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Installation and Operation Manual

SS 2.1/BNC III
Switcher/Router

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your purchase of a Broadcast Tools® SS 2.1/BNC III Switcher/Router (referred to as the SS 2.1/BNC III throughout this manual). We're confident that this product will give you many years of dependable service. This manual is intended to give you all the information needed to install and operate the Broadcast Tools® SS 2.1/BNC III.

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NOTE:

This manual should be read thoroughly before installation and operation.

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The SS 2.1/BNC III passively switches or routes a variety of electrical signals to a single destination. The SS 2.1/BNC III selects any one of two inputs to dual outputs through 75-ohm resistors (may be removed). The SS 2.1/BNC III provides PAS-SIVE switching through gold contact relays. The passive switching means that the unit can route a signal in either direction. Due to the passive nature of the switching, any input level and impedance can be used. Inputs may be balanced or unbalanced, while output levels, impedance, distortion, noise and balancing will match that of the selected input. In addition to the normal use with composite audio signals, the unit can also be used to switch analog or digital video signals and AES/EBU digital signals.

FEATURES

- Operation by front panel switches and LED indicators, contact closures, 5-volt TTL/CMOS logic levels and/or the multi-drop RS-232 serial port.
- BNC connectors for I/O.
- Removable screw terminals (Euro) are provided remote control connections.
- Audio switching via sealed relays utilizing 2-form-C bifurcated-crossbar silver alloy with gold overlay contacts.
- Microprocessor control with non-volatile memory.
- The Power-Up feature allows the user to select which one source is active at power up, including the last source selected.
- Three logic-switching modes.
- The Enable switch provides a safety lock to the front panel selection switches.
- The Audio mute switch allows the user to turn off the audio output when activated.
- Source number one is configured by default to route audio to the output in the case of loss of power to the unit.
- Non-selected sources are terminated with 10K Ω, load resistors.
- Relays provided for remote status.
- Desktop, wall mount or rack mount three units on the RA-1, 1-RU rack shelf.

APPLICATIONS

Composite audio switching, digital or analog video switching and AES/EBU digital switching.

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FRONT PANEL DESCRIPTION

Source and Mute Switches:

Each switch represents an input to be routed to the switcher's output. The switches are highly reliable switches, which will give the user years of dependable service. Each switch has an associated LED indicator, which will illuminate when that particular source is routed to the output. When a source is selected, the previous source will be deselected (interlock). The enable switch (when enabled) requires the user to hold this switch closed while selecting any of the other front panel switches. The front panel power LED illuminates when power is applied to the unit.

REAR PANEL DESCRIPTION

Power:

Connect the 2.1mm barrel type power connector into the unit and the 9vac, 500-ma wall transformer into a 120 Vac 50-60 Hz power source. (CE, 220 Vac 50-60 Hz wall transformer OPTIONAL)

I/O and Remote Control Connectors:

The rear panel contains BNC connectors for I/O and removable screw terminals for remote control interfacing with mating connectors. The multi-drop serial port is equipped with a modular RJ-11 jack.

INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

Dip switch setup:

Follow the tables below for options.

Unit ID	SW5-1	SW5-2
ID 0 *	OFF	OFF
ID 1	ON	OFF
ID 2	OFF	ON
ID 3	ON	ON

Baud Rate	SW5-3	SW5-4
2400	ON	OFF
9600 *	OFF	OFF
19200	OFF	ON
38400	ON	ON

Power Up		SW5-5
User selected		ON
Last source selected *		OFF

Operation	SW5-6	SW5-7
Normal *	OFF	OFF
Sustained	ON	OFF
Not Used	OFF	ON
Toggle	ON	ON

- Normal operation: Pulse 1-IN to select input 1, Pulse IN-2 to select input 2 or pulse the "M-IN" (mute) pin to turn off both channels.
- Sustained operation: Hold IN-2 low to select input 2.
- Toggle operation: Alternately pulse 1-IN to select between the two input channels.

Note: After changing any dipswitch, please repower the unit.
Note: * Denotes factory setting.

It is recommended that all cables connected to the SS 2.1/BNC III be looped through ferrite cores to suppress RF. Surge protection with RF filtering such as the Tripp Lite "ISO-BAR 4" is also suggested for the power transformer. The purchase of an inexpensive uninterruptible power supply (UPS) will provide back up in case of power outages.

Installation of the SS 2.1/BNC III consists of six steps:
1. Inspection.
2. Removal of the source termination resistors, if applicable.
3. Bench test.
4. Mount the unit on a desktop, wall or rack shelf (RA-1).
5. Connect your equipment to the unit.
6. Serial operation, if applicable.

CAUTION!

Installation of the SS 2.1 BNC III in high RF environments should be performed with care. Shielded cable is suggested for all control, audio inputs and outputs. All shields should be tied to the "CHASSIS GROUND" terminal. The station ground should be connected to the chassis ground screw (CH1) located behind J5 as viewed from the rear. For lightning protection devices, check out www.polyphaser.com and www.itwlinx.com.

NOTE:

To select an input at power-up with SW5-5 ON, hold down the push-button for the desired input channel or mute until the front panel LED's flash.

STEP 1: INSPECTION

Please examine your SS 2.1/BNC III carefully for any damage that may have been sustained during shipping. If any is noted, please notify the shipper immediately and retain the packaging for inspection by the shipper. The package should contain the SS 2.1/BNC III, 9vac@500-ma wall power transformer, manual, reversed modular cable and "S9" 9-pin female D-Sub adapter.

STEP 2: SOURCE TERMINATION RESISTOR REMOVAL

Input sources that are not selected are terminated with a 10K Ω load (1/4 watt maximum). If you do not want this load applied across the deselected sources, it may be removed from each channel. Each channel has a pair of resistors.

EXAMPLE: Channel 1, relays K1 A&B switches the signal; R1 & R2 are the 10K Ω load resistors. As delivered, all channels are configured with these resistors installed. To remove the load resistors from a channel, locate the proper resistors for that channel, cut its leads and discard the resistors.

STEP 3: BENCH TEST

Place each unit on a workspace and connect power to the unit. Check to see if the power LED is lit. Connect any appropriate source to input one and a monitoring device to the output. Select channel one and verify that the source material is present. Repeat the process until each channel's operation has been verified. This would also be a good time to set up the desired switch or jumper options.

STEP 4: MOUNTING

Mount the unit on a rack shelf, such as the Broadcast Tools RA-1, allowing adequate airflow for cooling. The RA-1 is furnished with filler panels to cover open spaces.

STEP 5: CONNECT YOUR EQUIPMENT

The SS 2.1/BNC III interfaces to your equipment (sources and loads) through BNC connectors. Follow the silk-screened legends for the desired connections on the rear panel of the chassis. Remote control connections are via removable screw terminals. To wire, remove the connector and use a small screwdriver to loosen each screw terminal, insert the stripped wire (18 to 26 gauge wire), tighten the screw and reinsert the connector. Refer to the connector-wiring chart on page 8.

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STEP 6: SERIAL OPERATION

Connecting the RS-232 serial port of the SS 2.1/BNC III is accomplished by using the supplied reversed modular cable and 9-pin "S9" female D-sub adapter between the SS 2.1/BNC III and controlling PC. Select the desired address for each unit. Never duplicate addresses. The default protocol is as follows: 9600, N, 8, 1 (other baud rates are user selectable).

To select a channel, send the following string: *ui

Where the   < * > Denotes start of string character
                 < u > Unit ID (address, 0 through 3)
                 < i > Input channel (1, 2 or M (MUTE)

Example: *02   This string would turn on channel 2.
               *0M   This string would MUTE the switcher's output.
             No serial status is provided.

Apply power to the SS 2.1 III via the wall transformer. The SS 2.1/BNC III is now ready to be operated.

Remote Control Wiring:

Control:
The front panel switches are brought out through the rear panel remote control connector, providing a means of controlling the SS 2.1/BNC III from a remote point. These digital inputs may be a momentary or sustained action, compatible with 5 volts CMOS/TTL open collector or contact closures to ground. The inputs are pulled high. For wiring information, refer to the grid below.

Relays:
Relay contacts are supplied through the remote control connector as both individual dry and wet relay contacts. K3, the SPDT relay is associated with input channel one. K4 is associated with input channel 2 and provides SPDT dry contacts and selectable (JP3) N.O. or N.C. contacts common to the (+) positive 12vdc(400 ma, MAX) power supply. This provides a simple way to control external devices such as RF or power relays. K5 is associated with the mute function and is selectable (JP4) between the N.O. or N.C. contacts common to ground. For wiring information, refer to the grid below.

TB 4		Relay Outputs		Top Row	
K3 N.O.	K3 Common	K3 N.C.	K4 N.O.	K4 Common	K4 N.C.
1-IN	2-IN	M-IN (Mute)	GND	GXK5	+XK4
		Inputs & Relay Outputs		Bottom Row	

Jumpers:

JP1:   Installed   = Bypasses R18, 75 ohm resistor.
            Removed   = Inserts R18, 75 ohm resistor.

JP2:   Installed   = Front panel enable switch defeated.
            Removed = Front panel ENABLE switch active. This switch
            must be held closed to operate any of the other front panel switch-
            es. NOTE: This switch is NOT associated with any of the remote
            control functions.

JP3:   NO = Brings the N.O. contact for K4 out to the remote control
            terminal.
            NC = Brings the N.C. contact for K4 out to the remote control
            terminal.
            Note: This terminal is labeled +XK4.

JP4:   NO = Brings the N.O. contact for K5 out to the remote control
            terminal.
            NC= Brings the N.C. contact for K5 out to the remote control
            terminal.
            Note: This terminal is labeled GXK5.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Inputs/Outputs: Any input level and impedance can be used. Inputs may be balanced or unbalanced. Output levels, impedance, distortion, noise and balancing will match that of the selected input.

Switching Method: Passive. Sealed relays utilizing 2-form-C bifurcated-crossbar silver alloy with gold overlay contacts.

Logic: Flash microprocessor with non-volatile memory.

Operation Control: Front Panel – Momentary switches.
                        Remote – Momentary or sustained, compatible with 5 volts CMOS/TTL logic, open collector or contact closures to ground.
                        Serial – Multi-drop RS-232, Receive only, 2400, 9600, 19200, 38400 8,N, 1.

Status: Front Panel – LED Indicators.
                        Remote – SPDT & SPST relays. 1-amp 30 vdc.

Interfacing: I/O – BNC
                        Remote control – Rear panel pluggable screw terminals.
                        Mating connectors supplied.
                        RS-232 – (RJ-11) Reversed modular cable/female "S9" 9-pin D-Sub adapter supplied.

Power Requirements: 9 Vac, 500 ma. 120 Vac 50-60 hz transformer. Supplied. (CE 240 Vac 50-60 Hz optional)

Physical Dimensions: 5.65" x 6.50" x 1.55" (WDH)

Weight: 2.0 lb.

Shipping Weight: 3.0 lb.

Options: RA-1 rack shelf, holds three units   (1-RU) / Filler panels supplied.

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