INDUSTRIAL DIGITAL AUDIO PLAYER

Users Guide



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Product Name:	iDAP-RM1	the iDAP Hardware
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Introduction

Product Overview:

Industrial Digital Audio Player

iDAP-RM1 Industrial Digital Audio Player

the iDAP Hardware

The ALFTECH iDAP-RM1 is an Industrial Digital Audio Player, providing continuous playback of compressed MP3 Audio files such as music, advertisements or announcements. The MP3 Audio Files are stored on a standard microSD Card, inserted into the microSD Card slot on the iDAP-RM1.

When the microSD Card is inserted and valid MP3 files are detected, playback will start automatically. There is no playback or stop buttons as the iDAP-RM1 plays continuously whenever valid MP3 files are available.

Sequential or random playback can be selected via a front-panel switch.

The iDAP-RM1 is AC powered, via a standard power connector and cable. Playback resumes automatically when the power has been restored if the external power has been interrupted.

Example of MP3 Audio Compression Ratios:

microSD Card	Low Quality, i.e. Telephones (40kbits/s)	High Quality, i.e. Background Music (128kbits/s)
1 GByte	58 hours	18 hours
2 GByte	116 hours	36 hours

iDAP-RM1 Operation

If the iDAP is properly installed, connected and powered, playback will commence as soon as a microSD Card with correctly stored MP3 audio files is inserted into the microSD Card on the iDAP-RM1.

POWER	LED Status	Description			
DC	ON	The iDAP is externally powered.			
	OFF	The iDAP is not powered externally, or the internal fuse has blown.			
PLAYBACK	LED Status	Description			
Random	ON	The iDAP is running audio file playback randomly.			
Sequential	ON The iDAP is running audio file playback sequer alphabetically by folder name, and then by MP3 fi				
Random AND Seq.	OFF	No valid MP3 Audio files detected.			
SD Card	LED Status	Description			
ОК	ON	The iDAP is accessing and reading the microSD Card successfully.			
Error	ON	Access to, or accessing, or reading the microSD Card has failed. Ensure that the microSD card is properly inserted into the microSD Card slot, and that at least one MP3 file is stored on the memory card for playback.			

microSD Card MP3 File Structure

Only use the microSD Card as sold with the iDAP-RM1 product – not all microSD Cards are equal. The microSD Card included with the iDAP-RM1 has been tested to be compatible with the iDAP-RM1 hardware and reliable.

Please contact us for replacement or alternative 2 GByte microSD Cards.

MP3 files can be stored on the SD Card root, or in 1st level folders on the microSD Card root.

Do not use subfolders, the iDAP cannot read into 2nd level folders! No sub-folders within these folder(s) on the root folder are supported.

It is preferable to format the new microSD Card disk before use using the FAT32 file system (a quick format can be performed). Other "non-MP3" files and folders may be stored on the microSD Card, but will be ignored for the operation of the iDAP. The iDAP will only read .MP3 files. Storing other files and multiple folders (as well as sub-folders) which are not used for audio will cause "detectable audio delays" between file playback, as all the folders must first be read to find all the .MP3 files.

The iDAP does NOT support microSDHC cards.

Audio Compression Quality

The table provided below displays Audio Compression Settings suggested for MP3 audio files. For telephone background music you can compress the MP3 files into mono, and double the playback duration compared to stereo files maintaining the same audio quality.

The ALFTECH iDAP-RM1 can play almost any MPEG 1, layer 2 or 3 (MP3), and MPEG 2, layer 2 or 3 compatible audio files.

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Example of MP3 Audio Compression Ratios:

AUDIO Quality	Sample Rate (Hz)	Bit Rate (kbit/s)	Approx. time (for 1 GByte)
Near CD	44100 (stereo)	160	15 hours
Near CD	44100 (stereo)	128	18 hours
Telephone: music	44100 (mono)	64	36 hours
Telephone: voice	22050 (mono)	32	72 hours

The sample rate will mostly determine the quality of the playback audio. **Supported Sample Rates** (Hz)

	Sample Rate	Supported
1	48000	Yes
2	44100	Yes
3	32000	Yes
4	24000	Yes
5	22050	Yes
6	16000	Yes

The bit rate is the amount of bits per second used to record the audio signal. The standard for near CD quality audio is 160 kbit/s at a 44100 Hz sample rate. The available options are listed below.

Bit Rates Supported (kbit/s)

32,40,48,56,64,80,96,112,128,160,192,224,246,320

iDAP-RM1 Hardware Features

Hardware Features

- 1U Rack-Mount form factor
- AC powered
- Supports all MP3 file formats
- · Balanced and unbalanced stereo audio line-out
- microSD card storage up to 2GByte, supplied with 2GB microSD Card
- microSD card file access for 300 folders and 800 MP3 files/folder
- Random or Sequential file playback option

Hardware Connections

- 230 VAC IEC power socket
- RCA unbalanced audio Line-Outs
- 5-way terminal balanced audio Line-Outs
- microSD (Secure Digital) Card slot

Hardware Indicator LED's

- Power LED
- PLAY: Random vs. Sequential
- SD Card: Read OK vs. File Error

*i*DAP–RM1 Electrical Specifications

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT	NOTES
Power Consumption	230VAC, normal operation		2		W	
Audio Output Level RCA	0 dBFS digital		-10		dBu	
Audio Output Level terminals	0 dBFS digital		-4		dBu	1
Audio Output Impedance	Hot to Gnd & Cold to Gnd		22		Ω	
Frequency Response	20 Hz to 18 kHz		± 1		dB	2
Signal-to-Noise Ratio	-3 dBFS digital			84	dB	2
Total Harmonic Distortion	-3 dBFS digital			0.004	%	2

Notes

1. The output level is between the hot and cold terminals, balanced.

2. Tested with 44100 Hz sample rate, 16 bits and 192 kbps data rate.

Physical Layout and Dimensions iDAP-RM1

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all Dimensions in mm



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