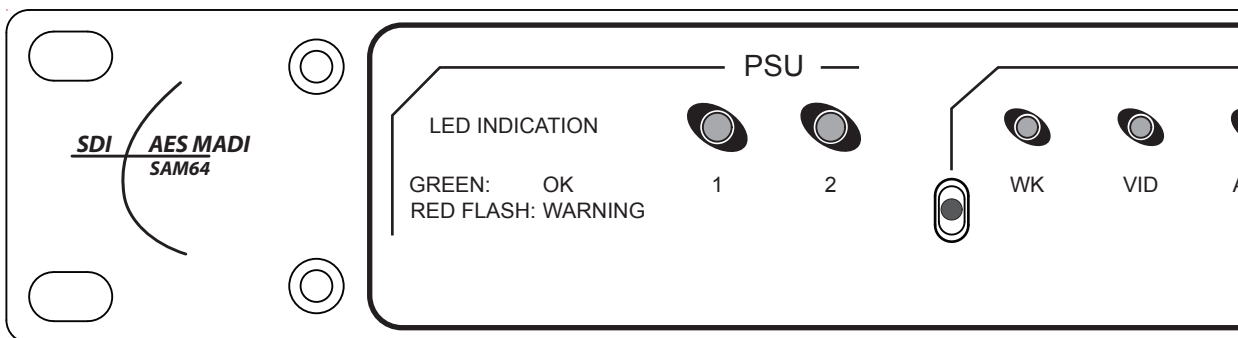


SAM64

SDI to AES/MADI interface



Installation and User Guide

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EMC:

BS EN 55103-1 :2009

BS EN 55103-2 :2009



Safety:

BS EN 60950-1: 2006 (ed. 2) + A1:2010

Insulation:

Class1

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Important Safety Instructions

1. Read these instructions
2. Keep these instructions
3. Heed all warnings
4. Follow all instructions
5. Do not use this apparatus near water
6. Do not expose this apparatus to rain or moisture.
7. Clean only with a dry cloth
8. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install with accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
9. No naked flames, such as lighted candles, should be placed on the apparatus.
10. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
11. There are no user-adjustments, or user-servicable items, inside this apparatus. Do not remove the covers of this apparatus; doing so will invalidate your warranty.
12. Adjustments or alterations to this apparatus may affect the performance such that safety and/or international compliance standards may no longer be met.
13. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally or has been dropped.

Caution

14. Hazardous voltages may be present inside this apparatus.
15. Do not operate this apparatus with the covers removed.
16. To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not perform any servicing other than that contained in these Installation Instructions unless you are qualified to do so. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel and ensure that all power cords are disconnected when servicing this apparatus.
17. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.

Power Safety

18. This apparatus is fitted with a universal power supply, approved and certified for operation in this apparatus. There are no user-replaceable fuses.
19. An external over-current protection device is required to protect the wiring to this apparatus. This protection device must be installed according to current wiring regulations. In certain countries this function is supplied by use of a fused plug.
20. If an extension power cable or adaptor is used, ensure that the total power rating of the power cable and/or adaptor is not exceeded.
21. An external disconnect device is required for this apparatus; a detachable power cord is a suitable disconnect device.
22. The apparatus should be located close enough to an AC outlet so that you can easily grasp the power cord plug at any time.
23. This apparatus is a Class I construction and shall be connected to an AC outlet with a protective grounding connection.
24. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched, particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
25. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
26. All power cords must be disconnected to isolate this apparatus completely.
27. Caution: To reduce the risk of electric shock, plug each power supply cord into separate branch circuits employing separate service grounds
28. This equipment is not supplied with a detachable power cord. The device should be connected to a power supply only of the type described in the Installation Guide or as marked on the device. The power cord must be earthed and precautions should be made so that the grounding is not defeated. A mains cord, fitted with an IEC 60320 C13 type socket, appropriate sized conductors and plug to suit local electrical requirements.
29. The power supply cord (i.e. conductor, coupler (IEC60320 C13) and plug combination) must be suitably rated for apparatus and the country of use (meeting local electrical requirements). A power supply cord with a rating of not less than 125% of current rating is suitable. The minimum rating for the power supply cord at 110 / 230V ac to be 1A.

Installation

30. When installing this apparatus, either fix it into a standard 19" rack or place the apparatus on a secure level surface. When this apparatus is rack mounted, fit all rack screws.
31. Ensure that no strain is placed on the cables connecting to this apparatus. Ensure also that such cables are not placed where they can be stepped on, pulled or tripped over.
32. Do not operate this apparatus whilst it is covered or boxed in any way.

Important Safety Precautions



CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK). NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL

CAUTION: RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK. THIS EQUIPMENT HAS MORE THAN ONE POWER CORD. TO REDUCE THE RISKS OF ELECTRIC SHOCK DISCONNECT BOTH POWER SUPPLY CORDS BEFORE SERVICING



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol, within equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating instructions and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

Important Safety Information

This apparatus has no mains switch or other user-operated control for disconnecting the AC mains power. The mains plugs or the appliance couplers (IEC sockets) are used as the disconnect devices. Either device must remain readily operable and accessible when the apparatus is installed for use.

This unit includes thermally resettable fuses that are integral to the power supply circuitry, but the unit must always be powered from a supply fitted with an HRC type (High In-Rush Current) fuse with a rating of 1 A.

Thank you for buying this Bel Digital Group product. The SAM64 SDI to AES+MADI interface is designed to resolve and simplify a common audio infrastructure problem encountered in many broadcast facilities - de-embedding the audio data from up to four SDI (Serial Digital Interface) video signals and making it available to the user in AES3 and MADI formats. The SAM64 is a very high quality product, engineered for maximum reliability in professional broadcast environments. It is intended to be "installed and forgotten", and left in permanent operation. It requires virtually no configuration on installation, or adjustment in normal use.

This manual covers the SAM64's connections and indications, including its various options for synchronisation and external control. Please keep the manual in a safe place once you have installed the SAM64.

Important – Please register your SAM64 with Bel Digital Group Ltd. on-line at www.beldigital.com. Registering your unit will help us in providing you with after-sales service should the need arise, and may also be of assistance in the event of the unit being stolen.

Environment – The SAM64's range of operating temperature and relative humidity (RH) are as follows:

Temperature: 5°C to 40°C

RH: Operating 20 to 80%

What's In The Box

Unpacking

Unpack the SAM64 with care. It is always a good idea to store all packaging (if practical), in case you ever need to return the unit to Bel Digital Group for any reason.

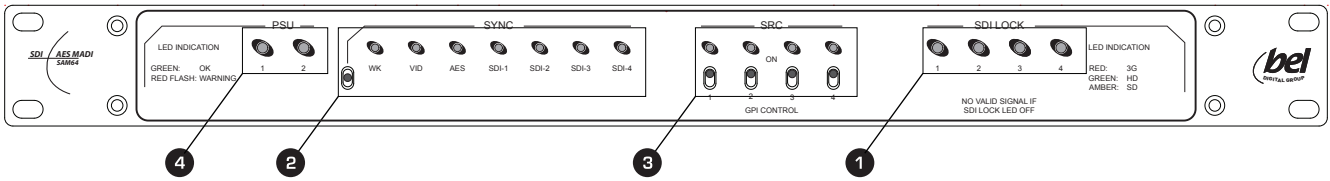
The shipping carton should contain the items listed below. Please contact your distributor immediately if any of them are missing or damaged.

- SAM64 SDI-to-AES/MADI audio interface
- Instruction manual
- 2 x IEC connector retaining clamp

SAM64 Main Features

- De-embeds all 16 channels of audio from each of 4 SDI bitstreams
- Auto-sensing of SDI format on each input
- Compatible with all current SDI specifications, including SD, HD and 2.9 Gbps 3G (up to 1080p60)
- Audio outputs available in 32 x AES3 and 64ch. MADI formats at 48 kHz
- MADI bitstream available at both copper (BNC) and optical (ST) outputs
- MADI output conforms to AES10id-2008; AES3 output to AES3-1992
- Active loop-through SDI outputs
- Loop-through outputs transparent to Dolby D/E
- Switchable sample rate conversion (SRC) on all inputs
- Audio sync to external wordclock, SDI clocks, external AES3 or video black-and-burst
- Sync reference outputs in wordclock and AES3 formats
- External SRC enable/disable via GPI
- GPO tally outputs indicating SRC status
- Two independent PSUs with separate IEC inputs

Front Panel Description



1 SDI Lock LEDs – four tri-colour LEDs, for SDI inputs 1 to 4. Each illuminates continuously when a valid SDI video signal is detected at its input, and the colour indicates the interface standard in use, as below:

COLOUR	SDI FORMAT
YELLOW	SD-SDI
GREEN	HD-SDI
RED	3G-SDI
FLASHING	NON-COMPLIANT SDI DETECTED*
OFF	NO SDI SIGNAL DETECTED

* SAM64 monitors all incoming embedded audio streams and if found to be non-compliant in format will flash the appropriate LED. Note that Bel Digital Group cannot guarantee correct operation when non-compliant SDI streams are present.

2 Sync source selection – a 3-position toggle switch for selecting the audio sync source.

The switch's 'down' position is latching, while its 'up' position is momentary. Repeated 'upward' presses on the switch scroll through the possible external sync sources. The adjacent amber LEDs indicate the currently-selected source. When the LED for the desired source is on, the switch may be placed in the latching 'down' position to prevent inadvertent further changes of sync source.

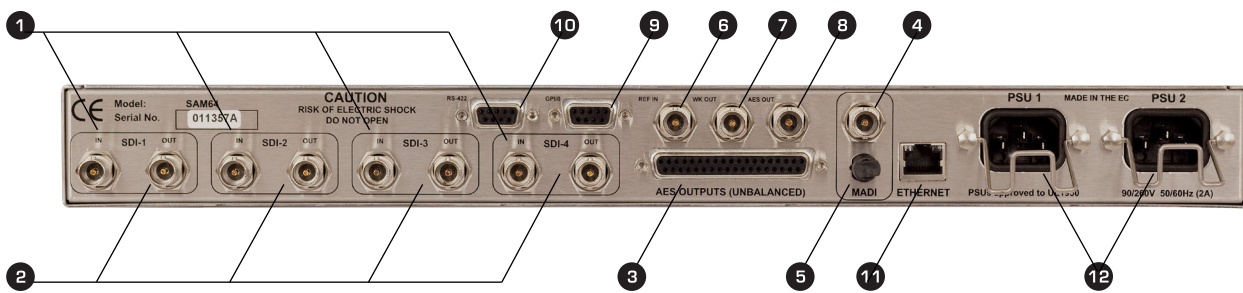
SWITCH POSITION	FUNCTION
CENTRE	NO ACTION
UP (MOMENTARY)	INCREMENTS SYNC SOURCE SELECTION
DOWN (LATCHES)	LOCKS SYNC TO CHOSEN SOURCE

3 SRC control – four 2-position toggle switches controlling the four 16-channel output SRCs. The switch also enables external GPI control of each SRC.

SWITCH POSITION	FUNCTION
UP	SRC ON
DOWN	SRC OFF, BUT UNDER EXTERNAL GPI CONTROL

4 PSU status – two bi-colour LEDs confirming the current status of each PSU. The LEDs are green in normal operation and flash red if a PSU fault condition is detected.

Rear Panel Description



- 1 SDI video inputs 1 to 4 (4 x BNCs) – internally illuminated green
- 2 SDI video active loophrough outputs 1 to 4 (4 x BNCs) - internally illuminated red
- 3 AES3 outputs (37-way female Dsub)
- 4 Co-axial MADI output (BNC)
- 5 Optical MADI output (ST)
- 6 Ext. Ref input (BNC)
- 7 Wordclock out (BNC)
- 8 AES3 sync out (BNC)
- 9 GPI/O port (9-pin female Dsub)
- 10 RS-422 port (9-pin female Dsub)
- 11 Ethernet port (RJ45)
- 12 AC inputs – 2 x IEC sockets

Hardware Considerations

The SAM64 is built in a 1U 19" enclosure. It is intended to be permanently installed in a standard 19" equipment rack. There are ventilation grilles in the top, bottom and both sides of the enclosure, and care must be taken to ensure that these are not blocked by cables or other equipment when the unit is installed. Do not install any other items of equipment immediately above or below to the SAM64; the use of 1U blanking panels is recommended.

Power Supply Considerations

The SAM64 is fitted with two separate, auto-ranging switch-mode power supplies (PSUs). The operating voltage range is 100 to 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz. The internal power rails are diode-paralleled to the two supplies, and the unit will operate normally if only one PSU is powered or functional. For maximum protection when using both PSUs, the two AC inlet cables should be connected to mains circuits which are as independent of each other as possible.

If redundant operation is not required, only one AC supply cable need be connected; either AC inlet may be used.

Fuses And Ratings

Each of the SAM64's PSUs has an internal resettable fuse for PSU protection. These fuses are not accessible to the user. The unit should be powered from a mains supply (supplies) fitted with an external HRC-type fuse (High Inrush Current) rated at 1 A.

Unit Connections

SDI Inputs

The SAM64 can simultaneously de-embed the 16 audio channels in each of four separate SDI video signals. Four BNC sockets are provided at the rear panel for connecting the SDI inputs. The characteristic impedance is 75 Ω . The SAM64 is compatible with all SDI formats up to 3G (2.9 Gbps) and auto-detects between them. See the *Technical Specifications* on page 16 for full list of compatible formats.

Each SDI input has an active "loopthrough" output, to simplify the connection of further equipment. The outputs are fully buffered from the inputs and are re-locked. The SDI bitstream is otherwise unaltered.

Note: recommendation is that cable lengths be 3 m in length or less.

AES3 Outputs

The 64 audio channels de-embedded from the four SDI inputs are available as 32 AES3 digital audio outputs on the rear panel 37-way female Dsub connector. The outputs are unbalanced (AES3-id), but are compliant with AES3-1992 in all other respects. The table below gives the pinout:

PIN	OUTPUT	SDI SOURCE	AUDIO CHANNELS
1	AES 1	SDI 1	Chs 1 & 2
2	AES 2		Chs 3 & 4
3	AES 5		Chs 9 & 10
4	AES 6		Chs 11 & 12
5	AES 9	SDI 2	Chs 1 & 2
6	AES10		Chs 3 & 4
7	AES 13		Chs 9 & 10
8	AES 14		Chs 11 & 12
9	AES 17	SDI 3	Chs 1 & 2
10	AES 18		Chs 3 & 4
11	AES 21		Chs 9 & 10
12	AES 22		Chs 11 & 12
13	AES 25	SDI 4	Chs 1 & 2
14	AES 26		Chs 3 & 4
15	AES 29		Chs 9 & 10
16	AES 30		Chs 11 & 12
17	n/c		
18	n/c		
19	GND		
20	AES 3	SDI 1	Chs 5 & 6
21	AES 4		Chs 7 & 8
22	AES 7		Chs 13 & 14
23	AES 8		Chs 15 & 16
24	AES 11	SDI 2	Chs 5 & 6
25	AES 12		Chs 7 & 8
26	AES 15		Chs 13 & 14
27	AES 16		Chs 15 & 16
28	AES 19	SDI 3	Chs 5 & 6
29	AES 20		Chs 7 & 8
30	AES 23		Chs 13 & 14
31	AES 24		Chs 15 & 16
32	AES 27	SDI 4	Chs 5 & 6
33	AES 28		Chs 7 & 8
34	AES 31		Chs 13 & 14
35	AES 32		Chs 15 & 16
36	n/c		
37	GND		

Note that each AES3 output carries 2 audio channels, thus the 16 audio channels embedded in each SDI input generate 8 AES3 outputs.

To aid installation, an optional AES3-id Signal Break Out accessory (ASBO) is available from Bel. This consists of a 1U 19" panel with 32 BNC sockets, prewired to a 37-way Dsub plug. This may be mounted at the front or rear of the rack and greatly simplifies wiring.

MADI Outputs

The 64 de-embedded audio channels are also available as MADI (Multichannel Audio Digital Interface), in both co-axial and optical formats.

The MADI bitstream contains all 16 channels from all four SDI inputs. The channel numbering within the MADI bitstream is one-to-one, i.e., Channel 1 of SDI 1 becomes MADI Channel 1, Channel 2 of SDI 1 becomes MADI Channel 2, and so on for the remainder of SDI 1's audio channels. Then Channel 1 of SDI 2 becomes MADI Channel 17, and the cycle repeats. If less than four SDI inputs are in use, the MADI bitstream time slots corresponding to the unused inputs will simply contain all zeroes.

SDI INPUT	MADI CHANNELS
SDI 1	1 to 16
SDI 2	17 to 32
SDI 3	33 to 48
SDI 4	49 to 64

The co-axial MADI output is on a BNC socket, and is compliant with AES10id-2008. The characteristic impedance is 75 Ω , at a nominal data rate of 125Mbps. Transmission distances up to 50 m are generally achievable.

The same bitstream is available in optical format on an ST type connector, allowing the MADI output signal to be transmitted by fibre if preferred. Recommended fibre types are 62.5/125 μm or 50/125 μm , multimode. Transmission distances of at least 1000 m are achievable.

Note: Firmware Version 4 and earlier - with the exception of video sync, no audio will be available on the MADI outputs if incorrect synchronisation is selected, or the synchronisation source is invalid or not present. From Version 5, audio will be available, but SAM64 will automatically flywheel (internal synchronisation) until the sync issue is rectified.

RS-422 Port

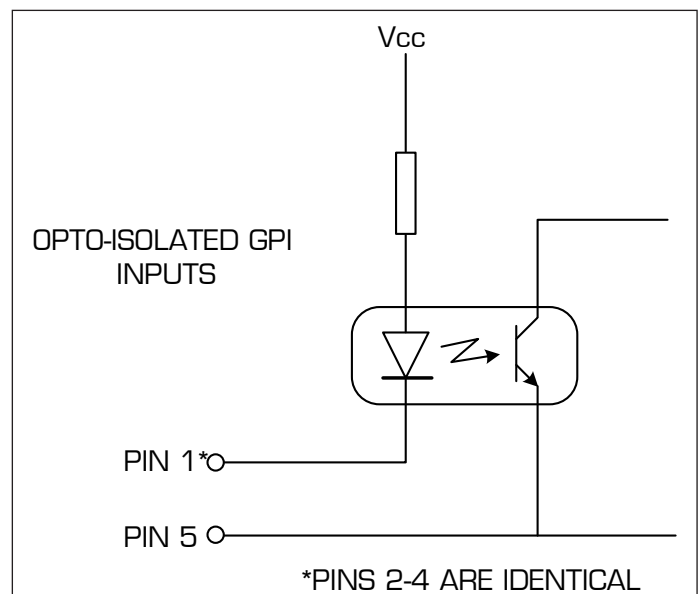
The SAM64's rear panel includes an RS-422 port on a 9-pin female Dsub connector. This functionality is not implemented.

GPIO Port

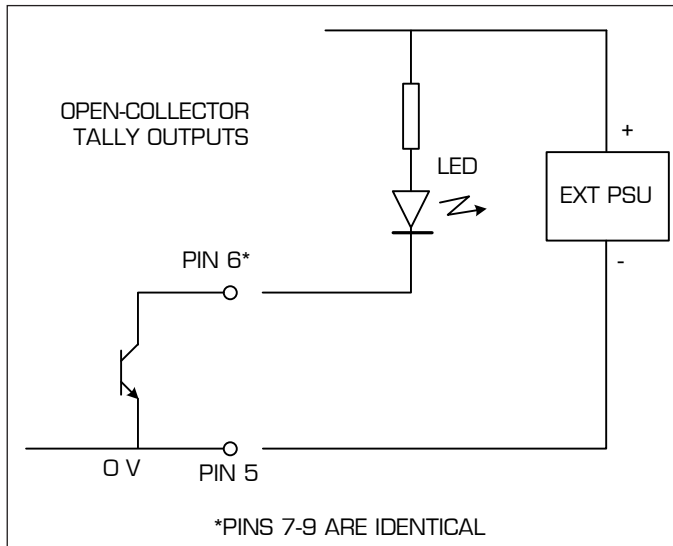
A GPIO (General-Purpose Input-Output) port is available at the rear panel in the form of a 9-pin female Dsub connector. This has four inputs and four outputs, and allows the SAM64's four output SRCs (Sample Rate Converters) to be enabled from external control equipment by contact closure. Tallies confirming the SRC status are also available on this connector. Pinout is as follows:

PIN	FUNCTION
1	GPI 1
2	GPI 2
3	GPI 3
4	GPI 4
5	GND
6	TALLY 1
7	TALLY 2
8	TALLY 3
9	TALLY 4

The GPI inputs are opto-isolated internally, and activate when the pin is connected to 0 V. (i.e. connect pins 1-4 to pin 5 to activate).



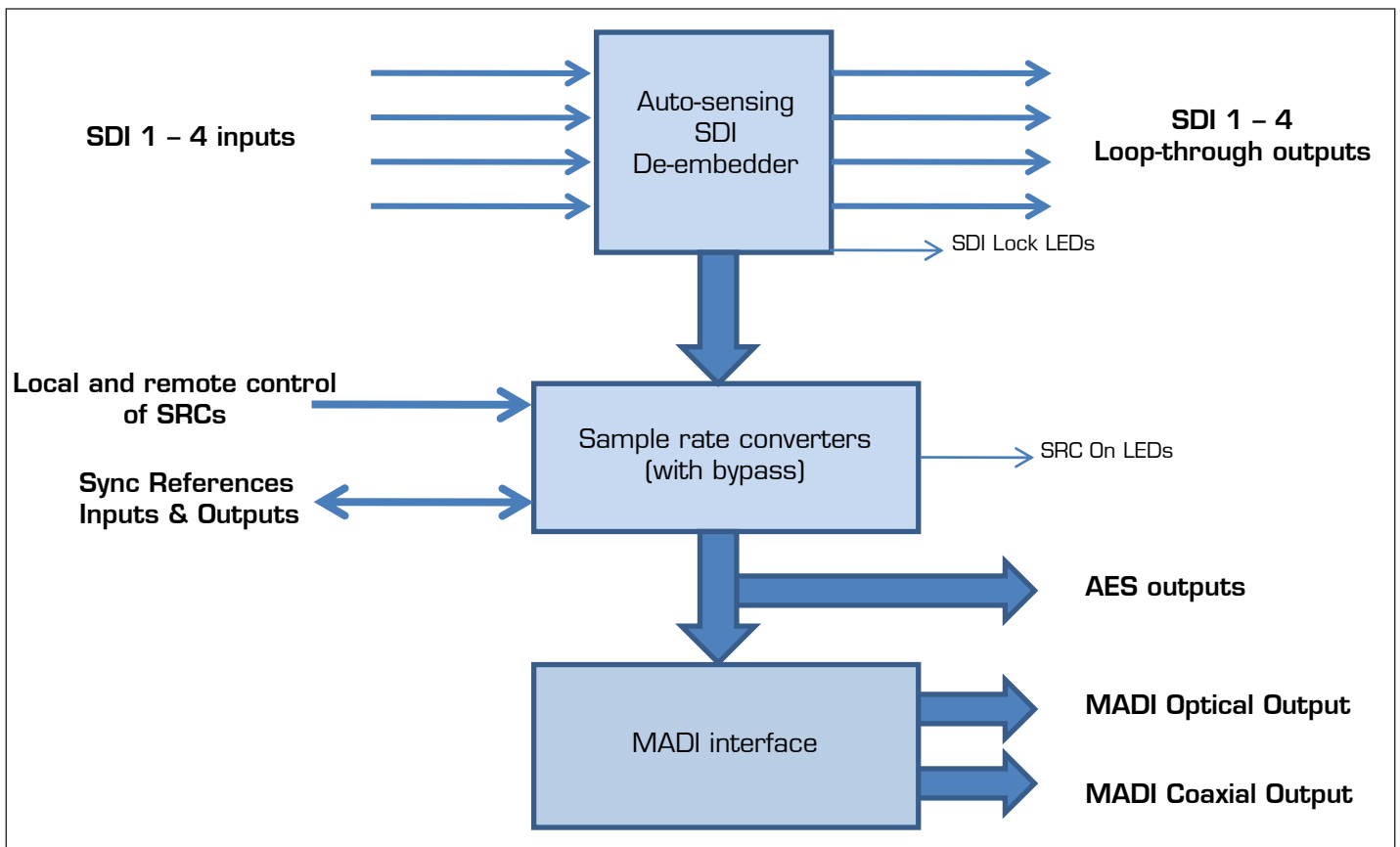
The tally outputs are open-collector type, with transistors rated at 24 V. The tallies will typically be used to drive LEDs; connect the cathode of the LED to the tally output and the anode, via a suitable resistor, to an external DC voltage of not more than +24 V. The 0 V reference of the external DC voltage should be connected to pin 5.



ETHERNET Port

The SAM64 includes a standard Ethernet port (an RJ45 socket). This functionality is not implemented.

Block Diagram



Sample Rate Converters

The sampling frequency of the audio data embedded in SDI video signals is 48 kHz. This is invariant, and is enshrined in the defining standards for all SDI formats. As with all operations involving digital audio, it will generally be desirable for the audio outputs of the SAM64 to be synchronised (in frequency and/or phase) with a master reference clock, which will also synchronise all other digital audio processing in the facility.

To achieve this, the SAM64 includes four 16-channel Sample Rate Converters (SRCs), one for each SDI input (see *Rear Panel Description* on page 8). Each SRC may be switched in or out by a front panel switch ③ (see *Front Panel Description* on page 7) or by external control via the GPIO port. When each SRC is active, a red LED illuminates, and a tally output voltage is also available at the rear GPIO port.

When enabled, the SRCs re-clock the audio data against the sync reference ensuring that the word blocks in the data are phase-locked exactly to the reference clock. The SAM64 allows the user to select a reference clock source to suit the infrastructure of the facility and the nature of the transfer process. See following section on “*Synchronisation*”.

Note: If the SDI inputs are not phase-locked, then no audio will be present on the MADI output.

GPIO Control

As the SAM64 could be installed in a central control room or outside broadcast vehicle using automated system software applications, external control of the SRCs can be achieved via the GPIO port. Simple contact closure (grounding the GPI) enables any or all the SRCs, allowing them to be switched in or out from a remote point. Maximum recommended operating distance is 5 m (though this may be increased by the use of external relays or similar).

Refer to the pinout on page 10 for wiring details.

Synchronisation

The SAM64 should normally be used as a slave device, synchronised to an external clock reference. SAM64 offers a choice of synchronisation sources. Selection is made from the front panel, and the array of LEDs confirms the currently-selected source. The selected source is used as reference for all four output SRCs, thus ALL audio outputs, both in AES3-id and MADI formats, will be locked to the selected reference.

The various clock sources are discussed on the following page.

Sync To Wordclock

SRC sync to an external wordclock is indicated by illumination of the 'WK' front panel LED. The clock source should be connected to the REF IN connector (a BNC socket) on the rear panel and each SRC front panel switch should be set to ON. Nominal frequency is 48 kHz 50ppm, and clock pulses should be of 5 V amplitude, positive-going.

Note: The wordclock input includes integral 75 ohm termination. Use the wordclock output connector to daisy-chain wordclock to other devices.

Note: With synchronisation set to wordclock, if no valid sync source is detected the front panel WK LED will flash.

Note: If no valid sync source is detected there will be no MADI output (firmware v4 and earlier only).

Sync To Video Black-And-Burst

The SAM64 can also synchronise to a standard (SD) 1 V black-and-burst video signal. The video signal should be connected to the REF IN connector on the rear panel. The sync input auto-detects NTSC or PAL standard video.

Note: With synchronisation set to video, if no valid sync source is detected the front panel VID LED will flash (from firmware v5 only) .

Sync To AES3

An AES3-compliant digital audio source may be used as the clock reference source. The internal 48 kHz wordclock source is phase-locked to the incoming AES3 signal. Any audio data contained in the AES3 word will be ignored. The audio source should be compliant with AES3-id for 75 ohm coaxial transmission and connected to the REF IN connector on the rear panel.

Note: With synchronisation set to AES, if no valid sync source is detected the front panel AES LED will flash (from firmware v5 only) .

Sync To The SDI Inputs

Any of the four SDI inputs may be used to reference the audio outputs. The audio present in Group 1 of the selected SDI source is extracted and used to derive the sync source. If one or more pairs of audio channels in an SDI signal is carrying Dolby-encoded material, the SRC for that input should be set OFF, and that input should be the sync referenced source.

Note: Use the derived wordclock output (WK OUT) as the **Master Sync** reference for all downstream equipment.

Note: If using this method, it is important to consider how the remaining three SDI sources synchronise in relation to the sync source. If the inputs are asynchronous then they should have their SRCs set to ON. This ensures that the audio content will synchronise to the referenced SDI input.

Note: Passing Dolby-encoded material through sample rate converters will corrupt the Dolby bitstream.

Clock Outputs

A reference clock output is available at the rear panel WK OUT connector in the form of a 48 kHz clock signal, of 5 V amplitude, positive-going, or at the AES OUT connector in the form of an AES3 digital audio signal ("digital silence"). These are derived from whichever synchronisation source is selected.

If the incoming sync source chosen is one of the four SDI inputs ensure that the wordclock output (WK OUT) is used as the audio system's **Master Sync** source.

Frequently Asked Questions

Power:

Q: Can I run SAM64 with just one PSU (AC inlet) cable?

A: Yes, although it is always recommended that two AC inlet cables are connected in order to provide a level of redundancy. The two AC inlet cables should be connected to mains circuits which are as independent of each other as possible.

SDI:

Q: How do you select between SDI formats?

A: SAM64 automatically determines what the incoming SDI format is and configures itself accordingly. Status of each individual SDI input (SD, HD or 3G) is indicated on the front panel.

Synchronisation:

Q: SAM64 is not synchronising to wordclock.

A: Ensure that the incoming wordclock is derived from a 75 ohm terminated source, as per the AES-11 standard.

Q: What is the most commonly recommended configuration for synchronisation?

A: The most commonly used and recommended synchronisation method for SAM64 is slaving it to wordclock via the Ref In connector. Ensure that wordclock sync has been selected using the front panel selection switch (WK LED should illuminate) and that all four sample rate converter switches are set to ON.

Q: Can I daisy-chain other devices to SAM64 to when synchronising to Wordclock?

A: This is possible by using the wordclock loop-through connector (WK Out). WK Out is a buffered copy of the incoming wordclock.

Q: Can SAM64 be used as a master sync generator?

A: In the majority of installations SAM64 should not be used as a master sync generator. The only situation that would dictate use as a master clock reference would be when SAM64 is synchronised to an incoming SDI source that contains Dolby® bitstreams. In this situation the appropriate SDI's Sample Rate Converter (SRC) switch should be set to OFF and all other external audio equipment should be synchronised to the SAM64's wordclock output (WK Out).

Q: Is the wordclock input terminated?

A: Yes, it is internally terminated at 75 ohms.

Sample Rate Converters:

Q: What are the Sample Rate Converters for?

A: In the traditional sense, Sample Rate Converters (SRC) do as they say; convert an incoming or outgoing audio source from one sample rate to another. In the case of SAM64, the SRCs perform two functions:

a) The sample rate converters compensate for any minor frequency differences between the incoming SDI 48 kHz and the reference 48 kHz, thus locking the audio to the reference 48 kHz.

b) The sample rate converters are used to phase align the audio content within the independent SDI sources prior to them being combined and transmitted as a MADI stream. Unless synchronising to an SDI source that incorporates Dolby® encoded material it is important to ensure that all four SRC switches are set to ON. If set to OFF it could be possible for audible clicks to be present on the MADI receiving device. Note: If SAM64 detects that phase alignment between incoming SDI streams is significantly out (and that all SRCs are set to OFF), SAM64 will mute the MADI output.

Q: When should an SRC switch be set to OFF?

A: The only time an SRC switch should be set to OFF is when Dolby® content is embedded within the SDI stream. If this situation does arise then SAM64 synchronisation must be set to reference that specific SDI input. SAM64 will then become the sync master reference source. Ensure that other equipment then synchronises to the unit's Wordclock output (WK Out).

Note: only one SRC should be set to OFF at any one time. The possibility of sync issues could arise if the separate SDI sources are not phase aligned.

Q: Can Sample Rate Conversion be applied to the AES outputs?

A: Yes, depending whether the SRCs are set to ON or not. If set to OFF, synchronisation of each AES pair will be as per the specific input SDI source.

Audio Outputs:

Q: Is there an easier way to access the AES outputs than wiring directly to the 37-way Dsub?

A: Yes, Bel also manufacture a 1U AES3-id breakout unit (ASBO) that connects directly to SAM64 and provides the 32 unbalanced AES outputs on BNC connectors (75 ohm). Contact your Bel dealer for further information.

Q: Are the audio outputs always available?

A: Yes, de-embedded audio is simultaneously available as 32 x AES3-id, and optical+coaxial MADI.

Q: What fibre optic MADI cable should I use?

Recommended fibre types are 62.5/125 µm or 50/125 µm, multimode. An ST type fibre optic connector is fitted to SAM64.

Q: I have no MADI output?

A: Check that synchronisation is valid. Audio will not be present on the MADI output if synchronisation is invalid (firmware version 4 and earlier only). Firmware version 5 allows SAM64 to flywheel using its internal sync source if an external source is lost.

Technical Specifications

VIDEO INPUTS	
Connector/input impedance	4 x BNC sockets, 75 Ω
Compatible formats	SDI, SD/HD/3G, compliant with SMPTE 259M, 296M, 274M, 292M, 424M or 425M
VIDEO OUTPUTS	
Connector/output impedance	4 x BNC sockets, 75 Ω
Format	Active, re-clocked loop-through of SDI inputs
AUDIO INPUTS	
Format	Extracted from SDI video inputs
AES3 AUDIO OUTPUTS	
Connector/output impedance	37-way female Dsub, 32 x 75 Ω unbalanced
Format	Compliant to AES3-1992
Sampling frequency	48 kHz nominal
MADI AUDIO OUTPUT	
Connector/output impedance (coaxial)	BNC socket, 75 Ω
Connector (optical)	ST Multimode
Format	64-channel, compliant with AES10id-2008
Data rate	125 Mbps \pm 25ppm
SYNCHRONISATION	
Sample Rate Conversion	SRC available on all inputs, switchable in banks of 16
Sources	(External): SDI1 to 4, AES3, Video black-and-burst, Wordclock
Video sync input	PAL/NTSC 50/60 Hz (SD)
Wordclock input	48 kHz \pm 50ppm, DC coupled, positive going pulses
AES3 input	AES3 input at $f_s=48$ kHz
Wordclock output	48 kHz nominal
AES3 output	Digital audio signal compliant with AES3-1992
GPIO PORT	
GPIO port – connector	9-pin female Dsub
Input functions	4 x SRC select (short-to-ground)
Output functions	4 x SRC status (open-collector)
OTHER CONTROL	
RS-422	9-pin female Dsub – for possible future use
Ethernet	For possible future use
POWER SUPPLY	
Type	2 x independent switch-mode regulated, auto-ranging
Inputs	2 x 100 to 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz
Power consumption	16 W
Connectors	2 x IEC with retaining clips
Fuse data	Internal fixed resettable (non-user-accessible). Use a 1 A HRC externally-fused supply
Electro Magnetic Compatibility	EN 55103-1 :2009, EN 55103-2 :2009. Environments E1, E2, E3, E4, E5. Initial Inrush current 30A. <i>Braid-screened cables should be used where applicable.</i>
PHYSICAL	
Dimensions (w x d x h)	483 x 200 x 44.5 mm (1U) 19 x 7.87 x 1.75 inches (1U)
Weight	4.5 kg / 10 lbs
Operating temperature range	5°C to +40°C
Relative humidity range	Operating 20 to 80%

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