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Preface

Warranty

Miranda Technologies Ltd offer a 24 months free parts and labour warranty on Oxtel Series equipment from the date of the initial invoice, providing there is no evidence of negligence, abuse or failure to reasonably follow instructions given by the Company for its proper use.

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Important Safety Notices

Injury Precautions

1. Use a proper power cable.

To avoid fire hazard, use only an appropriate power cable, which complies with the following:



For mains connection use only a 10amp IEC inlet lead meeting EN60320 or equivalent.

Connection to the mains supply should be via a circuit breaker or by a mains plug which meets the relevant local standards in the country of installation.

2. Avoid electrical overload.

To avoid electric shock or fire hazard, do not apply a voltage to a terminal that is outside the range specified for that terminal.

3. Ground the product.

Easysound Standalone is grounded through the grounding conductor of the power cable. To avoid electrical shock, the grounding conductor must be connected to earth ground. Before making connections to the input or output terminals of Easysound Standalone, ensure that the product is properly grounded.

4. Do not operate without the covers.

To avoid electrical shock or fire hazard, do not operate Easysound Standalone with its covers removed.

5. Use an appropriate fuse.

To avoid fire hazard, use only the fuse type and rating specified for Easysound Standalone.

6. Do not operate in wet/damp conditions.

To avoid electrical shock, do not operate Easysound Standalone in wet or damp conditions.

7. Do not operate in an explosive atmosphere.

To avoid injury or fire hazard, do not operate Easysound Standalone in an explosive atmosphere.

Product Damage Precautions

8. Provide proper ventilation.

To prevent Easysound Standalone overheating, provide proper ventilation.

9. Do not operate with suspected failures.

If you suspect there is damage to Easysound Standalone, have it inspected by qualified service personnel.

Certifications and Compliances

Easysound Standalone has CE approval and complies with the standards detailed in EN50082-1:1992 and BS EN 60950:1992 Amd 3.

Easysound Standalone is fully Year 2000 millennium compliant.

Scope of the Manual

The manual includes all the information required to install, configure and operate Easysound Standalone unit using the front panel.

Associated Publications

Easysound User Manual	Part No. 01005
Imagestore User Manual	Part No. 02359
Oxtel Series Automation Protocol	Part No. 01035
Imagestore HDTV User Manual	Part No. 02901

Symbols and Conventions

Front panel control of Easysound Standalone is achieved using four keys in conjunction with prompts from the display.



Where reference is made to a key the legend of the key will be shown in lowercase italics (*escape* or *enter*) or by the icons ◀ and ▶.

The two-line display provides a range of prompts in response to key presses. Where reference is made to an actual display prompt this will be shown italicised, e.g. *Audio*.

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Introduction

What is Easysound Standalone?

Easysound Standalone adds a powerful digital audio mixing capability to video mixing and channel branding equipment. It can also extend an existing audio mixer to provide multi-group, multi-lingual mixing as well as *cinematic* surround sound. It also provides:

- ◆ full group A/B mixing plus full group voice-over
- ◆ six AES/EBU stereo pair inputs and four AES/EBU stereo pair outputs
- ◆ optional embedded audio mixing
- ◆ automation control
- ◆ optional audio storage and playout for up to 200 minutes of digital stereo audio
- ◆ front panel diagnostics

Embedded and AES mixing

Easysound Standalone can be integrated with video mixing and channel branding equipment (including the entire Imagestore range) to provide full group A/B mixing plus a full group voice-over or two stereo pair voice-overs.

The audio mixer is configured using the front panel display. From the front panel you can change the group and adjust phase inversion, input level, ducking and track shuffling.

Automation control is achieved, via the network (LAN), RS422 and RS232 interfaces as well as by programmable GPI's and analogue faders.

Extending an audio mixer

Easysound Standalone adds audio support to Imagestore HDTV and can extend the optional audio mixer integrated within *Imagestore Solo*,

Imagestore 2 and Imagestore 3, to handle multi-group, multi-lingual audio, as well as cinematic multi-channel surround sound.

Audio storage

Up to 200 minutes of digital audio voice-overs can be stored and played out with the *Easyplay* option for Easysound Standalone. The stored audio is output as an AES/EBU stereo pair (as AES3), which can be mixed with any of the other inputs to the mixer.

Easyplay provides 40 minutes of audio storage which can be increased to 200 minutes with the MEM-200A option. Audio files are loaded from a floppy disk drive or over the Ethernet interface in 16-bit, 48KHz.WAV format using Miranda's *Media Conversion Software*.

Easysound Standalone Inputs

Easysound Standalone has six AES/EBU digital stereo audio inputs available from a single rear-panel connector of the host unit.

The inputs are identified as AES IN 1 to AES IN 6. Pre-selection enables you to choose the inputs where:

- ◆ AES IN 1 and AES IN 2 may be replaced by embedded SDI digital audio signals from the *background* or *A* input video stream
- ◆ AES IN 5 and AES IN 6 may be replaced by embedded digital audio signals from the embedded SDI digital audio signals from the *B* input video stream.

Once you have chosen (pre-selected) the inputs, the six selected stereo pairs (twelve discrete audio channels) are taken to an audio mixer.

Audio Mixer Matrix

Up to twelve (mono) or six (stereo) audio channels may be directed to the audio mixer matrix. The audio mixer matrix is effectively a twelve-input, eight-output, mixing matrix. A total of ninety-six fader controls are situated with one at each matrix cross over point.

Output Selection

Easysound has four AES/EBU stereo output channels available from a single rear-panel connector of the host unit. For further details see *Rear panel connections* below.

The AES/EBU stereo outputs at AES OUT 3 and AES OUT 4 of the AES/EBU will be re-embedded into the SDI Programme digital video output stream.

Easyplay

Easyplay operates as a combined digital AES audio store and player (note that the host unit must be fitted with an Easysound card and must be connected via *Ethernet* to Miranda Technologies Ltd's Windows NT™ based *Media Distribution System*). Audio files used with Easyplay must be 16-bit, 48kHz .WAV format or Miranda Technologies Ltd's own .OXW format.

The audio store can store up to 40 minutes (optionally 200 minutes) of digital audio, which can be sub-divided into a number of audio files.

Audio payout

Easyplay has a single layer of audio insertion and the host unit's image keyer triggers payout. The audio payout starts as soon as the audio file is brought to air and makes a contribution to the programme output when voice over 1, pair 1 is on. Audio payout continues until:

- ◆ the audio file ends
- ◆ voice over 1 is faded down
- ◆ the audio file is faded, cut or swapped from the programme output

Audio Files

Audio files used with Easyplay must be 16-bit, 48kHz .WAV format or Miranda Technologies Ltd's own .OXW format. Miranda Technologies Ltd *Media Distribution System* (MDS) software is able to create these .OXW files from 16-bit, 48kHz stereo .WAV format files. The MDS can also edit these files and create the necessary image to audio linking.

Easysound Strand-alone (Product code ESSA) is part of Miranda Technologies Ltd's professional broadcast equipment range of products.

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Getting Started

Applying Power

Before applying power, ensure that the floppy disk drive does not contain a disk.

Easysound Standalone does not have a power on/off switch and power is applied immediately when the IEC plug is connected to mains power. The product should be connected to the mains via an appropriate circuit breaker.

The 2RU version (ES2U-SA) has 2 IEC inlets as it has redundant power supplies.

Boot-Up Sequence

Once power is applied Easysound-Standalone boots automatically and the complete process takes about 50 seconds. The unit first checks to see if there is a disk in the floppy drive and, if it finds one, it will attempt to boot from that disk. Miranda Technologies Ltd issues specialised floppy disks for use as part of the boot-up sequence when software upgrades are being implemented. No other disk should ever be present in the floppy disk drive during the boot sequence. The boot sequence is complete when the following top level "boot-up" menu appears on the front panel VFD display.

Mechanical Bypass

In the event of power loss to the Easysound Standalone, or failure of an internal power supply, the mechanical bypass option routes the serial digital "background signal" directly to the programme output. This feature is an emergency failsafe and is completely non-synchronous in operation. During *boot-up*, the bypass is maintained until Easysound Standalone is fully operational.



Front Panel Display

Confirm that the front panel display is showing the boot menu (shown below) and if not, press the **escape** key repeatedly until it is. Pressing the right arrow key ► will move the enclosing brackets from *manual* to *set-up*. With *set-up* selected, press the **enter** key to display the *Set-up* menu.

Press the right arrow key ► until the words, *system information* appear on the second line of the display. Repeatedly pressing the **enter** key will now cycle the display through a list of the fitted options and a few system statistics. When completed, press the **escape** key a few times until the *boot-up* menu reappears.

Front Panel Operations

This section explains, the operation of the Easysound Standalone using the front panel controls.

Controls

All of Easysound Standalone operational and configuration features can be monitored and controlled from the front panel of the unit using the pushbuttons and display. A simple menu-driven procedure provides access to the operational, configuration and set-up options.

The front panel of Easysound Standalone contains a 3½ floppy disk drive, four push-button control keys and a vacuum fluorescent display (VFD). Local control of the unit is "menu driven" using a combination of the push-button keys together with options displayed on the VFD. The upper key of the group is identified on the panel as the **escape** key and the bottom key is identified as the **enter** key. Left and right keys ◀ ▶ are used to move a cursor left and right accordingly to select menu options.

VFD Display

The alphanumeric VFD display is divided into two separate lines. The upper row of characters indicating the function and the lower row indicating the current selection and any optional configuration changes that are available.

Where there are more options available than there is room for on the display, the symbol < and the symbol > are used to indicate that other options exist to the left and right respectively. Using the appropriate arrow key will reveal those options.

Escape and Enter Keys

The **enter** key is used to proceed to a menu option closer to the *boot-up* menu. Successive pressing of the key will bring the display to the start-up menu. The **escape** key is used to accept the menu item currently shown as selected by being enclosed in brackets.

Left and Right Arrow Keys (◀ ▶)

Left and right arrow keys ◀ ▶ may be used to cursor left and right respectively along a displayed menu branch to select a function. When a selection of parameters is offered, these keys may be used to select a variable. Where a single value is displayed the left arrow key may be used to reduce the displayed value and the right key may be used to increase it.

Operating Modes

The operation of Easysound Standalone is dependent on its operating mode configuration. Features available in one mode may not be relevant in an alternate mode. The modes are:

- ◆ Model mode
- ◆ GPI File mode
- ◆ AES 6 Channel mode

Model mode configuration

To configure Easysound in model mode, from the front-panel select:
Set-up/System/Audio Control).

- ◆ highlight the mode using the left and right arrow keys ◀ ▶
- ◆ press ***enter***
- ◆ press ***escape***

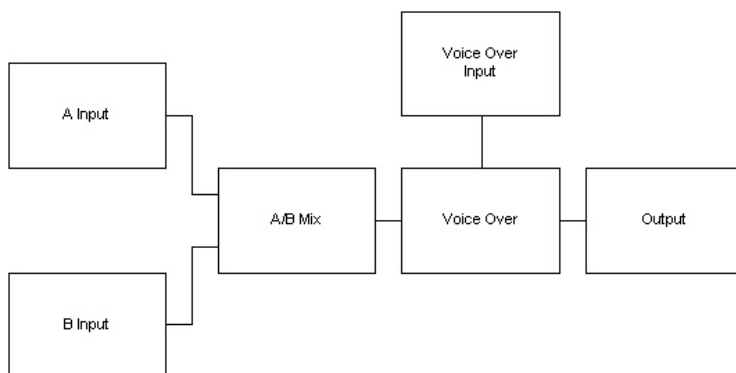
You are now ready to choose the available options in the selected mode.

Model mode

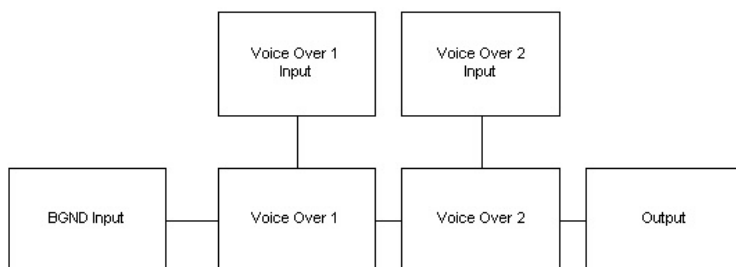
The audio model provides the following two audio modes:

- ◆ AB Mix mode
- ◆ Two Voice Over mode

Note that these two modes accommodate the majority of audio configurations.



AB Mix and VO mode



Two Voice Over mode

In AB Mix mode, the A and B inputs are 4 channel groups (from 2 AES pairs or 1 group embedded) and the VO input is 2 AES pairs.

In Two Voice Over mode, the BGND input and VO2 input are 4 channel groups (from 2 AES pairs or 1 group embedded) and VO1 input is 2 AES pairs.

Set-up Audio commands

To access the set up commands select *Set-up/Set-up Audio*.



Mode

Use this to switch between *AB Mix* and *Two Voice Overs* mode. To choose a mode:

Select *Set-up/Set-up Audio/Mode*

- ◆ highlight the mode using the left and right arrow keys ◀ ▶
- ◆ press ***enter***
- ◆ press ***escape***

You are now ready to choose the available options in the selected mode.

A Input/B Input (BGND Input)

Use the *A Input* and *B Input* menu to change the channel input parameters. For example, you can adjust the channel levels, invert the phase and shuffle the channels using the following options for the *A Input* and/or *B Input* (note that *BGND Input* is used in *Two Voice Over* mode):

Shuffle

shuffle enables you to move mono channels around within a group – and therefore perform pair swaps
to choose the appropriate input channel (1, 2, 3 or 4) for the shuffle setting use < and >

**Mute**

The above display can be shown for each channel (1 to 4) for each of the three group inputs.
mute enables you to mute pairs or groups
choose Pair 1 or Pair 2, press **enter** and then choose **Mute On** or **Mute Off**

Trim

trim enables you to boost or attenuate individual pairs in a range from –6dB to +6dB (this is particularly useful for quiet audio sources (note that the adjustment of the input level occurs after the trim))

Phase

choose Pair 1 or Pair 2, press **enter** and then set/adjust the input trim using < and >
phase enables you to invert the phase of pairs or groups
choose Pair 1 or Pair 2, press **enter** and then choose normal or inverted

Level	<i>level</i> enables you to adjust the input level for pairs or groups in a range from –100dB to +28dB choose Pair 1 or Pair 2, press enter and then set/adjust the level using ◀ and ▶ keys
Input Source	<i>input source</i> enables you to choose the incoming audio from the AES streams or the audio embedded with the video input (choose group 1, 2, 3 or 4 or AES)

VO1 Input/VO2 Input

Use the *VO1 Input* and *VO2 Input* menu to specify the following settings (note that *VO2 Input* is not available in *AB Mix*):

Shuffle	<i>shuffle</i> enables you to move mono channels around within a group – and therefore perform pair swaps
Mute	<i>mute</i> enables you to mute pairs or groups choose Pair 1 or Pair 2, press enter and then choose Mute On or Mute Off
Trim	<i>trim</i> enables you to boost or attenuate pairs in a range from –6dB to +6dB choose Pair 1 or Pair 2, press enter and then set/adjust the input trim using ◀ and ▶ keys
Phase	<i>phase</i> enables you to invert the phase of pairs or groups choose Pair 1 or Pair 2, press enter and then choose normal or inverted
Level	<i>level</i> enables you to adjust the input levels for pairs or groups in a range from –100dB to +28dB choose Pair 1 or Pair 2, press enter and then set/adjust the level using ◀ and ▶ keys
Input Source	<i>input source</i> enables you to choose the incoming audio from the AES streams or the audio embedded with the video input (choose group 1, 2, 3 or 4 or AES) – note that the <i>input source</i> option is only available for VO2 (VO1 can only be used

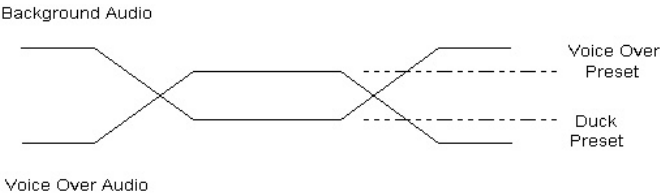
with AES and so the input source option is not displayed)

VO1 Settings/VO2 Settings

Audio model mode enables you to insert voice-overs into your normal audio programme. In *A/B Mix* mode you can insert two stereo pair voice-overs into the mix. In *Two Voice Over* mode you can insert four stereo pair voice-overs into the background or programme audio. Each voice-over has two parameters which need to be set - duck level and VO level (these are described below).

You use the following menu to specify the VO1 and VO2 settings (note that *VO2 Settings* is not available in *AB Mix* mode):

Duck Preset	the <i>duck preset</i> enables you to adjust (dip) the level of the background audio sound when the voice over is on – the level is measured in dBs (for example, when the voice over is on, the background ducks by –12dB) choose Pair 1 or Pair 2, press enter and then set/adjust the duck preset using ◀ and ▶ keys
Voice Over Preset	the <i>voice over preset</i> enables you to adjust the level of the voice over audio when the voice over is on (for example, when the voice over is on, the voice over audio comes up to 0dB) choose Pair 1 or Pair 2, press enter and then set/adjust the VO preset using ◀ and ▶ keys



Voice Over Diagram

The above diagram shows the voice over parameters and how they affect the actual audio levels.

Embed OP Settings

There are two outputs from the Easysound audio mixer:

- ◆ programme (this is the main audio output)
- ◆ preview (this enables you to monitor the various audio mixes and levels before they go *to air*)

You use the *Embed OP Settings* menu to specify the following output settings (note that this option requires the ESSD licence):

Output Level	<i>output level</i> enables you to specify the output levels for pairs or groups in a range from –100dB to +28dB choose Pair 1 or Pair 2, press enter and then set/adjust the embed output gain using ◀ and ▶
Mute	<i>mute</i> enables you to mute pairs or groups choose Pair 1 or Pair, press enter then choose Mute On or Mute Off
Embed Settings	<i>embed settings</i> enables you to embed one of the four audio groups in the output video (note that the programme audio is always copied to AES outputs 3 and 4) choose the appropriate group (Group 1, Group 2, Group 3 or Group 4) and press enter to embed the settings for the chosen group

Effects Send

Effects Send allows you to select an audio path within Easysound Standalone to route to an external special effects unit.

Use the *Effects Send* menu to select the following options:

AB Mix mode

Fx Send Enable

Fx Send from

Yes No. Enables the option

use the arrow keys ◀ and ▶ to selects the output source i.e.

A Pair 1

A Pair 2

VO1 Pair 1

B Pair 1

B Pair 2

AB Mix Pair 1

AB Mix Pair 2

AB Pair 1 + VO1

AB Pair 2 + VO1

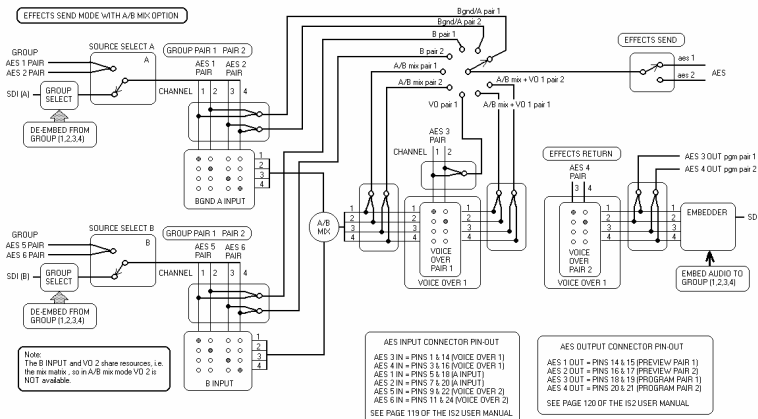
Fx Send Gain

Fx Return

-100 < 0 > +28 Sets the gain of the output signal

Pair 1 Pair 2. Sets the return (input) path from the external effects unit.

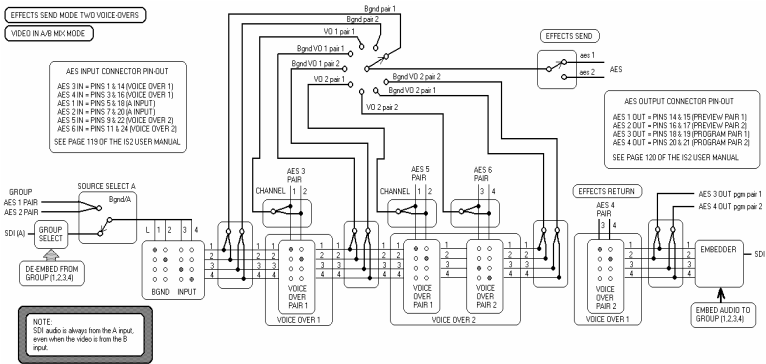
Signal path for AB Mix mode



Two Voice Overs mode

Fx Send Enable	Yes No. Enables the option
Fx Send from	use the arrow keys ◀ and ▶ to selects the output source i.e. BGND Pair 1 BGND Pair 2 VO1 Pair 1 VO2 Pair 1 VO2 Pair 2 BGND VO1 Pair 1 BGND VO2 Pair 1 BGND VO2 Pair 2
Fx Send Gain	-100 < 0 > +28 Sets the gain of the output signal
Fx Return	Pair 1 Pair 2. Sets the return (input) path from the external effects unit.

Signal path for Two Voice Overs mode



Data

Selecting *Data* allows the Easysound to pass and cut a data stream (non audio signal) carried in the AES path i.e. Dolby Digital® or Dolby E®. The signal is passed through without applying any gain. When a video AB cut transition is carried out the point at which the AES data is cut is dependant upon the transition point.

Use the *Data* menu to select the following options:

AB Mix mode

Enable Data Path	Yes No. Enables the option
Data Is Audio	Yes No. Switches AUDIO_USE bit
Input Pair	use the arrow keys ◀ and ▶ to selects the input pair source i.e. A/B Pair 1 A/B Pair 2 VO1 Pair 1 VO1 Pair 2
Output Pair	Preview Pair 1 Preview Pair 2 Programme Pair 1 Programme Pair 2
Transition Point	0 < 50 > 100%. Sets the point at which the AES data is cut relative the video AB cut 0 = start of transition 50 =mid transition (factory default) 100 = end of transition

Two Voice Overs mode

Enable Data Path	Yes No. Enables the option
Data Is Audio	Yes No. Switches AUDIO_USE bit
Input Pair	use the arrow keys ◀ and ▶ to selects the input pair source i.e. BGND Pair 1 BGND Pair 2 VO1 Pair 1

Output Pair	VO1 Pair 2
	VO2 Pair 1
	VO2 Pair 2
	Preview Pair 1
	Preview Pair 2
	Programme Pair 1
Transition Point	Programme Pair 2
	0 < 50 > 100%. Sets the point at which the AES data is cut relative the video AB cut
	0 = start of transition
	50 =mid transition (factory default)
	100 = end of transition

Ignore PreSelect

PreSelect automation commands issued by Presmaster will affect both Imagestore 2/3 and Easysound Standalone if connected to the same channel. To allow independent control of the Imagestore for use with different audio groups, select *Ignore PreSelect* from the ESSA front panel. This instructs the ESSA to ignore PreSelect (SDI group/AES) and shuffle commands issued from the controlling device i.e. Presmaster.

The settings are saved to the audio.cfg file.

Front Panel Control

To access the front panel Model mode commands select *Audio* then press the *enter* key.

Using the arrow keys ◀ and ▶ and the *enter* key select Programme or Preview then select from the following options:



Programme (A/B Mix)

Cut to A	
Cut to B	
Fade to A	
Fade to B	
Fade to Silence	
Fade from Silence	
Fade Up VO	VO One Pair 1
	VO One Pair 2
Fade Down VO	VO One Pair 1
	VO One Pair 2
Easplay	Load Foregnd Clip (select file)
	Play Foregnd Clip
	Stop Foregnd Clip
	Load Midgnd Clip (select file)
	Play Midgnd Clip
	Stop Midgnd Clip
Output Metering	Preview (4 chans)
	Program (4 chans)
	Preview pair 1
	Preview pair 2

Set Rates	Program pair 1	
	Program pair 2	
	Fade A/B	0 < 50 > 999 fields
	Fade to Silence	0 < 50 > 999 fields
	Voice Over	0 < 0 > 999 fields

Front panel audio metering



To display audio meters on the front panel select *Output Metering* then select from the list the point use wish to meter. The output is un-calibrated and for indication purposes only.

Preview (A/B Mix) Pair 1 /2

- A Input
- B Input
- VO Input
- A/B Mix
- Preview Mix
- Mix and VO
- PGM Copy
- Silence

Programme (Two Voice-Overs)

Fade to Silence		
Fade from Silence		
Fade Up VO	VO One Pair 1	
	VO One Pair 2	
Fade Down VO	VO One Pair 1	
	VO One Pair 2	
Easplay	Load Foregnd Clip	(select file)
	Play Foregnd Clip	
	Stop Foregnd Clip	
	Load Midgnd Clip	(select file)
	Play Midgnd Clip	
	Stop Midgnd Clip	
Set Rates	Fade A/B	0 < 50 > 999 fields
	Fade to Silence	0 < 50 > 999 fields
	Voice Over	0 < 0 > 999 fields

Preview (Two Voice-Overs) Pair 1 /2

BGND
 Voice Over 1
 Voice Over 2
 BGND with VO's
 PGM Copy
 Silence

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GPI File Mode

To select GPI File mode go to *Set-up/System/Audio Control* then press the *enter* key. Use the arrow keys ◀ ▶ to select GPI File mode then press *enter*. Reboot the unit if instructed.



Note: When in GPI File mode Easysound Standalone cannot be controlled manually from the front panel.

General Purpose Interface

The nine GPI ports are identified as GPI 1 through GPI 9. The first seven ports, GPI 1 through 7, may be configured as either input or output ports whilst the remaining two, GPI 8 and GPI 9 may only be configured as inputs. Any GPI, assigned to 'input', may have a macro associated with it that contains up to 10 command lines. When triggered, the commands within the macro execute sequentially. If the GPI is assigned as an 'output', it may only have a single status associated with it.

To program the GPI's refer to the Common Commands section of this manual.

Audio faders

Easysound Standalone includes 8 audio fader inputs on the AES Control Port connector each of which you can adjust, invert or pickup independently. The faders can be assigned to control specific functions from the Easysound .

A further 8 can be connected through the SDI Control port.

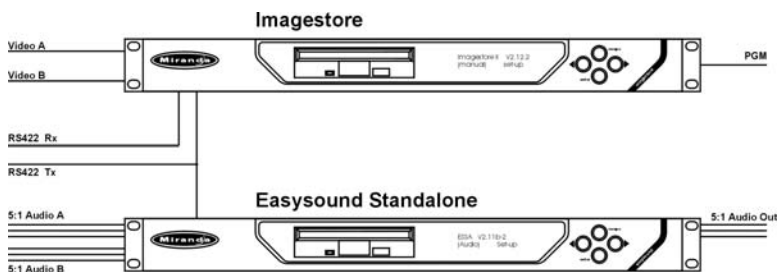
To program the Audio Faders refer to the Common Commands section of this manual.

AES 6 Channel Mode

To select AES 6 Channel mode go to *Set-up/System/Audio Control* then press the *enter* key. Use the arrow keys ◀ ▶ to select AES 6 Channel then press *enter*. Reboot the unit if instructed.



AES 6 Channel mode is intended for Presmaster and Imagestore installations where full AB audio mixing of decoded base band 5:1 programming is required. The two base band 5:1 programmes (A and B) are connected to the Easysound Standalone as AES inputs 1 through 3 (A) and AES inputs 4 through 6 (B). The mixed output is available on AES outputs 1 through 3. AES output 4 is always silent. *(For full connector details see the Configuration and Set-up section of this manual.)*



Connectivity between an Imagestore 2/3 and Easysound Standalone is via a loop through RS422 lead (see illustration above). Simultaneous control of the units is then achieved by Presmaster or Automation. For independent control select *Ignore Preselect* from the front panel (see page 42).

Set-up Audio commands

To access the set up commands select *Set-up/Set-up Audio*.



Mode

Use this to switch between *AES 6 Chan AB Mix* and *AES 6 Chan + VO* mode. To choose a mode:

Select *Set-up/Set-up Audio/Mode*

- ◆ highlight the mode using the left and right arrow keys ◀▶
- ◆ press **enter**
- ◆ press **escape**

You are now ready to choose the available options in the selected mode.

AES O/P Settings

You use the *AES O/P Settings* menu to specify the following output settings:

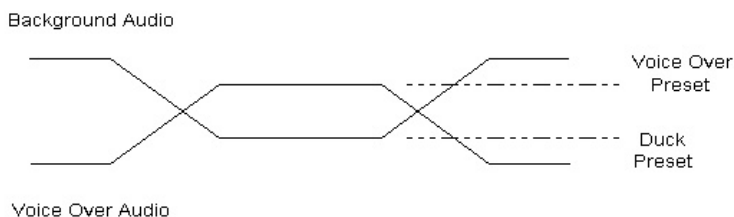
Output Gain	<i>output gain</i> enables you to specify the output levels for pairs or groups in a range from -100dB to +28dB
Mute	<i>mute</i> enables you to mute the AES O/P, press enter then choose Mute On or Mute Off

6 Channel VO Settings (VO mode only)

6 channel VO mode enables you to insert voice-overs into your normal audio programme. In *VO mode* you can insert the three AES stereo pairs voice-overs into the background or programme audio.

Use the following menu to adjust the Duck level between $-100 - 0\text{db}$ s and the Preset value to $-100 - +28\text{db}$ s.

Duck Preset	the <i>duck preset</i> enables you to adjust (dip) the level of the background audio sound when the voice over is on – the level is measured in dBs (for example, when the voice over is on, the background ducks by -12dB)
Voice Over Preset	choose 1&2 3&4 5&6, press enter and then set/adjust the duck preset using ◀ and ▶ keys the <i>voice over preset</i> enables you to adjust the level of the voice over audio when the voice over is on (for example, when the voice over is on, the voice over audio comes up to 0dB) press enter and then set/adjust the VO preset using ◀ and ▶ keys



Voice Over Diagram

The above diagram shows the voice over parameters and how they affect the actual audio levels.

Ignore PreSelect

PreSelect automation commands issued by Presmaster will affect both Imagestore 2/3 and Easysound Standalone if connected to the same channel. To allow independent control of the Imagestore for use with different audio groups, select *Ignore PreSelect* from the ESSA front panel. This instructs the ESSA to ignore PreSelect (SDI group/AES) and shuffle commands issued from the controlling device i.e. Presmaster.

The settings are saved to the audio.cfg file.

Front Panel Controls

To access the front panel AES mode commands select *Audio* then press the *enter* key.

Using the arrow keys ◀ and ▶ and the *enter* key index through the available commands:



AES 6 Chan A/B Mix

Cut to A		
Cut to B		
Fade to A		
Fade to B		
Fade to Silence		
Fade from Silence		
Set Rates	Fade A/B	0 < 50 > 999 fields
	Fade to Silence	0 < 50 > 999 fields

AES 6 Chan + VO

Fade to Silence		
Fade from Silence		
Fade up VO		
Fade down VO		
Set Rates	Fade to Silence	0 < 50 > 999 fields
	Voice Over	0 < 50 > 999 fields

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Common Commands

The following commands are common to all three modes and can be accessed from the *Set-up* menu.

Set inputs

The *Set inputs* option allows you choose between Input A and Input B.

Input A/B

When the *Input A* or *Input B* option is displayed you can choose one of the following:

- ◆ SDI Video
- ◆ Colour (Red 0-100%, Green 0-100% or Blue 0-100%)

GPI inputs assign

General Purpose Interface (GPI) ports may be used either to trigger the execution of a series of Easysound Standalone internal pre-programmed commands (input) or to monitor the status of the Easysound Standalone (output).

AES Control port

The nine GPI ports are identified as GPI 1 through GPI 9. The first seven ports, GPI 1 through 7, may be configured as either input or output ports whilst the remaining two, GPI 8 and GPI 9 may only be configured as inputs. Any GPI, assigned to 'input', may have a macro associated with it that contains up to 10 command lines. When triggered, the commands within the macro execute sequentially. If the GPI is assigned as an 'output', it may only have a single status associated with it.

Input to GPI

Where a GPI port is used as an input, the command macro is activated when either, the connection is made (GPI X On) or switched off (GPI X Off) relative to the GPI ground pin (pin 13) on the GPI 25way D type connector.

To start a macro associated with GPI 1 On, make connection between pins 25 (GPI0) and 13 (GPI GND)

To start a macro associated with GPI 1 Off, break connection between pins 25 (GPI0) and 13 (GPI GND)

For connector information refer to the diagram on page 65.

To assign GPIs you use the *GPI Inputs Assign* menu. Select one of the nine GPI ports identified as GPI 1 to GPI 9 On or Off or one of the 9 audio GPI ports identified as Audio GPI 1 to Audio GPI 9 On or Off.

All 9 GPI ports and all 9 audio GPI ports can be configured as input ports.

The menu then includes a sub list of *GPI* actions. Note that sub list entries are enclosed in square brackets.

To display a sub list, press **enter** and then use the left and right arrow keys to scroll through the list of entries. To select an entry, press **enter**. To go back to the top-level list, press **escape**.

Insert

To insert a GPI input, choose *GPI inputs assign/GPI x/Insert*. To insert an audio GPI input, choose *GPI inputs assign/Audio GPI x/Insert*. The following options are available for both GPIs and Audio GPIs.

[AB Mixer]

```
cut A
cut B
toggle cut A/B
fade A
fade B
toggle fade A/B
set mix rate 0<->999
set mix type           {X-fade/V-fade/Wipe L to R/Wipe R to L/Wipe T
                        to B/Wipe B to T}
```

[Audio]

Audio Fade to A
Audio Fade to B
Toggle AB Fade
Audio Cut to A
Audio Cut to B
Toggle AB Cut
Set AB A-F-V on
Set AB A-F-V off
Toggle AB A-F-V
Mute A On
Mute A Off
Mute VO On
Mute VO Off
Mute B On
Mute B Off
Output Fade Down
Output Fade Up
Toggle Output Fade
Output Cut Down
Output Cut Up
Toggle Output Cut
Set FTB A-F-V On
Set FTB A-F-V Off
Toggle FTB A-F-V
Fade VO 1 Pair 1 On
Fade VO 1 Pair 1 Off
Toggle Fade VO 1 PR1
Fade VO 1 Pair 2 On
Fade VO 1 Pair 2 Off
Toggle VO 1 PR2
Fade VO 2 Pair 1 On
Fade VO 2 Pair 1 Off
Toggle VO 2 PR1
Fade VO 2 Pair 2 On
Fade VO 2 Pair 2 Off
Toggle VO 2 PR2
Preview A Input

Preview B Input
Preview A/B Mix
Preview VO 1 Input
Preview VO Enabled
Preview Programme
Preview Silence
Preview Tone
Set FTS Rate n (where n = the fade rate of 0-999)
Set VO 1 Rate n (where n = the fade rate of 0-999)
Set VO 2 Rate n (where n = the fade rate of 0-999)
A IP Shuf Chan 1
A IP Shuf Chan 2
A IP Shuf Chan 3
A IP Shuf Chan 4
VO IP Shuf Chan 1
VO IP Shuf Chan 2
VO IP Shuf Chan 3
VO IP Shuf Chan 4
B IP Shuf Chan 1
B IP Shuf Chan 2
B IP Shuf Chan 3
B IP Shuf Chan 4
A IP PR1 Source
A IP PR2 Source
B IP PR1 Source
B IP PR2 Source

[Easyplay]

Load Clip Clip A n (where n = an audio clip from 0-4000)
Load Clip Clip B n (where n = an audio clip from 0-4000)
Play Clip A
Play Clip B
Stop Clip A
Stop Clip B

[Animation]

run PVW anim

[General]

BGND: SDI	set background input to SDI source
BGND: colour	set background input to colour field generator (colour according to configuration)
BGND: SDI/colour	toggle background input between SDI source and colour field generator
enable fader 0	enable image fader
Audio A/B Mix: 0	
Output Level: 1	
FTS Level: 2	
VO1 Pr 1 Level: 3	
VO1 Pr 2 Level: 4	
VO1 Pr 1 Pset: 5	
VO1 Pr 2 Pset: 6	
VO1 Pr 1 Duck: 7	
VO1 Pr 2 Duck: 8	
VO2 Pr 1 Level: 9	
VO2 Pr 2 Level: 10	
VO2 Pr 1 Pset: 11	
VO2 Pr 2 Pset: 12	
VO2 Pr 1 Duck: 13	
VO2 Pr 2 Duck: 14	
A Input Level: 15	
B Input Level: 16	
VO Input Level: 17	
A Input Trim: 18	
B Input Trim: 19	
VO Input Trim: 20	
disable fader	disable image fader
A/B Mixer: 0	
Output Level: 1	
FTS Level: 2	
VO1 Pr 1 Level: 3	
VO1 Pr 2 Level: 4	
VO1 Pr 1 Pset: 5	
VO1 Pr 2 Pset: 6	
VO1 Pr 1 Duck: 7	
VO1 Pr 2 Duck: 8	

VO2 Pr 1 Level: 9
 VO2 Pr 2 Level: 10
 VO2 Pr 1 Pset: 11
 VO2 Pr 2 Pset: 12
 VO2 Pr 1 Duck: 13
 VO2 Pr 2 Duck: 14
 A Input Level: 15
 B Input Level: 16
 VO Input Level: 17
 A Input Trim: 18
 B Input Trim: 19
 VO Input Trim: 20
 en/dis fader toggle condition of image fader
 A/B Mixer: 0
 Output Level: 1
 FTS Level: 2
 VO1 Pr 1 Level: 3
 VO1 Pr 2 Level: 4
 VO1 Pr 1 Pset: 5
 VO1 Pr 2 Pset: 6
 VO1 Pr 1 Duck: 7
 VO1 Pr 2 Duck: 8
 VO2 Pr 1 Level: 9
 VO2 Pr 2 Level: 10
 VO2 Pr 1 Pset: 11
 VO2 Pr 2 Pset: 12
 VO2 Pr 1 Duck: 13
 VO2 Pr 2 Duck: 14
 A Input Level: 15
 B Input Level: 16
 VO Input Level: 17
 A Input Trim: 18
 B Input Trim: 19
 VO Input Trim: 20
 delay n fields {0<->200} allows timing delays to be added in GPI macros
 (note that when a delay is in progress, no other
 GPI inputs will be serviced – you should therefore
 take care when using delays and avoid long
 delays)

force bypass	bypasses the Easysound Standalone SDI video processing using the mechanical bypass relay (if it is fitted)
remove bypass	removes the bypass set using force bypass (see above)

[*Fade rates*]

fade rate = n	set the FG keyer fade rate 0 -999 frames
FTB rate = n	set the FG keyer <i>fade to black</i> rate 0 -999 frames

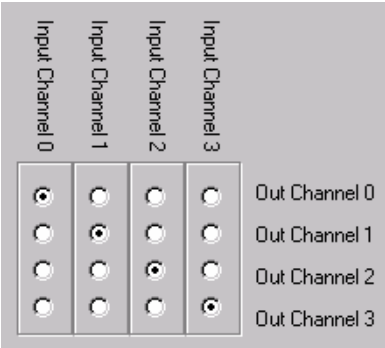
Delete

To delete a GPI/Audio GPI input, choose **Delete** from the *GPI Inputs Assign* menu. You can then choose to delete any of the options described above (AB Mixer, Audio, Easyplay, Animation, General, Fade rates).

GPI Control of Audio Model Shuffle

Shuffle values allow mono input channels to be moved around within an output group. In this way pair swaps, mono to stereo copies, and other audio manipulations can be achieved.

Each output channel can take its input from one or many of the input channels and each input can be copied to multiple output channels.
A familiar set-up is such:



Audio shuffle parameters can now be changed by way of a GPI contact closure.

Due to the number of permutations of this mechanism ($\approx 64K$), GPI's macros have been enabled to contain lists of single channel shuffle operations. This can be achieved in the usual 'GPI input assign' method using the following sub menus:

A IP Shuf Chan 1

A IP Shuf Chan 2

A IP Shuf Chan 3

A IP Shuf Chan 4

VO IP Shuf Chan 1

VO IP Shuf Chan 2

VO IP Shuf Chan 3

VO IP Shuf Chan 4

B IP Shuf Chan 1

B IP Shuf Chan 2

B IP Shuf Chan 3

B IP Shuf Chan 4

If entered, each of these options prompts the user to select a value between 0 and 15 to indicate which audio outputs will have a contribution from the selected input. The following grids fully show the relationship between the value selected (0-15) and the output channels the audio is copied to (OP1-4).

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
OP 1	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On
OP 2	Off	Off	On	On	Off	Off	On	On
OP 3	Off	Off	Off	Off	On	On	On	On
OP 4	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off

	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
OP 1	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On
OP 2	Off	Off	On	On	Off	Off	On	On
OP 3	Off	Off	Off	Off	On	On	On	On
OP 4	On	On	On	On	On	On	On	On

Example:

Assigning a value of 15 to 'VO IP Shuf Chan 1' will copy the mono audio feed coming into channel 1 of the voice over input to all 4 output channels.

GPI Outputs Assign

A GPI port may used as an output to trigger external devices and its active status, (on), is defined by the output being internally pulled to ground by a "Darlington" configured transistor such that an active low will be represented by +0.7V. Lamps or relays attached to an output GPI may use the GPI +12V supply (pin 8) but the maximum current drawn from this supply should not exceed 500mA. Where a GPI output is used to drive a relay coil, reverse voltage protection diodes should be incorporated into the circuitry to protect the Easysound Standalone from voltage transients.

Only GPI 1 to GPI 7 may be assigned as a GPI Output but each GPI may have a condition assigned whether it is set on or off, i.e. GPI Out x On or GPI Out x Off .

Insert

To insert a GPI output, choose *GPI outputs assign/GPI x/*. The following options are then available:

NOT DEFINED

mixer at A

mixer at B

Audio AB mix at A

Audio AB mix at B

Audio follow AB on

Audio follow AB off

Audio FTS on

Audio FTS off

VO1 Pair1 off

VO1 Pair1 on

VO1 Pair2 off

VO1 Pair2 on

VO2 Pair1 off

VO2 Pair1 on

VO2 Pair2 off

VO2 Pair2 on

Audio follow FTB on

Audio follow FTB off

FTB at off

FTB at on

keyer at off

keyer at on

FTB fader disd

FTB fader enbld

keyer fader disd

keyer fader enbld

programme *fade to black* is turned off

programme *fade to black* is turned on

image in programme keyer is not to air

image in programme keyer is to air

fade to black fader is disabled

fade to black fader is enabled

main image fader is disabled

main image fader is enabled

Set-up Audio

See the various mode chapters.

Faders Setup

Up to 8 external faders (potentiometers) may be connected through the rear panel AES Control Port of the Easysound Standalone and a further 8 through the SDI Control port. These faders are used to manually control the rate at which the Easysound Standalone will execute a command and will override settings made through the front panel.

Analogue faders may be used to control fades and mixes. A resistive (linear) potentiometer of at least 10K Ω should have its fixed terminals connected between pin 7 (+5V) and pin 15 (Ground). The variable output of the pot should connect to the appropriate fader input pin.

Screened cable should be used to connect the fader to the Easysound Standalone and the screen of the cable should **only** be connected to ground at the Easysound Standalone end of the cable to avoid *earth loops*, and to restrict extraneous signal levels to less than 1 mV.

The *Faders Setup* menu includes the following options:

- Audio A/B Mix
- Output Level
- FTS Level
- VO 1 Pr 1 and Pr 2 Level
- VO 1 Pr 1 and Pr 2 Pset
- VO 1 Pr 1 and Pr 2 Duck
- VO 2 Pr 1 and Pr 2 Level
- VO 2 Pr 1 and Pr 2 Pset
- VO 2 Pr 1 and Pr 2 Level
- A and B Input Level
- VO Input Level
- A and B Input Trim
- VO Input Trim

Each option is described in the following sections:

Audio A/B Mix

When the appropriate fader is displayed (see list below), you can:

- ◆ press **enter** to enable or disable the fader
- ◆ invert the polarity of the displayed fader
- ◆ prevent sudden jumps caused by accidental fader movements by doing a *fader pickup* (the fader must be moved through the current position before you take control)

Unassigned	no selection
Vid_ADC 1	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Vid_ADC 2	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Vid_ADC 3	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Vid_ADC 4	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Vid_ADC 5	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Vid_ADC 6	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Vid_ADC 7	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Vid_ADC 8	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
AudioMeter 1	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
AudioMeter 2	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
AudioMeter 3	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
AudioMeter 4	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
AudioMeter 5	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
AudioMeter 6	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
AudioMeter 7	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
AudioMeter 8	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Aud_ADC 1	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Aud_ADC 2	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Aud_ADC 3	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Aud_ADC 4	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Aud_ADC 5	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Aud_ADC 6	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Aud_ADC 7	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Aud_ADC 8	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Video FG	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Video FG FTB	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Video MG	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Video MG FTB	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes

Video AB	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Audio AB	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes

Output Level

When the appropriate fader is displayed (see list below), you can:

- ◆ press **enter** to enable or disable the fader
- ◆ invert the polarity of the displayed fader
- ◆ prevent sudden jumps caused by accidental fader movements by doing a *fader pickup* (the fader must be moved through the current position before you take control)

Unassigned	no selection
Vid_ADC 1	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Vid_ADC 2	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Vid_ADC 3	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Vid_ADC 4	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Vid_ADC 5	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Vid_ADC 6	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Vid_ADC 7	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Vid_ADC 8	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Aud_ADC 1	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Aud_ADC 2	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Aud_ADC 3	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Aud_ADC 4	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Aud_ADC 5	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Aud_ADC 6	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Aud_ADC 7	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Aud_ADC 8	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Video FG	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Video FG FTB	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Video MG	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Video MG FTB	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Video AB	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes
Audio AB	enable no/yes, invert no/yes, enable pickup no/yes

FTS Level

See *Output Level* above for a full list of options.

VO 1 Pair 1/2 Level

See *Output Level* above for a full list of options.

VO 1 Pair 1/2 Pset

See *Output Level* above for a full list of options.

VO 1 Pair 1/2 Duck

See *Output Level* above for a full list of options.

VO 2 Pair 1/2 Level

See *Output Level* above for a full list of options.

VO 2 Pair 1/2 Pset

See *Output Level* above for a full list of options.

VO 2 Pair 1/2 Duck

See *Output Level* above for a full list of options.

A/B Input Level

See *Output Level* above for a full list of options.

VO Input Level

See *Output Level* above for a full list of options.

A/B Input Trim

See *Output Level* above for a full list of options.

VO Input Trim

See *Output Level* above for a full list of options.

File

The file facility allows you to save the Easysound Standalone configuration to both a floppy disk and the unit's hard disk. The process saves all the GPI assignments, the fader enable/disables, the mode setting and system configuration and can be used to re-instate the settings. Files created by a diagnostic save are sometimes requested by the Miranda Technologies Ltd Customer Support staff to aid in resolving customer queries. The following options are available from the *File* menu:

Configuration Save

This procedure requires a DOS formatted, 3½" floppy disk. Label the disk "Easysound Standalone Configuration" and add the unit's serial number and location of the unit plus the date.

This feature saves the current configuration to both the internal hard disk and to a floppy disk that is in the front panel disk drive. Place the 3½" disk in the front panel drive and select *set-up* from the start-up menu before pressing the **enter** key. From the *set-up* menu, use the arrow keys ◀ ▶ to display the option *file* in line two of the display and press the **enter** key to bring up the *file* menu. Use the arrow keys ◀ ▶ to display the *configuration save* option and press the **enter** key. After a few moments the display will respond with the following message and the configuration disk will be saved.

Configuration Load

This procedure uses a 3½" floppy disk, previously created using the procedure described under "Configuration Save".

The feature loads the configuration from the floppy disk that is in the front-panel disk drive and configures the Easysound Standalone to conform to the settings on the disk. Place the configuration disk in the front-panel drive and select *set-up* from the start-up menu before pressing the **enter** key. From the *set-up* menu, use the arrow keys ◀▶ to display the option *file* in line two of the display and press the **enter** key to bring up the *file* menu. Use the arrow keys ◀▶ to display the *configuration load* option and press the **enter** key to start the loading process.

After a few moments the display will respond with a series of messages as it sequentially loads the configuration components.

Diagnostics to FDD

This procedure requires a DOS formatted, 3½" floppy disk. Label the disk "Easysound Standalone Diagnostic" and add the serial number of the unit together with the date.

The feature saves diagnostic data to the floppy disk that is in the front-panel disk drive. The Miranda Technologies Ltd support team may request a copy of this diagnostic data to assist in resolving customer queries. Place a DOS formatted blank disk in the front panel drive and select *set-up* from the start-up menu before pressing the **enter** key. From the *set-up* menu, use the arrow keys ◀▶ to display the option *file* in line two of the display and press the **enter** key to bring up the *file* menu. Use the arrow keys ◀▶ to display the *diagnostics to FDD* option and press the **enter** key to start the saving process.

Load System Codes

The *Load System Codes* feature is used to provide for the entry of "licence" codes that enable specific options. The Miranda Technologies Ltd support team will provide full installation and operation instructions at the time of issue of a licence. Licences are typically issued as files and may be provided on a 3½" disk or via e-mail. If received by e-mail, transfer the file or files to a

blank DOS formatted disk and place the disk in Easysound Standalone's FDD.

Installing system codes

To install system codes from a supplied floppy disk:

- ◆ insert the floppy disk in the Easysound Standalone floppy drive
- ◆ choose **Load System Codes** from the *Setup/File* front-panel menu

To install system codes from an email file (syscodes.txt):

- ◆ transfer the email file (syscodes.txt) to a blank DOS formatted floppy disk
- ◆ insert the floppy disk in the Easysound Standalone floppy drive
- ◆ choose **Load System Codes** from the *Setup/File* front-panel menu

To create **and** install system codes:

- ◆ create a file called syscodes.txt (using a text editor)
- ◆ edit the file to include the required entry/entries from the list below and then transfer the file to a floppy disk
- ◆ insert the floppy disk in the Easysound Standalone floppy drive
- ◆ choose **Load System Codes** from the *Setup/File* front-panel menu

The SYSCODES.TXT file can include one or more of the following entries:

IP_ADDRESS	sets up the machine's IP address (for Ethernet access via Miranda Technologies Ltd's MDS system)
SUBMASK	sets up the machine's IP submask (for Ethernet access via Miranda Technologies Ltd's MDS system) default = 255,255,0,0
HOSTNAME	sets up the machine's host name – this name is displayed on the <i>root menu</i> of the Oxtel RCP panel and on the front-panel scrolling screen (note that this command is not currently used for Ethernet naming)
GATEWAY	set the machines gateway address, default= 0 0 0 0

LICENCE*	installs a licence code provided by Miranda Technologies Ltd (a four-character ID such as ENET)
LICENCE_CLR	clears an installed licence code off the machine
MPEG IP ADDRESS	for IS3 systems only
PASS_CAPTIONS	
PASS_CAPTIONS: ON	
PASS_CAPTIONS: OFF	enables support for line 21 close captions

* A **valid** licence code can only be obtained from Miranda Technologies Ltd.

What are licence codes?

Licence codes are issued by Miranda Technologies Ltd to enable you to use various software options. You can look at any installed licences using the on-screen information (see *System Information/On-Screen Information* in the user manual). Licence codes are held on the main system PCB and are typically linked to a specific machine serial number.

Example SYSCODES.TXT file

The following example of a SYSCODES.TXT file sets the IP, submask and hostname and then installs a licence code:

```
IP_ADDRESS: 179.1.2.3
SUBMASK: 255.255.255.0
HOSTNAME: Logo_1
LICENCE: ASD4-EFGT-54YP-ZZQV-L9UW
```

System Information

The system information facility allows you to monitor the status of the fixed settings and options of the unit.

Each time the **enter** key is pressed the following item of system information will be displayed. The status information is looped and repeated pressing of the **enter** key will result in the same information being re-displayed. Pressing the **escape** key several times will return the display to the start-up menu.

- ◆ Serial No
- ◆ Output type (PGM+SDI or PVW=SDI)

- ◆ IP Address (10.96xx)
- ◆ CPU Memory (in Mb)
- ◆ Hardware revisions (PCBx or CPLDx where x = the revision number)
- ◆ Firmware filename (in the format *essa0x.exo*)
- ◆ Easyplay Licence (Enabled)
- ◆ Audio GPI file ID (Pass Embedded Audio)
- ◆ Audio Board Hardware (ver a130)
- ◆ Audio DSP Code (ver 3014)
- ◆ Software build date (date and time)
- ◆ Internal temp (in degrees centigrade)
- ◆ -12V Supply (volts)
- ◆ -5V Supply (volts)
- ◆ +3.3V Supply (volts)
- ◆ +5V Supply (volts)
- ◆ +5V Analog Supply (volts)
- ◆ +12V Supply (volts)
- ◆ PLL Volts (volts)
- ◆ Current time (date and time)
- ◆ Running since (date and time)

View Licence

When the *View Licence* option is displayed, simply use the arrow keys to switch between the installed licences.

Set time-of-day

When the *Set time-of-day* option is displayed you can display or adjust the current setting of the internal battery-backed clock.

With the date and time first displayed, the month setting may be changed using the left and right arrow keys ◀ ▶. When adjusted correctly, press the **enter** key to move to the day setting. The arrow keys ◀ ▶ are now used to adjust the day and further presses of the **enter** key will allow changes to be made to the year, hour, minutes and seconds in a similar manner.

System

The *System* options allows you to re-configure the parameters described in the following sections.

System change No Yes

When the *System change No Yes* option is displayed you can use the arrow keys ◀▶ to select *YES* and then press the **enter** key to display the options described below.

625/525 Line

The 625/525 setting must be set to the appropriate TV standard where PAL = 625 line and NTSC = 525 line. The current setting will be shown enclosed by brackets. To change the setting, use the arrow keys to select the new setting and press the **enter** key to apply it.

Audio Control

When the *Audio Control* option is displayed you can choose to restart (now or later) one of the following items:

- ◆ GPI file
- ◆ Model
- ◆ AES 6 Channel

Select reference

To operate as part of a broadcast system, or to operate stand alone, Easysound Standalone digital video frames must be synchronised to a reference source.

Miranda Technologies Ltd recommends the use of a common analogue "black and burst" reference source. Once the initial phase-lock has been set up, phase locked loop circuits within Easysound Standalone automatically maintain the synchronisation.

The alternative to a common analogue reference source is to use the background SDI signal as the source of timing. This may be more suitable where the unit is used within a simple presentation system.

The current setting (*Analogue (Black and Burst)* or *SDI Bgnd*) is enclosed in brackets. To change the setting, use the arrow keys ◀ ▶ to display the new setting and press the **enter** key to apply it.

Reference timing

When the *Reference timing* option is displayed you can adjust the timing from *-7 lines 63.703uS* to *+7 lines 6.3 703uS*.

Serial comms setup

When the *Serial comms setup* option is displayed you can view or change the Protocol (RS-232 or RS 422) or baud rate (19200, 38400, 57600 or 115200). The current setting is enclosed in brackets. To change the setting, use the arrow keys ◀ ▶ so that the new setting is shown within the brackets and press the **enter** key to apply the selection.

RCP Mirror

The *RCP Mirror* option enables you to disable or enable it.

Restart System

To re-boot the unit without removing the power (a warm re-boot), use the arrow keys ◀ ▶ so that the brackets enclose the *YES* option and then press **enter** again.

Clean Restart

The clean restart feature provides for the erasure of all configuration file settings and returns Easysound Standalone to the original factory settings. Video (and audio) GPI settings and all image files are retained.

To clean restart the unit, use the arrow keys ◀ ▶ so that the brackets enclose the *YES* option and press **enter** again.

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Configuration and Set Up

This section of the User Manual provides step by step description of the setting up procedures required for integration of Easysound Standalone into a broadcast system.

Ventilation

Easysound Standalone is ventilated through its side panels. It is essential that, the ventilation holes in its sides remain clear of any obstruction.

Power Requirements

The unit uses a mains supply input circuit that auto-senses whether the applied AC mains voltage is 110V or 240V and responds accordingly. The unit is tolerant of both 50Hz and 60Hz AC supplies, and under normal conditions, its power consumption will not exceed 50 watts.

A 20mm mains input fuse, rated at 2 Amp (slow blow) forms part of the mains connection inlet and is accessible from the rear of the unit.

Environment

The Easysound Standalone will tolerate operating temperatures in the range 0°C to 40°C with humidity of between 20 and 80%, non-condensing. The unit is more tolerant in storage and may be stored at temperatures ranging from -10°C to 70°C.

Rear Panel Connections

Easysound Standalone can have up to nineteen rear panel connectors (four are installed when the EasySound/EasyPlay option is fitted) and an earth-bonding stud. A description of the purpose of each connector is given in the following table.

Identification	Connector Type	Usage
110-240V AC PSU1,2 (2RU)	IEC, with integral fuse 2x IEC plus fuses	Mains supply.
GND	Stud	Earth Bonding (connect to rack earth)
RS232	D-type, 9-way, female	RS-232 serial port for point-to-point automation.
RS422/485	D-type, 9-way, male	RS-422 serial port for automation.
VGA	D-type, 9-way, male	Miranda Technologies Ltd development use only
KBD	Keyboard connector	Miranda Technologies Ltd development use only.
Ethernet	Twisted pair and coaxial LAN connectors	Access to Ethernet for media transfers.
AUX	D-type, 9-way, male	Internal use only.
Control Panel	D-type, 9-way, female	Connection for Miranda Technologies Ltd RCP-200E or RCP-201.
AES Control Port	D-type, 25 way, female	Connection for EasySound or EasyPlay "GPI's and Faders". .
SDI Control Port	D-type, 25-way , female	Connection for Imagestore GPI's, Faders and timecode.
AES Output	D-type, 25-way, male	EasySound or EasyPlay audio outputs.
AES Input	D-type, 25-way, male	EasySound or EasyPlay audio inputs.
REF	BNC type, female	Connection for "black and burst" analogue timing signal
PVW	BNC type, female	SDI (optionally analogue) preview output.

Identification	Connector Type	Usage
PGM	BNC type, female	SDI programme output
A-Copy	BNC type, female	Re-clocked, re-equalised copy of BGnd/A input signal.
BGnd/A	BNC type, female	Background SDI video input.
B	BNC type, female	B input signal

Serial Remote Control

Easysound Standalone features three serial remote control ports identified as "Control Panel", "RS232" and "RS422"

Control Panel

The "Control Panel", D-type, 9-way connection is used **ONLY** to connect Miranda Technologies Ltd remote control panel Oxtel RCP and the pin format is shown in the following table.

Pin	Control Panel (RCP)
1	GND
2	Data A -
3	Data B +
4	0V out
5	GND
6	GND
7	Data A +
8	Data B -
9	+12V Output

RS232

Point to point, serial automation control can be achieved using the RS232 serial interface. The port conforms to the normal conventions for a standard PC serial, D-type, 9-pin, port and the pin format is shown in the following table.

Pin	RS232
2	Rx
3	Tx
5	GND
1, 4, 6 - 9	Not Used

RS422

Serial automation can be achieved using the RS422 serial interface. This port conforms to the pin format shown in the following table.

Pin	RS422
1	Tx -
2	Tx +
3	Rx +
4	Rx -
5	GND
6- 9	Not Used

SDI Control Port

The SDI Control Port is used to connect external faders, GPI's and linear time code. A full listing of the pin format for this connection is shown in the following table.

Pin	SDI Control Port Function
1	LTC input (+).
2	LTC gnd
3	analogue fader - spare (not used).
4	analogue fader - spare (not used).
5	analogue fader - spare (not used).
6	analogue fader - main FTB input.
7	analogue fader voltage source V+ output.
8	GPI voltage source +12V output.
9	GPI 8 input (user assigned).
10	GPI 6 input/output (user assigned).
11	GPI 4 input/output (user assigned).
12	GPI 2 input/output (user assigned).
13	GPI ground connection.
14	LTC input (-)
15	analogue fader ground return
16	analogue fader - transparency input
17	analogue fader - gain input
18	analogue fader - clip input
19	analogue fader - main fade input
20	not connected
21	GPI 9 input (user assigned).
22	GPI 7 input/output (user assigned).
23	GPI 5 input/output (user assigned).

Pin	SDI Control Port Function
24	GPI 3 input/output (user assigned).
25	GPI 1 input/output (user assigned).

AES inputs

The AES input port is used to connect the six digital AES/EBU audio channels identified as AES_IN_1 to AES_IN_6. Each input source should be connected to the Easysound module over two wires using balanced (differential) signals and a grounded shield. Signal and associated pin-out connections are given in the following table.

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Comment
1	AES_IN_3 (+)	14	AES_IN_3 (-)	Voice over 1
2	GND	15	GND	
3	AES_IN_4 (+)	16	AES_IN_4 (-)	Voice over 1
4	GND	17	GND	
5	AES_IN_1 (+)	18	AES_IN_1 (-)	A input
6	GND	19	GND	
7	AES_IN_2 (+)	20	AES_IN_2 (-)	A input
8	GND	21	GND	
9	AES_IN_5 (+)	22	AES_IN_5 (-)	Voice over 2 or B input if AB Mixer fitted
10	GND	23	GND	
11	AES_IN_6 (+)	24	AES_IN_6 (-)	Voice over 2 or B input if AB Mixer fitted
12	GND	25	GND	
13	No connection			

AES output

The AES output port provides access to four digital, AES audio channels, identified as AES_OUT_1 to AES_OUT_4. Each self-clocking output is available from the Easysound module over two wires using balanced (differential) signals. Signal grounds are available for connection to cable screens where required. The associated pin-out connections are given in the following table.

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Comment
1	AES_OUT_1 (+)	14	AES_OUT_1 (-)	Preview pair 1
2	GND	15	GND	
3	AES_OUT_2 (+)	16	AES_OUT_2 (-)	Preview pair 2
4	GND	17	GND	
5	AES_OUT_3 (+)	18	AES_OUT_3 (-)	PGM Pair 1
6	GND	19	GND	
7	AES_OUT_4 (+)	20	AES_OUT_4 (-)	PGM Pair 2
8	GND	21	GND	
9 - 12	No connection	22 - 25	No connection	
13	+5v			

AES GPI control

The AES control port provides access to the GPI features of Easysound and Easyplay. The functions of the module can be controlled by the GPI input and output ports once the ports have been configured. Level transitions from external hardware on specific GPI input ports can be programmed to invoke user-defined actions. Status conditions can be allocated to GPI output ports and may be used externally. In addition to internal pseudo-faders, external hardware faders may be connected to the appropriate AES control lines as described later in this section. The pin-out allocations of the AES control port are shown in the following table.

AES GPI Control Function	Pin
GPI 1 (Input or Output)	25
GPI 2 (Input or Output)	12
GPI 3 (Input or Output)	24
GPI 4 (Input or Output)	11
GPI 5 (Input or Output)	23
GPI 6 (Input or Output)	10
GPI 7 (Input or Output)	22
GPI 8 (Input only)	9
GPI 9 (Input only)	21
GPI Voltage Source (+12V)	8
GPI Ground	13
Fader 1	19
Fader 2	6
Fader 3	18
Fader 4	5
Fader 5	17
Fader 6	4
Fader 7	16
Fader 8	3
Fader Voltage Source (V+)	7
Fader Ground Return	15
Not Used	1, 2, 14
Not Connected	20

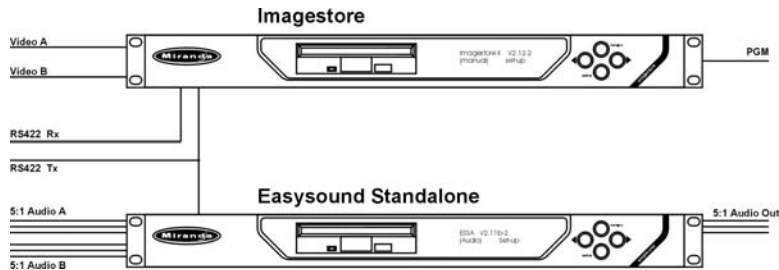
KBD and VGA Connections

Hardware interface listings deliberately exclude details of the unit's rear panel "kbd" and "vga" connectors.

The "kbd" and "vga" connections are solely for use by the Miranda Technologies Ltd development team and no user functions can be accessed via these ports. Making any connection to these ports is a high-risk activity that Miranda Technologies Ltd would strongly advise against.

Imagestore 2 / 3 connections

To connect an Easysound Standalone and an Imagestore 2, Solo, 2U or 3 to a Presmaster use a RS422 loop through lead. The transmit lines from the ESSA must **NOT** be connected.



Presmaster	Imagestore	ESSA
Pin1 GND	Pin 5 GND	Pin 5 GND
Pin 2 RX-	Pin 1 TX-	Pin 1 N/C
Pin 3 TX+	Pin 3 RX+	Pin 3 RX+
Pin 7 RX+	Pin 2 TX+	Pin 2 N/C
Pin 8 TX-	Pin 4 RX-	Pin 4 RX-

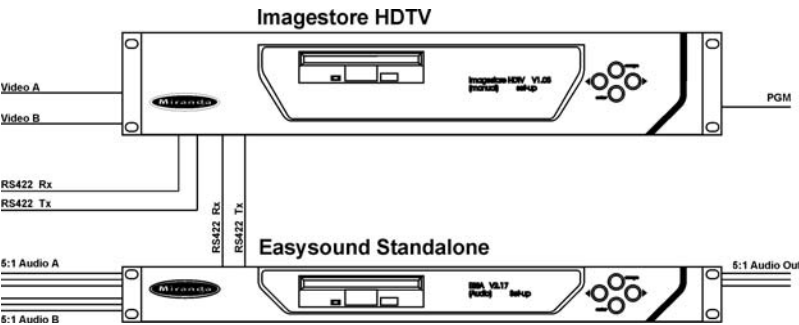
Imagestore HDTV connections

To connect an Easysound Standalone to an Imagestore HDTV use a RS422 lead wired as follows.

Imagestore HDTV		ESSA	
Pin1	GND	Pin 5	GND
Pin 8	TX-	Pin 1	TX-
Pin 7	RX+	Pin 3	RX+
Pin 3	TX+	Pin 2	TX+
Pin 2	RX-	Pin 4	RX-

Connect the lead to the 'RS422(B)' port on the rear panel of the Imagestore HDTV. Refer to the Imagestore HDTV User Manual to configure the port.

Presmaster can be connected directly to the Imagestore HDTV, which will forward all the appropriate automation commands (Y0, Y8 and all j commands) to the ESSA.



System Timing

This final part of the section describes the way in which signals applied to, processed by and output from, Easysound Standalone are synchronised. Propagation delays through the unit are discussed and the method used to adjust and set this particular type of delay is detailed.

To obtain the highest standard of performance from the Miranda Technologies Ltd Easysound Standalone it is highly recommended that the user be acquainted with the concepts of synchronisation and timing. An understanding of the timing relationships within the Miranda Technologies Ltd Easysound Standalone and the equipment with which it interfaces, enables the user to determine the optimum timing of the overall system.

Overview

Where signals from more than one source are to be processed, it is essential that these signals are precisely synchronised and perfectly in-phase, prior to processing. Within certain specified tolerances, described later, Easysound Standalone is able to automatically re-synchronise the signals that are applied to its three signal inputs.

As signals pass through Easysound Standalone, or any other equipment, they are unavoidably subjected to a propagation delay. The value of the delay may vary depending on the mode configuration of the unit. Rather than exhibiting a non-quantifiable propagation delay, Easysound Standalone is provided with a timing adjustment that enables the integrator or user to set a specifically determined propagation delay through the unit. This timing adjustment may be used to match an Easysound Standalone to the propagation delays of other Easysound Standalones or of other broadcast equipment.

Miranda Technologies Ltd always recommends the use of a separate analogue, "Black and Burst", reference signal for timing all the equipment within a system. Where this method of timing is used, it is common for the reference source to be located some distance from the Easysound Standalone and it is possible that the synchronisation of the SDI input signals and the "Black and Burst" reference may be displaced by several video "lines". Where this preferred form of timing is chosen the Easysound Standalone

timing adjustment is given a second parameter to allow for the potential "line" discrepancy.

Timing Adjustment

The timing adjustments available for Easysound Standalone do not affect the automatic synchronisation of input and output signals. The set-up adjustment simply controls the value of propagation delay through the Easysound Standalone.

Where analogue reference is selected an additional parameter providing for a line correction factor becomes available. The following paragraphs discuss the adjustments in detail.

Measurement and Test Equipment

The timing adjustments for Easysound Standalone can be accurately set using either a digital video signal analyser, or a good quality oscilloscope together with a SDI digital to analogue converter. The following description describes the use of an oscilloscope and converter to adjust the timing.

SDI BGnd/A Reference

When the SDI A/BGnd input signal has been chosen as a reference, the set-up display offers an adjustment range where the value of propagation delay the ranges from "0 lines and 12.025 μ S" to "0 lines and 63.899 μ S".

Once the requirement for propagation delay has been determined, the arrow keys ◀ ▶ are used to set this desired value for Easysound Standalone and the **enter** key is used to apply the selection. Where an oscilloscope and digital to analogue converter is available, the analogue signal at the input and output should be viewed simultaneously during the adjustment. By expanding the traces on the oscilloscope, very accurate settings can be achieved.

Where the operation includes use of the B/Fill and/or Key inputs, these inputs should be checked for their timing position with respect to the A/BGnd input. Should either signal be early with respect to the A/BGnd input, the maximum setting for propagation delay is effectively restricted by this period. Although

the Easysound Standalone will permit settings in excess of the maximum permissible, the effective adjustment limit is reduced accordingly.

If either signal is late with respect to the A/BGnd input then the lower propagation delay limit value is effectively increased accordingly. For example, if Key is $5\mu\text{S}$ late and B/FILL is $5\mu\text{S}$ early, with respect to A/BGnd then the valid adjustment range, with EasySound, is effectively reduced to "0 lines and $17.025\mu\text{S}$ " through "0 lines and $58.899\mu\text{S}$ ".

Analogue Reference (Black and Burst)

Using the Black and Burst analogue input as reference, the timing and synchronisation adjustment has to be given a much wider range. B&B signals have typically been looped through a number of cascaded equipment and extensive propagation delays are possible. The full range of the adjustment is from "- 7 lines - $63.666\mu\text{S}$ " to "+7 lines + $63.444\mu\text{S}$ ". When setting up Easysound Standalone to operate with the B&B reference, that signal and an analogue version of a PGM or PVW output signal should be viewed on two traces of an oscilloscope. View the frame pulse of the each and adjust the timing setting until the two frame pulses occur within the same line. With this achieved, view both an analogue copy of the BGnd/A signal and an analogue output signal. Adjust the propagation delay as described taking care not to alter the "line" value.

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Support

Product Support

Miranda Technologies Ltd's support desk exists to provide timely help and advice to Miranda Technologies Ltd users and telephone support is available for the entire life of the product. The support desk may be contacted using any of the following methods.

Telephone: +(44) 1491 820222
(Monday to Friday, 0900-1730 (U.K. times))
Fax: +(44) 1491 820002 (at all times)
E-mail: oxtelsupport@miranda.com (at all times)

Where the query relates to a specific Easykey, make a note of the unit's serial number (on the rear panel) and the software version (displayed on the front panel at boot-up).

Warranty and Non-Warranty Repairs

Miranda Technologies Ltd provides all products that are sold new with a two-year, return-to-base warranty. Products that are purchased as “ex-demo” may have a limited warranty and reference should be made the original acknowledgement of order or the Product Certificate for warranty details.

A repair service for warranty and non-warranty products provides a typical turnaround time of ten working days. The procedure for returning a unit to Miranda Technologies Ltd is given later in this section.

Obsolescence

Obsolete products will be supported for a minimum of 3 years from the date of obsolescence. Miranda Technologies Ltd will continue to provide support beyond this period, but will not replenish service stock and is therefore unable to guarantee the availability of every component used.

Upgrades

Software upgrades are regularly available as part of a continuing commitment to product improvement. Most software upgrades can be performed remotely and customers are kept informed of software and hardware upgrades via Release Notes that are e-mailed to the nominated contact.

Hardware upgrading is normally carried out at Miranda Technologies Ltd's factory and involves full re-testing and QA checks. Refurbishment can also be performed where required but these are not covered by the standard warranty.

Service Visits

On-site assistance from a Miranda Technologies Ltd Field Service Engineer will be provided assuming adequate notice is given. Service visits are normally chargeable and are not covered by the standard warranty.

Equipment Loans

A variety of loan agreements are possible and can be arranged with the Engineering Support department through the helpdesk although it is not always possible to fulfil loan requests at short notice.

Training

Customer training can be provided to match individual requirements. Training can be carried out either at customer premises (preferred option) or at Miranda Technologies Ltd's facility in Oxfordshire where a dedicated demonstration room is available.

Courses can be tailored for either technical or operational staff and these courses can be ordered at the same time as the equipment or at any subsequent time.

Web Page

Miranda Technologies Ltd's web page can be found at **www.miranda.com**.

Returns Procedure

Should there be a need to return any Miranda Technologies Ltd product for upgrade or repair, telephone the Helpdesk and request a "return number".

The helpdesk will ask for details of the return including the unit's serial number, reason for return and any fault information. Make sure that these details are to hand when contacting the helpdesk.

Mark the "return number" clearly on any packaging as well as on the return paperwork. Any subsequent correspondence should reference this "return number".

Transit Packaging

When returning equipment ensure that it is adequately packaged using good quality materials. Particularly ensure that the unit is tightly packed within a strong carton (preferably the original) and avoid common polythene or polystyrene chips, since the product may contain static sensitive devices.

Some components, such as hard drives, may be susceptible to damage by physical shock and caution is required when removing the equipment from racks.

Units received at Miranda Technologies Ltd with obvious damage, not described on the accompanying documentation, or not notified to Miranda Technologies Ltd by the customer, are assumed damaged in transit and this is chargeable. Customers are strongly advised to insure the equipment against damage in transit when returning it to Miranda Technologies Ltd. Should a unit be received from Miranda Technologies Ltd in a damaged state (either new or repaired), this should be reported to both the courier and Miranda Technologies Ltd immediately.

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Appendix 1

Product Specification

SDI Inputs and Outputs

The Easysound Standalone's SDI inputs accept serial digital video to EBU (Tech. 3267-E) and SMPTE 259M standards, clocked at 270MHz, through screened BNC connectors. There is a Return Loss greater than 15dB, over the range 5MHz to 270MHz. Each input circuit is provided with automatic adaptive equalisation circuitry suitable for cable lengths of up to 250 metres (typical for Belden 8281 or equivalent coaxial cable).

Both SDI outputs are to the same data structure and physical standard as the inputs and provide output amplitudes of 800mV ($\pm 10\%$). Output circuits will provide a signal whose transitions have a rise-time of between 0.4 and 1.2 nanoseconds. Each output is also fully equalised and regenerated.

Analogue Reference Video Input

Wherever possible, Easysound Standalone should be configured so that reference timing for synchronisation is taken from an analogue reference source to ensure uninterrupted output in the absence of a background signal. Analogue signals such as PAL (625), NTSC (525), or component video with embedded sync are all suitable.

Power Requirements

Easysound Standalone accepts power from a 90-132V or 180-264V, 60Hz or 50Hz, AC mains supply. The mains supply input fuse is a T2A (2 Amp Anti-surge) and should always be replaced with a fuse of the same rating.

Interfaces

The Easysound Standalone employs five types of control and image interfaces and a summary of these is given in the following table.

Interface Type	Description
RS422/RS232	Automation serial control interfaces.
Ethernet	Image Loading and Transfer (optional).
Panel	Serial Interface for Remote Control Panel.
GPI's	Nine GPI's with input and output macro editor.
Faders	Seven analogue fader inputs.

Mechanical

If the unit is contained within a 1RU chassis it will have the following mechanical specification.

- Height: 44mm (1.75")
- Width: 482mm (19") with mounting ears, 442mm (16.75") without ears.
- Depth: 444mm(17.55") with rear connectors, 423mm (16.75") without connectors.
- Weight: 7.0kg

If the unit is contained within a 2RU chassis it will have the following mechanical specification.

- Height: 88mm (3.46")
- Width: 482mm (19") with mounting ears, 442mm (16.75") without ears.
- Depth: 444mm(17.55") with rear connectors, 423mm (16.75") without connectors.
- Weight: 10.5kg (23.1lbs)
- Cooling Forced air via internal fans