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# DNR-101i/111i

Guide to Installation and Operation
M752-9900-100

Digital Noise Reducer / Digital Noise Reducer w. MNR

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   EN 61000-3-2 & -3-3, Disturbance in Supply Systems
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#### 1 **DNR-101i Digital Noise Reducer DNR-111i Digital Noise Reducer with MNR**

#### 1.1 Introduction

The DNR-101i and DNR-111i provides Digital Video Noise Reduction of SDI video signals for incoming feed and compression pre-processing applications. The DNR-101i and DNR-111i perform advanced, 10-bit, 3D Gaussian noise reduction and variable surface and edge filtering. In addition, the DNR-111i removes Mosquito noise, using Miranda's proprietary region-based 3D-MONORD algorithm.

The DNR is well suited to incoming feed applications, reducing the RF noise commonly found in signals transported by satellite and microwave communication links. In this application, the DNR-101i and DNR-111i dramatically improves the signal to noise ratio and overall image quality. They can also be effective for negative gamma film noise reduction. The DNR-101i and DNR-111i are also suited to the pre-processing of signals prior to digital compression for storage or transmission. Reducing random noise and applying advanced surface and edge filtering, the DNR-101i and DNR-111i dramatically improve digital compression quality and efficiency. The DNR-111i is particularly suited for DCT-based compression such as MPEG2 found in Direct Satellite Signals (DSS), Digital Cable, Digital Terrestrial Television and digital recording from a Digital Video Disk. It removes artefacts and noise from the upstream compression process thus making the retransmission of the signal cleaner and more efficient.

A user interface consisting of a 4-character dot-matrix display, 4 push buttons and six LEDs simplifies user selections and allows precise adjustments of the parameters. All of the principal controls and preprogrammed functions are accessible on the front card edge.

#### 1.2 Features

- Serial 4:2:2 input with active loop-through
- Serial 4:2:2 outputs (2)
- EDH detection and insertion used for encryption
- Fully-digital, 10-bit signal processing
- Local control accessible on the front panel

# 1.3 Functional Block diagram

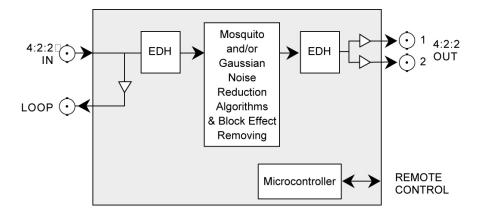


Figure 1.1 Functional block diagram

# 2 Installation

# 2.1 Unpacking

Make sure the following items have been shipped with the DNR-101i or DNR-111i Digital Noise Reducer. If any of the following items are missing, contact your distributor or Miranda Technologies Inc.

- DNR-101i or DNR-111i Digital Noise Reducer
- Rear panel labels
- · This manual

## 2.2 DNR-101i and DNR-111i Mechanical Installation

Due to its audio inputs, the DNR-101i/111i must be mounted within Quartet, Quartet-C, Quartet-M, Quartet-M-A75 or Quartet-M-A110 or Symphonie *imaging* frame using Symphonie-R-M or Symphonie-R-C rear modules. This section describes how to install the DNR-101i/111i in any of these frames. It is not necessary to switch off the power from these frames when installing or removing the DNR-101i/111i.

#### 2.2.1 imaging Quartet, Quartet-C, Quartet-M, Quartet-M-A75 and Quartet-M-A110 Frames

To install this module into the audio Quartet frames follow these steps. For a closer look at module installation and removal, refer to the frame's *Guide to Installation and Operation*.

- 1. Remove the frame's front panel by rotating the thumb screws counter-clockwise. Pull on the handles.
- 2. Select an empty slot.
- 3. Carefully place the DNR-101i/111i between a set of module guides and gently push the module towards the rear of the frame until the module's edge connector is secured to the backplane. Pull lightly on the module verifying that it does not move.
- 4. Replace the frame's front panel. Make sure to rotate the thumb screws clockwise in order to secure it to the chassis.

#### 2.2.2 imaging Symphonie Frame

To install this module into the Symphonie housing frame, follow these steps. To function, the DNR-101i/111i requires the Symphonie-R-M or -R-C rear module. For a closer look at module installation and removal, refer to the frame's *Guide to Installation and Operation*.

- 1. Remove the front panel door by pulling on the door handles and gently lowering it.
- 2. Select an empty slot.
- 3. Carefully place the DNR-101i/111i between the module guides and slowly push the module towards the rear of the frame until the module's edge connector is secured to its rear module. A light pressure to mate the connectors may be required. Pull lightly on the module verifying that it does not move.
- 4. Replace the front panel door.

#### 2.2.3 imaging Solo Frame

To install this module into Solo follow these steps. For a closer look at module installation and removal, refer to the frame's Guide to Installation and Operation.

- 1. In order to remove the frame's front panel, gently pull on it.
- 2. Carefully place the DNR-101i/111i between the module guides and gently push the module towards the rear of the frame until the module's edge connector is secured to the backplane. Pull lightly on the module verifying that it does not move. Replace the frame's front panel.

#### 2.3 Rear Panel Label

Several connector labels have been shipped with the DNR-101i/111i. A label is to be installed on the frames' rear panel in order to identify the module's external connectors.

To install the rear panel label on a Quartet, Quartet-C, Quartet-M, Quartet-M-A75, Quartet-M-A110 or a Solo frame, follow these steps while referring to Figure 2.1.

- 1. Locate the rear panel connectors associated with the DNR-101i/111i module.
- 2. Apply the label to the connectors and press down until it rests onto the BNC connectors shoulder.

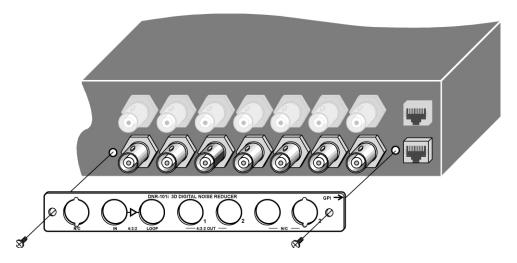


Figure 2.1 Quartet rear panel label installation

To install the Symphonie and Quartet 2 label, follow these steps while referring to Figure 2.2 (the Quartet 2 uses the same rear panels as the Symphonie).

- 1. Locate the rear panel connectors associated with the DNR-101i/111i module. Find the proper label according to your rear module type.
- 2. Apply the label to the connectors and press down until it rests onto the BNC connectors shoulder.

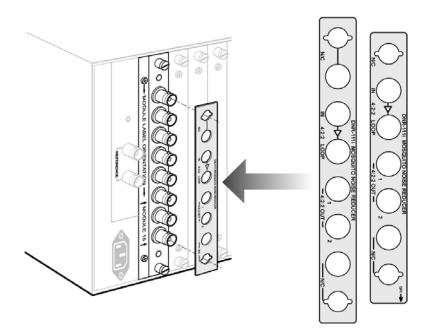


Figure 2.2 Symphonie rear panel label installation

# 2.4 DNR-101i/111i Electrical Installation

Refer to Figure 2.3 below for rear panel connectors location.

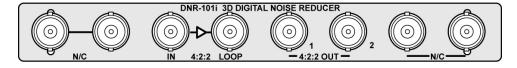




Figure 2.3 DNR-101i rear panel label

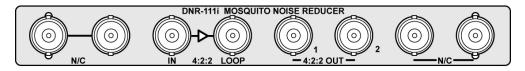




Figure 2.3 DNR-111i rear panel label

#### 4:2:2: serial digital video input

Connect a 4:2:2 serial digital video source to 4:2:2 IN. The DNR-101i/111i accept a 4:2:2 serial digital video signal in either 525 or 625-line format. This input must conform to the SMPTE 259M-C standard. Make sure the input 4:2:2 cable has a maximum length of 250 m (850'). An active loop-through is provided. Refer to section 3.3, Status Monitoring for a description of error and EDH status on the input signal.

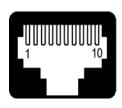
Make sure that all serial digital video connections are point-to-point. For instance, there must be a point-topoint connection between the 4:2:2 IN BNC and the source equipment. If a T-connector is used to connect other equipment, the maximum specified cable length is no longer valid.

# 4:2:2 OUT : serial digital video output(s)

Two serial digital video with noise reduction are provided by the 4:2:2 OUT connectors. All outputs conform to the SMPTE 259M-C standard.

#### **GPI:** triggering User Presets

The rear panel GPI connector (RJ-69) provides access to the 2 user configurable presets. The following table provides the connector pin-out.



Pin	Function
1	GND
2	NC
3	User Preset 1
4	NC
5	GND
6	GND
7	NC
8	User Preset 2
9	NC
10	NC

Detection by the microcontroller of an active GPI transition will load the indicated User Preset into the current operating register. When the GPI input is triggered, the effect is the same as if the indicated preset had been selected and then loaded (see section 3.3.1 for a detailed explanation). The alphanumeric display will reflect the user configuration number (1 or 2) when accessing the CONF→LOAD menu.

GPI loading is a "single load" process: it needs to be activated only for a short period (around 1 second) before it returns to its default state. Activating more than one GPI at the same time will have no effect.

# 3 Operation

The DNR-101i/111i can be controlled in three different ways:

- The card-edge push-buttons, 4-character display and status LEDs can be used to move through a menu of parameters and to adjust parameter values.
- Miranda's RCP-100 remote control panel can be used to access the same menu structure from a remote location.
- Miranda's iControl system can be used to access the card's operating parameters from a remote computer, using a convenient graphical user interface (GUI).

As the graphical interface is the most intuitive and easy-to-use method, it will be used as the basis for describing the functionality of the DNR-101i/111i. Equivalent means of performing the same functions from the menus are given in each case. A full description of how to use the card edge controls and the RCP-100 to access the menus is given in sections 3.2 and 3.3.

#### 3.1 iControl Interface

iControl is Miranda's graphical user interface. Users can remotely access and operate many Miranda products from a remote computer via an IP interface.

Establish the IP connection to the computer and the frame containing the DNR-101i/111i card.

#### The iControl graphic interface window

The basic window structure for the DNR-101i/111i is shown in figure 3.1. The window identification line gives the card type (DNR-101i/111i) and the card ID (116 in the example). The card ID identifies this specific card to iControl, which may have access to multiple cards of the same type. The text in square brackets is the Name given by the user to this card (which does not need to match the card type and ID as shown here); the data entry point is accessed in the Info tab.

There are three main sections in the window itself:

- 1. The top section displays an icon on the left. This icon reports the status of the signal and its format:
  - Ocard status green if OK, red and highlighted if an error has been detected

If the card status icon is RED indicating an error, an error status message will appear immediately below the icon.

- 2. The middle portion of the window changes depending on which of the tabs is selected. Each of the four panels is described in detail below.
- 3. The lower section of the window contains 2 buttons, one for recalling factory settings and the other for saving the current configuration. In the event of a power down or card removal, this will allow the last configuration to be loaded upon startup. Note that the current configuration is saved automatically after 30 seconds.

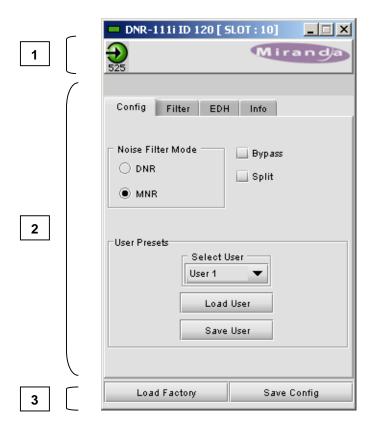


Figure 3.1 DNR-101i/111i iControl graphic interface window

#### The Config tab

The Config tab includes basic functions of the DNR-101i/111i; refer to image 3.1 to locate the different elements.

The Noise Filter Mode is available only with the DNR-111i. Select MNR to access the Block Artefact Remover in the Filter tab.



The Bypass checkbox allows the video signal to pass through without any noise reduction.

The Split checkbox will output a splitscreen showing on the left side the improved image, and on the right side the original, allowing the evaluation of the filtering effect.

Using these checkboxes is equivalent as selecting Bypass and Split using the pushbuttons on the front card edge controls.

The User Presets are six configuration registers in an on-board non-volatile memory. Filter parameters are saved to these registers, and may be recalled from them.

Select the User Preset to be used through the Select User pull-down box (the current selection is shown). Then click Save User to store the current configuration in that register



To recall a saved configuration, select the register through the Select User box, then click Load User.

#### The Filter Tab

The *Filter* tab contains sliders for filters adjustments, and in the case of the DNR-111i, controls over the *Block Artefact Remover*. The best configuration is based on picture content, type of display device and perceived appreciation. Filtering that is not well suited may degrade considerably image quality instead of improving it, so change one parameter at a time and oberve carefully the result. The following procedure is one way to configure efficiently the DNR-101i/111i; details on the filters follow.

- 1- Set all parameters to 0.
- 2- Find a video sequence incorporating visually apparent compression artefacts and block effects, such as those found on a DVD.
- 3- Activate the *Block Effect Remover* [set it to ON using the pull-down menu]
- 4- Set the Block Edge Position [0 to 7] until vertical transitions between compression blocks disappear.
- 5- Adjust the level of the *Detail Enhancer* filter, according to the type of display device.
- 6- Set the level of the 3D Temporal Filter to 3; increase the level if required.
- 7- Gradually increase the level of 2D Spatial Filter until virtually all mosquito noise is eliminated.

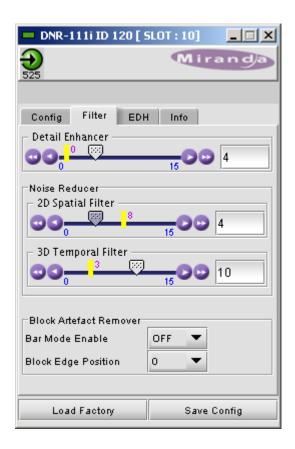


Figure 3.2 The Filter Tab

**Detail Enhancer**: This filter increases the high frequency level of the image, effectively improving the sharpness of textures and contours. Adjust this filter according on the type of display device: typically, a plasma display will require less detail enhancement than a video projector. Note that too much filtering may

increase residual noise from the 2D Spatial filtering and 3D Temporal filtering if they are not properly aidusted.

Use the slider to control the detail enhancer filter, ranging from 0 to 15. Default value is 0, which sets filtering to off.

MENU: DE

Noise Reducer - 2D Spatial Filter: This bidimensional, adaptive filter detects and reduces artefacts and mosquito noise in the picture caused by MPEG compression. This filter should only be used on noisy signals, as it may actually add some processing noise to clean pictures. The subjective effect can be seen using a high-quality video monitor at the output. Too much noise reduction may create a paint-by-number effect on the image.

Use the slider to control the 2D Spatial Filter, ranging from 0 to 15. Default value is 0. Position 8 sets filtering to off.

MENU: 2D

Noise Reducer – 3D Temporal Filter: This recurring, motion-adaptive filter is aimed at eliminating random noise typical of analog video signal transmission. Note that excessive use of this filter may produce streaking of fine moving details; use according to your picture content.

Use the slider to control the 3D Temporal Filter, ranging from 0 to 15. Default value is 0. Position 3 sets filtering to off.

MENU: 3D

Block Artefact Remover (DNR-111i only): The Block Artefact Reducer (BAR) helps blending and diminishing vertical transitions of 8x8 pixel blocks resulting from MPEG compression. These blocks are apparent in lower transmission, decompressed pictures.

Use the BAR Mode Enable pull-down menu to turn ON or OFF the Block Artefact Remover.

MENU: BAR **ENA** 

Use the Block Edge Position pull-down box menu to locate the block positions, as the detection of vertical transition is not automatic. This initial calibration is required to define the zones to be filtered. Settings range from 0 to 7.

MENU: BAR **BLK** 

#### The EDH Tab

The EDH tab is where all the error conditions are reported. The top portion, Error Detected Status, shows a series of icons which give the status of error flags (EDH, EDA, IDH, IDA, UES, CKS) within various signal sectors (Active Picture, Full Field, Ancillary).

The bottom portion, Error Sensitivity Selection, includes a checkbox for each of the status monitors, allowing it to be turned on or off. Click on ED & ID to select all except UES. Click Clear All to deselect all status monitors.

At the bottom is an error counter, which counts up errors detected by the enabled aspects of the EDH (error detection and handling) system. The counter can be cleared, i.e. reset to zero.

MENU: Not available through the menu system

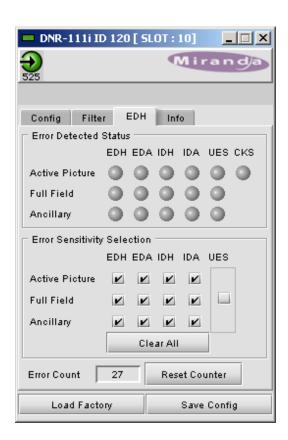


Figure 3.5 The EDH Tab

#### The Info Tab

The Info tab provides the user with information about the DNR-101i/111i card, as shown in figure 3.6.

The boxes titled *Name* and *Comments* are editable; the user can enter its own information.

Manufacturer, Vendor, Version and Serial Number display different information that may be asked when contacting your vendor or Miranda Technologies inc. for service. The Detail button display additional information useful to Miranda Technologies inc.

The Advanced button displays the card's unique ID within the iControl system, identifying the DNR-101i/111i card, the slot and frame into which it is installed, and the URL and port of the frame on the network.

The Remote System Administration button at the bottom of the window opens a data entry box titled Joining Locators, in which the ADD option opens a dialog box in which the user can identify the Locator by its URL.

MENU: Not available through the menu system

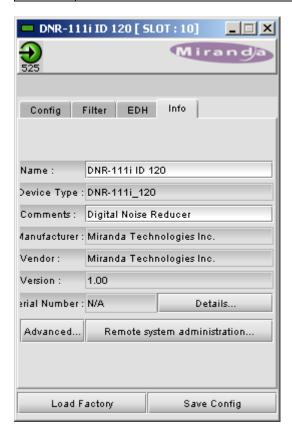


Figure 3.6 The Info Tab

# 3.2 Remote Control Using the RCP-100

The menu structure of the DNR-101i/111i is also accessible through the use of Miranda's RCP-100 remote control panel.

Please refer to the RCP-100 Guide to Installation and Operation for detailed instructions on installing and operating the RCP-100, and for instructions on how to connect the RCP-100 to the DNR-101i/111i (or any other supported card) so that the menu can be accessed.

See section 3.4 for a complete listing of the menu structure.

# 3.3 Card Edge Controls

The front card edge consists of four pushbutton switches, six LEDs, and a four-character alphanumeric display.

The LEDs indicate the status of various parameters as shown in the list below.

The Alphanumeric display shows the input line standard during normal operation. It shows the current menu item when the card edge controls are being used to access the menus to change operating parameters.

The Pushbutton switches allow the user to select the operating mode, and to navigate the menu tree to change parameters

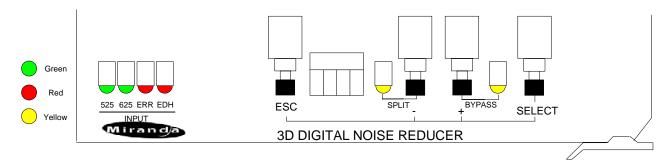


Figure 3.1 Front card edge user interface

#### Switches:

- / SPLIT	Decreases the value of the selected parameter / Split screen for algorithm evaluation.
+/BYPASS	Increases the value of the selected parameter / Pass video signal without noise reduction
SELECT ESC	Selects the menu items Return to previous menu

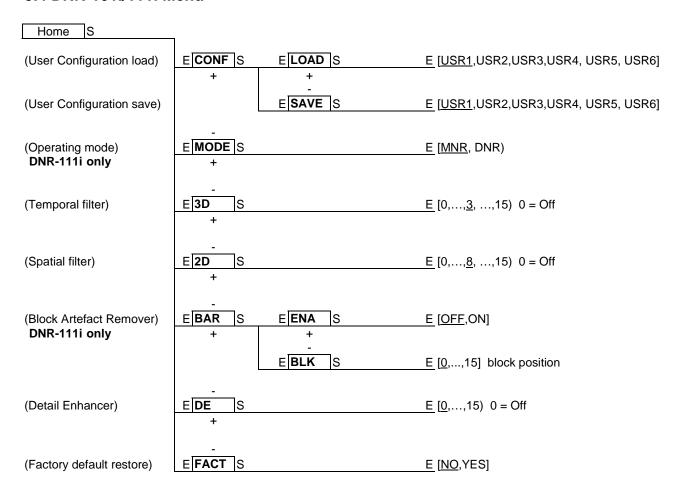
#### **Status LEDs:**

525	525-line format detected
625	625-line format detected
ERR	Error detected on video input
EDH	EDH or EDA (Error Detected Already) error detected at 4:2:2 IN

#### Alphanumeric display

Displays the menu parameters

#### 3.4 DNR-101i/111i Menu



Note: The underlined options or values in the menu are the default or reset values. Selecting YES in the Factory Restore [FACT] menu will reset all parameters to these underlined values.

## Legend:

# Menu motion:

+: (plus) move toward the top in the menu tree

-: (minus) move to the bottom in the menu tree

S: (select) move to the right in the menu tree

E: (escape) move to the left in the menu tree

#### Parameter Adjustments:

+: (plus) go to the next parameter value

-: (minus) go to the previous parameter value

S: (select) select and save the current parameter value

E: (escape) terminate current adjustment without saving

# 4 Specifications

#### 4:2:2 IN

Signal: 4:2:2 SMPTE 259M-C (270 Mbps) with active loop-through

Cable length: 250 m (850')

Return loss: > 15 dB up to 270 MHz

# 4:2:2 OUT (1 and 2)

Signal: 4:2:2 SMPTE 259M-C (270 Mbps)

Return loss: > 15 dB up to 270 MHz Jitter: < 0.2 UI (0.74 ns) p-p

# **Digital processing performance**

Signal: 10 bits

# Other

Power: 11 W

Physical format: imaging size (6.0 in. x 10.0 in.)