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3G-NE RX MODULE

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1.1 DOCUMENTATION AND SAFETY OVERVIEW

This manual provides instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the Vidblox Transport Media/Format Conversion Modules and Media Extenders built by PESA.

It is the responsibility of all personnel involved in the installation, operation, and maintenance of the equipment to know all the applicable safety regulations for the areas they will be working in. ***Under no circumstances should any person perform any procedure or sequence in this manual if the procedural sequence will directly conflict with local Safe Practices. Local Safe Practices shall remain as the sole determining factor for performing any procedure or sequence outlined in this document.***

1.2 WARNINGS, CAUTIONS, AND NOTES

Throughout this document, you should notice various Warnings, Cautions, and Notes. These addendum statements supply necessary information pertaining to the text or topic they address. It is imperative that audiences read and understand the statements to avoid possible loss of life, personal injury, and/or destruction/damage to the equipment. These additional statements may also provide added information that could enhance the operating characteristics of the equipment (i.e., Notes). Examples of the graphic symbol used to identify each type of statement and the nature of the statement content are shown in the following paragraphs:

1.2.1 CAUTION

	**Caution statements identify conditions or practices that can result in personal injury and/or damage to equipment if the instructions contained in the statement are not complied with.**

1.2.2 NOTE

	**Notes are for information purposes only. However, they may contain invaluable information important to the correct installation, operation, and/or maintenance of the equipment.**

Chapter 2 Introduction

2.1 DESCRIPTION

PESA's Vidblox transmitter and receiver modules offer a wide range of capabilities for transport media conversion, format conversion, and media extension solutions in production, PRO-A/V and broadcast applications. This manual provides information for both the Vidblox 3G-SL RX and 3G-NE RX receiver module. The 3G-NE RX module is very similar to the 3G-SL RX in operation, but offers a lower cost alternative for installations that do not require the full feature set of the 3G-SL RX module. Text and operational steps presented in this manual apply to both variants of the Vidblox receiver module, except where noted. Figure 2-1 shows front and rear view of a typical Vidblox 3G-SL and 3G-NE receiver module.

Figure 2-1 Typical Vidblox 3G-SL (Left) and 3G-NE (Right) Receiver Module

In very general terms, the basic function of a Vidblox receiver (RX) module is to convert a source of SMPTE compliant SDI video in any of the formats listed below to a DVI or analog VGA/RGB video signal at an output resolution selectable by the user. If the input SDI video signal contains embedded audio, the first two channels of digital audio group 1 are de-embedded and available as two unbalanced analog audio output signals. The Vidblox RX module can accept an input of any of the following SDI video formats from any SMPTE compliant video source, or from a Vidblox transmitter (TX) module:

- 720p/50, 720p/59.94, 720p/60 (3G-SL RX Only)
- 1080i/50, 1080i/59.94, 1080i/60 (3G-SL RX Only)
- 1080p/50, 1080p/ 59.94, 1080p/60 (3G-NE RX and 3G-SL RX)

In addition to the above listed SMPTE standard formats, the Vidblox receiver module (3G-SL RX Only) can also accept an input signal from a Vidblox SL-3G TX module formatted to PESA's VB Link. This format allows pixel accurate transport of resolutions greater than 1080p over a SMPTE 424M transport while maintaining compliance with the SMPTE standard. VB Link supports computer resolutions up to 1920X1200 and, by pairing a VB Link capable Vidblox receiver module and transmitter module as a set, provides maximum resolution and full pixel accurate transport when viewable images at 720p and 1080i are not required for the transport video stream.

SMPTE compliant video input connections may be made through copper coaxial cable, fiber optic cable or both. Output video interface with Vidblox is through an industry standard DVI-I connector, and output audio interface is through a 3.5mm stereo audio connector. Resolution of the DVI or analog output signal is user-selectable from any of the formats listed in Table 2-1. In addition to the resolutions listed, Vidblox gives you the ability to enter and select up to three sets of custom video output parameters to allow interface with non-standard devices.

Table 2-1 Vidblox RX Output Formats and Resolutions

Supported Video Formats:	480i*	480p	576i*	576p
	720p/50	720p/60	1080i/50*	1080i/60*
	1080p/50	1080p/60		
Supported Graphics Formats:	640x480/60	800x600/60	1024x768/60	1280x800/60
	1280x1024/60	1360x768/60	1440x900/60	1600x900/60
	1680x1050/60	1600x1200/60	1920x1200/60	

* 3G-SL RX Module Only

Every Vidblox module is equipped with a USB interface port allowing full monitoring and control of a single module through a host computer running the Cattrax control application. In addition to USB connectivity, the Vidblox 3G-SL RX module provides full network connectivity and control capability through the module's Ethernet port using PESA's Cattrax graphical user interface control application running on a host PC supporting the Windows® Operating System. All operational commands and status monitoring functions are performed through the Cattrax software application.

With the 3G-NE RX receiver modules, a 3G-SDI (1080p) video signal may be connected as module input to the IN BNC connector; or the IN fiber connector, if the module is equipped with a fiber receiver device. Thus, a 3G-NE RX module allows active selection of any one input source from up to two SDI video input signal sources.

Vidblox 3G-SL RX modules allow connection of HD/3G-SDI video signals as module inputs to the IN 1 and IN 2 BNC connectors; and to the IN 1 and IN 2 fiber connectors, if the module is equipped with a dual-channel SFP fiber receiver device. Thus, a 3G-SL RX module allows active selection of any one input source from up to four SDI video input signal sources.

Factory default for input selection is automatic, meaning that Vidblox circuitry detects an active input and selects it as the source for the module. With the automatic input select function active, the module searches for valid input signals in the following sequence:

- Fiber IN channel 1
- BNC IN 1
- Fiber IN channel 2 (3G-SL Only)
- BNC IN 2 (3G-SL Only)

Vidblox also gives you the option of manually selecting any one of the connectors as the dedicated video input source. During any sequenced search, the first active video signal Vidblox finds is selected as the module input.

Vidblox modules may be used as a paired transmitter/receiver set for extending input video signals over copper coax cable; or, optionally, over fiber transport media at distances up to 10 km. Receiver modules may be used stand-alone to convert a SMPTE compliant HD/3G-SDI (1080p, 720p* or 1080i*) television video signal from any source to a DVI or analog VGA/RGB video output signal at an output resolution selectable by the user – up to 1920X1200.

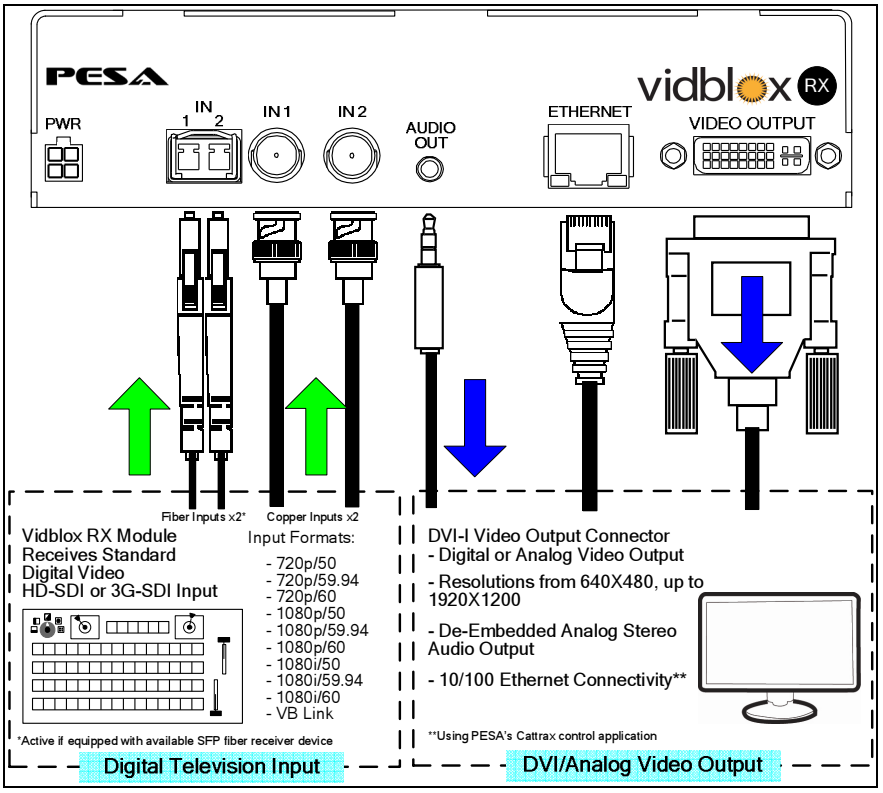
When Vidblox modules are used in a paired transmitter-receiver application, Vidblox transmitter modules feature an Extended Display Identification Data (EDID) Emulation Mode, whereby, the transmitter module handshakes with the graphics source, just as a monitor device would to establish resolution, refresh rate and other communication parameters. EDID data is then encoded into the Vidblox data packet that is sent along with the SDI signal. If the SDI signal is received by a Vidblox receiver module, this data is decoded and used to communicate EDID data to the remote monitor device, just as if the device were connected directly to the graphics source.

I/O connections to a typical Vidblox RX module are shown pictorially by Figure 2-2.

2.2 FEATURES

	VIDBLOX 3G-SL RX	VIDBLOX 3G-NE RX
Maximum Resolution	1920x1200 @ 60Hz	1920x1200 @ 60Hz
DVI Output	Yes	Yes
VGA (up to 1920x1200) Output	Yes	Yes
RGB / RGBS / RGBHV Output (VGA, RGsB,RGBHV,YPbPr with optional adapter cable)	Yes	Yes
Progressive Input	Yes	Yes
Interlaced Input	Yes	No
Ethernet Connectivity through Cattrax Control Application	Yes	No
USB Connectivity through Cattrax Control Application	Yes	Yes
Unbalanced Stereo Audio	Yes	Yes
Number of BNC Inputs	2	1
Number of Fiber Inputs	2**	1**
Fiber types	SM / MM	SM / MM
AFD (4:3 and 16:9)	Yes	Yes
Rack Mountable	Yes	Yes
12VDC, 90-240VAC 60/50Hz Power Brick for Stand-Alone	Yes	Yes

*3G-SL RX Module Only
**If equipped with SFP fiber receiver device



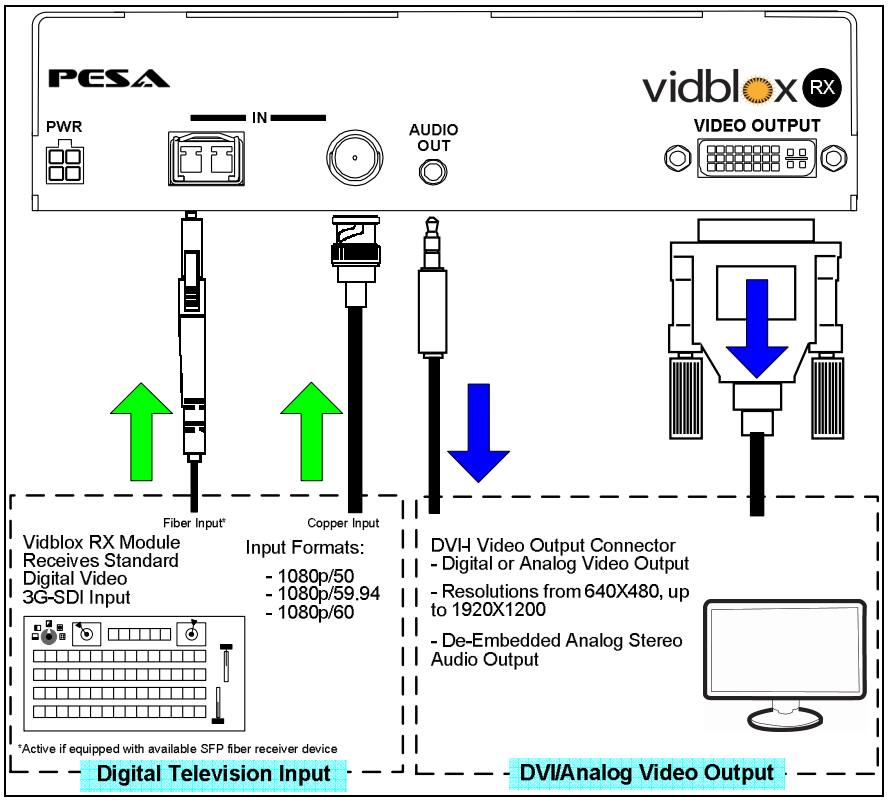


Figure 2-2 Vidblox 3G-SL RX (Top) and 3G-NE RX (Bottom) I/O Interface

2.3 SPECIFICATIONS

VIDEO BROADCAST INPUT SPECIFICATIONS

Input Signal – Broadcast Standard	SMPTE 424M, 292M*
Input Connector Style	75 Ohm BNC LC Fiber SFP
Number of Inputs – BNC	2 (3G-SL), 1 (3G-NE)
Number of Inputs – Fiber**	2 (3G-SL), 1 (3G-NE)
Input Signal Format	1080p / 720p* / 1080i*
Input Data Rate	143Mbps to 3.0Gbps

Digital Inputs – BNC

Impedance	75 Ohm
Return Loss	> 10dB, 1.5GHz to 3GHz
Input Signal Level	800 mV p-p, +/- 10%
Input Signal Polarity	Non-Inverting
Input Jitter	SMPTE 292M < 0.2 UI SMPTE 424M ≤ 0.3 UI Compliant with RP-184
Input Cable Equalization	1.5Gbps – 100m 3.0Gbps – 80m Based on Belden 1694A or Equivalent Cable

Digital Inputs – Fiber

NOTE: Optical devices used with Vidblox are class 1 laser products that meet the safety regulations of IEC-60825, FDA 21 CFR 1040.10, and FDA 21 CFR 1040.11.

Output Data Rate	1.5Gbps to 3.0Gbps
Optical Input Wavelength	Accepts 1270nm to 1610nm (1310nm optimal)
Input Power	Min. -20dBm, Max. -1dBm
Loss Budget	Approx. 9dB (assumes two optical couplers w/ 10km SM cabling)
Typical Operating Distances	9/125u estimated at 10Km (6.25 miles) 50/125u approx. 400m (1200ft) 62.5/125u approx. 200m (600ft)

NOTE: Listed operating distances are typical; actual distances may vary depending on factors such as fiber type, bandwidth, connector splicing, dispersion, and environmental factors. Cable loss and other interconnects can affect the total light loss between TX and RX paths.

Rise / Fall Time	SMPTE 292M ≤ 270 ps SMPTE 424M ≤ 135 ps
Overshoot	< 10% of amplitude (max.)
Alignment Jitter	SMPTE 292M < 0.2 UI SMPTE 424M ≤ 0.3 UI
Timing Jitter	SMPTE 292M < 1.0UI SMPTE 424M ≤ 2.0UI

*3G-SL RX Module Only
**If equipped with SFP fiber receiver device

VIDEO OUTPUT SPECIFICATIONS

Output Connector Type – Video	DVI-I
Output Connector Type – Audio	3.5mm Stereo Jack
Connector Type – Network	RJ-45 (3G-SL Only)
Number of Outputs – Computer	1
Number of Outputs – Audio	1 Stereo
Computer Output Signal Type	DVI, VGA, RGsB, RGBHV, YPbPr
Audio Output Signal Type	Stereo Audio – Unbalanced
Video Output Formats	DVI up to 1920x1200@60Hz VGA and Component Video up to 1920x1200@60Hz RGB, YPbPr at 720p/1080i*/1080p
Output Resolutions Supported	
Video Output Formats Supported	480i*, 480p, 576i*, 576p, 720p/50, 720p/60, 1080i/50*, 1080i/60*, 1080p/50, 1080p/60
Graphics Output Formats Supported	640x480/60Hz, 800x600/60Hz, 1024x768/60Hz, 1280x800/60Hz, 1280x1024/60Hz, 1360x768/60Hz, 1440x900/60, 1600x900/60, 1680x1050/60Hz, 1600x1200/60Hz, 1920x1200/60Hz Plus up to three user-defined custom output resolutions
Signal Output Formats	CEA-861-E, DDWG 1.0
Output Data Rates	1.65 Gbps
Output Color Depth	24bit
DDC Protocol	E-EDID (Emulated)
Hot Plug Detect	Yes

AUDIO OUTPUT SPECIFICATIONS

Connector Style	3.5mm Mini Stereo Jack
Audio Impedance	<100 Ohms, Unbalanced, DC Coupled
Input Level	Line Level (3.7V p-p max.)
Maximum Level	+10dBu
Frequency Response	+/- 0.1dB, 20Hz to 20kHz
THD+N	< 0.01%
SNR	> 90dB
Audio Bits per Sample	18 Bits per Channel, 2 Channels (L,R)
Sample Rate	48kHz

ENVIRONMENTAL

Cooling – Module	Internal Fan Module
Operating Temperature	0-40° C
Operating Humidity	10-90% non-condensing
Product Dimensions / Weight	6.75 (171.45)W X 6.25 (158.75)D X 1.650 (41.91)H 0.5 lbs per unit

CONTROL

Control Input Port	Mini-USB for local software setup and diagnostics 10/100 Ethernet port for network control (3G-SL Only)
Control Program	Cattrax (USB and Ethernet Control Application)

POWER

External Power	90VAC to 240VAC, 50-60Hz, External, 12VDC, 1.5A, Regulated Power Brick with Optional AC Inlet for U.S., UK, or EURO Style Plugs
Power Input – Modules	12VDC, 1.5A

*3G-SL RX Module Only

RACK MOUNTING OPTIONS

Rack Mount Kits	1RU Frame – holds two modules 2RU Frame – holds four modules
Rack Mount Cooling	Two fans mounted in power distribution module
Temperature	Storage: -40 to +70 C / 10% to 90%, non-condensing Operating 0 to 40 C / 10% to 90%, non-condensing
AC Adapter Input	100VAC to 240VAC, 47-63Hz, 1.2A max., IEC plug
AC Adapter Output	12VDC, 7A max.
1RU Rack Mount Kit Dimensions / Weight	19.00 (482.6)W X 6.25 (158.75)D X 1.75 (44.45)H 1.65lbs empty, 3.65 lbs full
2RU Rack Mount Kit Dimensions / Weight	19.00 (482.6)W X 6.25 (158.75)D X 3.50 (88.90)H 2.00lbs empty, 4.65 lbs full

WARRANTY

3 Years Parts and Labor

SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE

CE	EN55022
FCC	Designed for FCC Part 15 Compliance
Environmental	RoHS
Fiber Safety	Class 1 Laser Product IEC 60825-1:1993 + A1:1997 + A2:2001

Chapter 3 Installation

3.1 GENERAL INSTALLATION CONSIDERATIONS

Vidblox 3G-SL and 3G-NE RX modules are shipped from the factory pre-configured to default operating parameters, and in most installations, no further configuration should be required. There are very few restrictions on placement of modules. Locate each module for convenient access to video source signals or destination points. Ensure that a source of primary power is available and that each module or extender frame has clearance for cooling air. It is not necessary that RX modules be continuously connected to the facility Ethernet or to a host PC for operation. Vidblox 3G-SL modules that are network connected may be monitored and controlled through a host PC running PESA's Cattrax network software control application. Monitoring and configuration functions may be performed on a single module over a USB connection to a host PC running the Cattrax controller application.

3.2 INSTALLING VIDBLOX RECEIVER MODULES

Receiver modules accept up to four (3G-SL), or two (3G-NE) inputs of SMPTE compliant 1080p (3G-NE and 3G-SL), 720p (3G-SL Only) or 1080i (3G-SL Only) SDI video through chassis mounted BNC connectors and, if equipped, the SFP fiber receiver channels. A video output in a user-selectable DVI-D or analog format at a user-selectable resolution up to 1920x1200 is available at the chassis mounted DVI-I connector. An unbalanced output of dual channel analog audio de-embedded from audio channels 1 and 2 of SDI audio group 1 is available through the 3.5mm connector. Vidblox receiver module inputs may be directly connected to Vidblox transmitter modules when used as media extenders, or to the SDI output signal from a router or video processing device

I/O connections and status LEDs for the 3G-SL RX module are shown by Figures 3-1 and 3-2, and discussed in the following paragraphs. Differences between the 3G-SL and 3G-NE are noted in the text. Using the illustrations for reference, complete connections to the module prior to applying power.

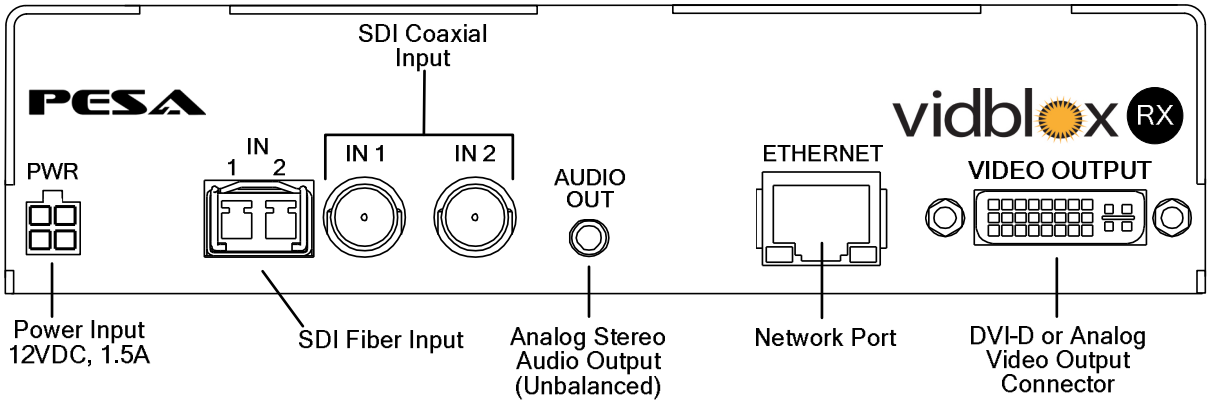


Figure 3-1 3G-SL RX Module Rear Panel I/O Connections

- **Power (PWR) -** Operating power (12 VDC, 1.5A) from an external supply is attached to this connector. When a module is used standalone, power is derived from a furnished external power supply "brick." If a module is mounted in a rack frame, power for all modules in the frame, plus the frame cooling fans, is derived from a single power brick connected to the frame power distribution panel. A cable connects between the frame power distribution panel and the module power input connector.

- **Fiber -** When the Vidblox RX module is equipped with an optional SFP fiber receiver device, each channel provides a separate fiber transport input for a HD/3G-SDI video signal. Either singlemode or multimode fiber cable can be used when connecting the input channel to a Vidblox transmitter module, fiber output of a video matrix switcher or other external equipment. Optical cable runs up to 10 kilometers* are possible using singlemode fiber. Multimode fiber is acceptable for distances up to 400m*.

- **BNC Connectors** - BNC connectors IN 1 and IN 2 (IN on 3G-NE modules) provide two independent copper coaxial cable transport inputs (one input on 3G-NE modules) for the SDI video signal.

- **Audio Out -** Audio output signals are available through this connector, refer to Paragraph 3.3.

- **Ethernet (3G-SL Modules Only) –** Standard RJ-45 connector for connecting Vidblox to a 10/100 Ethernet network.**

- **Video Output -** Connect the output signal from the DVI-I connector to the destination point using cable-end adapters, if required. Interfacing a VGA video device to the Video Output connector requires the use of a DVI-VGA converter cable or adapter. The chart below lists valid output resolutions available with the 3G-SL RX module.

Output Video Formats:	480i***	480p	576i***	576p
	720p/50	720p/60	1080i/50***	1080i/60***
	1080p/50	1080p/60		
Output Graphics Formats:	640x480/60	800x600/60	1024x768/60	1280x800/60
	1280x1024/60	1360x768/60	1440x900/60	1600x900/60
	1680x1050/60	1600x1200/60	1920x1200/60	

*Distances stated are typical; actual distances may vary depending on fiber type, bandwidth, connector splicing, dispersion, and environmental factors

**Network connectivity requires optional Cattrax control application

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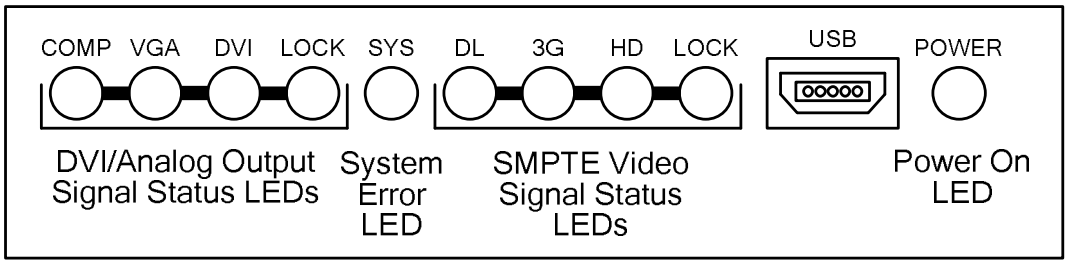


Figure 3-2 Front Panel Layout Diagram

- **Status LEDs -** Refer to Paragraph 3.4.
- **USB –** Vidblox TX modules communicate with a host PC over a standard USB bus using the supplied cable. Attach the "mini" USB plug to this connector. It is not necessary to keep the module attached to the host PC during normal operation.
- **POWER -** When the Power LED is lit, it indicates the Vidblox module is connected to a source of power.

Connect the power plug from the external power supply to the module power connector and connect the power supply to a source of primary power.

When power is first applied to a receiver module, observe the front panel status LEDs for proper operation as defined in Paragraph 3.4.

3.3 VIDBLOX AUDIO CONNECTIONS

The 3G-SL receiver module provides a 3.5mm jack for connecting unbalanced stereo (dual-channel) analog audio output signals to a destination point. Audio is de-embedded from channels 1 and 2 of digital audio group 1 on incoming SDI signal as shown in the chart below:

3.5mm Connector Pin-out	Output Audio from Vidblox	De-Embedded Channel
Tip	**Audio Channel 1** Left audio channel with normal stereo source from computer sound card	**Channel 1 of Group 1**
Ring	**Audio Channel 2** Right audio channel with normal stereo source from computer sound card	**Channel 2 of Group 1**
Sleeve	**Common GND**	

NOTE	If input SDI signal is from a Vidblox transmitter module, audio signals present at the TX audio input connector are available at this output connector. When input SDI signal is from a SMPTE compliant source other than a Vidblox TX module, any audio signals present on channels 1 and 2 of AES group 1 are present at this output connector.

3.4 STATUS LEDS

There are Status LEDs located on the front panel of each Vidblox module as shown by Figure 3-2. Upon application of power the Power On LED lights and the module begins a boot-up procedure. The power on LED remains lit as long as power is applied to the module. During boot-up, all other LEDs will be unlit, but will all flash very briefly as boot-up is complete in order to verify functionality of the LEDs. During normal operation, the LEDs provide the following status information:

- **DVI/Analog Output Signal Status LEDs** – When lit, LEDs in this group indicate format of the DVI or analog signal leaving the DVI-I connector to the video destination as follows:
  - Composite (COMP) – Output signal is composite analog video
  - VGA – Output signal is VGA (RGBHV) analog video
  - DVI – Output signal is DVI digital video
  - LOCK – Currently this LED is not used with Vidblox RX module
- **System Error LED** - System Error is a red LED that lights whenever a fault or alarm condition is detected within the Vidblox module.
- **SMPTE Video Signal Status LEDs –** When lit, LEDs in this group indicate format and lock status of the HD/3G-SDI digital video signal entering the selected BNC or fiber connector as follows:
  - DL (Not present on 3G-NE modules) – Not currently used with Vidblox RX module
  - 3G – Digital video signal is SMPTE compliant 3G-SDI (1080p)
  - HD (Not present on 3G-NE modules) – Digital video signal is SMPTE compliant HD-SDI (1080i or 720p)
  - LOCK – Vidblox RX module circuitry has detected and is locked to format of input signal
- **Power On LED** - Power On is a green LED that lights whenever power is applied to Vidblox module.

3.5 VIDBLOX RACK MOUNT EXTENDER FRAME

PESA's optional rack mount extender frames allow you to easily mount and power multiple Vidblox modules in a 1 or 2 RU chassis frame. Two modules may be installed in the 1 RU chassis and up to four modules may be installed in the 2 RU chassis. With either frame, power for all Vidblox modules is derived from a removable power distribution/fan module. Jumper type power cables are used to supply power to each unit from the distribution module.

As shown in Figures 3-3 and 3-4, Vidblox modules are installed from the rear of the chassis and secured using the captive thumbscrew on the front of the chassis. When a Vidblox module is installed in either slot of the 1RU frame, the front panel LEDs and USB connector are accessible through the bottom opening of the slot. It is easier, though certainly not a requirement, to install modules into the extender frame chassis before mounting the frame in the equipment rack. Install modules as follows:

- Slide each Vidblox module into the desired mounting slot of the extender frame as shown in Figure 3-3.
- Install the power distribution module into the center slot of the frame.
- Secure all modules by tightening the captive thumb screw on the front of the frame as shown in Figure 3-4.
- Install a power jumper between any of the four power output connectors and the input power connector on each Vidblox module as shown in Figures 3-3 and 3-5.
- Mount the extender frame in an equipment rack at this time, if you chose to install the modules with the extender frame out of the rack.
- Ensure at least 50% of the open air space on either side of the extender frame is free of cables or any other obstructions that may restrict air flow.
- Connect the power output lead from the external 12VDC power supply to either of the main power input connectors on the distribution module as shown in Figure 3-5.
- If using a second, redundant, external power supply connect the lead from the redundant supply to the unused power input connector.
- Do not connect the external power supply(s) to a source of primary power until connections to the Vidblox modules are completed as directed in Paragraph 3.2.

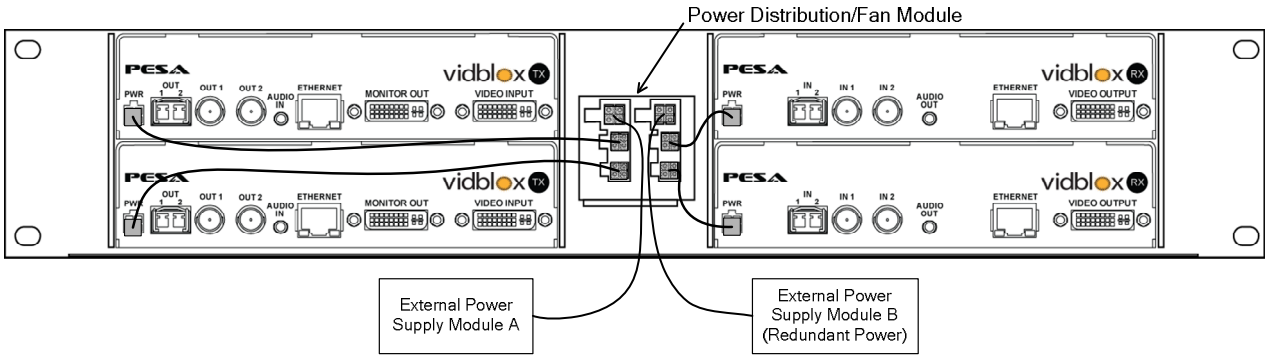


Figure 3-3 Extender Frame Rear View

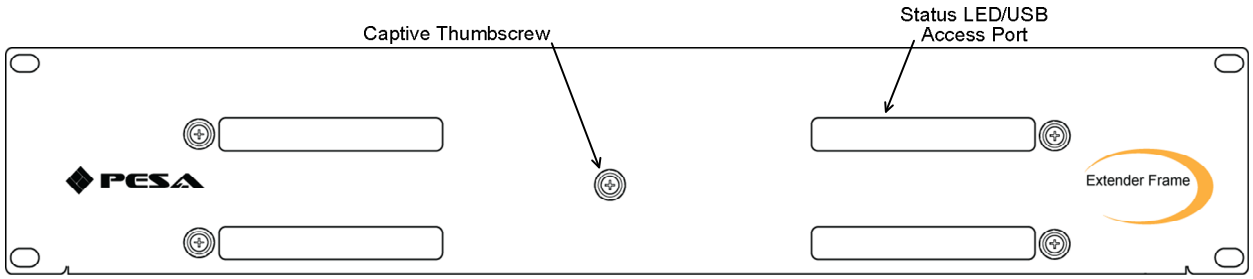


Figure 3-4 Extender Frame Front View

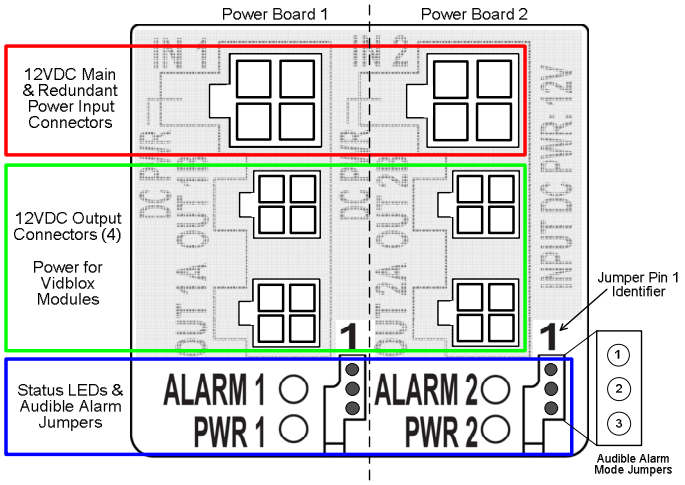


Figure 3-5 Power Distribution Module

3.6 POWER DISTRIBUTION/FAN MODULE REDUNDANT POWER, ALARMS AND LEDS

As shown by Figure 3-5, there are two power input connectors – one for connection to the main external power supply, and the second for connection to a second external power "brick" for automatic power redundancy. One external power supply connected to either of the power input connectors can supply power for up to four Vidblox modules. While some load sharing may occur when a redundant power supply is used, the second supply, if connected, serves as a self-switching back-up power supply in the event the main supply should ever fail.

The power distribution module contains two circuit boards each with one input power connector, two output power connectors, status monitor LEDs and audible alarm mode select pins. In Figure 3-5, these are identified as Power Board 1 and Power Board 2. Even though the input power connector, status LEDs and alarm jumpers are specific to board 1 or 2, all four output connectors are always powered and monitored for loss of output.

There are two status LEDs on each board identified as Alarm and Power (PWR). When power from an external supply is attached to either of the input connectors the green PWR LED associated with the board lights as an indication that power is present. The ALARM LED is red and when lit indicates one of two possible error conditions is occurring with the distribution module:

- There is a failure with one or both of the cooling fans
- There is a failure of at least one of the power output connections

In addition to the visual alarm LED, there is an audible alarm in the module that can be activated or deactivated for either or both power boards through the jumper pins to the right of the LEDs. Power distribution modules are shipped from the factory with the audible alarm disabled. Connect the jumper as shown in Figure 3-6 for the desired audible alarm function:

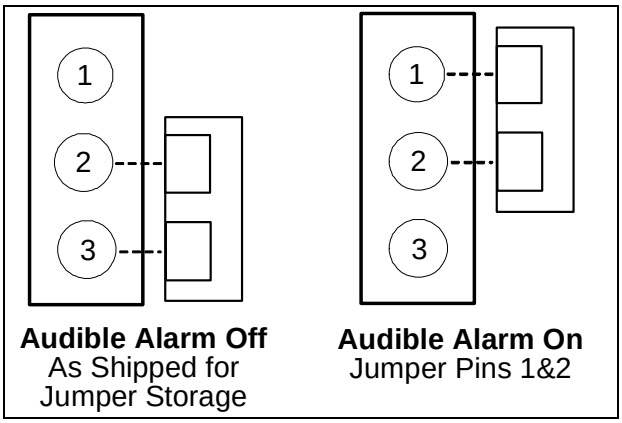


Figure 3-6 Audible Alarm Jumper Settings

Chapter 4 System Set-Up and Configuration

4.1 INTRODUCTION TO THE CATTRAX CONTROL APPLICATION

Set-up, configuration and monitoring functions for Vidblox modules are performed through graphical user interface (GUI) menu screens of PESA's Cattrax controller application installed on a host PC running the Microsoft Windows® 2000, XP, Vista or Windows 7 operating system. Cattrax is a multi-system application that can communicate and control many different types of PESA equipment; it incorporates data files for specific equipment into the software structure that contain equipment-specific interface screens, configuration parameters and control functions. In order for Cattrax to "discover" and communicate with a Vidblox module, or any other piece of PESA equipment, the proper data file must be present in the Cattrax program. In addition, the QFX USB driver file must be installed on the host PC in order for Cattrax to communicate with PESA equipment over the USB port.

Cattrax automatically searches for PESA equipment through a process called "discovery." When a piece of equipment is detected on the USB port of the host PC or connected to the facility network, the application establishes communication with the equipment and lists it as an active device in the Devices View window. Using a USB interface, only one module may be connected to the host PC at a time; Ethernet interface allows simultaneous control of multiple devices.

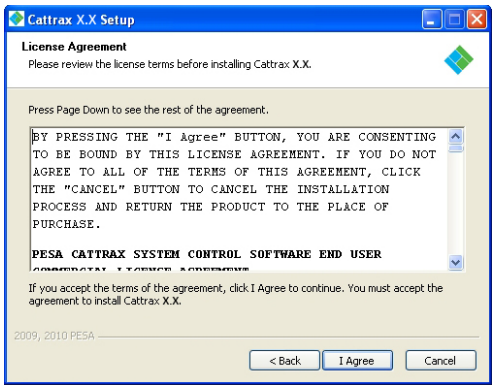
Procedures in the following paragraphs discuss operator screens and functions of Cattrax to control Vidblox modules. If you need more user information on specific functions or features of the control application, refer to the Cattrax User Guide.

4.2 INSTALL CATTRAX AND QFX USB DRIVER ONTO THE HOST PC

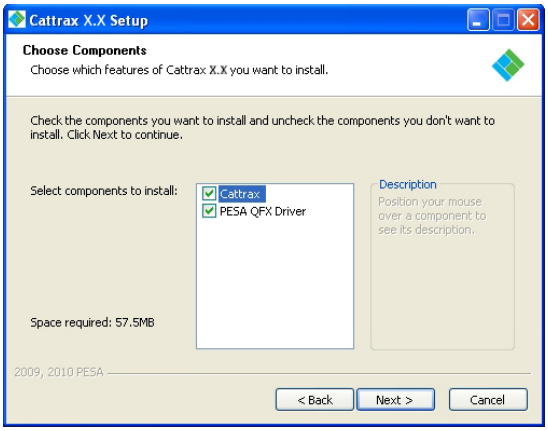
Your Cattrax installation disk contains an auto-run file that guides you through the installation process. Examples of the pop-up screens you will see are shown below with the appropriate step. Notice the "X" used in place of actual values on each example screen presented here. During installation the release number of Cattrax software you are installing is displayed.

Install the Cattrax software application as follows:

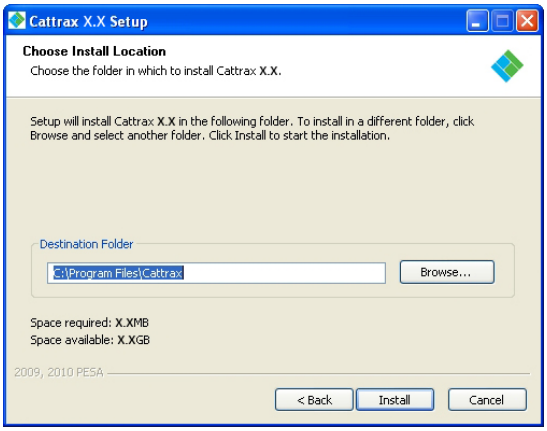
1. Insert Cattrax CD into CD Drive of host PC.
2. Allow the disk to initiate the auto-run function. When initialization is complete, the banner, as shown at right, is displayed on the desktop. Click **Next** to begin installation of the Cattrax application.
3. If the auto-run function does not automatically launch, navigate to the directory of the disk drive containing the installation CD and double click the **Cattrax.exe** file. The banner shown at right should be displayed on the desktop. Click **Next** to begin installation.



4. Read the license agreement and click **I Agree** to continue, as shown at left.

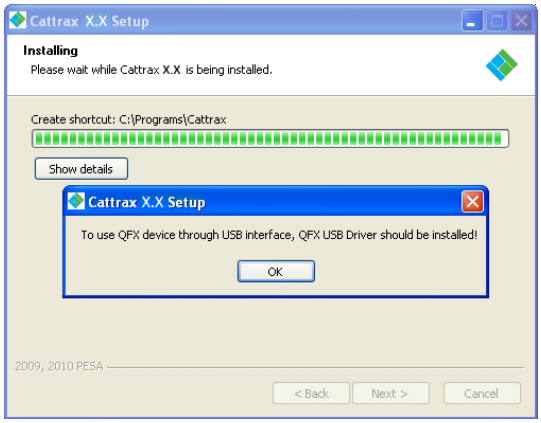


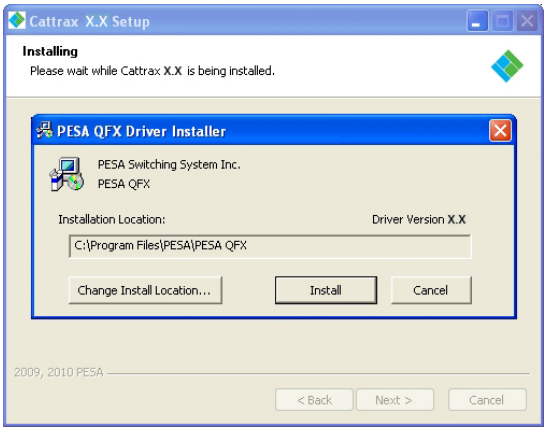
5. The Choose Components window allows you to select the software components you wish to install. During initial installation, the only option is to install the entire program. Ensure that the box next to "Cattrax" in the list box is checked.
6. If you want to install the USB port driver, also check the "PESA QFX Driver" box
7. Click **Next** to continue installation.



8. By default auto-install creates the folder shown at left for the Cattrax application. If you wish to install the software in a directory or folder other than the default, click **Browse** and navigate to the destination. Click **Install** to continue installation.

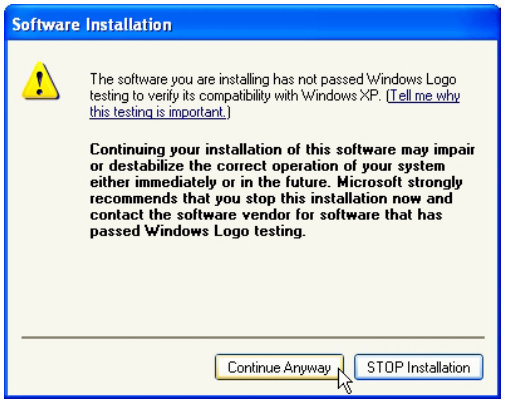
9. Once Cattrax is installed, you will receive the prompt to install the QFX USB driver. Click "OK" to install the driver. If the QFX USB driver is not present on the host PC, Cattrax will not be able to communicate with a connected device through the USB port.

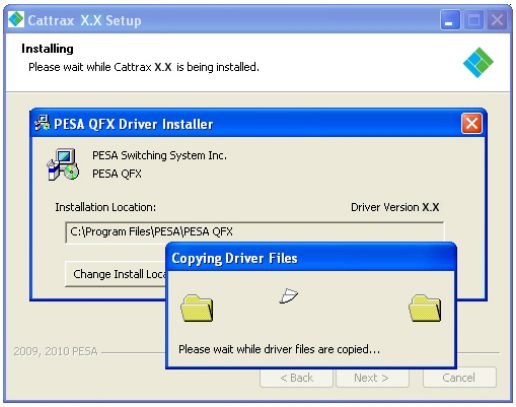




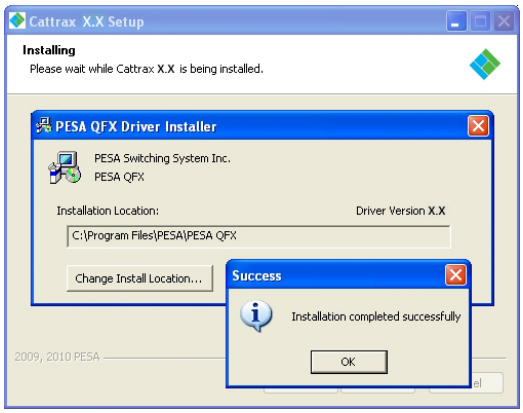
10. You may accept the default installation location, as shown at left, or browse to another folder in which you wish to install the QFX USB driver. When the destination folder is correct, click the Install button to proceed with driver installation.

11. You may receive a message indicating that the software has not passed Windows Logo testing, as shown at right. The USB driver files have been thoroughly validated. Click "Continue Anyway" to continue.

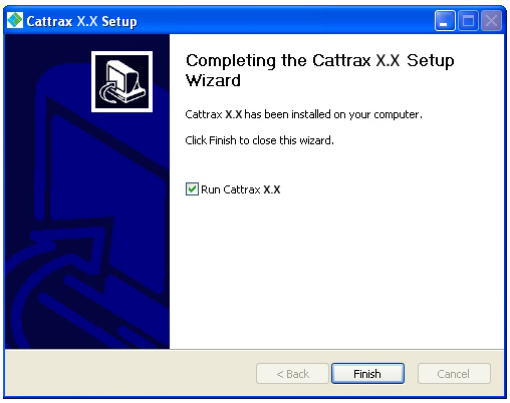




12. You will see the screen at left as installation continues.



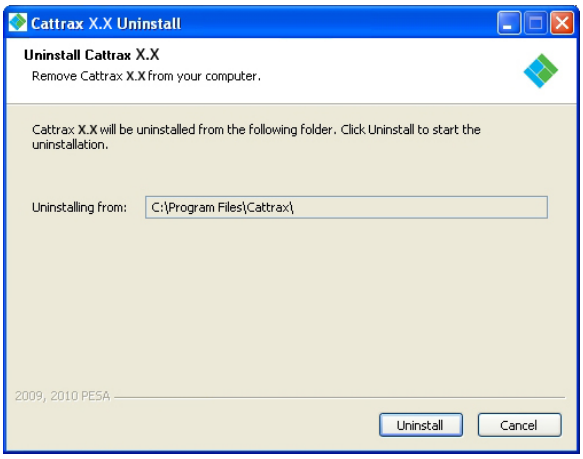
13. When driver installation is complete, you will receive a prompt indicating that the installation was successful, as shown at right. Click "OK" to continue to the "Installation Complete" prompt.



14. Click **Finish** to exit the installation process. During installation a shortcut icon to launch Cattrax is automatically placed on the desktop. If the box next to "Run Cattrax Release X.X" is checked, the application will start immediately.

4.3 REMOVING CATTRAX INSTALLATION

Should it ever be necessary to remove Cattrax from the PC, the uninstall command is available through the Start menu of the Windows® operating system. A prompt window as shown at right is displayed on the desktop. Click **Uninstall** to complete the command.



4.4 INITIAL SET-UP STEPS

In most installations Vidblox modules are programmed at the factory and should not require additional configuration prior to installation. In some installations using Ethernet connectivity, it may be necessary to modify factory set network communication parameters.

Using either USB or network connectivity, the user can monitor and modify many functional attributes of a module, review module identification data or network parameters. Vidblox-specific configuration and monitoring screens and control functions are identical with both USB and network communication.

CAUTION	**DO NOT connect a Vidblox module to the host PC until the USB driver is installed on the computer.**

4.5 NETWORK CONFIGURATION WITH CATTRAX

In order for Cattrax to communicate with Vidblox modules and other PESA equipment, the network interface device used by Cattrax must be actively connected to the subnet, or multiple subnets, containing equipment you wish to control. Figure 4-1 illustrates a typical single subnet network installation with the PC running Cattrax connected to an existing switch that connects control panels and frames.

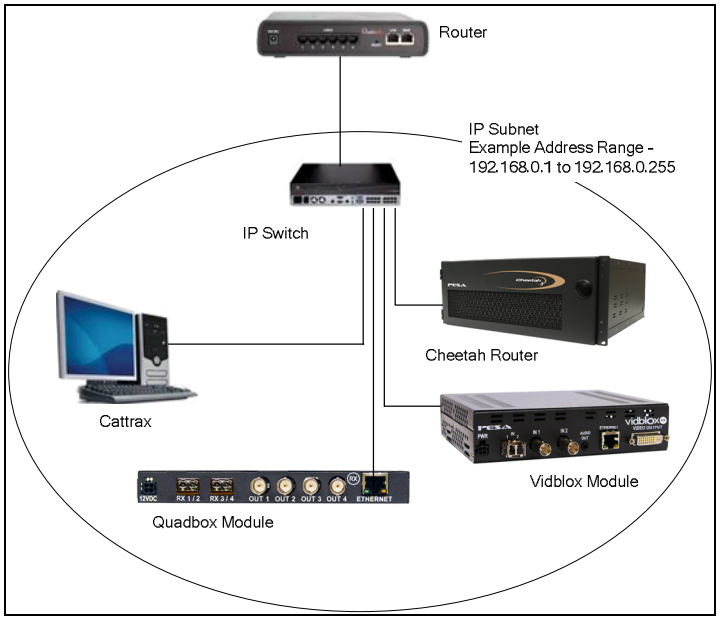
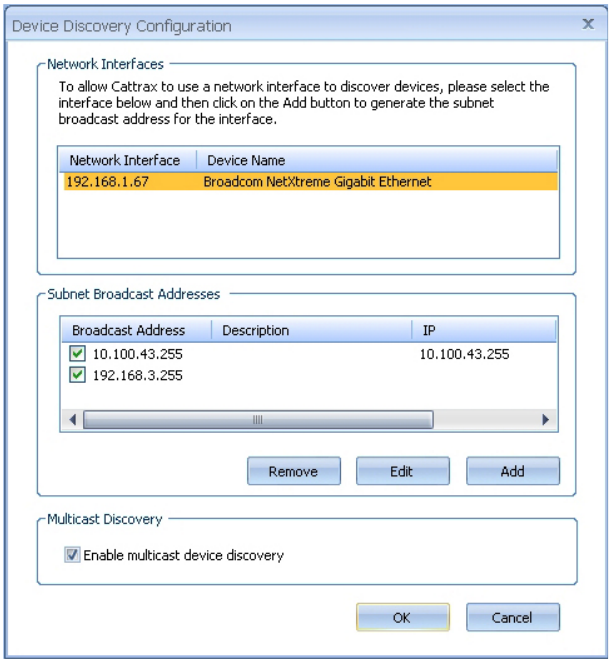


Figure 4-1 Cattrax Installation with Devices on Same Subnet

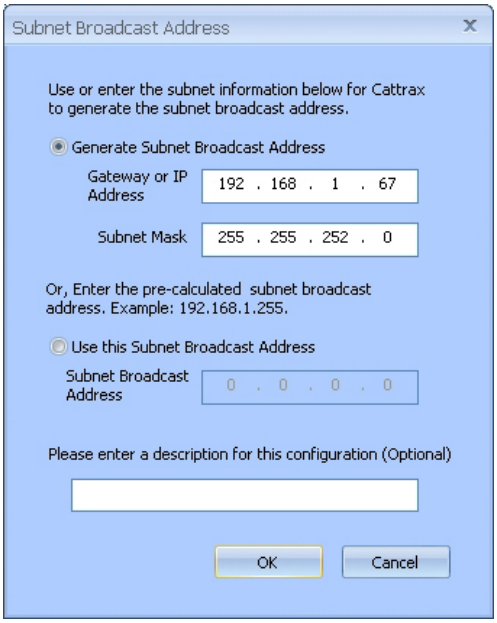
When communicating on a subnet containing PESA network controllable devices, Cattrax should immediately begin the discovery process for all devices configured for the same subnet. In many installations, Vidblox modules and other PESA devices may reside on subnets different from one another within the network. Cattrax allows you to easily select both the network interface device it uses and the subnets on which it communicates. To view or modify current network communication parameters for Cattrax, click the ***Network Preferences*** icon under the ***Settings*** menu in the Cattrax menu bar to open the Device Discovery Configuration screen as shown here.



The upper area displays by IP address and name the network interface devices available to Cattrax. In many installations there will be only one entry in the window and by default this would be the device used by Cattrax. If there are multiple entries, as would be the case, for example, if the host PC contains both an Ethernet NIC and a wireless adapter, the device Cattrax is currently communicating through is shown highlighted. You may select the network interface device you wish Cattrax to use by double-clicking the entry in the listing. Be sure that the network interface device you select is communicating over the subnet(s) containing all Vidblox or other PESA devices you wish to control.

Subnets currently available to Cattrax are listed in the middle area of the screen under the Broadcast Address column. A check in the box beside an entry indicates that Cattrax is actively communicating over that subnet and will automatically discover PESA devices on the subnet. If you wish to prevent Cattrax from communicating over a specific subnet, click the checkbox to remove the check. If you need to add additional subnets or modify address parameters of currently available subnets use the buttons to the right of the display window as follows:

- **Add** – allows you to add subnets to the list of those available. Clicking the Add button opens the screen shown here.



  Enter the IP and Subnet Mask data for the subnet address you wish to add. You may use the text box at the bottom of the pop-up to enter a description of the subnet. Click **OK** to enter the parameters. The new entry is added to the listing and the checkbox will be checked to activate the new subnet.

- **Edit** – allows you to modify address parameters of any entry in the listing. Highlight the entry you wish to modify and click the Edit button. The Subnet menu is displayed with current parameters for the entry listed. Make any changes you wish and enter OK to commit the changes.

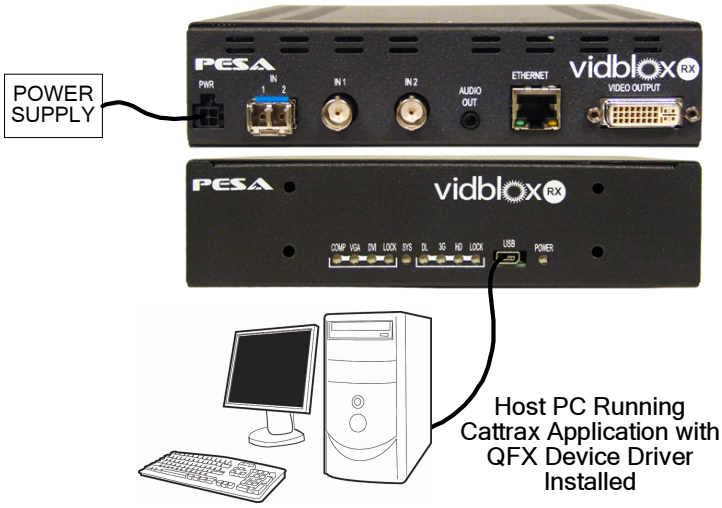
- **Remove** – allows you to remove any subnet from the listing. Highlight the entry you wish to delete and click the Remove button. The entry is immediately removed from the listing.

The lower area of the screen contains a checkbox that allows you to disable the Multicast device discovery function that allows Cattrax to automatically locate PESA devices in multiple subnets. Default selection for this function is ***Enabled*** as indicated by a check in the box. **This option should not be disabled under normal use**. When you have the network parameters properly configured, click the **OK** button to select the new configuration and exit the dialog box, or click **Cancel** to exit the box without making changes.

Vidblox modules support the dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP) allowing the network server to assign each module an individual IP address. DHCP mode active is the power-up default for each module. If for some reason you wish to bypass DHCP and enter specific network parameters, this may be done through the ***IP Configuration*** function on the ***Configurations*** menu screen and the ***Device Properties*** window of Cattrax. Refer to Paragraph 4.8.4 for more information.

4.6 CONNECT A VIDBLOX MODULE TO THE HOST PC THROUGH A USB PORT

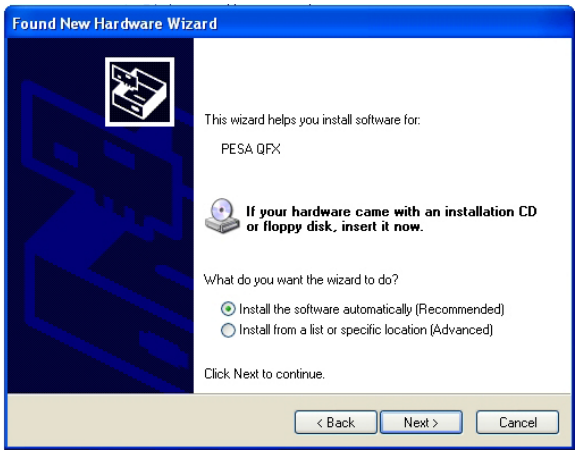
If you wish to control a Vidblox module over a USB connection using Cattrax, perform the following steps to allow "Plug and Play" capability of the Windows® operating system to interface Vidblox hardware to host PC.



1. Apply power to the Vidblox module by connecting the external power supply to the module and to a source of primary power.
2. Connect the supplied USB cable first to the module and then into an open USB port on the host PC, as shown by the illustration to the left.
3. After a brief pop-up from the taskbar, the "Found New Hardware" window, as shown below, **may** appear on the monitor.

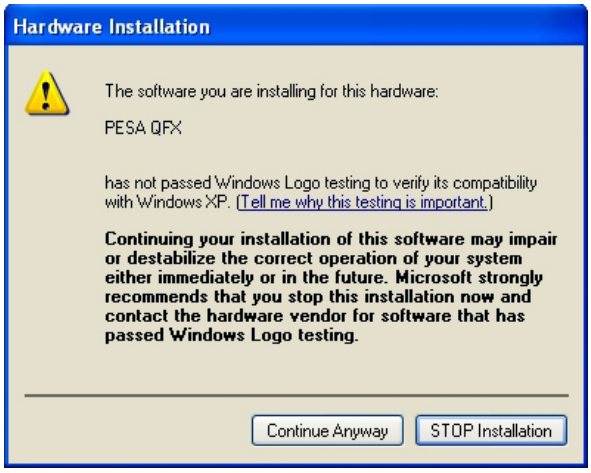
NOTE	**This window only appears if this is the first power-up after USB driver installation**

4. Select the "No, not this time" option button and then click Next to continue.

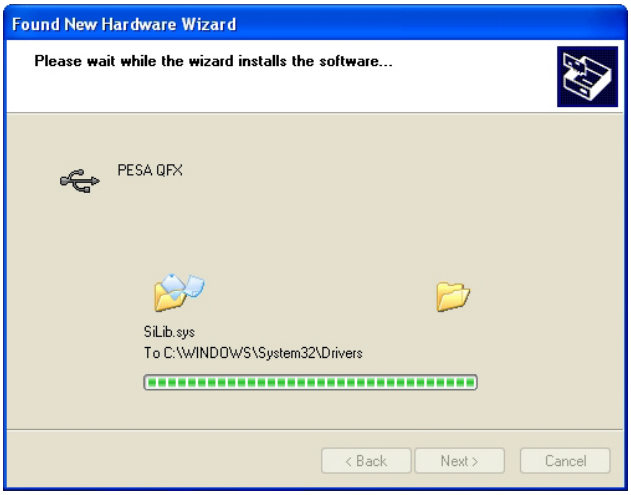


5. The Driver Installation screen, as shown to the left, prompts you for your choice of how to locate and install the hardware driver.

6. Select the first option, "Install the software automatically (recommended)," and click on the "next" button to continue.



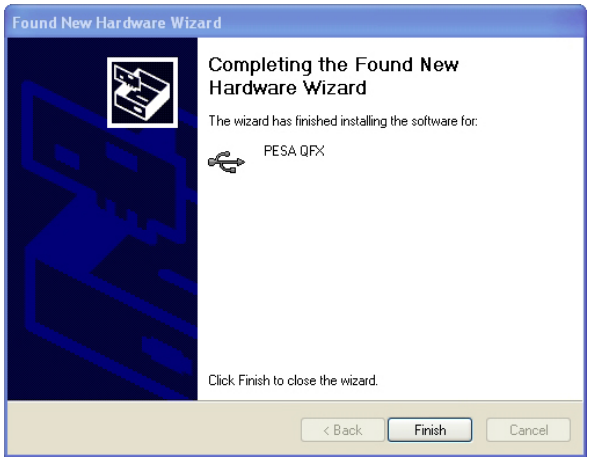
7. You will receive a message indicating that the software has not passed Windows Logo testing, as shown to the right. The USB driver files have been thoroughly validated. Click "Continue Anyway" to continue.



8. During driver software installation, the prompt screen shown to the left is displayed. The progress bar monitors the installation procedure.

9. When hardware installation is complete, the completion screen, as shown to the right is displayed. Click the "Finish" button to exit the hardware installation wizard.

10. The Vidblox module should now be communicating with the host PC.



4.7 START CATTRAX APPLICATION

During installation, a Cattrax icon is placed on the PC desktop. You may start the application by clicking on the desktop icon, or by navigating to the folder containing the Cattrax program files and clicking on the ***Cattrax.exe*** file.

When Cattrax is first started, an application interface similar to the one shown in Figure 4-2 is displayed on the PC monitor. If this is the first time Cattarx has been launched, the display windows will all be empty until a PESA device is connected to the USB port and "discovered" for control. If the application has been previously used, the Devices View window displays a list of inactive devices that have been discovered in previous sessions as shown in the example screen. Detailed operating instructions for the software application are contained in the Cattrax User Guide, but for purposes of this discussion there are two screen display areas we need to introduce.

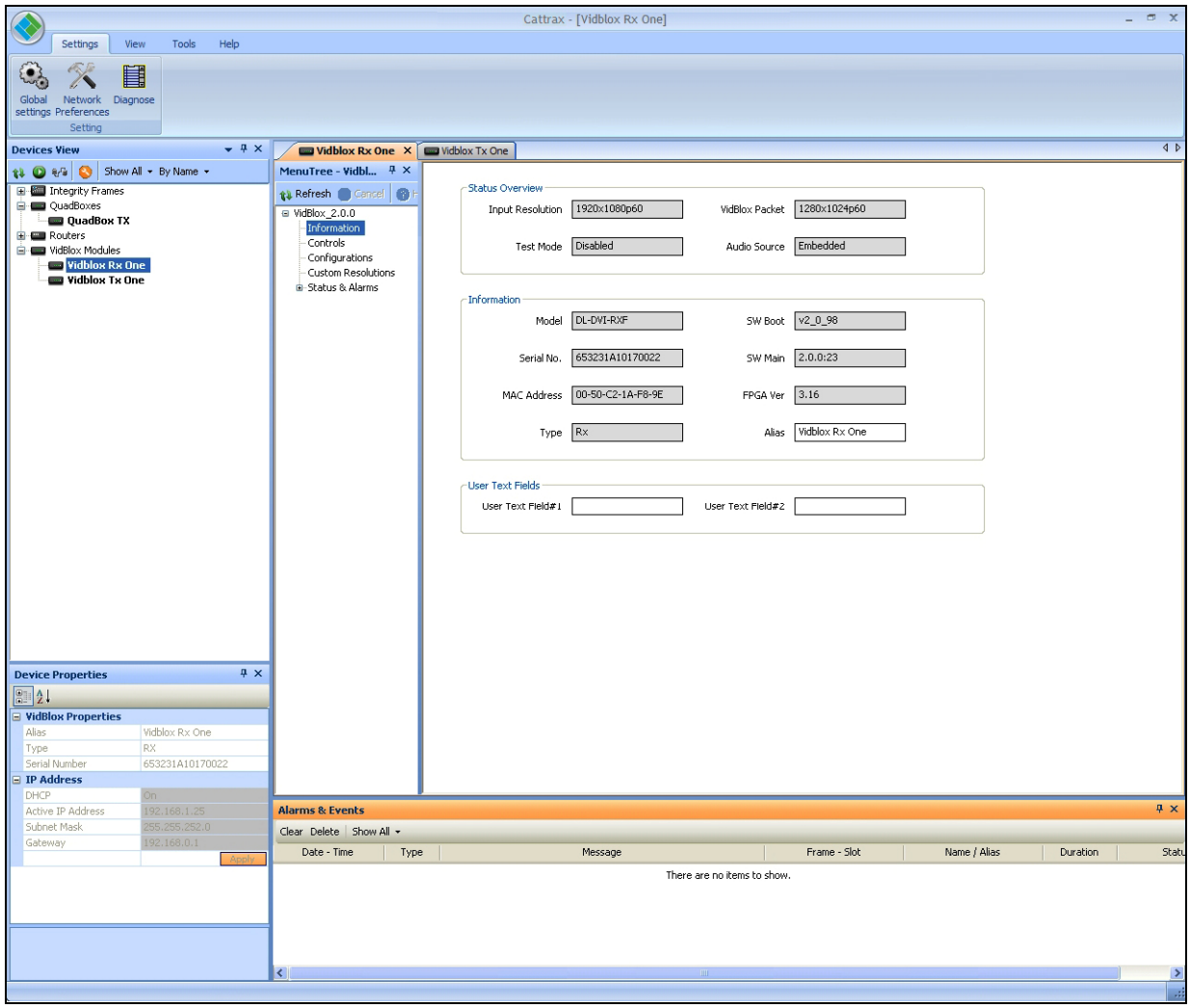


Figure 4-2 Cattrax Main Display Screen

4.7.1 DEVICES VIEW WINDOW

The Devices View window, as shown in Figure 4-3, identifies all devices on the network currently under active control. Depending on the view mode, Cattrax can also display devices that have previously been connected to the network, even if they are currently not active. Depending on the view mode selected, devices may be displayed in groups by device type as shown. Notice that the heading *Vidblox Modules* appears in the menu tree with branches to individual modules, identified by name that have been previously discovered or controlled by Cattrax. When a PESA device is connected to the network, and communication is established, the device ID is displayed as a branch of the menu tree in bold letters. If the *Show Active* mode is selected, only active devices are listed. When the *Show All* view mode is selected the name of devices that have been "discovered" previously but are not currently under active control appear in the menu tree in gray letters; and continue to appear in the menu trees until they are manually removed. You may obtain more information on viewing modes and other operational features and functions of Cattrax by referring to the User Guide for the software application.

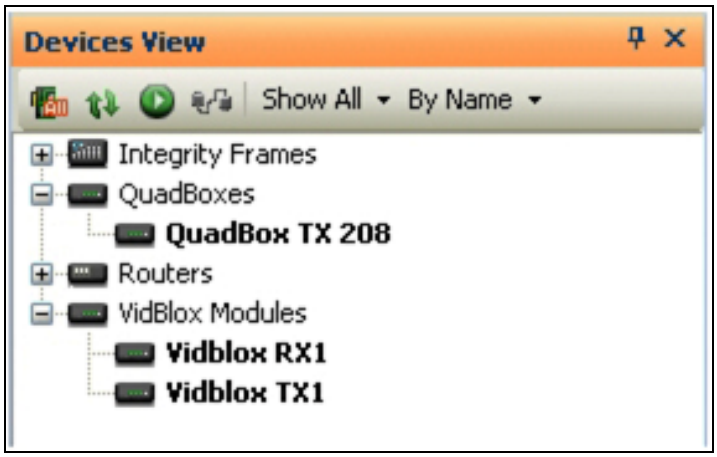


Figure 4-3 Example Devices View Windows

4.7.2 ALARMS AND EVENTS WINDOW

The Alarms and Events Window, Figure 4-4, displays flags when a defined alarm condition occurs or when a defined event occurs within the system. Notice from the example screen that when Cattrax establishes connection with a Vidblox module, it is flagged as an event; as is disconnecting a module from the host PC USB port or the network. When a module is discovered and flagged as connected, its identity appears in the Devices View window in bold letters, and the information screen is displayed in the main display window.

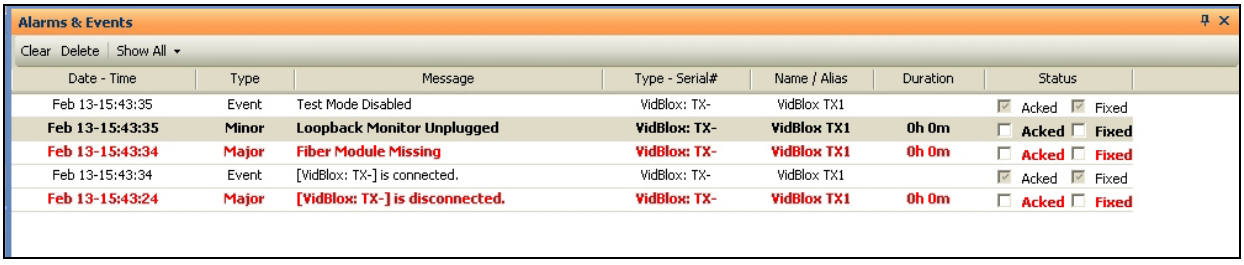


Figure 4-4 Example Alarms and Events Screen

4.8 RECEIVER MODULE CONFIGURATION SCREENS

When a Vidblox module is under control of Cattrax, operator screens and functions presented in the following paragraphs are available.

With Cattrax communicating with multiple devices over a network, numerous Vidblox modules may be identified as active in the Devices View Window. Double-click on any active device in the listing to access configuration screens for that module. The information screen for the module opens in the main display window as shown in Figure 4-5. Status and monitor information is updated for the selected module in real-time.

If a Vidblox module is attached to the USB port of the host PC when Cattrax is started, the application automatically discovers the module and displays the identity of the connected module in bold letters in the Devices View window, and the information screen for that module opens in the main display window as shown in Figure 4-5.

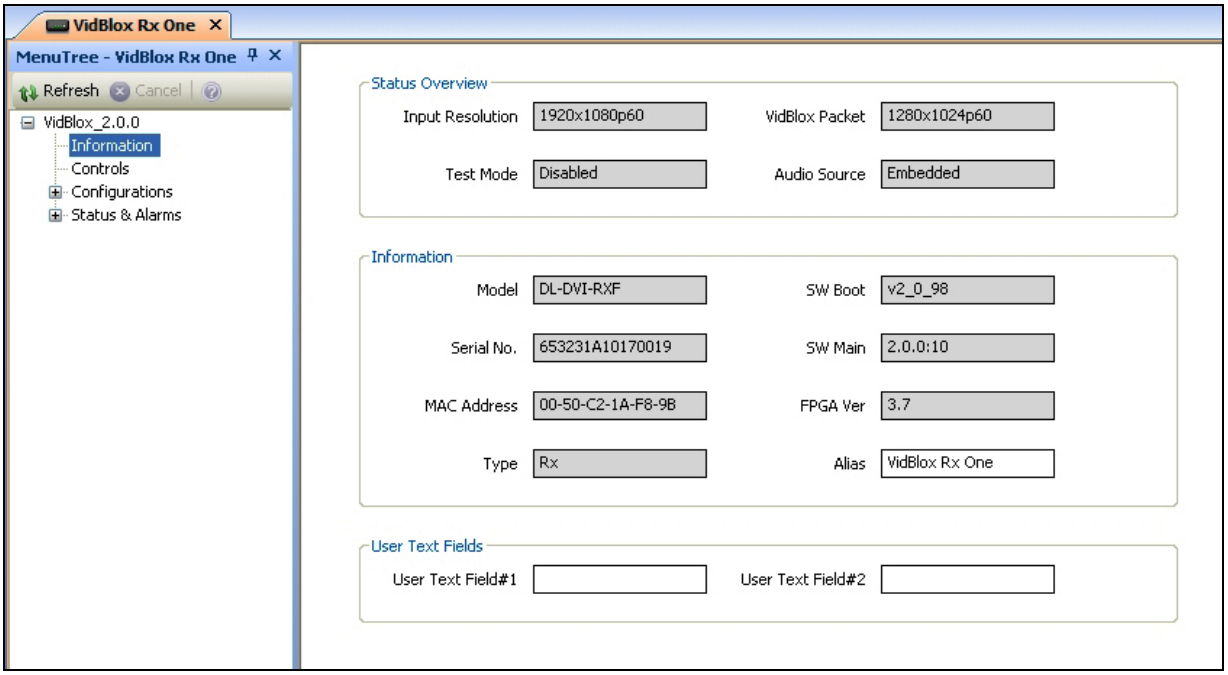


Figure 4-5 Example Vidblox RX Information Menu Screen

4.8.1 STATUS OVERVIEW DISPLAY

Regardless of which menu selection you choose from the menu tree, the top portion of the main display window always displays the Status Overview text boxes as shown in Figure 4-6. Display information is updated in real-time for the connected module.

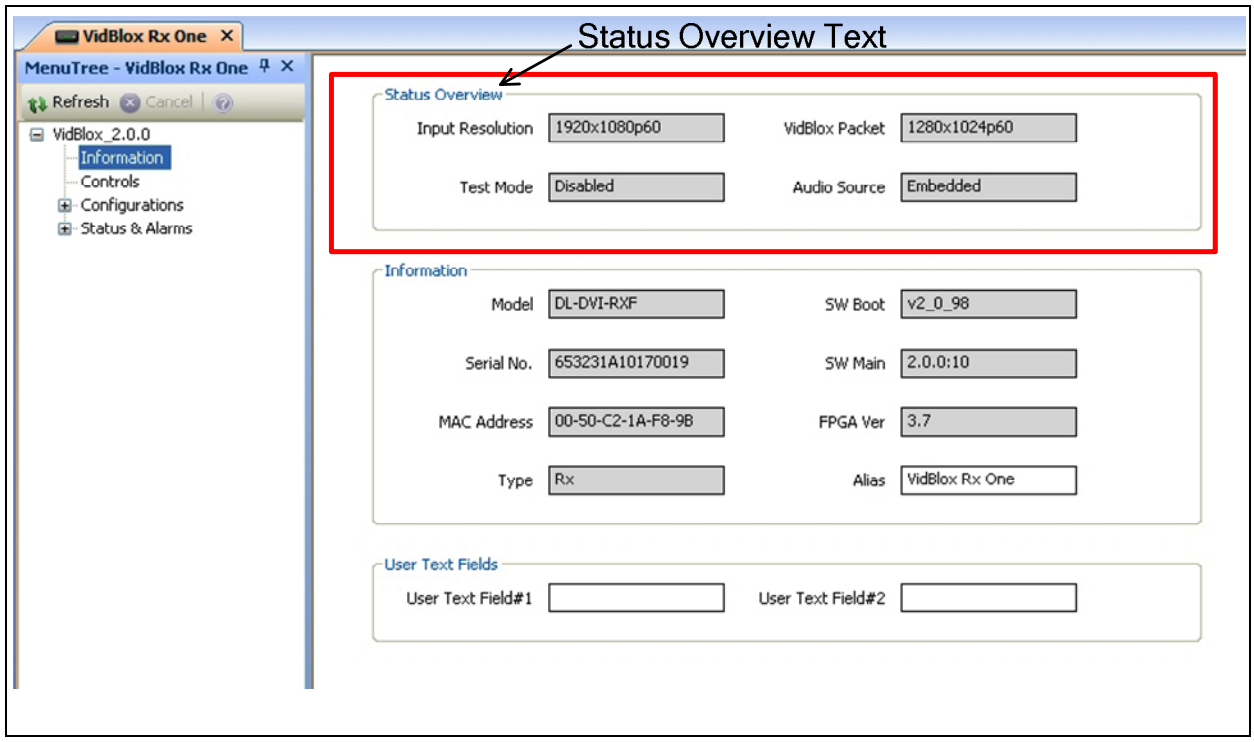


Figure 4-6 Status Display Text Boxes

- **Input Resolution** – Displays resolution of SDI video signal entering Vidblox receiver module.
- **VidBlox Packet** – Identifies presence of VidBlox specific auxiliary data embedded into the received SDI video signal. Data contained in the auxiliary packet provides handshake data between a Vidblox transmitter module and receiver module. The numeric display shown in text box identifies video resolution of DVI/VGA source signal applied to input of Vidblox transmitter module feeding SDI signal to receiver module.
- **Test Mode** – Identifies when video output of RX module is replaced with a user-selectable test pattern (enabled) or when the test pattern mode is disabled.
- **Audio Source** – Displays source of audio output signal as de-embedded audio from the incoming SDI video signal, an internally generated 1kHz test tone, or indicates that audio is currently muted.

4.8.2 INFORMATION MENU

When the Information menu entry is selected from the menu tree, the screen shown by Figure 4-7 is displayed.

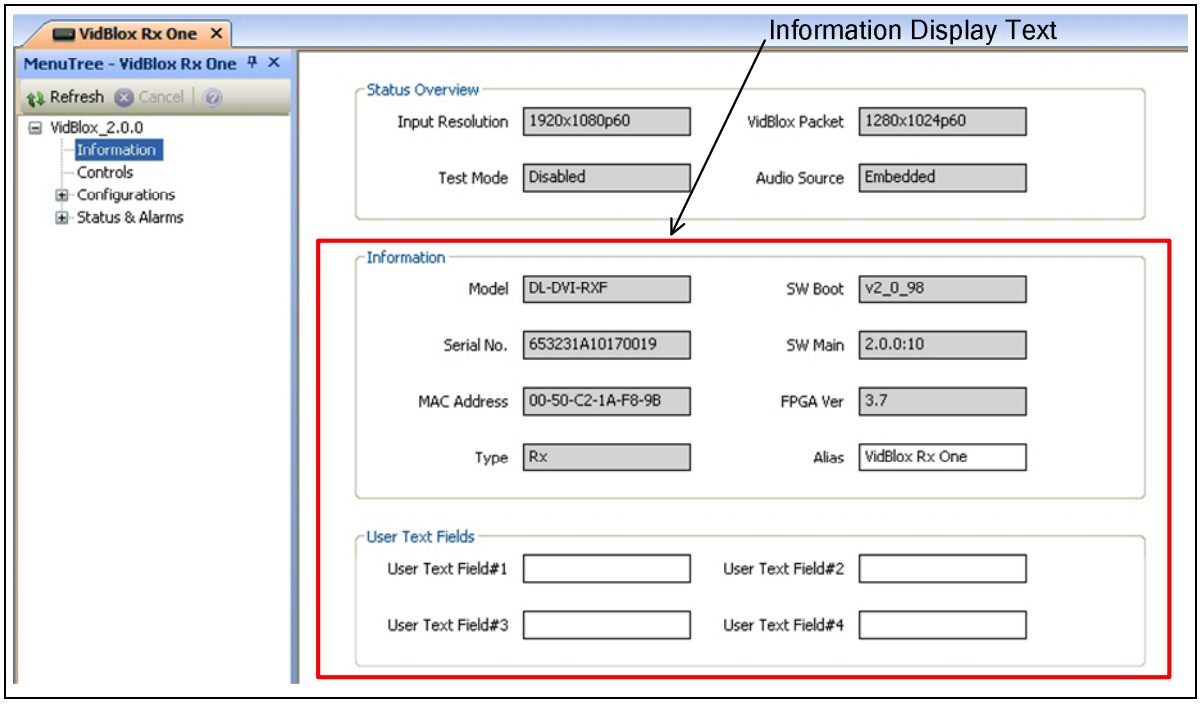


Figure 4-7 Example Information Display Screen

- **Model and Serial Number** – Model identifier and serial number of connected module.
- **MAC Address** – Identifies assigned MAC address for module.
- **Type** – Indentifies whether connected module is a receiver (RX) or transmitter (TX).
- **SW Boot and SW Main** – Indicate revision levels of boot code and main program firmware.
- **FPGA Ver** – Indicates version number of code programmed into FPGA device.
- **Alias** – Alias is a name assigned to the selected module for identification within the system of Vidblox modules; and it becomes the identifier for the module in the Devices View window. You may enter any name you wish to assign the module in the Alias text box. Press the Enter key to initiate the name change.
- **User Text Fields** – User Text area contains four text boxes labeled ***User Text Field #1, #2, #3 and #4***. Each box is a free text box that you may use to enter any data you wish concerning an individual Vidblox module. Each box allows you to enter one line of information. Use these text boxes to identify the location of a module within a system, identify video input or output sources associated with the module, or any other data you would like to have available for a particular module. Enter data you wish to annotate in each text box and press the Enter key to write data to on-board memory. Alias and user text information is stored internally to each module in non-volatile memory until modified or deleted.

4.8.3 CONTROLS MENU

Selecting the Controls menu entry from the menu tree displays the screen shown by Figure 4-8.

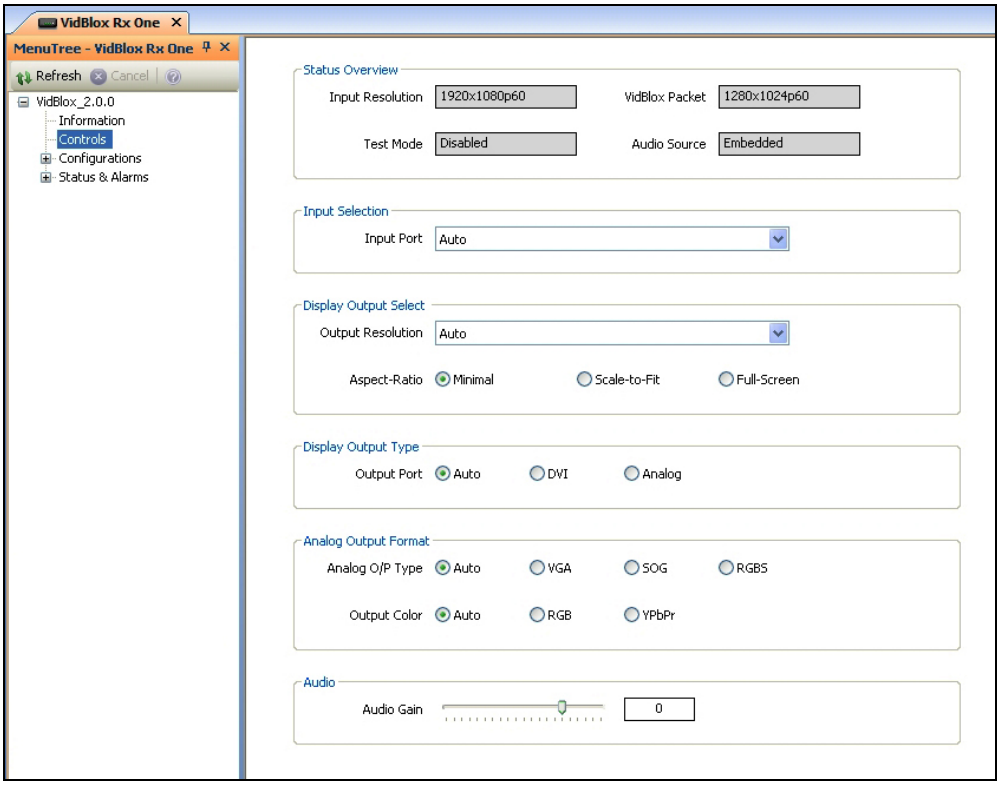


Figure 4-8 Example Controls Screen

- **Input Selection**

  Input Selection identifies the entry point selected for the incoming SDI video signal. Selecting the arrow icon in the ***Input Port*** field opens a pull-down menu of available options for selecting the desired input source, as shown in Figure 4-9. Each option is introduced in the following paragraphs. Click on the desired input selection method from the list.

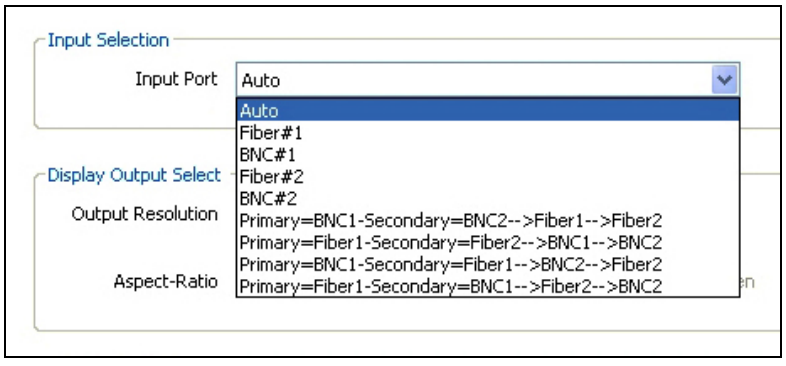


Figure 4-9 Input Selection Drop-Down Menu

Factory default for input selection is ***Auto***, meaning Vidblox circuitry automatically searches for an active input signal as the source for the module. With Auto selected the module searches for valid input signals in the following sequence:

- Fiber IN channel 1
- BNC IN 1
- Fiber IN channel 2 (3G-SL Only)
- BNC IN 2 (3G-SL Only)

The first active signal detected during the auto mode search sequence becomes the input signal and its connector becomes the dedicated input port. Once auto mode determines the dedicated port, Vidblox takes its input from that connector as long as the signal is present. If the signal on the selected input should go away, Vidblox initiates the search sequence again until the next input with a valid signal is located. This input then becomes the dedicated input port as long as the signal is present. If Vidblox can not detect a signal at any of the four input ports, the output signal from the module automatically defaults to a black screen.

In addition to auto mode, Vidblox gives you the option of manually selecting any one of the connectors as the dedicated video input port. When a dedicated input is selected, Vidblox always takes its input from that connector. If the signal on the selected input should go away, the output signal from the module automatically defaults to a black screen.

Vidblox 3G-SL module also has four input failover modes; each identifies an input port as *primary*, followed by a sequence containing the remaining three inputs designated as *secondary*. When one of the four failure back-up options is selected, the input designated as primary port is the active input as long as there is a valid input signal present at the connector. Should the primary signal ever go away Vidblox immediately begins searching the secondary input connectors, in the sequence indicated, for an active input signal. The first active signal found becomes the input and remains active until one of two events occur:

1. If the primary input signal returns, Vidblox selects the primary port as the active signal input.

2. If the secondary signal should go away, Vidblox will continue the search sequence looking for the next active input signal. If one is found, that signal becomes the active input until the primary signal returns. If an active input signal can not be found on any of the input ports, the output signal from the module automatically defaults to a black screen.

- **Display Output Select**

Selecting the arrow icon in the ***Output Resolution*** text box opens a pull-down menu of available output resolution selections for the DVI or analog output signal, as shown in Figure 4-10. To change output resolution select desired value from list. Not all resolutions shown in the example list are available for the 3G-NE module.

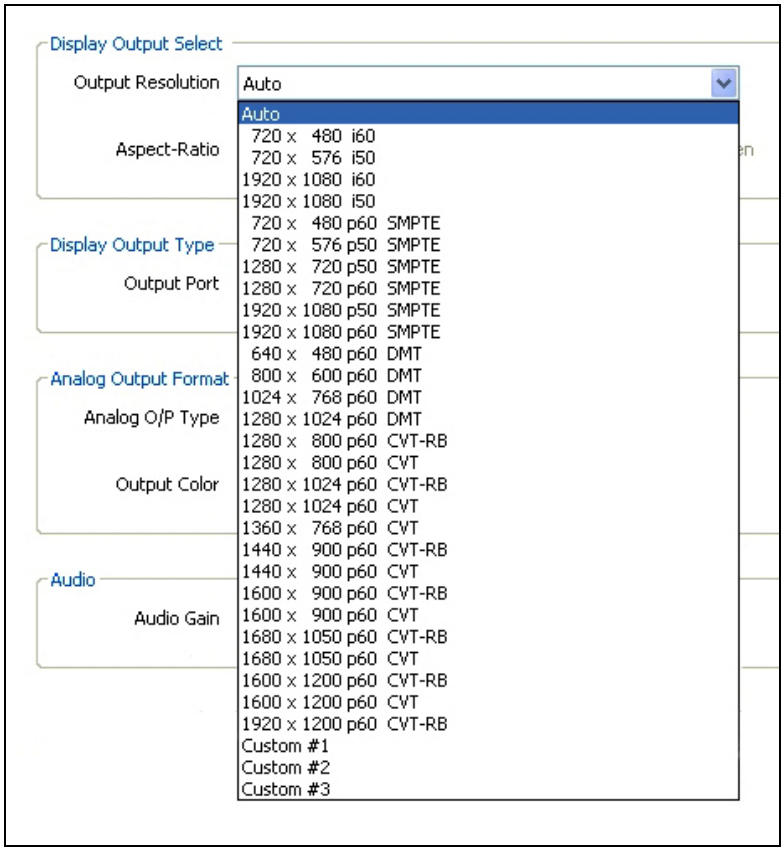


Figure 4-10 Output Resolution Drop-Down Menu

Factory default is ***Auto***, which determines output resolution in one of two ways, depending on the type of input signal to the Rx module:

1. If the SDI input signal to the RX module is derived from a Vidblox TX module, the data stream contains a Vidblox specific auxiliary data packet embedded into the signal. This packet contains handshake information between the TX and RX modules, part of which identifies the resolution of the DVI/analog input signal to the TX module. In Auto mode, the resolution for the DVI/analog output signal is selected to be the same as the input signal to the transmitter.
2. If the SDI input to the RX module is HD/3G-SDI video that is not derived from a Vidblox TX module, Auto mode selects the output resolution for the DVI/analog signal to be the same SMPTE resolution as the incoming SDI video signal.

NOTE	The Vidblox TX module allows the user to enter parameters for and select up to three custom resolutions to accommodate non-standard signals that may be present at the TX DVI/analog input port. Custom resolution data is embedded into the auxiliary data packet just as with any other input signal. When the SDI signal containing custom resolution data is received as the signal input to a Vidblox RX module with ***Auto* Output Resolution** mode selected, the data is read by receiver module circuitry and the custom resolution parameters of the input signal to the TX module are selected as the output resolution for the DVI/analog signal from the RX module.

If you wish to force the resolution of the output signal from the RX module to a specific resolution, you may choose to select any of the resolutions listed in the pull-down menu. Vidblox scales the signal as needed to provide the selected output. The list of available resolutions includes both SMPTE broadcast standard resolutions as well as standard graphics resolutions.

If your output device or destination requires a non-standard resolution that is not included in the listing of available output resolutions, the pull-down list also contains selections for any one of up to three custom output resolution entries. Regardless of the resolution of the incoming SDI video, you may use the Custom Resolutions screen to enter the parameters of the desired output resolution. You may save up to three custom output resolutions from the set-up screen. Once a custom resolution is configured, you can assign that custom value to the output signal by selecting the desired custom resolution from the pull-down menu. Refer to paragraph 4.8.5 for information on entering custom resolution data through the configuration set-up menu.

Whenever there is a mismatch in the incoming and outgoing aspect ratio, the ***Aspect-Ratio*** control options allow you to define how the incoming video signal is altered to fit into the image space of the selected output resolution. To change selection, click radio button corresponding to desired operating mode from the following options:

- **Minimal** – Minimal is the default selection. Minimal attempts to process incoming images without scaling and will only scale images that do not fit into the selected output resolution. Incoming images are centered over a black background with the image space of the selected output resolution. Input video with resolutions lower than the selected output resolution will display with black bars on all four sides of the output image; as the input resolution increases, the size of the black bars decrease accordingly in the output image. With input resolutions higher than the output format, the output image resolution is down-scaled to fit the transport format. In all cases, the original aspect ratio of input video is maintained in the output image.
- **Scale-to-Fit** – Scale-to-fit will up-scale or down-scale images to just fit within the selected output image resolution while maintaining the aspect ratio of the original image. Black bars may appear on the output image in pillarbox fashion on the sides or letterbox fashion at the top and bottom of the image – but not both
- **Full-Screen** – Full-screen scales the input image both horizontally and vertically to completely fill the output image space – this setting can alter aspect ratio of original input signal.

- **Display Output Type**

  Output Port selection determines type of the video output signal from the RX module. To change selection, click radio button corresponding to desired output port from the following options:

  - **Auto** – Automatically selects DVI or analog output type same as type of input signal to the Vidblox TX module based on data contained in the auxiliary data packet embedded into the SDI signal received from transmitter. If the input signal to the RX module is a source other than a Vidblox TX module, the output type is selected to be the same as the incoming video signal.
  - **DVI** – Active output signal is present only on DVI-D outputs of DVI-I connector.
  - **Analog** – Active output signal is present only on analog outputs of DVI-I connector.

NOTE	If input SDI signal to RX module is derived from a Vidblox TX module, the embedded auxiliary data packet contains handshake data between the TX and RX modules that identifies type (DVI or analog) of source input signal to the TX module at the origination point. When this data is read by the receiver module, a handshake protocol allows the ***Auto*** **Display Output Type** option to automatically set the output type from the RX module to the same type as the input signal at the origination point. If your installation has different input and output video types, you may have to manually select the output type rather than using the Auto option. For example if you have a configuration with a VGA input to a Vidblox TX module and a DVI display device connected to the output of the RX module, you must manually select DVI as the output type.

- **Analog Output Format (3G-SL Only)**

  Analog O/P Type enables automatic selection, or allows manual selection of format of analog video output signal from the RX module. To change selection, click radio button corresponding to desired format selection from the following options:

  - **Auto** – Auto is the default selection. When the SDI input signal to the RX module is derived from a Vidblox TX module with an analog input signal, Auto mode sets the format of the analog output signal the same as the input signal to the transmitter.
  - **VGA** – Manually selects the format of the outgoing analog video as a VGA (RGBHV) source.
  - **SOG*** – Manually selects the format of the outgoing analog video as a component analog "sync on green" signal.
  - **RGBS*** - Manually selects the format of the outgoing analog video as a RGB component analog signal with a separate composite sync signal.

  Output Color identifies color space of outgoing analog video signal. To change selection, click radio button corresponding to desired color space format from the following options:

  - **Auto** – Auto is the default selection. When the SDI input signal to the RX module is derived from a Vidblox TX module with an analog input signal, Auto mode sets the color space of the analog output signal the same as the input signal to the transmitter.
  - **RGB*** – Manually selects outgoing video as a component analog signal using the RGB color space.
  - **YPbPr*** – Manually selects outgoing video as a component analog signal using the YPbPr color space.

- **Audio**

  Audio Gain provides a slider control for gain adjustment of audio output from the Vidblox audio connector over a range of -30dB to +10dB. The default value is zero.

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4.8.4 CONFIGURATIONS MENU

Selecting the Configurations menu entry from the menu tree displays the screen shown by Figure 4-11.

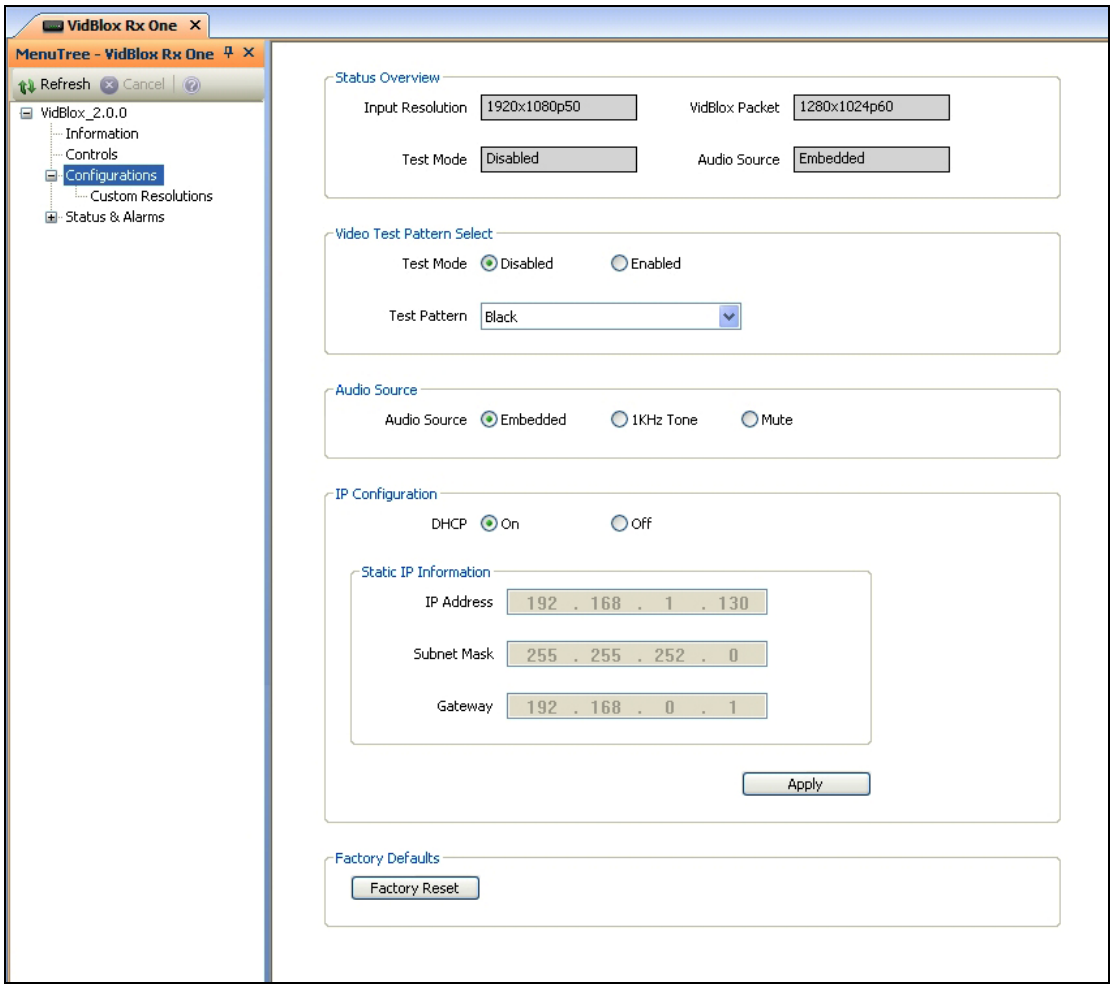

Figure 4-11 Example Configurations Screen 1

- **Video Test Pattern Select**

  The Test Pattern functions allow insertion of a user selectable video test pattern into the DVI/analog output signal. Open pull-down menu to access listing of available test patterns, as shown by Figure 4-12. Highlight and click on signal you wish to insert, and select ***Enabled*** to replace video with selected test pattern on video output from the RX module. Selecting ***Disabled*** removes test pattern and restores source video to output.

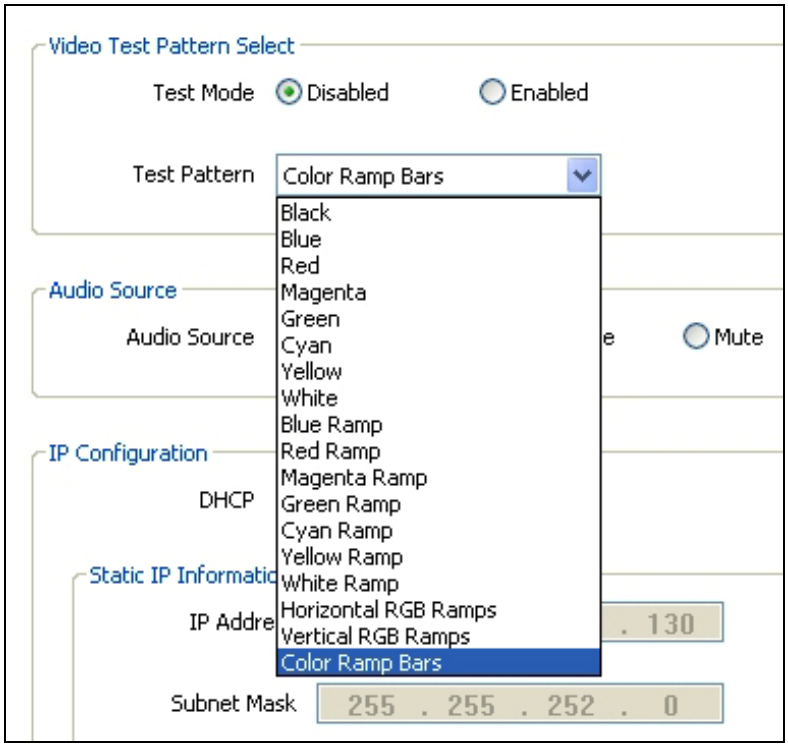

Figure 4-12 Example Configurations Screen 2

- **Audio Source**

  Audio Source determines the source of the audio output signal from the RX module. To change selection, click radio button corresponding to desired audio source from the following options:

  - **Embedded** – Embedded is the default selection. Audio is de-embedded from the SDI input signal.
  - **1 kHz Tone** – Inserts an internally generated 1kHz tone into the audio output signal.
  - **Mute** – Inserts audio silence into the audio output signal.

- **IP Configuration (3G-SL Only)**

  Selections made and data entered through the IP Configuration fields allow you to determine whether the module obtains its IP address automatically through the facility dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP) server, if available, or uses a static IP address that you manually enter and assign through the menu screen.

  DHCP –These radio buttons toggle the DHCP function of the Vidblox RX module on and off.

  - **On** – Default Selection: With DHCP On selected, Vidblox automatically receives its network IP address from the DHCP server for the facility – if available. When DHCP is active, the Static IP Information fields are shown inactive with a muted foreground, as shown by the left-hand illustration in Figure 4-13.
  - **Off** – With DHCP Off selected, the Static IP Information fields are shown active with bold characters, as shown by the right-hand illustration in Figure 4-13. Network operating parameters for the RX module are obtained from data entered in these fields.

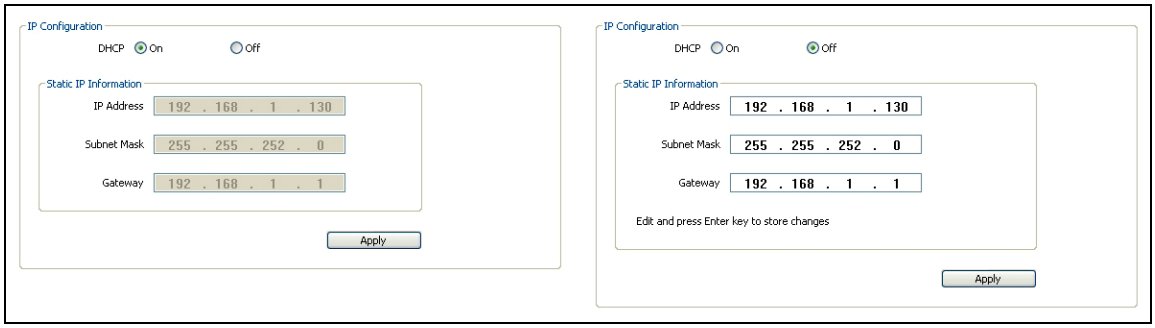

Figure 4-13 IP Configuration Menu

Selecting DHCP Mode

Normal default mode for Vidblox is DHCP On and when connected to a network with a DHCP server, the module should automatically obtain an IP address and begin communicating over the selected network subnet. When DHCP is active, IP address obtained through the DHCP process and other current network parameters are displayed as inactive fields in the Device Properties window as shown by the left-hand illustration in Figure 4-14.

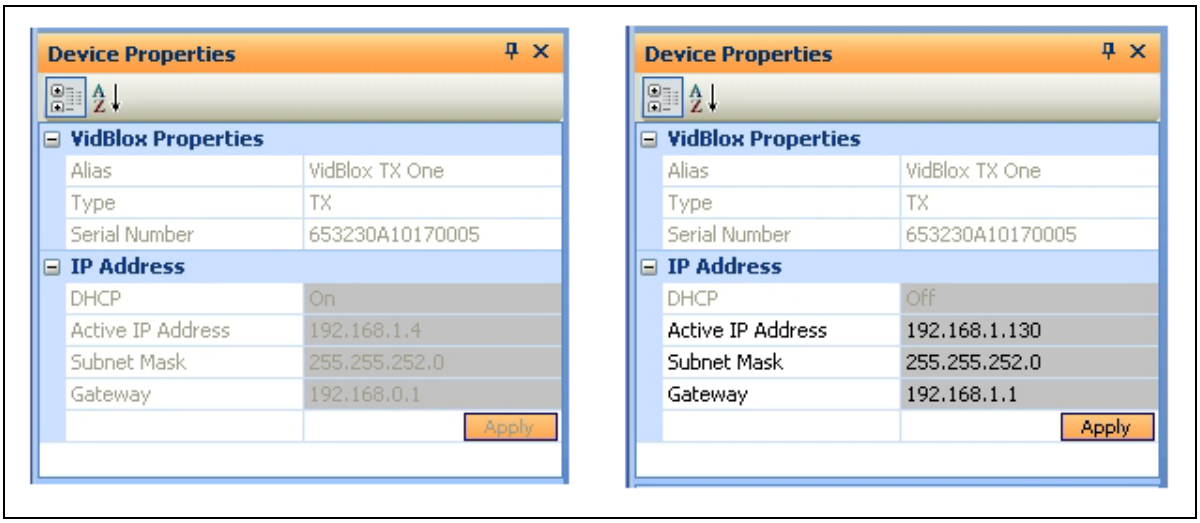

Figure 4-14 Device Properties Window

If you wish to manually enter an IP address for the module, click the DHCP Off radio button and the Static IP Information fields become active and displayed with bold characters, as shown in Figure 4-13. Make any changes needed to indicated network parameters. You MUST press the Enter key after entering each line of data in order for the entries to be active. Click the Apply button and a pop-up message is displayed asking you to verify the IP address change. When the address change is complete, and Vidblox is operating in the DHCP Off mode, the new network parameters are displayed by active fields in the Devices Properties window as shown by the right-hand illustration in Figure 4-14.

When Vidblox is operating with an assigned static IP address in DHCP Off mode, you may select DHCP On by clicking the On radio button. All fields of the Static IP Information window immediately display as inactive. Click the Apply button and a pop-up message is displayed asking you to verify the IP address change. When the address change is complete, the new network parameters are displayed in the Devices Properties window.

With Vidblox operating in DHCP Off mode, you may modify the static IP address or other network parameters currently in use through either the Static IP Information fields of the Configurations screen, or through fields of the Device Properties window. If you choose to make changes through the Device Properties window, click the Apply button in the window to initiate address change.

NOTE	**If a Vidblox module operating in the DHCP Off mode should ever encounter a network conflict with an IP address, you could lose communication with that module. If that happens, the Configurations menu screen is not accessible. You can enter a non-conflicting IP address through the fields of the Device Properties window. Click the Apply button in the window to initiate the IP address change**.

Static IP Information

- **IP Address** – Enter the fixed IP address you wish to assign to the module
- **Subnet Mask** – Enter the fixed subnet mask on which the RX module resides
- **Gateway** – Enter the fixed gateway parameter you wish to assign to the module

Apply – Initiates the DHCP mode and IP address change

- **Factory Defaults**

  Clicking ***Factory Reset*** box restores factory default settings. You will be prompted to verify the request before reset operation is performed.

4.8.5 CUSTOM RESOLUTIONS

Vidblox receiver modules are pre-configured with data stream parameters for “standard” and many non-standard video resolutions. It is possible that you may encounter a device attached to the RX module video output signal that does not operate at any of the resolutions contained in the internal look-up-table. To accommodate such occurrences, Vidblox allows you to configure up to three custom parameter sets for specific video output signals that are configured and saved through the Custom Resolutions function.

In order to set-up a custom resolution, you must know the resolution and timing parameters, such as pixel count, clock rate and sync properties, for the device you are configuring. This information may be contained in the user’s manual for the equipment or may be available on-line from the equipment manufacturer. With some equipment you may have to search for sources of this information from video support websites.

Modelines

Device resolution may be presented in the form of a ***Modeline***, which is a character string of a specific syntax that contains the pixel count, frequency and sync timing parameters for the specific resolution. Modelines for specific devices are sometimes used to convey resolution data rather than a table or chart; and there are software applications that, when connected to a specific device, can generate a modeline for that device.

Whether you obtain a modeline for your device through a software generator or from a reference source, it contains at least ten parameters beginning with a label for the resolution being specified, followed by a second parameter that specifies pixel clock rate in MHz. Next there are four numbers that specify the horizontal resolution and sync timing parameters, followed by four numbers that specify the vertical resolution and sync timing. These parameters may be followed by one or more optional flag entries that specify sync polarity and other characteristics. Modeline data is always presented in the following syntax:

"Label" Pclk Hdisp Hsyncstart Hsyncend Htotal Vdisp Vsyncstart Vsyncend Vtotal [flags]

Flags (optional): +HSync, -HSync, +VSync, -VSync, Interlace, DoubleScan, CSync, +CSync, -CSync

Here's an example modeline for a device with a resolution of 1600X1200 @ 59.92Hz

Modeline "1600x1200" 155 1600 1656 1776 2048 1200 1202 1205 1263

Each entry for the modeline is introduced and discussed in Table 4-1.

NOTE	**Modeline information presented in the following example and in Table 4-1 is for informational purposes only. The numbers used in these examples may not apply to your specific requirements**.

In some reference sources, you may see the modeline split into multiple lines for greater clarity as shown here:

Modeline "1600x1200" 155 1600 1656 1776 2048
1200 1202 1205 1263

Using modeline parameters, horizontal and vertical frequencies can be calculated by:

Hfreq = Pclk / Htotal

Vfreq = Pclk / (Htotal X Vtotal) (field rate)

For interlace mode, frame rate = field rate/2, otherwise frame rate = field rate.

Table 4-1 Modeline Parameters

(Example data for informational purposes only and may not apply to your specific requirements)

Parameter	Example Parameter	Modeline Notation	Function
Label Data	"1600X1200"	"Label"	Identifies Resolution Described by Modeline
Pixel Clock (in MHz)	155	Pclk	Describes the rate at which pixels are drawn. In this example, a pixel is drawn every 1/(155 x 10^6 Hz) or approx. every 6.5 nanoseconds.
Horizontal Timing Parameters	1600	Horizontal Display (Hdisp)	Hdisp indicates the horizontal resolution pixel count of 1600, but may also be interpreted as a timing factor and used to calculate the time required to scan across the visible portion of the display. In this example, there are 1600 pixels requiring 1600 pixel clock cycles to draw. The time required for horizontal display can be calculated in seconds as (Hdisp) X [1/(Pclk x 10^6)] – in this example approx. 10.3 microseconds. The blanking interval begins with the next pixel clock cycle after the visible display is completed.
	1656	Horizontal Sync Start (Hsyncstart)	Identifies the pixel clock cycle when the horizontal sync pulse begins. Time delay between beginning of the blanking interval and beginning of the horizontal sync pulse identifies front porch timing and can be calculated as [(Hsyncstart) – (Hdisp)] X [1/(Pclk x 10^6 Hz)].
	1776	Horizontal Sync End (Hsyncend)	Identifies the pixel clock cycle when the horizontal sync pulse ends. Duration of sync pulse can be calculated as [(Hsyncend) – (Hsyncstart)] X [1/(Pclk x 10^6 Hz)].
	2048	Total Horizontal Line Timing (Htotal)	Identifies the pixel clock cycle when the horizontal blanking interval ends. Time delay between end of horizontal sync pulse and end of blanking interval identifies back porch timing and can be calculated as [(Htotal) – (Hsyncend)] X [1/(Pclk x 10^6 Hz)]. The next line of video begins with the next pixel clock cycle.
Vertical Timing Parameters	1200	Vertical Display (Vdisp)	Vdisp indicates the vertical resolution line count of 1200, but may also be interpreted as a timing factor and used to calculate the time required to draw the entire visible portion of the display. In this example, there are 1200 visible horizontal lines, each requiring a total of (Htotal) X [1/(Pclk x 10^6 Hz)] pixel clock cycles to complete. Time required to draw the visible portion of the screen can be calculated as (Vdisp) X [(Htotal) X 1/(Pclk x 10^6)] – in this example approx. 15.8 ms. The vertical blanking interval begins with the next line after the visible display is completed.
	1202	Vertical Sync Start (Vsyncstart)	Identifies the horizontal line on which the vertical sync pulse begins. Time delay between beginning of the blanking interval and beginning of the vertical sync pulse identifies vertical front porch timing.
	1205	Vertical Sync End (Vsyncend)	Identifies the horizontal line on which the vertical sync pulse ends. Duration of sync pulse (in terms of horizontal lines) can be calculated as (Vsyncend) – (Vsyncstart).
	1263	Total Vertical Lines (Vtotal)	Identifies the horizontal line on which the vertical blanking interval ends. Time delay between end of vertical sync pulse and end of blanking interval identifies vertical back porch timing.
Flags	HSync	Horizontal Sync	Specifies polarity of the horizontal sync pulse: positive (+Hsync) or negative (-Hsync).
	VSync	Vertical Sync	Specifies polarity of the vertical sync pulse: positive (+Vsync) or negative (-Vsync).
	Interlace		Indicates that the mode is interlaced.
	DoubleScan		Indicates a mode where each scanline is doubled.
	CSync	Composite Sync	Indicates the device supports a composite sync signal: Csync denotes composite sync with no polarity specified, +Csync specifies composite sync with positive polarity, -Csync specifies composite sync with negative polarity.

Custom Resolution Menu

Once you know the resolution and timing parameters to enter, use the Custom Resolution Menu, as shown by Figure 4-15, to enter the data. Each custom resolution can be assigned a user-determined name in addition to its assigned Custom Resolution number. Once you have entered the parameters for a custom resolution, saving the configuration writes the data into the internal look-up-table. Whenever you have an output device or destination that requires the non-standard video resolution, you may select any of the configured and saved resolutions through the Display Output Select controls on the *Controls* screen of the GUI.

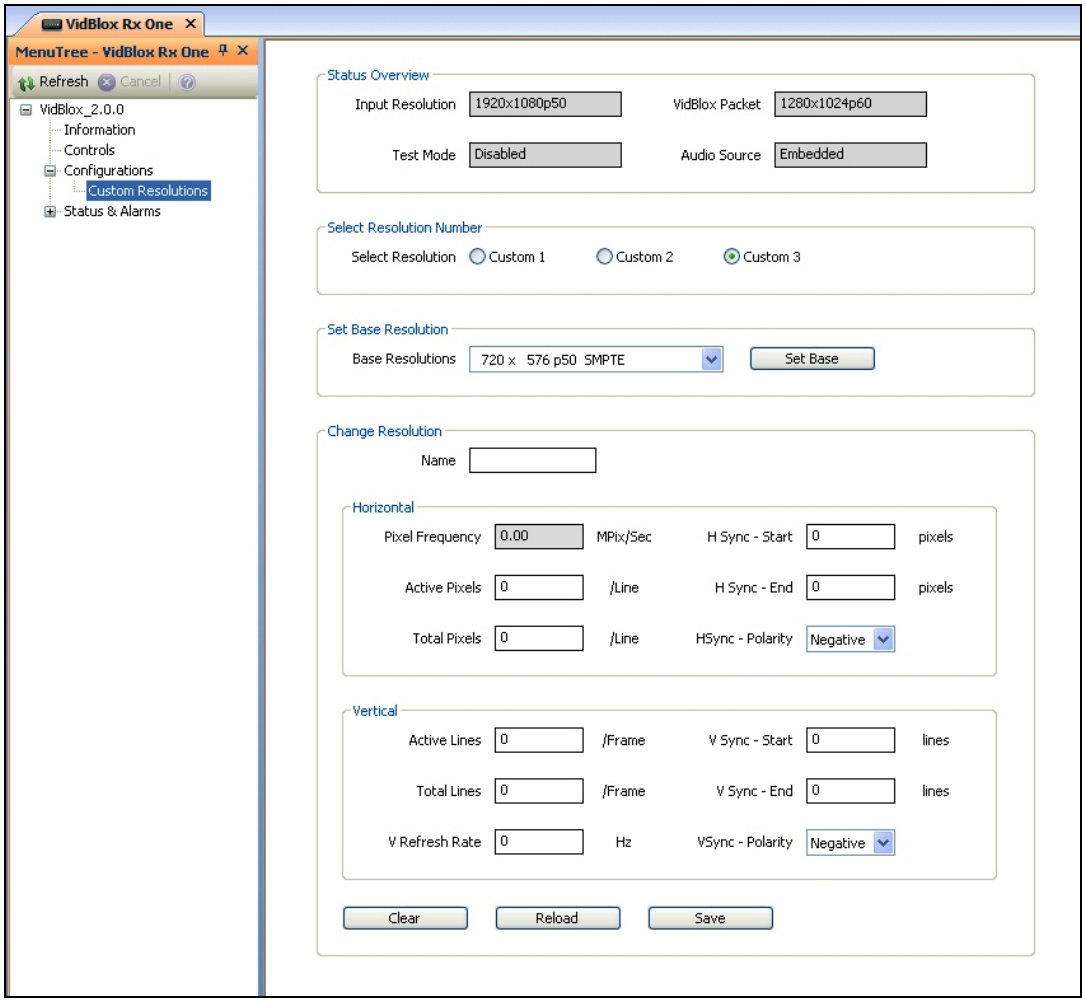

Figure 4-15 Example Custom Resolutions Screen

- **Select Resolution Number**

  Click the ***Select Resolution*** radio button of the custom resolution number you wish to configure, verify or modify. When you select a button the user-defined descriptive name and saved parameters are displayed, if a custom resolution has previously been saved to that resolution number. If no custom resolution has been saved, the ***Name*** field will be blank and all parameter fields filled with zeros.

- **Set Base Resolution**

  Base Resolutions allows you to select a starting point for entering resolution data, based on existing valid resolutions. The pull-down menu contains a listing of resolutions in the current Vidblox look-up table, as shown by Figure 4-16. You may select any resolution listed and the corresponding data stream parameters for that resolution are entered in the custom modifiable Horizontal and Vertical fields. If you are entering custom data for a resolution that is a slight deviation from a listed resolution, the Set Base function saves you time by filling in the modifiable fields with values for the selected reference resolution. You may modify any or all fields to define the custom resolution. Selecting or starting with a base resolution is not required to enter a custom resolution.

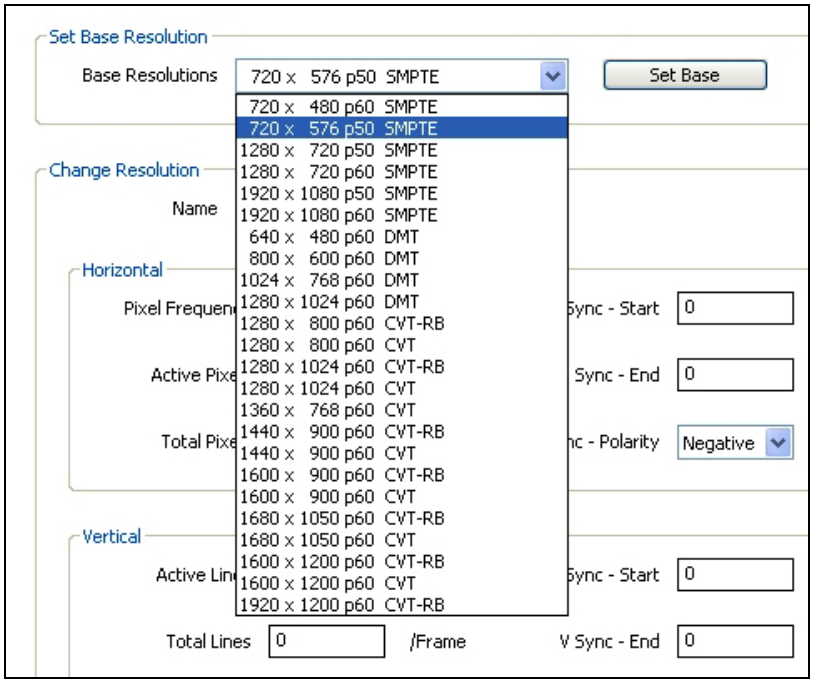

Figure 4-16 Example Custom Resolutions Screen 2

- **Change Resolution**

  Name allows you enter any descriptive name you wish for the custom resolution you are configuring. Click the cursor in the field box and type the desired text. Press the "return" key to enter typed data into the field. Whenever you select the custom resolution number the ***Name*** you assign follows the configuration data.

  Horizontal is a grid of data fields in which you modify or assign data parameter values of the horizontal pixel count and sync timing for the custom resolution. Whenever you enter or modify a value in any field of the grid, you must press the "return" key to actively enter the data value into the field. You will notice that the ***Pixel Frequency*** field is not modifiable and is shown on the screen with a shaded background. This value is automatically calculated and inserted based on values entered for the horizontal and vertical pixel data, and vertical refresh rate. In Vidblox terminology, Pixel Frequency equates to the Pclk parameter in modeline notation.

If you are entering data from a modeline, the given parameters are entered into the custom resolution fields as follows:

Modeline Notation	Horizontal Grid Entry Field
Hdisp	Active Pixels
Hsyncstart	H Sync - Start
Hsyncend	H Sync - End
Htotal	Total Pixels

Vertical is a grid of data fields in which you modify or assign data parameter values of the vertical lines and sync timing for the custom resolution. Whenever you enter or modify a value in any field of the grid, you must press the "return" key to actively enter the data value into the field. If you enter a V Refresh Rate parameter with a fractional value, such as 59.92 Hz, the number is truncated such that only the whole integer value appears in the field – 59.92 Hz would be truncated to 59 Hz by Vidblox.

If you are entering data from a modeline, the given parameters are entered into the custom resolution fields as follows:

Modeline Notation	Vertical Grid Entry Field
Vdisp	Active Lines
Vsyncstart	V Sync - Start
Vsyncend	V Sync - End
Vtotal	Total Lines

Clicking the ***Clear*** box clears all entries in all modifiable fields of the Change Resolution grid. You will be prompted to verify the request before the clear operation is performed.

Clicking the ***Reload*** box causes all entries in all modifiable fields of the Change Resolution grid to revert to the values currently contained in the saved custom resolution. You will be prompted to verify the request before the reload operation is performed.

Clicking the ***Save*** box writes all entries in all modifiable fields of the Change Resolution grid, plus the friendly name you entered to internal memory and the resolution look-up table. You will be prompted to verify the request before the save operation is performed.

4.8.6 INPUT VIDEO STATUS SCREEN

Text data on the Input Video Screen displays various parameters associated with the video and audio data present on the input SDI video signal. An example screen is shown by Figure 4-17 for reference only. Data presented on this screen is useful for troubleshooting and advanced users and is not pertinent to normal Vidblox usage.

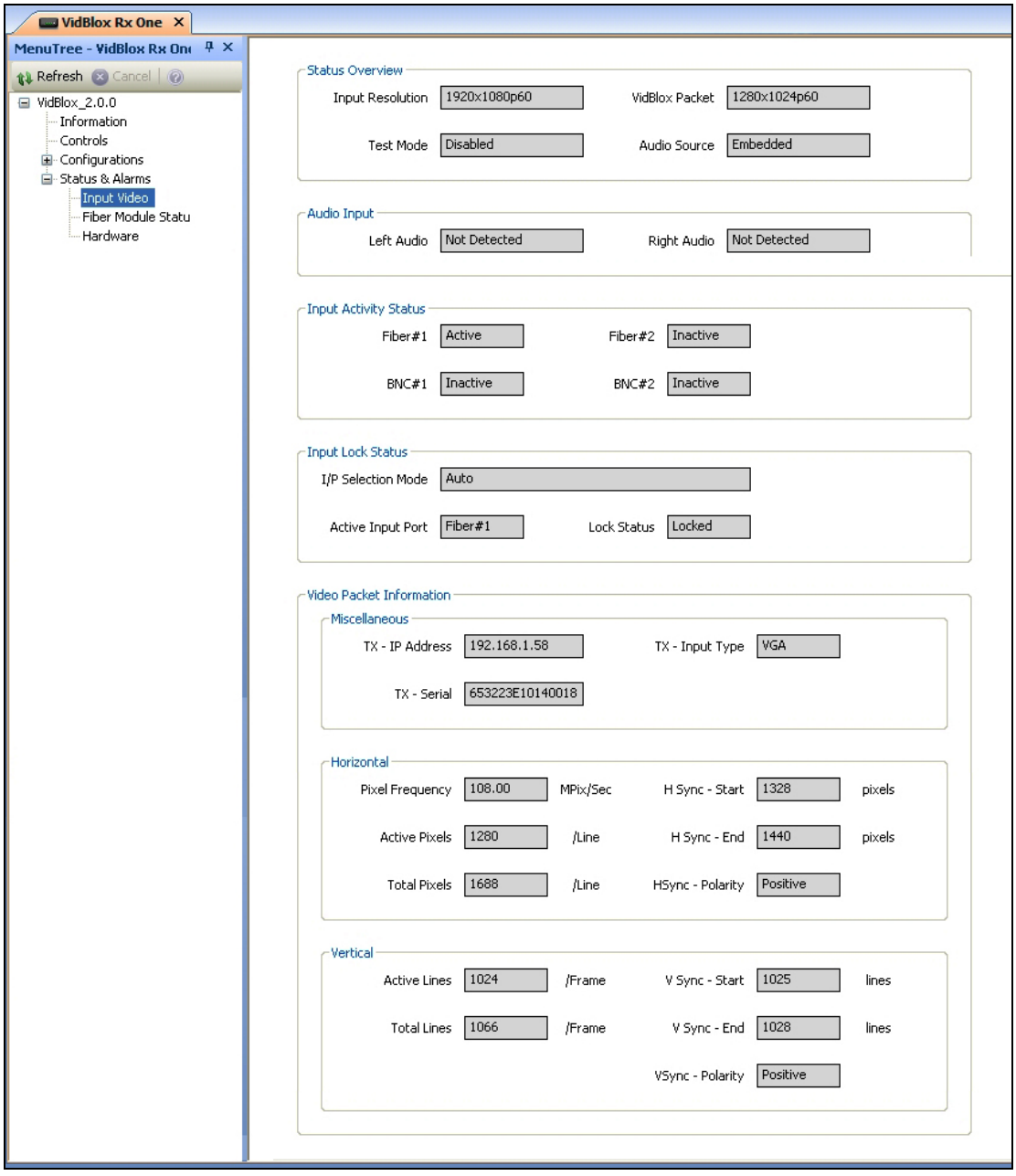

Figure 4-17 Example Input Video Status Screen

4.8.7 FIBER MODULE STATUS MENU

Clicking the Fiber Module Status menu entry accesses the status screen for the dual channel SFP fiber receiver device, if present in the Vidblox module. This menu provides status monitoring data for each channel of SFP device. An example Fiber Module Status screen is shown by Figure 4-18.

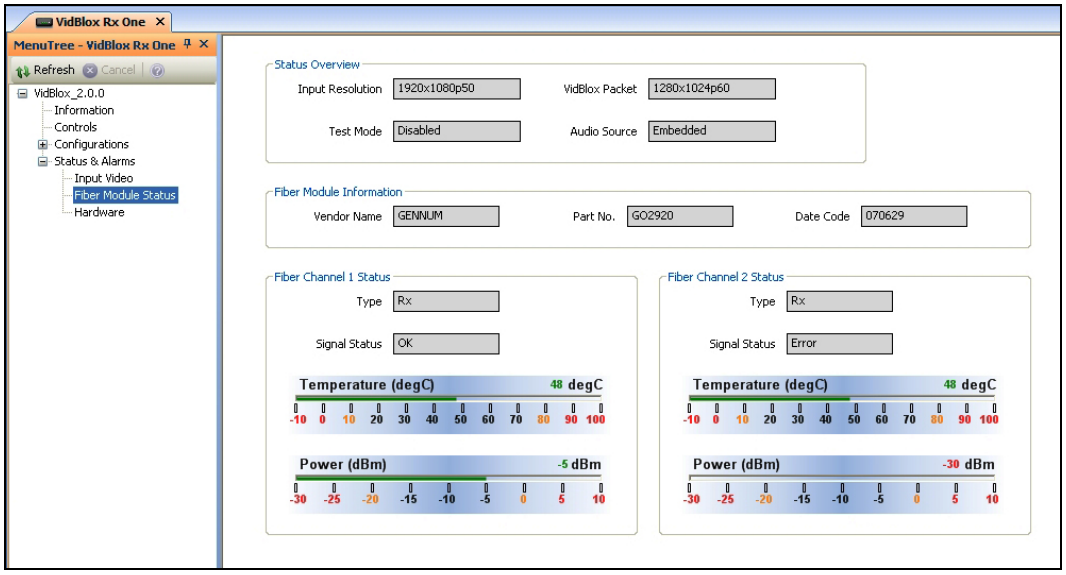

Figure 4-18 Example Fiber Module Status Screen

- **Fiber Module Information**

  There are three text boxes in the Fiber Module Information window:

  - **Vendor Name** – Identifies manufacturer of SFP module by name.
  - **Part No.** – Identifies manufacturer's part number for module.
  - **Date Code** – Displays date module was manufactured.

- **Fiber Channel 1 and 2 Status Displays (Single Fiber Module Status Display with 3G-NE)**

  There are two text boxes and two analog-type meter displays contained in each channel status window:

  - **Type** – Identifies SFP module as a transmitter (Tx) or receiver (Rx) module.
  - **Signal Status** – Indicates if optical input signal is present (OK) or absent (Error) at indicated channel of fiber receiver module.
  - **Temperature** – Direct analog readout of current operating temperature of receiver device associated with indicated channel of fiber module.
  - **Power** – Direct analog power readout in dBm of optical input signal entering indicated channel of SFP receiver module.

4.8.8 HARDWARE STATUS MENU

Selecting the Hardware Menu entry opens a display screen with monitoring data pertaining to the circuit board of the connected Vidblox module. An example screen is shown by Figure 4-19.

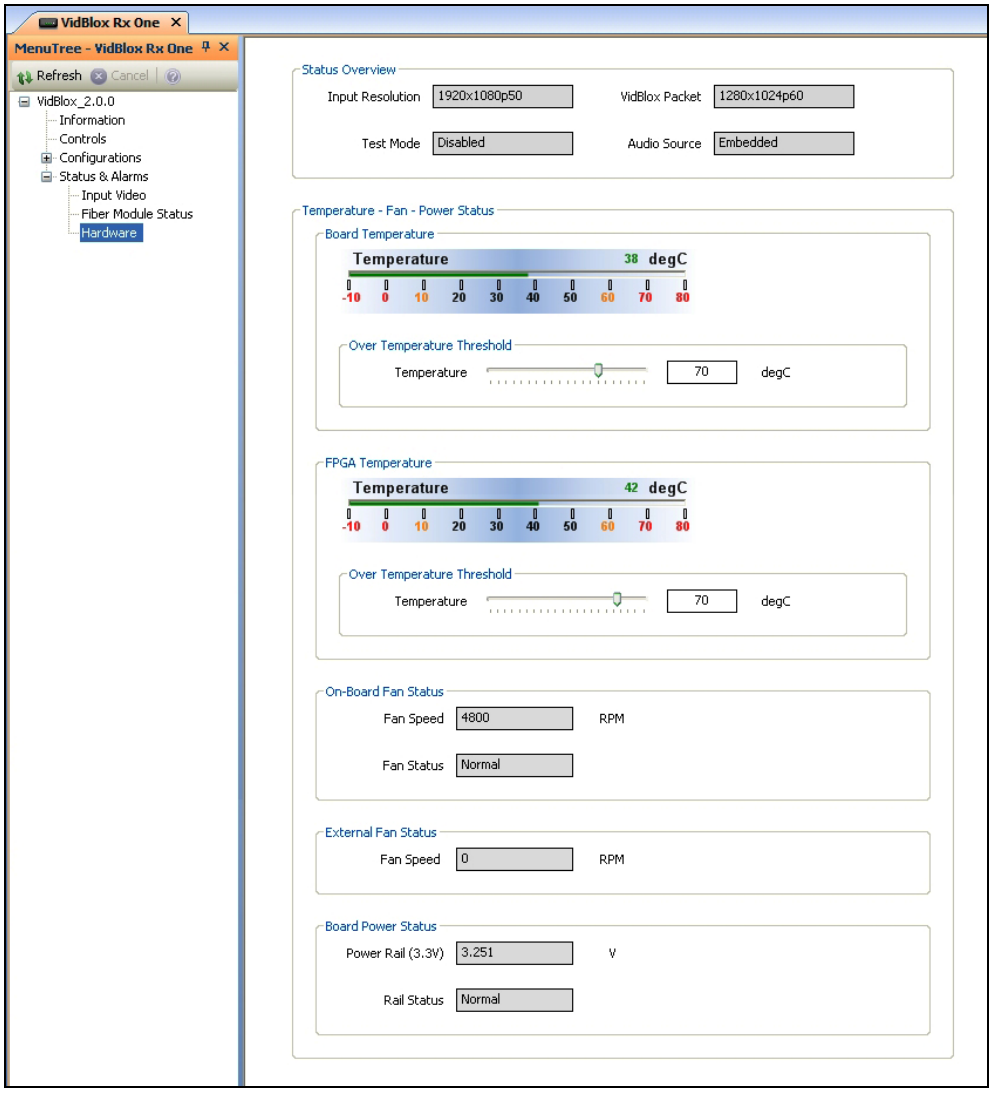

Figure 4-19 Example Hardware Status Screen

- **Board Temperature**

  Meter display provides a direct analog readout of current surface temperature of Vidblox circuit board.

  Moving **Over Temp Threshold** slider beneath temperature readout display determines temperature (in degrees Celsius) at which Over Temp alarm triggers an alert in Alarms and Events panel of the Cattrax control application. Selected threshold temperature is displayed in box beside slider. Factory default threshold temperature is 70° C. Default temperature is selected by a right mouse click in temperature readout box and clicking ***Reset*** option; or when a board reset is initiated through ***Factory Reset*** function on Configurations screen.

- **FPGA Temperature**

  Meter display provides a direct analog readout of current operating temperature of FPGA device.

  Moving **Over Temp Threshold** slider beneath temperature readout display determines temperature (in degrees Celsius) at which Over Temp alarm triggers an alert in Alarms and Events panel of the Cattrax control application. Selected threshold temperature is displayed in box beside slider. Factory default threshold temperature is 70° C. Default temperature is selected by a right mouse click in temperature readout box and clicking ***Reset*** option; or when a board reset is initiated through ***Factory Reset*** function on Configurations screen.

NOTE	**Operating temperature of the Vidblox module is from 0 - 40° C. Threshold temperature settings determine the temperature at which the over-temp alarms trigger – these setting do not indicate operating temperature of the module**.

- **On-Board Fan Status**

  There are two text boxes in the On-Board Fan Status window. The upper ***Fan Speed*** box provides a digital readout of measured speed in RPM at which FPGA cooling fan is operating. The lower ***Fan Status*** box indicates operating status of cooling fan speed as being low, normal or high for proper cooling operation.

- **External Fan Status**

  When the Vidblox module is installed in a PESA Extender Frame, the ***Fan Speed*** display provides a digital readout of measured speed in RPM of the cooling fan associated with the power distribution module circuit board supplying power to the module.

- **Board Power Status**

  There are two text boxes in the Board Power Status window. The upper ***Power Rail*** box provides a digital readout of measured operating voltage of the 3.3V power rail. The lower ***Rail Status*** box indicates status of power supply voltage as low, normal or high.

4.9 UNINSTALLING CATTRAX

If it should ever be necessary to remove Cattrax from the host PC, the application provides an uninstall function that can be accessed through the program folder in the Start menu of the Windows® operating system. For additional information, refer to the Cattrax User Guide.

4.10 UPDATING VIDBLOX FIRMWARE

Cattrax provides a download function that allows you to easily update firmware load in a connected Vidblox module as changes are released. Download is accessed through the **Settings** menu of Cattrax.

Chapter 5 Maintenance and Repair

5.1 PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

No periodic maintenance is required.

5.2 PESA CUSTOMER SERVICE

If you are experiencing any difficulty with a Vidblox module, please contact PESA's Customer Service Department. Skilled technicians are available to assist you 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

5.3 REPAIR

Before attempting to repair this equipment, please consult your warranty documents and PESA's Customer Service Department. Unauthorized repairs may void your warranty.

	**PC boards in this equipment contain Surface Mount Technology (SMT) components. Special tools and skills are required to replace these components without causing damage to adjacent areas.** **Failure to consult with Customer Service before attempting to repair these boards may void your warranty.**

5.4 REPLACEMENT PARTS

Only parts of the highest quality are used in the design and manufacture of this equipment. If the inherent stability and reliability are to be maintained, replacement parts must be of the same high quality. Please consult our Customer Service Department before installing any parts not purchased from PESA.

5.5 FACTORY SERVICE

Before returning any equipment to PESA for service or repair, please contact our Customer Service Department for an RMA number.


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