

### CONTROLLING THE APHEX 188 AND 1788A WTH YAMAHA DIGITAL MIXERS AND THE APHEX 5200



This document covers most of the details needed to control the Aphex 1788A and 188 remote controllable preamps with the Aphex 5200 LAN interface and select Yamaha digital mixers. Aphex highly recommends that you read the 1788A manual, 1788A RC manual and your Yamaha digital mixer manual for more details and a solid understanding of each product.

The Aphex 1788A and 188 remote controllable microphone preamps emulate the Yamaha AD8HR remote controllable preamp when used with the 5200 LAN interface. The Aphex 1788A and 188 can be controlled by the Yamaha M7CL, DM-1000, DM-2000 (*firmware V2.0 or later is required*) and the PM5D. If you connect to a Yamaha PM5D or DM2000 set the [PC RS422] switch next to the HA REMOTE connection to RS422.

All of the Aphex equipment communicates over LAN and requires a network router to assign DHCP addresses to each unit in the system. If the network router does not have enough connections for all of your 1788As, 188s and the 5200 interface you'll need to add a network switch (not a hub!) near the preamps. The network switch will then connect to the network router. The network router and the 5200 needs to remain near the Yamaha console.

Use a 9-pin Null Modem cable to connect the 5200 to your Yamaha console. The cable must have a male connector on one side for the 5200 RS-422 port and a female connector for the Yamaha HA Remote port on the console. Null modem cables are wired straight through. Meaning pin 1 on the male side is wired to pin 1 on the female side and so on.

DB9		DB9
Male		Female
1		1
2		2
3		<u> </u>
4	-	4
5		5
6		6
7		7
8	-	8
9		9
G	-	G

#### Network Settings

Each 1788A and 188 must be set to a different device ID number. (The Yamaha AD8HR ID numbers are automatically set by the console, but this is not the case with the Aphex preamps.) You'll need to keep track of the units network ID numbers so you can assign the digital inputs from the preamp properly in the console. You will need to have the proper digital I/O option cards installed in your Yamaha digital mixer for the Aphex preamps to plug in to. Please consult your Aphex and Yamaha manuals for detailed information about digital inputs, digital outputs, pinouts for connectors and word clock information.

#### For the 1788A follow these instructions:

#### MODE BUTTON

This selects which port handles remote control communications for the 1788A: MIDI or LAN. No matter whether you are using the MIDI or the LAN port for remote control, you must first put the Mode into MIDI in order to be able to change the Set I.D. parameters. Once the Set I.D. parameters have been stored, you can change the Mode back to LAN if appropriate.

#### Set I.D. How To Change The Channel, Device, and Net Numbers

This button steps through the three key unit identification parameters of Channel, Device and Net numbers. The presently in effect values will appear in the Global Status Readout.

# When you need to set or change these values, you must go through the Adjust/Store procedure as follows.

1. Press Local Control. The button will light up indicating you now have local control of the 1788A's front panel.

2. Set the Mode to MIDI.

3. Toggle the Set I.D. button to Channel, Device or Net - whichever is due to be updated.

4. Press Adjust/Store. It will light up.

5. Spin the ADJUST dial to set the correct number in the General Status Readout. Select other I.D.s as desired and adjust their values.

6. When the desired numbers are updated, press Adjust/Store again to store the update. The Adjust/Store button will go off indicating the values were stored and you're back in safe mode.

7. Put the 1788A into the correct remote interface port by using the Mode button.

8. Press the REMOTE WAKEUP on the 5200.

#### For the 188 follow these instructions:

Turn the encoder clockwise until you get to a screen that shows SYSTEM CONFIGURE. In order to safeguard against unwanted changes to the system configuration, the rotary encoder must be pressed in for several seconds. The system configuration includes clock source, format and sample rate, display contrast, Net Number assign, DHCP/IP select and system configure exit.

#### Net Number

The Net Number identifies the particular unit within a system. Note: There must be only one unit assigned to one Net Number otherwise the Remote Control and metering will be unpredictable.

#### DHCP/FIXED IP

DHCP requires a network router, which will 'serve' an IP address dynamically. Fixed IP forces the address that is programmed into the unit and modified by the Net Number. The letter 'D' will be in front of the IP address when DHCP is selected and the letter 'F' will be in front of the IP address when Fixed IP is selected. For our needs, this <u>MUST</u> be set to DHCP.

#### CONNECTIONS

Connect CAT5 patch cables from all preamps to the 100 Base-T network switch (The switch may not be required if your network router has enough inputs for all of your preamps). Connect the 100 Base-T network switch to the 100 Base-T network router via CAT5.

Connect the null modem cable from the Yamaha HA REMOTE output to the RS-422 input on the Aphex 5200. If you connect to a Yamaha PM5D or DM2000 set the [PC RS422] switch next to the HA REMOTE connection to RS422.

#### Press the **REMOTE WAKEUP** on the **5200**.

The following Aphex parameters *cannot* be adjusted from Yamaha digital mixers:

1. Pad on/off 2. Phase reverse on/off 3. MicLim on/off 4. Mute on/off

#### For DM1000 users:

The DM1000 can control the gain and phantom power settings on each channel of the 1788A and 188 when used with an Aphex 5200 LAN interface. The DM1000 can control up to four preamps simultaneously.

Tip: You *cannot* store the Phantom power setting as a Scene on the DM1000. This section describes how to connect and configure the DM1000 and two preamps.

Make sure the proper digital I/O cards are installed in the DM1000.

Press the DISPLAY ACCESS [SETUP] button repeatedly until the Setup Remote page appears. (See image below)



1. REMOTE FUNCTION. This parameter selects a device to be connected to the DM1000 REMOTE connector.

2. HA section. This section enables you to specify the slot channels that will receive eight channel signals from the preamps that have their ID numbers set to 1 through 4.

3. HA CONTROL section. This section enables you to set the preamp channel 1–8 gain and the Phantom power on or off.

• ID #1–#4.....These buttons select the preamps you want to control.

• 1–8 (1st row).....These parameter controls adjust the gain for preamp channels 1–8.

• +48V ......When you turn on these buttons, the phantom power on the corresponding channels will be turned on.

• 1–8 (2nd row)...... These parameter controls adjust the cut-off frequency of the highpass filter for the corresponding channels. They are grayed out and cannot be set for these preamps.

• HPF ...... When you turn on these buttons, the high-pass filter on the corresponding channels will be turned on. They are grayed out and cannot be set for these preamps.

Make sure that the REMOTE FUNCTION parameter is set to "HA," and in the HA section select the slot channels that receive signals from the preamps.

Use the parameter controls and buttons in the HA CONTROL section to set the channel gain and turn on/off the phantom power for the preamps.

#### For DM2000 users:

You can control the parameters of up to 12 preamps from the DM2000 by connecting the DM2000's REMOTE port to the Aphex 5200 using a null modem cable.

Configuring the REMOTE Port & Assigning Slots to HA IDs The REMOTE port can be configured, and Slots assigned to HA IDs as follows.

Use the DISPLAY ACCESS [SETUP] button to select the Remote Port Setup page.



- 1. Use the cursor buttons to select the REMOTE FUNCTION button, use the INC/DEC buttons to select HA, then press [ENTER].
- 2. Use the cursor buttons to select the HA SLOT parameters, and use the Parameter wheel or INC/DEC buttons to select the Slots.

1. Use the SELECTED CHANNEL PHASE/INSERT [DISPLAY] button to select the HA Control page.



2. Use the cursor buttons to select the ID of the HA (preamp) that you want to control, and then press [ENTER].

3. Use the rotary controls to set the gain of each HA channel, and use the +48V buttons to turn phantom power on or off for each channel.

4. The HPF (high pass filter) cutoff frequency parameters <u>*cannot*</u> be used with Aphex preamps. However, the HPF buttons <u>*will*</u> turn HPF on or off for each channel.

All parameter settings, excluding the phantom power on/off setting, will be saved as part of a scene.

#### For M7CL users:

To set up an external HA, you will use the EXTERNAL HA popup window on the M7CL-32/48. These popup windows are collectively referred to as the "EXTERNAL HA popup window."

1. In the function access area, press the RACK button to access the VIRTUAL RACK window.



2. In the upper part of the VIRTUAL RACK window, press the EXTERNAL HA tab to display the EXTERNAL HA field.



1. EXTERNAL HA field- This field shows the state of the connected external HA.

2. **ID / Model name / +48V master** This displays information for the external HA mounted in the rack. This area also shows the on/off status of the master phantom power.

3. **Virtual racks-** There are six racks in which remotely controllable external HA units can be mounted. If an external HA is mounted, its settings (GAIN setting, phantom power, and HPF on/off) are shown. When you press a rack, the EXTERNAL HA popup window for that rack will appear.

4. **EXTERNAL HA PORT SELECT popup button (M7CL-32/48)-** This button accesses the EXTERNAL HA PORT SELECT popup window, where you can specify the input ports to which the external HA mounted in the rack will be connected.

5. Field select tabs- Use these tabs to switch the field shown in the VIRTUAL RACK window.

6. In order to specify the input ports for an external HA, press the EXTERNAL HA PORT SELECT popup button for that rack

The EXTERNAL HA PORT SELECT popup window will appear. The popup window includes the following items:



1. **PORT SELECT buttons-** These buttons specify the input ports to which the external HA is connected.

2. NO ASSIGN button- This button defeats the port selection.

3. Use the **PORT SELECT** buttons to specify the input ports to which the audio output of the external HA is connected. When you've finished making settings, press the CLOSE button to close the popup window.

#### NOTE

• If an external HA is connected to one of the M7CL-32/48's slots, you must specify the appropriate input port manually. If this is set incorrectly, the external HA will not be detected correctly when you patch input ports to input channels.

To remotely control an external HA, press the rack in which the external HA you want to control is mounted. The EXTERNAL HA popup window will appear. Here you can remotely control the external HA by using the knobs and buttons in the M7CL's display or the encoders of the top panel.



1. **+48V MASTER-** If an external HA is connected to the REMOTE connector, the on/off status of the master phantom power is shown here. (Switching this on/off is performed on the external HA itself.)

2. +48V buttons- These switch phantom power on/off for each channel.

3. **GAIN knobs-** These indicate the gain of the external HA. To adjust the value, press the knob to select it, and use multi- function encoders 1–8. The level meter located at the immediate right of the knob indicates the input level for the corresponding port. (Aphex preamps do <u>not</u> provide level information back to the console. So this meter will not function. However the main input meters will show the input level from the digital inputs.)

4. **FREQUENCY knobs / HPF buttons-** These controls switch the external HA's built-in highpass filter on/off, and adjust its cutoff frequency. If you press the FREQUENCY knob to select it, you'll be able to adjust it using the corresponding multifunction encoder. (HPF frequency <u>cannot</u> be changed!)

5. **Rack select tabs-** These tabs switch the rack that is displayed in the EXTERNAL HA popup window.

To remotely control the external HA from an input channel of the M7CL, use the navigation keys to access the OVERVIEW screen that includes the channel whose HA you want to control.



Press the HA/PHASE field of the channel whose external HA you want to adjust; the HA/PATCH popup window will appear.

## Input port popup button



Press the input port popup button, and select the input port assigned to the external HA.

With these settings, the external HA can be used in the same way as the M7CL's own HA. External HA settings are saved as part of the scene. However, the phantom master setting is an exception to this.

#### For PM5D users:

#### HA (Head Amp) screen

In this screen you can make settings such as phantom power (+48V), gain, and HPF on/off settings for each of the internal head amps or for each channel of an external head amp device like the Aphex 1788A and 188.





1. **DISPLAY MODE**- Select one of the following as the type of head amp displayed in the screen. • INTERNAL HA (PM5D-RH/DSP5D) The internal head amp channels (AD IN 1–48, AD STIN 1–

- 4) will be displayed.
- EXTERNAL HA 1-4
- EXTERNAL HA 5-8

The channels of an external head amp device (ID number= 1–4, or ID number= 5–8) connected via the [HA REMOTE] connector will be displayed.

2. **Model name-** For each ID number, this indicates the model name of the external head amp device that is connected. If no device is connected this will indicate "-----". The Aphex 1788A and 188 will show up as AD8HR.

3. **Slot/Channel-** Here you can view/select the slot and channels to which the audio output of the external head amp device is connected.

Note

If an external head amp device is connected to a PM5D slot, you must specify the appropriate slot/channels manually. Please note that if you specify an incorrect setting, the input channel HA indication in screens such as the IN HA screen may differ from the actual state.

4. **+48V MASTER-** If a preamp is connected via the [HA REMOTE] connector, this indicates the master phantom power on/off status. (Otherwise, this indicates "---".)

5. +48V- Switches phantom power (+48V) on/off for each channel.

6. HPF (High Pass Filter)- Turns the HPF on/off for each channel.

7. Cutoff frequency- This feature is not available for the Aphex 1788A and 188.

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You should always make sure your mixers and preamps have the most current firmware installed.