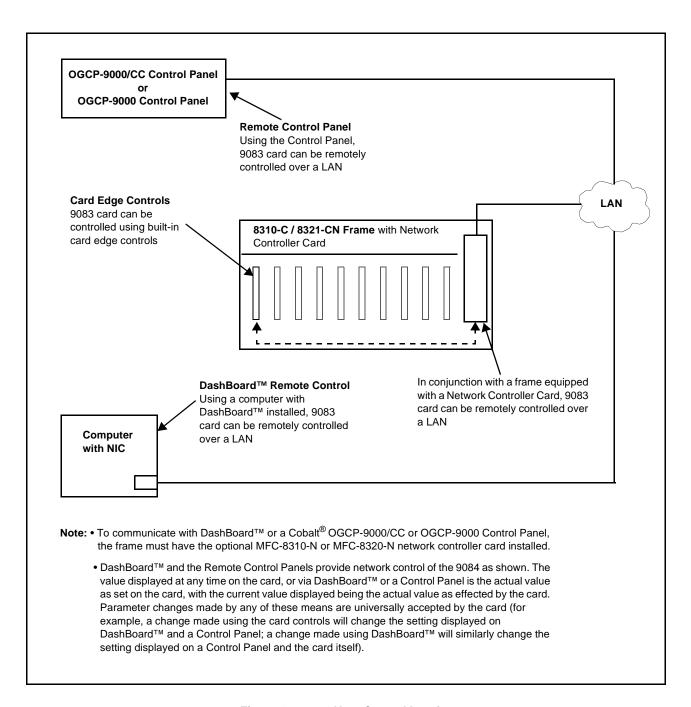


Figure 1-8 9083 User Control Interface

• **Built-in Card Edge User Interface** – Using the built-in card edge controls and display, card control settings can be set using a front panel menu which is described in Chapter 3, "Operating Instructions".

**Note:** Some of the 9083 functions described in this manual are available only when using the DashBoard<sup>™</sup>, or Cobalt<sup>®</sup> OGCP-9000 or OGCP-9000/CC Remote Control Panels user interfaces.

• DashBoard™ User Interface – Using DashBoard™, the 9083 and other cards installed in openGear™ frames such as the Cobalt® 8310-C Frame can be controlled from a computer and monitor. DashBoard™ allows users to view all frames on a network with control and monitoring for all populated slots inside a frame. This simplifies the setup and use of numerous modules in a large installation and offers the ability to centralize monitoring. Cards define their controllable parameters to DashBoard™, so the control interface is always up to date.

Download the free DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> software by going to <a href="www.cobaltdigital.com">www.cobaltdigital.com</a> and selecting "DashBoard Control and Monitoring" on the home page. The DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> user interface is described in Chapter 3,"Operating Instructions".

Note: If network remote control is to be used for the frame and the frame has not yet been set up for remote control, Cobalt<sup>®</sup> reference guide COMPASS<sup>™</sup> Remote Control User Guide" (PN 9000RCS-RM) provides thorough information and step-by-step instructions for setting up network remote control of COMPASS<sup>™</sup> cards using DashBoard<sup>™</sup>.

Download a copy of this guide by clicking on the **Support>Downloads** link at www.cobaltdigital.com and then select DashBoard Remote Control Setup Guide as a download, or contact Cobalt<sup>®</sup> as listed in Contact Cobalt Digital Inc. (p. 1-29).

• Cobalt® OGCP-9000 and OGCP-9000/CC Remote Control Panels – The OGCP-9000 and OGCP-9000/CC Remote Control Panels conveniently and intuitively provide parameter monitor and control of the 9083 and other video and audio processing terminal equipment meeting the open-architecture Cobalt COMPASS<sup>TM</sup> cards for openGear<sup>TM</sup> standard.

In addition to circumventing the need for a computer to monitor and control signal processing cards, the Remote Control Panels allow quick and intuitive access to hundreds of cards in a facility, and can monitor and allow adjustment of multiple parameters at one time.

The Remote Control Panels are totally compatible with the openGear<sup>TM</sup> control software DashBoard<sup>TM</sup>; any changes made with either system are reflected on the other. The Remote Control Panel user interface is described in Chapter 3, "Operating Instructions".

#### 9083 Rear I/O Modules

The 9083 physically interfaces to system video and audio connections using a Rear I/O Module. Figure 1-9 shows a typical 9083 Rear I/O Module.

All inputs and outputs shown in the 9083 Functional Block Diagram (Figure 1-1) enter and exit the card via the card edge backplane connector. The Rear I/O Module breaks out the 9083 card edge connections to industry standard connections that interface with other components and systems in the signal chain.

In this manner, the inputs and outputs required for a particular application can be accommodated using a Rear I/O Module that suits the requirements. The required input and outputs are broken out to the industry standard connectors on the Rear I/O Module; the unused inputs and outputs remain unterminated and not available for use.

The full assortment of 9083 Rear I/O Modules is shown and described in 9083 Rear I/O Modules (p. 2-6) in Chapter 2, "Installation and Setup".

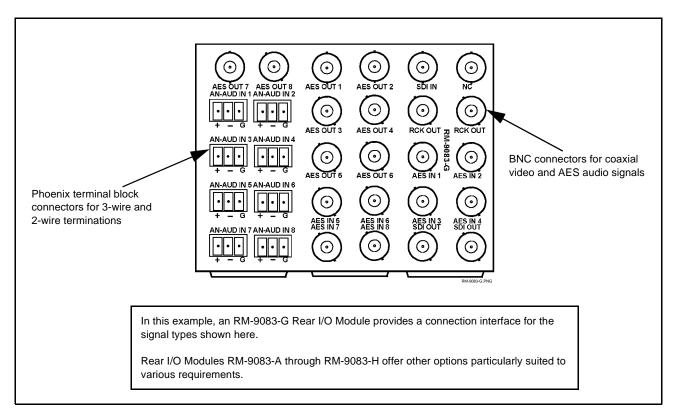


Figure 1-9 Typical 9083 Rear I/O Module

Figure 1-10 shows a 9083 card using an RM-9083-B Rear I/O Module. Using this Rear I/O Module, this module provides industry standard break-out connections for the following inputs and outputs required by this application:

- Inputs:
  - HD/SD SDI IN dual-rate HD/SD-SDI input
  - AN-AUD IN (1-6) balanced analog audio inputs (inputs 7-8 unused)
- Outputs:
  - **SDI OUT** HD/SD-SDI buffered video outputs

The other 9083 inputs and outputs not accommodated by this Rear I/O Module (shown in gray in Figure 1-10) remain unterminated.

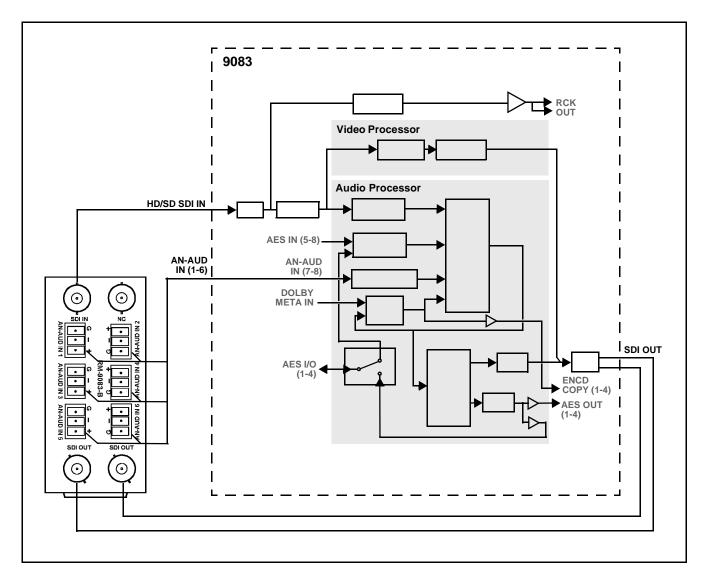


Figure 1-10 9083 with RM-9083-B Rear I/O Module

## Audio and Video Formats Supported by the 9083

The 9083 supports all current SMPTE standard SD and HD video formats. Table 1-1 lists and provides details regarding the audio and video formats supported by the 9083.

Table 1-1 Supported Audio and Video Formats

Item	Desc	cription/Specification
Input / Output Video	Raster Structure:	Frame Rate:
	1080PsF	23.98; 24
	1080p	23.98; 24
	1080i <sup>(1)</sup>	25; 29.97; 30
	720p	23.98; 24; 25; 29.97; 30; 50; 59.94; 60
	486i <sup>(1)</sup>	29.97
	575i <sup>(1)</sup>	25
Embedded Audio	The 9083 supports all four groups (16 channels) of embedded audio at full 24-bit resolution in both SD (with extended data packets) and HD.	
Analog Audio	The 9083 supports 8 channels of balanced (differential) analog audio. The analog audio is encoded such that a +24 dBu input is equivalent to digital 0 dBFS.	
Discrete AES Audio Input	The 9083 can accept 16 channels (8 pairs) of discrete AES audio on $75\Omega$ BNC connections. Sample rate conversion can be employed to account for minor clock rate differences in the AES stream and the input video stream.	
		ot have a nominal rate of approximately oes not support AES input at 32 kHz, 192 kHz rates.
Discrete AES Audio Output	The 9083 can provide 8 ch audio on 75Ω BNC connec	annels (AES pairs 1 thru 4) of discrete AES tions.
(1) All rates displayed as frame rates; ii	nterlaced ("i") field rates are two times t	the rate value shown.

# **Technical Specifications**

Table 1-2 lists the technical specifications for the 9083 HD/SD Frame Sync with Audio Embedding/De-Embedding and Dolby® Decoding Option card.

Table 1-2 Technical Specifications

Item	Characteristic
Part number, nomenclature	• 9083-ENCD – HD/SD Frame Sync with Audio Embedding/ De-Embedding and Dolby <sup>®</sup> Digital <sup>™</sup> (AC-3) Encoder
	9083-ENCE – HD/SD Frame Sync with Audio Embedding/ De-Embedding and Dolby® E Encoder
Installation/usage environment	Intended for installation and usage in frame meeting openGear™ modular system definition.
Power consumption	< 15 Watts maximum
Environmental: Operating temperature: Relative humidity (operating or storage):	32° – 104° F (0° – 40° C) < 95%, non-condensing
Frame communication	10/100 Mbps Ethernet with Auto-MDIX.
Indicators	Card edge display and indicators as follows:
	4-character alphanumeric display
	Status/Error LED indicator
	Input Format LED indicator
Controls	Card edge switches as follows:
	Menu Enter pushbutton switch
	Menu Exit pushbutton switch
	Up/down selection toggle switch
Internal Tone Generators	Four built-in tone generators, each configurable for 18 discrete sine wave frequencies ranging from 50 Hz to 16 kHz.
	Generator source signal level is equivalent to -20 dBu.

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Table 1-2 Technical Specifications — continued

Item	Characteristic
Serial Digital Video Input	Data Rates Supported: SMPTE 292 HD-SDI: 1.485 Gbps or 1.485/1.001 Gbps SMPTE 259M-C SD-SDI: 270 Mbps
	Impedance: 75 $\Omega$ terminating
	Equalization (HD): 328 ft (100 m) Belden 1694A
	Equalization (SD): 1000 ft (305 m) Belden 1694A
	Return Loss: > 15 dB at 5 MHz – 1.485 GHz
Serial Digital Video Outputs	Number of Outputs: Two processed HD/SD-SDI BNC per IEC 60169-8 Amendment 2 Two buffered reclocked input copies
	Impedance: 75 $\Omega$
	Return Loss: > 15 dB at 5 MHz – 270 MHz > 12 dB at 270 MHz – 1.485 GHz
	Signal Level: 800 mV ± 10%
	DC Offset: 0 V ± 50 mV
	Jitter (HD): < 0.15 UI (all outputs)
	Jitter (SD): < 0.10 UI (all outputs)
	Overshoot: < 0.2% of amplitude
Pre-Processor (Reclocked) Serial Digital Video Outputs	Number of Outputs: Two HD/SD-SDI BNC per IEC 60169-8 Amendment 2 Impedance: $75~\Omega$

Table 1-2 Technical Specifications — continued

Item	Characteristic
AES Audio Input	Standard: SMPTE 276M
	Number of Inputs (maximum): 8 unbalanced
	Input Level: 0.1 to 2.5 Vp-p (5 Vp-p tolerant)
	Input Impedance: 75 $\Omega$
	Return Loss: > 12 dB at 100 kHz to 6 MHz
	Resolution: 24-bit only
	Sample Rate: 48 kHz
	SRC: 32-channel; 142 dB S/N
AES Audio Output	Standard: SMPTE 276M
	Number of Outputs (maximum):  • 4 unbalanced AES  • 4 unbalanced Dolby <sup>®</sup> Digital <sup>™</sup> encoded pair output copies
	Output Impedance: 75 $\Omega$
	Return Loss: > 30 dB 100 kHz to 6 MHz
	Sample Rate: 48 kHz
<b>(9083-ENCD only)</b> Dolby <sup>®</sup> Digital <sup>™</sup> Audio Input Encode	Supports up to six audio inputs and provides Dolby <sup>®</sup> Digital <sup>™</sup> (AC-3) encoded pair (available as embedded or discrete AES) per SMPTE 337M.
(9083-ENCE only) Dolby® E Audio Input Encode	Supports up to eight audio inputs and provides Dolby® E encoded pair (available as embedded or discrete AES) per SMPTE 337M.
Dolby <sup>®</sup> External Metadata Input	User-selectable from de-muxed metadata on input video (per SMPTE 2020-1-2008), or from RS-485 interface.

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Table 1-2 Technical Specifications — continued

Item	Characteristic
Analog Audio Input	Number of Inputs (maximum):  Eight, 3-wire balanced analog audio using Phoenix connectors with removable screw terminal blocks (Phoenix PN 1803581; Cobalt PN 5000-0013-000R)
	Sampling Rate: 48 kHz (locked to video input)
	Signal Level: +24 dBu => 0 dBFS
	A/D Frequency Response: 20 – 20 kHz ± 0.25 dB
Reference Video Input	Number of Inputs: Two non-terminating (looping) Frame Reference inputs
	Standards Supported (HD): 720p 24; 25; 29.97; 30; 50; 59.94 1080i 25; 29.97 1080p 23.98; 24; 25; 29.97; 30 1080p/sF 23.98; 24
	Standards Supported (SD): 486i 29.97 (NTSC) 575i 25 (PAL)
	Signal Level: 1 Vp-p nominal
	Signal Type: Analog video sync (black burst or tri-level)
	Impedance: $75~\Omega$
	Return Loss: > 30 dB to 30 MHz
	Allowable Maximum DC on Ref Input: ±1.0 V

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# Installation and Setup

### **Overview**

This chapter contains the following information:

- Setting I/O Switches for AES I/O (1-4) Ports (p. 2-1)
- Installing the 9083 Into a Frame Slot (p. 2-2)
- Installing a Rear I/O Module (p. 2-5)
- Setting Up 9083 Network Remote Control (p. 2-10)

# Setting I/O Switches for AES I/O (1-4) Ports

**Note:** This procedure is applicable only if any of the four AES I/O (1-4) ports on the 9083 are to be used as **outputs** (the switches are set to input mode by factory default). The 9083 is equipped with a four-section red DIP switch that sets AES pairs 1 thru 4 as either inputs or outputs. The factory default position is the **input** position for each pair.

- If all of the AES I/O (1-4) ports are to be used as inputs (or not used at all), omit this procedure.
- If any of the AES I/O (1-4) ports are to be used as outputs, set the switches as described in this procedure.

Note switch S11 thru S14 settings for **AES I/O 1** thru **AES I/O 4** mode shown in Figure 2-1. For port to be used as an **output**, set switch to down position as shown in Figure 2-1.

Note: Regardless of S11 thru S14 settings for AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4, outputs AES OUT (1-4) are still available on cards equipped with a Rear I/O Module having dedicated AES OUT BNC connectors.

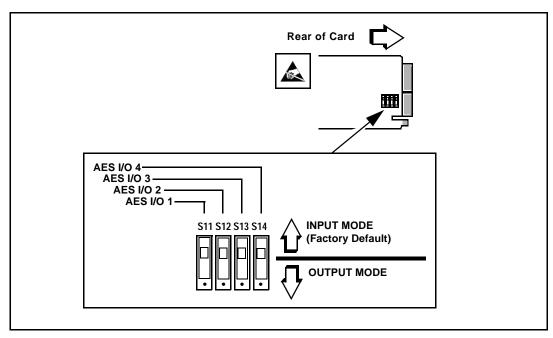


Figure 2-1 9083 AES I/O (1-4) Mode Switches

# Installing the 9083 Into a Frame Slot

#### **CAUTION**

Heat and power distribution requirements within a frame may dictate specific slot placement of cards. Cards with many heat-producing components should be arranged to avoid areas of excess heat build-up, particularly in frames using only convection cooling. The 9083 has a moderate power dissipation (15 W max.). As such, avoiding placing the card adjacent to other cards with similar dissipation values if possible.

#### **CAUTION**



This device contains semiconductor devices which are susceptible to serious damage from Electrostatic Discharge (ESD). ESD damage may not be immediately apparent and can affect the long-term reliability of the device.

Avoid handling circuit boards in high static environments such as carpeted areas, and when wearing synthetic fiber clothing. Always use proper ESD handling precautions and equipment when working on circuit boards and related equipment.

#### Note

- If installing the 9083 in an 8310-C-BNC or 8310-BNC frame (which is pre-equipped with a 100-BNC rear I/O module installed across the entire backplane) or a slot already equipped with a suitable I/O module, proceed to card installation steps below.
- If installing the 9083 in a slot with no rear I/O module, a Rear I/O Module is required before cabling can be connected. Refer to Installing a Rear I/O Module (p. 2-5) for rear I/O module installation procedure.

#### **CAUTION**

If required, make certain Rear I/O Module(s) is installed before installing the 9083 into the frame slot. Damage to card and/or Rear I/O Module can occur if module installation is attempted with card already installed in slot.

**Note:** Check the packaging in which the 9083 was shipped for any extra items such as a Rear I/O Module connection label. In some cases, this label is shipped with the card and should be installed on the Rear I/O connector bank corresponding to the slot location of the card.

Install the 9083 into a frame slot as follows:

- 1. Determine the slot in which the 9083 is to be installed.
- **2.** Open the frame front access panel.
- **3.** While holding the card by the card edges, align the card such that the plastic ejector tab is on the bottom.
- **4.** Align the card with the top and bottom guides of the slot in which the card is being installed.
- **5.** Gradually slide the card into the slot. When resistance is noticed, gently continue pushing the card until its rear printed circuit edge terminals engage fully into the rear I/O module mating connector.

#### **CAUTION**

If card resists fully engaging in rear I/O module mating connector, check for alignment and proper insertion in slot tracks. Damage to card and/or rear I/O module may occur if improper card insertion is attempted.

- **6.** Verify that the card is fully engaged in rear I/O module mating connector.
- **7.** Close the frame front access panel.

- **8.** Connect the input and output cables as follows:
  - If the 9083 is being installed in a PN 8310-BNC or 8310-C-BNC frame, refer to the label on the connector bank corresponding to the card's slot location for connector designations.
  - If the 9083 is being installed in a PN 8310-C frame using a 9083 Rear I/O Module (PN RM-9083-A thru RM-9083-H), connect cabling in accordance with the appropriate diagram shown in Table 2-1, "9083 Rear I/O Modules" (p. 2-6).
- **9.** Repeat steps 1 through 8 for other 9083 cards.

**Note:** The 9083 BNC inputs are internally 75-ohm terminated. It is not necessary to terminate unused BNC inputs or outputs.

**Note:** To remove a card, press down on the ejector tab to unseat the card from the rear I/O module mating connector. Evenly draw the card from its slot.

10. If network remote control is to be used for the frame and the frame has not yet been set up for remote control, perform setup in accordance with Cobalt® reference guide "COMPASS™ Remote Control User Guide (PN 9000RCS-RM)".

**Note:** If installing a card in a frame already equipped for, and connected to DashBoard<sup>™</sup>, no network setup is required for the card. The card will be discovered by DashBoard<sup>™</sup> and be ready for use.

# Installing a Rear I/O Module

Note: This procedure is applicable only if a Rear I/O Module is not currently installed in the slot where the 9083 is to be installed.

If installing the 9083 in a 8310-C-BNC or 8310-BNC frame (which is pre-equipped with a 100-BNC rear I/O module installed across the entire backplane) or a slot already equipped with a suitable I/O module, omit this procedure.

The full assortment of 9083 Rear I/O Modules is shown and described in 9083 Rear I/O Modules (p. 2-6). Install a Rear I/O Module as follows:

- 1. On the 8310 frame, determine the slot in which the 9083 is to be installed.
- 2. In the mounting area corresponding to the slot location, install Rear I/O Module as shown in Figure 2-2.

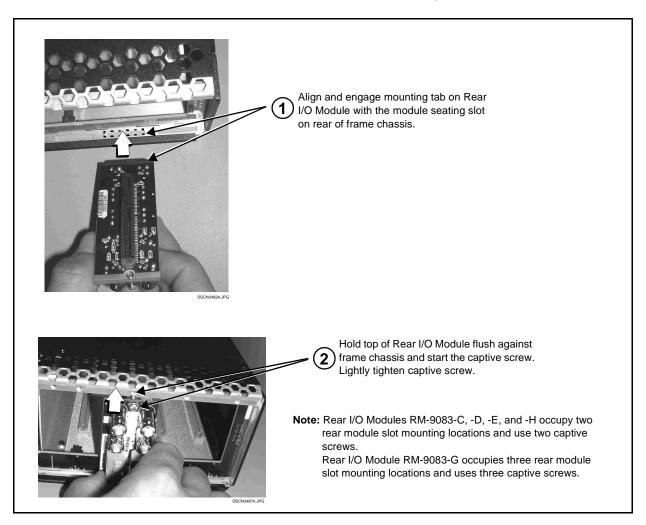


Figure 2-2 Rear I/O Module Installation

#### 9083 Rear I/O Modules

Table 2-1 shows and describes the full assortment of Rear I/O Modules specifically for use with the 9083.

Note:

Rear I/O Modules equipped with 3-wire Phoenix connectors are supplied with removable screw terminal block adapters. For clarity, the adapters are omitted in the drawings below.

Table 2-1 9083 Rear I/O Modules

9083 Rear I/O Module	Description		
RM-9083-A	Provides the following connections:		
	HD/SD-SDI coaxial input (SDI IN)		
SDI IN NC	<ul> <li>Two HD/SD-SDI reclocked input copies (RCK OUT)</li> </ul>		
RCK OUT RCK OUT	<ul> <li>Four AES I/O coaxial input/outputs (AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4; I/O function of each connection is user-configurable)</li> </ul>		
RCK OUT  AES I/O 1  AES I/O 2  AES I/O 3  AES I/O 4  SDI OUT  O  RM 9005-A PNG	Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT)		
RM-9083-B	Provides the following connections:		
	<ul> <li>HD/SD-SDI coaxial input (SDI IN)</li> </ul>		
SDIN NG	<ul> <li>Six analog balanced audio inputs (AN-AUD IN 1 thru AN-AUD IN 6)</li> </ul>		
AN-AUD IN 5  AN-AUD IN 6  B- 80-80-80-80  TO OLD  AN-AUD IN 6  AN-AUD IN 7  AN-AUD IN 7  AN-AUD IN 8  AN-AUD IN 8  AN-AUD IN 9  AN-AUD	Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT)		

Table 2-1 9083 Rear I/O Modules — continued

9083 Rear I/O Module	Description	
RM-9083-C	Provides the following connections:	
	HD/SD-SDI coaxial input (SDI IN)	
AES IN 5 AES IN 6 SDI IN NC ANAUD IN 1 ANAUD IN 2	<ul> <li>Four AES I/O coaxial input/outputs (AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4; I/O function of each connection is user-configurable)</li> </ul>	
AN-AUD IN 3 AN-AUD IN 4	<ul> <li>Two dedicated AES coaxial audio inputs (AES IN 5 and AES IN 6)</li> </ul>	
AN-AUD IN 3 AN-AUD IN 4  AN-AUD IN 4  AES I/O 1  AES I/O 2  AES I/O 2  AES I/O 3  AES I/O 4	<ul> <li>Eight analog balanced audio inputs (AN-AUD IN 1 thru AN-AUD IN 8)</li> </ul>	
AN-AUD IN 5 AN-AUD IN 6 (O)	<ul> <li>Two dedicated AES coaxial audio outputs (AES OUT 1 and AES OUT 2)</li> </ul>	
AN-AUD IN 7 AN-AUD IN 8 SDI OUT 1 AES OUT 2 SDI OUT 2 SDI OUT 1 AES OUT 2 SDI OUT 3 SDI OUT 2 SDI OUT 3 SD	Note: AES OUT 1 and AES OUT 2 on RM-9083-C Rear I/O Module always function as outputs regardless of whether AES I/O 1 or AES I/O 2 are used as inputs or outputs.	
RM-9083-C-PNG	Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT)	
RM-9083-D	Provides the following connections:	
	HD/SD-SDI coaxial input (SDI IN)	
DOLBY META AN-AUD IN 1 AN-AUD IN 2  AN-AUD IN 1 AN-AUD IN 2	<ul> <li>Four AES I/O coaxial input/outputs (AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4; I/O function of each connection is user-configurable)</li> </ul>	
+ - G + - G AES I/O 1 AN-AUD IN 3 AN-AUD IN 4	<ul> <li>Eight analog balanced audio inputs (AN-AUD IN 1 thru AN-AUD IN 8)</li> </ul>	
	Dolby® RS-485 metadata input (DOLBY META)	
+ - G + - G AES I/O 3 AES I/O 4  AN-AUD IN 5 AN-AUD IN 6	<ul> <li>Two dedicated AES coaxial audio outputs (AES OUT 1 and AES OUT 2)</li> </ul>	
AN-AUD IN 7 AN-AUD IN 8  AN-AUD IN 7 AN-AUD IN 8  AN-AUD IN 6  AN-AUD IN 7 AN-AUD IN 8  AN-AUD I	Note: AES OUT 1 and AES OUT 2 on RM-9083-D Rear I/O Module always function as outputs regardless of whether AES I/O 1 or AES I/O 2 are used as inputs or outputs.	
RM-9085-D FWG	Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT)	

Table 2-1 9083 Rear I/O Modules — continued

9083 Rear I/O Module	Description
RM-9083-E	Provides the following connections:
	HD/SD-SDI coaxial input ( <b>SDI IN</b> )
DOLBY META SDI IN AES IN 8	<ul> <li>Four AES I/O coaxial input/outputs (AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4; I/O function of each connection is user-configurable)</li> </ul>
AES OUT 1 AES OUT 2 AES I/O 1 AES I/O 2	<ul> <li>Three dedicated AES coaxial audio inputs (AES IN 5, AES IN 6, AES IN 8)</li> </ul>
AES OUT 1 AES OUT 2 AES I/O 1 AES I/O 2	Dolby® RS-485 metadata input (DOLBY META)
AES OUT 3 AES OUT 4 AES 1/O 3 AES 1/O 4	<ul> <li>Four dedicated AES coaxial audio outputs (AES OUT 1 thru AES OUT 4)</li> </ul>
AES 88H 7 AES 88H 8 SEP 88H 8 SEP 88H 9 SEP 88	Note: AES OUT 1 and AES OUT 4 on RM-9083-E Rear I/O Module always function as outputs regardless of whether AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4 are used as inputs or outputs.
RM-900S-EPNG	Note: AES OUT 5 thru AES OUT 8 on 9083 always function as Dolby <sup>®</sup> encoded pair copies.
	Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT)
RM-9083-F	Provides the following connections:
	HD/SD-SDI coaxial input (SDI IN)
SDI IN AES IN 8	<ul> <li>Five AES coaxial inputs (AES IN 1 thru AES IN 4; AES IN 8)</li> </ul>
AES OUT 1 AES OUT 2  AES IN 1 AES IN 2	Note: For AES IN 1 thru AES IN 4 on RM-9083-F Rear I/O Module to function as inputs, AES I/O switches S11 – S14 must be set to Input (factory default). See Setting I/O Switches for AES I/O (1-4) Ports (p. 2-1) for more information.
	<ul> <li>Two dedicated AES coaxial audio outputs (AES OUT 1 and AES OUT 2)</li> </ul>
AES IN 3 SDI OUT SDI OUT RM 9005 F PNG	Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT)

Table 2-1 9083 Rear I/O Modules — continued

#### 9083 Rear I/O Module **Description** RM-9083-G Provides the following connections: HD/SD-SDI coaxial input (SDI IN) Two HD/SD-SDI reclocked input copies $\odot$ $\odot$ 0 0 $\odot$ (RCK OUT) SDIIN AES OUT 1 Eight dedicated AES coaxial audio inputs $\odot$ 0 0 0 (AES IN 1 thru AES IN 8) RCK OUT 2 AES OUT 4 RCK OUT Note: For AES IN 1 thru AES IN 4 on RM-9083-G 9083-G Rear I/O Module to function as inputs, AES 0 $\odot$ 0 0 I/O switches S11 – S14 must be set to Input AES OUT 6 AES OUT 5 AES IN 1 (factory default). See Setting I/O Switches for AES I/O (1-4) Ports (p. 2-1) for more 0 0 0 information. AES IN 3 • Eight analog balanced audio inputs (AN-AUD IN 1 $\odot$ 0 0 thru AN-AUD IN 8) • Four dedicated AES coaxial audio outputs (AES OUT 1 thru AES OUT 4) Note: AES OUT 5 thru AES OUT 8 on 9083 always function as Dolby<sup>®</sup> encoded pair copies. Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT) RM-9083-H Provides the following connections: • HD/SD-SDI coaxial input (SDI IN) Four dedicated AES coaxial audio inputs (AES IN 5 thru AES IN 8) • Four AES I/O coaxial input/outputs (AES I/O 1 thru 0 $\odot$ $\odot$ $\odot$ AES I/O 4; I/O function of each connection is user-configurable) AES OUT 2 AES I/O 1 AES OUT 1 AES I/O 2 Four dedicated AES coaxial audio outputs 0 $\odot$ 0 (AES OUT 1 thru AES OUT 4) AES I/O 4 Note: AES OUT 1 thru AES OUT 4 on RM-9083-H Rear I/O Module always function as outputs 0 0 ⊙ 0 regardless of whether AES I/O 1 thru AES IN 5 AES SUT 9 AES SUT 8 AES I/O 4 are used as inputs or outputs. 0 Note: AES OUT 5 thru AES OUT 8 on 9083 always 0 function as Dolby<sup>®</sup> encoded pair copies. Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT)

# **Setting Up 9083 Network Remote Control**

Perform remote control setup in accordance with Cobalt® reference guide "COMPASS<sup>TM</sup> Remote Control User Guide (PN 9000RCS-RM)".

- Note: If network remote control is to be used for the frame and the frame has not yet been set up for remote control, Cobalt® reference guide COMPASS™ Remote Control User Guide (PN 9000RCS-RM) provides thorough information and step-by-step instructions for setting up network remote control of COMPASS™ cards using DashBoard™. (Cobalt® OGCP-9000 and OGCP-9000/CC Remote Control Panel product manuals have complete instructions for setting up remote control using a Remote Control Panel.)
  - Download a copy of this guide by clicking on the Support>Downloads link at www.cobaltdigital.com and then select DashBoard Remote Control Setup Guide as a download, or contact Cobalt® as listed in Contact Cobalt Digital Inc. (p. 1-29).
  - If installing a card in a frame already equipped for, and connected to DashBoard™, no network setup is required for the card. The card will be discovered by DashBoard™ and be ready for use.

# Operating Instructions

#### **Overview**

This chapter contains the following information:

- Control and Display Descriptions (p. 3-1)
- Accessing the 9083 Card via Remote Control (p. 3-12)
- Checking 9083 Card Information (p. 3-14)
- Ancillary Data Line Number Locations and Ranges (p. 3-15)
- 9083 Function Submenu List and Descriptions (p. 3-16)
- Troubleshooting (p. 3-73)

# **Control and Display Descriptions**

This section describes the user interface controls, indicators, and displays (both on-card and remote controls) for using the 9083 card. The 9083 functions can be accessed and controlled using any of the user interfaces described here.

The format in which the 9083 functional controls, indicators, and displays appear and are used varies depending on the user interface being used. Regardless of the user interface being used, access to the 9083 functions (and the controls, indicators, and displays related to a particular function) follows a general arrangement of Function Submenus under which related parameters can be accessed (as described in Function Submenu/Parameter Submenu Overview below).

After familiarizing yourself with the arrangement described in Function Submenu/Parameter Submenu Overview, proceed to the subsection for the particular user interface being used. Descriptions and general instructions for using each of the three user interfaces are individually described in the following subsections:

- 9083 Card Edge Controls, Indicators, and Display (p. 3-3)
- DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> User Interface (p. 3-8)
- Cobalt<sup>®</sup> Remote Control Panel User Interfaces (p. 3-11)

Note: Instructions provided here are applicable for all available user control meth-

ods. However, DashBoard<sup>™</sup> and the Remote Control Panel provide greatly simplified user interfaces as compared to using the 9083 card edge controls. For this reason, **it is strongly recommended** that DashBoard<sup>™</sup> or a Remote Control Panel be used for all 9083 applications other than the most basic

cases.

**Note:** Not all functions available using DashBoard™ or the Control Panel are avail-

able using the card edge controls.

**Note:** When a setting is changed, settings displayed on DashBoard™ (or the

Remote Control Panel) are the settings as effected by the 9083 card itself and reported back to the remote control; the value displayed at any time is the

actual value as set on the card.

#### Function Submenu/Parameter Submenu Overview

The functions and related parameters available on the 9083 card are organized into function **submenus**, which consist of parameter groups as shown below.

Figure 3-1 shows how the 9083 card and its submenus are organized, and also provides an overview of how navigation is performed between cards, function submenus, and parameters.

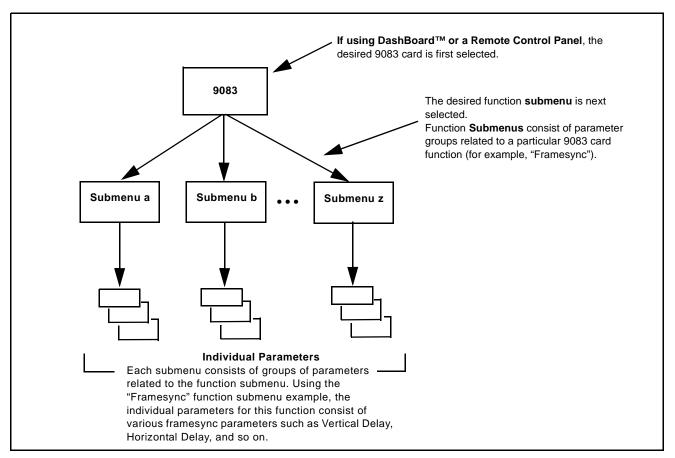


Figure 3-1 Function Submenu/Parameter Submenu Overview

#### 9083 Card Edge Controls, Indicators, and Display

Figure 3-2 shows and describes the 9083 card edge controls, indicators, and display.

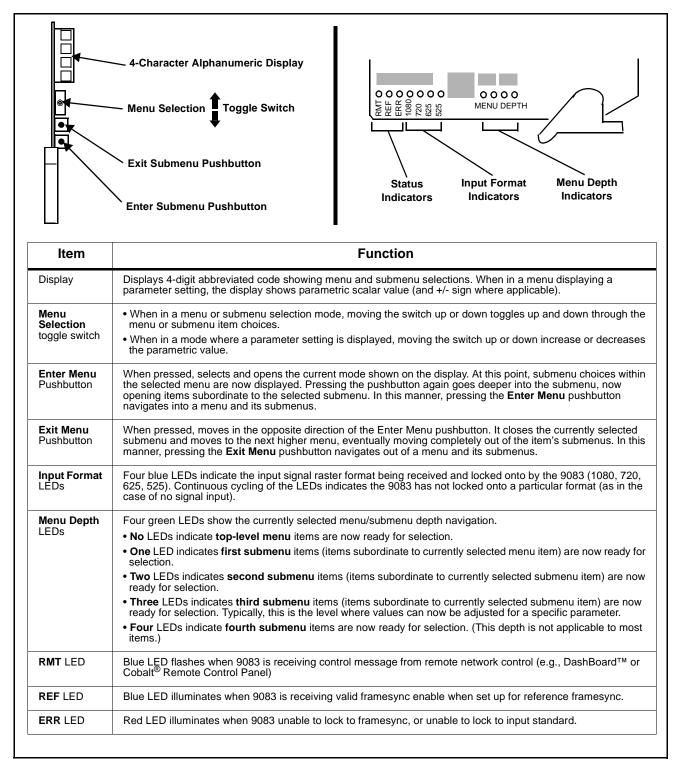


Figure 3-2 9083 Controls, Indicators, and Display

#### 9083 Card Edge Control Menu/Submenu Structure

(See below.) Using the menu system of group menus and submenus described earlier, the 9083 parameters/controls are organized into menus and submenus. As appropriate, a submenu similarly may have its own further additional subordinate submenus.

	Menu Depth	Menu depth (as indicated by 9083 Menu Depth LEDs)
Menu Group Item		none
Submenu 1 (Submenu 1 selection items)	1	• 0 0 0
Submenu 2 (Submenu 2 selection items)	2	• • • •
Submenu 3 (Submenu 3 selection items and/or parameter values)	3	• • • ○
Submenu 4 (Submenu 4 selection items and/or parameter values)	4	• • • •

Figure 3-3 shows an example of using the card edge controls to access the Embedded Audio processing group menu (along with some of its submenus) to set the routing and signal processing parameters for an embedded audio channel. (A) through (S) in Figure 3-3 denote the discrete tasks required in performing the example setup using the 9083 card edge controls.

In this example, the following input processing is being performed:

- Embedded Channel 3 is selected as the source for Embedded Channel 1 within Embedded Audio Group 1.
- Gain is increased over unity default by 12.1.
- Phase is inverted.

In this example, the following output processing is being performed:

- The embedded Channel 1 path has been directed to AES Output Channel 1.
- Gain is increased over unity output default by 18.5.
- Phase is normal (non-inverted).

Due to the limited control available when using the built-in card edge control user interface, the navigation into and out of submenus shown in Figure 3-3 is required to perform the setup described above.

Embedded Audio					Select a top-level menu item (in this example, select <b>Aud</b> (embedded audio routing/control))		
	;	Submen	u Depth				
	1	2	3	4			
A	Embd AES Tone				Press <b>Enter Menu</b> and in this example, select <b>Embd</b> (Embedded Audio Groups). This selects embedded audio function of the Audio processor.		
B		Grp1 Grp2 Grp3 Grp4			Press <b>Enter Menu</b> again and in this example, select <b>Grp1</b> (Embedded Audio Group 1). This selects the embedded audio group to be accessed.		
©			Enbl		Press <b>Enter Menu</b> again and in this example, select <b>Enbl</b> (Enable).		
<b>D</b>				On Off	Press <b>Enter Menu</b> again and in this example, select <b>On</b> . This sets the selected embedded audio group to <b>Enabled</b> .		
E			Ch01 Ch02 Ch03 Ch04		Press <b>Exit Menu</b> and in this example, select <b>Ch01</b> (Destination Embedded Channel 1). This selects the embedded channel to be accessed.		
F				Src Gain Pol	Press <b>Enter Menu</b> and select in this example, <b>Src</b> (source for embedded channel 1). This selects the source for the embedded channel.		
G				Em01 Em02 Em03	Press <b>Enter Menu</b> again and in this example, select <b>Em03</b> (embeddded channel 3 as source for embedded channel 1). This selects embedded channel 3 as the source for embedded channel 1.		
H				Src <b>Gain</b> Pol	Press <b>Exit Menu</b> and in this example, select <b>Gain</b> (gain adjustment field for selected embedded audio channel).		
(1)				(gain value)	Press <b>Enter Menu</b> again and in this example, select a gain value of 12.1 for this channel.		
J				Src Gain Pol	Press <b>Exit Menu</b> and in this example, select <b>Pol</b> (phase for embedded channel 1).		
(K)				Norm Inv	Press <b>Enter Menu</b> again and in this example, select <b>Inv</b> (invert polarity for embedded channel 1).		

Figure 3-3 Card Edge Controls Setup of Example Embedded Audio Function (sheet 1 of 2)

			u Depth		
	1	2	3	4	(continued from previous page)
L	Embd AES Tone				Go to submenu 1 and in this example, select <b>AES</b> (AES output channel selection). This selects an AES output channel as the output for this group.
M		Ch01 Ch02 Ch03			Press <b>Enter Menu</b> and in this example, select <b>Ch01</b> (AES Outport Channel 1).
N			Src Gain Pol		Press <b>Enter Menu</b> again and select in this example, <b>Src</b> (source for AES Output Channel 1).
0				Em01 Em02 Em03	Press <b>Enter Menu</b> again and in this example, select <b>Em01</b> (Embeddded Channel 1 as source for AES Output Channel 1).
P			Src <b>Gain</b> Pol		Press <b>Exit Menu</b> and in this example, select <b>Gain</b> (gain adjustment field for selected AES output channel).
<b>Q</b>				(gain value)	Press <b>Enter Menu</b> and in this example, select a gain value of 18.5 for this channel.
R			Src Gain <b>Pol</b>		Press <b>Exit Menu</b> and in this example, select <b>PoI</b> (polarity for Embedded Channel 1).
<u>s</u>				<b>Norm</b> Inv	Press <b>Enter Menu</b> and in this example, select <b>Norm</b> (no invert for AES output channel 1).
In T abb in th nav sub card In th	d Edge Serable 3-2, "9 reviated dia ne example igation requirement item of dedge controls example bedded Audionals example	083 Function of the right of th	on Submer shown abo ) show the ess a parti er when us	u List" ve and Au cular ing the	Card Edge Control Menu:  Id  1 2 3 4  Embd Grp1 Enbl On Off Set embedded audio group to On Set embedded audio group to Off

Figure 3-3 Card Edge Controls Setup of Example Embedded Audio Function (sheet 2 of 2)

# Card Edge Display Orientation, Brightness, and Timeout Adjust

The card edge 4-Character Alphanumeric Display can be changed between vertical or horizontal character orientation to suit the mounting position of the card as shown and described below.

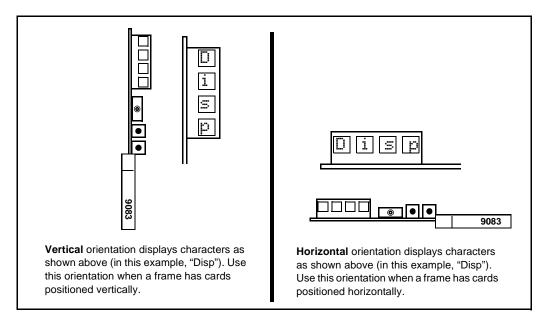
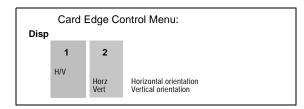


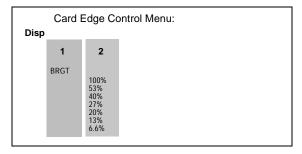
Figure 3-4 Card Edge Display Orientation

- 1. Access the **Displ** (Display) menu.
- 2. Select between Horizontal or Vertical as shown below.



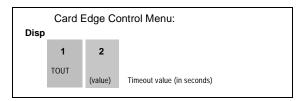
Adjust the display brightness as described below.

- 1. Access the **Displ** (Display) menu.
- 2. Select from the relative brightness levels as shown below.



The timeout period from when a menu is entered to when the display times outs (reverts to the default card model display) can be adjusted from 5 to 9999 seconds (166.7 minutes) as described below.

- 1. Access the **Displ** (Display) menu.
- 2. Use the up/down switch to enter the desired timeout value as shown below.



#### DashBoard™ User Interface

(See Figure 3-5.) The 9083 function submenus are organized in DashBoard™ using tabs (for example, "Embedded Audio Group 1/2" in Figure 3-5). When a tab is selected, each parametric control or selection list item associated with the function is displayed. Scalar (numeric) parametric values can then be adjusted as desired using the GUI slider controls. Items in a list can then be selected using GUI drop-down lists. (In this manner, the setting effected using controls and selection lists displayed in DashBoard™ are comparable to the submenu items accessed and committed using the 9083 card edge controls.)

Figure 3-5 shows the same setup described in Figure 3-3 as performed using DashBoard<sup>TM</sup>. Note how this setup is greatly simplified using DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> with most of the discrete tasks ( A through S in Figure 3-3) performed with the card edge controls now rolled into simple actions using DashBoard<sup>TM</sup>.

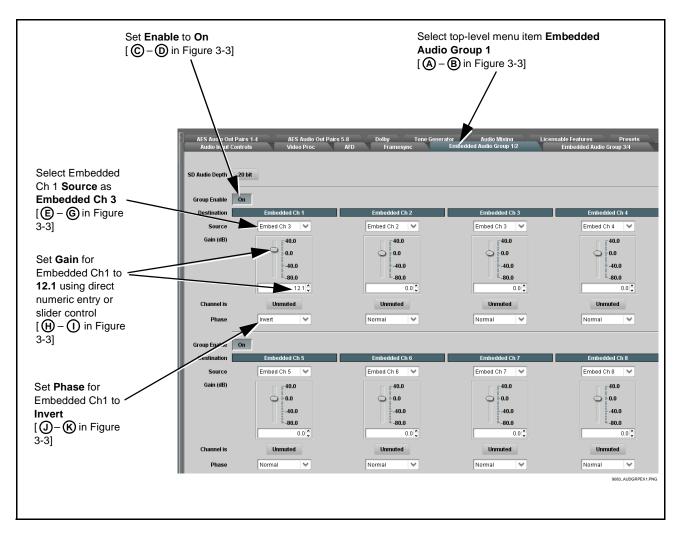


Figure 3-5 DashBoard™ Setup of Example Embedded Audio Function (sheet 1 of 2)

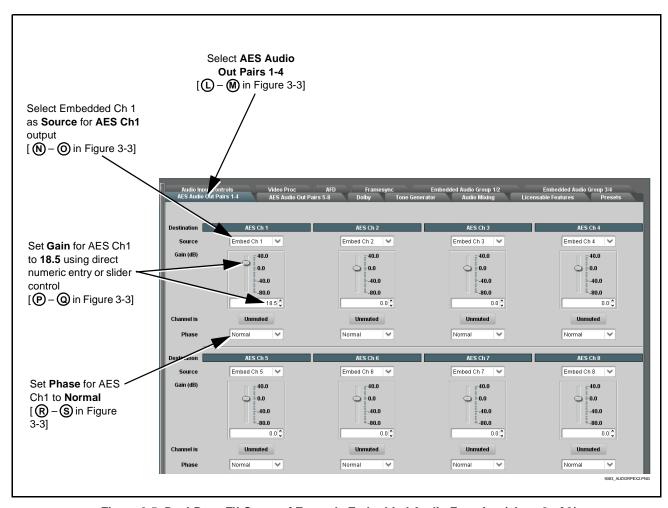


Figure 3-5 DashBoard<sup>™</sup> Setup of Example Embedded Audio Function (sheet 2 of 2)

#### Cobalt® Remote Control Panel User Interfaces

(See Figure 3-6.) Similar to the function submenu tabs using DashBoard<sup>TM</sup>, the OGCP-9000 (and OGCP-9000/CC) Remote Control Panels have a Select Submenu key that is used to display a list of function submenus. From this list, a control knob on the Control Panel is used to select a function from the list of displayed function submenu items.

When the desired function submenu is selected, each parametric control or selection list item associated with the function is displayed. Scalar (numeric) parametric values can then be adjusted as desired using the control knobs, which act as potentiometers. Items in a list can then be selected using the control knobs which correspondingly act as rotary switches. (In this manner, the setting effected using controls and selection lists displayed on the Control Panel are comparable to the submenu items accessed and committed using the 9083 card edge controls.)

Figure 3-6 shows accessing a function submenu and its parameters (in this example, "Embedded Audio Output Group 1/2") using the Control Panel as compared to using the card edge controls.

Note: Refer to "OGCP-9000 Remote Control Panel User Manual" (PN OGCP-9000-OM) or "OGCP-9000/CC Remote Control Panel User Manual" (PN OGCP-9000/CC-OM) for complete instructions on using the Control Panels.

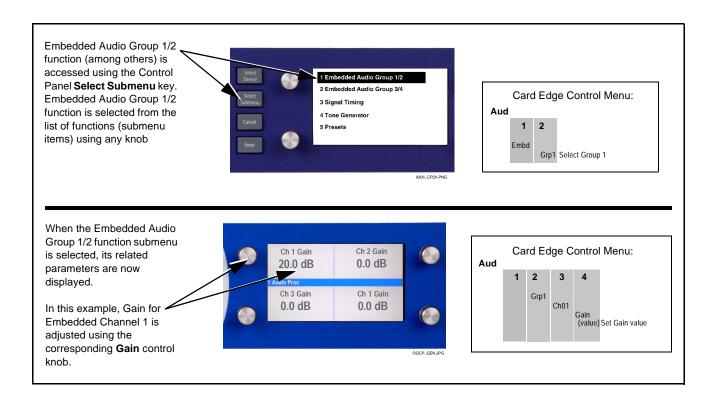


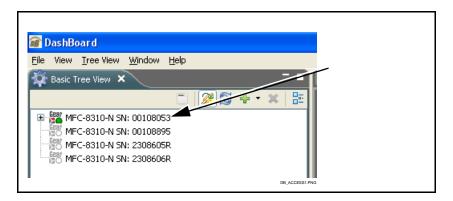
Figure 3-6 Control Panel Setup of Example Audio Control Function

# **Accessing the 9083 Card via Remote Control**

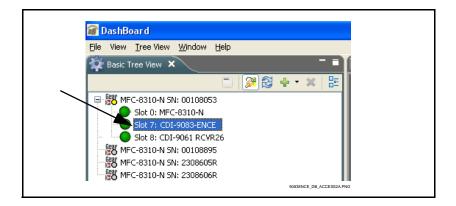
Access the 9083 card using DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> or Cobalt<sup>®</sup> Remote Control Panel as described below.

#### Accessing the 9083 Card Using DashBoard™

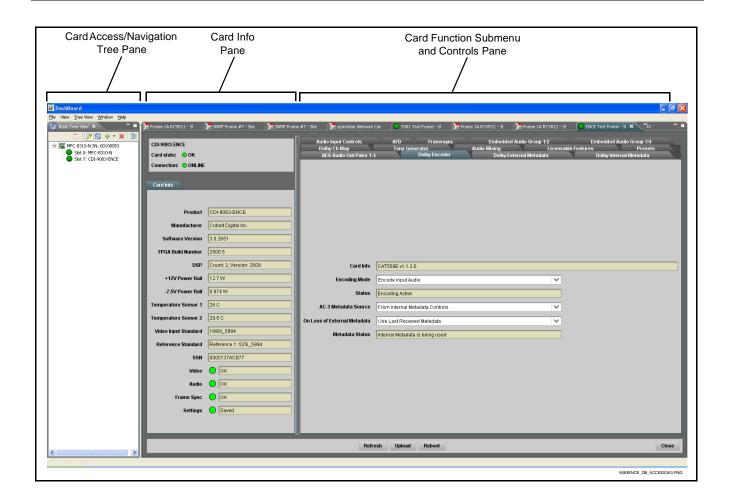
- 1. On the computer connected to the frame LAN, open DashBoard<sup>TM</sup>.
- 2. As shown below, in the left side Basic View Tree locate the Network Controller Card associated with the frame containing the 9083 card to be accessed (in this example, "MFC-8310-N SN: 00108053").



**3.** As shown below, expand the tree to access the cards within the frame. Click on the card to be accessed (in this example, "Slot 7: CDI-9083-ENCE").

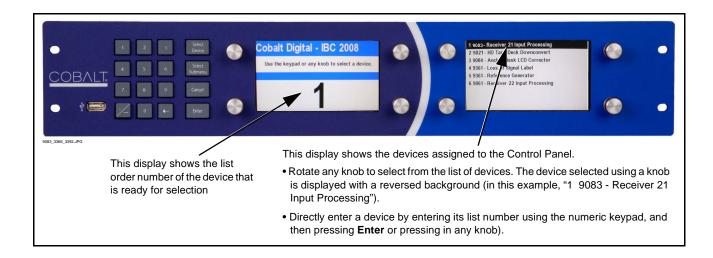


As shown on the next page, when the card is accessed a DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> its function submenu screen showing tabs for each function is displayed. (The particular submenu screen displayed is the previously displayed screen from the last time the card was accessed by DashBoard<sup>TM</sup>).



### Accessing the 9083 Card Using a Cobalt® Remote Control Panel

Press the **Select Device** key and select a card as shown in the example below.



## **Checking 9083 Card Information**

The operating status and software version the card can be checked using DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> or the card edge control user interface. Figure 3-7 shows and describes the 9083 card information screen using DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> and accessing card information using the card edge control user interface.

Note:

Proper operating status in DashBoard<sup>™</sup> is denoted by green icons for the status indicators shown in Figure 3-7. Yellow or red icons respectively indicate an alert or failure condition. Refer to Troubleshooting (p. 3-73) for corrective action.

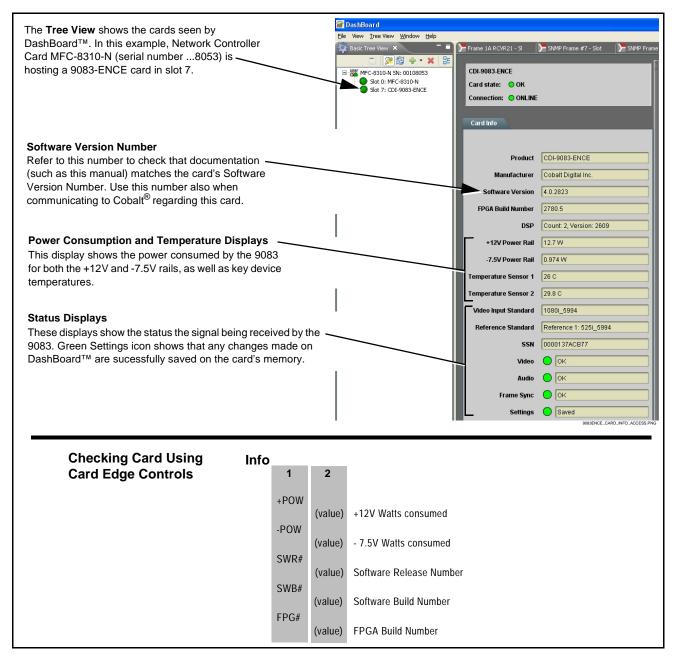


Figure 3-7 9083 Card Info Utility

# **Ancillary Data Line Number Locations and Ranges**

Table 3-1 lists typical default output video VANC line number locations for various ancillary data items that may be passed or handled by the card.

Table 3-1 Typical Ancillary Data Line Number Locations/Ranges

	Default Line No. / Range				
Item	SD	HD			
AFD	12 (Note 2)	9 (Note 2)			
ATC_VITC	12 (locked)	9/8 (Note 2)			
ATC_LTC	_	10 (Note 2)			
Dolby <sup>®</sup> Metadata	13 (Note 2)	13 (Note 2)			
SDI VITC Waveform	14/16 (Note 2)	_			
Closed Captioning	21 (locked)	10 (Note 2)			

#### Notes:

- 1. The card does not check for conflicts on a given line number. Make certain the selected line is available and carrying no other data.
- 2. While range indicated by drop-down list on GUI may allow a particular range of choices, the actual range is automatically clamped (limited) to certain ranges to prevent inadvertent conflict with active picture area depending on video format. Limiting ranges for various output formats are as follows:

Format	Line No. Limiting	Format	Line No. Limiting	Format	Line No. Limiting
525i	12-19	720p	9-25	1080p	9-41
625i	9-22	1080i	9-20		

Because line number allocation is not standardized for all ancillary items, consideration should be given to all items when performing set-ups. Figure 3-8 shows an example of improper and corrected VANC allocation within an HD-SDI stream.

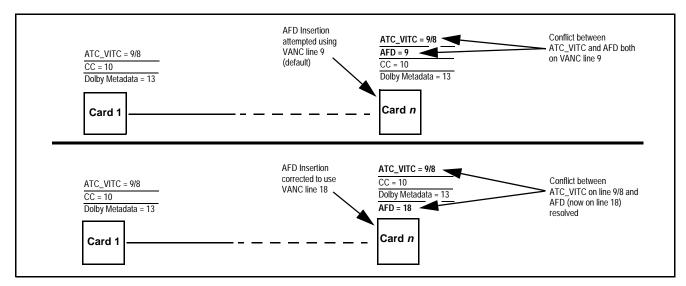


Figure 3-8 Example VANC Line Number Allocation Example

## 9083 Function Submenu List and Descriptions

Table 3-2 individually lists and describes each 9083 function submenu ("tab") and its related list selections, controls, and parameters. Where helpful, examples showing usage of a function are also provided. Table 3-2 is primarily based upon using DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> to access each function and its corresponding submenus and parameters.

Note:

All numeric (scalar) parameters displayed on DashBoard<sup>™</sup> can be changed using the slider controls, |\$\frac{1}{2}\| arrows, or by numeric keypad entry in the corresponding numeric field. (When using numeric keypad entry, add a return after the entry to commit the entry.)

Note:

Table 3-2 also provides abbreviated menu structure charts showing the menu structure for accessing the function/parameter using the card edge controls. If using card edge controls, refer to 9083 Card Edge Control Menu/Submenu Structure (p. 3-4) and Figure 3-3 for an explanation and an example of card edge control menu structure navigation. Where a card edge menu is not shown for a particular control, this indicates the control is **not** available using card edge controls.

On DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> itself and in Table 3-2, the function submenu items are organized using tabs as shown below.



The table below provides a quick-reference to the page numbers where each function submenu item can be found.

Function Submenu Item	Page	Function Submenu Item	Page	
Audio Input Controls	3-17	9083-ENCD Dolby <sup>®</sup> Functions (Table 3-3)		
AFD	3-20	Dolby Digital Encoder	3-51	
Framesync	3-21	Dolby Digital External Metadata	3-54	
Embedded Audio Group 1/2	3-27	Dolby Digital Internal Metadata	3-56	
Embedded Audio Group 3/4	3-33	Dolby Digital Channel Mapping	3-57	
Audio LKFS Monitor	3-35	9083-ENCE Dolby® Functions (Table 3-4)		
AES Audio Out Pairs 1-4	3-38	Dolby E Encoder	3-59	
Audio Mixing	3-43	Dolby E External Metadata	3-60	
Tone Generator	3-48	Dolby E Internal Metadata	3-63	
Licensable Features	3-48	Dolby E Channel Mapping	3-64	
Presets	3-49			

Table 3-2 9083 Function Submenu List

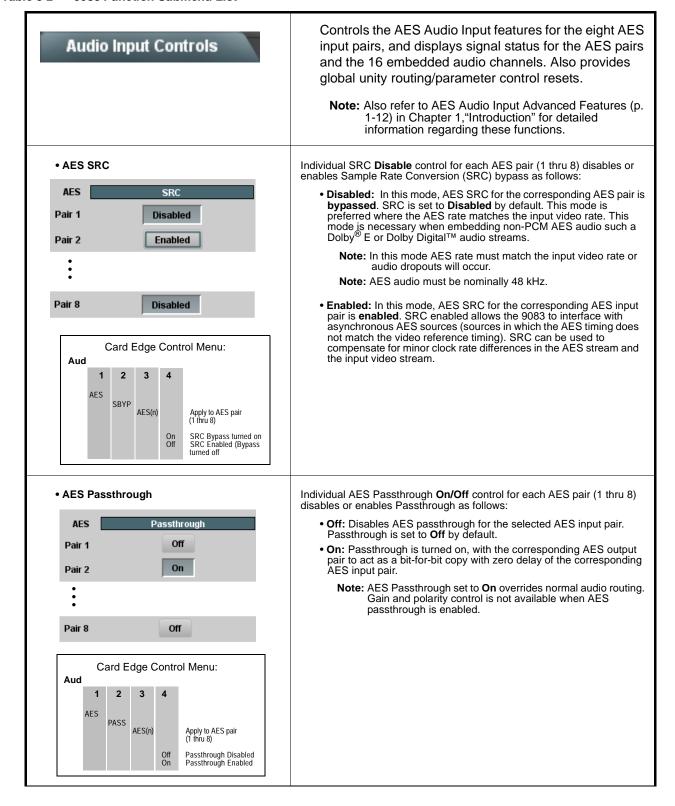


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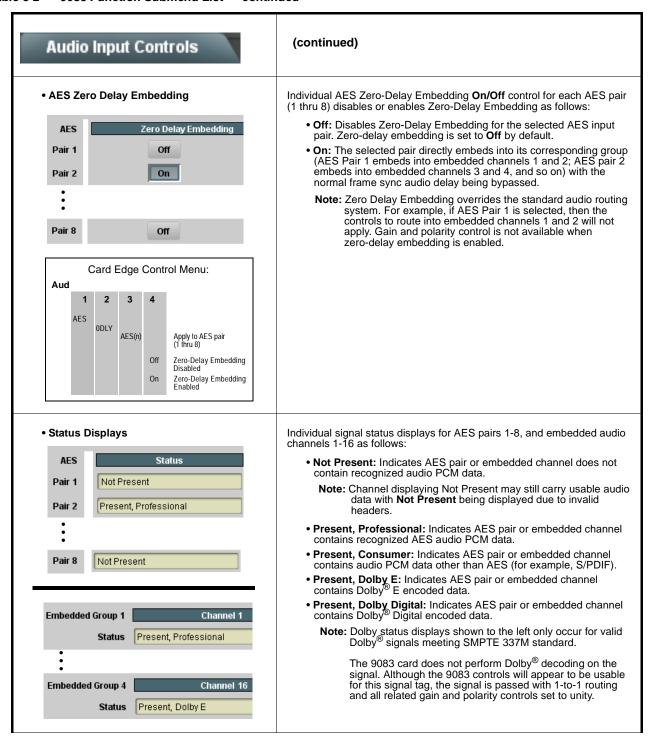


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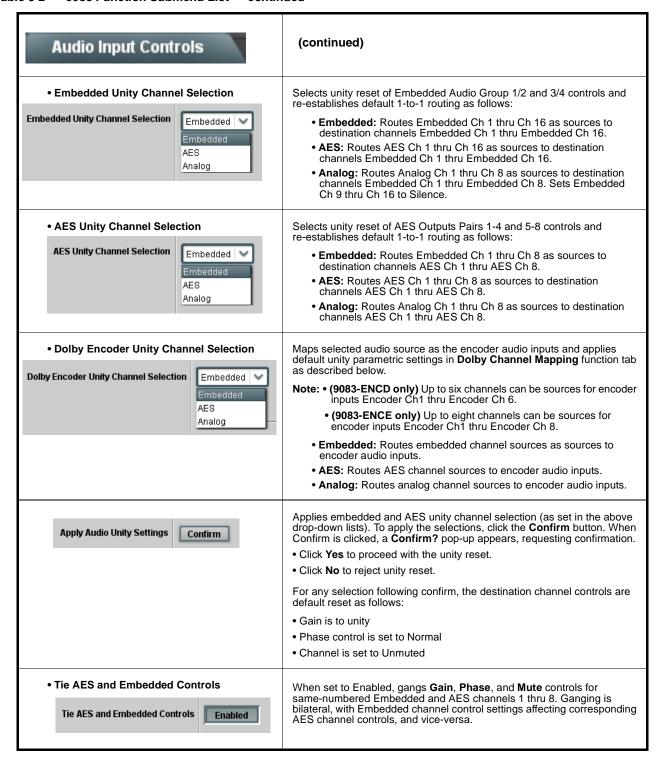
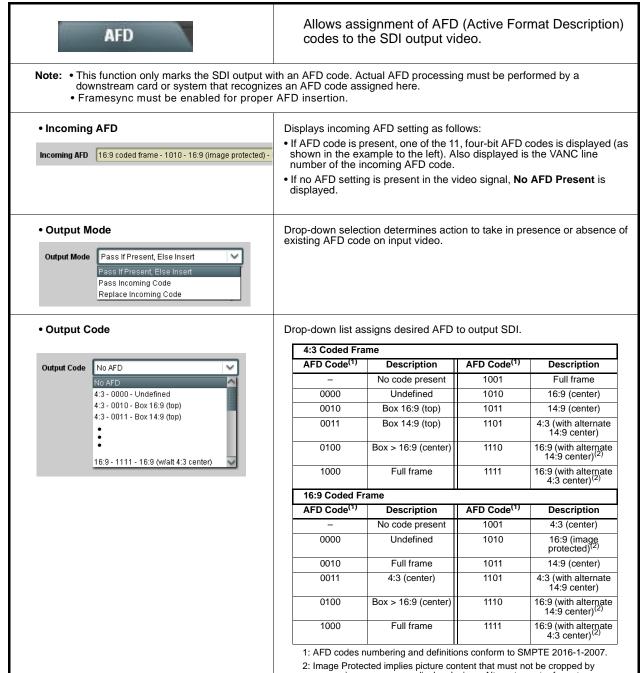


Table 3-2 9083 Function Submenu List — continued



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#### Output Line



Allows selecting the line location of the AFD data within the video signal Ancillary Data space. (Range is 9 thru 41.)

- Note: Although the output line drop-down will allow any choice within the 9 thru 41 range, the actual range is automatically clamped (limited) to certain ranges to prevent inadvertent conflict with active picture area depending on video format. See Ancillary Data Line Number Locations and Ranges (p. 3-15) for more information.
  - The card does not check for conflicts on a given line number.
     Make certain the selected line is available and carrying no other data.

Table 3-2 9083 Function Submenu List — continued

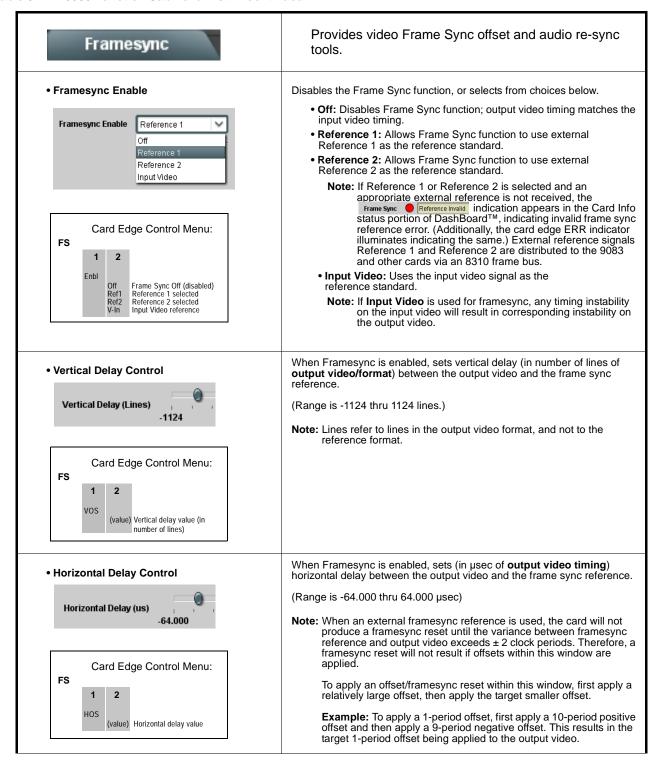


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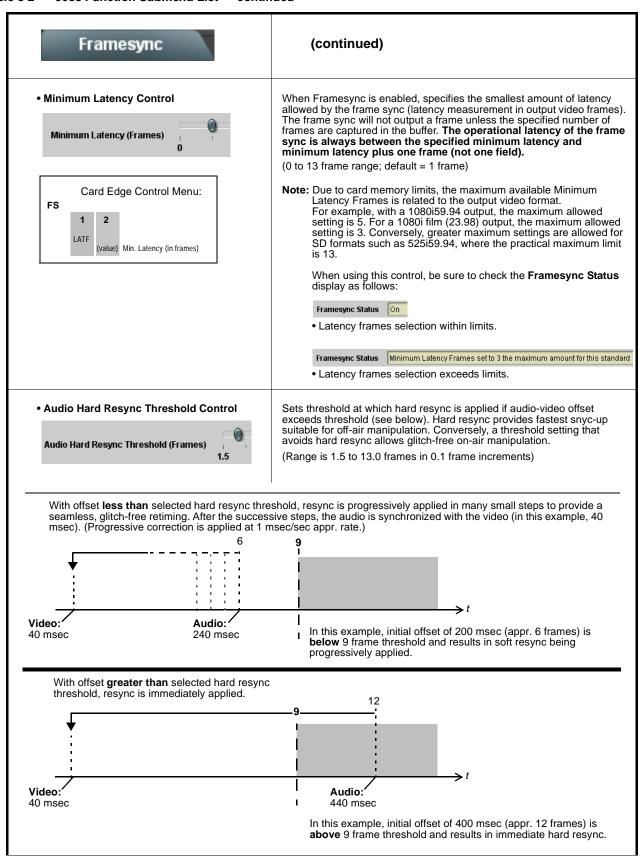


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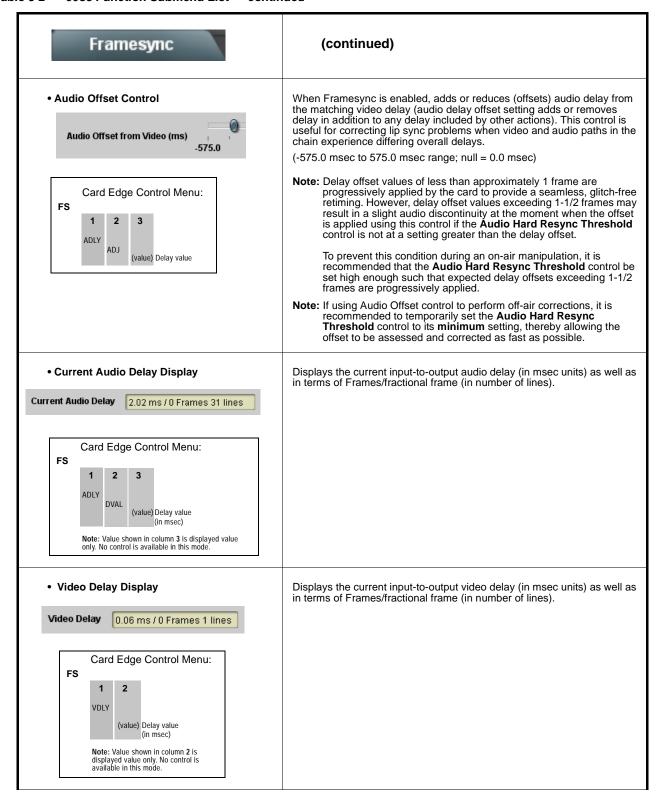


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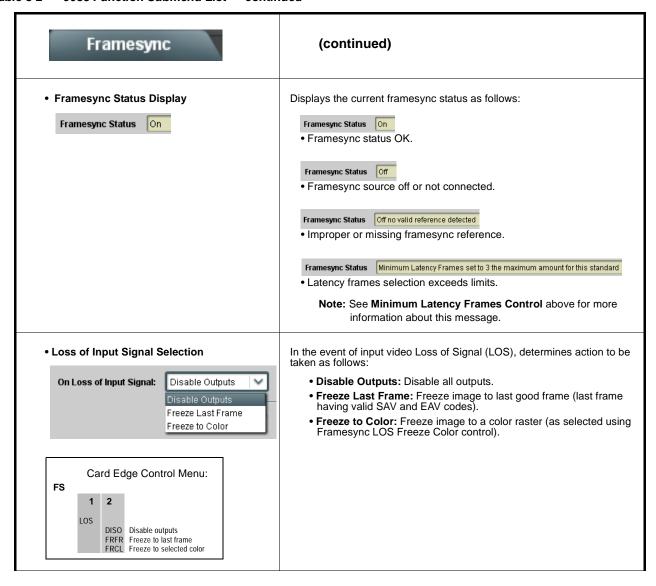


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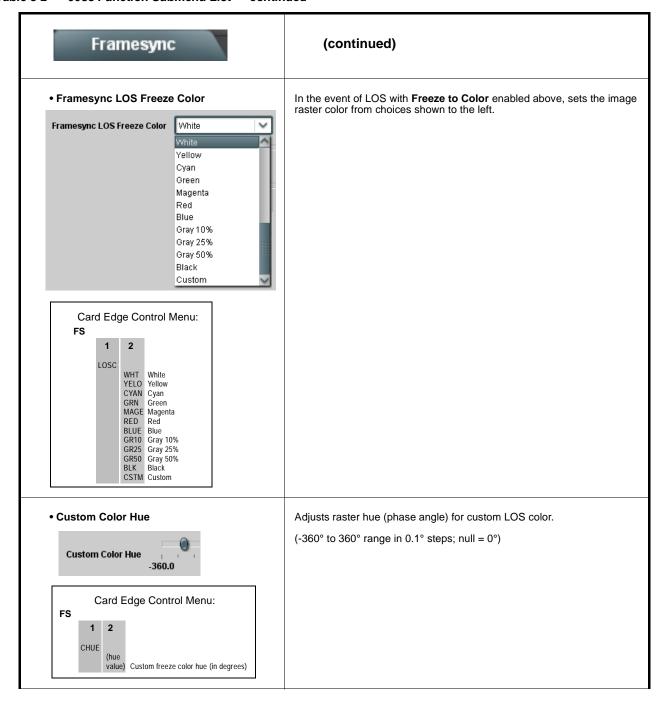


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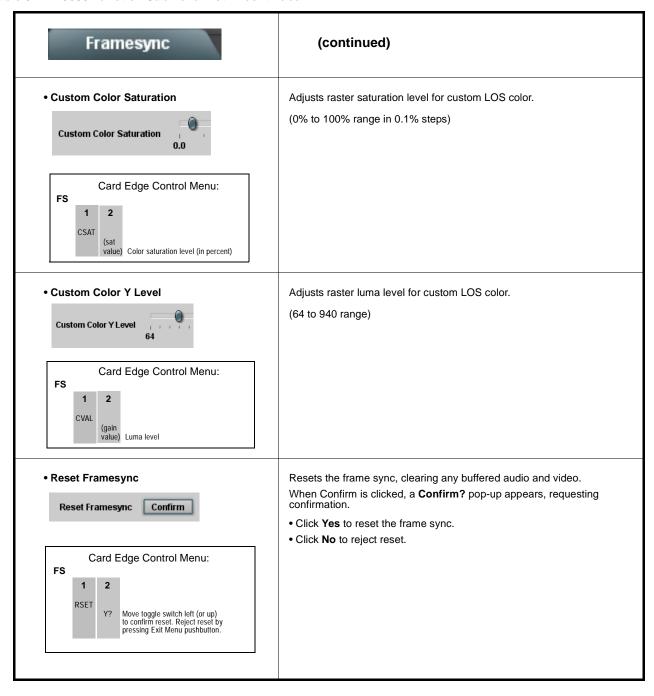


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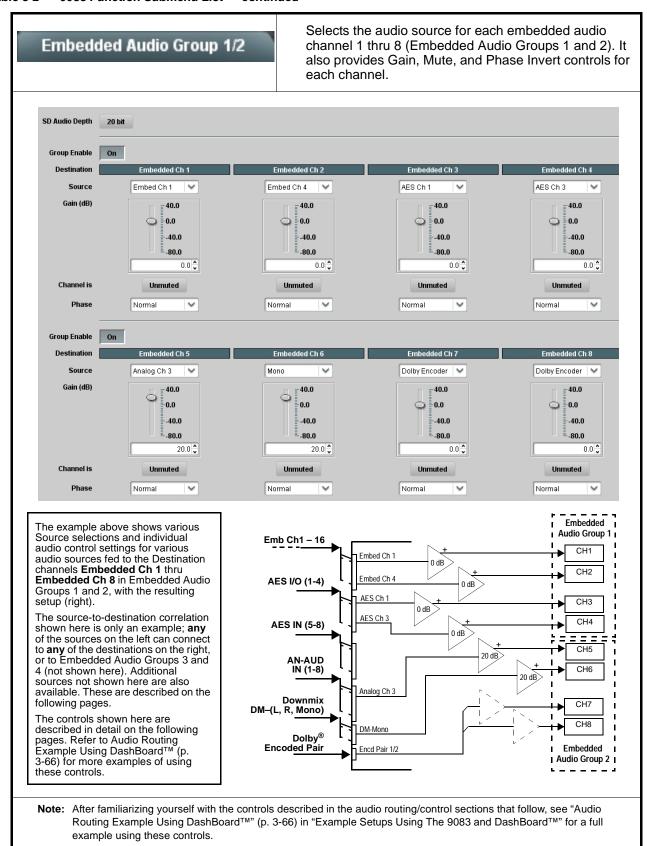


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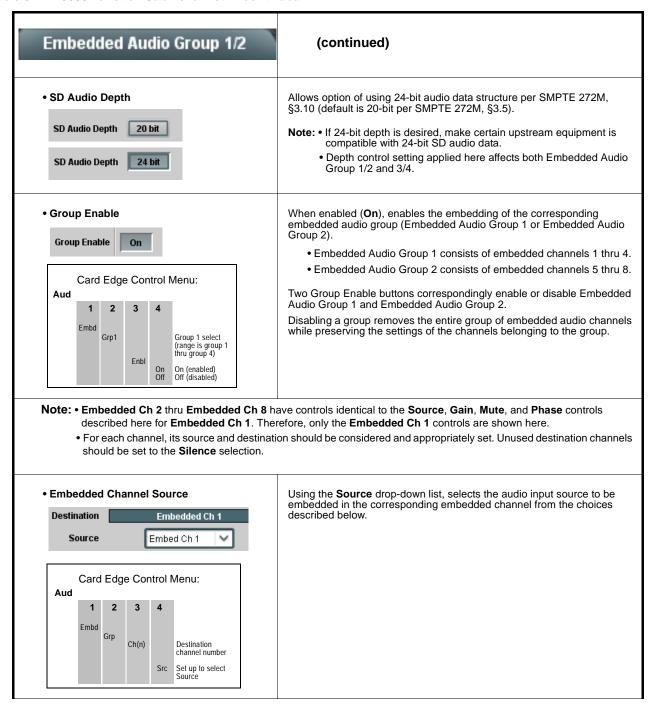


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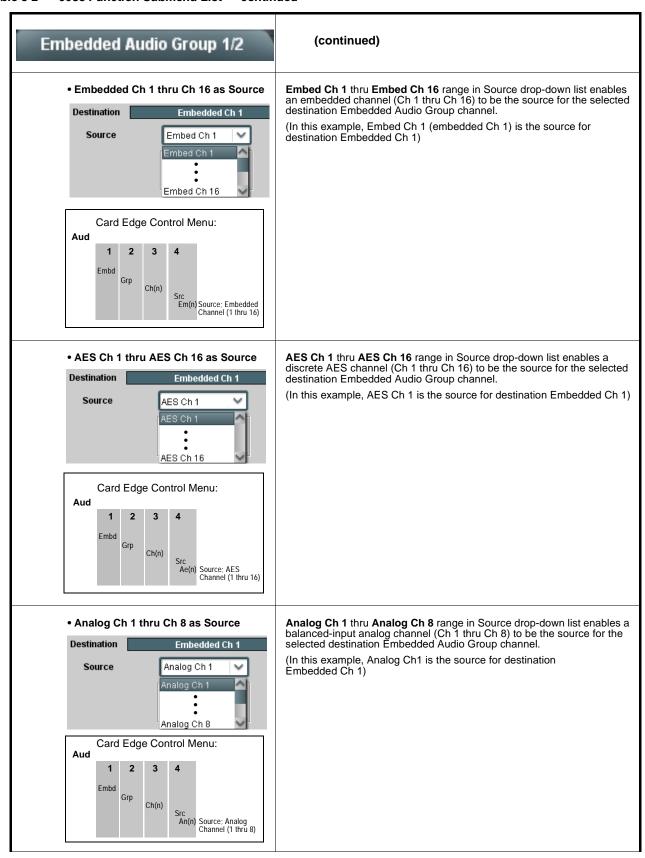


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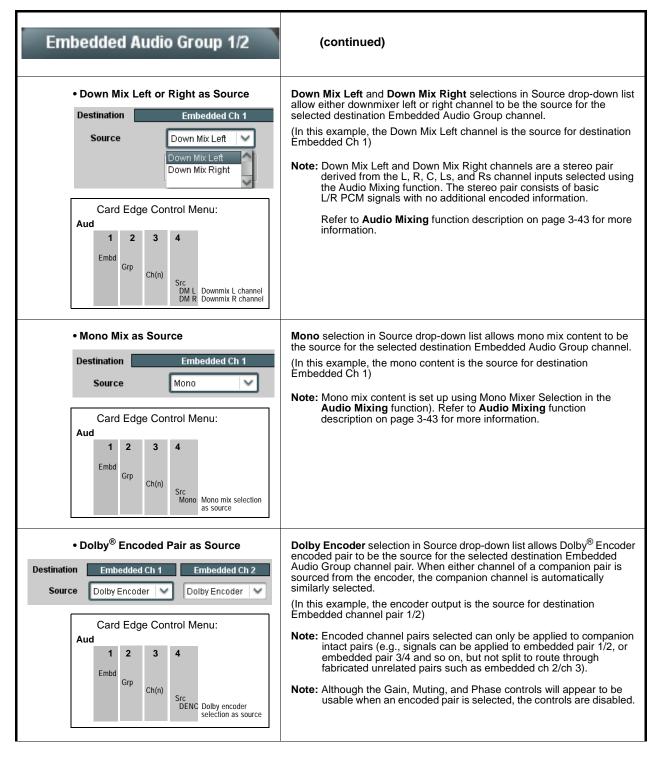


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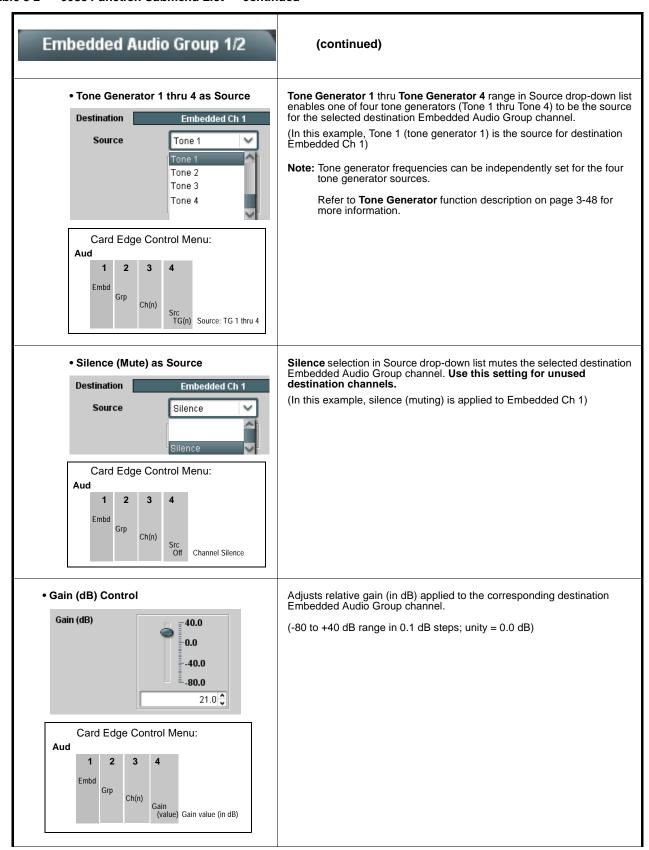


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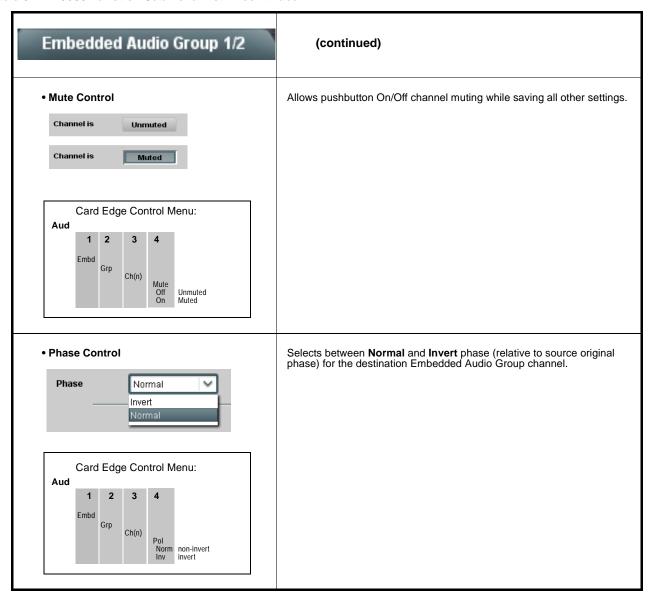


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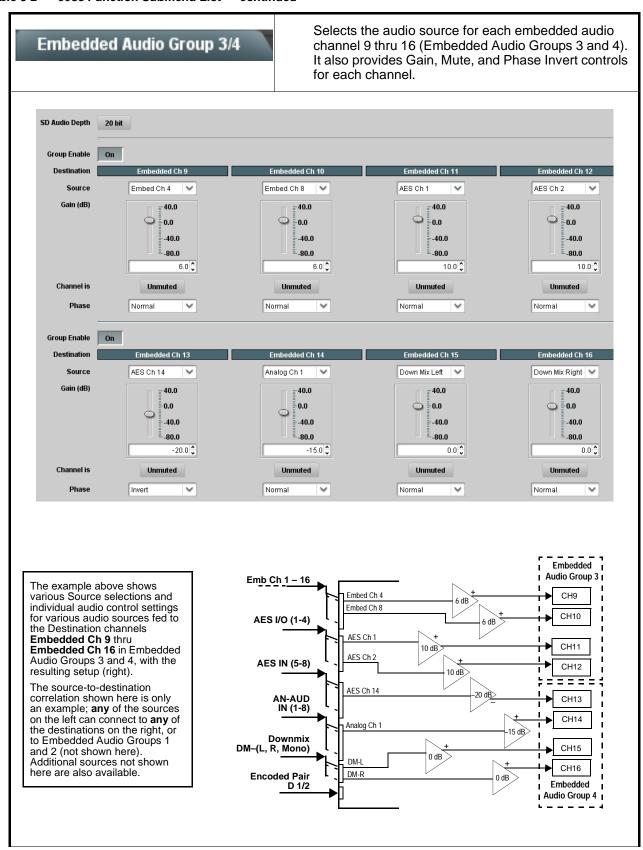
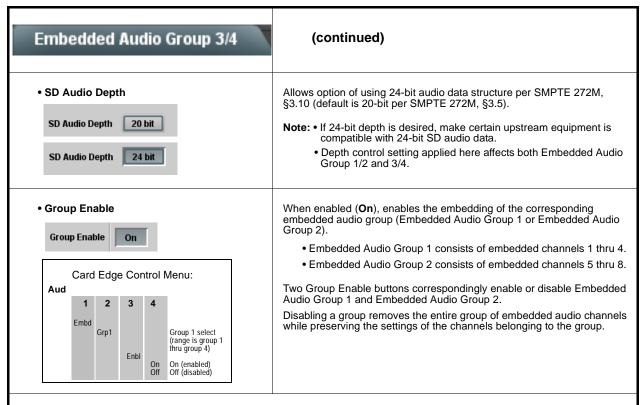


Table 3-2 9083 Function Submenu List — continued



- Note: Embedded Ch 9 thru Embedded Ch 16 have controls that are identical to the Source, Gain, Mute, and Phase controls described for Embedded Ch 1. Refer to Embedded Audio Group 1/2 on page 3-27 for descriptions of these controls.
  - For each channel, its source and destination should be considered and appropriately set. Unused destination channels should be set to the **Silence** selection.

Table 3-2 9083 Function Submenu List — continued

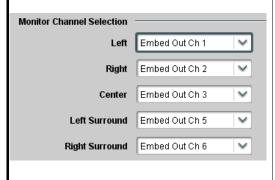
### Audio LKFS Monitor

Provides an ITU-R BS.1770-1 / ATSC A/85 Audio Loudness (LKFS) measurement of selected channels comprising the L, R, C, Ls, and Rs channels of a 5.1-channel complement. Also provide a configurable alert if summation LKFS result exceeds configurable thresholds.

**Note:** • This function provides only LKFS monitoring as described here; this function does not provide active LKFS correction. Selected channels are passed through the card unaffected by settings made for this function.

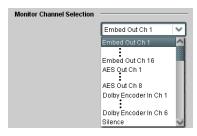
The Audio LKFS Monitor target LKFS uses the Dialnorm value setting per the received selected external metadata (or
per the internal metadata settings where used). See Appendix A, "Loudness Measurement Guidelines and Techniques"
for more information about LKFS parameters and measurement techniques. Read and understand the information
in this appendix before changing LKFS parameters from default values.



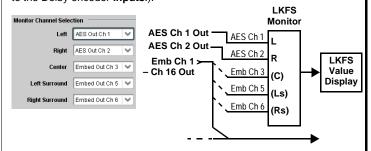


Separate drop-down lists for Left, Right, Center, Left Surround (Ls), and Right Surround (Rs) for applying any combination of card audio outputs to each of the five LKFS monitor inputs as shown below.

Note: Set any unused LKFS monitor channel inputs to Silence.



The example below shows selection from various channel sources applied to the LKFS monitor inputs. Because the LKFS monitor uses **output** (post-processed "destination") channels, LKFS under/over conditions can be corrected using the Dashboard™ controls for the monitored channels. (Dolby® channel selections use the channels routed to the Dolby encoder **inputs**.).



Measured Loudness Display

Measured Loudness (ITU-R BS.1770-1): -24.247 LKFS

Displays the current aggregate ITU-R BS.1770-1 LKFS loudness for the selected monitored channels.

Note: -inf LKFS display indicates LKFS monitor is not receiving any input (for example, as in the case of intended channels not being "seen" by the LKFS monitor due to desired embedded channels being directed to AES output and not embedded output channels).

Table 3-2 9083 Function Submenu List — continued

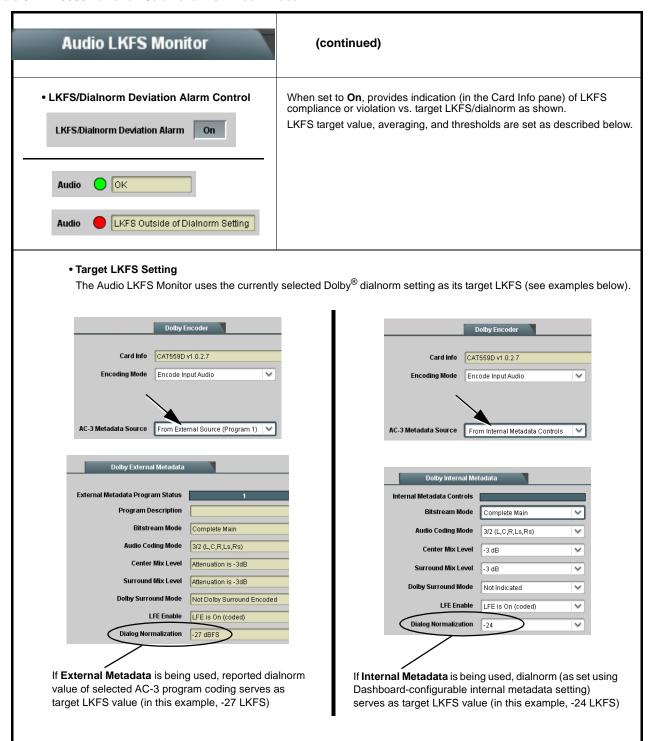


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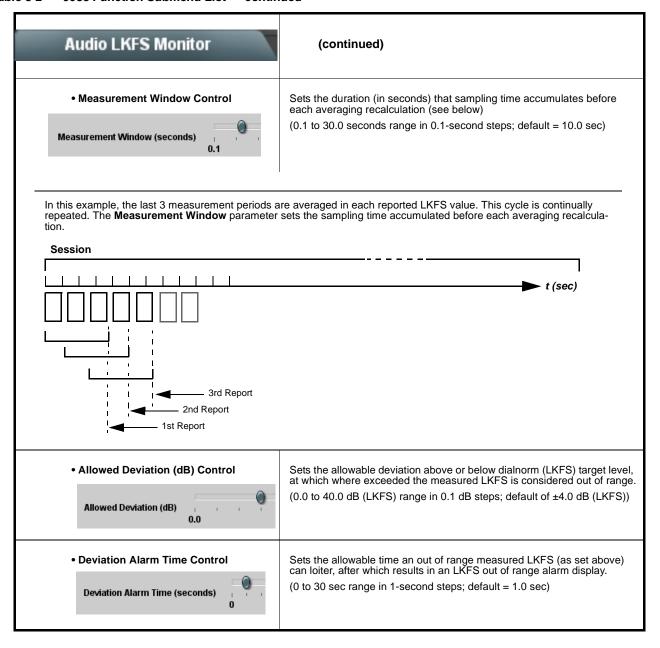


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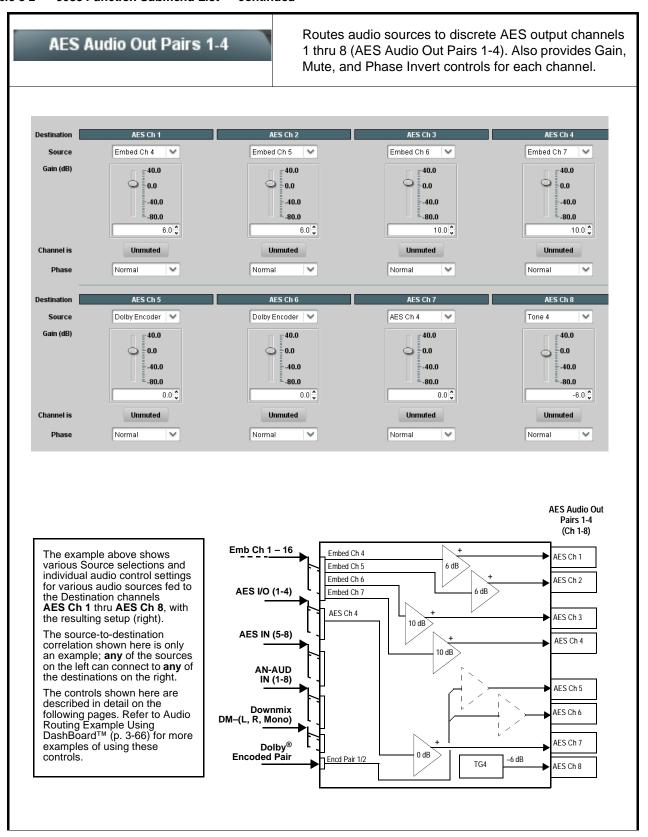


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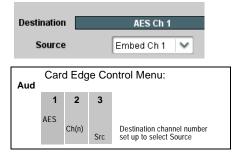
# AES Audio Out Pairs 1-4

#### (continued)

Note: • AES Ch 2 thru AES Ch 8 have controls that are identical to the Source, Gain, Mute, and Phase controls described here for AES Ch 1. Therefore, only the AES Ch 1 controls are shown here.

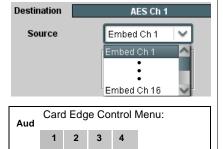
- For each channel, its source and destination should be considered and appropriately set. Unused destination channels should be set to the **Silence** selection.
- 9083-ENCD and 9083-ENCE do not have flexible routing/control for AES Audio Out pairs 5-8, therefore controls similar
  to these for AES Out 5-8 are not included. Instead, AES Audio Out Pairs 5-8 serve as four copies of the Dolby<sup>®</sup> encoded
  pair in addition to any other encoded pair routing.

#### • AES Channel Source



Using the **Source** drop-down list, selects the audio source to be routed to the corresponding AES output channel from the choices described below.

#### • Embedded Ch 1 thru Ch 16 as Source



Em(n)

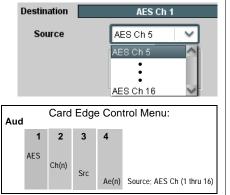
Source; Embedded

**Embed Ch 1** thru **Embed Ch 16** range in Source drop-down list enables an embedded channel (Ch 1 thru Ch 16) to be the source for the selected destination AES channel.

(In this example, Embed Ch 1 (embedded Ch 1) is the source for destination AES Ch 1)  $\,$ 

#### • AES Ch 1 thru AES Ch 16 as Source

AES Ch(n) Src



**AES Ch 1** thru **AES Ch 16** range in Source drop-down list enables a discrete AES channel (Ch 1 thru Ch 16) to be the source for the selected destination AES channel.

(In this example, AES Ch 5 is the source for destination AES Ch 1)

Table 3-2 9083 Function Submenu List — continued

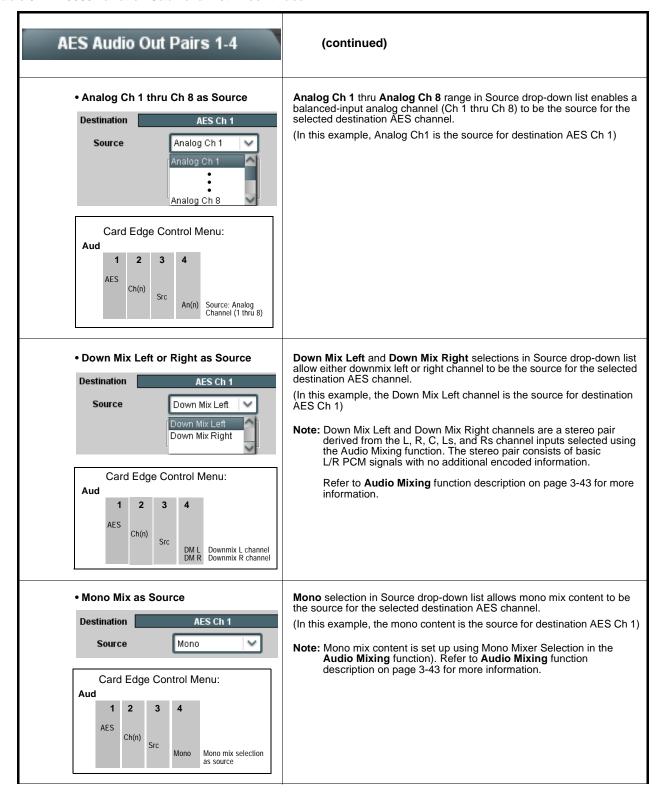


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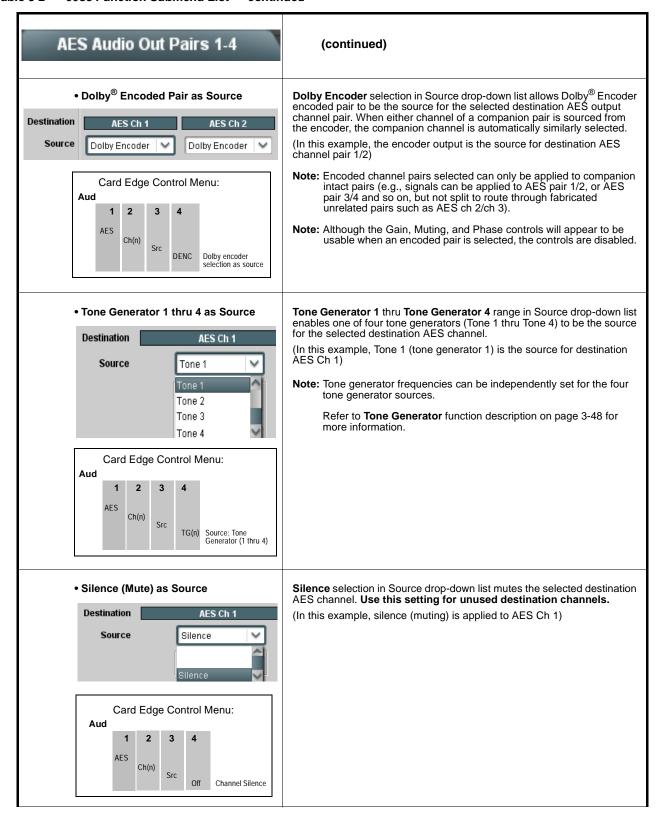


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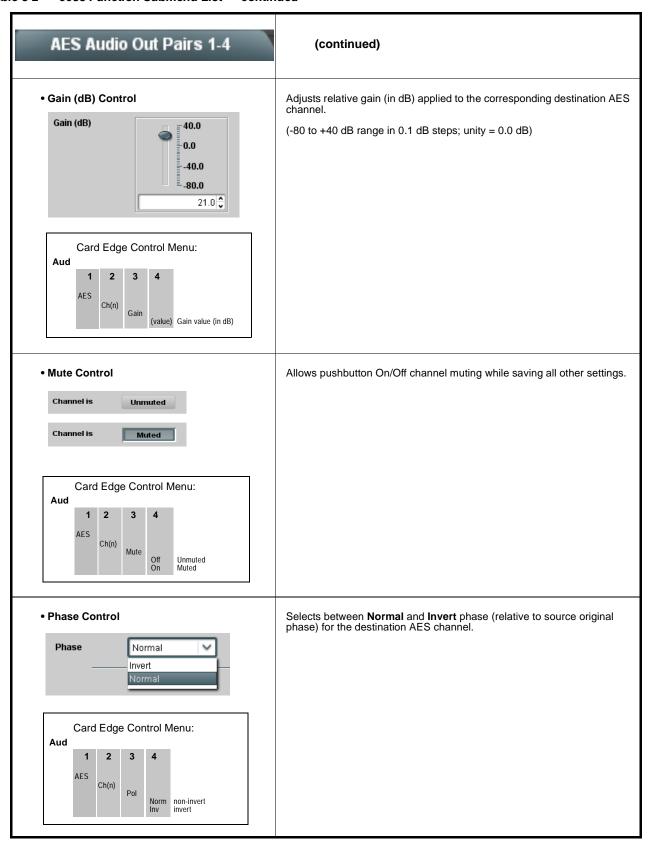
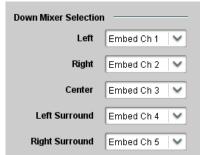


Table 3-2 9083 Function Submenu List — continued

# Audio Mixing Down Mixer Selection Down Mixer Selection

Provides down-mix audio routing selections that multiplexes any five embedded, AES, or analog audio channel sources into a stereo pair (Down Mix Left and Down Mix Right), or selection of any two audio sources to be mono-mixed to serve as a monaural source.

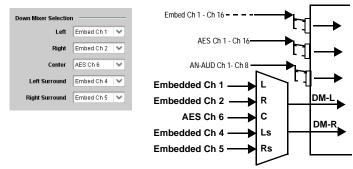
With an optional upmixer licensable feature activated, any normal PCM stereo pair can be fed to the upmixer to generate 5.1 surround sound audio which in turn can be applied to six user-selectable channels.



Separate drop-down lists for Left, Right, Center, Left Surround (Ls), and Right Surround (Rs) inputs allow embedded, AES, or analog channel audio source selection for each of the five inputs as shown below.



The example below shows selection from various sources and the resulting stereo pair DM-L and DM-R. The two signals comprising the pair can be routed and processed the same as any other audio input source.



**Note:** The stereo pair are basic L/R PCM signals with no additional encoded information.

• Center Mix Ratio Control



Adjusts the attenuation ratio of center-channel content from 5-channel source that is re-applied as Lt and Rt content to the DM-L and DM-R stereo mix.

- Minimum attenuation setting (-0.0 dB) applies no ratiometric reduction.
   Center channel content is restored as in-phase center-channel content with no attenuation, making center-channel content more predominate in the overall mix.
- Maximum attenuation setting (-10.0 dB) applies a -10 dB ratiometric reduction of center-channel content. Center-channel content is restored as in-phase center-channel content at a -10 dB ratio relative to overall level, making center-channel content less predominate in the overall mix.

(0.0 dB to -10.0 dB range in 0.1 dB steps; default = -3 dB)

**Note:** Default setting of -3.0 dB is recommended to maintain center-channel predominance in downmix representative to that of the original source 5-channel mix.

Table 3-2 9083 Function Submenu List — continued

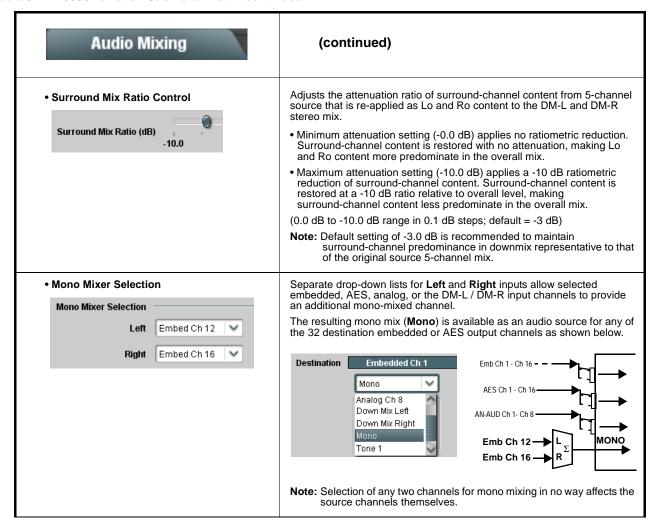


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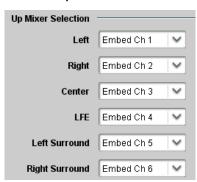
# Audio Mixing

#### (continued)

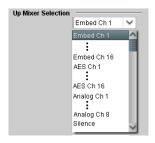
**Note:** • 2.0-to-5.1 upmixer function is an optional licensable feature. This function and its controls appear only when a license key is entered and activated. Refer to **Licensable Features** function description on page 3-48 for more information.

- Channel sources used by the upmixer are post-processed signals received from the Audio Routing/Gain Control
  function. When active, the channel selections made using this function are directly embedded in the output SDI or
  AES discrete pairs. Refer to 2.0-to-5.1 Upmix Function (p. 1-10) in Chapter 1, "Introduction" for detailed functional
  description and signal flow.
- For any six channels selected for this function, the **Left** and **Right** channel selections always serve as the stereo input pair.

#### • 2.0-to-5.1 Up Mixer Selection



Separate drop-down lists for **Left**, **Right**, **Center**, **LFE**, **Left Surround**, and **Right Surround** allow embedded, AES, or analog channel audio source selection, and embedded or AES discrete channel assignments for the six generated 5.1 channels.



The example below shows selection of embedded channels 1 and 2 as the received stereo source (Embed Ch1 and Ch 2 for Left and Right drop-down list selections in the Up Mixer Selection tool).

Using the setup shown in the example, when upmix is active the embedded channel 1/2 stereo pair is overwritten with the new stereo pair L/R on channels 1/2. As selected in the example, the additional 5.1 channels C, LFE, Left Surround (Ls), and Right Surround (Rs) overwrite Emb Ch 3- Ch 6, respectively.

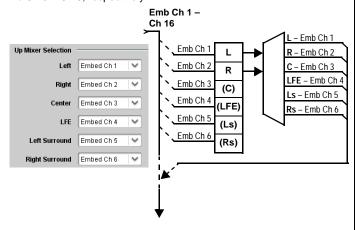


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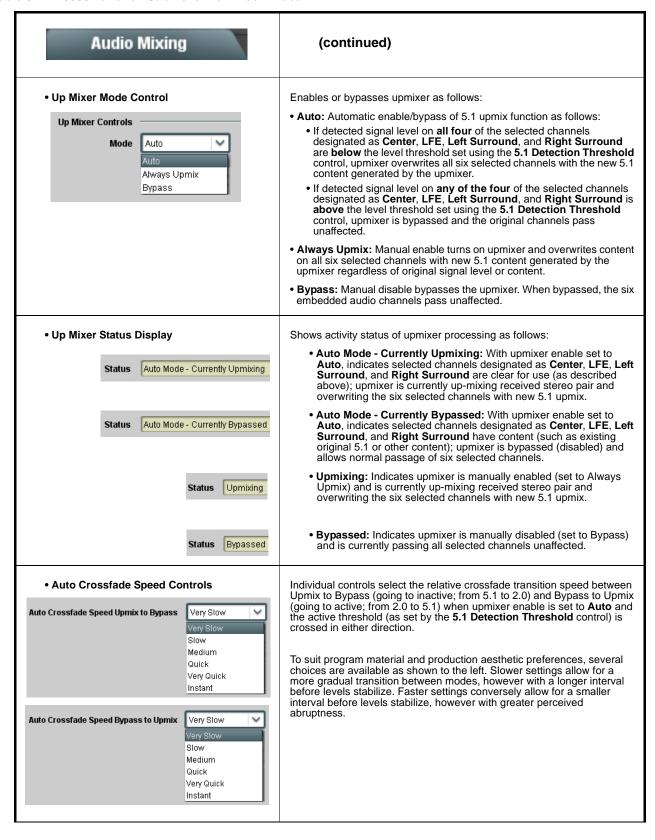


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#### Audio Mixing (continued) 5.1 Detection Threshold Control Adjusts the threshold at which selected channels designated as C. LFE. Ls, and Rs are considered to have viable content, or at which signal levels can be considered insignificant when upmixer enable is set to **Auto**. Setting affects automatic enable/bypass of 5.1 upmix function as follows: 5.1 Detection Threshold (dBFS) -150.0 • If detected signal level on all four of the selected channels designated as Center, LFE, Left Surround, and Right Surround are **below** the level threshold set using the **5.1 Detection Threshold** control, upmixer allows overwrite of all six selected channels with the new 5.1 signal • If detected signal level on any of the four of the selected channels designated as Center, LFE, Left Surround, and Right Surround is above the level threshold set using the 5.1 Detection Threshold control, upmixer is **bypassed**, thereby releasing the selected six channels and allowing the original channels to pass unaffected. (Range is -150 dB to 0 dB in 0.1dB steps; 0 dB equivalent to +24 dBu=> 0 dBFS) Typically, the **5.1 Detection Threshold** control should be set to provide a usable threshold that maintains a threshold at which valid levels large enough over the threshold **disable** the auto upmix (A), left), while nuisance levels considerably below the threshold (B), left) are rejected, allowing the - 20 dBFS Above Threshold (Bypass) - 60 dBFS upmixer to stay locked in the enabled mode and Below Threshold (Overwrite) overwrite these signals with the new signals. Optimum setting is dependent on program material general overall levels. A -60 dB setting is recommended for material closely adhering to the SMPTE -20 dBFS Alignment level for normal material such as dialog. Adjusts center channel content (in terms of percentage) applied to L and Center Width Control R channels. Minimum setting keeps all L+R (mono) content confined to center (C) Center Width channel, with any center channel content removed from L and R 0.0 Higher settings progressively blend respective L and R mono content back into L and R channels, with 100% setting resulting in center channel level going to zero and L/R channels becoming normal L/R channels containing some mono content. (0% to 100% range in 0.1% steps; default = 0%) Adjusts surround channel content (in terms of percentage) applied to Ls Surround Depth Control and Rs channels. · Maximum setting results in greatest surround channel levels. Surround Depth Lower settings progressively diminish surround channel levels, with 0% setting resulting in no Ls or Rs level, with Ls and Rs content 0.0 progressively folded back into L and R, respectively. (0% to 100% range in 0.1% steps; default = 100%)

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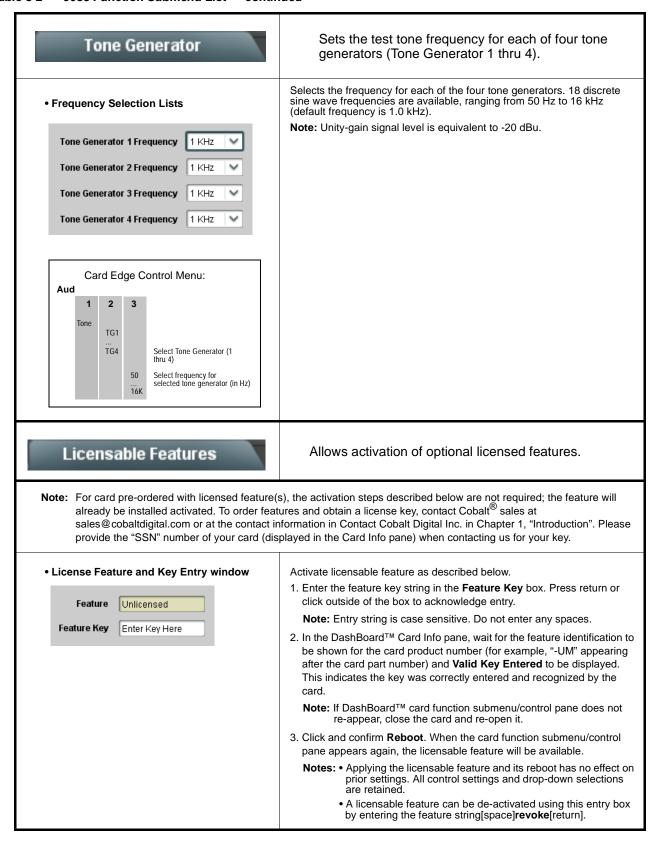


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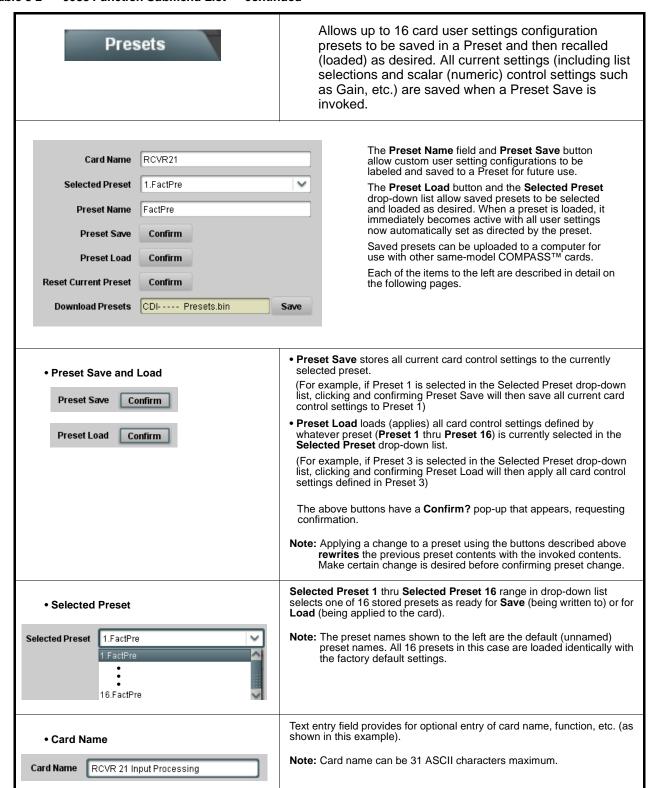


Table 3-2 9083 Function Submenu List — continued

Presets	(continued)				
Reset Current Preset	Reset Current Preset resets all parameters (including preset custom name entered) of the currently selected Preset (as displayed in the Selected Preset field) to factory default settings.				
Reset Current Preset Confirm	The above button has a <b>Confirm?</b> pop-up that appears, requesting confirmation.				
	The factory default settings are as follows:				
	Function	Parameter/Setting			
	Audio Mapping (Embedded Audio Group 1/2 and Embedded Audio Group 3/4)	Audio mapping reset for simultaneous embedding and de-embedding:  Discrete AES input channels 1-16 are mapped to embedded audio output channels 1-16.  Embedded audio input channels 1-16 are mapped to discrete AES output channels 1-16.			
	Audio Input Controls	AES SRC, Passthrough, and Zero Delay Embedding are all disabled.			
	Audio controls (all audio functions)	All <b>Gain</b> and <b>Phase</b> (polarity) controls are set to unity and normal, respectively.			
	Framesync	Framesync is disabled; Reference 1 or 2 must be selected to enable the frame sync.			
	Audio Mixing Up Mixer Selection (Licensable Feature activated only)	Upmixer set to Always Enabled, with upmix function using embedded channels 1 thru 6.  • Center width set to 0%.  • Surround Depth set to 100%.  • 5.1 Detection Threshold set to -150 dB.			
	Audio LKFS Monitor	LKFS/Dialnorm Deviation Alarm set to disabled.			
Preset Name     Preset Name     FactPre	Selected Preset  Preset Name  Note: • Preset name can	Entering text in Preset Name field (in this example, "RCVR21") applies custom name to selected Preset (in this example, Preset 2) be seven ASCII characters maximum. mber does not need to be entered; it is			
Download Presets	Download Presets allows all 16 presets to be stored to a specified location on a network computer for use with other same-model COMPASS™ cards.				
Download Presets CDI Presets.bin Save	ce guide COMPASS™ Remote Control User I) for instructions on using the Download Presets				

## Dolby® Digital (9083-ENCD Only) Functions Submenu List

Table 3-3 Dolby® Digital Encoder (9083-ENCD only) Function Submenu List

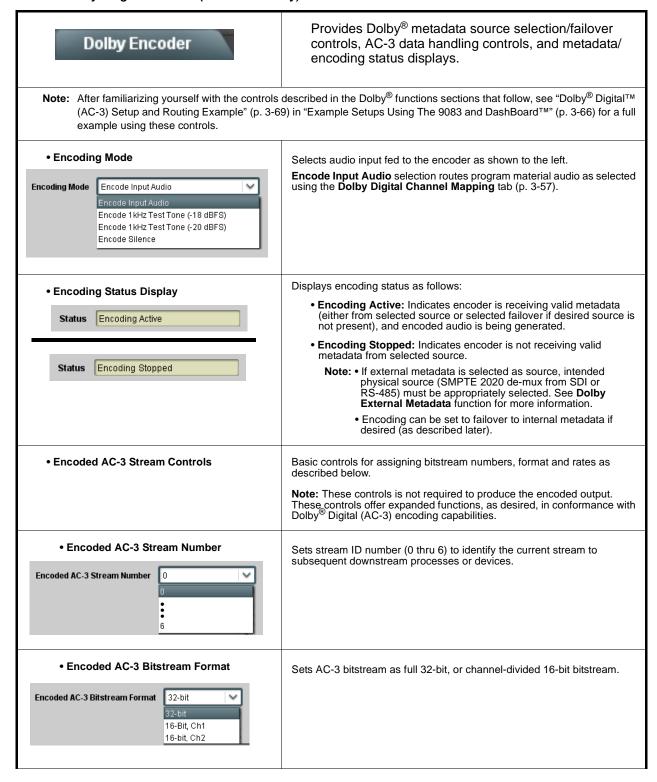


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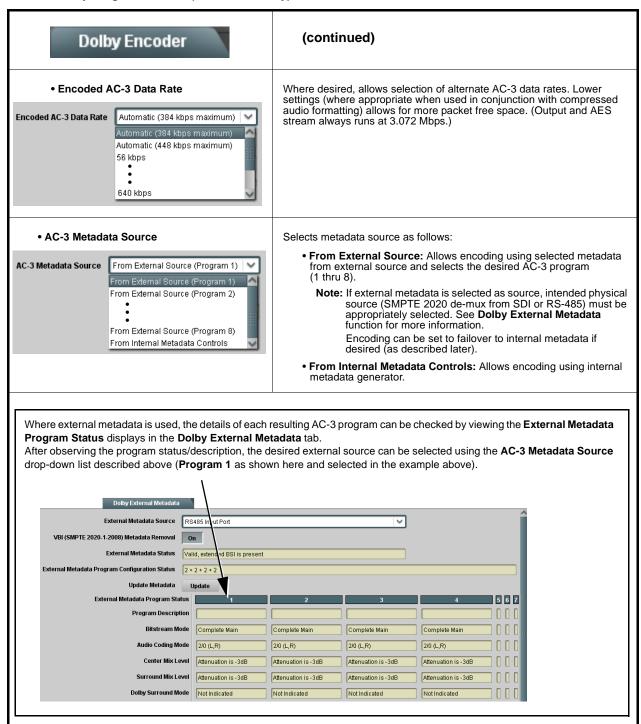


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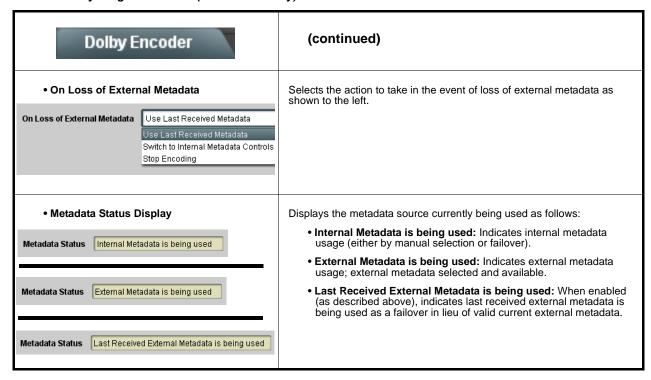


Table 3-3 Dolby® Digital Encoder (9083-ENCD only) Function Submenu List — continued

Dolby External Metadata	Provides selection of external metadata physical source and control, and provides status and audio programming detail displays for the external metadata.
External Metadata Source  RS485 Input Port  RS485 Input Port Input Video VBI (per SMPTE 2020-1-2008)	Selects the physical source of external metadata to be used as shown to the left.  Note: • RS-485 metadata is available only on cards equipped with appropriate Rear I/O Module having a DOLBY META IN port.  • No failover exists to switch between loss of RS-485 metadata and Input Video SMPTE 2020 VBI metadata. If selected metadata is lost, the function reverts to failovers described for the On Loss of External Metadata control described on the previous page.
VBI Metadata Removal  VBI (SMPTE 2020-1-2008) Metadata Removal  On	VBI Metadata Removal (On/Off) controls SMPTE 2020-1 metadata removal from the SDI video output.  • When set to On, metadata is removed from the SDI output.  • When set to Off, metadata is allowed to pass on the SDI output.  Note: When encoding is active, it is recommended to set Metadata Removal to On. Because the valid metadata for the newly encoded audio is now carried in the encoded audio stream, removal of previous SMPTE 2020 VBI metadata is recommended.
External Metadata Status Display  External Metadata Status Valid, extended BSI is present  External Metadata Status Not Present	Displays the current external metadata source status as follows:     • Valid: Indicates valid external metadata being received. If extended bitstream is present, this is also displayed.     • Not Present: Indicates external metadata is not available from selected physical source.
External Metadata Program Configuration Status Display  External Metadata Program Configuration Status 5.1 + 2	Displays the program configuration of the currently received external metadata (5.1+2 in this example).
Update Metadata     Update External Metadata	Updates the external metadata status and program configuration display screen. The display always shows the last initiated metadata transaction; to refresh screen for any changes, click <b>Update</b> .  Note: Metadata does not continuously report. Use this button to report new metadata. When clicked, the button stays in the "depressed" position while updating. When the button displays the "out" position, update is complete and all displays are current.

Table 3-3 Dolby® Digital Encoder (9083-ENCD only) Function Submenu List — continued

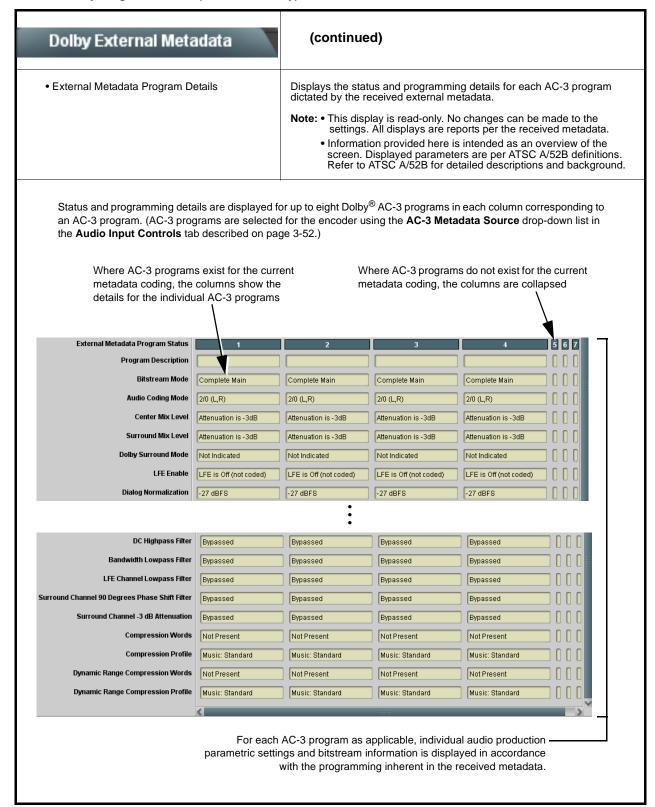


Table 3-3 Dolby® Digital Encoder (9083-ENCD only) Function Submenu List — continued

#### Provides the audio production/parametric controls and **Dolby Internal Metadata** bitstream controls required for setting up and using internal metadata generation. • Internal Metadata Programming Controls Provides audio production and bitstream controls for internal metadata. Note: • Information provided here is intended as an overview of the screen. Displayed parameters are per ATSC A/52B definitions. Refer to ATSC A/52B for detailed descriptions and background. • When internal metadata is used, settings performed here have a profound effect on program material technical and aesthetic aspects. Setup should **only** be performed by authorized personnel. Internal Metadata Controls Bitstream Mode Complete Main Audio Coding Mode 3/2 (L,C,R,Ls,Rs) Center Mix Level Surround Mix Level -3 dB V Dolby Surround Mode Not Indicated V LFE Enable ~ LFE is On (coded) Dialog Normalization ~ -27 Audio Production Information Does Not Exist V Mix Level (dB) 80 ~ Room Type Not Indicated DC Highpass Filter Enabled Enabled V Bandwidth Lowpass Filter LFE Channel Lowpass Filter Bypassed V V Surround Channel 90 Degrees Phase Shift Filter Enabled V Bypassed Surround Channel -3 dB Attenuation Do Not Exist ~ Compression Words Film: Standard V Do Not Exist **Dynamic Range Compression Words** Film: Standard Dynamic Range Compression Profile For an internally generated metadata, individual audio production parametric settings and bitstream information controls allow setup. Drop-down lists provide on/off settings or selection from a range of appropriate choices in general conformance with Dolby® Digital (AC-3) encoding and ATSC A/52B practices.

Table 3-3 Dolby® Digital Encoder (9083-ENCD only) Function Submenu List — continued

# Dolby Ch Map

Provides mapping selection and basic parametric control of the up to six audio channels that comprise the audio channels carried by the Dolby<sup>®</sup> Digital (AC-3) encoded pair.

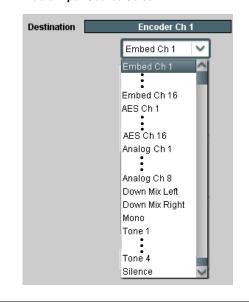
Notes: • Encoder input channels shown in DashBoard™ (destination channels Encoder Ch 1 thru Encoder Ch 6) correlate to typical channel designations as shown below. Note that channel designations are a function of encoding. Based on encoding, actual channel designations may vary from the examples shown here.

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{LS/RS} = \text{Left Surround/Right Surround} & \text{LFE} = \text{Low-Frequency Effects} \\ \text{C} = \text{Center (or mono as applicable)} & \text{S} = \text{Surround mono} \\ \text{---} = \text{Not available; do not use} \end{array}$ 

• "L" modes (e.g., "3/0L") are LFE-enabled modes (Internal Metadata controls or external metadata coding set to produce an LFE channel).

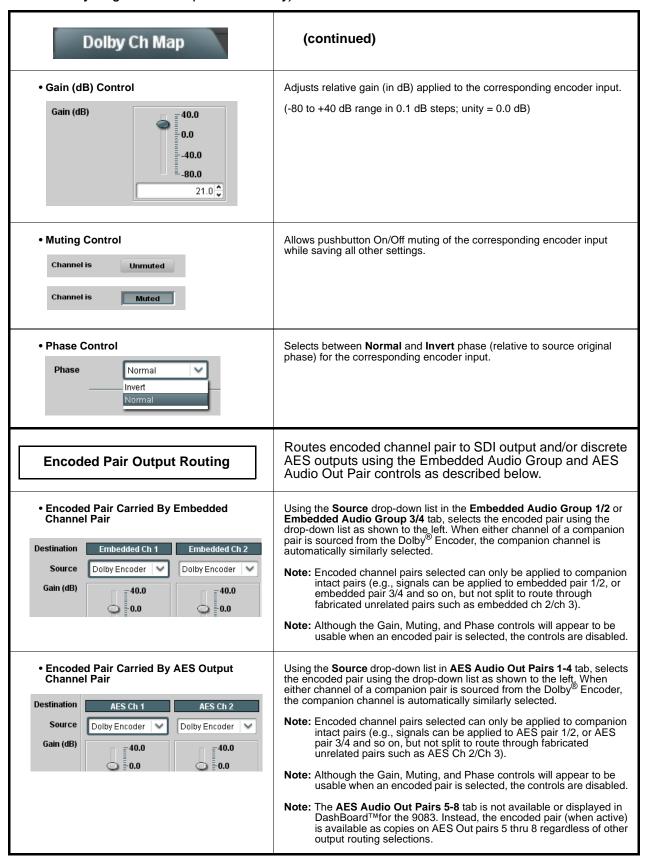
Encoder Input Channel	1/0	2/0	3/0	2/1	3/1	2/2	3/2
Ch 1	_	L	L	L	L	L	L
Ch 2	_	R	R	R	R	R	R
Ch 3	С		С	_	С	_	С
Ch 4	_		_	_	_	_	_
Ch 5	_		_	S	S	LS	LS
Ch 6	_	1	_	_	_	RS	RS
Encoder Input Channel			3/0L	2/1L	3/1L	2/2L	3/2L
Encoder Input Channel			<b>3/0L</b>	<b>2/1L</b>	3/1L	<b>2/2L</b>	<b>3/2L</b>
						<b>2/2L</b> L R	
Ch 1			L	L	L	L	L
Ch 1 Ch 2			L R	L	L R	L	L R
Ch 1 Ch 2 Ch 3			L R C	L R	L R C	L R	L R C

#### • Audio Input Source Select



Selects the input channel mapping. Drop-down lists for encoder inputs Destination Encoder Ch 1 thru Encoder Ch 6 can be independently sourced from embedded, discrete AES, analog, downmix, mono, or tone generator audio source as shown to the left.

Table 3-3 Dolby® Digital Encoder (9083-ENCD only) Function Submenu List — continued



## Dolby® E (9083-ENCE Only) Functions Submenu List

Table 3-4 Dolby® E Encoder (9083-ENCE only) Function Submenu List

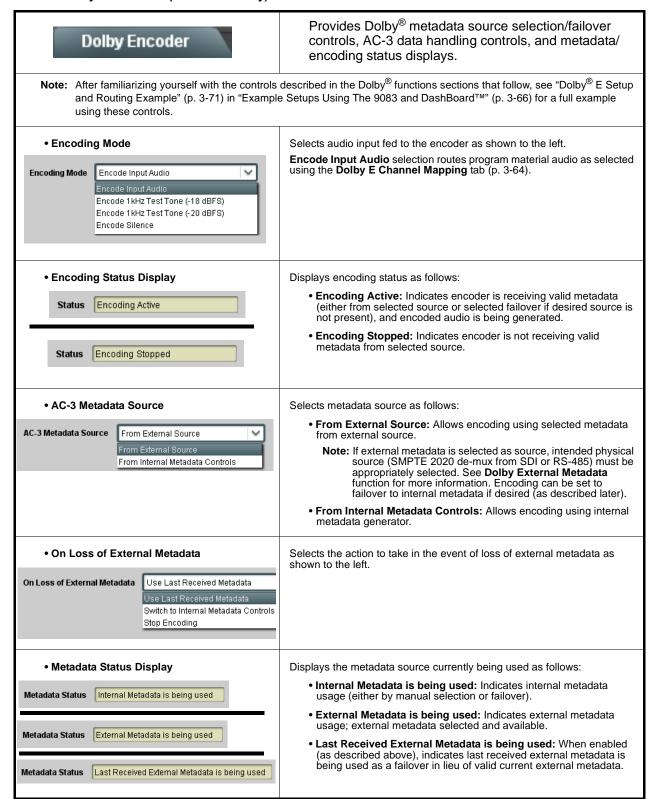


Table 3-4 Dolby® E Encoder (9083-ENCE only) Function Submenu List — continued

# Provides selection of external metadata physical source **Dolby External Metadata** and control, and provides status and audio programming detail displays for the external metadata. Where external metadata is used, the details of each resulting AC-3 program can be checked by viewing the External Metadata Program Status displays in the Dolby External Metadata tab. Where external metadata does not specify all eight available AC-3 programs, the columns for the unspecified programs are collapsed (as shown here when Dolby® E2+2 is specified by the external metadata). External Metadata Source Input Vide VBI (per SMPTE 2020-1-2008) rtended BSI is present **Program Description** Complete Main Complete Main Attenuation is -3dB Attenuation is -3dB Attenuation is -3dB Attenuation is -3dB Not Indicated LFE Enable LFE is Off (not coded LFE is Off (not coded • External Metadata Source Selects the physical source of external metadata to be used as shown to the left. External Metadata Source RS485 Input Port Note: • RS-485 metadata is available only on cards equipped with appropriate Rear I/O Module having a DOLBY META IN port. Input Video VBI (per SMPTE 2020-1-2008) • No failover exists to switch between loss of RS-485 metadata and Input Video SMPTE 2020 VBI metadata. If selected metadata is lost, the function reverts to failovers described for the On Loss of External Metadata control described on the previous page. • VBI Metadata Removal VBI Metadata Removal (On/Off) controls SMPTE 2020-1 metadata removal from the SDI video output. VBI (SMPTE 2020-1-2008) Metadata Removal • When set to On, metadata is removed from the SDI output. • When set to Off, metadata is allowed to pass on the SDI output. Note: When encoding is active, it is recommended to set Metadata Removal to **On**. Because the valid metadata for the newly encoded audio is now carried in the encoded audio stream, removal of previous SMPTE 2020 VBI metadata is recommended.

Table 3-4 Dolby® E Encoder (9083-ENCE only) Function Submenu List — continued

Dolby External Metadata	(continued)
External Metadata Status Display  External Metadata Status Valid, extended BSI is present  External Metadata Status Not Present	Displays the current external metadata source status as follows:     • Valid: Indicates valid external metadata being received. If extended bitstream is present, this is also displayed.     • Not Present: Indicates external metadata is not available from selected physical source.
External Metadata Program Configuration Status Display  External Metadata Program Configuration Status 5.1 + 2	Displays the program configuration of the currently received external metadata (5.1+2 in this example).
Update Metadata     Update External Metadata     Update	Updates the external metadata status and program configuration display screen. The display always shows the last initiated metadata transaction; to refresh screen for any changes, click <b>Update</b> .  Note: Metadata does not continuously report. Use this button to report new metadata. When clicked, the button stays in the "depressed" position while updating. When the button displays the "out" position, update is complete and all displays are current.

Table 3-4 Dolby® E Encoder (9083-ENCE only) Function Submenu List — continued

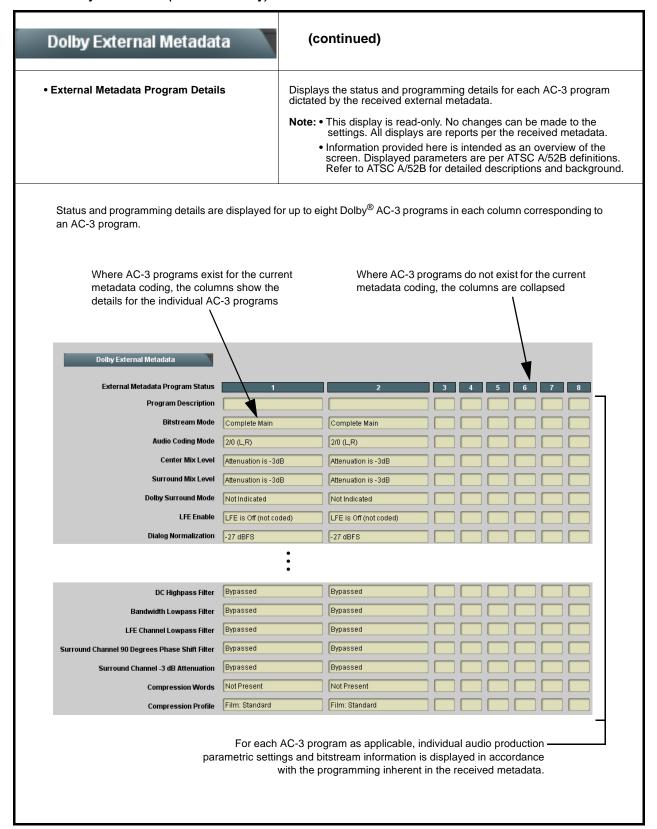


Table 3-4 Dolby® E Encoder (9083-ENCE only) Function Submenu List — continued

#### Provides the audio production/parametric controls and Dolby Internal Metadata bitstream controls required for setting up and using internal metadata generation. Provides audio production and bitstream controls for internal metadata. Internal Metadata Programming Controls Note: • Information provided here is intended as an overview of the screen. Displayed parameters are per ATSC A/52B definitions. Refer to ATSC A/52B for detailed descriptions and background. • When internal metadata is used, settings performed here have a profound effect on program material technical and aesthetic aspects. Setup should only be performed by authorized personnel. Program Configuration drop-down list allows selection of various standard Dolby® E program configurations. For each individual program comprising the program configuration, individual drop-down list allow a Program ID number to be assigned. (In this example, each Program ID drop-down list has a range of 8, corresponding to the number of programs defined by example E8x1 program configuration.) Dolby Internal Metadata 4 **∨** 5 ✓ Complete Main ✓ Complete Main ✓ Complete Main ✓ Complete Main Complete Main ✓ 3/2 (L,C,R,Ls,Rs) ✓ 3/2 (L,C,R,Ls,Rs) ✓ 3/2 (L,C,R,Ls,Rs) ✓ 3/2 (L,C,R,Ls,Rs) ✓ -3 dB -3 dB ✓ -3 dB ✓ -3 dB -3 dB -3 dB Not Indicated Not Indicated ✓ Not Indicated Not Indicated ✓ LFE is On (coded) ✓ LFE is On (coded) LFE Enable | LFE is On (coded) ✓ LFE is On (coded) ✓ LFE is On (coded) ✓ -27 √ -27 ✓ -27 Does Not Exist ✓ Does Not Exist ✓ Does Not Exist ✓ Does Not Exist ✓ Does Not Exist Mix Level (dB) 8n V 80 ✓ 80 V 80 ✓ 80 ✓ Not Indicated ✓ Not Indicated ✓ Not Indicated ✓ Not Indicated ✓ Bitstream Protected ✓ Bitstream Protected ✓ Bitstream Protected ✓ Bitstream Protected Copyright Bit Bitstream Protected ✓ Enabled ✓ Enabled ✓ Enabled ✓ Enabled Enabled ✓ Enabled LFE Channel Lowpass Filter Enabled Enabled Enabled Enabled ✓ Enabled Enabled Enabled Surround Channel -3 dB Attenuation Bypassed Bypassed ✓ Bypassed Bypassed ✓ Bypassed ✓ Do Not Exist ✓ Do Not Exist ✓ Do Not Exist ✓ Do Not Exist Compression Words | Do Not Exist Compression Profile ✓ Film: Standard Film: Standard Film: Standard ✓ Film: Standard Dynamic Range Compression Words Do Not Exist ✓ Do Not Exist ✓ Do Not Exist ✓ Do Not Exist ✓ Do Not Exist Dynamic Range Compression Profile Film: Standard ✓ Film: Standard ✓ Film: Standard ✓ Film: Standard ✓ Film: Standard For an internally generated metadata, individual audio production parametric settings and bitstream mode controls allow setup. Drop-down lists provide on/off settings or selection from a range of appropriate choices in general conformance with Dolby® encoding and ATSC A/52B practices.

Dolby® E Encoder (9083-ENCE only) Function Submenu List — continued Table 3-4

# Dolby Ch Map

Provides mapping selection and basic parametric control of the up to eight audio channels that comprise the audio channels carried by the Dolby® encoded pair.

Notes: • Encoder input channels shown in DashBoard™ (destination channels Encoder Ch 1 thru Encoder Ch 8) correlate to typical channel designations as shown below. Note that channel designations are a function of encoding. Based on encoding, actual channel designations may vary from the examples shown here.

• Unnumbered channel designations imply channel 1 where multiple programs exist. LF/RF = Left Front/Right Front LFE = Low-Frequency Effects S = Surround mono

LE/RE = Left Extra/Right Extra

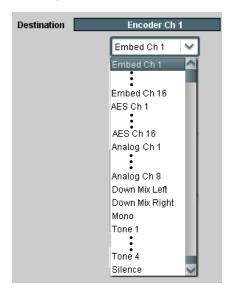
LS/RS = Left Surround/Right Surround C = Center (or mono as applicable)

BSL/BSR = Back-Surround Left/Back Surround Right

- = Not available; do not use

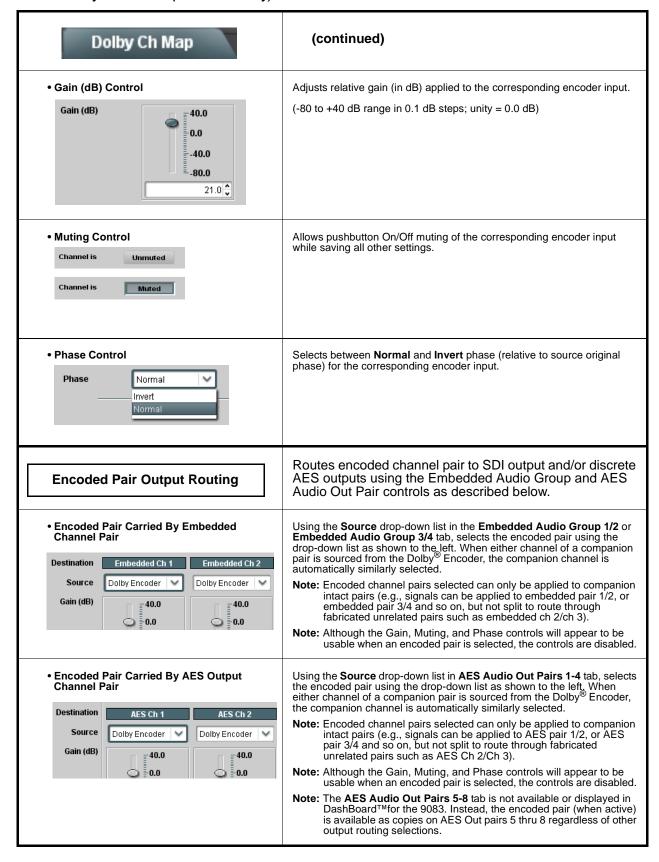
Encoder Input Channel	5.1 + 2	5.1 + 2 x 1	4 + 4	4 + 2 x 2	4+2+2×1	4 + 4 x 1	4 x 2	3 x 2 + 2 x 1	2 x 2 + 4 x 1	2+6+1	8 x 1	5.1
Ch 1	LF	LF	LF	LF	LF	LF	LF	LF	LF	LF	С	LF
Ch 2	RF	RF	RF	RF	RF	RF	RF	RF	RF	RF	2C	RF
Ch 3	С	С	С	С	С	С	3L	3L	3C	4C	3C	С
Ch 4	LFE	LFE	S	S	S	S	3R	3R	4C	5C	4C	LFE
Ch 5	LS	LS	2C	3L	3C	4C	4L	4C	5C	6C	5C	LS
Ch 6	RS	RS	2S	3R	4C	5C	4R	5C	6C	7C	6C	RS
Ch 7	2L	2C	2L	2L	2L	2C	2L	2L	2L	2C	7C	_
Ch 8	2R	3C	2R	2R	2R	3C	2R	2R	2R	3C	8C	_
Encoder Input Channel	4 + 2	4 + 2 x 1	3 x 2	2 x 2 + 2 x 1	2 + 4 x 1	6 x 1	4	2+2	2 + 2 x 1	4 x 1	7.1	7.1 Screen
Ch 1	LF	LF	L	L	L	С	L	L	L	С	LF	LF
Ch 2	RF	RF	R	R	R	2C	R	R	R	2C	RF	RF
Ch 3	С	С	3L	3C	4C	3C	С	_	_	3C	С	С
Ch 4	S	S	3R	4C	5C	4C	S	_	_	4C	LFE	LFE
Ch 5	_	_	_	_	_	5C	_	_	_	_	LS	LS
Ch 6	_	_	_	_	_	6C	_	_	_	_	RS	RS
Ch 7	2L	2C	2L	2L	2C	_	_	2L	2C	_	BSL	LE
Ch 8	2R	3C	2R	2R	3C			2R	3C		BSR	RE

#### • Audio Input Source Select



Selects the input channel mapping. Drop-down lists for encoder inputs Destination Encoder Ch 1 thru Encoder Ch 6 can be independently sourced from embedded, discrete AES, analog, downmix, mono, or tone generator audio source as shown to the left.

Table 3-4 Dolby® E Encoder (9083-ENCE only) Function Submenu List — continued



# Example Setups Using The 9083 and DashBoard™

### Audio Routing Example Using DashBoard™

Figure 3-9 shows an example of using the 9083 Embedded Audio Group and AES Output Pairs functions to de-embed audio, route the audio to discrete outputs for post-production processing, and finally re-embed the audio into the SDI video output. Additionally, the example shows how external analog and internal tone generator sources can be embedded into the SDI output.

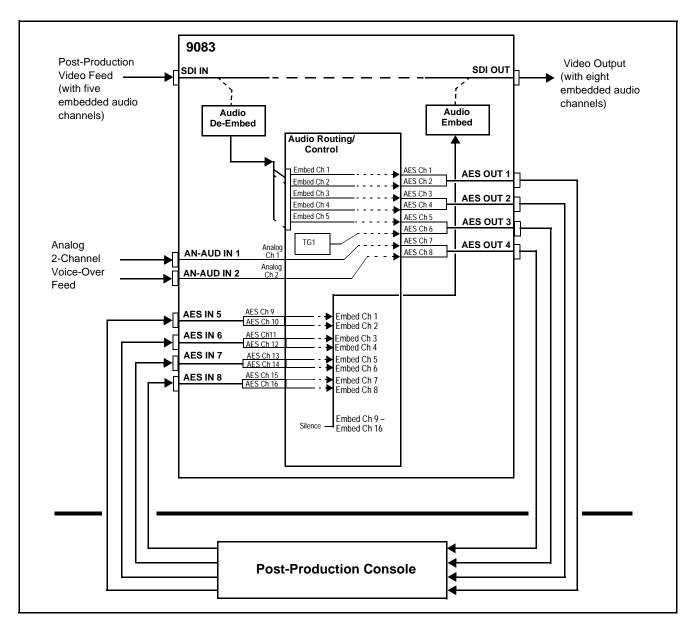


Figure 3-9 Audio Routing Example (Sheet 1 of 3)

In the example here, Embedded Channels 1 thru 5 are de-embedded from the input SDI data and routed to discrete AES channels 1 thru 5. Also, an internal tone generator (TG1) and two analog inputs are routed to AES channels 6 thru 8, respectively. Figure 3-9 (sheet 2) shows the 9083 control settings that result in this routing.

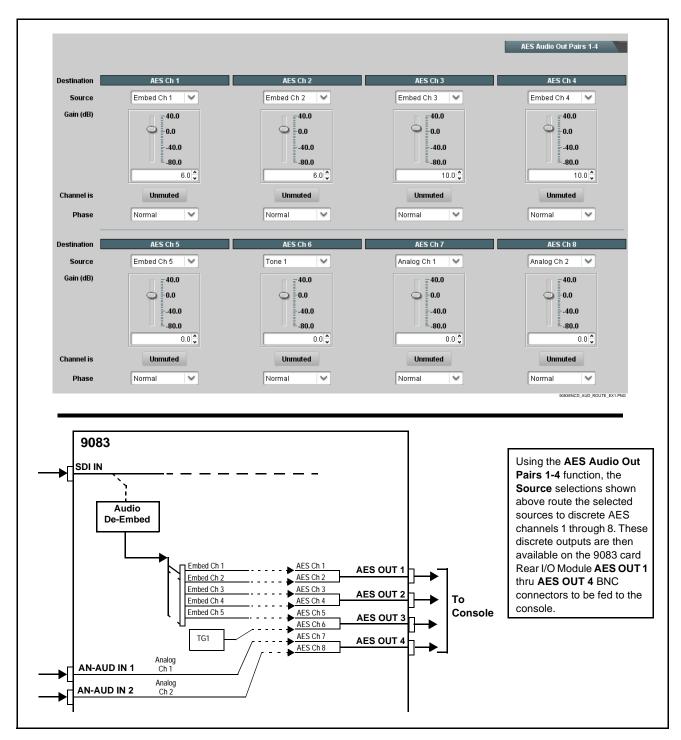


Figure 3-9 Audio Routing Example (Sheet 2 of 3)

Embedded Audio Group 1/2 SD Audio Depth 20 bit **Group Enable** AES Ch 9 AES Ch 10 AES Ch 11 AES Ch 12 Gain (dB) 40.0 40.0 40.0 40.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 -40 O -4n n .4n n -4n n -80.0 -80.0 0.0 .. 0.0 🗘 0.0 .. 0.0 🗘 Channel is Unmuted Unmuted Unmuted Unmuted Normal Normal Normal ~ Group Enable AES Ch 13 AES Ch 14 AES Ch 15 AES Ch 16 Gain (dB) 40.0 40.0 40.0 40.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 -40.0 -40.0 -40.0 -40.0 -80.0 -80.0 -80.0 -80.0 0.0 🗘 0.0 🗘 0.0 🗘 Unmuted Normal Destination Embedded Ch 9 Embedded Ch 16 Silence Gain (dB) 40.0 40.0 0.0 0.0 -40.0 -40.0 -80.0 -80.0 0.0 🗘 0.0 🗘 Unmuted Unmuted Phase Normal V Using the Embedded Audio 9083 SDI OUT Group 1/2 and 3/4 functions, the Source selections shown above route the discrete AES Audio audio signals received from the **Embed** AFS Ch 9 console on Rear I/O Module AES IN 5 Embed Ch 1 AFS Ch 10 AES IN 5 thru AES IN 8 BNC Embed Ch 2 AES IN 6 AES Ch11 Embed Ch 3 connectors to Embedded From AES Ch 12 Embed Ch 4 Audio Group 1/2 embedded Console **AES IN 7** AES Ch 13 Embed Ch 5 channels 1 thru 8. AES Ch 14 Embed Ch 6 AES IN 8 Embed Ch 7 Embed Ch 8 Unused Embedded Audio Group 3/4 embedded channels

The discrete AES audio on AES channels 9 thru 16 is now re-embedded using the 9083 control settings shown in Figure 3-9 (sheet 3).

Figure 3-9 Audio Routing Example (Sheet 3 of 3)

Embed Ch 9 -

Embed Ch 16

Silence -

9 thru 16 are set to Silence

(mute).

#### Dolby® Digital™ (AC-3) Setup and Routing Example (9083-ENCD only)

Figure 3-10 shows an example setup of using the 9083 Dolby® controls and audio routing controls to perform the following:

- Encode AES channels 1 thru 6 into an AC-3 encoded pair.
- Use RS-485 external metadata received on **DOLBY META IN** port; remove the VBI metadata following encoding.
- Perform encoding using received AC-3 Program 1.
- Set the AC-3 data rate to 384 kbps max. automatic.
- Route the encoded pair to embedded channel pair 1/2.

Figure 3-10 (sheet 1) shows this setup consisting of steps **(A)** through **(G)**. Figure 3-10 (sheet 2) correspondingly shows the DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> function tabs and control settings that are used for this setup.

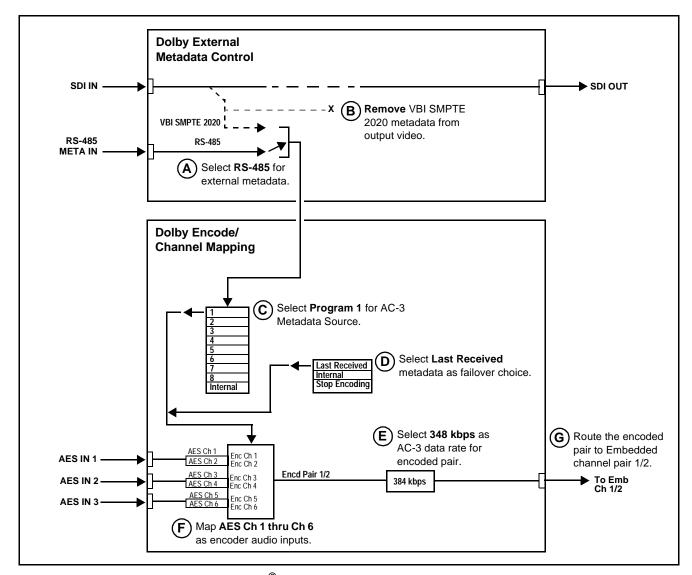


Figure 3-10 Dolby<sup>®</sup> Digital<sup>™</sup> (AC-3) Setup Example (Sheet 1 of 2)

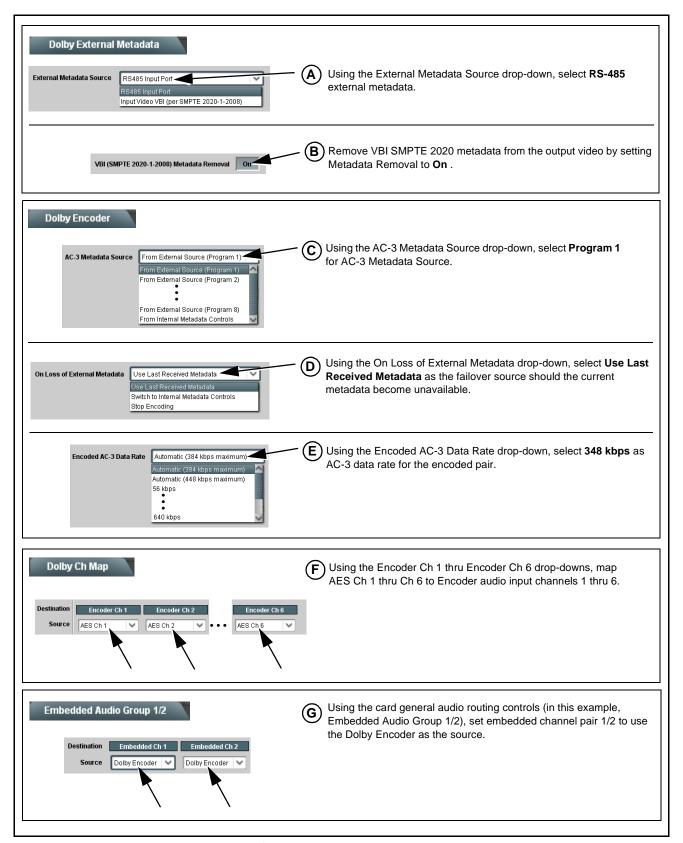


Figure 3-10 Dolby<sup>®</sup> Digital<sup>™</sup> (AC-3) Setup Example (Sheet 2 of 2)

#### Dolby® E Setup and Routing Example (9083-ENCE only)

Figure 3-11 shows an example setup of using the 9083 Dolby® controls and audio routing controls to perform the following:

- Encode AES channels 1 thru 8 into a Dolby® E 5.1+2 encoded pair using input video VBI SMPTE 2020 external metadata; remove the VBI metadata following encoding.
- Perform encoding using received 5.1+2 Program Configuration per received metadata.
- Set failover to use internal metadata if loss of external metadata loss.
- Route the encoded pair to embedded channel pair 1/2.

Figure 3-11 (sheet 1) shows this setup consisting of steps (A) through (F). Figure 3-11 (sheet 2) correspondingly shows the DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> function tabs and control settings that are used for this setup.

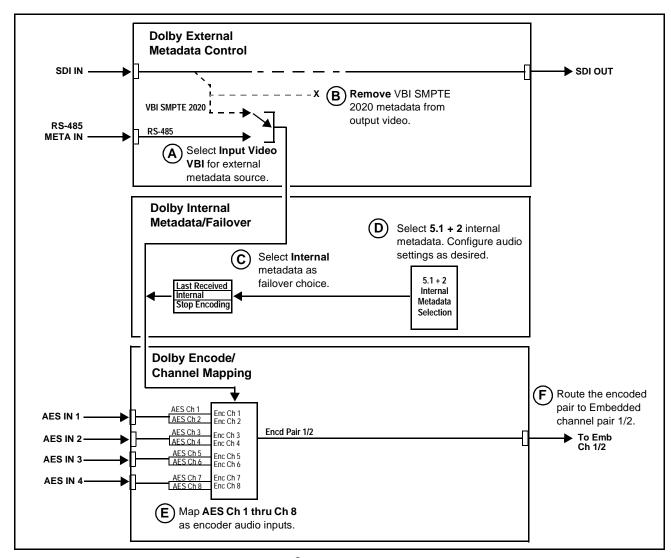


Figure 3-11 Dolby® E Setup Example (Sheet 1 of 2)

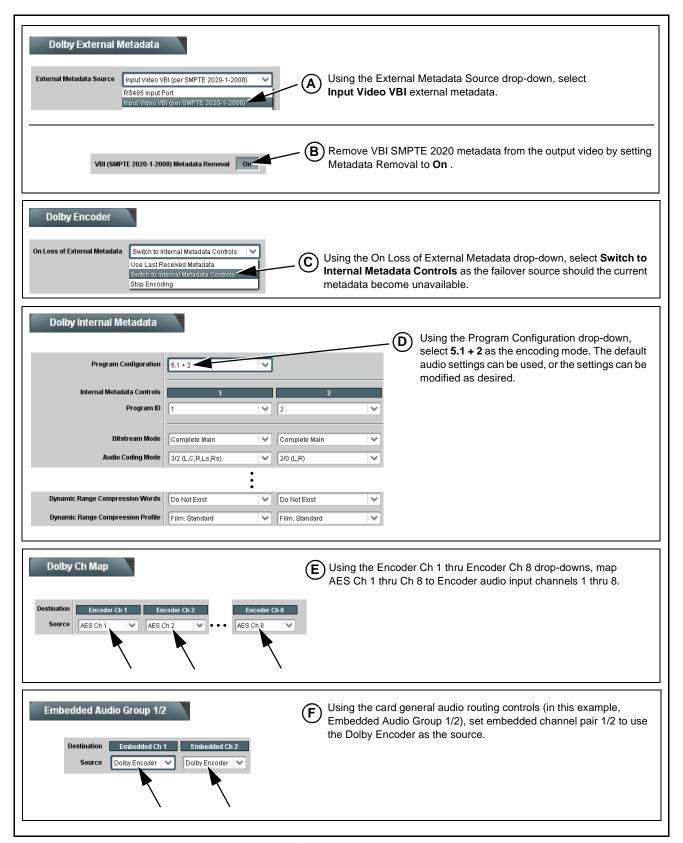


Figure 3-11 Dolby® E Setup Example (Sheet 2 of 2)

This section provides general troubleshooting information and specific symptom/corrective action for the 9083 card. The 9083 card requires no periodic maintenance in its normal operation; if any error indication (as described in this section) occurs, use this section to correct the condition.

#### **Error and Failure Indicator Overview**

The 9083 card itself and its remote control systems all (to varying degrees) provide error and failure indications. Depending on how the 9083 card is being used (i.e, standalone or network controlled through DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> or a Remote Control Panel), check all available indications in the event of an error or failure condition.

The various 9083 card and remote control error and failure indicators are individually described below.

**Note:** The descriptions below provide general information for the various status and error indicators. For specific failures, also use the appropriate subsection listed below.

- Basic Troubleshooting Checks (p. 3-77)
- 9083 Processing Error Troubleshooting (p. 3-78)
- Troubleshooting Network/Remote Control Errors (p. 3-82)

#### 9083 Card Edge Status/Error Indicators and Display

Figure 3-12 shows and describes the 9083 card edge status indicators and display. These indicators and the display show status and error conditions relating to the card itself and remote (network) communications (where applicable). Because these indicators are part of the card itself and require no external interface, the indicators are particularly useful in the event of communications problems with external devices such as network remote control devices.

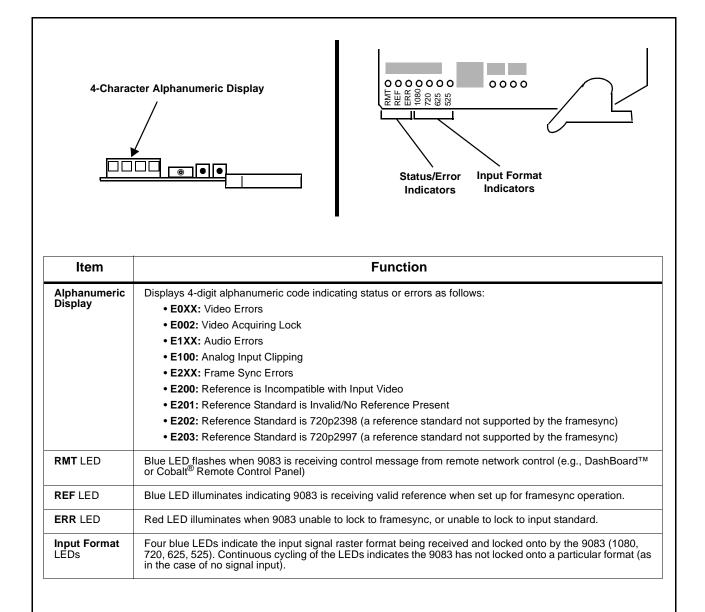


Figure 3-12 9083 Card Edge Status Indicators and Display

#### DashBoard™ Status/Error Indicators and Displays

Figure 3-13 shows and describes the DashBoard™ status indicators and displays. These indicator icons and displays show status and error conditions relating to the 9083 card itself and remote (network) communications.

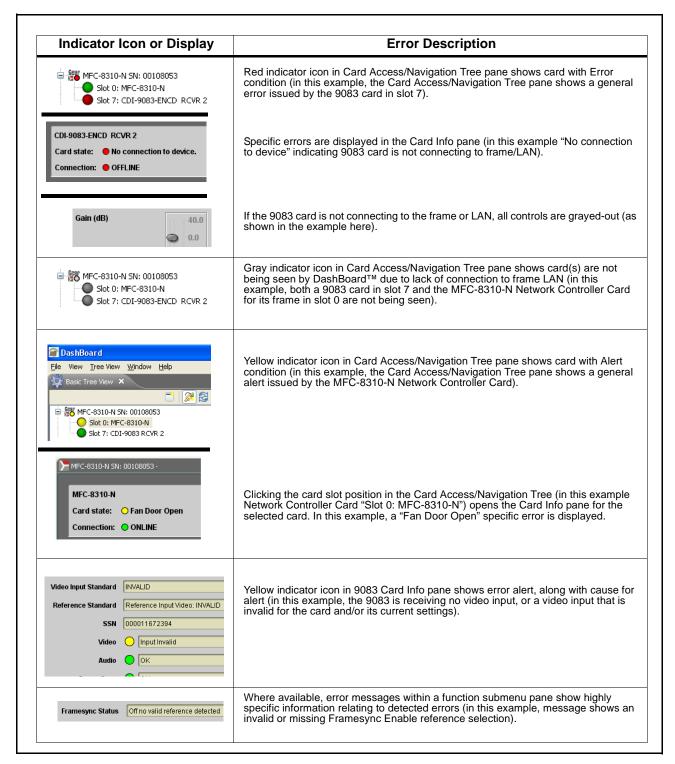


Figure 3-13 DashBoard™ Status Indicator Icons and Displays

Access Card Info panes for specific cards by clicking the card slot position in the Card Access/Navigation Tree pane (as shown in the example in Figure 3-14).

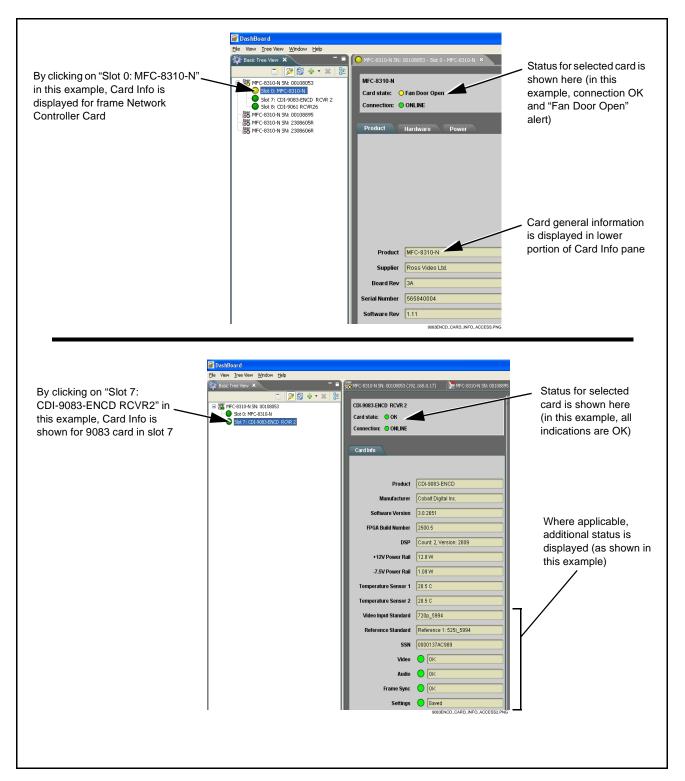


Figure 3-14 Selecting Specific Cards for Card Info Status Display

#### **Basic Troubleshooting Checks**

Failures of a general nature (affecting many cards and/or functions simultaneously), or gross inoperability errors are best addressed first by performing basic checks before proceeding further. Table 3-5 provides basic system checks that typically locate the source of most general problems. If required and applicable, perform further troubleshooting in accordance with the other troubleshooting tables in this section.

Table 3-5 Basic Troubleshooting Checks

Item	Checks		
Verify power presence and characteristics	On both the frame Network Controller Card and the 9083, in all cases when power is being properly supplied there is always at least one indicator illuminated. Any card showing no illuminated indicators should be cause for concern.		
	<ul> <li>Check the Power Consumed indications for both the +12 V and -7.5 V supply rails for the 9083 card. This can be observed using the DashBoard™ Card Info pane, or using the card edge controls and indicators as shown in Figure 3-7 on page 3-14.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>If either of the rail supplies show no power being consumed, either the frame power supply, connections, or the 9083 card itself is defective.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>If either of the rail supplies show excessive power being consumed (see Technical Specifications (p. 1-24) in Chapter 1, "Introduction"), the 9083 card may be defective.</li> </ul>		
Check Cable connection secureness and connecting points	Make certain all cable connections are fully secure (including coaxial cable attachment to cable ferrules on BNC connectors). Also, make certain all connecting points are as intended. Make certain the selected connecting points correlate to the intended card inputs and/or outputs. Cabling mistakes are especially easy to make when working with large I/O modules.		
Card seating within slots	Make certain all cards are properly seated within its frame slot. (It is best to assure proper seating by ejecting the card and reseating it again.)		
Check status indicators and displays	On both DashBoard <sup>™</sup> and the 9083 card edge indicators, red indications signify an error condition. If a status indicator signifies an error, proceed to the following tables in this section for further action.		
Troubleshoot by substitution	All cards within the frame can be hot-swapped, replacing a suspect card or module with a known-good item.		

#### 9083 Processing Error Troubleshooting

Table 3-6 provides 9083 processing troubleshooting information. If the 9083 card exhibits any of the symptoms listed in Table 3-6, follow the troubleshooting instructions provided.

In the majority of cases, most errors are caused by simple errors where the 9083 is not appropriately set for the type of signal being received by the card.

Note:

The error indications shown below are typical for the corresponding error conditions listed. Other error indications not specified here may also be displayed on DashBoard™ and/or the 9083 card edge status indicators.

Note:

Where errors are displayed on both the 9083 card and network remote controls, the respective indicators and displays are individually described in this section.

Table 3-6 Troubleshooting Processing Errors by Symptom

Symptom	Error/Condition	Corrective Action
DashBoard™ shows Video yellow icon and Input Invalid message in 9083 Card Info pane.      Video	No video input present	Make certain intended video source is connected to appropriate 9083 card video input. Make certain BNC cable connections between frame Rear I/O Module for the card and signal source are OK.
DashBoard™ shows Frame     Sync red icon and Reference     Invalid message in 9083 Card     Info pane.  Frame Sync	Frame sync reference not properly selected or not being received	<ul> <li>If external frame sync reference is not intended to be used, make certain the Framesync Enable selection list is set to Off or Input Video as desired.</li> <li>If external frame sync reference is intended to be used, make certain selected external frame sync reference is active on frame sync 8310 frame bus. (External reference signals Reference 1 and Reference 2 are distributed to the 9083 and other cards via an 8310 frame bus.)</li> </ul>
		Refer to <b>Framesync</b> function submenu tab on page 3-21 for more information.

Table 3-6 Troubleshooting Processing Errors by Symptom — continued

Symptom	Error/Condition	Corrective Action		
DashBoard™ shows Framesync Status error message in 9083 Framesync function submenu screen.  Framesync Status Minimum Latency Frames	Specified Minimum Latency Frames setting exceeds 9083 card buffer space for the selected output video format	Reduce the Minimum Latency Frames setting as specified in the error message to correct the error.  Note: Due to card memory limits, the maximum available Minimum Latency Frames is related to the output video format selected.  For example, with a 1080i 5994 output, the maximum setting is 5. For a 1080i film (2398) output, the maximum setting is 3 (due to the increased buffer space needed for the slower frame rate). Conversely, greater maximum settings are allowed for SD formats such as 525i 5994, where the practical maximum limit is 13.		
Video/audio synchronization or delay noted.	Source synchronization condition	Use the <b>Audio Offset from Video</b> control to compensate for video/audio delay.  Refer to <b>Framesync</b> function submenu tab of page 3-21 for more information.		
Ancillary data (closed captioning, timecode, Dolby® metadata, AFD) not transferred through 9083.	Control(s) not enabled      VANC line number conflict between two or more ancillary data items	<ul> <li>Make certain respective control is set to On or Enabled (as appropriate).</li> <li>Make certain each ancillary data item to be passed is assigned a unique line number (see Ancillary Data Line Number Locations and Ranges on page 3-15).</li> </ul>		
DashBoard™ shows red     Audio icon and Analog Input     Clipping message in 9083     Card Info pane.  Audio    Analog Input Clipping      Card edge display shows code     E1∅1 .	Analog peak audio input on selected input exceeds +24 dBu level	Reduce analog audio level at the source.  Note: 9083 audio gain controls cannot be used to correct analog input overload condition. The condition must be corrected at the source.		

Table 3-6 Troubleshooting Processing Errors by Symptom — continued

Symptom	Error/Condition	Corrective Action
Audio signal(s) do not route as expected.  Parameter control not available as expected.	Embedded or AES audio contains Dolby <sup>®</sup> E or Dolby Digital encoded signal	When a valid Dolby® E or Dolby Digital signal (in accordance with SMPTE 337M) is detected on an AES or embedded audio signal, SRC is automatically bypassed (disabled) along with gain and polarity controls being bypassed (even though controls may appear to be functional). Gain and polarity controls are not available for this signal type.  Refer to Status displays in Audio Input Controls function submenu tab on page 3-17 for more information.
	Audio Input Controls AES     Passthrough or Zero Delay     Embedding mode may     inadvertently be enabled	When either of these modes is enabled, flexible routing and parametric controls are not available. When either of these modes is not intended for use, make sure they are disabled.  Refer to Audio Input Controls function submenu tab on page 3-17 for more information.  Note: Routing and parametric controls may appear functional when either of these mode are enabled, although the controls will not be functional.
Audio not processed or passed through card.	Input audio of type that cannot be locked by 9083 card	AES discrete and embedded audio must be nominal 48 kHz input.      Note: Although the Status Displays in Audio Input Controls function submenu tab will show audio formats other than "Present, Professional" as being locked (such as "Present, Consumer"), in any case the audio must be at nominal 48 kHz rate for lock and processing to occur.
	Enable control not turned on	Group Enable button for Embedded Audio Group 1/2 or Embedded Audio Group 3/4 function submenu must be turned on for sources to be embedded into respective embedded channels.

Table 3-6 Troubleshooting Processing Errors by Symptom — continued

Symptom	Error/Condition	Corrective Action		
Audio not processed or passed through card (cont.).	Upmixer inadvertently enabled (Upmixer Licensed Feature only)	Make certain upmixer is set to <b>Bypass</b> if not intended for use.      Note: When manually enabled or set for automatic enable with appropriate signal levels, upmixer overwrites selected embedded channels with new data; same-channel embedded output will no longer represent same-channel embedded inputs for selected channels.		
	AES pairs 1 thru 4 switch not set for Input (factory default) mode	If any of AES IN 1 thru AES IN 4 are to be used as inputs, the respective DIP switch must be set to the default INPUT mode position.  See Setting I/O Switches for AES I/O (1-4) Ports (p. 2-1) in Chapter 2, "Installation and Setup" for more information.		
Dolby <sup>®</sup> encoded audio cannot be decoded on upstream monitor or device.	Improper metadata source selection.	If external metadata is to be used, make certain source as input video VBI or source as RS-485 is appropriately set. No failover exists to switch between loss of RS-485 metadata and Input Video SMPTE 2020 VBI metadata. (See Dolby Digital External Metadata (p. 3-54) or Dolby E External Metadata (p. 3-60) for more information.)		
	Failover improperly set.	The card offers choices to revert to internal or last received metadata as failover choices for loss of external metadata. A choice to stop encoding upon metadata loss is also available. Make certain this choice is selected only if intended. (See Dolby Digital Encoder (p. 3-51) or Dolby E Encoder (p. 3-59) for more information.)		

#### **Troubleshooting Network/Remote Control Errors**

Refer to Cobalt® reference guide "COMPASS™ Remote Control User Guide (PN 9000RCS-RM)" for network/remote control troubleshooting information.

#### In Case of Problems

Should any problem arise with this product that was not solved by the information in this section, please contact the Cobalt Digital Inc. Technical Support Department.

If required, a Return Material Authorization number (RMA) will be issued to you, as well as specific shipping instructions. If required, a temporary replacement item will be made available at a nominal charge. Any shipping costs incurred are the customer's responsibility. All products shipped to you from Cobalt Digital Inc. will be shipped collect.

The Cobalt Digital Inc. Technical Support Department will continue to provide advice on any product manufactured by Cobalt Digital Inc., beyond the warranty period without charge, for the life of the product.

See Contact Cobalt Digital Inc. (p. 1-29) in Chapter 1, "Introduction" for contact information.

# Loudness Measurement Guidelines and Techniques

This appendix provides a condensed guide to practical techniques for properly measuring and assessing loudness in various types of program material.

The content here is in general accordance with ATSC A/85, "ATSC Recommended Practice: Techniques for Establishing and Maintaining Audio Loudness for Digital Television". This document is available free of charge and can be downloaded by going to:

http://www.atsc.org/standards/practices.php

## **About Loudness Measurement Applied to Program Material**

A very useful aspect of the loudness measurement model is that a target and a measured end-assessment are based upon simple, single-value LKFS measurements that can be unambiguously displayed and assessed. (Additionally, the Audio LKFS Monitor function can provide a simple pass or fail result for the piece based on the target and thresholds configured for the target LKFS value.) When properly performed as described in this appendix, the LKFS measurement model accommodates reasonable short-term loudness variations in most types of professionally produced material without nuisance failure indications or ambiguous results.

The loudness measurement model specified in ATSC A/85 uses the LKFS loudness unit to provide the simple, single-unit value that can be used to assess program material loudness. Basically, before an assessment is performed, two important initial facets must be considered:

- Target LKFS Value This is the desired reading that is to be observed for a given segment or piece of program material. The Audio LKFS Monitor function uses the dialnorm value set in the material's metadata as the LKFS target value.
- Measurement Technique Consideration should be given in using techniques that result in the most meaningful or representative LKFS measurements. These techniques are described below, along with techniques suggestions suitable for various types of program material.

# **About Target LKFS Value**

(See Figure A-1.) Adherence to a target LKFS value across various program material (typically from any number of individual, diverse sources) relieves viewers from having to constantly adjust program volume at their homes in order to maintain an overall comfortable, desired loudness level. General guidelines for determining a target LKFS value are as follows:

- Unless specified by a metadata dialnorm value or some other specified guidance, target LKFS should be at or about -24 ±2.0 LKFS (that of the typical dialnorm value) across any portion of program material containing any appreciable audio content (anything other than dramatically or aesthetically intentional silence).
- Because the LKFS unit of measure is directly derived from the decibel, a gain change of a given amount modifies measured LKFS by the same amount. For example, material exhibiting an LKFS of -12 LKFS can be made to match that of material exhibiting a -24 LKFS level by **reducing** the overall level at the source by 12 dB.
- Where local content is to be added to a network-supplied feed (e.g., local commercial or programming announcements), care should be taken that the LKFS level of local content matches that specified by the metadata dialnorm.
- Dynamic Range Control (DRC) control/management systems by themselves cannot unconditionally be relied upon to assure proper LKFS compliance. Many DRC systems use measurement/control schemes that do not reflect perceived loudness. A system specified to use energy measurement/assessment models reflecting perceived loudness, such as the Cobalt® OPT-SW-LP Loudness Processing option (licensed from Linear Acoustic<sup>TM</sup>), can reliably provide DRC to achieve LKFS compliance.

Figure A-1 shows an example of measuring LKFS for an ingest piece and using the result to assess and remedy the loudness variation between the piece and a dialnorm-specified network feed.

The Audio LKFS Monitor function provides a means to set a threshold above and below a target LKFS value in which an LKFS error is displayed in the Card Info pane. The function also has a threshold which sets the allowable time a high or low LKFS measurement can persist, after which an error is indicated. These configurable parameters are described in detail in the tab description for "Audio LKFS Monitor" in Chapter 3, "Operating Instructions".

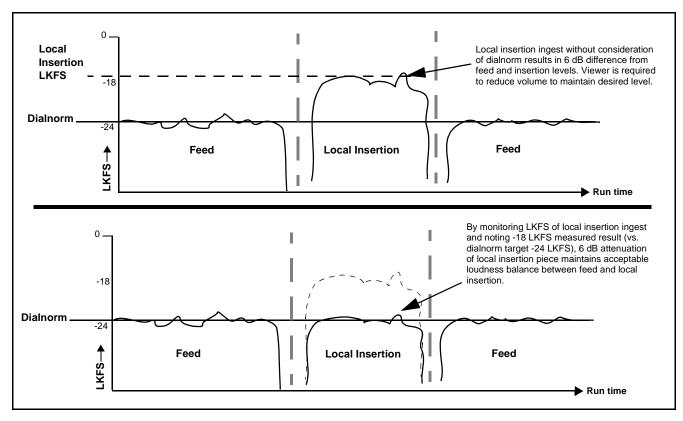


Figure A-1 Balancing LKFS Across Different Material Sources

# **Measurement Techniques For Various Program Material Forms**

Because of the sometimes intentional broad variance of overall levels and audio density in various types of program material, consideration must be given in applying techniques that concentrate only on meaningful segments within a piece where representative LKFS measurements can be obtained. Currently, a fully automated means of accurately assessing LKFS for all cases or forms of material has not been specified in ATSC A/85. Therefore, techniques appropriate for the material must be applied. This section provides guidance and examples of properly applied techniques for various cases and forms of typical program material.

#### Importance of an Anchor Element

ATSC A/85 defines an **anchor element** as the aural element in material that serves as the item within a group of sounds that assumes a dominant role and is the "center of attention". For example, in a piece containing relatively constant dialog (such as a typical commercial), the mix and creative input would typically position this dialog as the predominate or "anchor" element in the mix (in terms of both relative level and channel placement). As such, all other elements would normally have levels that proportionally track and stay well below that of the anchor element. For example, in program material consisting of dialog and background sounds or music, the anchor element would be dialog with other sounds **substantially** lower in level.

Note that in a given piece, the anchor element can change assignment within the course of the material (for example, at the end of a commercial where score music or a jingle now may assume the role of creative dominance and correspondingly become the anchor element).

#### **Assumptions and Conditions For Meaningful LKFS Measurements**

Again depending on the material form, meaningful LKFS measurement and assessment can be very straightforward or, conversely, require some techniques to help ensure a meaningful assessment is obtained. Very straightforward assessments can be obtained when the following are present and/or observed:

- Typical production aesthetics with typical post-production refinement using moderate, controlled compression and aural content density.
- Consistent audio levels in center channel throughout the piece (e.g., dialog or music score).
- Dialog (or equivalent) serving as an anchor element.
- Material containing no excessive periods of unusual loudness or silence.
- LKFS is intended as a long-term measurement. The shorter the averaging period, the less representative an assessment is of a given pice of ingest material. Where feasible, an observation should run the entire length of the ingest material. If the material does not contain an anchor element, the predominate element (e.g., featured music or obvious effects) should serve as the anchor.

In these cases, the Audio LKFS Monitor function can be used with its default settings.

Figure A-2 shows an example (using a target LKFS of -24.0) where these assumptions can be followed, and an example where certain techniques should be applied in order to obtain a meaningful LKFS assessment.

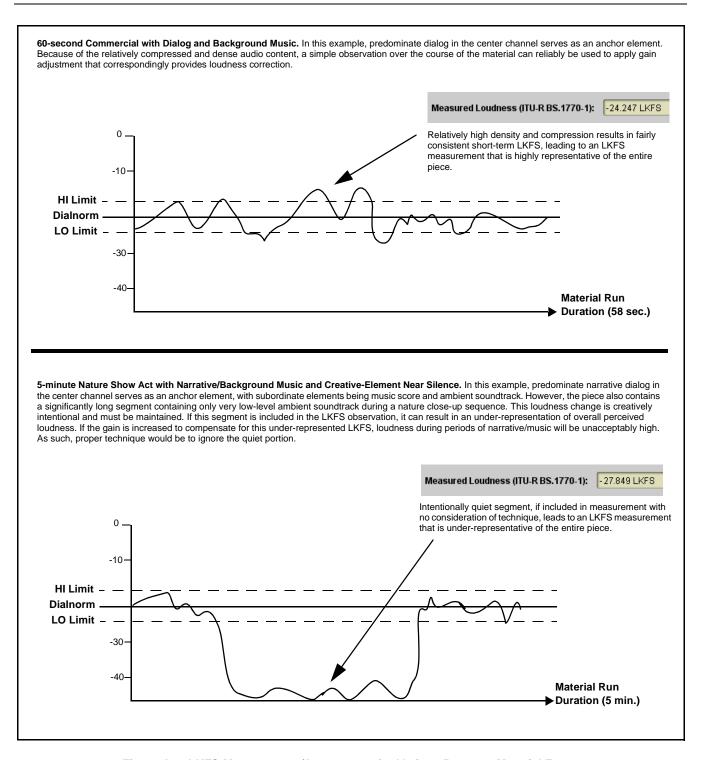


Figure A-2 LKFS Measurement/Assessment for Various Program Material Forms

#### Specific Measurement Techniques for Various Material Forms

Described below are specific techniques and suggestions for various settings and program material which can be assessed using the Audio LKFS Monitor function.

**Live Production.** The Audio LKFS Monitor function can be used in live production to guide the mixing operator to maintain audio level at an LKFS reasonably close to that specified by the dialnorm. Where aural activity is significant (i.e., some sort of anchor element clearly exists), the LKFS measurement provides a good baseline of target loudness compliance. Observing LKFS over a 10-second period (appr.) will typically suffice.

Note that in this setting, audio may not be always be compressed/limited; very wide swings in dynamic range are possible. Again, only segments that are realistically viable in terms of content density, anchor element, and level amplitude/consistency should be considered for measurement. If continual or sustained LKFS "high" violations are noted, it may be indicative of an overall "hot" level on the channel or overall mix.

**Post-Production.** The guidelines for this settings are similar to that used for live production, except that a LKFS measurement should be observed for representative segments by cueing and rolling tape, thereby circumventing quiet segments from influencing the measurement.

**Long-Form Finished Material.** LKFS observation should be run for as long a segment as possible, however restricting the observation to representative portion(s) within an act. A representative segment should of course contain an anchor element or the next reasonable equivalent. Only absent a representative anchor element should the unrestricted length of the piece be observed and considered.

**Short-Form Finished Material (e.g., "Commercials").** Typically, this material will have a clearly discernible anchor element and relatively consistent loudness density. As long as the material does not have loudness pauses exceeding half the overall run time (which is typically unlikely), a simple observation over the course of the material will typically provide a very reliable LKFS measurement.

#### Modifying LKFS Assessments Using Parametric Settings

**Measurement Window Setting.** (See Figure A-3.) The **Measurement Window** parameter sets the sampling time accumulated in each averaging recalculation. As such, longer periods will include more short-term LKFS "look-back" values into the moving average. Because the Measurement Window setting affects averaging that is used in measuring and calculating the LKFS measurement, changes in this setting will affect LKFS measurement.

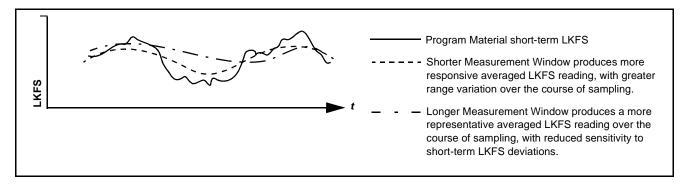


Figure A-3 Modifying the Measurement Window Parameter

Allowed Deviation Threshold. (See Figure A-4.) This parameter sets the LKFS high/low points at which the Audio LKFS Monitor function considers the measured LKFS an error. This threshold setting is wholly independent of the LKFS measurement function. As such, resulting LKFS measured values displayed are not in any way affected by this threshold setting. In most cases, the default settings will provide reasonable, representative indications of material compliance or rejection with the configured target LKFS.

**Deviation Alarm Time Threshold.** (See Figure A-4.) This parameter sets the amount of time a measured LKFS level exceeding the Allowed Deviation threshold can loiter at before an alarm display occurs.

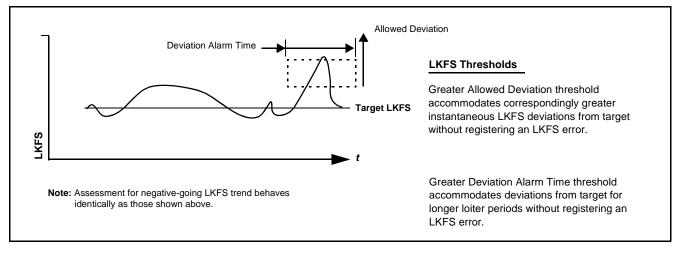


Figure A-4 Modifying LKFS Threshold Error Alert Parameters

Long-Form Simplified Measurement. (See Figure A-5.) Post-production long-form material can in many instances be easily assessed by applying a rather long Measurement Window (in this example, 10 seconds). In this manner, the typically brief loudness variations in professionally produced material (or breaks between material) will not result in nuisance errors. However, if the material exhibits a consistent gross deviation from the selected target LKFS or dialnorm (for example, due to level imbalance between a network feed and local insertion), the averaging period is conversely likely to be sufficiently short as to show a level-triggered error somewhere over the course of the offending material.

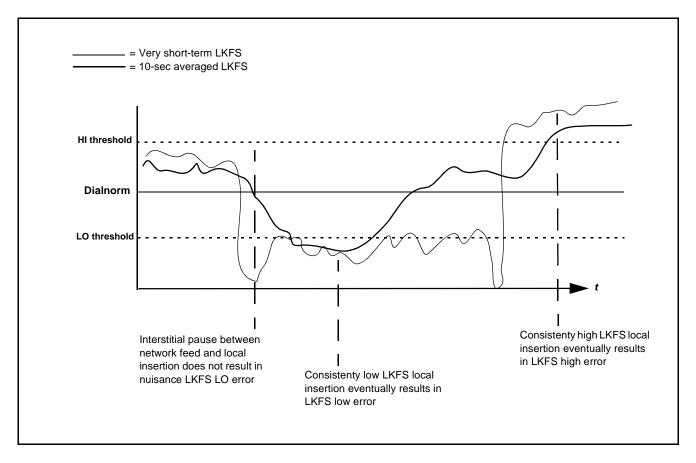


Figure A-5 Long-Form Simplified Measurement



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