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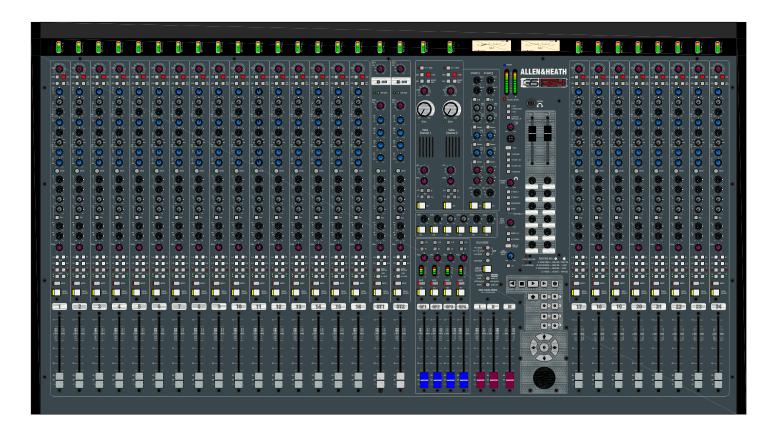
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PACKED ITEMS

Check that you have received the following:



GS-R24 MIXER

Also Packed in the box

- Safety Instructions—English
- Safety Instructions—French
- Addendum note ROHS
- Sticker
- This User Guide

PACKED SEPARATELY ARE THE POWER SUPPLY AND INTERFACE MODULE

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Thank you for purchasing your Allen & Heath GS-R24. To ensure that you get the maximum benefit from the unit please spare a few minutes familiarizing yourself with the controls and setup procedures outlined in this user guide. For further information please refer to the additional information available on our web site, or contact our technical support team.

http://www.allen-heath.com

This User Guide does not cover the interface modules available for the GS-R24. The varied modules will have their own User Guide and details of software drivers, digital connectivity and computer related issues. Also see the website for details.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE GS-R24

A Technical Overview:

The Allen & Heath GS-R24 mixer has been carefully and lovingly designed in the beautiful county of Cornwall in the UK and is manufactured alongside a wide range of professional audio mixing consoles.

Allen & Heath has a long history of making classic recording mixers such as the Sigma, Syncon, System 8, Saber and the GS3000, but for a few years have concentrated on the live sound, installation and pro DJ markets. The GS-R24 resurrects the GS product line and stands as a classic recording console for the modern age of Digital Audio Workstation software.

We spent a long time examining how modern recording methods, equipment and software applications have changed the way musicians and sound engineers work and listening to ideas and requests on forums such as Gearslutz, we have created a product which offers more than a sum of its parts—a combination of not just different technology, but different methods and philosophies.

GS-R24 is designed to fulfil the needs of musicians, sound engineers and producers and is adaptable to different workflow methods. Briefly, some of the capabilities of the GS-R24 include:

- Multi-track recording to the digital domain with easy interfacing to a computer DAW with zero latency monitoring of live sources.
- Multi-track recording to the digital domain with monitoring sourced from the recorded track in the DAW.
- Over-dubbing a recorded track whilst monitoring the track and/or live source.
- Multi-track mixdown using state-of-the-art analogue summing techniques.
- Multi-track mixing performed in the DAW using the GS-R24 as a controller.
- Patching, routing and monitoring a comprehensive matrix of signals in a studio environment—artists monitors, effects processors, external devices and studio control room monitors.
- Surround sound mixes can be created in a DAW and conveniently monitored through a single level control.
- Automating a mix using the motorised faders on GSR-24M to either create an automated mix in the digital domain or
 create an automated analogue summing mix using the faders for channel level control as well as parameter control.

Our claim that the GS-R24 is a modern classic recording console is not without foundation. It is a progression of our in-line recording mixers, many regarded as "classics" but with interfacing to each channel provided by a Digital Audio Workstation. Actually, the GS-R24 isn't just designed for modern times—it is built with the future in mind, with the interfacing hardware housed in a removable module which can be swapped and updated over time. This means that you won't have to change your lovely console when you need to upgrade your digital interfacing technology years from now.

The GS-R24 is built utilising individual vertically mounted channel circuit boards with each rotary control fixed with a metal nut to the front panel. This provides a very robust product that will resist damage and give years of reliable use. It also makes servicing easier should it be required. The motor fader system can be removed separately to the rest of the system and faders can be changed individually if the are damaged (from top impact for example).

Mic/Line Pre-amps:

The ultimate performing pre-amps are fitted to GS-R24. Similar in topology to those used in the renowned ZED-R16, they comprise a symmetrical circuit with individual linearising feedback to both phases, along with the lowest noise transistors available, providing very low distortion over a wide bandwidth and extremely low noise which translates to superior clarity and dynamic range.

EQ:

Extremely powerful, flexible and fully implemented mono channel EQ. Parametric mid sections with extended frequency range and controllable Q- factor allow a huge range of corrective and creative possibilities.

MIDI Control:

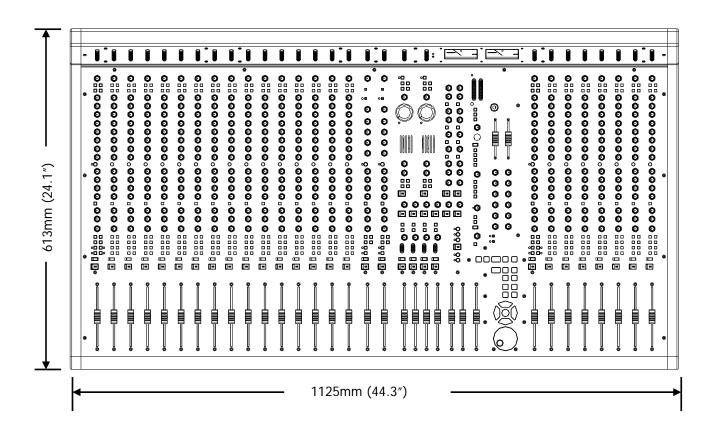
We have developed the control aspect on GS-R24 to give an intuitive, flexible, easy way to control multiple parameters in a variety of DAWs. Each of the mono channel faders has MIDI capability and are motorised on GS-R24M. In addition there is a MIDI Select switch on each channel and in the MIDI controller section 2×60 mm faders, 12×12 rotaries, 14×12 switches plus transport controls and a jogwheel.

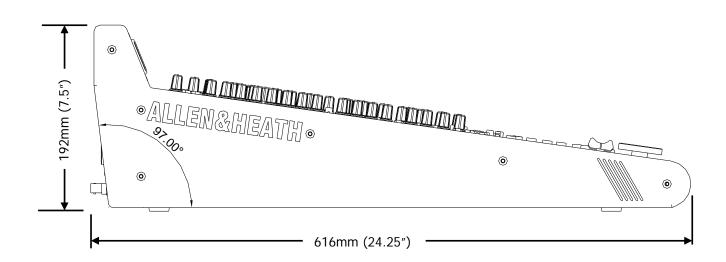
Interface Modules:

The interface module fits in the rear panel of the console. It handles 32 channels in and 32 channels out plus the control protocol. This manual does not cover the details of the modules as the variety of modules available will change in the future. Please consult the A&H website for details and the User Guide for the individual modules.

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DIMENSIONS & WEIGHTS





Weight kg (lb)				
Unpacked Packed				
GS-R24	30 (66)	38 (84)		
GS-R24M	38 (84)	40 (88)		

GS-R24 SPECIFICATIONS

Operating Levels			
Inputs			
Mono channel (XLR) Input -6 to -60dBu for nominal (+14dBu in			
Mono channel Line Input (Jack socket)	+14 to -40dBu (+34dBu maximum)		
Insert point (TRS Jack socket)	0dBu nominal +21dBu maximum		
Stereo Input (Jack sockets)	0dBu nominal (control = Off to +10dB)		
Stereo input (phono sockets)	0dBu nominal (control = Off to +15dB)		
Valve channel (XLR)	-10 to -60dBu for nominal (+10dBu max)		
Valve channel (Line)	+10 to -40dBu for nominal (+30dBu maximum)		
Valve channel (Inst gain boosted)	-16 to -66dBu for nominal (122mV to 0.388mV rms)		
2 Track Input (phono or TRS jack sockets)	0dBu nominal +21dBu maximum		
Outputs			
Main (2 Track 1) L-R (XLR) & Groups 1-4 (TRS Jack)	+4dBu nominal. +27dBu maximum.		
L-R Insert & Group Inserts (TRS Jack socket)	0dBu nominal +21dBu maximum		
2 Track 2 Outputs (Jack sockets)	0dBu nominal. +21dBu maximum.		
All other analogue outputs	0 nominal +21dBu maximum		

Headroom		
Analogue headroom from nominal (0Vu)	21dB	
Analogue headroom at Mix summing amplifier	23dB	

Frequency Response		
Mic in to Mix L/R Out, 10dB gain	+/-1dB 10Hz to 130kHz.	
Mic in to Mix L/R Out, 30dB gain +/-0.5dB 20Hz to 80kHz.		
Mic in to Mix L/R Out, 50dB gain +/-1dB 20Hz to 80kHz.		
Line in to Mix L/R out 0dB gain	+/-0.5dB 20Hz to 20kHz	
Stereo in to Mix L/R out	+/-0.5dB 20Hz to 40kHz	

THD+n		
Mic in to Mix L/R Out, 10dB gain 1kHz +10dBu out (DC to 22kHz)	0.0015%	
Mic in to Mix L/R Out, 30dB gain 1kHz (DC to 22kHz)	0.0025%	
Mic in to Mix L/R Out, 50dB gain 1kHz (DC to 22kHz)	0.0035%	
Mic in to Mix L/R Out, 30dB gain 10kHz (DC to 30kHz)	0.0025%	
Line in to Mix L/R out 0dB gain +10dBu 1kHz (DC to 22kHz)	0.002%	
Stereo in to Mix L/R out 0dB gain +10dBu 1kHz (DC to 22kHz)	0.002%	

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GS-R24 SPECIFICATIONS

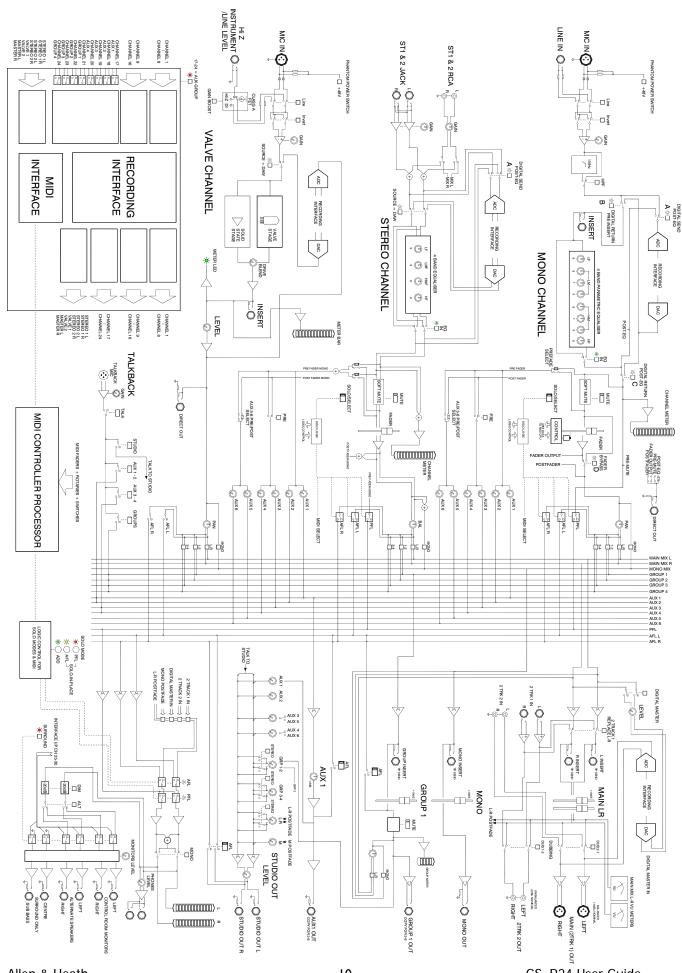
Noise		
Mono ch Mic Pre EIN @ 60dB gain 150R input Z 22-22kHz	-128.5dBu	
Mono ch Mic Pre EIN @ 30dB gain 150R input Z 22-22kHz	-124dBu	
Mix Noise, LR out, 0 channels routed, Ref +4dBu, 22-22kHz	-97dB (-93dBu)	
Mix Noise, LR out, 12 channels routed, Ref +4dBu, 22-22kHz	-90dB (-86dBu)	
Mix Noise, LR out, 24 channels routed, Ref +4dBu, 22-22kHz	-89dB (-85dBu)	
Mix Noise, Aux 1-4 out, sends minimum, masters at unity 22-22kHz	-84dBu	
Mix Noise, Groups 1-4, 24 channels routed, Ref +4dBu, 22-22kHz	-89dB (-85dBu)	

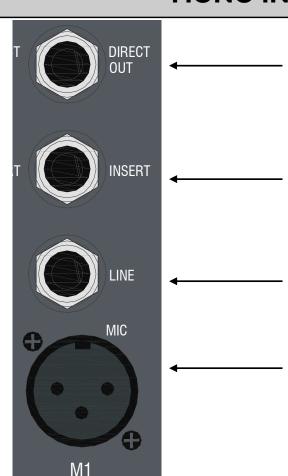
Power consumption Motorised Fader model	170W Nominal 300W Max	
Power consumption non-Motorised Fader model	170W	

Weight GS-R24 unpacked/packed	30/38kg	
Weight GS-R24m unpacked/packed	32/40kg	

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BLOCK DIAGRAM





REAR PANEL CONNECTIONS

Direct Output Jack Socket

Standard I/4" (6.25mm) Jack socket for Channel output signal. Wired Tip=Hot(+), Ring=Cold(0V), Sleeve=Chassis. Nominal level is 0dBu. The source for the Direct Output is selectable by option jumpers internally, factory set to Pre-Fade.

Insert Jack Socket

Standard 1/4" (6.25mm) Jack socket for unbalanced insert send and return signals. Wired Tip=send, Ring=return, Sleeve=Chassis. Nominal level is 0dBu. The insert point is after the 100Hz filter and before the EQ.

Line Input Jack Socket

Standard 1/4" (6.25mm) Jack socket for balanced or unbalanced line level signals. Wired Tip=Hot(+), Ring=cold (-), Sleeve=Chassis.

Microphone Input Socket

Standard 3-Pin XLR socket wired as Pin I=Chassis, Pin 2=hot (+), Pin 3=Cold (-).

FRONT PANEL CONTROLS

Gain Control

This adjusts the gain of the input amplifier to match the signal level of the input. The gain is varied from +6dB to +60dB for signals plugged in to the xIr socket (Mic Input) and -14dB to +40dB for signals plugged into the Line input jack.

Line Input Switch

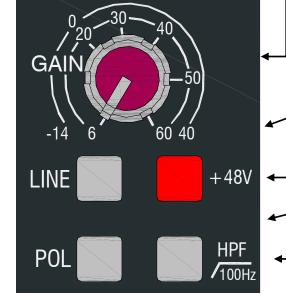
Selects the source for the pre-amp from XLR to Line input jack. The balanced input signal is padded by 20dB but noise and distortion are kept to a minimum in order to make it transparent when connecting external devices.

48V Phantom Power Switch

Applies +48V to pins 2 and 3 of the XLR input though 6k8 resistors for phantom powered condenser microphones.

Polarity (phase) reverse switch

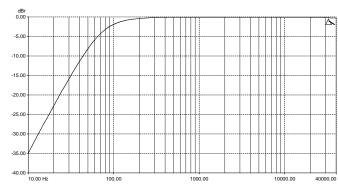
Reverses the polarity of the balanced input signal phases for both mic XLR and Line jack inputs.



100Hz Hi-pass Filter

The Hi-pass filter is used for reducing pop noise and rumble from microphone signals. It is a 2-pole (12dB per octave) filter with a corner frequency set at just below 100Hz.

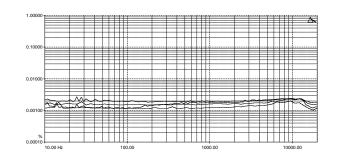
The filter affects signals from both Mic XLR and Line jack socket.



+48VLINE **HPF** POL 100Hz Q <> 400Hz 120 60 30 600 \diamond +15 **EQ IN**

Pre-Amp performance notes

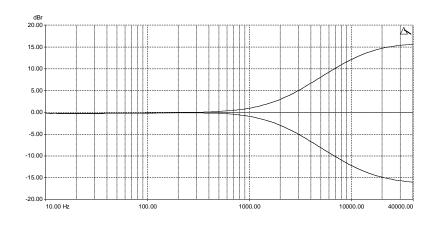
The GS-R24 pre-amp is a highly developed and proven design. Originally evolved from a balanced summing amplifier circuit originally designed back in the late 1980s for the Focusrite Forte console whilst working for industry legend Rupert Neve. Very low noise transistors are employed in a symmetrical topology with local phase compensation resulting in an inherently stable but wide bandwidth, low distortion, very low noise design.



THD+n plots of pre-amp at 10, 20, 30 and 40dB gain showing uniformity of distortion performance over a wide range of gain settings.

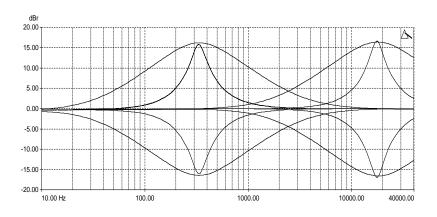
HF EQ

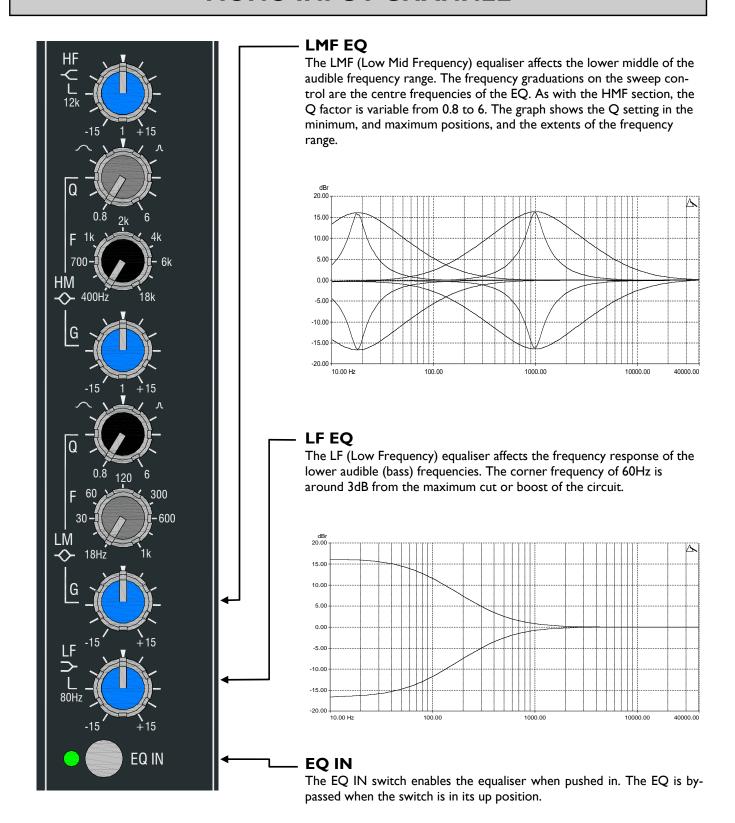
The HF (High Frequency) equaliser affects the frequency response of the higher audible frequencies. The corner frequency of 12kHz is around 3dB from the maximum cut or boost of the circuit.



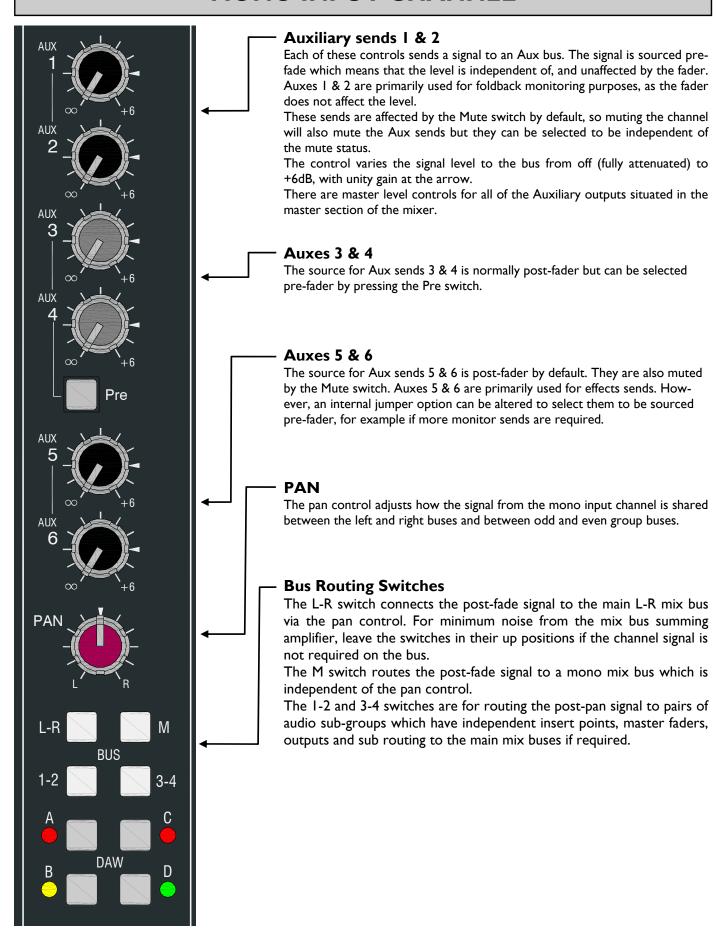
HMF EQ

The HMF (High Mid Frequency) equaliser affects the upper middle of the audible frequency range. The frequency graduations on the sweep control are the centre frequencies of the EQ. The Q factor is the width of the equaliser curve and is variable from a wide 0.8 to a sharp 6.

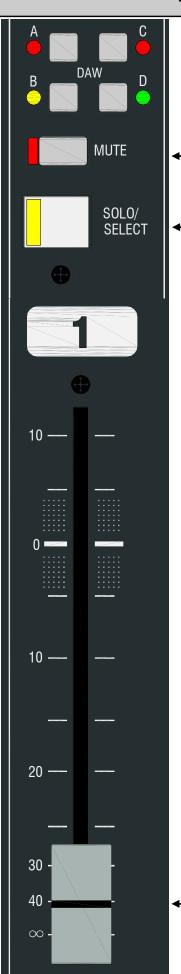




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INTERFACE CONFIGURATION SWITCHES

DAW send source switch

Switch A determines the source for the interface send for each channel. In the up position the source is just after the pre-amp and Hi pass filter. If pressed in, then the source is from after the EQ IN switch. One or the other signal will always be sent to the interface.

DAW return to channel (Pre Insert) switch

Switch B selects the source for the channel to be the interface return, which is switched in at just before the channel insert point. In other words the preamp signal is replaced by the interface return for that channel just before the insert point.

DAW return to channel (Post EQ) switch

Switch C selects the source for the channel at a point after the EQ. So if pressed, the channel signal from the EQ is replaced with the interface return for that channel which then feeds the fader and also the pre-fade sends.

Fader Bypass switch

Switch D allows the channel level control element of the fader to be bypassed at unity gain. This is useful when using the fader purely as a MIDI control device when also utilising the channel audio path for mixing or monitoring but not wanting fader movements to affect the channel signal level.

For a graphical explanation of the interface configuration switches, and interface routing options please refer to page 39.

Mute Switch

This mutes or cuts the signal to the mix buses, the post-fade Auxes and the pre-fade Auxes (where muting is enabled). A rectangular LED illuminates to show the Mute switch is pressed. The "soft" mute circuit has a time constant of 30mS for minimum Fourier clicks caused by sharp edges, and can be triggered by soloing another channel in Solo in Place mode.

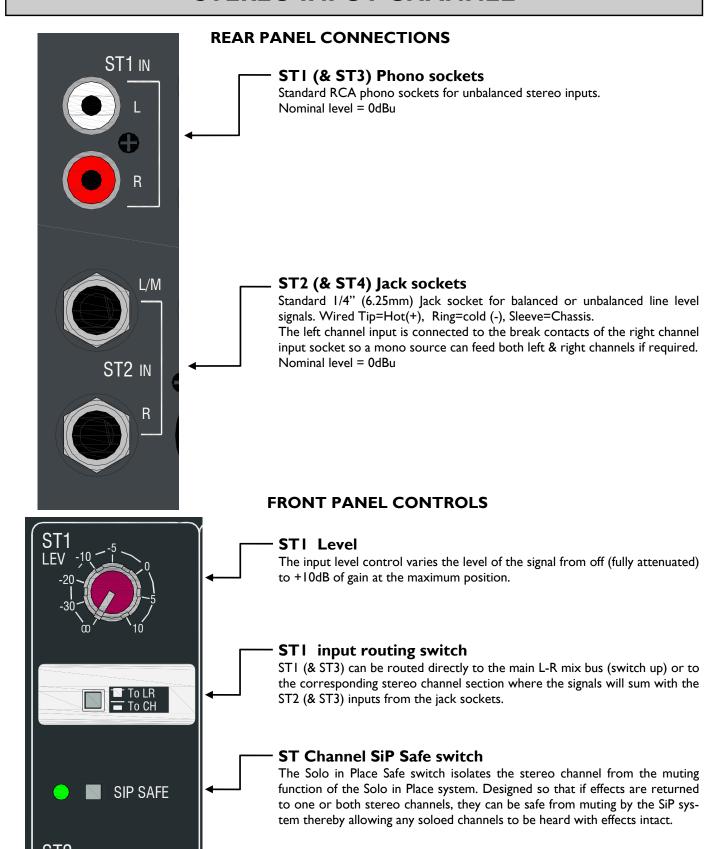
Solo/Select Switch

The channel solo/select switch is multi-functional switch that operates as a channel solo switch or a MIDI select switch to control DAW parameters, The modes are set by selector switches in the master section and are as follows:

- 1) PFL: Sends a pre-fade (also pre-mute) signal from the channel to the monitoring system.
- 2) AFL: Sends an after-fade (also post pan) signal to the monitoring system.
- 3) Solo in Place: Any pressed solo switches will mute other mono input or stereo input channels (unless SiP safed) unless their solo switches are pressed also (in ADD mode).
- 4) Select: The channel monitoring is disabled and the switch sends a MIDI message. The LED illumination can be tallied internally or can be tallied by the DAW in order to maintain synchronisation of status.

Fader

A 100mm fader controls the level of the channel signal path to mix buses and post-fade auxes. The mono channel faders can also be used as MIDI controllers for parameters in DAW software. On the GS-R24M the faders are motorised, further information on page 32.

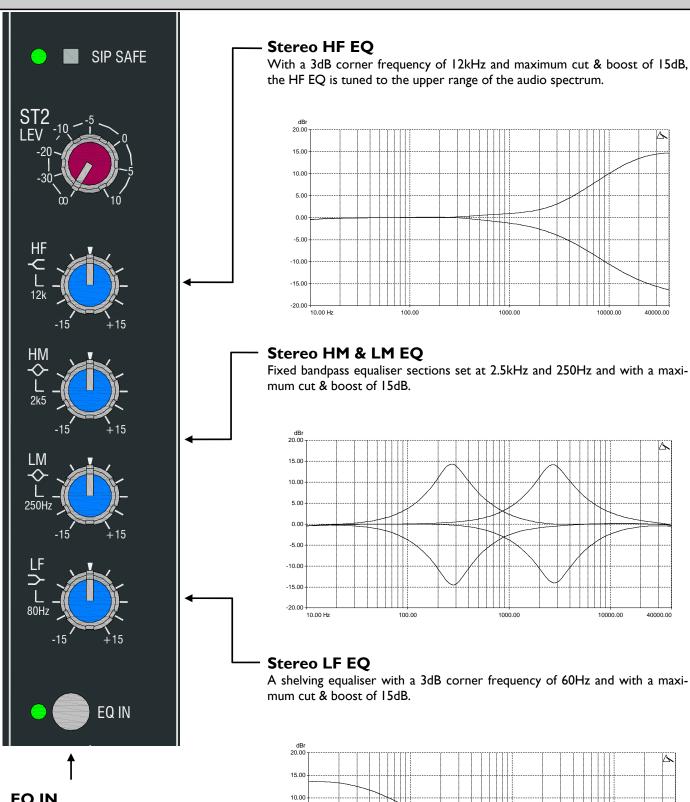


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to +10dB of gain at the maximum position.

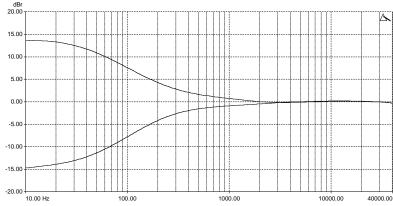
The input level control varies the level of the signal from off (fully attenuated)

ST2 Level

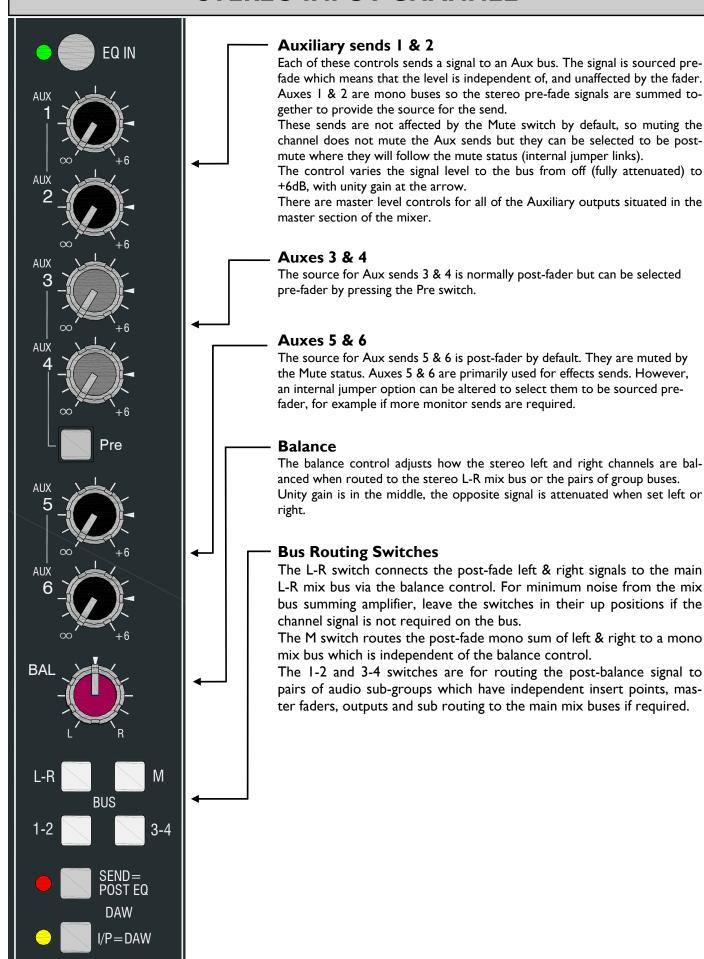


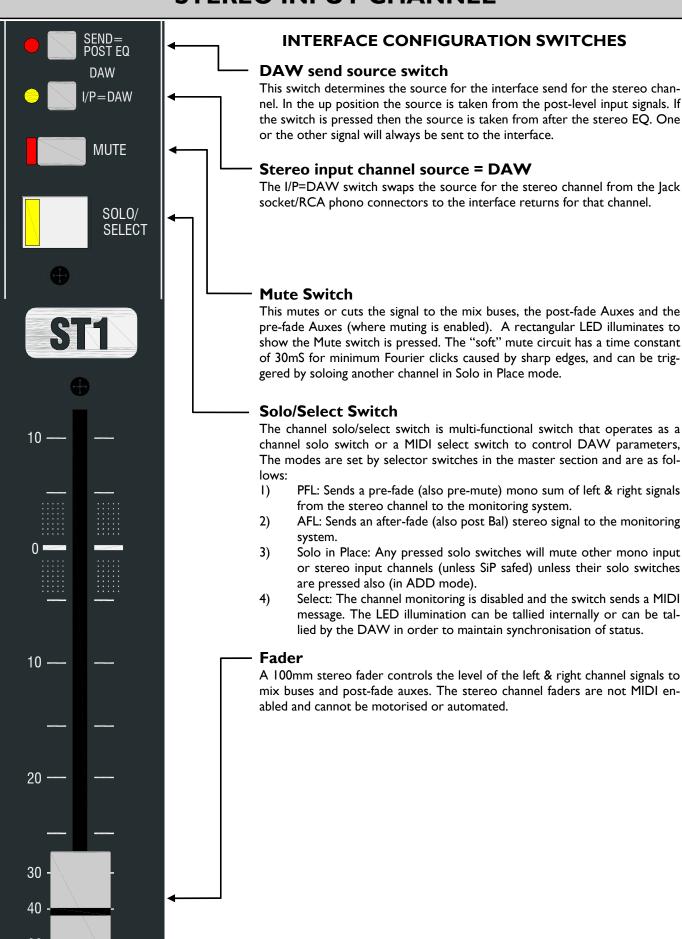
EQ IN

The EQ IN switch enables the equaliser when pushed in. The EQ is bypassed when the switch is in its up position.

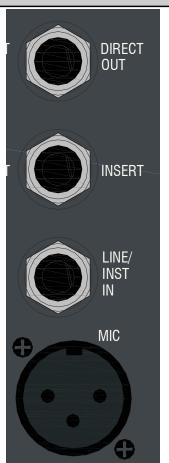


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VALVE INPUT CHANNEL



REAR PANEL CONNECTIONS

Direct Output Jack Socket

Standard I/4" (6.25 mm) Jack socket for Valve channel output signal. Wired Tip=Hot(+), Ring=Cold(0V), Sleeve=Chassis. Nominal level is 0dBu. The source for the Direct Output is taken from pre the master level control and is impedance balanced which means that the source resistance to the Tip(+) and Ring(0v) contacts are matched in order to maintain common-mode interference rejection.

Insert Jack Socket

Standard 1/4" (6.25mm) Jack socket for unbalanced insert send and return signals. Wired Tip=send, Ring=return, Sleeve=Chassis. Nominal level is 0dBu. The insert point is after the valve pre-amp stage.

Line/Instrument Input Jack Socket

Standard I/4" (6.25mm) Jack socket. This is an unbalanced input designed so that it can be used for instruments with either line level (active) outputs or low level magnetic or piezo pickups. Wired Tip=Hot(+), Ring=cold (0V), Sleeve=Chassis.

Microphone Input Socket

Standard 3-Pin XLR socket wired as Pin I=Chassis, Pin 2=hot (+), Pin 3=Cold (-).

FRONT PANEL CONTROLS

I/P=DAW switch

This swaps the source for the valve stage from the Mic/Line/Inst sockets to the interface return for that channel (channels 29 & 30 on the interface). The pre-amp Gain control will not affect the return level when sourced from the interface, but the Drive control will.

Line/Instrument Input Switch

Selects the source for the pre-amp from XLR to Line/Instrument input jack. The jack input is extremely high impedance ($10M\Omega$) and utilises a class A FET circuit as a front end to the pre-amp. This in itself emulates a thermionic valve input stage in its tonal quality and saturation characteristics.

48V Phantom Power Switch

Applies +48V to pins 2 and 3 of the XLR input though 6k8 resistors for phantom powered condenser microphones.

Boost Instrument level switch

Increases the gain of the FET pre-amp by 26dB when pressed. Useful for low output pickups of when the saturation characteristics of the pre-amp circuit are utilised.

Important! This switch is liable to cause clicks or thumps when pressed—turn down your master level to avoid unwanted clicks.

Polarity (phase) reverse switch

Reverses the polarity of the balanced input signal phases for both mic XLR and Line jack inputs.



VALVE INPUT CHANNEL



Gain Control

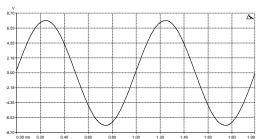
This adjusts the gain of the input amplifier to match the signal level of the input. The gain is varied from +6dB to +60dB for signals plugged in to the xlr socket (Mic Input) and -14dB to +40dB for signals plugged into the Line/Inst input jack (without Boost being pressed).

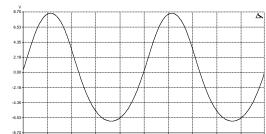
The Gain control does not affect the signal if the input is sourced from the DAW interface.

Drive control

The Drive control determines the amount of signal that passes through the valve stage and therefore the amount of signal with thermionic valve pre-amp characteristic. In addition to increasing the amount of even harmonic content, the volume level may also be increased when swept towards the MAX setting.

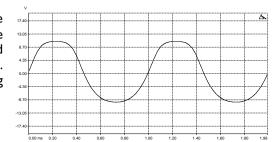
A 3 colour LED indicator illuminates green, orange then red to show the signal level after the valve stage.





Drive control characteristics at around +10dBu. Two graphs show MIN then MAX

The third graph shows extreme overload characteristics of the combined instrument input and valve stage with maximum drive. Note the asymmetric soft clipping on each half-cycle.



Level control

Effectively the fader for the valve channel (or master volume). Adjusts the level from fully attenuated to $\pm 10 \, \mathrm{dB}$ of gain.

PAN

The pan control adjusts how the signal from the mono input channel is shared between the left and right buses and between odd and even group buses.

Bus Routing Switches

The routing switches connect the channel signal to the mix buses in a similar way to the mono input channel.

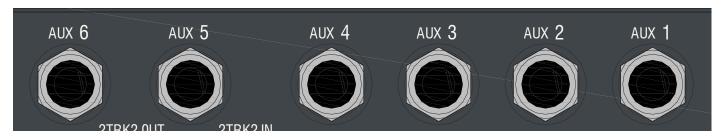
After Fade Listen switch

Connects the post level control signal in mono to the AFL monitoring system.

A full description of the console monitoring system is given on page 29.

AUXILIARY MASTER OUTPUTS & CONTROLS

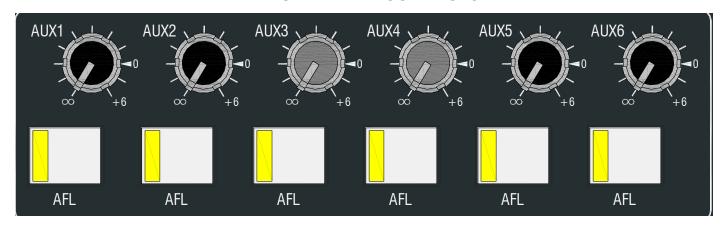
REAR PANEL CONNECTIONS



Aux bus Output Jack Socket

Standard 1/4" (6.25mm) Jack sockets for Aux bus output signals. Wired Tip=Hot(+), Ring=Cold(0V), Sleeve=Chassis. Nominal level is 0dBu.

FRONT PANEL CONTROLS



Aux master level control

Each of the 6 auxiliary buses has a master level control to adjust the overall level of the aux summed mix to the output. The range is from fully attenuated to +6dB gain.

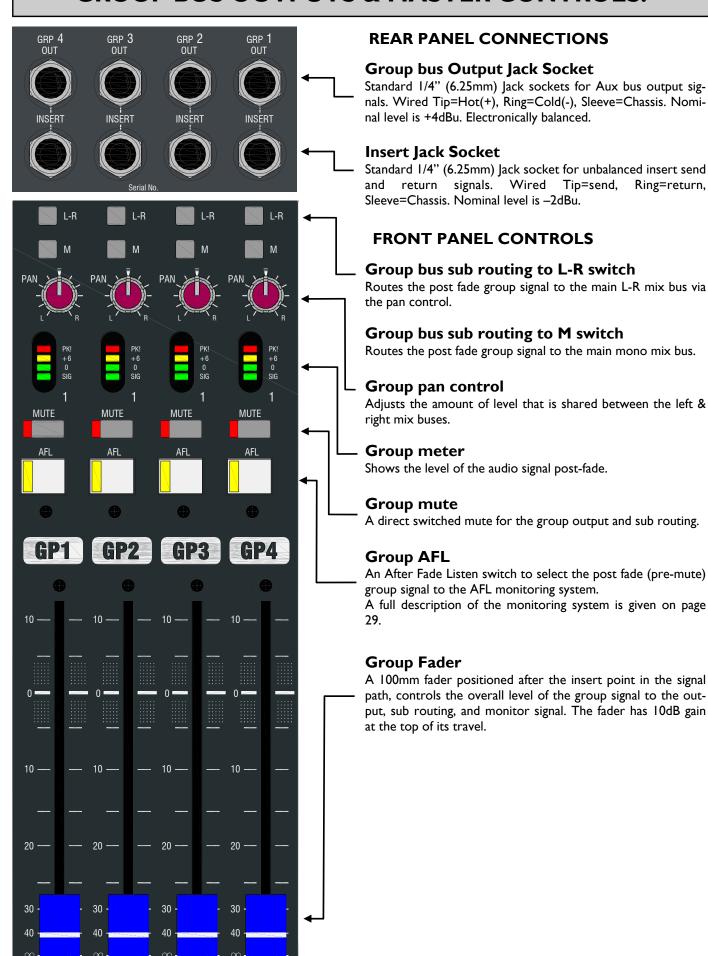
Aux master AFL

An After Fade Listen switch is provided to switch the post level control aux signal to the AFL monitoring system. A full description of the monitoring system is given on page 29.



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GROUP BUS OUTPUTS & MASTER CONTROLS.



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STUDIO OUTPUTS (ARTISTS FEEDS)



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Studio feed Output Jack Socket

Standard 1/4" (6.25mm) Jack sockets for Studio artists feed output signals. Wired Tip=Hot(+), Ring=Cold(0V), Sleeve=Chassis. Nominal level is 0dBu. Each Studio Output pair can be used as a stereo feed or two mono outputs.

FRONT PANEL CONTROLS

Studio feed submix Aux I level control

Sends signal from the Aux I mix master (post Aux I master level) to the Studio L & R outputs. The control adjusts the level from fully attenuated to +6dB gain.

Studio feed submix Aux 2 level control

Sends signal from the Aux 2 mix master (post Aux 2 master level) to the Studio L & R outputs.

Studio feed submix Aux 3/5 level control & 5-6 switch

Sends signal from the Aux 3 mix master (post Aux 3 master level) to the Studio L & R outputs. If the 5-6 switch is pressed then this becomes a send from Aux 5.

Studio feed submix Aux 4/6 level control & 5-6 switch

Sends signal from the Aux 4 mix master (post Aux 4 master level) to the Studio L & R outputs. If the 5-6 switch is pressed then this becomes a send from Aux 6.

Studio feed Grp I-2 level control & Stereo switch

Sends signals from the Group I & 2 mix (post group faders) to the Studio L & R outputs. Normally both groups I & 2 are sent to both L & R studio outputs, but if the Stereo switch is pressed group I feeds the left output only and group 2 feeds only the right.

Studio feed Grp 3-4 level control & Stereo switch

Sends signals from the Group 3 & 4 mix (post group faders) to the Studio L & R outputs. Normally both groups 3 & 4 are sent to both L & R studio outputs, but if the Stereo switch is pressed group 3 feeds the left output only and group 4 feeds only the right.

Studio feed L-R level control & Stereo switch

Sends signals from the main L-R mix (post main faders) to the Studio L & R outputs. Normally both L & R are sent to both L & R studio outputs, but if the Stereo switch is pressed mix Left feeds the left output only and



MAIN & MONITOR OUTPUTS & 2-TRACK INPUTS

REAR PANEL CONNECTIONS



2TRACK 2 IN/OUT Phono sockets

Standard RCA phono sockets for unbalanced stereo (2Track) inputs and outputs. Nominal level = 0dBu

2TRACK I input jack sockets

Standard 1/4" (6.25mm) Jack sockets for stereo (2Track) Wired Tip=Hot(+), Ring=Cold (0V), Sleeve=Chassis. Nominal level is 0dBu.

Main L & R mix Insert Jack Socket

Standard I/4" (6.25mm) Jack socket for unbalanced insert send and return signals. Wired Tip=send, Ring=return, Sleeve=Chassis. Nominal level is -2dBu.

Main Mix L & R Output xlr connectors (2Track1)

Standard 3-pin xlr connector for main Left & Right mix outputs. Electronically balanced. Wired Pin2=Hot(+), Pin3=Cold(-), Pin1=Chassis. Nominal level is +4dBu.

Monitor headphones Output jack socket

Standard 1/4" (6.25mm) Jack sockets for Headphones output. Wired Tip=Left, Ring=Right, Sleeve=Chassis.

Main Mono Mix Output jack socket

Standard I/4" (6.25mm) Jack sockets for Mono mix output. Ground compensated. Wired Tip=Hot(+), Ring=Cold(0V), Sleeve=Chassis. Nominal level is 0dBu.

Main Mono mix Insert Jack Socket

Standard 1/4" (6.25mm) Jack socket for unbalanced insert send and return signals. Wired Tip=send, Ring=return, Sleeve=Chassis. Nominal level is -2dBu.

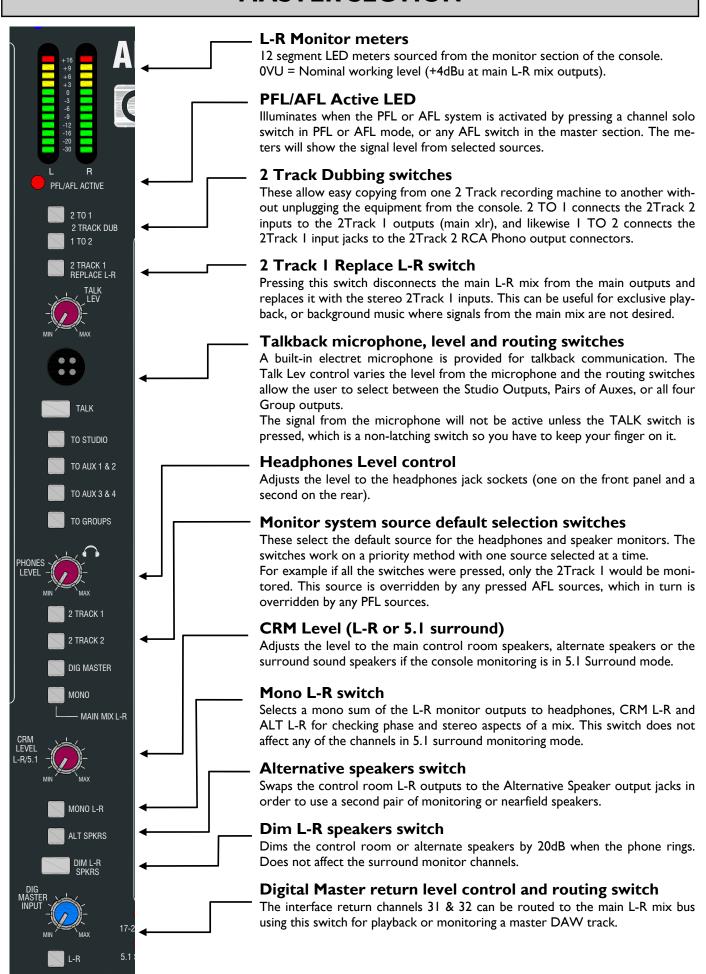
Control room/Surround monitor output jack socket

Standard 1/4" (6.25mm) Jack sockets for line level output connections to powered speakers or speaker amplifiers.

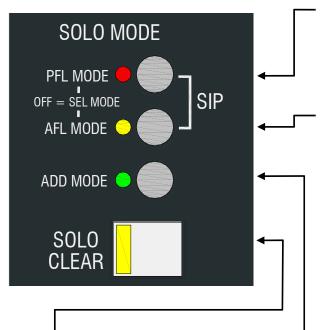
Wired Tip=Hot(+), Ring=Cold(0V), Sleeve=Chassis. Nominal level is 0dBu. For a full description of the monitor speaker combinations please refer to pages 29 & 30.

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MASTER SECTION



MONITORING MODES



PFL MODE switch

In PFL mode (PFL MODE switch pressed, AFL MODE not pressed), pressing an input channel Solo switch will send a pre-fade (pre-mute) signal to the PFL bus and trigger the PFL monitoring in the master section. This will override any AFL monitoring from the master section AFL switches.

AFL MODE switch

In AFL mode (AFL MODE switch pressed, PFL MODE not pressed), an input channel Solo switch will send a post fade, post pan signal to the stereo AFL bus and trigger the AFL monitoring in the master section. This will sum with any AFL monitoring signals selected in the master section.

Solo in Place MODE

If both PFL and AFL mode switches are pressed then the monitoring system is set for Solo in Place. If a Solo switch is pressed on any input channel (mono or stereo input), all other un-pressed input channels will be muted. There is a SiP Safe switch on each stereo input channel to inhibit the muting function.

The SiP system does not activate the monitoring circuitry in the master section, so will not illuminate the PFL/AFL active LED by the monitor meters, instead there are indicator LEDs in the meter-bridge.

Select MODE

If neither PFL or AFL mode switches are pressed, the mono and stereo input channel Solo switches operate as MIDI select buttons. Further information about the MIDI functionality can be found on page 32.

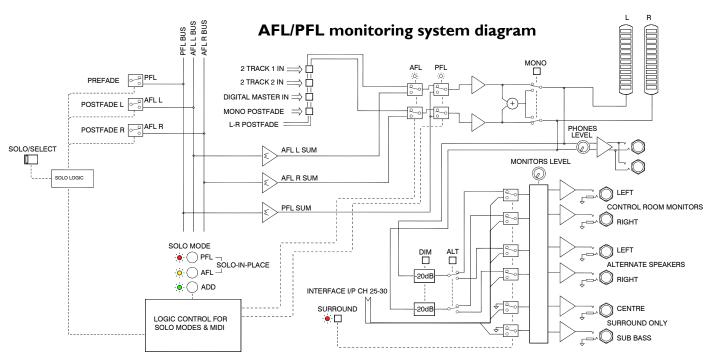
ADD MODE switch

Normally the channel Solo switches are exclusive—so they cancel any previously selected Solo switch. In Add mode they do not cancel so more than one can be selected at a time.

SOLO CLEAR switch

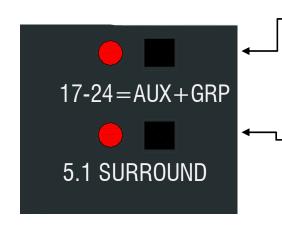
Clears any active Solo switch. Illuminates when any Solo switches are active.

It is good practise to clear any Solo/Select switches before changing Solo MODE. This will avoid any confusing selection if different switches are active in different modes.



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17-24=AUX/GRP & 5.1 SURROUND SWITCHES



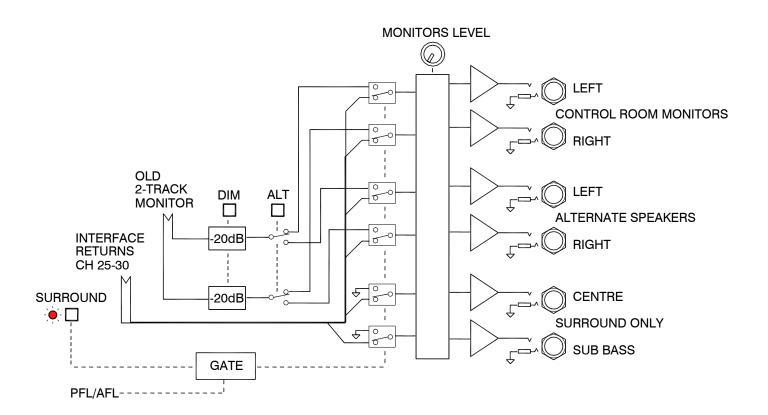
17-24=AUX+GRP

This recessed switch swaps the interface sends on channels 17-24 from the mono input channels to the Aux I-4 outputs and the four group outputs. Useful when it is required to send groups of channels to a DAW for recording or processing.

5.1 Surround monitor switch

Another recessed switch (to prevent accidental operation). This switch enables 6 channels from the interface return (25-30) to be used for 5.1 surround mix monitoring from a DAW. The interface return signals are routed through a single level control to six jack sockets on the rear panel.

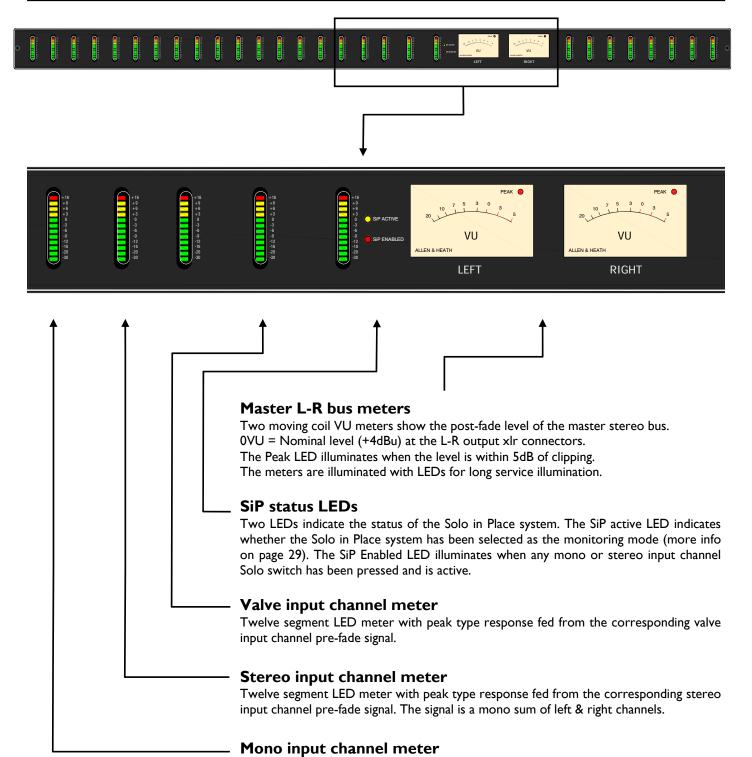
The selected stereo monitor source will be disconnected from the monitoring system, but if the AFL or PFL system is activated, this will override the 5.1 Surround monitoring present the PFL/AFL signals on the control room or alternate speakers.



Control Room Stereo/5.1 Surround monitoring system diagram

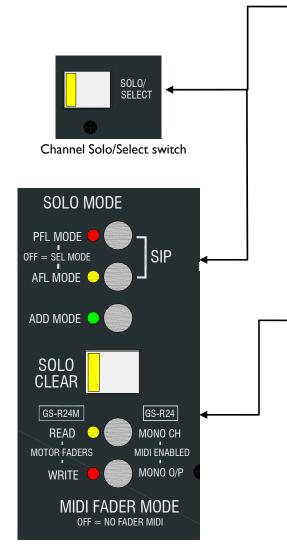
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METERBRIDGE



Twelve segment LED meter with peak type response fed from the corresponding mono input channel pre-fade signal.

MIDI CONTROL MODES OF OPERATION



Master section Mode switches



Fader Touch Sensor

SOLO/SELECT switches in **SEL** mode

If the Solo mode is set to SEL (both PFL and AFL mode switches set to their up position, then the channel Solo switches function as MIDI select switches primarily designed to map to DAW functions such as track solo, track mute or record arm.

Pressing the switch will send a MIDI message via the MIDI out on the interface module which can either be mapped, learned or translated by the DAW or computer software.

The LED illumination of the switch can be set to either follow the switch press only (internal tally) or to follow the status of the function mapped in software by responding to MIDI input (external tally). This is set by the console mode configuration on power up described on page 37.

The Select switches can work in the same fashion as the PFL/AFL system where in ADD mode more than one can be selected simultaneously, otherwise pressing a Select switch will cancel any previously selected. Also, the Solo Clear switch illuminates when any are active, and will clear any selected.

MIDI FADER MODE switches

The fader mode switches configure the operation of the MIDI enabled channel faders. The switches function differently depending on whether you have the GS-R24M with motorised faders or the GS-R24 without motorised faders.

Read/Mono Channel Fader enable switch

GS-R24M: When this switch is pressed the 24 mono input channel faders will read MIDI data from the MIDI input on the interface module and if valid commands are received the motors will engage and move the fader to the position required by the received data.

GS-R24: Enables MIDI data to be sent from the 24 mono input channel faders to the MIDI output on the interface module. If not pressed then no MIDI data will be sent from the mono input channel faders.

Write/Mono Master Fader enable switch

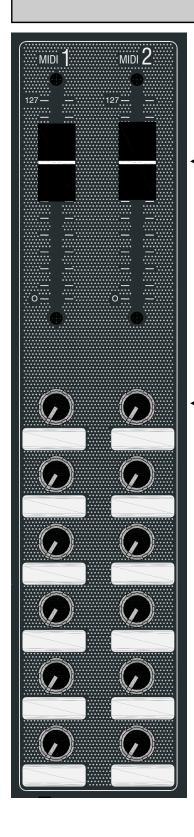
GS-R24M: This switch enables MIDI data to be sent from the 24 mono input channel faders to the MIDI output on the interface module. If not pressed then no MIDI data will be sent from the mono input channel faders.

GS-R24: Enables MIDI data to be sent from the Mono bus master fader to the MIDI output on the interface module. This allows a single I00mm fader to be used to control MIDI parameters. The fade function on the Mono output signal is bypassed at unity gain when this switch is engaged.

GS-R24M: The motor faders are equipped with a metallised fader knob which senses touch and turns off the motor if the motor is moving the fader, and activates the MIDI signal send from the fader if the fader is in WRITE Enabled mode. The fader will send the MIDI data for fader position whether moved or not as soon as it is touched. Multiple faders can be touched and will send MIDI data simultaneously.

The Touch Sensor works in two ways: a) by conducting a tiny amount of electrical current through the fader knob to the operator if the operator has contact with another fader or the console front panel, or b) by signal pickup through the operator originating from an electrical field in the vicinity. The touch threshold is set so as not to be triggered by the fader itself when moved so in some insulated and low electrical field situations it may be necessary to increase the sensitivity when touching a single fader. This can be done simply by routing a mains electrical lead in the proximity of the operating position for the console, or by the user touching a metal object on the console front panel (such as one of the fader screws) before touching the fader.

MIDI CONTROLLERS



60mm MIDI faders

Two 60mm faders are provided for assigning to parameters in your DAW that can be controlled by MIDI. They are permanently enabled so will send MIDI data via the MIDI output on the interface module whenever they are moved.

Rotary MIDI controls

Twelve rotary MIDI potentiometers are provided to control rotary type parameters in your DAW such as track Pans, Send levels or processing controls. These are purely one way MIDI controllers—there is no bi-direction tally or feedback, so DAW features such as MIDI pick-up mode may be implemented when controlling multiple parameters with one control.

Transport control switches

Five switches primarily used for transport control of a recording system—either in a DAW or a hardware device such as a tape machine.

The default standard in MIDI Machine Control (MMC) but can be configured to send MIDI note on/off data.

The Stop, Play and Record switches can be configured so that the illumination either tallies internally or externally via MIDI message feedback.

MIDI switches

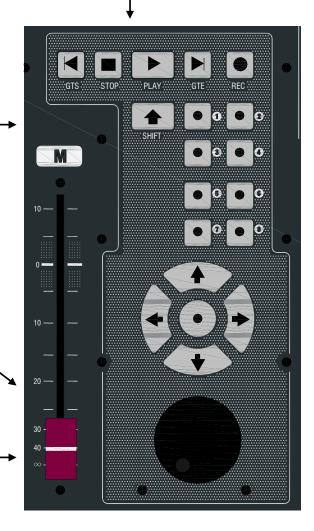
Fourteen switches send MIDI data for assigning and controlling parameters in your DAW. The switched labelled I to 8 have illumination that can be tallied either internally or via MIDI feedback from a DAW. The Shift button sends MIDI data and also modifies certain data from other switches—see MIDI implementation table.

Jogwheel

A rotary controller which sends MIDI data for scrolling or increment/decrement functions.

Mono Master fader

On the GS-R24 (not GS-R24M) the mono master fader can be used as a MIDI control fader. When enabled the mono bus fade function is bypassed at unity gain.



MIDI IMPLEMENTATION

MIDI Implementation

There are two implementation modes for GS-R24:

- I) The default set of MIDI data messages that is unique to GS-R24 which can be mapped, learned or translated by DAW application software or MIDI translator software.
- 2) An emulation of the US 2400 MIDI control surface made by TASCAM.

MIDI Default data: ch = MIDI channel

MIDI CONTROLLER	MESSAGE TYPE	DATA I	DATA 2
FADER CHI	0xB(ch)	0×01	0x(0-7F)
FADER CH2	0xB(ch)	0×02	0x(0-7F)
FADER CH3	0xB(ch)	0×03	0x(0-7F)
FADER CH4	0xB(ch)	0×04	0x(0-7F)
FADER CH5	0xB(ch)	0×05	0×(0-7F)
FADER CH6	0xB(ch)	0×06	0×(0-7F)
FADER CH7	0xB(ch)	0×07	0×(0-7F)
FADER CH8	0xB(ch)	0×08	0×(0-7F)
FADER CH9	0xB(ch)	0×09	0×(0-7F)
FADER CHIO	0xB(ch)	0x0A	0×(0-7F)
FADER CHII	0xB(ch)	0×0B	0×(0-7F)
FADER CH12	0xB(ch)	0x0C	0×(0-7F)
FADER CH13	0xB(ch)	0x0D	0×(0-7F)
FADER CH14	0xB(ch)	0×0E	0×(0-7F)
FADER CHI5	0xB(ch)	0×0F	0×(0-7F)
FADER CHI6	0xB(ch)	0×10	0×(0-7F)
FADER CH17	0xB(ch)	0×11	0×(0-7F)
FADER CH18	0xB(ch)	0×12	0×(0-7F)
FADER CH19	0xB(ch)	0×13	0×(0-7F)
FADER CH20	0xB(ch)	0×14	0×(0-7F)
FADER CH21	0xB(ch)	0×15	0×(0-7F)
FADER CH22	0xB(ch)	0×16	0×(0-7F)
FADER CH23	0xB(ch)	0×17	0x(0-7F)
FADER CH24	0xB(ch)	0×18	0x(0-7F)
FADER Mono M	0xB(ch)	0×21	0x(0-7F)

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MIDI CONTROLLER	MESSAGE TYPF	DATA I	DATA 2	SHIFT DATA I
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ROTARY I	0xB(ch)	0×40	0x(0-7F)	0×4E
ROTARY 2	0xB(ch)	0x41	0×(0-7F)	0×4F
ROTARY 2	0xB(ch)	0x42	0×(0-7F)	0×50
ROTARY 4	0xB(ch)	0×43	0×(0-7F)	0×51
ROTARY 5	0xB(ch)	0x44	0×(0-7F)	0×52
ROTARY 6	0xB(ch)	0×45	0×(0-7F)	0×53
ROTARY 7	0xB(ch)	0×46	0×(0-7F)	0×54
ROTARY 8	0xB(ch)	0×47	0×(0-7F)	0×55
ROTARY 9	0xB(ch)	0×48	0×(0-7F)	0×56
ROTARY 10	0xB(ch)	0×49	0×(0-7F)	0×57
ROTARY I I	0xB(ch)	0x4A	0×(0-7F)	0×58
ROTARY 12	0xB(ch)	0x4B	0×(0-7F)	0×59
FADER I	0xB(ch)	0x4C	0×(0-7F)	0x5A
FADER 2	0xB(ch)	0x4D	0×(0-7F)	0x5B

MIDI CONTROLLER	MESSAGE TYPE	DATA I	DATA 2	DATA 3	DATA 4	DATA5	DATA 6
REW	MMC	0×F0	0×7F	0×7F	0×06	0×05	0xF7
STOP	MMC	0×F0	0×7F	0×7F	0×06	0×01	0xF7
PLAY	MMC	0×F0	0×7F	0×7F	0×06	0×02	0xF7
FFW	MMC	0×F0	0×7F	0×7F	0×06	0×04	0xF7
REC	MMC	0×F0	0×7F	0×7F	0×06	0×06	0×F7

MIDI CONTROLLER	MESSAGE TYPE	DATA I	DATA 2	ON/OFF
REW	0×9(ch)	0×67	0×7F	ON
REW	0x8(ch)	0×67	0×00	OFF
STOP	0×9(ch)	0×68	0×7F	ON
STOP	0x8(ch)	0×68	0×00	OFF
PLAY	0×9(ch)	0×69	0×7F	ON
PLAY	0×8(ch)	0×69	0×00	OFF
FFW	0×9(ch)	0x6A	0×7F	ON
FFW	0×8(ch)	0×6A	0×00	OFF
REC	0x9(ch)	0x6B	0×7F	ON
REC	0x8(ch)	0×6B	0×00	OFF

MIDI IMPLEMENTATION

MIDI Default data: ch = MIDI channel

MIDI CONTROLLER	MESSAGE TYPE	DATA I	DATA 2	ON/OFF
SHIFT	0x9(ch)	0x6C	0×7F	ON
SHIFT	0x8(ch)	0x6C	0×00	OFF
BUTTON I	0×9(ch)	0x6D	0×7F	ON
BUTTON I	0x8(ch)	0x6D	0×00	OFF
BUTTON 2	0x9(ch)	0×6E	0×7F	ON
BUTTON 2	0x8(ch)	0×6E	0×00	OFF
BUTTON 3	0x9(ch)	0×6F	0×7F	ON
BUTTON 3	0x8(ch)	0×6F	0×00	OFF
BUTTON 4	0x9(ch)	0×70	0×7F	ON
BUTTON 4	0x8(ch)	0×70	0×00	OFF
BUTTON 5	0x9(ch)	0×71	0×7F	ON
BUTTON 5	0x8(ch)	0×71	0×00	OFF
BUTTON 6	0x9(ch)	0×72	0×7F	ON
BUTTON 6	0x8(ch)	0×72	0×00	OFF
BUTTON 7	0x9(ch)	0×73	0×7F	ON
BUTTON 7	0x8(ch)	0×73	0×00	OFF
BUTTON 8	0x9(ch)	0×74	0×7F	ON
BUTTON 8	0x8(ch)	0×74	0×00	OFF
UP ARROW	0x9(ch)	0×75	0×7F	ON
UP ARROW	0x8(ch)	0×75	0×00	OFF
LEFT ARROW	0x9(ch)	0×76	0×7F	ON
LEFT ARROW	0x8(ch)	0×76	0×00	OFF
CENTRE	0x9(ch)	0×77	0×7F	ON
CENTRE	0x8(ch)	0×77	0×00	OFF
RIGHT ARROW	0x9(ch)	0×78	0×7F	ON
RIGHT ARROW	0x8(ch)	0×78	0×00	OFF
DOWN ARROW	0x9(ch)	0×79	0x7F	ON
DOWN ARROW			0×00	OFF

MIDI CONTROLLER	MESSAGE TYPE	DATA I	DATA 2	ON/OFF
JOG WHEEL SW	0×9(ch)	0×7A	0×7F	ON
JOG WHEEL SW	0x8(ch)	0×7A	0×00	OFF
JOG WH RIGHT	0xB(ch)	0×7B	0×(0-3E)	
JOG WH LEFT	0xB(ch)	0×7B	0×(3F-7F)	



MIDI IMPLEMENTATION

MIDI Default data: ch = MIDI channel

MIDI CONTROLLER	MESSAGE TYPE	DATA I	DATA 2	ON/OFF	SHIFT DATA I
SEL I	0x9(ch)	0×01	0×7F	ON	0×23
SEL I	0x8(ch)	0×01	0×00	OFF	0×23
SEL 2	0x9(ch)	0×02	0×7F	ON	0×24
SEL 2	0x8(ch)	0×02	0×00	OFF	0×24
SEL 3	0x9(ch)	0×03	0×7F	ON	0×25
SEL 3	0x8(ch)	0×03	0×00	OFF	0×25
SEL 4	0×9(ch)	0×04	0×7F	ON	0×26
SEL 4	0x8(ch)	0×04	0×00	OFF	0×26
SEL 5	0x9(ch)	0×05	0×7F	ON	0×27
SEL 5	0x8(ch)	0×05	0×00	OFF	0×27
SEL 6	0x9(ch)	0×06	0×7F	ON	0×28
SEL 6	0x8(ch)	0×06	0×00	OFF	0×28
SEL 7	0x9(ch)	0×07	0×7F	ON	0×29
SEL 7	0x8(ch)	0×07	0×00	OFF	0×29
SEL 8	0x9(ch)	0×08	0×7F	ON	0x2A
SEL 8	0x8(ch)	0×08	0×00	OFF	0x2A
SEL 9	0x9(ch)	0×09	0×7F	ON	0×2B
SEL 9	0x8(ch)	0×09	0×00	OFF	0×2B
SEL 10	0×9(ch)	0×0A	0×7F	ON	0x2C
SEL 10	0x8(ch)	0x0A	0×00	OFF	0x2C
SEL I I	0x9(ch)	0×0B	0×7F	ON	0x2D
SEL I I	0x8(ch)	0×0B	0×00	OFF	0x2D
SEL 12	0x9(ch)	0x0C	0×7F	ON	0×2E
SEL 12	0x8(ch)	0x0C	0×00	OFF	0×2E

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SEL 13	0x9(ch)	0x0D	0×7F	ON	0×2F
SEL 13	0x8(ch)	0x0D	0×00	OFF	0x2F
SEL 14	0x9(ch)	0×0E	0×7F	ON	0×30
SEL 14	0x8(ch)	0×0E	0×00	OFF	0×30
SEL 15	0x9(ch)	0x0F	0×7F	ON	0x31
SEL 15	0x8(ch)	0×0F	0×00	OFF	0×31
SEL 16	0×9(ch)	0×10	0×7F	ON	0×32
SEL 16	0×8(ch)	0×10	0×00	OFF	0×32
SEL 17	0×9(ch)	0x11	0×7F	ON	0x33
SEL 17	0x8(ch)	0×11	0×00	OFF	0×33
SEL 18	0x9(ch)	0x12	0×7F	ON	0x34
SEL 18	0x8(ch)	0x12	0×00	OFF	0x34
SEL 19	0x9(ch)	0×13	0×7F	ON	0×35
SEL 19	0x8(ch)	0×13	0×00	OFF	0×35
SEL 20	0x9(ch)	0×14	0×7F	ON	0x36
SEL 20	0x8(ch)	0×14	0×00	OFF	0x36
SEL 21	0x9(ch)	0×15	0×7F	ON	0×37
SEL 21	0x8(ch)	0×15	0×00	OFF	0×37
SEL 22	0×9(ch)	0×16	0×7F	ON	0×38
SEL 22	0×8(ch)	0×16	0×00	OFF	0×38
SEL 23	0x9(ch)	0×17	0×7F	ON	0x39
SEL 23	0x8(ch)	0×17	0×00	OFF	0x39
SEL 24	0x9(ch)	0×18	0×7F	ON	0×3A
SEL 24	0x8(ch)	0×18	0×00	OFF	0x3A
SEL ST I	0×9(ch)	0×21	0×7F	ON	0×43
SEL ST I	0x8(ch)	0×21	0×00	OFF	0×43
SEL ST2	0x9(ch)	0×22	0x7F	ON	0x44
SEL ST2	0x8(ch)	0×22	0×00	OFF	0x44

POWER-UP CONFIGURATION MODES

MIDI Operation modes

It is possible to set GS-R24 to work in different ways depending on preference and the capability of externally connected equipment. These modes are primarily concerned with setting up the illumination of the Solo Select switch LEDs so that they tally entirely from the console function or from external MIDI messages received by the console. The modes can also set a tick message which is required when translating the GS-R24 default MIDI code into the HUI protocol, change the transport from MMC to note on/off, and set the console into self test or demo mode.

To Set the configuration mode:

Power the console ON whilst holding down PLAY Release PLAY and press one of the following Solo/SEL buttons

At this stage the Solo/Select switch LEDs will display the current mode status.

SEL switch	Mode
I	Default MIDI, Internal tally, press/release = note on/off
2	Default MIDI, Internal tally, press once for note on, press again for note off
3	Default MIDI, External tally, press/release = note on/off
4	Default MIDI, External tally, press once for note on, press again for note off
5	REAPER Mode (Pending Controller plug-in becoming available)
6	Default MIDI, External tally, HUI tick ON. For translating to HUI protocol.
7	US 2400 Emulation
8	Test & Demo mode.
17	On = Transport=Note On/Off. Off = Transport=MMC

Press STOP and the configuration mode is set

To Set the MIDI Channel number:

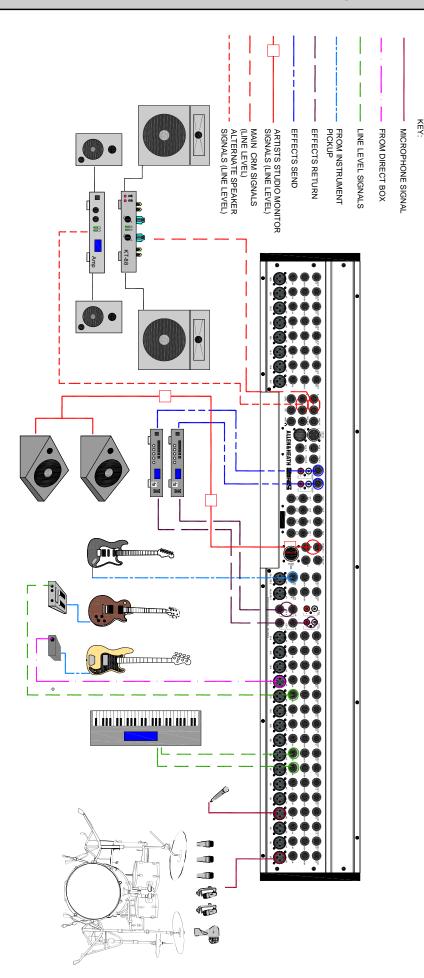
Power the console ON whilst holding down REC Release REC and press one of the following Solo/SEL buttons

SEL switch	Mode
I	MIDI channel I
2	MIDI channel 2
3	MIDI channel 3
4	MIDI channel 4
5	MIDI channel 5
6	MIDI channel 6
7	MIDI channel 7
8	MIDI channel 8
9	MIDI channel 9
10	MIDI channel 10
П	MIDI channel 11
12	MIDI channel 12
13	MIDI channel 13
14	MIDI channel 14
15	MIDI channel 15
16	MIDI channel 16

Press STOP and the MIDI channel number is set

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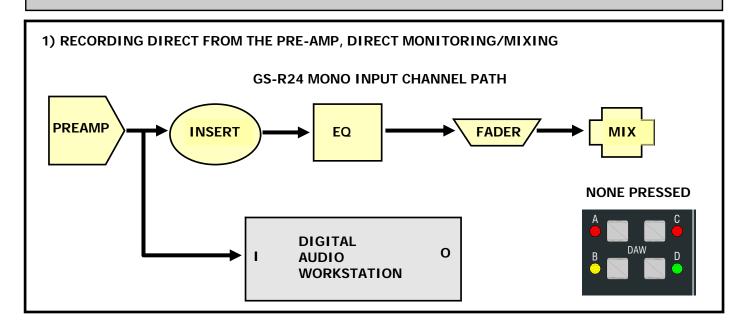
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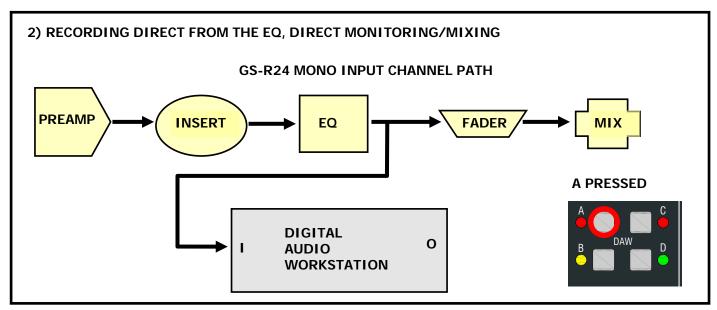


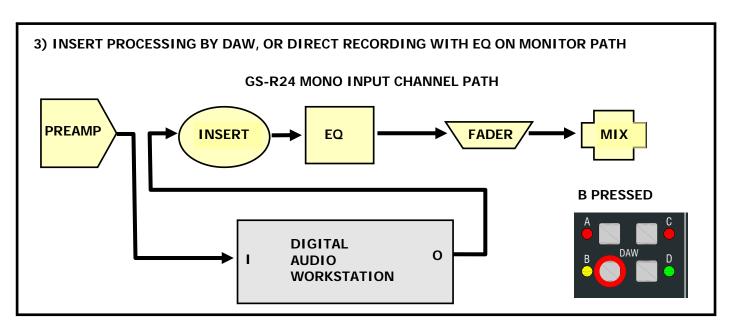
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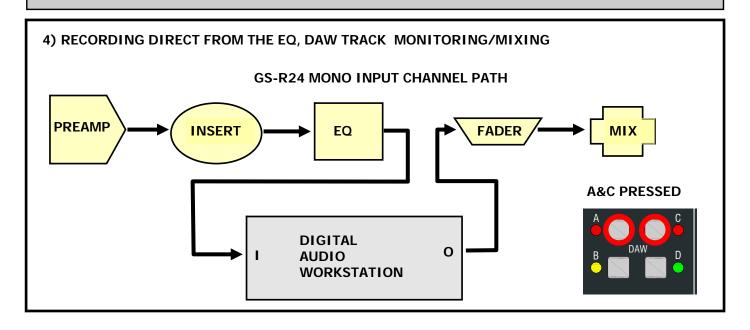
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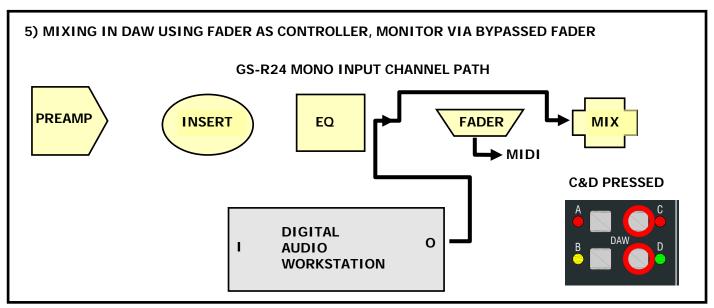


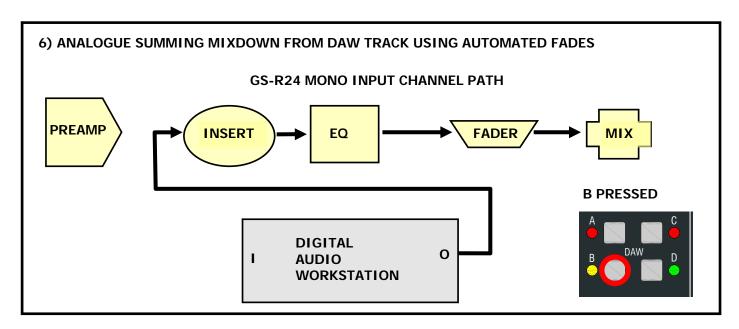




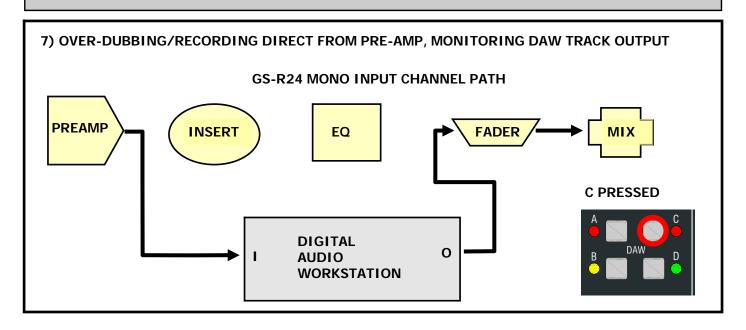
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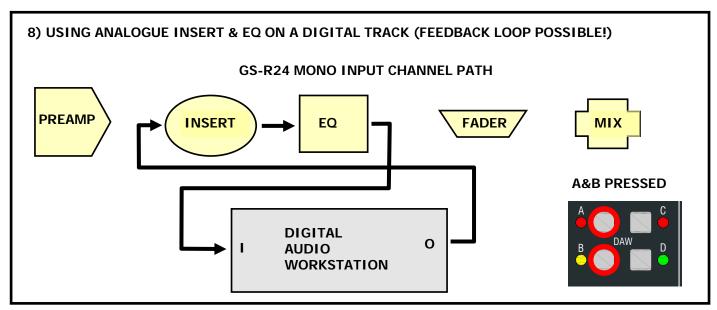






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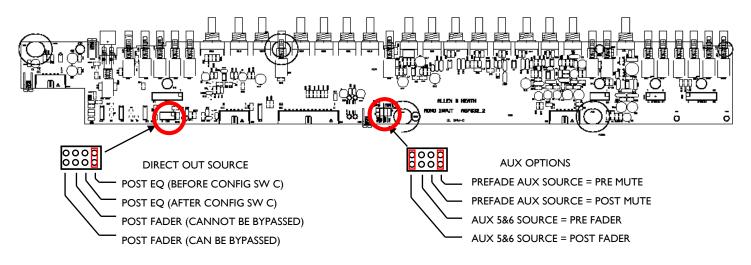




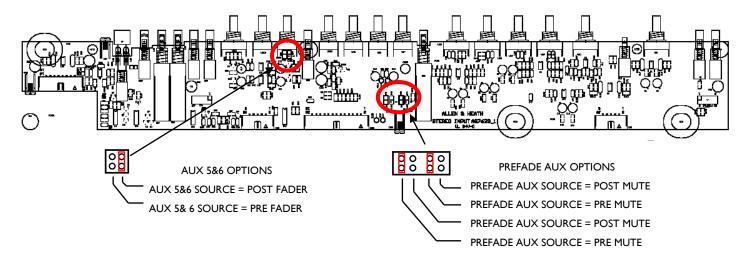


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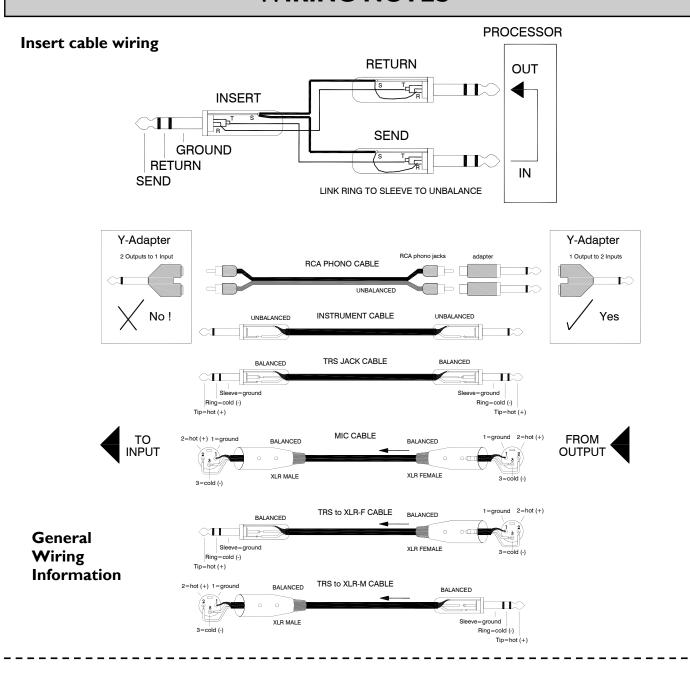
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