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# **Installation and Operation Manual**



# **RES DA 2x4** *Eight-output, two-input AES/EBU Digital Audio Distribution Amplifier with StudioHub+ RJ45 Connectors*

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# **INTRODUCTION**

Thank you for your purchase of a BROADCAST TOOLS® AES DA 2X4 is a professional quality AES/EBU digital audio distribution amplifier. 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 BROAD-CAST TOOLS® AES DA 2X4.

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# **Product Overview**

The AES DA 2x4, eight output two-input AES/EBU distribution amplifier is ideal for distributing AES/EBU signals or word clock at sample rates of up to 96kHz. It can be configured for 2x4 operation, acting as two separate one input, four output DAs, or for 1x8 operation acting as a one input eight output DA. The system's two transformer isolated inputs use StudioHub+ compatible RJ45 jacks for balanced AES/EBU signals. The selected input is distributed transformer isolated AES/EBU outputs with StudioHub+ compatible RJ45 jacks. Internal AES/EBU activity detectors provide local and remote signal monitoring for both inputs via front panel LED indicators and SPDT alarm relays. The alarm relay contacts are available on rear panel plug-in euro-block connectors. The AES DA 2x4 is powered by a surge protected internal power supply. A 9 volt DC universal switching power supply with domestic AC connector is included. International AC connectors are optional. The compact 1/3 rack form-factor allows the unit to be set on a desktop, mounted on a wall, or three units may be rack mounted using the RA-1, Rack-Able mounting shelf.

# Inspection

Please examine your AES DA 2X4 carefully for any damage that may have been sustained during shipping. If any damage is present, please notify the shipper immediately and retain the packaging for inspection by the shipper. The package should contain the AES DA 2X4, and a 9 VDC wall power supply with domestic connector. Manuals may be downloaded from our web site.

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# Installation/Operation

# **Surge Protection**

The AES DA 2X4 has built-in resistance to voltage changes; we recommend that you use a power surge protector or line conditioner on the incoming AC line. Lightning strikes and/or other high voltage surges may damage your AES DA 2X4 and connected equipment if it is not properly protected. For lightning protection devices, check out www.polyphaser.com and www.itwlinx.com.

# **UPS Standby Power System**

We recommend that you connect your AES DA 2X4 to a UPS system. A UPS helps minimize the risk to the AES DA 2X4 and provides power during a power outage.

# Power

Connect the 2.1mm barrel type power connector into the unit and the 9 to 12 VDC universal switching power supply with domestic AC connector into a 120 Vac 50-60 Hz power source.

NOTE: Never use any type of power supply other than the specified/supplied power supply.

# **LED Indicators**

- "Power" LED: Illuminates when power is applied. (Green)
- "AES Input Status" LEDs: When an AES/EBU signal is present on the input the Green LED will be lit, if no signal is present the Red LED will be lit.
- "Configuration" LEDs: Green LED = 1x8 configuration, Red LED = 2x4 configuration.

# **Configuration Switch**

When this switch is in the out position the DA will be in the 2x4 configuration, where Input One feeds Outputs 1-4 and Input Two feeds Outputs 5-8. When the switch is in the in position the DA will be in the 1x8 configuration, where Input One feeds all eight outputs.

# **AES/EBU Digital Audio Inputs**

The AES DA 2x4 has two RJ45 StudioHub+ compatible balanced 110-ohm digital audio inputs for AES/EBU signals.

For 1x8 operation connect the signal source to the RJ45 jack labelled "AES Input 1" and make sure that the front panel switch is in the In position; when the unit is powered up the Green 1x8 LED will be lit.

For 2x4 operation connect the signal sources to the RJ45 jacks labelled "AES Input 1" and "AES Input 2." Make sure that the front panel switch is in the Out position; when the unit is powered up the Red 2x4 LED will be lit. Input 1 will feed Outputs 1-4 and Input 2 will feed Outputs 5-8.

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#### **AES/EBU Outputs**

The AES DA 2x4 has eight transformer isolated 110-ohm AES/EBU outputs with StudioHub+ RJ45 jacks, labelled "1-4" and "5-8". Connect the inputs of your AES/EBU compatible devices to the AES output jacks.

#### **RJ45** Pinout

The input and output RJ45 jacks conform to StudioHub+ wiring standards. Please use shielded twisted pair Cat5e or Cat6 cables and connectors (STP).

#### **StudioHub+ Pinout for AES/EBU:**

Function:	Wire Pair:	RJ45 Pins:
AES+	White/Orange	1
AES-	Orange/White	2
n/c	White/Green	3
n/c	Green/White	6
n/c	White/Blue	5
n/c	Blue/White	4
n/c	White/Brown	7
n/c	Brown/White	8
GND	Shield	Shield

#### **Ground Configuration**

The JP2,3,4,5 headers on the printed circuit board allow the shield/ground of the input and output sections of the DA to be configured. From the factory all shields are common and tried to ground. Please see the fractional schematic in the appendix for other options.

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### **AES/EBU Activity Detectors/Alarm Relays**

When signal is present on an input its green front panel activity LED will light, its red inactivity LED will extinguish, and its alarm relay will be open. When AES signal is lost on an input its front panel Red inactivity LED will light, its Green activity LED will extinguish, and its Alarm Relay will close.

The AES DA 2x4 has two SPDT alarm relays, one labeled "K1" for Input One and one labelled "K2" for Input Two. Connections should be made to the three-position plugin euro-block's NO (normally open), CM (common) and NC (normally closed) terminals. Limit contact current to 1 amp at 30 VDC.

# K1 relay (Input One Alarm)

NO (Normally Open)	CM (Common)	NC (Normally Closed)
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# K2 relay (Input Two Alarm)

NO (Normally Open)	CM (Common)	NC (Normally Closed)
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# **SPECIFICATIONS**

Digital Inputs:	Two transformer isolated AES/EBU inputs (110-ohm) with StudioHub+ compatible RJ45 jacks.			
Digital Outputs:	Eight transformer isolated AES/EBU outputs with StudioHub+ compatible RJ45 jacks. 110-ohm impedance. Switch selectable 1x8 or 2x4 configuration.			
Sample Rate:	Outputs follow input sample rate.			
Alarm Relay Outputs:	SPDT dry contacts for both inputs, 30 VDC @ 1 amp maximum.			
CAUTION! For safety, never connect 120 Vac circuits to the above relays!				
Power Requirements:	9 to 12 VDC @ 660 mA. CE certified universal switching 9 VDC adapter with domestic AC connector supplied. International connectors optional.			
Physical Dimensions:	5.66" x 7.00" x 1.58", aluminum extrusion chassis w/ 4 - 4-40 (or 6/32 screw threads) mounting holes.			
Weight:	2.0 lb.			
Shipping Weight:	3.0 lb.			
Options:	<ul> <li>* RA-1 rack shelf, holds three units (1-RU) / Filler panels supplied.</li> <li>* International AC Plug kit for wall power supply.</li> </ul>	WE Visi pro- ada		

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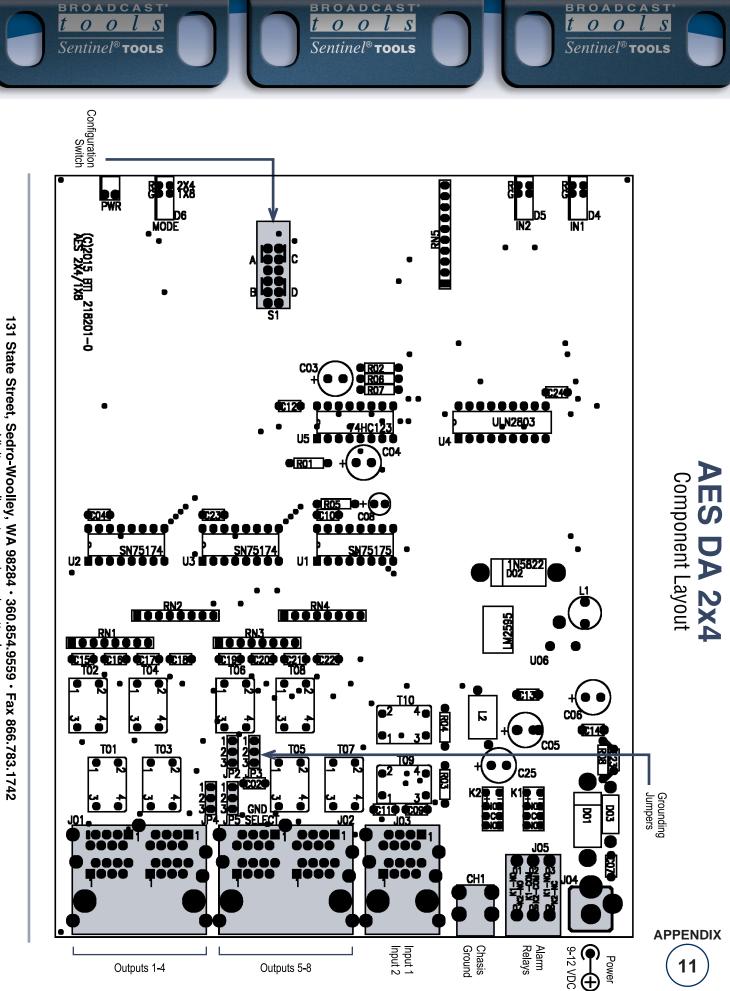
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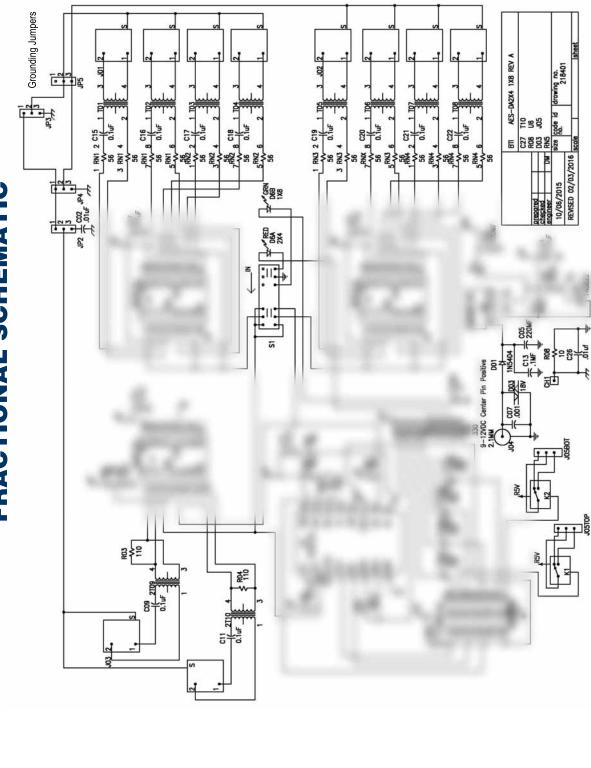


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