### HARDWARE and SOFTWARE INSTALLATION GUIDE







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## **Important Safety Instructions**



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

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

- 1) Read these instructions.
- 2) Keep these instructions.
- 3) Heed all warnings.
- 4) Follow all instructions.
- 5) Do not use this apparatus near water.
- 6) Clean only with a dry cloth.
- 7) Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- 8) Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- 9) Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has two blades and third grounding prong. The wider blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
- 10) Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
- 11) Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- 12) Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.



- 13) Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- 14) Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
- 15) **WARNING** -- TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPARATUS TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

## Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to assist in the setup and operation of a typical DM84 system. This guide assumes familiarity with the DM84 Digital Audio Processor, its components and software menus and setup screens. To get the most out of the DM84 system, it is suggested to review the information presented in the DM84 Series Reference Manual.

A detailed online Help is also available to assist in the setup and operation of a DM84 system using the USB interface and a Windows<sup>®</sup> XP, Vista or 7 operating system. In addition to assistance setting up and operating the DM84 system, the Help includes a complete listing of the DM84 Commands. These commands can be used to setup and operate the DM84 system via external devices using either the USB or RS232 serial port.

#### **Unpacking the Unit**

Compare the packing list enclosed with the unit with the original order. Inspect all items for damage. Immediately call 1-800-821-1121 to report any items that are missing or damaged. The sooner we get notified, the sooner we can get any needed replacement items shipped to your location.

#### Items Included in the box:

- Installation Guide Booklet
- Power cable
- 6 each 5-pin de-pluggable connectors
- CAT-5e cables (2 each) 12" with shielded RJ45 connectors
- · Lectrosonics screwdriver
- DB9 to TRS (Stereo mini) cable BLACK for laptop setup
- DB9 to TRS (Stereo mini) cable RED for touch panel control systems
- USB cable
- CD-ROM with LecNet2 software and documentation in Acrobat PDF files

Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

Changes or modifications to this equipment that are not expressly approved by Lectrosonics, Inc. may void the user's authority to operate it.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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## **Hardware Installation**

#### **Installing the DM84 System Into a Rack**

The DM84 occupies a single rack space and there are no special ventilation requirements. Mount with 4 rack screws using the appropriate mounting holes. It is recommended to use nylon washers to prevent damage to the front panel's finish when tightening the screws.

For North American installations, connect the Power Cable supplied with the unit between the DM84 and a stable power source. The DM84 has an internal switching power supply that can tolerate voltages ranging from 90 VAC to 240 VAC. Use an approved power cable for installations outside North America.

#### **Cables**

It is recommended to use lacing bars for cable strain relief when mounting in a rack. Use only professional audio cable with proper shielding - typically, two conductor plus ground/shield.

#### **Audio Connections**

The analog audio inputs and outputs are connected through 5 pin de-pluggable connectors. Strip the insulation back 1/8 to 3/16" but do not tin (apply solder to) the leads. Insert the wire into a de-pluggable connector, leaving less than 1 mm of bare wire exposed, then tighten the retaining screw.

*Caution: Do not over tighten the retaining screw.* 

Note the labeling on the DM84 Chassis for the positive and negative leads. Ground is shared between two connections (the center pin). For balanced connections, all three leads can be connected.



#### **Audio Inputs**

#### **Unbalanced Sources**

Unbalanced audio sources (positive and ground) include items such as consumer VCR's, DVD players, etc., and may use both two wire and three wire cables. In either case, the positive output from the source should be connected to the appropriate positive (+) input on the DM84. The shield or negative (-) output should be connected the DM84's negative (-) input. Two wire cables should have a jumper between the DM84 negative input and ground. Three wire cables should have the shield connected to the DM84's ground input and the shield and negative (-) leads joined together at the unbalanced source end.

WARNING: Do not activate phantom power for unbalanced sources. Refer to online help files after the software is installed.



Unbalanced source to DM input (2-Wire)



# Unbalanced source to DM input (3-Wire)

#### **Balanced Sources**

Balanced differential sources from external equipment and microphones should be wired according to the following illustration. When connecting balanced sources to the DM84, it is important to not connect chassis ground (shield) to either signal conductor.



Balanced source to DM input (3-Wire)

#### **Phantom Power**

The DM84 supplies +15 VDC phantom power to the audio inputs via a programmable switch and two 2 k resistors.







**Equivalent Circuit** 

However, the true phantom power available at the microphone may be less due to voltage drop across the microphone itself (source resistance). In some cases, the voltage drop may be enough to result in marginal performance.

The following formula can be used to determine how much phantom power will be available to a particular microphone.

$$V_{ph} = 15 \text{ V} - (1 \text{ k})(I_{mic})$$

Where:

- V<sub>ph</sub> = the actual voltage available at the microphone. (Microphone specifications list this as the minimum recommended phantom voltage value. To minimize problems, the calculated Vph should exceed this value.)
- I<sub>mic</sub> = the current draw of the microphone. (Refer to individual microphone specifications for this value.)

Examples:

Microphone Number 1;

From Specification Sheet:

 $V_{ph}(min) = 11 V$  $I_{mic}(typical) = 4 mA$ 

$$V_{ph} = 15 V - (1k)(.004A)$$
  
 $V_{ph} = 15 V - 4V = 11 V$ 

Since the calculated Vph is equal to Vph from the microphone specification sheet, this is a marginal situation.

Microphone Number 2:

From Specification Sheet: 
$$V_{ph}(min) = 9 V$$
  
 $I_{mic}(max.) = 2 mA$   
 $V_{ph} = 15 V - (1k)(.002A)$   
 $V_{ph} = 15 V - 2V = 13 V$ 

Since the calculated Vph is greater than the Vph from the microphone specification sheet, this is an acceptable situation.

#### Audio Outputs

All outputs are a balanced differential configuration, and include an attenuator to reduce the signal to mic level.

NOTE: Using a Line Output with digital attenuation applied with the Control Panel to achieve Mic Level will result in added noise.

When the DM84 output is connected to an unbalanced input, wire it as shown here.





DM Out to Unbalanced Input (2-Wire)

When the DM84 output is connected to a balanced input, wire it as shown here.



DM Out to Balanced Input (3-Wire)

#### **Programmable Inputs**

Programmable inputs are provided to enable external control over a variety of parameters. Each input can respond to either a contact closure or a continuous voltage. The following illustrates common connections to the programmable input pins. (See also **Programmable Inputs and Outputs Wiring Diagram**.)

No external pull-up resistors are necessary because each programmable input is internally pulled up through a 100K resistor to +5V. When using a continuous voltage with one of the programmable inputs, the function of the programmable input must be set to either *Analog In Control* or *Analog Out Control* on the **Programmable Inputs** control tab in the Control Panel GUI. See the **Programmable Input** tab in the Control Panel software Help for setting all programmable input parameters.



#### Contact Closure as Programmable Input



#### DC Voltage Source as Programmable Input



#### **Programmable Outputs**

Programmable outputs are used to indicate channel activity or the current state of a programmable input or some other feature of the DM84. Each programmable output is the electrical equivalent of a contact closure to ground. When a programmable output is "active", it conducts current to ground. When the programmable output is "inactive", no current flows to ground. The maximum usable voltage for the programmable outputs is 40 V and they will safely conduct up to 100 mA DC continuous. Following are some typical uses for the programmable outputs.

Note: The diagram shows an external DC source powering the relay coil. This is necessary whenever coil voltages exceed 5 V.

Both LEDs and 5V relay coils can be powered by the +5 V DC pins on the programmable input connector, as long as the maximum combined current for all LEDS and relay coils does not exceed 100 mA.

#### Programmable Inputs and Outputs Wiring Diagram Example





LED is off when the programmable output is active

+5VDC (from Programmable I/O Pins 14, 20, 25) Programmable Output Pin Gnd (from Programmable I/O Pins 1, 8, 13)

Relay is on when the programmable output is active



#### **DM84 Rear Panel**



Programmable Inputs and Outputs **Expansion I/O Ports** 

#### **PROGRAMMABLE INPUTS/OUTPUTS**



Common Connections can be used for all voltage and ground connections among all devices. **Expansion I/O ports** 

The four RJ45 connectors on the rear panel are used to interconnect LecNet2<sup>™</sup> units together. These ports are only used to transfer digital audio information via the Digital Audio Network Interface (DANI) between the units.

WARNING: The Expansion I/O connectors are <u>NOT</u> EtherNet, CobraNet or any other network based device interconnects. Connecting them to Ethernet, CobraNet or other network based device may cause damage to either unit.

In a stacked configuration, one unit must be configured as the Master unit and the others as Slave units. Configuring a unit as a Master or a Slave can be done using the Control Panel GUI interface.

Note: In order to use the convenient Control Panel GUI, LecNet2<sup>™</sup> must be installed on the attached computer system. (See Installing LecNet2<sup>™</sup> Software and USB Driver.)

To connect the Master/Slave units, plug one end of a 12 inch Cat5e cable (two are supplied with each with unit) to the transmit (TX) port on the Master unit, and connect the other end to the corresponding receiver (RX) port on the Slave unit immediately below the Master. Repeat this procedure with the second Cat5e cable. (See Expansion Port Digital Audio Network Interface Interconnection Diagram.)

CAUTION: Do not connect these ports to each other on a single unit, and to not cross the cables between the units.

#### **Master/Slave Configuration**

When stacking multiple units, one unit is always set as the Master and all subsequent units are set as Slaves. The Control Panel GUI interface is used to do this.

#### **DANI Bus Expansion I/O ports**

The four RJ45 connectors on the rear panel are used to interconnect LecNet2<sup>™</sup> units together. These ports are only used to transfer digital audio information via the Digital Audio Network Interface (DANI) between the DM Series processors that are interconnected.

WARNING: The Expansion I/O connectors are <u>NOT</u> EtherNet, CobraNet or any other network based device interconnects. Connecting them to Ethernet, CobraNet or other network based device may cause damage to either unit.

To connect the Master/Slave units, plug one end of a 12 inch Cat5e cable (two are supplied with each with unit) to the transmit (TX) port on the Master unit, and connect the other end to the corresponding receiver (RX) port on the Slave unit immediately below the Master. Repeat this procedure with the second Cat5e cable.



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#### **Control System Interconnections**

In addition to a Windows<sup>®</sup> based computer system, the DM84 can be controlled by external serial control system using the RS-232 interface, such as those from Crestron<sup>®</sup> and AMX<sup>®</sup>.



Two RS-232 serial cables are provided.

The cable with the **BLACK** TRS connector is an RS-232 cable wired for use with a laptop computer system.



The cable with the **RED** TRS connector is designed to be used with a control system such as those from Crestron<sup>®</sup> or AMX<sup>®</sup>.



#### Part# 21529-1 (Black Cable)



#### Wiring Diagram, 9 Pin D-Sub

Tip ≻LecNet Device Tran Ring ≻LecNet Device Reco Sleeve ≻Gnd LecNet Port	N/C — CD~ 1 smitRX-< 2 siveTX-< 3 DTR-< 4 Gnd-< 5 DSR-< 6 RTS-< 7 CTS-< 8 N/CRI_< 8	Host Serial Port (PC)
	N/C	

#### Wiring Diagram, 25 Pin D-Sub



#### Part# 21710-1 (Red Cable)



# Installing LecNet2<sup>™</sup> Software and USB Driver

The LecNet2 USB drivers are installed from the Installation Disk which comes with each processor by running the *LecNet2 Device Installer*. Normally, this is done before connecting a processor for the first time, however, it can done afterwards if necessary. The driver installation only needs to be done once.

If a LecNet device is connected to a PC without prior installation of the driver from the Installation Disk, manual installation is possible in the cases of Windows XP and Vista operating systems using the **New Hardware Found** wizard. In the case of Windows 7, there is no New Hardware Found wizard, so manual installation is a bit more involved. In any of these cases, it's not really necessary - just cancel the New Hardware Found wizard (if open) and run the LecNet2 Device Installer from the Installation Disk.

#### **Installation with LecNet2 Device Installer**

#### Step 1

Place the LecNet2 Installation Disk into the CD-ROM drive on the computer. If *Auto Run* is enabled on that drive, the installation utility will open.



If *AutoRun* is not enabled, use Start>Run to run *auto-Run.exe* on the drive holding the LecNet2 Installation Disk.

If the CD-ROM drive is assigned as drive E: then type *E:\autoRun.exe* in the window and press *Enter* to open the LecNet2 utility.

With Windows Vista and 7 operating systems, click on the Windows logo at the bottom left of the desktop, then type *E:\autoRun.exe* into the search field just above the Windows logo.

Two versions of the USB driver installer are provided for different types of Windows PC:

- 32-bit Windows, click on Install USB Drivers (32-bit)
- 63-bit Windows, click on Install USB Drivers (64-bit)

Click on the option that is correct for your PC.

#### Step 2

The LecNet2 Device Installer opens:

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Click Next to proceed

#### Step 3

The EULA is presented:



Accept, then click Next to proceed.

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Please wait while the drivers install. This may take so	The time to complete.

The drivers are installed from the CD. When installation is complete, the final page of the installer will appear.

LecNet2 Device Installer			
ů Ú	Congratulations! You are finished installing your LecNet2 device.		
Ī	The drivers were successfully installed on this computer.		
C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	You can now connect your device to this computer. If your device came with instructions, please read them first.		
	Driver Name	Status	
	✓ FTDI LecNet2 Driver Pa	Ready to use	
< Back Finish Cancel			

The *Driver Name* and *Status* are displayed. Click on *Finish* to close the installer. You may new connect any LecNet2 device to the PC and drivers will be loaded automatically.

#### **Manual Installation**

If the USB drivers have not been pre-installed on a PC prior to connecting a LecNet2 device for the very first time, you may install the manually if you wish.

On Windows XP and Vista operating systems, the *Found New Hardware Wizard* will open when the device is detected. It will walk you through the process of installing the LecNet2 drivers. To proceed, you will need the LecNet2 Installation Disk. Click on the following link and follow the instructions:

Windows XP USB driver manual installation guide

On Windows 7 operating systems, the system attempts to find a driver automatically when the device is detected. If it cannot find one, it notifies the user that driver installation failed. In this case, the Windows **Device Manager** is used to install the drivers. To proceed, you will need the LecNet2 Installation Disk. Follow these instructions:

Windows 7 USB driver manual installation guide

# **Initial Setup**

The initial setup of a DM84 system is a relatively simple three step process: connect the unit to the computer, turn on the computer and select the appropriate control panel, preset the input, matrix and output. This process assumes that LecNet2<sup>™</sup> and, if necessary, the USB driver have been previously installed. If they have not been installed, please refer to **Installing LecNet2<sup>™</sup> Software and USB Driver**.

 Connect the computer system to the DM84 unit using either the BLACK DB9 to stereo mini (TRS 1/8") cable for RS-232 communications or the USB cable for USB control. (Both cables are included with the unit.)

NOTE: Only one DM84 unit at a time can be connected to a serial port using the RS-232 cable. Multiple units may be connected to a USB port using a USB hub.

- 2) Turn the computer system on. After the boot sequence is complete, click **Start**, then **All Programs**.
- 3) Select **LecNet2**, then select the DM84 control panel from the list.
- 5) If the "**Just a Reminder**" dialog appears, click **OK** to continue.



6) Click **Connection** on the Main Menu bar, then select the type of connection between the computer system or external control system and the DM84 unit.



The choices are:

- USB used when the computer is connected to the DM84 unit via the front or rear panel USB port.
- Network One or more DM84 devices may be made available for network connections by connecting them to a gateway server acting as a middleman, receiving commands for a DM84 over a network connection, and forwarding them to the DM84 device connected via USB.
- Extron IPL T S One or more DM84 devices may be made available for network connections by connecting them to an **Extron IPL T S** ethernet control interface. The IPL T S interface acts as a middleman, receiving commands for a DM84 device over a network connection, and forwarding them to the device via an RS232 port. To work as a gateway server the IPL T S interface must be a member of some local area network (LAN) or the Internet, by means of an **Ethernet** connection.
- Serial->COM1 An RS-232 port for RS-232 communications between the DM84 and the computer sytsem, or for connecting the DM84 to an external control system such as those made by Crestron<sup>®</sup> or AMX<sup>®</sup>.

NOTE: The menu will list all serial ports detected on the PC. However, many newer PCs have no RS232 serial ports at all, so no serial connection options will be listed.

Go Offline - No Connection Made, this mode can be used for off line configuration and is the default mode. The DM84 can be configured in the installation or a configuration file can be created off line in advance. The minimum required setup to pass audio includes: Inputs, Matrix and Outputs. Input and output filters, compressors and delays are used to tailor the system for specific audio situations. These parameters are set up through the Control Panel GUI.



#### **Initial Setup Hints**

- The GUI interface is quite intuitive. As a recommended first step, we suggest you select Labels from the Menu Bar and type in all the input and output labels. This will simplify further setup steps because you will be able to easily keep track of which input or output you are adjusting.
- 2) The right click is powerful in this interface. You can activate quick access to a number of setup functions (for example right click in any input box in the INPUTS tab). It also allows some powerful cut and paste capabilities especially in the matrix setup and the filter (both input and output).
- Store startup settings in a startup default preset. (See Storing and Recalling Presets in the online HELP application.)
- 4) Presets will take about 3 seconds to switch due to the many parameters in the unit - audio will switch off temporarily during a preset switch to avoid feedback. If you need quicker response with no interruption to the audio, use macros instead - try using the macro recorder for making any changes. The only changes that cannot be made in a macro are filter adjustments. such as EQ.
- 5) Store presets after changes are made and not before they are made.
- 6) Help is always available by clicking **Help** on the Main Menu Bar. This Help is a comprehensive resource and includes the latest revisions to the software and firmware.

## IMPORTANT: Any changes made during setup must be saved in the unit via the preset menu.

For direct support from the factory, call 1-800-821-1121

Ask for anyone in the SALES department. They will be able to answer your setup and/or technical questions or will get the correct person who can help on the phone.

#### **Front Panel Gain Controls**

The gain of input and output audio channels is adjustable from the front panel of the DM84. This feature is useful for system setup and adjustment, and may be left enabled to allow users to "touch up" gains as needed during operation.

Gain can be increased or decreased within a range which is centered around 0 dB (unity) gain. The minimum gain position has a special meaning - the channel will be turned "off" when the control is rotated to the fully counter-clockwise position. The range of adjustment for each channel is individually programmable using the Control Panel GUI (in Device Setup Menu) or LecNet2 serial commands. **Changes made to the gain range settings take effect immediately and are global in scope - the same settings are in effect no matter what memory "preset" is loaded. The default range is 30 dB (+/- 15 dB).** 

Any or all of the front panel gain controls may be "locked out" to prevent unauthorized changes to the system. This is also done using the Control Panel GUI (in Device Setup Menu) or LecNet2 serial commands. Changes made to the gain control lock settings take effect immediately and are global in scope - the same settings are in effect no matter what memory "preset" is loaded.

NOTE: When the Front Panel Mute feature is enabled, the minimum gain position has a special meaning. The channel will be muted and the associated activity indicator will blink RED to warn the user that no audio is being passed. This feature can be controlled using the supplied GUI control panel or the serial command "fpmten."

#### **Front Panel Input/Output Activity Indicators**

These indicators reflect activity on input and output audio channels. Useful for setup and troubleshooting, these tri-color LEDs are interpreted as follows:

- Input channels
   DARK channel is inactive
   GREEN audio present (level greater than -35 dBu)
   ORANGE input compressor is active
   RED input is in clipping (overdriven)
   BLINKING RED input has been turned off using front panel gain control
- 2) Output channels
   DARK channel is inactive
   GREEN audio present (level greater than -35 dBu)
   ORANGE output compressor is active
   RED output is in limiting
   BLINKING RED output has been turned off using front panel gain control

## LIMITED ONE YEAR WARRANTY

The equipment is warranted for one year from date of purchase against defects in materials or workmanship provided it was purchased from an authorized dealer. This warranty does not cover equipment which has been abused or damaged by careless handling or shipping. This warranty does not apply to used or demonstrator equipment.

Should any defect develop, Lectrosonics, Inc. will, at our option, repair or replace any defective parts without charge for either parts or labor. If Lectrosonics, Inc. cannot correct the defect in your equipment, it will be replaced at no charge with a similar new item. Lectrosonics, Inc. will pay for the cost of returning your equipment to you.

This warranty applies only to items returned to Lectrosonics, Inc. or an authorized dealer, shipping costs prepaid, within one year from the date of purchase.

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