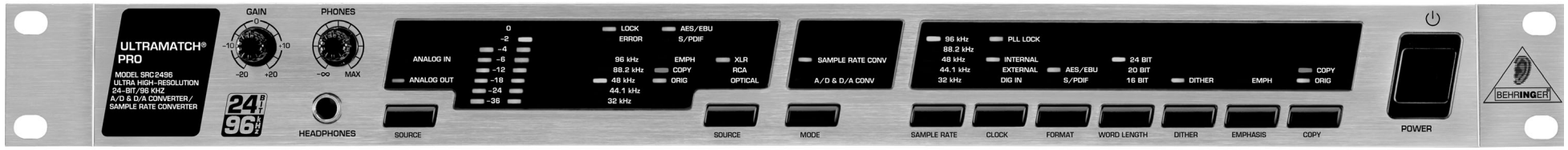
ULTRAMATCH PRO SRC2496



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IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

CAUTION: To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not remove the top cover (or the rear section). No user serviceable parts inside; refer servicing to qualified personnel.

WARNING: To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this appliance to rain and moisture.

This symbol, wherever it appears, alerts you to the presence of uninsulated dangerous voltage inside the enclosure—voltage that may be sufficient to constitute a risk of shock.

This symbol, wherever it appears, alerts you to important operating and maintenance instructions in the accompanying literature. Please read the manual.

DETAILED SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS:

1) Read these instructions.

2) Keep these instructions.

3) Heed all warnings.

4) Follow all instructions.

5) Do not use this device near water.

6) Clean only with a dry cloth.

7) Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

8) Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.

9) Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.

10) Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, extension cords, and the point at which they exit the unit.

11) Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.

12) Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the device. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/device combination to avoid injury from stumbling over it.

13) Unplug this device during lightning storms or when not used for long periods of time.

14) Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the unit 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 device, the unit has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.

FOREWORD

Dear Customer,

welcome to the team of BEHRINGER users and thank you very much for expressing your confidence in us by purchasing the SRC2496. Writing this foreword for you gives me great pleasure, because it represents the culmination of many months of hard work delivered by our engineering team to achieve a very ambitious goal: considerable improvement of an excellent piece of equipment.

The ULTRAMATCH SRC2000 has for quite a long time been a standard tool used by numerous studios. The task of designing our new ULTRAMATCH PRO SRC2496 certainly meant a great deal of responsibility which we assumed by focusing on you, the discerning user and musician. Meeting your expectations also meant a lot of work and night shifts. But it was fun, too. Developing a product usually brings a lot of people together, and what a great feeling it is when all who participated in such a project can be proud of what they've achieved.

It is our philosophy to share our enjoyment with you, because you are the most important member of the BEHRINGER team. With your highly competent suggestions for new products you've made a significant contribution to shaping our company and making it successful. In return, we guarantee you uncompromising quality as well as excellent technical and audio properties at an extremely reasonable price. All of this will enable you to give free rein to your creativity without being hampered by budget constraints.

We are often asked how we manage to produce such high-quality devices at such unbelievably low prices. The answer is quite simple: it's you, our customers! Many satisfied customers mean large sales volumes enabling us to get better purchasing terms for components, etc. Isn't it only fair to pass this benefit on to you? Because we know that your success is our success too!

I would like to thank all of you who have made the ULTRAMATCH PRO possible. You have all made your own personal contributions, from the developers to the many other employees at this company, and to you, the BEHRINGER user.

My friends, it's been worth the effort!

Thank you very much,

Uli Behringer

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1. INTRODUCTION

The BEHRINGER ULTRAMATCH PRO is a fully digital signal processor integrating 24-bit A/D and D/A converters. With its wide range of features, it provides a powerful state-of-the-art interface between the physical reality of music and its recording in the form of digital values. To retain the true authenticity of your music, we not only developed a strong link between analog recording technology and the huge variety of signal processing possibilities available in the digital world, but also designed the ULTRAMATCH PRO SRC2496 to function as a universal interface between the various digital formats and sampling rates.

Thus, incompatibilities between different devices and equipment with regard to modified connectors, transmitted signals and applied standards are definitely a thing of the past.

☞ **This manual first describes the terminology used, so that you can fully understand the SRC2496 and its functions. Please read the manual carefully and keep it for future reference.**

1.1 The design concept

The philosophy behind BEHRINGER products guarantees no-compromise circuit design and the best choice of components. We only use low-tolerance resistors and capacitors, high-grade switches and buttons as well as other select components to make sure that you can fully benefit from state-of-the-art 24-bit/96 kHz technology with regard to low noise and high dynamics. With the ULTRAMATCH PRO you have purchased cutting-edge technology. Today, many hi-fi devices are already equipped with a digital interface, so the SCR2496 can not only be used as a high-end A/D and D/A converter in your studio, but also raises your home hi-fi system to a new level in terms of dynamics, low distortion and definition. It is thus possible to replace one of the weak points in the signal chain with an absolutely powerful device.

The SRC2496 provides you with the functionality of a first-class A/D and D/A converter, an outstanding sampling rate converter and a digital patchbay. Additionally, it can be deployed as a format converter, to set or remove copy bits, and as a signal refresher—but is still easy to operate.

The front panel of your ULTRAMATCH PRO features a strictly functional and easily understandable layout. On the left-hand half of the panel you will find the monitor (left) and input sections (right), the right-hand half includes the mode (left) and output sections (right). Just imagine the signal passing through the unit from left to right and the design logic becomes clear.

The monitor section enables you to monitor analog input/output signals. The level meter reads the analog input level and allows you to adjust it optimally. The status LEDs in the input section make it easy to check which type of digital signal (AES/EBU or S/PDIF) is being received and also display its sampling rate. Since the ULTRAMATCH PRO is automatically synchronized to any input signals within a range from 31 Hz to 100 kHz, there is no need for dedicated sampling rate selector switches on the input side.

In the mode section you can see which of the SRC2496's two basic functions (A/D and D/A converter or sampling rate converter) is currently active. Select the function of your choice at the touch of a button. The output section gives you the buttons and displays to adjust a variety of parameters for the digital output signal.

The ULTRAMATCH PRO stores the last setting made before power-down, so you can continue from where you stopped when you turn the unit back on again.

In a later section of this manual we will give you a detailed description of how you can use your ULTRAMATCH PRO in various applications.

1.2 Before you begin

Your ULTRAMATCH PRO was carefully packed at the factory and the packaging is designed to protect the unit from rough handling. Nevertheless, we recommend that you carefully examine the packaging and its contents for any signs of physical damage which may have occurred during transit.

☞ **If the unit is damaged, please do NOT return it to BEHRINGER, but notify your dealer and the shipping company immediately, otherwise claims for damage or replacement may not be granted. Shipping claims must be made by the consignee.**

The BEHRINGER ULTRAMATCH PRO requires one rack unit for installation in a 19" rack. Please allow for an additional 4" of rack depth for the rear panel connectors.

For rack mounting, please use M6 metal nuts and bolts.

Be sure that there is enough air space around the unit for cooling. For example, to avoid overheating, do not place the ULTRAMATCH PRO on power amps.

☞ **Before you connect your ULTRAMATCH PRO to the mains, please make sure that your local voltage matches the supply voltage required by the unit!**

The fuse holder at the AC power connector has 3 triangular markings. Two of these three triangles will be aligned with one another. The ULTRAMATCH PRO is set to the voltage shown next to these markings and can be switched over by twisting the fuse holder by 180°. **IMPORTANT: This does not apply to export models designed exclusively for 120 V operation!**

☞ **If you set the unit to a different mains voltage, be sure to use a fuse of the correct type and rating! In chapter 6 "TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS" you will find the matching fuse type for your local mains voltage.**

The mains connection is made by using the enclosed power cord and a standard IEC receptacle. It meets all of the international safety certification requirements.

☞ **Please make sure that all units have a proper ground connection. For your own safety, never remove or disable the ground conductor of the unit or of the AC power cord.**

☞ **Please ensure that only qualified persons install and operate the SRC2496. During installation and operation the user must have sufficient electrical contact to earth. Electrostatic discharges might affect the operation of the unit.**

2. CONTROL ELEMENTS

2.1 Front panel of the ULTRAMATCH PRO SRC2496

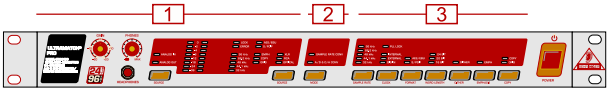

Fig. 2.1: Front panel control elements

1 Monitor and input sections. The monitor section enables you to adjust the signal level applied to the analog input and features a controllable headphones connector. A clearly structured LED array provides you with detailed information on the various parameters of the digital input signal.

2 Mode section. Here, you can determine whether your ULTRAMATCH PRO works as a sampling rate converter or A/D-D/A converter.

3 Output section. The buttons in the output section allow you to tailor the output signal to meet your requirements.

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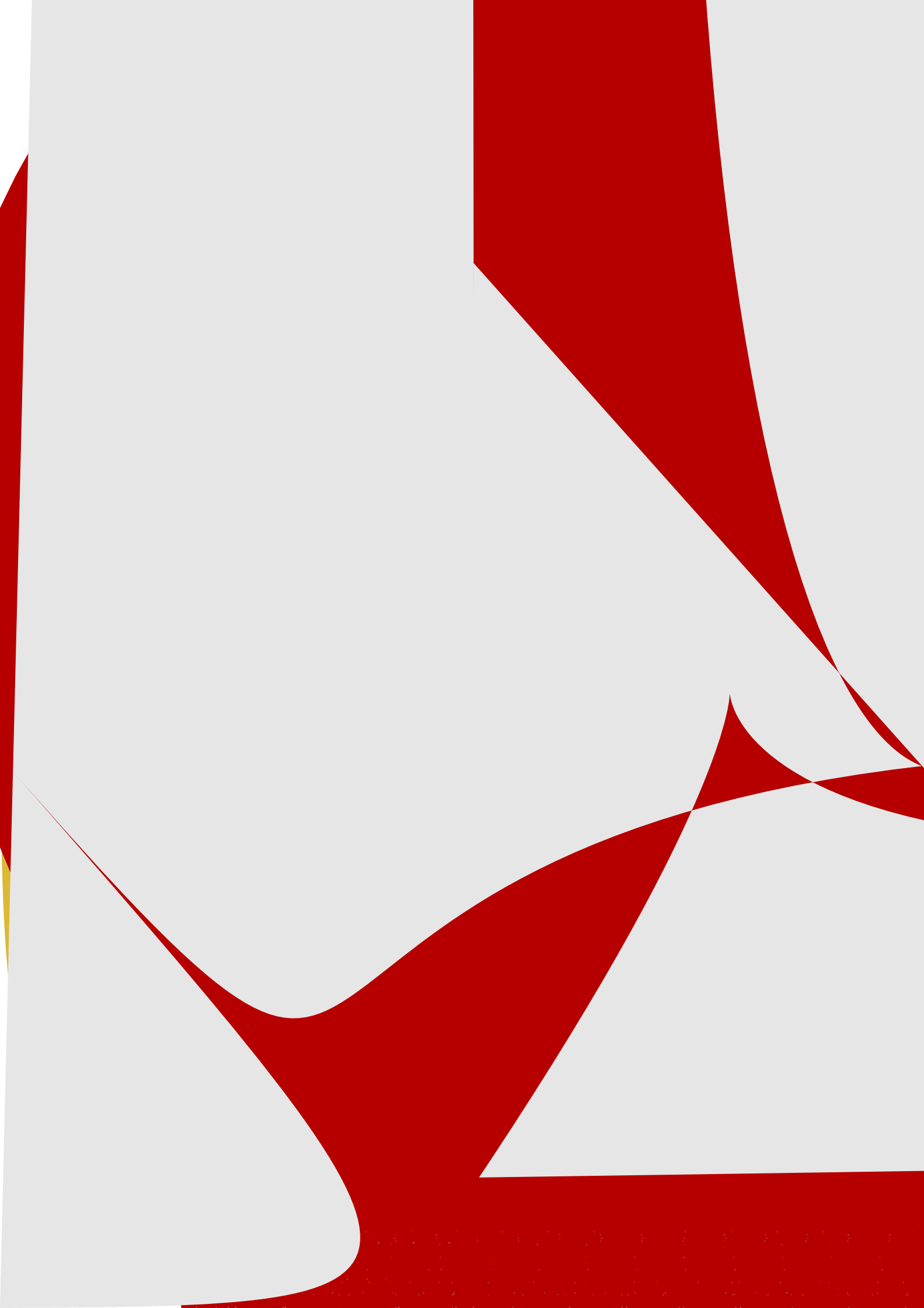

Fig. 3.2: Example: A/D conversion of tape recordings

☞ **Since subgroup outputs on mixing consoles, as well as tape and line outputs on hi-fi amplifiers, usually provide unbalanced signals only, please note the corresponding instructions on how to connect the SRC2496 (chapter 5 "INSTALLATION").**

3.1.2 Converting digital to analog

Using the ULTRAMATCH PRO as a digital-to-analog converter is interesting in all applications, where signals must be made audible again after digital processing, e.g. to "circumvent" D/A converters of inferior quality in devices with a digital output (sound card).

This can be useful if your sound card is not shielded from electromagnetic interference generated by power supplies or graphics cards for example. You can feed the audio signal from the digital interface of the sound card to one of the digital inputs on the SRC2496 and then take it from the analog outputs. The type of cable required for connecting the sound card to the ULTRAMATCH PRO depends on the output connector used.

☞ **Detailed information on wiring setups can be found in chapter 5 "INSTALLATION".**

3.1.3 Parallel A/D and D/A conversion

The SRC2496 offers you the possibility to simultaneously convert analog signals into digital, and vice versa. In **A/D and D/A converter mode**, you can only convert from digital to analog if the CLOCK switch in the output section has been set to DIG IN. In this case, the sampling rate will be determined by the digital signal applied. Otherwise, the ULTRAMATCH PRO can only be operated as an A/D converter, and the D/A converter function will be muted. In **SRC mode** the D/A converter is always active.

3.2 Sample rate conversion

No matter which type of digital audio signal you feed into the ULTRAMATCH PRO, it will convert it to a common standard format. Numerous conversion examples can be found in daily studio practice:

- Conversion of 48 kHz DAT recordings to the CD standard of 44.1 kHz.
- Conversion of older digital recordings from 44.056 kHz to 32, 44.1, 48, 88.2 or 96 kHz.
- Conversion of "foreign" material with 32 kHz to 44.1, 48, 88.2 or 96 kHz.
- Conversion of audio data with a word length of 24 bits to 20 or 16 bits for recording on a digital medium.
- Conversion of S/PDIF format to AES/EBU for easy manipulation of various parameters and improved (balanced) signal transmission.
- Setting or removing copy protect bits for further processing of recordings in a studio environment.

3.2.1 Typical studio application with DAT

Only recently has it become possible to use less expensive DAT recorders for direct recording from analog sources with a sampling rate of 44.1 kHz. Most consumer-level DAT recorders, however, record at 48 kHz. Usually, such recordings have to be transferred via an analog connection from DAT to a professional recorder. This process results in an unnecessary deterioration of the original quality of the material due to the additional D/A and A/D converters involved. With the ULTRAMATCH PRO you can eliminate this problem by converting the sampling rate purely in the digital domain, which allows for a considerably higher quality than you could achieve with analog converters.

Further problems, such as incorrect formats, significantly deviating or unstable sampling rates (as long as they do not deviate by more than ±12.5% from the current sampling rate), will also be corrected by the ULTRAMATCH PRO in real time, thus ensuring the successful transfer of your audio data.

3.2.2 Hard-disk recording

Hard-disk recording applications also require a uniform sampling rate, if possible the one used by the subsequent playback medium (CD). As it can convert audio material from 32, 48, 88.2 or 96 kHz to the standard 44.1 kHz, the ULTRAMATCH PRO makes sure that any sources can be used to feed audio material by way of a digital connection.

Of course, the ULTRAMATCH PRO can be inserted at any point in the audio processing path, i.e. also between the PC and DAT recorder. With uncritical audio material, you can thus process the material at 32 kHz in the recording system (or higher, depending on which sampling rates can be processed by the HD recording system), and subsequently convert the completely edited material while transferring it to a DAT recorder at 44.1 kHz (or even 48 kHz).

3.2.3 Master/slave problem solver

When a digital mixing console is used, it is at this point—if not before—that master/slave problems will be encountered. The explanation is simple: When using CD players, DAT recorder and HD recording systems in their "normal" applications, the responsibilities are clearly defined. The playback device is the master, the recording device is the slave, i.e. the CD player provides a clock rate of 44.1 kHz to which the DAT recorder is synchronized.

When using a mixing console, the CD player is the master, the console is the slave. However, this model collapses all of a sudden as soon as a DAT recorder is hooked up, which does not record but plays back too. The console can synchronize to one source only, the audio data from the other source would be processed incorrectly, because the two devices are not in sync.

The need for synchronization in a digital studio is met by connecting the equipment to one central sync source. For example, the console could be the master supplying the remaining devices with a reference signal (wordclock). However, this will only work if these other devices have a sync input, i.e. can be used as slaves. In a studio with a digital tape machine, digital effects and hard-disk recording system it is impossible to connect commercially available CD players or DAT recorders to the mixing section of the console, simply because they cannot be synchronized.

By inserting the BEHRINGER ULTRAMATCH PRO SRC2496 between the device to be synchronized and the mixing console input, however, the SRC2496 can deliver the audio signal with the studio clock rate entered via the external sync input (WORDCLOCK, 20). In this case, the ULTRAMATCH PRO works as a kind of intermediate gear whose toothed transmission always ensures that there is an appropriate gap in the gearwheel. It synchronizes the signal coming from the devices to be synchronized, while converting to the desired sampling rate in compliance with the wordclock signal.

In a studio with a central clock generator, it is therefore possible to use the ULTRAMATCH PRO to connect any device to any other, irrespective of any other options available.

☞ **Even if the central clock does not correspond exactly to one of the sampling rates, the ULTRAMATCH PRO will assign a corresponding marker to the output signal! This marker depends on the automatically detected and displayed sampling rate, which is important, because DAT recorders usually "refuse" to enter record mode if an incorrect sampling rate has been indicated.**

3.2.4 Bridging unformatted passages

DAT recorders, in particular, produce tiny format gaps between individual recorded passages on the tape when intermittent recordings are made. Also when you transfer older recordings it can happen that short passages with a different sampling rate than that of the current recording remain stored on tape. In such a case, the ULTRAMATCH PRO converts this host of single pieces of information into a continuous data stream with a *fixed* sampling rate. Even if the DAT recorder or any other digital source is stopped or switched off, the ULTRAMATCH PRO will continue to generate a continuous signal (depending on the digital signal, if synchronized to it).

3.3 Removing copy protect information

The original copy protect mechanism used in DAT recorders was simple but effective: It was impossible to make digital recordings from a CD. Later, a step-by-step mechanism was introduced with SCMS, which allowed at least for one digital copy from CD. The routine implemented in SCMS depends on the generation (x^{th} copy) and the origin (category) of the digital audio material. In professional studio engineering a copy protect mechanism does not make any sense, which is why there is none defined in the AES/EBU standard.

Since many studios use inexpensive consumer devices for cost reasons, copy protect and/or format incompatibility problems (professional/consumer) are encountered frequently. The SRC2496 can ignore all types of copy protect information and generate a new, completely free marker that allows for multiple copying. Thus, you can use your ULTRAMATCH PRO to copy material from one consumer DAT to another. Further information on this subject can be found in chapter 2.1.3, section 28.

☞ **We want to point out again that the copyright of third parties must not be infringed—despite the possibility of removing the copy protect bit with the help of the ULTRAMATCH PRO! This device was not developed to produce unauthorized copies!**

3.4 Noise reduction with emphasis

A very special feature is the option to influence the set emphasis bit. "Emphasis" here means a noise reduction process with a treble

boost step involved prior to recording. This treble boost is undone during playback. A specific bit (emphasis bit) in the digital data stream contains the information whether or not the signal has been processed with this technique. It is however NOT a modification of the audio signal, but only of the emphasis marker contained in the digital data stream.

So much for the theory. In practice, a lit EMPHASIS LED does not necessarily show that the emphasis function has really been applied. In several situations the emphasis bit was set during the mastering and editing process due to defective hardware/software—without any treble boost applied. This error usually remains undetected when the material is transferred, because modern DAT recorders no longer have an emphasis indicator for reasons of rationalization. When the master tape—usually only monitored briefly on the DAT recorder due to lack of time—arrives at the customer's end, it gives him a big surprise: The treble range has been cut in the DAT recorder by more than 10 dB, which cannot be undone and results in a dull sound that lacks brilliance in the treble range. It is for this reason that we equipped the ULTRAMATCH PRO both with an emphasis status LED and with an additional switch for manual correction of the emphasis bit setting.

3.5 Line booster, signal refresher

Longer cable lengths or the use of a digital patchbay lead to deterioration of the signal quality, which may result in a higher noise floor or even connection failures. Using special input circuitry your ULTRAMATCH PRO removes jitter, interference and level loss, thus restoring the signal to perfect quality. As a consequence, you can also use the SRC2496 to refresh the signal over longer cable lengths or to restore attenuated and distorted signals.

3.6 Correcting incorrect sample rates

The sample rate of any device is subject to fluctuation due to temperature and ageing effects. Normally, an automatic locking circuit ensures reliable operation even with varying or slightly fluctuating clock signals. If such fluctuations exceed a certain level, however, the receiving device cannot be synchronized any longer to the clock rate supplied and therefore fails to function properly.

Your ULTRAMATCH PRO is totally free from such restrictions, as it works over the entire bandwidth from 31 to 100 kHz, rather than only within a small range around the actual sampling rate. The signal output by the SRC2496 is always synchronized correctly to the value selected. Thus, you can use your ULTRAMATCH PRO to "rescue" and work with sampling rates that have been modified deliberately (vari-pitch function on sampling keyboards or CD players) or fail to fall within the adjusted range due to rate fluctuations.

3.7 Vari-speed application

There are several reasons for modifying the speed of a digital playback, e.g. to change the pitch or synchronize the playback to other devices. In such cases, the ULTRAMATCH PRO can track the sampling rate as it changes and then output the signal with a fixed rate of 44.1 kHz (or any other selectable or wordclock-defined value). Thus, it reliably removes sampling rate fluctuations, which could otherwise make it impossible to process the digital audio material any further in the digital domain.

☞ **At its digital input, the ULTRAMATCH PRO accepts sampling rate fluctuations of up to ±12% from the adjusted sampling rate, without producing any distortion at its output. When things get worse, the connection will not be interrupted, but temporary drops in the signal quality (distortion) can occur.**

3.8 Format converter

Digital data transfer is frequently affected by problems with the format required. While some devices specifically need S/PDIF signals on the input side, others can only output AES/EBU. With the SRC2496 this problem is now history. The input of your ULTRAMATCH PRO readily accepts any standard used today. On the output side, you can select either AES/EBU or S/PDIF, so that it is just a matter of one key press to realize the successful transfer of your audio material.

3.9 Format interface

Many CD players have no coaxial but only an optical output. Some DAT recorders, on the other hand, only have a coaxial input. Digital interface cards for personal computers are usually equipped either with optical or coaxial connectors. So, when you try to transfer data from one device to another you are likely to encounter incompatibility problems, in that one device has an optical connector, while the other has a coaxial RCA connector. Connection to professional devices is difficult because of the XLR connectors used there, or even impossible if they feature optical interfaces.

Such incompatibilities between inputs and outputs are definitely a thing of the past with the ULTRAMATCH PRO. For example, if the CD player only has an optical digital output, while the DAT recorder is equipped with a coaxial RCA input, your SRC2496 will easily eliminate the resulting connection problems with its three inputs and outputs in all formats. Your ULTRAMATCH PRO allows for interconnecting *virtually* any devices that are available on the market today!

3.10 Patchbay/splitter

The digital outputs of your ULTRAMATCH PRO can all be operated at the same time. In this case, the input selector functions as a kind of miniature patchbay determining which signal is sent to the output. It is not necessary to switch-over the output, because you can freely select on the down-stream devices which signal to accept (example: recording active/inactive). Therefore, the outputs of the ULTRAMATCH PRO carry the identical signal all the time and are operative simultaneously.

The parallel operation of all three outputs enables you to use your SRC2496 as a splitter, which is useful for copying material to several DAT recorders. With some special devices in particular, which do not allow for looping through the digital data from the input to the output, this useful function makes it possible to split up the signal.

4. TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

4.1 A short digression into digital sample rate conversion

In the past, the conversion of various sample rates into a fixed value necessitated a whole rack full of components and even then had some disadvantages that could be measured as increased noise, distortion or undesirable mirror frequencies (high-frequency chirping). On the other hand, the sampling rate converter chip installed in the ULTRAMATCH PRO converts in real time and with 24-bit precision. Its processing is absolutely inaudible and can only be identified with state-of-the-art, extremely expensive measuring instruments.

The functional principle is difficult to comprehend, even for professionals. That is why we are presenting you with an equivalent model, which describes the processes taking place in the processor in an easily understandable manner. The processor carries out an oversampling at the input signal. Between each sample, more samples are inserted, thereby significantly increasing the number of sampling points by filling in the gaps. Subsequently, the signal passes through a variable low-pass filter, which ensures that the correct limit, below which no problems with mirror frequencies (aliasing) occur, is observed. Then, the number of sampling points is distributed in such a way as to obtain the desired sampling rate at the output. This enormous oversampling allows the SRC processor to achieve excellent precision in the complete conversion range. Moreover, it also simultaneously eliminates any jitter present in the input signal.

There is no doubt that digital signal processing guarantees the lowest distortion and noise values. However, up until now signal conversion, specifically sampling rate conversion, had partially led to considerable distortion and interference: If you tried to use traditional methods, the incoming data would be far in excess of any hardware dimensions. If data was put into smaller pieces, to avoid storage problems, the necessary turnaround time would prevent any practical application. Therefore, programmers continue to experiment with the most varied of algorithms, ending up, however, always having to make a compromise between computation efforts and sound quality.

By processing data in real time, the processor used in the BEHRINGER ULTRAMATCH PRO can process incredible amounts of data.

The noise and interference floor is thus below -117 dBFS, and the distortion values, even with difficult input signals, are below -104 dBFS. The ULTRAMATCH PRO remains practically inaudible as such values are not normally achieved either by the A/D or the D/A converter, and certainly not by the CD as the final product.

4.2 AES/EBU and S/PDIF standards

In principle there are two standards, the most important electrical characteristics of which can be seen in tab. 4.1.

AES/EBU is the professional, balanced connection via XLR connectors. This interface is based on two identical protocols published in November 1985 (EBU Tech. 3250-E) by the **E**uropean **B**roadcast **U**nion and in December 1985 by the **A**udio **E**ngineering **S**ociety (AES3-1985). Sony and Philips oriented themselves to this standard and developed a further interface with unbalanced signal routing and a few other major differences, predominantly related to the assignment of the channel status bits. This interface, named after the two companies and known as S/PDIF (Sony/Philips Digital Interface), uses either RCA connectors or optical connections with optical fiber cables. The procedure, standardized in IEC 958, made a name for itself mainly due to efforts to introduce a copy protect technique. This standard also describes the revised AES/EBU interface, which was adapted to the S/PDIF format and named IEC 958 Type I (professional). The name of the S/PDIF interface is then IEC 958 Type II (consumer). Your ULTRAMATCH PRO uses the latest versions of each of the standards, AES/EBU (AES3), IEC 60958 and EIAJ CP-1201 (Japanese standard).

Type	AES/EBU	IEC 958 Type II (S/PDIF)
Connection	XLR	RCA/optical
Mode	Balanced	Unbalanced
Impedance	110 Ohms	75 Ohms
Level	0,2 V to 5 Vpp	0,2 V to 0,5 V pp
Clock accuracy	Not specified	I: ± 50 ppm II: 0,1 % III: Variable pitch
Jitter	± 20 ns	Not specified

Tab. 4.1: Important data for AES and IEC 958 Type II specifications

Table 4.2 illustrates part of the structure of the professional format, as it would normally be used with AES/EBU connections.

Byte	Bit							
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	P/C	Audio	Emphasis			Locked	Sampl. freq.	
1	Channel mode				Use of user bits			
2	Use of AUX bits			Sample length			Reserved	
3	Reserved for description of multichannel recording							
4	Audio ref.		Reserved					
5	Reserved							

Tab. 4.2: Markers in professional format (AES/EBU)

Table 4.3 presents the corresponding consumer-format data, as normally used with S/PDIF-connections.

Byte	Bit							
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	P/C	Audio	Copy	Emphasis			Mode	
1	Category code							Gen.st.
2	Source number				Channel number			
3	Sampling frequency				Clock acc.		Reserved	

Tab. 4.3: Markers in consumer format IEC 958 Type II (S/PDIF)

The first bit already defines whether the following bits are to be understood as professional or consumer-format bits. As shown, the audio information can be found at the same position in the data stream, in principle making both formats compatible. There are, however, information blocks that differ in both norms. If a device, such as a commercially available DAT recorder, has only one S/PDIF input, the device will usually understand that format only. It will thus usually stop when supplied with professional-format data. The reason is simple: as shown in the illustrations, processing a professionally-coded signal with a device that can only understand consumer format can lead to malfunctions relating to the copy protect bit and the emphasis!

However, this point is not always readily evident, as is the case with plug-and-socket connectors (e.g. 1/4" TRS connectors, mini-jacks and special adapters for Sub-D instead of XLR connectors). Many devices have no stop function while others can understand both formats despite having only one type of connector.

In all of these cases using the ULTRAMATCH PRO as the ultimate problem solver will soon pay off. Virtually, all common digital signals it receives at the input appear at the output with new, clean markers in the respective chosen format.

5. INSTALLATION

5.1 General connection notes

The ULTRAMATCH PRO's digital input and output connections are short-circuit proof and transformer-balanced. This rules out any possibility of ground loops caused by additional ground connections, even when using the RCA connectors. Furthermore, the completely potential-free concept of the digital connectors allows for using adapters in order to, e.g. route the RCA connector signal to the XLR input of another device.

The following figure illustrates how to correctly connect the optical input and output connections.

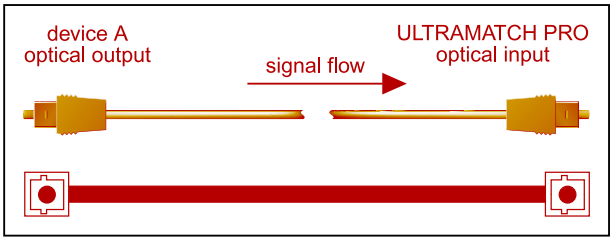

Fig. 5.5: Connecting the ULTRAMATCH PRO optically via Toslink

☞ **For many consumer devices the consumer format at the optical input is an absolute necessity, otherwise they do not accept the signal.**

☞ **The ULTRAMATCH PRO does not support the ADAT® multi-track format, which can thus neither be looped through nor converted.***

5.3.4 Wordclock

Feeding a wordclock signal into the rear BNC connector enables external synchronization of the ULTRAMATCH PRO. Wordclock signals are normally distributed in a network configuration, i.e. are relayed and terminated with 75-ohm coaxial cable, BNC-T adapters and terminating resistors. Commercially available BNC cables are usually used as connecting cables. In order to offer maximum flexibility, the ULTRAMATCH PRO's BNC input has a high-impedance design and is not equipped with an internal 75-ohm terminating resistor. Should the ULTRAMATCH PRO be the last device in the signal chain, however, it is necessary to put a T-connector into the BNC connector. A 75-ohm terminating resistor (in the form of a short BNC plug) goes on one end of the T-connector and the BNC cable from the "master" delivering the wordclock signal on the other end.

The following figure shows how to correctly connect the unbalanced wordclock input. The wiring scheme is the same as is used for networking in computer technology and you can thus obtain the appropriate accessories (commercially available cable, T-connectors, terminating resistors) in specialist computer shops.

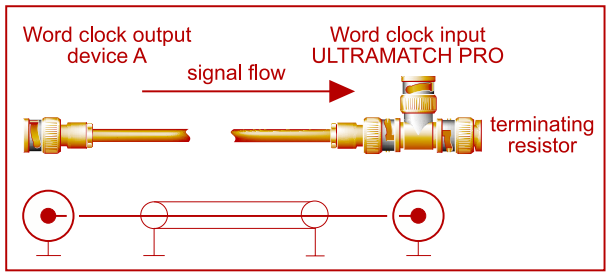

Fig. 5.6: Unbalanced connection (termination) of the wordclock input to the ULTRAMATCH PRO

When the ULTRAMATCH PRO is used as part of a chain of wordclock devices, it is also supplied with a wordclock signal via a T-connector, which is then relayed to the next device from the other side of the T-connector via an additional BNC cable. The last device in the chain is then, as previously described, locked by way of the T-connector and a 75-ohm resistor. Some devices also have a switchable terminating resistor, in which case the T-connector and terminating resistor are not necessary.

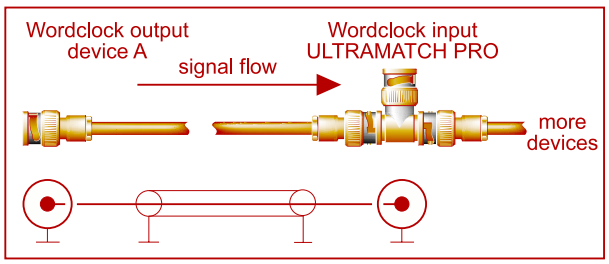

Fig. 5.7: Unbalanced connection (loop through) of the wordclock input

5.3.5 Connecting with an adapter

In certain cases it makes sense to connect the SRC2496's inputs and outputs to other devices via a cable adapter. If, for example, you wish to simultaneously connect two DAT recorders and each has only one RCA (S/PDIF) connector, you can easily connect one of the DAT recorders to the ULTRAMATCH PRO using an XLR/RCA adapter. The correct connection assignment of the adapter cable for this purpose can be found in fig. 5.2.

5.4 Headphones output

The headphones output on the front panel of the SRC2496 is on a 1/4" TRS connector. The connection assignment of the corresponding plug is shown in fig. 5.8.

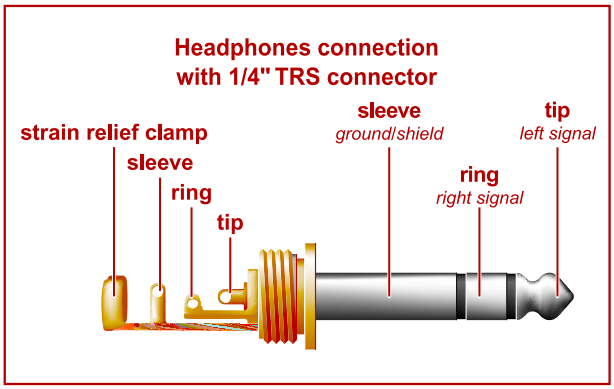

Fig. 5.8: Correct wiring assignment for headphones connection

☞ **Please note that high volume levels can damage your hearing and/or your headphones. Turn the PHONES control to the far left before turning on the device. Always take care to keep the volume level at an appropriate level.**

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Synchronization

Internal sampling rates	32, 44.1, 48, 88.2, 96 kHz
Synchronization via digital input and wordclock	accepts all sampling rates between 31 and 100 kHz, automatic synchronization by PLL

Digital input 1

Type	XLR, transformer-balanced
Input impedance	110 ohms
Nominal input level	0.2 V to 5 V, peak-to-peak

Digital input 2

Type	RCA, transformer-balanced
Input impedance	75 ohms
Nominal input level	0.2 V to 5 V, peak-to-peak

Digital input 3

Type	Toslink, optical fiber cable

Synchronization input

Type	BNC
Input impedance	50 kohms
Standard	Wordclock (1 x FS)
Nominal input level	2 V to 6 V peak-to-peak

Digital output 1

Type	XLR, transformer-balanced
Output impedance	110 ohms balanced
Nominal output level	3.5 V peak-to-peak

Digital output 2

Type	RCA, transformer-balanced
Output impedance	75 ohms
Nominal output level	0.5 V, peak-to-peak

Digital output 3

Type	Toslink, optical fibre cable

Analog inputs

Type	XLR, balanced
Input impedance	20 kohms
Converter	24-bit/96 kHz 128/64 times oversampling delta-sigma AKM A/D converter
Input level	-4 dBu to +22 dBu for 0 dBFS, adjustable
S/N-Ratio	>105 dB

Analog outputs

Type	XLR, balanced
Output impedance	160 ohms
Converter	24 bit/96 kHz 128 times oversampling delta-sigma AKM D/A converter
Output level	+16 dBu @ 0 dBFS
S/N Ratio	>108 dB

Jitter suppression

Jitter permitted at input	>40 ns
Internal jitter at input	<2 ns
Internal jitter with external Synchronization	<20 ns, 10 ns typ.

Channel Status information in output signal

Professional mode	Professional, audio use, stereo, no emphasis or 50/15 µs, Fs = 32, 44.1, 48, 88.2, 96 kHz
Consumer mode	Consumer, audio use, 2-channel, original material switchable, copy permit switchable, no emphasis or 50/15 µs, Fs = 32, 44.1, 48 kHz; (88.2, 96 kHz not defined)

Power supply

Mains voltage	
U.S.A./Canada	120 V~, 60 Hz
Europe/U.K./Australia	230 V~, 50 Hz
Japan	100 V~, 50 - 60 Hz
General export model	120/230 V~, 50 - 60 Hz
Power consumption	15 W
Fuse	100 - 120 V~: **T 250 mA H** 200 - 240 V~: **T 125 mA H**
Mains connection	Standard IEC receptacle

Dimensions/weight

Dimensions	approx. 1 3/4" (44.5 mm) x 19" (482.6 mm) x 7 1/2" (190.5 mm)
Weight	approx. 2 kg
Shipping weight	approx. 3.2 kg

7. WARRANTY

§ 1 WARRANTY CARD/ONLINE REGISTRATION

To be protected by the extended warranty, the buyer must complete and return the enclosed warranty card within 14 days of the date of purchase to BEHRINGER Spezielle Studiotechnik GmbH, in accordance with the conditions stipulated in § 3. Failure to return the card in due time (date as per postmark) will void any extended warranty claims. Based on the conditions herein, the buyer may also choose to use the online registration option via the Internet (www.behringer.com or www.behringer.de).

§ 2 WARRANTY

1. BEHRINGER (BEHRINGER Spezielle Studiotechnik GmbH including all BEHRINGER subsidiaries listed on the enclosed page, except BEHRINGER Japan) warrants the mechanical and electronic components of this product to be free of defects in material and workmanship for a period of one (1) year* from the original date of purchase, in accordance with the warranty regulations described below. If the product shows any defects within the specified warranty period that are not excluded from this warranty as described under § 3 and 4, BEHRINGER shall, at its discretion, either replace or repair the product using suitable new or reconditioned parts. In the case that other parts are used which constitute an improvement, BEHRINGER may, at its discretion, charge the customer for the additional cost of these parts.

2. If the warranty claim proves to be justified, the product will be returned to the user freight prepaid.

3. Warranty claims other than those indicated above are expressly excluded.

§ 3 RETURN AUTHORIZATION NUMBER

1. To obtain warranty service, the buyer (or his authorized dealer) must call BEHRINGER (see enclosed list) during normal business hours **BEFORE** returning the product. All inquiries must be accompanied by a description of the problem. BEHRINGER will then issue a return authorization number.

2. Subsequently, the product must be returned in its original shipping carton, together with the return authorization number to the address indicated by BEHRINGER.

3. Shipments without freight prepaid will not be accepted.

§ 4 WARRANTY REGULATIONS

1. Warranty services will be furnished only if the product is accompanied by a copy of the original retail dealer's invoice. Any product deemed eligible for repair or replacement by BEHRINGER under the terms of this warranty will be repaired or replaced within 30 days of receipt of the product at BEHRINGER.

2. If the product needs to be modified or adapted in order to comply with applicable technical or safety standards on a national or local level, in any country which is not the country for which the product was originally developed and manufactured, this modification/adaptation shall not be considered a defect in materials or workmanship. The warranty does not cover any such modification/adaptation, irrespective of whether it was carried out properly or not. Under the terms of this warranty, BEHRINGER shall not be held responsible for any cost resulting from such a modification/adaptation.

3. Free inspections and maintenance/repair work are expressly excluded from this warranty, in particular, if caused by improper handling of the product by the user. This also applies to defects caused by normal wear and tear, in particular, of faders, potentiometers, keys/buttons and similar parts.

4. Damages/defects caused by the following conditions are not covered by this warranty:

- ▲ improper handling, neglect or failure to operate the unit in compliance with the instructions given in BEHRINGER user or service manuals.
- ▲ connection or operation of the unit in any way that does not comply with the technical or safety regulations applicable in the country where the product is used.
- ▲ damages/defects caused by force majeure or any other condition that is beyond the control of BEHRINGER.

5. Any repair or opening of the unit carried out by unauthorized personnel (user included) will void the warranty.

6. If an inspection of the product by BEHRINGER shows that the defect in question is not covered by the warranty, the inspection costs are payable by the customer.

7. Products which do not meet the terms of this warranty will be repaired exclusively at the buyer's expense. BEHRINGER will inform the buyer of any such circumstance. If the buyer fails to submit a written repair order within 6 weeks after notification, BEHRINGER will return the unit C.O.D. with a separate invoice for freight and packing. Such costs will also be invoiced separately when the buyer has sent in a written repair order.

§ 5 WARRANTY TRANSFERABILITY

This warranty is extended exclusively to the original buyer (customer of retail dealer) and is not transferable to anyone who may subsequently purchase this product. No other person (retail dealer, etc.) shall be entitled to give any warranty promise on behalf of BEHRINGER.

§ 6 CLAIM FOR DAMAGES

Failure of BEHRINGER to provide proper warranty service shall not entitle the buyer to claim (consequential) damages. In no event shall the liability of BEHRINGER exceed the invoiced value of the product.

§ 7 OTHER WARRANTY RIGHTS AND NATIONAL LAW

1. This warranty does not exclude or limit the buyer's statutory rights provided by national law, in particular, any such rights against the seller that arise from a legally effective purchase contract.

2. The warranty regulations mentioned herein are applicable unless they constitute an infringement of national warranty law.

* Customers in the European Union please contact BEHRINGER Germany Support for further details.