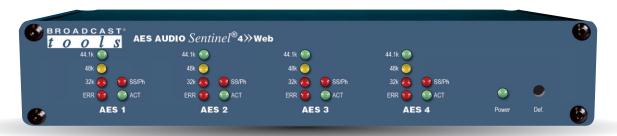




## Installation and Operation Manual



## **RES Audio Sentinel® 4 » Web Web-enabled four channel AES/EBU silence monitor.**

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## INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your purchase of a Broadcast Tools® AES Audio Sentinel® 4 » Web Web-enabled two channel stereo silence monitor/audio switcher (referred to as the AES Audio Sentinel 4 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® AES Audio Sentinel 4.

## SAFETY INFORMATION

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#### **Product Overview**

The AES Audio Sentinel® 4 >> Web is a web-enabled four channel AES/EBU digital audio silence monitor. Each of the four AES inputs can be configured for silence, stereo out of phase, and AES error monitoring. Inputs may be configured to act as two separate mono channels, allowing the user to monitor up to a total of eight different mono audio sources.

The AES Audio Sentinel® 4>> Web can be configured and monitored locally and/or remotely over any IP network, including private networks, IP-based industrial control networks, and the Internet. Users can operate the product using a desktop web browser or web-enabled mobile device. Email notification may be configured to alert up to eight recipients when silence or out of phase audio is detected. SMTP username and passwords using STARTTLS (Gmail etc.) and Base64 authentication are supported.

Logging of system status, along with the site ID may be emailed in time spans from once an hour to once a day. SNMP traps and SET/GET to allow multiple units to be monitored and configured with SNMP management software.

#### Features/Benefits

- Built-in web server provides simple, web-based notification, monitoring, configuration, control.
- Four stereo silence, phase, and AES error sensors with front panel activity, sample rate, and alarm LED indicators.
- Silence trip level detection from -12dB to -36dB in 1 dB steps for each channel.
- Precise alarm time delay from 0(OFF) to 65535 seconds (18 hours, 12 min and 15 sec's). in one-second increments for each channel.
- Alarm restore time delay from 0(OFF) to 65535 seconds (18 hours, 12 min and 15 sec's). in one-second increments for each channel.
- Email notification may be configured to alert up to EIGHT recipients when alarms are detected.
- Email logging of system status, along with the site ID may be emailed in time spans from once an hour to once a day.
- Support for STARTTLS secure SMTP authentication.
- Neutrik XLR input jacks.
- Eight open collector alarm outputs on removable euroblock-style screw terminal connectors.
- Powered by a high-performance ARM® Cortex™ processor.
- Fully RFI proofed.
- Surge protected internal power supply, 12 VDC universal AC input desktop power supply with IEC AC inlet and domestic cable included.
- Up to two units may be mounted on the optional RA-1 rack shelf. Desktop and wall mounting is also possible.

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## Inspection

Please examine your AES Audio Sentinel® 4 carefully for any damage that may have been sustained during shipping. If any damage is noted, please notify the shipper immediately and retain the packaging for inspection by the shipper. The package should contain the AES Audio Sentinel® 4, a 7-foot BLUE straight-through CAT 5 cable, a 7-foot GRAY crossover CAT 5 cable and a 12 VDC wall power supply. Manuals may be downloaded from our web site.

#### Installation

CAUTION! Installation of the AES Audio Sentinel® 4 in high RF environments should be performed with care. The station ground should be connected to the "Chs Gnd" chassis ground screw.

## **Surge Protection**

The AES Audio Sentinel® 4 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 Audio Sentinel® 4 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 Audio Sentinel® 4 to a UPS system. A UPS, like the BE600M1 from APC helps to minimize the risk to the AES Audio Sentinel® 4 and provides power during a power outage.

## Mounting

The AES Audio Sentinel® 4 is designed to be rack mounted in the optional "RA-1" 19" 1-RU rack shelf. It should be mounted in an area that is accessible from the rear and preferably away from sources of heat. We recommend that you bench test and become familiar with the operation of the unit before permanently installing it.

## **Power Supply connection**

Connect the 2.1mm barrel type center positive power connector into the "PWR" jack on the back of the unit and the 12 VDC power supply with domestic 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.

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## Installation/Operation

The AES Audio Sentinel® 4 is configured and monitored over Ethernet using its web browser interface. The slow blinking front panel "Power" LED indicates valid power and proper operation. The front panel is equipped with LEDs to indicate input sample rate, error, silence alarm, out of phase alarm or valid activity audio.

#### **Front Panel:**

#### **LED Indicators**

"Power" LED: Flashes when power is applied and operational. (Green)

"ACT" Activity LEDs: Lit when the input channel audio is above the silence threshold. (Green)

"SS/Ph" LEDs: Lit when the input is in silence alarm, or stereo out of phase alarm. (Red)

"32k" "44.1k" "48k" LEDs: Illuminate to indicate AES sample rate detected on input.

"ERR" Error LED: Lit = AES not detected or invalid data on input. (Red)

#### **Defaults Button**

The defaults button is located behind a recessed opening to left of the front panel Power LED. To reset the unit to default settings, apply power and wait for the Power LED to begin flashing normally then hold down the defaults button for 10 seconds. Releasing the defaults button will trigger a reset to defaults.

#### **Rear Panel:**

#### **Chassis Ground screw (CHS GND)**

The #4-40 sized chassis ground screw should be tied to the station (house) or system ground.

#### LAN / NET Jack

RJ45 Ethernet jack for 10/100baseT LAN/WAN connection.

#### **AES/EBU Inputs**

The AES Audio Sentinel 4's four AES inputs are 3-pin XLR-F jacks labelled "AES In 1" "AES In 2" etc. Each input feeds a DAC with stereo silence, phase, and AES error detector.

#### **XLR Connector Pinout**

The AES Input XLR connector pinouts conform to 3-pin XLR wiring standards: Pin 1 = Ground/shield. Pin 2 = Positive. Pin 3 = Negative.

For AES/EBU signals please use AES/EBU digital audio qualified cable.

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## **Remote Alarm Outputs**

The AES Audio Sentinel® 4 has eight alarm status open collector outputs, one for each silence sensor. The on alarm the open collector output will go low to ground providing a return for an LED indicator, TTL/CMOS logic, or a relay. External pull-up resistors may be required in some installations, voltages must be limited to 6 VDC at 100 mA.

NOTE: PCB Revision A and higher: open collector voltage limit can be increased to 12 VDC by moving the JP10 jumper from the "5V" position to the "VIN" position.

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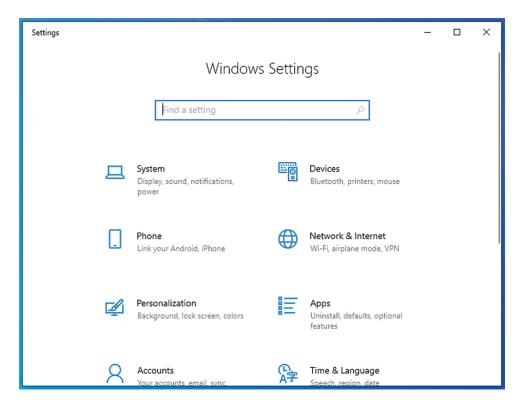
## Web Setup and Operation

#### **Ethernet "Quick Start" Guide**

CAUTION! If you are not familiar with Ethernet enabled equipment, it may be useful to contact your IT department, network administrator or network consultant for assistance. Assigning an IP address already in use by another device may cause problems with your network!

Instructions for changing the IP address of the computer that will be used for the configuration of this product are given here. Note that these instructions are specifically for computers with the Windows 10 operating system but will also work with Windows 7. For setup using other operating systems, refer to the appropriate OS user's manual.

Step 1: Open the control panel by clicking on the Start Menu, click on settings, then click on Control Panel. Click on View network status and tasks under Network and Internet.





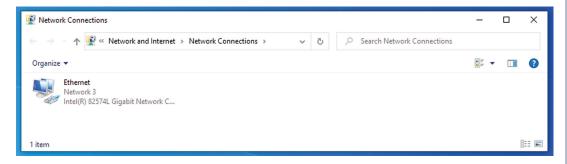
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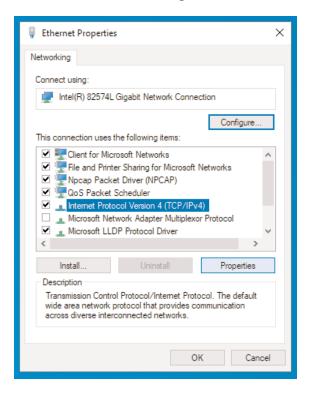


## **Ethernet "Quick Start" Guide**

Step 2: Click on the sidebar labelled Change adapter settings. The Network Connections windows will pop up, as shown below.



Step 3: Right click on the icon labeled Local Area Connection or Ethernet. A menu will appear. Select the option at the bottom of the menu labeled Properties. The Ethernet Properties window will appear.

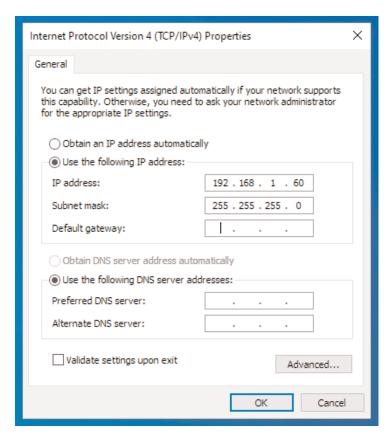


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## **Ethernet "Quick Start" Guide**

Step 4: On the Local Area Connection Properties page, double click on Internet Protocol (TCP/IPv4) to display properties.



Step 5: Before making any changes to the network settings, write down the current settings (or screen capture the page and print) so that they can be restored once the unit is configured. Next, select the radio button labeled "Use the following IP address" and type in the IP address 192.168.1.60. Type in the subnet mask of 255.255.255.0. Leave the default gateway field blank. Click OK to apply the new settings.

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## **Ethernet (NETWORK) port LED indicator functions**

Link LED Left Side		
Color	Meaning	
Off	No Link	
Amber	10 Mbps	
Green	100 Mbps	

Activity LED Right Side	
Color	Meaning
Off	No Activity
Amber	Half Duplex
Green	Full Duplex

## **Opening the LOGIN Web Page**

- 1. Connect the supplied GRAY colored XOVER cable between the PC's Ethernet port and the products "NET" network RJ45's jack.
- 2. Connect the included power supply. Verify that the green PWR/Heartbeat LED is blinking and the left "LINK" LED above the "NET" Network RJ45 is illuminated
- 3. Open the product's login page by typing the following URL into the browser: http://192.168.1.55 The username and password is required to change any parameter and the fields are case sensitive.

Factory "login" defaults: username: admin (lower case)

password: 1234

## NOTE: You may view the password by checking the "Show Password" box.

4. Press the "Submit" button to login in. Once you are logged in, follow this manual for setup and/or operational information.



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## "Login" Web Page

The Login screen displays the current date/time, Site ID and username/password entry points.

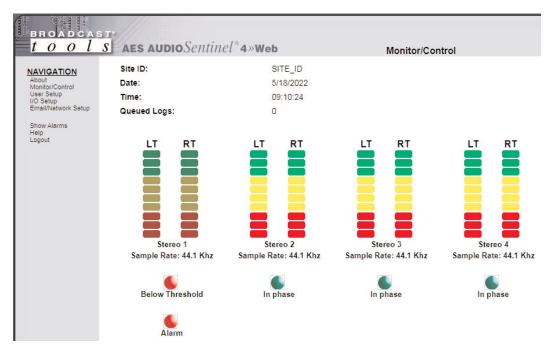


After you have successfully logged in, the Monitor/Control page will be displayed.

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## "Monitor/Control" Web Page



The Monitor/Control page allows the monitoring and or control of the AES Audio Sentinel 4. The following is an explanation of each item on this page:

User defined Site ID, Time and Date are always displayed.

Queued Logs: Displays the number of queued logs.

Input Labels: User defined in the Silence Sensor setup page

Level Meters: Display the left and right or mono input audio levels for

the inputs.

Sample Rate: Displays input AES sample rate or Error.

Audio/Phase indicators: When phase monitoring is enabled for a stereo input this

will indicate if the audio is in phase, out of phase, or

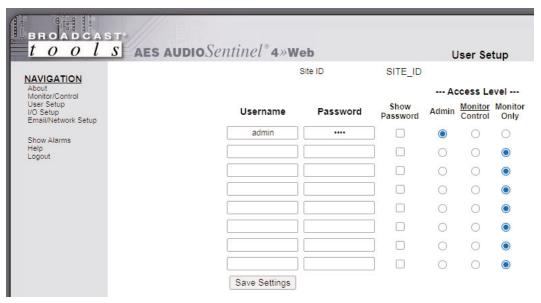
below threshold.

Alarm indicator: Displayed when input is in an alarm state.

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## "User Setup" Web Page



NOTE: You may view a password by checking the "Show Password" box.

Eight Usernames and Passwords may be configured for one of three access levels:

- 1. "Admin" allows complete configuration access and control.
- 2. "Monitor/Control" allows the following access: About, Monitor/Control, Show log, Help, and Logout.
- 3. "Monitor Only" allows the following access: About, Monitor only, Help, and Logout.

Only users with "admin" access can make changes to this page.

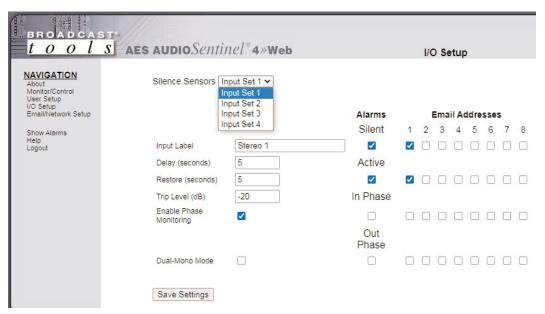
The site ID is displayed and can be changed on the Email/Network Setup page.

NOTE: After any item has been changed, you MUST press the "Save Settings" button for your changes to be saved.

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## "Silence Sensor Setup" Web Page



NOTE: The delay and restore timing for both channels is 0 (OFF) to 65535 seconds (18 hours, 12 minutes, and 15 seconds).

Input Label: Up to 18 characters may be entered to describe the input.

Delay (Sec): This is the time from when the left, right or both inputs

Restore Delay (Sec): This is the time required for valid stereo audio to return

and remain present before the unit switches back to input

ONE and clears the alarm.

Trip Level (dB): The left, right or both input levels below which input

audio is considered silent/below threshold. (-12 to -36.)

Dual mono mode: When dual input mono mode is selected, the left and

Right channels are monitored and labelled as separate

inputs.

Input Alarms: When checked, the unit logs an alarm when the silence

sensor enters or exits an alarm condition, up to eight email

addresses may receive alarm emails.

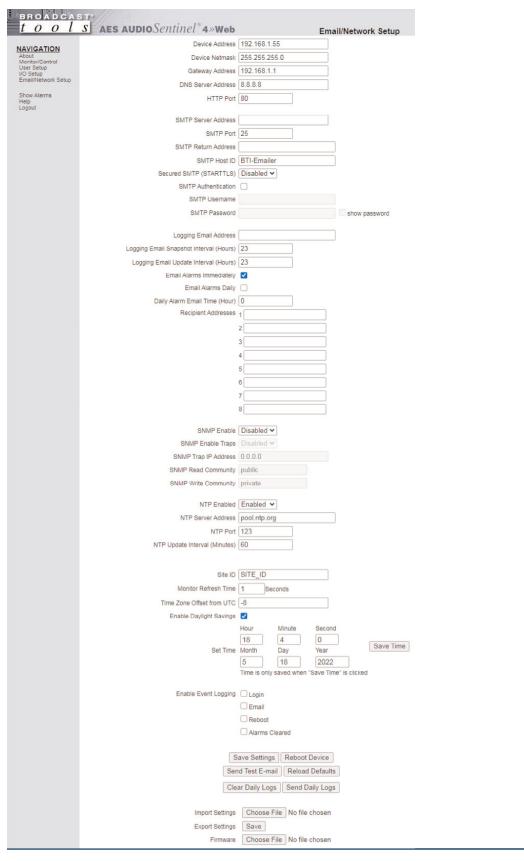
Input Email Addresses: The boxes labeled 1-8 allow the user to assign up to eight

NOTE: Press the "Save Settings" button to save your changes.

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## "Email/Network Setup" Web Page



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"Email/Network Setup" Web Page - Device Network Settings

Device Address: Enter a static IP address here. Default: 192.168.1.55

Device Netmask: Enter the Netmask here: Default: 255.255.255.0

Gateway Address: Enter the Gateway IP here: Default: 192.168.1.1

DNS Server IP Address: Enter your DNS address here. Default: 8.8.8.8

HTTP Port: Normally Port 80 Default: 80

"Email/Network Setup" Web Page - SMTP Settings

SMTP Server Address: SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol) server address.

Used to send emails.

SMTP Port: Normally Port 25 or 587. Default: 25

SMTP Return Address: Enter your return email address here. Emails from the

AES Audio Sentinel 4 will indicate they are from this address. If an email cannot be delivered, a message stat-

ing why will be sent to this address.

SMTP Host ID: Enter something here to identify the device.

Secured SMTP: STARTTLS secure authentication is supported by most

providers. This must be enabled for many SMTP servers, like Gmail. Leave disabled for standard Base64 authenti-

cation.

SMTP Authentication: When checked SMTP authentication (username/pass-

word) is used. Most SMTP servers require authentication.

SMTP Username: Enter SMTP server username here.

SMTP Password: Enter SMTP server password here.

NOTE: The user must enter the following items before an email can be successfully sent: SMTP Server Address, SMTP Port, SMTP Return Address, and SMTP Host ID. SMTP username and SMTP password must be supplied, and authentication turned on if the SMTP server requires authentication. An email address must be entered into Recipient Address field #1.

The user must press the "Save Settings" button after entering the SMTP information before attempting an email test. If authentication fails, the email is not sent, please ensure that the username and password are correct.

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## "Email/Network Setup" Web Page - Email Logging Settings

Logging Email Address: Email address for the "Logging" email recipient

(may be different from the 8 "Alarm" Recipient Addresses. Logging emails and Daily emails are

sent to this address only.

Logging Email Snapshot Interval: The period in hours that a snapshot is taken of

the system. The logging email is not sent on this

interval.

Logging Email Update Interval: The period in hours that snapshots are emailed.

This email may contain multiple snapshots if the Snapshot Interval is less than the Update Interval. Each snapshot will be identified by the

date and time.

## "Email/Network Setup" Web Page – Email Alarm Settings

Email Alarms: Choose Immediate and/or Daily. If Immediate is

selected, then an email will be sent out as soon as an alarm is generated. If Daily is selected, then each alarm is queued and emailed as a digest every 24 hours. Both can be used at the same time. The number of queued alarms is dis-

played on the Monitor/Control page.

Daily Alarm Email Time: The time that queued alarms are sent. Queued

alarms are sent to the Logging Email Address only.

"Alarm" Recipient Address: Email addresses for up to 8 addresses. These

addresses correlate to the 8 email addresses

selectable on the I/O Setup page.

## "Email/Network Setup" Web Page – SNMP Manager Settings

SNMP Enable Traps: When checked, SNMP trap messages will be

sent. When unchecked, no trap messages will be

sent to the manager.

SNMP Manager IP Address: This is the IP address of the SNMP manager.

The system only accepts SNMP requests from this IP address, and will send traps to this IP

address only.

SNMP Manager Trap Port: This is the port number that SNMP trap messages

will be sent to at the manager IP. Default port 161.

SNMP Read Community: This is the community name used for Read-Only

access.

SNMP Write Community: This is the community name used for Read-

Write access.

NOTE: A cold-start trap will be sent when the unit boots up if the SNMP Enable Traps are enabled and trap messages will be sent when a device enters or exits an alarm condition, if alarms are enabled.

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## "Email/Network Setup" Web Page - NTP Settings

NTP Enabled: Enable for NTP network time sync.

Default: Enabled

NTP (Time) Server Address: Enter the NTP address here.

Default: pool.ntp.org

NTP Port: Port used to connect to NTP server.

Default: 123

NTP Update Interval (Min): Interval between time updates. Default: 60

## "Email/Network Setup" Web Page - Other Settings

Site ID: This is the Site Identifier that is displayed on the

web and in email.

Monitor Refresh Time (Sec): Interval at which the Monitor page refreshes.

Shorter times may increase network traffic.

Time Zone Offset from UTC: Sets the time zone used for the internal clock.

Default: -8

Enable Daylight Savings: Adjusts the clock for daylight savings time.

Set Time: The hour, minute, second, month, day and year

boxes can be used to set the time of the real time clock. The time is only updated if you click "Save

Time" and not when you "Save Settings".

Enable Event Logging: Event logging will generate an alarm, but it will

not send an email. If the system is configured for Daily Alarm emails, then that Daily Alarm email will contain the event logging alarms as well as the alarms configured on the I/O Setup page.

Login: When someone logs into the unit, the username

and date/time will be logged.

Email: When an email is sent, the type of email and

date/time will be logged.

Reboot: When the device boots the date/time will be

logged.

Alarms Cleared: When the Daily Logs or Normal Alarms are cleared,

the type of log cleared and date/time will be stored. When Daily Logs are sent, the Daily Logs are also

cleared; this will cause an event log as well.

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## "Email/Network Setup" Web Page - Controls

Save Settings: After pressing the "Save Settings" button, the device

will reboot (If you changed the IP address, you must navigate your web browser to the new IP address (if the HTTP port was changed from port 80, be sure to add the new port number after the IP: xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx:port #). If you didn't change the IP address, then you will be returned to the login screen

after the device reboots.

Reboot Device: When you press the "Reboot Device" button, the

internal web server restarts.

Send Test Email: Press this button to send a test email to recipient

address #1.

NOTE: After you are done making changes to the Email/Network Setup page, you MUST press the "Save Settings" button to save your changes.

Reload Defaults: When you press the "Reload Defaults" button, the

device resets to factory default settings.

Clear Daily Logs: When you press the "Clear Daily Logs" button, the

daily logs stored in memory will be cleared. Keep in mind that if the Alarms Cleared Event is enabled, this

event will post after the logs are cleared.

Send Daily Logs: When you press the "Send Daily Logs" button, the

system will send the daily logs email and clear the log

queue.

Import Settings: Browse to locate and import a .ncs saved settings file.

Export Settings: Clicking save will allow you to download a backup

copy of the settings entered into the unit as .ncs file.

Firmware: Browse to locate and apply a firmware updated file

saved on your computer.

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## "Show Log" Web Page



This page displays current alarms.

**Alarm Messages** 

Active: Audio above silence alarm threshold.

In Alarm: Audio below silence alarm threshold

In Phase: Stereo input exited out of phase alarm.

Out of Phase: Stereo input entered out of phase alarm.

Sample Rate: AES Signal Present at Sample Rate

Sample Error: AES Signal Lost or Invalid

**Controls** 

Disable Sound: Mutes the alarm sound.

Silence Alarms: Marks active alarms as acknowledged.

Clear Alarms: Empties the Alarm Log.

NOTE: With the "admin" access level, the user may control all functions.

With the "Monitor/Control" or "Monitor" only access level, the user may view the "Show Log", enable/disable PC speaker sound and silence alarms.

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## "About" Web Page



The "About" web page displays the product name, firmware version numbers, and Broadcast Tools® web site link.

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## **Specifications**

Ethernet Interface: RJ-45, 10base-T or 100base-TX, auto sensing with link

& activity LED indicators - Full/half duplex.

Supported Protocols: TCP/IP, UDP/IP, ARP, ICMP, SNMP, HTTP, ESMTP,

SMTPS.

Inputs: (4) AES/EBU digital audio inputs. XLR-F jacks.

Silence Sense Level: -12 to -36 dB below normal level, adjustable in 1dB

steps.

Alarm Delay, Restore Delay Time: 0 (OFF) to 65535 seconds (18 hours, 12 minutes and

15 seconds).

Open Collector outputs: Eight (8) alarm outputs. Each output sinks up to 6 VDC @

100 mA (max.) Removable euro-block screw terminals,

mating plugs supplied.

NOTE: PCB Revision A and higher: the open collector voltage limit can be increased to 12 VDC by moving the JP10 jumper from the "5V" position to the "VIN" position.

Required power supply: 12 VDC surge protected universal switching power sup-

ply with IEC inlet and domestic AC cable included. 500 mA minimum output. 2.1mm ID x 5.5mm OD coaxial

connector, center positive

Physical Dimensions: 8.50" x 7.10" x 1.576" (WDH) aluminum extrusion chas-

sis with (4) #6-32 screw thread mounting holes for

optional RA-1 rack shelf

Weight: 3.0 lb.

Shipping Weight: 4.0 lb.

Accessories: RA-1, 1-RU rack shelf. Accommodates 2 units.

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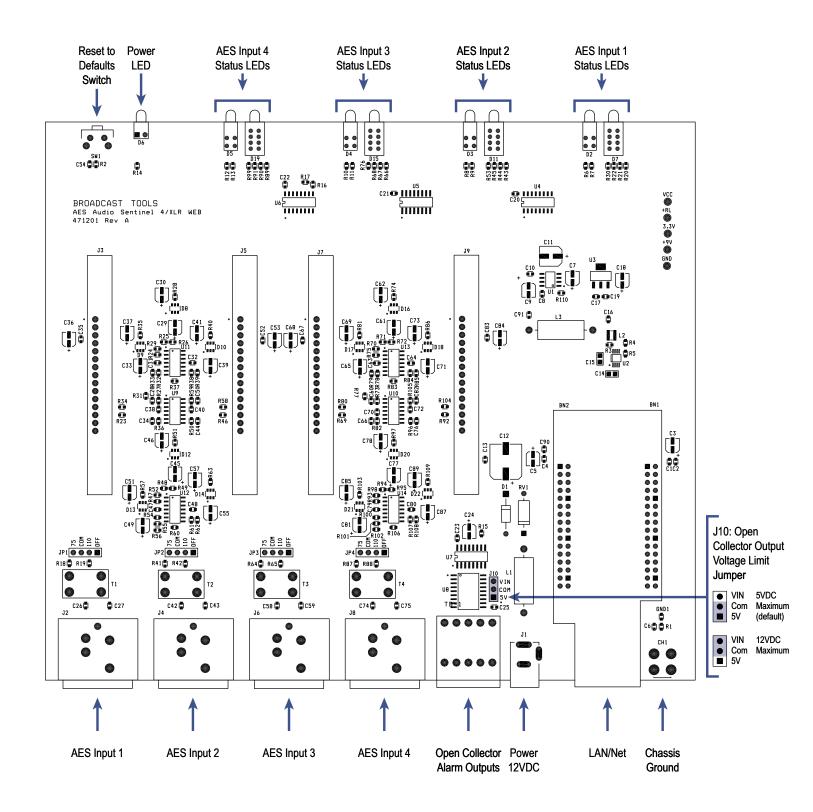
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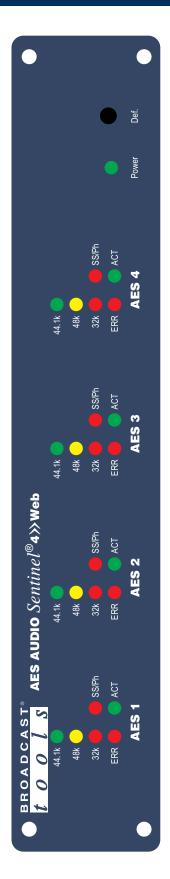
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