

# Installation and Operation Manual



## STR-III Smart Telephone Autocoupler III

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## INTRODUCTION

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INTRODUCTION



## **Description**

The STA-III provides a convenient interface between a telephone line and the users equipment. A short list of the features is presented below.

- Auto-answer and auto-disconnect via CPC (calling party control) and/or long dial tone hang up signals, allowing use behind PBX switches and POTS lines.
- Front panel, plus remote line seize and drop control for manual operation.
- Remote line busy input.
- Electronic telephone hybrid.
- Remote controllable send and receive audio switcher.
- Balanced bridging audio input with automatic signal limiter with front panel level control.
- Balanced low Z audio output with front panel level control.
- Front panel LED's display power, ring and valid DTMF tone.
- Two remote controllable SPST relays
- SPST End Of Call relay.
- External hook relay activates when a valid access code is accepted
- User programmable number of rings before auto-answer.
- User programmable up to ten-digit access code, if required.
- User defeatable beep tones on line seize.
- All connections via screw terminals.
- Loop-thru jack. (This is where you would connect your business telephone system if you were sharing the line.)
- The STA-III's attractive painted metal chassis may be set on a desktop, mounted on a wall or as part of the new optional RA-1 rack shelf for mounting up to three units in 1-RU.

## **Programming**

To program, plug a standard touch-tone<sup>®</sup> telephone into the program jack on the front panel and press the recessed front panel "PGM" button with a non-metallic device. The PGM LED will illuminate.

Follow the steps below to set up the STA III.

- 1 Enter the number of rings you want the STA-III to answer on. The number of rings may set from 1 to 10 rings. DTMF "0" equals ten rings.
- 2 Enter a "0" if you want to turn OFF the long dial tone hang-up or a 1 if you want to turn it ON.
- 3 Then enter the access code. The access code can be 0 12 digits. If no access code is desired, enter only the number of rings and the long dial tone code and press the PGM button again to return to normal operation.

**Example One:** If you want to program the STA-III to answer on the 3rd ring, with long dial-tone hang up turned OFF and an access code of 567, press the PGM button, enter 30567 and press the PGM button again. You will hear a beep.

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**Example Two:** If you want to program the STA-III to answer the phone on the first ring,with long dial-tone hang up turned ON and NO access code, press the PGM button, enter 11 and press the PGM button again. You will hear a beep.

#### **Factory Defaults:**

= 1
= NONE
= Always ON
= OFF

#### **Rear panel connector descriptions**

Line RJ-11	Used to connect to a loop start POTS telephone line.	
Loop RJ-11	Used to loop-thru other telephone equipment. This jack is	
	disconnected from the telephone line when the STA-III is off-	1 🖉
	hook.	
A-INA / A-INB	Balanced input to the (Send) telephone line.	To ver
A-GND	Analog ground. Tied to PCB circuit ground.	sion n
A-OUT/A-OUT	Balanced output (Caller) from the telephone line.	This c
DROP input	TTL compatible input pulled up to 5vdc. Momentary contact	work
	closure to D-GND will drop an off hook connection.	of firn
CEIZE : mant	TTI competible input multipling to Suda Managtant contact	
SEIZE input	TTL compatible input pulled up to 5vdc. Momentary contact	
D-GND	closure to D-GND will seize the telephone line.	
	Digital ground. Tied to PCB circuit ground.	
RING	Open Collector output. Must be pulled up in some applica-	
	tions. Goes to ground on each ring occurrence. Limit load to $12 \text{ subs} \oplus 100 \text{ subs}$	
	12  vdc @ 100 ma.	WEB
CE-A/CE-B	Call End relay (K2). Dry normally open relay contacts close	
	for 1 second at the end of a call.	Visit o
AUX-A/AUX-B	AUXiliary relay (K3).Dry normally open relay contacts.	produ
HK-A/HK-B	HooK Relay (K4). Dry normally open relay contacts close	additi
	when a valid access code is accepted or the SEIZE function is	
	initiated.	Back Forwar
PGM-A/PGM-B	PGM Relay (K5). Dry normally open relay contacts	Address:
BUSY input	TTL compatible input pulled up to 5vdc. Sustained contact	
	closure to D-GND will BUSY out the phone line.	R19 R20 R21 R21 R21
PWR /12 VAC	2.1mm Coax type power connector. Only use a 12 VAC	BROA t O
	power transformer rated at 500 ma to 1 amp.	Produc



To verify firmware version numbers enter 98\*. This command may not work on older versions of firmware.

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#### **Front Panel description**

<b>DROP</b> Switch	Used to drop an active call/connection
SEIZE Switch	Used to force the STA-III Off-Hook.
LED Indicators	Hook, Illuminates when connected to a telephone line (Off-
	Hook). Tone, Lights when a valid DTMF is detected.
	Ring, Illuminates on each ring occurrence.
	Pgm, Lights when in program mode.
Pgm Switch	Program switch, recessed switch used to put the STA III in
	program mode.
	Note: Use a non-metallic device to insert into the front panel
	switch hole
Receive Lvl	This control adjusts the audio level from the caller.
Send Lvl	This control adjusts the send level to the telephone line.
Pgm RJ-11 Jack	Attach a touch-tone (DTMF) telephone for programming pur-
	poses. Talk-battery is provided.
Pwr Led	Illuminates when power is applied.

## Installation

Follow the steps below:

- Step 1 Connect your air monitor to the balanced (SEND) input labeled "A-INA / A-INB". Adjust the front panel SEND LVL trimmer for a good level and check for proper DTMF detection operation. Note: If the send level is to high, the unit may have trouble detecting the DTMF tones. Moving the guard time jumper JP3 to the "SLOW" position will also enhance tone detection.
- Step 2 Connect your input equipment to the balanced (CALLER) output of the STA-III to your equipment. The output terminals are labeled "A-OUT / A-OUT". The level may be adjusted on the front panel. This control is labeled RECEIVE LVL.
- Step 3 Connect the required relays and/or function inputs to the rear panel screw terminals.
- Step 4 Connect any shared telephone equipment to the rear panel LOOP RJ-11 jack.
- Step 5 Connect the supplied 12 vac wall transformer to power jack on the rear panel of the STA III.

## **Operation**

#### Auto-Answering a call:

Step 1 Answers after ring count set by user

Step 2 Goes off hook and beeps

Step 3 The users enters a valid access code, (if applicable) and relay K4 (external hook) closes.

Step 4 The send and receive audio is enabled. NOTE: Be sure you have enabled the send/caller audio with the commands below.

#### **Dropping a call:**

Hang up occurs with a 12 second dial tone (if enabled), CPC, \*99, front or rear panel drop function.

# **NOTE:** CPC and loss of loop current ignored if, an off-hook condition is initiated by a remote or front panel SIEZE function.

#### Controlling the send and caller audio:

- \* 9 # turns OFF send (to phone line) audio
- \* 9 \* turns ON send audio
- \* 8 # turns OFF caller (from telephone line) audio
- \* 8 \* turns ON caller audio

#### **Relay Operation:**

The CE Relay (CE-A/CE-B) K2 closes for 1 second when hang up occurs.

External Hook (HK-A/HK-B) Relay K4 turns ON when a valid access code is accepted or the SEIZE function is initiated.

3 \* turns ON "AUX" Relay K3 3 # turns OFF "AUX" Relay K3 3 0 turns ON "AUX" Relay K3 for one second 5 \* turns ON "PGM" Relay K5 5 # turns OFF "PGM" Relay K5 5 0 turns ON "PGM" Relay K5 for one second

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## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Send input level:	Adjustable, MIL +24dbu, balanced 20 K $\Omega$ bridging (Input to Phone line).	For s conne cuits
Caller output level:	Adjustable, Off to +4 dbu, @ 100 $\Omega$ , balanced output (Receive from phone line).	cuits
Logic:	Flash microprocessor, non-volatile memory, DTMF transceiver.	
Relays/OC:	Relays, four SPST. 30 vdc @ 1 amp. Open collector (Ground Sink), 12 vdc @ 100 ma.	
Drop, Seize and Busy inputs:	Compatible with CMOS/TTL, open collector or contact closures. Active low. Max logic voltage 5 vdc.	
Connectors:	Screw style wire captive terminals. 3 - Modular, RJ-11C/W programming telephone, phone line and loop-thru. 1- Modular cable supplied.	
FCC registration:	Complies with FCC parts 15 & 68. Reg BRDUSA-36042-OT-T	
Ringer equivalence:	0.4B	WEB
Power Requirements:	12 Vac, @ 500 ma or 1 amp. 120 Vac wall transformer. Supplied.	Visit o produ
Size:	5.65" x 6.50" x 1.55" (WDH)	additi
Weight:	2.0 lbs.	Back Forwar Address: @ W8SW9
Options:	RA-1 rack shelf for mounting up to three units in 1-RU, CE 240 Vac 50-60 hz wall transformer.	



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