

# **SRa5P & SRa**

## **Camera Slot Dual UHF Receiver**



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**Digital Hybrid Wireless® Technology**

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## Digital Hybrid Wireless®

The Lectrosonics Digital Hybrid Wireless® uses innovative technology to combine the advantages of digital audio with the advantages of analog RF transmission, thus delivering the superior sound quality of a digital system and the excellent range of an analog system. A proprietary algorithm encodes the digital audio information into an analog format which can be transmitted in a robust manner over an analog FM wireless link. The receiver employs state-of-the-art filters, RF amplifiers, mixers and detector to capture the encoded signal and a DSP recovers the original digital audio.

This digital/analog hybrid technique has some very beneficial properties. Because the information being transmitted is digitally encoded, immunity to noise is much higher than what a compandor can offer. Because the encoded audio is sent in analog format, spectral and power efficiency and operating range are not compromised.

Under weak RF conditions, the received signal degrades gracefully, like an analog system, delivering as much usable audio as possible at maximum range. Since the audio is free of compandor artifacts, pumping and breathing problems are also greatly reduced.

## Quick Start Summary

The following checklist includes the minimum required settings to start using the receiver.

- Install either stand-alone or camera slot adapter kit, the antennas and position the receiver as it will be used (see pages 9-12).
- Connect power to the receiver (see pages 10,11).
- Set the COMPAT (compatibility) mode for the transmitters to be used (see pages 15,16).
- Find clear operating frequencies for one or both receivers (see pages 19-21).

**NOTE:** When operating in the 2-channel mode, always set Receiver 2 to a higher frequency than Receiver 1 by at least 400 kHz (four standard steps on the switches).

- Set transmitters on the matching frequencies (see transmitter manual).
- Verify transmitters are set to the same compatibility mode as the receiver (see transmitter manual).
- Adjust transmitter/s input gain to match voice level and mic position (see transmitter manual).
- Adjust receiver output level as needed for the camera or mixer input level desired (see pages 15,16).

## Model Differences

In this manual you will see both the SRa5P and SRa pictured in various contexts. There is no functional difference between the two models other than the second output jack on the 5P version, so either receiver may be used as either is pictured.



### SRa5P

The current version of the full-featured receiver. Detachable whip antennas and second audio output on left hand side of the front panel. Will also work with the OCTOPACK multicoupler.



### SRa

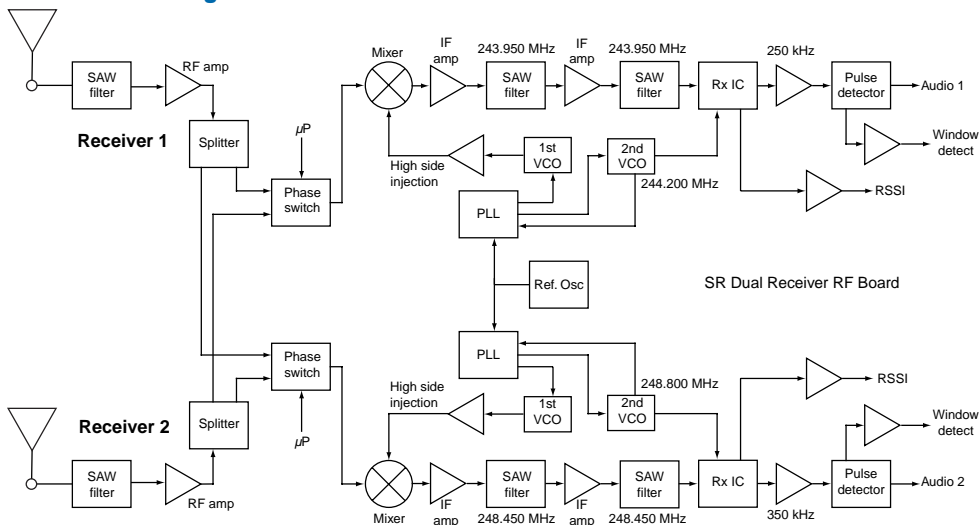
In response to demand for external antenna connections and the OCTOPACK multicoupler, this is the current version of the basic receiver with detachable whip antennas and the audio output on the rear panel only.

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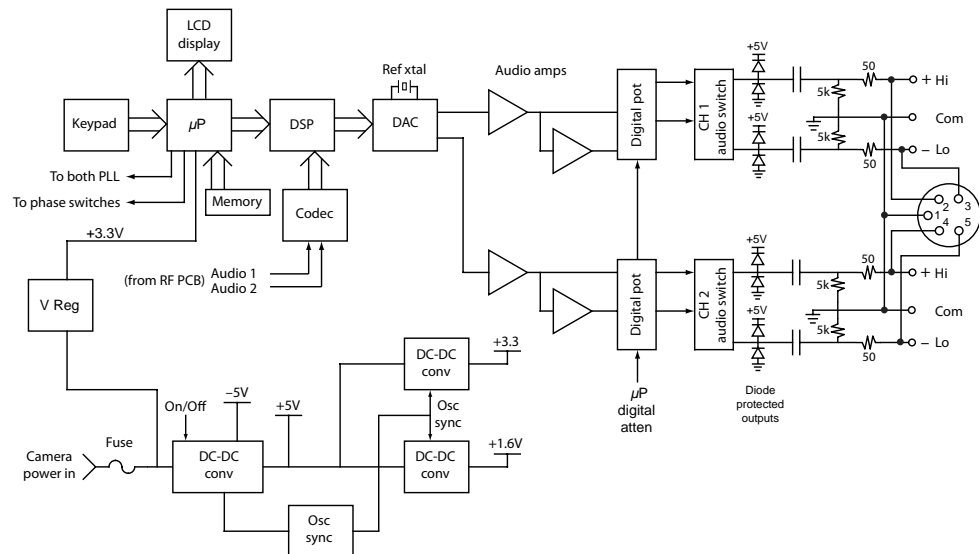
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# General Technical Description

## RF PCB Block Diagram



## Audio PCB Block Diagram



The design consists of two separate receivers built into a single, ultra compact housing with interchangeable adapters for video camera wireless receiver slots and stand-alone use. Digital Hybrid Wireless® technology provides superb, compandor-free audio quality and compatibility with other wireless systems. The RF performance is extremely stable over a very wide temperature range, making the receiver perfectly suited to the rough environmental conditions found in field production.

The front panel features a menu-driven LCD interface and four membrane switches used to view and alter settings. Audio outputs are provided on the rear panel for camera slots or other audio devices, and in the case of the SRA5P, on the front panel through a 5-pin TA Series connector.

A built-in spectrum analyzer scans across the tuning range of the receiver to locate RF signals in the vicinity to simplify finding clear operating frequencies.

**SmartDiversity™** allows each receiver to run independently to provide two separate audio channels. The algorithm analyzes both the incoming RF level and the rate of change in RF level to determine the optimum timing for phase switching, and the optimum antenna phase. The system also employs “opportunistic switching” to analyze and then latch the phase in the best position during brief squelch activity.

**Ratio Diversity** blends the audio outputs of both receivers in a seamless manner to produce a single audio output. A panning circuit blends more signal from the receiver with the stronger RF signal over a wide RF level range to anticipate and eliminate dropouts long before they occur. When a good RF signal is present at both receivers and the audio is blended equally, the signal to noise ratio is increased by 3 dB.

## RF Front-End and Mixer

Each antenna signal is first passed through a high quality SAW filter to reject high power RF signals above and below the operating frequency. A high current amplifier follows the SAW filters and passes the signal to an internal splitter so that both antenna signals are available to both receivers for SmartDiversity™ reception.

The mixer in each receiver takes the signal from the PLL to generate the first IF signal, with both PLL circuits fed from a common reference oscillator to maintain signal phase through the IF sections.

## Microcontroller, PLL and VCO Circuits

The 8-bit microprocessor is the “heart” of the SRa5P and SRa receivers. It monitors user command inputs from the front panel control buttons and numerous other internal signals such as RF level, audio levels, pilot tone levels and transmitter battery status. Outputs from the microcontroller drive the LCD display and backlight, control the squelch and audio output attenuator, the PLL/VCO circuits and the antenna phase switch.

## IF Amplifiers and SAW Filters

The first IF stage at 244 MHz employs two state-of-the-art SAW (surface acoustic wave) filters. The use of two filters significantly increases the depth of filtering while preserving sharp skirts, constant group delay, and wide bandwidth. Though expensive, this special type of filter allows primary filtering as early as possible, at as high a frequency as possible, before high gain is applied, to deliver maximum image rejection. Since these filters are made of quartz, they are very temperature stable.

After the SAW filter, the 244 MHz IF signal is converted to 250 kHz in receiver 1 and 350 kHz in receiver 2. Only then is the majority of the gain applied, just before the signal is converted to audio with a pulse counting detector. Although these IF frequencies are unconventional in a wide deviation ( $\pm 75$  kHz) system, it offers outstanding AM rejection figure over a very wide range of signal strengths and produces an excellent noise improvement at low signal strengths.

## Digital Pulse Counting Detector

The receiver uses an elegantly simple, yet highly effective digital pulse detector to demodulate the FM signal, rather than a conventional quadrature detector. This unusual design eliminates thermal drift, improves AM rejection, and provides very low audio distortion.

## DSP-Based Pilot Tone

The Digital Hybrid system design uses a DSP generated ultrasonic pilot tone to control the receiver audio muting (squelch). Brief delays are applied to eliminate thumps, pops or other transients that can occur when the power is turned on or off. The pilot tone frequency is different for each of the 256 frequencies in the tuning

range of a system (frequency block). This eliminates squelch problems in multichannel systems where a pilot tone signal can appear in the wrong receiver via intermodulation products. The DSP generated pilot tone also eliminates fragile crystals, allowing the receiver to survive shocks and mishandling much better than older analog-based pilot tone systems.

*Note: This description applies only in 400 Series mode. In 200 Series mode, only one pilot tone frequency is used on all channels, emulating the original crystal-based system. In other compatibility modes, no pilot tone is used.*

## SmartSquelch™

Any squelching system faces inevitable trade-offs: squelch too aggressively and valuable audio information may be lost. Squelch too little and excessive noise may be heard. Respond too rapidly and the audio will sound “choppy.” Respond too sluggishly and syllables or entire words can be cut off.

SmartSquelch™ combines several techniques to achieve an optimal balance, removing distracting noise, without the squelching action itself becoming a distraction. One of these techniques involves waiting for a word or syllable to complete before squelching. Another technique incorporates recent squelching history and recent signal strength, adjusting squelching behavior dynamically for the most serviceable result under variable conditions. Using these and other techniques, the SRa5P and SRa can deliver acceptable audio quality from otherwise unusable signals.

## Smart Noise Reduction (SmartNR™)

*Note: The SmartNR setting is user Selectable only in 400 Series mode. In other modes, noise reduction is applied in such a way as to emulate the original analog system as accurately as possible and is not user adjustable.*

The wide dynamic range of digital hybrid technology, combined with flat response to 20 kHz, makes it possible to hear the -120 dBV noise floor in the mic pre-amp, or the (usually) greater noise from the microphone itself. To put this in perspective, the noise generated by the recommended 4k bias resistor of many electret lavalier mics is -119 dBV and the noise level of the microphone’s electronics is even higher. In order to reduce this noise the receiver is equipped with a Smart Noise Reduction algorithm, which removes hiss without sacrificing audio high frequency response.

The Smart Noise Reduction algorithm works by attenuating only those portions of the audio signal that fit a statistical profile for randomness or “electronic hiss.” Because it much more than a sophisticated variable low pass filter, the transparency of the audio signal is preserved. Desired high frequency signals having some coherence are not affected, such as speech sibilance and tones.

The Smart Noise Reduction algorithm has three modes, Selectable from a user setup screen. The optimal setting for each application is subjective and selected while simply listening.

OFF - no noise reduction is performed and complete transparency is preserved. All signals presented to the transmitter's analog front end, including any faint microphone hiss, will be faithfully reproduced at the receiver.

NORMAL - enough noise reduction is applied to remove most of the hiss from the microphone preamp and some of the hiss from lavalier microphones. The noise reduction benefit is significant in this position, yet the degree of transparency maintained is exceptional.

FULL - enough noise reduction is applied to remove most of the hiss from nearly any signal source of reasonable quality and some high frequency environmental noise, assuming levels are set properly at the transmitter.

## Supersonic Noise-Based Dynamic Filter and Squelch

In addition to SmartNR, all hybrid receivers are equipped with a supersonic noise-based dynamic filter and squelch system. The incoming audio is monitored for energy above 22 kHz, pilot tone excepted. Excessive high frequency energy indicates that the received signal is too weak to achieve an acceptable signal-to-noise ratio. Under marginal conditions, a variable low pass filter is rolled in dynamically, masking the noise while preserving as much of the transmitted signal as possible. When the channel is too noisy even for the filter, the audio is squelched.

This noise-based filter and squelch system replaces a more or less equivalent system used for many years, which based its operation on RF signal strength. Performance of the two systems is virtually identical, but the noise-based system requires no calibration and there is no better way to track the signal-to-noise ratio than to measure it directly.

## RF-Controlled Digital Noise Filter

In extremely weak signal conditions, an RF sensitive variable frequency filter is applied to reduce the high frequency response of the receiver. This filter does nothing until the RF signal strength drops below 3  $\mu$ V at which point it begins to roll off high frequencies. Usable audio remains unaffected, but noise-ups or "hits" occurring near the fringe of reception sound much less harsh.

## Audio Output Level

A setup screen is provided for adjusting the audio output level in 1 dB increments from -50 to +5 dBu using the front panel UP and DOWN buttons.

## Test Tone

To assist in matching the audio levels of equipment connected to the SRa5P or SRa, a 1 kHz audio test tone, adjustable from -50 to +5 dBu in 1 dB increments, is available at the XLR connector. This tone is available through the TONE setup window.

## Power Supply

The SRa5P and SRa is operated from an external DC power source. The power supplies are protected from damage to the receiver that could occur if a positive ground power source is applied.

## LCD Display

The display has four primary windows. Pressing the Front Panel SEL button steps through each of these windows.

If the battery gets low on the transmitters, a message will interrupt the display every few seconds and flash a low battery warning.

After power is turned off and back on again, the unit defaults to the main window and to the most recent frequency, audio level, transmitter battery type and other user settings. These settings are retained even when the power is turned off. After five minutes of no key activity, the LCD backlight goes off and the display reverts back to the main window.

# Front Panel Controls and Functions



## Audio Outputs

In addition to the audio outputs on the rear panel, the front panel of the receiver provides a second set of outputs through a 5-pin connector. For cameras with only one audio channel enabled in the slot, it allows both audio channels to be connected through external cables.

The TA5M connector provides two balanced outputs with the following pinouts:

Pin 1	Pin 2	Pin 3	Pin 4	Pin 5
Shields	CH1 +	CH1 -	CH2 +	CH2 -

## LCD Screen

A backlit, graphics-type Liquid Crystal Display is used to set up and monitor the receiver. The Main Window shown here is used during normal operation, to display RF and audio levels, transmitter battery status, pilot tone status and diversity activity for both receivers.

## MENU/SEL Button

This button is used to select menu items and enter setup screens during setup.

## PWR/BACK Button

Press the PWR/BACK switch to turn the power on. Press and hold it until the display goes blank to turn power off. It also functions as a “back” button while navigating the various menus and setup screens to return to the previous screen or menu item.

The firmware “remembers” whether the receiver was turned on or off after power is disconnected, and it returns to that state when power is restored. This allows the receiver to power up and down as the camera is turned on and off.

Press the PWR/BACK button from the Main Window to briefly display the external power voltage.

## UP/DOWN Arrow Buttons

The UP and DOWN arrow buttons are used to select various options and adjust values in the setup screens, and provide secondary functions such as locking out the panel to guard against accidental changes.

## Rear Panel and Adapters

Several different panel adapters are available to configure the receiver for use with popular camera slots and for stand-alone use. The adapters are retained by two screws through the side panel of the housing, making them easy to install.



Power and audio connections are made through mating connectors on the adapter and receiver main circuit boards.



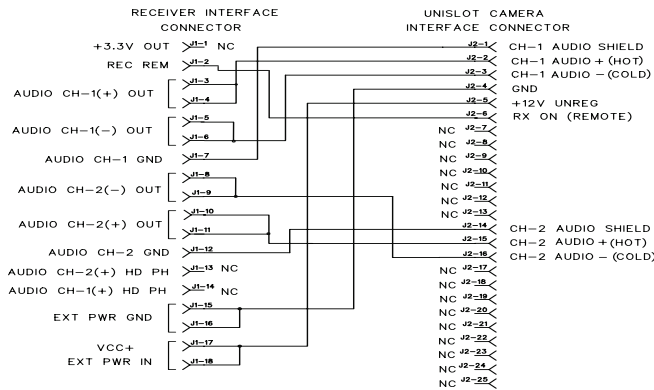


## Camera Slot Adapters

### SRUNI



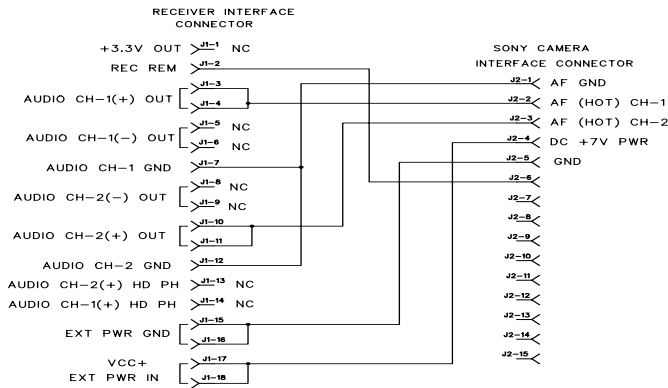
Adapter kit for Unislot® camera slots such as those provided on Ikegami® and Panasonic® cameras.\* Includes bezel, hardware and rear panel DB25 connector wired for power and audio connections.



### SRSNY



Adapter kit for Sony® camera slots,\* includes bezel, hardware and rear panel DB15 connector wired for power and audio connections.



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## Installing Camera Slot Adapters

### SRUNI Adapter



Thread two short screws through the recessed tabs on the adapter and slide it onto the receiver housing. Thread two short screws through the tabs on the receiver flange as shown.



On the opposite side, thread two long screws through the tabs on the receiver flange, then align them with the tabs on the adapter.



Slide the adapter up and tighten the retaining screws to secure it to the receiver flange.

The four lower screws attach to the camera body.

### SRSNY Adapter

Two different types of screws are used to attach the receiver flange and the adapter.



Thread the smaller, thin head screws through the adapter and into the camera body.



Upper screws with thicker heads secure the receiver to the adapter.

Lower screws with thinner heads secure the adapter to the camera body.

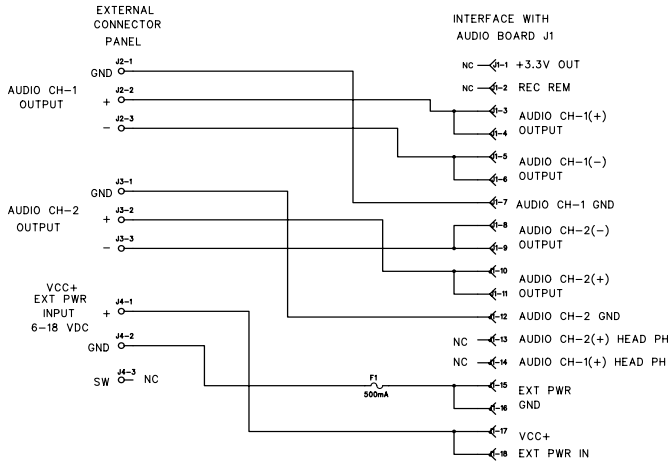
**NOTE:** If you are having difficulty inserting the receiver into the camera slot, try mounting the blue adapter plate to the camera first, then inserting the receiver.

## Adapters for Stand-alone Use

### SREXT

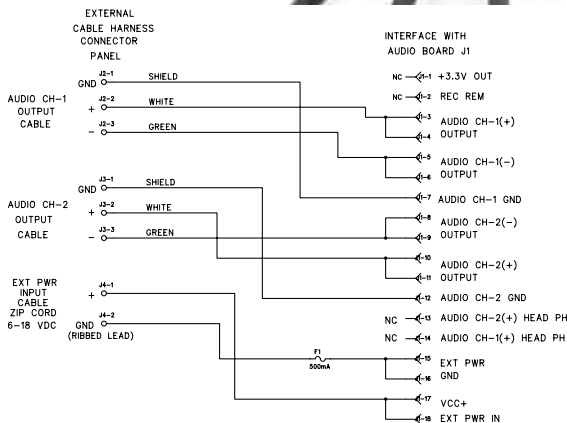


For stand-alone use, this kit includes a rear panel with two TA3 male jacks for the balanced outputs and a power jack with a locking connector. Trim the power cable to the desired length.



### SRHARNESS

Ideal for use in portable "bag systems." Two balanced output cables and the power cable are 6 feet long. Cut the cables to the desired length and terminate as needed.



## Installing Rear Panel Adapters

Installation of the rear panel output/power adapters is the same for all models.



Panels are held in place by two philips head screws on the sides of the housing.

Connections between the panel and main circuit board are made via miniature mating connectors.

Align the mating connectors and slide the panel straight into the housing until the screw holes align with the housing.

## Replacement Screw Kits



### SRNSCREWKIT

- Contains:
- 5 - #28863 (smaller mid-length)
- 5 - #28864 (larger mid-length)
- 5 - #28869 (shortest)\*
- \* For Housing

### SRUNISCREWKIT

- Contains:
- 3 - #28862 (longest)
- 5 - #28864 (mid-length)
- 3 - #28869 (shortest)\*
- \* For Housing

## Battery Adapter



The receiver can be powered with an optional "battery sled" adapter that attaches to the outside of the housing (Lectrosonics Model SRBATTSLD). The adapter includes an integrated connector

plate and accepts L and M type video camera rechargeable batteries. The adapter sled does not include charging circuitry. Batteries must be recharged with their respective chargers.

The unit has an integral circuit that automatically selects between the battery or the external source, whichever delivers the highest voltage.

## Audio Output Cables

### MCSR5PXL5P



Right angle TA5F plug to 5-pin XLR; balanced outputs; 25 inches long. For SRa5P/5P outputs.

### MCSR5PXL2



Right angle TA5F plug to two 3-pin XLR; balanced outputs; 20 inches long. For SRa5P/5P outputs.

### RATPAC Adapter Kit



Adapter kit to build either a 3-pin or 5-pin TA Series right angle connector. Includes standard 5-pin connector, modified 3-pin insert and backshell, aluminum right angle housing, strain relief tubing, set screws and wrenches.

### MCSRPT



12 inch long TA3 female to stripped and tinned wires for balanced output.

PIN 1: Shield  
PIN 2: Audio (+) white  
PIN 3: Audio (-) green

### MCSRXL2



12 inch long TA3 female to XLR male 3-pin for balanced output.

PIN 1: Shield  
PIN 2: Audio (+)  
PIN 3: Audio (-)

### MCSRTRS



Male 3.5 mm TRS plug to two female TA3 (mini XLR) connectors for dual channel use.

## External Power Supply



The CH20 power supply with a locking LZR power jack; 110 VAC input, 12V DC regulated output; 400 mA max.

## External Power Cables

### 21747



Locking LZR style plug to stripped and tinned; 6 feet long.

### 21746



Locking LZR style plug to stripped and tinned; 12 inches long.

### PS200

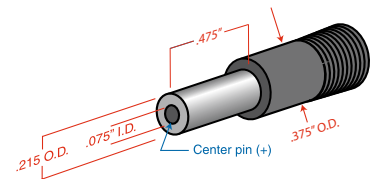


Hirose 7-4 pin to LZR type locking plug, 12" long.

### 21425



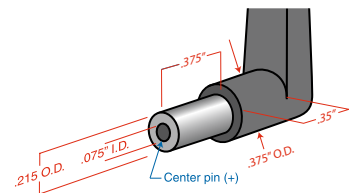
6 ft. long power cord; coaxial to stripped & tinned leads. Coaxial plug: ID-.080"; OD-.218"; Depth-.5".



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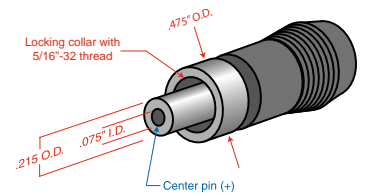
6 ft. long power cord; coaxial to stripped & tinned leads. Right angle coaxial plug: ID-.075"; OD-.218"; Depth-.375"



### 21586



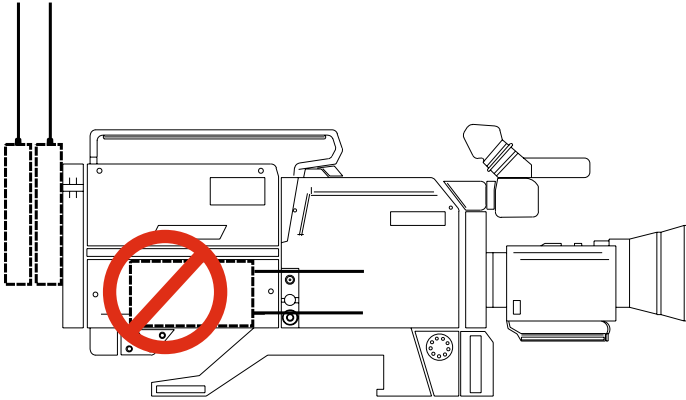
DC16A Pigtail power cable, LZR stripped & tinned. Thread lock collar.



# Mounting and Orientation

Installation into the slot on a video camera places the antennas in an optimal vertical position away from the camera body.

When used with non-slot cameras, as depicted in the diagram below, one or two receivers can be positioned in a variety of locations around the camera body using the Velcro and SRaSLEEVE mounting options.



*Mounting the receiver horizontally on the side of a camera can seriously reduce the operating range of the wireless system.*

For maximum operating range, the antennas should be vertical and above the camera body. While it may be convenient, mounting the receiver horizontally on the side of the camera can seriously reduce the operating range of the wireless system.



*The receiver provides stand-alone operation with the battery sled adapter and mounting sleeve. It can be mounted in any position with Velcro, or in horizontal and vertical positions using the mounting foot.*

## SRaSLEEVE Mount

An optional mounting sleeve is available to simplify mounting the receiver on camera body, battery brackets and other locations. The sleeve is furnished with a hook/loop Velcro swatch for mounting on flat surfaces.



## SRHARDWARE Cold Foot Adapter

This hardware and adapter kit allows the SRaSLEEVE to be mounted on a "cold shoe." A right angle bracket is included so the sleeve can be mounted in a horizontal or vertical position. Vertical mounting is generally preferred because the antennas will provide a circular, horizontal pattern. For indoor applications where multipath reflections are prevalent, the best antenna orientation can be discovered by simple walk test while observing the RF level indicators on the receiver LCD.



## RATPAC Connector

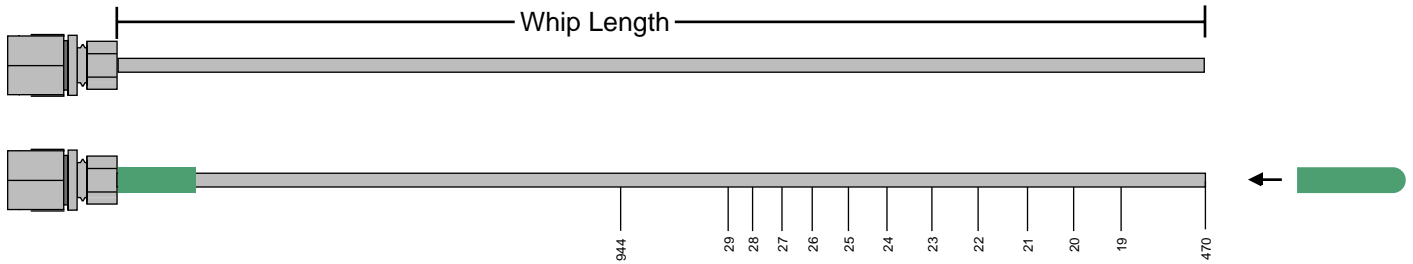
The 5-pin RATPAC right angle connector is designed for the front panel output jack. The 3-pin version is designed for the rear panel outputs on the receiver.



*The connector can be rotated during assembly to exit the cable in the desired direction. See instructions included with the RATPAC kit.*

# Whip Antennas

Lectrosonics AMM Series UHF transmitter antennas follow the color code specifications in the chart below to identify operating frequency block range. (The frequency block range is engraved on the outside housing for each individual transmitter.) If a situation exists whereby the antenna is defective and the antenna cap is missing, refer to the following chart to determine the correct replacement antenna.



Note: Check the scale of your printout. This line should be 6.00 inches long (152.4 mm).

BLOCK	FREQUENCY RANGE	CAP COLOR	ANTENNA WHIP LENGTH
470	470.100 - 495.600	Black	5.48"
19	486.400 - 511.900	Black	5.20"
20	512.000 - 537.500	Black	4.95"
21	537.600 - 563.100	Brown	4.74"
22	563.200 - 588.700	Red	4.48"
23	588.800 - 614.300	Orange	4.24"
24	614.400 - 639.900	Yellow	4.01"
25	640.000 - 665.500	Green	3.81"
26	665.600 - 691.100	Blue	3.62"

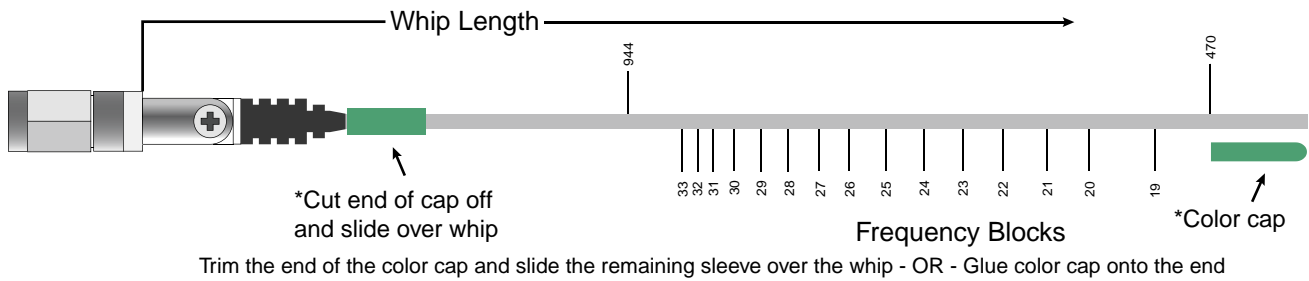
# Jointed Whip Antennas

The AMJ antenna is a general purpose design for any Lectrosonics receiver or transmitter with a standard SMA connector. The hinged joint pivots in both directions for positioning the whip at any desired angle.



## AMJ KIT CUTTING TEMPLATE

Lay uncut antenna on this template and cut to length for the desired frequency block



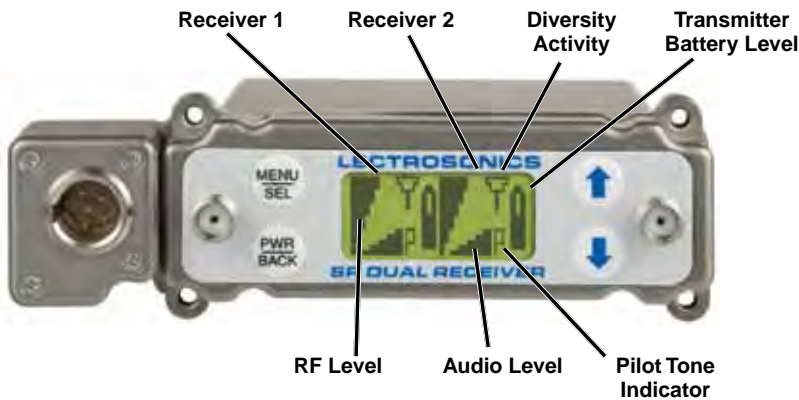
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BLOCK	FREQUENCY RANGE	CAP/SLEEVE COLOR	ANTENNA WHIP LENGTH	
470	470.100 - 495.600	Black w/ Label	5.56"	141.2 mm
19	486.400 - 511.900	Black w/ Label	5.27"	133.9 mm
20	512.000 - 537.500	Black w/ Label	4.93"	125.2 mm
21	537.600 - 563.100	Brown w/ Label	4.71"	119.6 mm
22	563.200 - 588.700	Red w/ Label	4.48"	113.8 mm
23	588.800 - 614.300	Orange w/ Label	4.27"	108.5 mm
24	614.400 - 639.900	Yellow w/ Label	4.07"	103.4 mm
25	640.000 - 665.500	Green w/ Label	3.87"	98.3 mm
26	665.600 - 691.100	Blue w/ Label	3.68"	93.5 mm

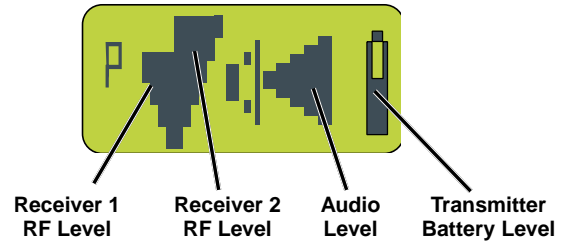


The hinged joint pivots in both

# Main Window (LCD)








**NOTE:** When the RATIO DIVERSITY mode is selected, both receivers are combined to pick up the same transmitter, so the Main Window will display a single audio channel.

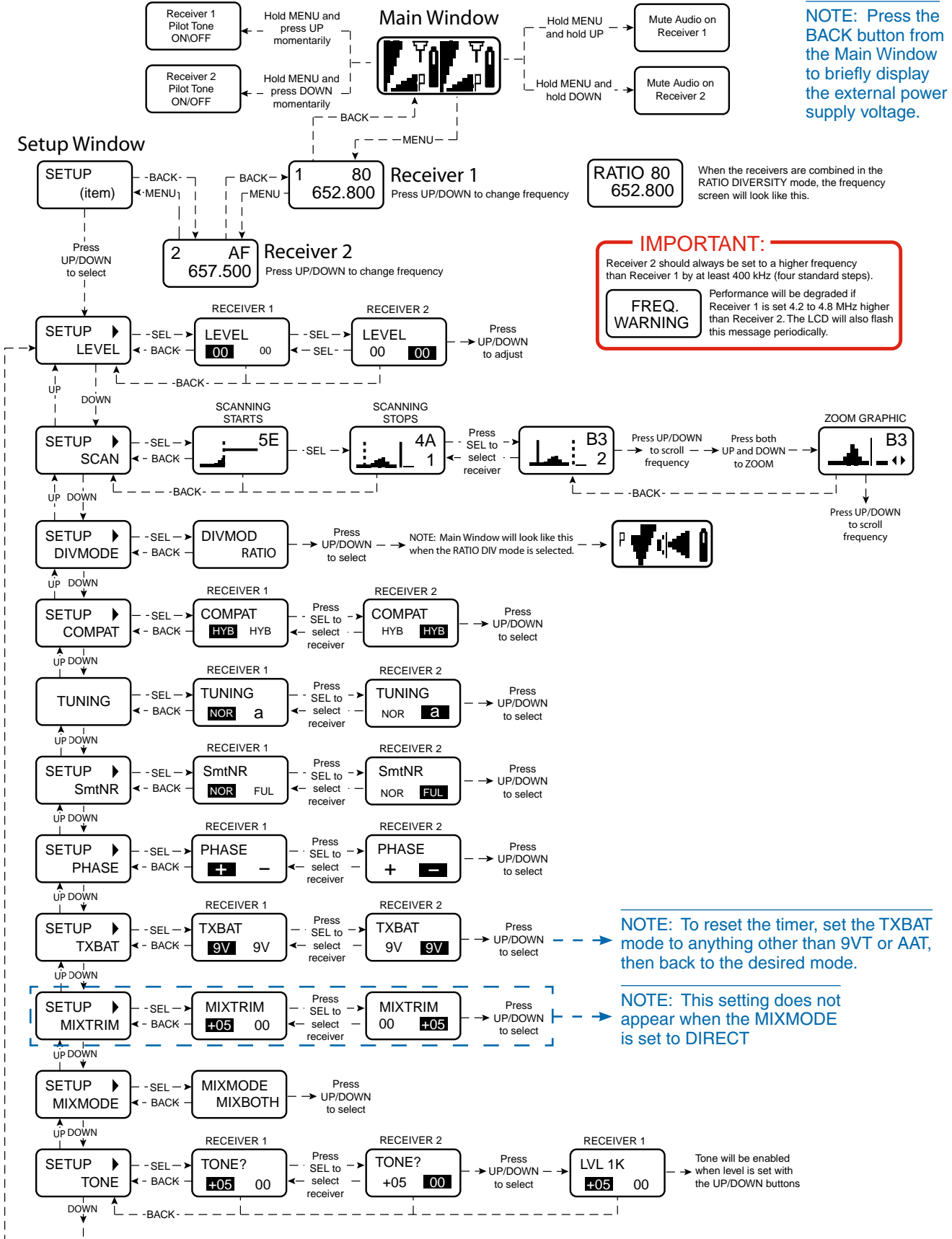


The Main Window displays information concerning the condition of the Pilot Tone, antenna phase, RF and audio signal levels and battery conditions for both the receiver and the associated transmitter.

Pressing the SEL/SEL button accesses the SEL selections for setting up the receiver and searching for clear frequency channels.

Icon	Description
	<p><b>Pilot Tone Indicator</b></p> <p>A steady “P” icon will be displayed when a pilot tone from the transmitter is present. The “P” will appear only in those compatibility modes which use pilot tone, such as the native 400 Series, 200 Series modes and Mode 6. The icon will flash if no pilot tone is detected and will change to a small “b” if the pilot tone has been bypassed. To bypass or enable the pilot tone on Receiver 1, hold SEL and press the UP button briefly. To bypass or enable the pilot tone on Receiver 2, hold SEL and press the DOWN button briefly. Bypassing the pilot tone also disables the squelch, regardless of which compatibility mode has been selected.</p>
	<p><b>Antenna Phase Indicator</b></p> <p>This icon antenna is displayed when the SWITCHING DIVERSITY mode is selected. As the antenna phase is switched, the symbol will flip vertically.</p>
	<p><b>RF Level</b></p> <p>This icon changes in size vertically to indicate the strength of the incoming RF signal.</p>
	<p><b>Audio Levels</b></p> <p>One icon is used in the SWITCHED DIVERSITY mode and the other when RATIO DIVERSITY is selected. The icon changes in size horizontally to indicate the audio level (modulation) of the signal received from the transmitter. The icon display will change to a solid rectangular block when the audio signal is being limited in the transmitter.</p>
	<p><b>Battery Levels</b></p> <p>When the COMPAT mode is set for a compatibility mode that supports battery telemetry (400 and 200 Series), a battery icon is displayed on the LCD to indicate the transmitter battery condition. The receiver will periodically check the battery voltage and update the icon in a “fuel guage” manner. In the example at left, the icon indicates about “half full.” When other COMPAT modes are selected, this area of the LCD will be blank.</p> <p>If selected in the TXBAT setup screen, a transmitter battery timer is available for any compatibility mode. It accumulates hours and minutes whenever the transmitter is turned on, and retains the accumulated time even when the receiver is off. The icon represents a digital clock readout (rotated 90 degrees) and in this example is indicating 4 minutes. <b>To reset the battery timer, change the selection in TXBAT to something other than a timer mode (NOT AAT or 9VT).</b></p>

# Navigating the LCD





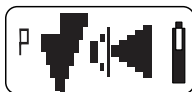
## Main Window

The appearance of the LCD Main Window will change according to which diversity mode Selected. When set to SWITCH, the screen will be split to show both receivers at the same time.



With the DIV MODE set to SWITCHED, two audio channels will be displayed.

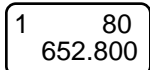
When set to RATIO, a single audio channel is displayed since the receiver are combined to pick up the same transmitter.



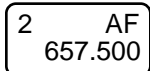
With the DIV MODE set to RATIO, a single audio channel will be displayed.

## Frequency Screen

Press Sel from the Main Window once for Receiver 1 and twice for Receiver 2. The Selected receiver is denoted in the upper left corner of the screen.



Press BACK to move from Receiver 2 back to Receiver 1



In this example, the upper screen denotes that receiver 1 is set at 652.800 MHz, requiring that the corresponding transmitter hex switches be set at 80 for this frequency. Lectrosonics transmitters with LCD interfaces allow frequency to be set in MHz or hex settings.

Press the Up and Down buttons to change the frequency of the receiver. When the TUNING mode is set to NORMAL, the SEL Up and Down buttons tune in single channel increments. In the group tuning modes, the Up and Down buttons step through the pre-coordinated frequencies.

**NOTE:** When operating in the 2-channel mode, always set Receiver 2 to a higher frequency than Receiver 1 by least 400 kHz (four standard steps). In addition, receiver performance will be degraded if Receiver 1 is between 4.2 and 4.8 MHz higher than Receiver 2, at which time the LCD will periodically flash this message:

FREQ.  
WARNING

## Setup Screens

From the Main Window, press SEL three times to enter the setup SEL. Press UP and/or DOWN to scroll through the available SEL items. Press SEL to enter the setup screen for the selected SEL item. For those SEL items that allow separate settings for each receiver, press SEL repeatedly to toggle back and forth between Receiver 1 and Receiver 2, then press the UP and DOWN buttons to select the value or option. Press BACK to return to the setup SEL to select the next item.

## LEVEL

This setup screen displays the audio output level of the receiver in dBu. Use the SEL Up or Down buttons to change the level. Range is from -50 to +5 dBu in 1 dB steps. Press the SEL button to leave this screen.

The output levels at the two jacks may be set independently, regardless of the diversity mode setting.

## SCAN

This function provides a fast and reliable method of finding clear channels for each receiver. Press SEL to start the scanning. Follow the procedure outlined in the navigation map on the previous page and on the page entitled Scanning for Clear Frequencies for instructions on using the scanner to find clear channels.

## DIVMODE

The SWITCH diversity mode allows the two internal receivers to operate independently on different frequencies and settings with two different transmitters. When this mode is selected, the setup screens will prompt you to select the receiver to be adjusted.

The RATIO mode combines the two internal receivers to pick up the same transmitter and mix their audio outputs for ratio diversity reception. In this mode, the setup screens will prompt you for a single value which will automatically be set for both receivers.

## COMPAT

The COMPAT setup screen selects the type of transmitter used with the receiver. The available modes are:

- **HYB** is used with Lectrosonics Digital Hybrid transmitters. This is the default setting and should be used if your transmitter supports it. This mode offers the best audio quality.
- **100** for Lectrosonics 100 Series transmitters.
- **200** for Lectrosonics 200 Series transmitters.
- **IFB** for Lectrosonics IFB transmitters.
- **M.3** and **M.6** are compatible with certain non-Lectrosonics transmitters. Contact the factory for details.

## TUNING

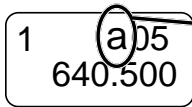
In addition to the NORMAL mode, this screen also allows Selection of one of four factory pre-selected frequency groups (Groups a through d) or two user programmable frequency groups (Groups u and v).

- **NOR** allows selection of all 256 frequencies that the receiver will tune. Each press of the UP or DOWN button will step in 100 kHz increments to the next frequency.
- **a, b, c, d** sets the receiver to tune only factory preselected frequencies, up to eight in each group. Each press of the UP or DOWN button will step to the next frequency in the group.

- **u, v** allow up to 16 user-selected frequencies to be stored in each group. Each press of the UP or DOWN button will step to the next stored frequency in the group.

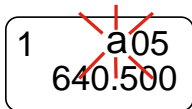
Note: The Tuning Setup Screen only selects the tuning mode (NORMAL or Group Tuning) and not the operating frequency. Actual operating frequencies are chosen through the Frequency Screens.

In Group tuning modes, the UP and DOWN buttons navigate among the Selected frequencies in the group.



When a tuning group is Selected, a letter will appear next to the hex switch settings.

Holding the SEL button while pressing the UP or DOWN button will step to the next frequency in 100 kHz steps, which will select a frequency that is not stored in the group. In this case, the group letter in the display will blink to indicate that the selected frequency is not included in the group.



The letter will blink when a frequency outside of the tuning group is Selected.

When no frequencies are stored in groups u and v, the UP and DOWN buttons will function the same as in the NORMAL mode (each press moves up or down in 100kHz steps).

When only one frequency is stored in group u or v, the UP and DOWN buttons will not change the frequency. In this case, hold the SEL button in and then press UP or DOWN to scroll to the desired frequency.

To add a frequency to tuning either group u or v, Select the desired frequency as in the previous paragraph, then hold the SEL button in, then hold the UP or DOWN button in until the letter stops blinking.

To delete a stored frequency, select it with the UP and DOWN buttons, then hold the SEL button in, then hold the UP or DOWN button in until the letter starts blinking.

**SHORTCUT:** Hold the MENU button in while pressing the UP or DOWN arrow to jump in 16 channel increments (1.6 MHz steps). If the TUNING mode is set to a group, it will still step up or down in the same 16 channel increment, which will likely tune to a frequency that is not included in the group (letter will blink in this case).

### SmtNR

This setup screen is available only in the 400 Series COMPAT (compatibility) mode. Select the desired mode while listening to the audio to of one of three choices:

- **OFF** provides no noise reduction for complete transparency, which is useful in controlled environments with very little high frequency noise such as an indoor motion picture production set.

- **NORMAL** applies a moderate amount of noise reduction to noticeably reduce hiss from subtle sources such as electret microphones.
- **FULL** is very similar to the Lectrosonics noise reduction system used for many years in the 195 and 200 Series analog systems. Hiss from electret microphones and some environmental HF noise are suppressed.

### PHASE

This setup screen allows the audio output phase to be inverted to compensate for situations such as phase inversion caused by microphone wiring.

### TXBAT

This setup screen allows you to Select the exact battery being used in the transmitter to provide more accurate battery level monitoring.

When the COMPAT mode is set to HYB (hybrid) or the 200 Series mode, the sel choices are:

- **9V** - Transmitter uses a 9V alkaline battery.
- **9VL** - Transmitter uses a 9V lithium battery (not rechargeable).
- **9VT** - Transmitter uses a 9V battery of any type. Monitor its status with the timer in the LCD Main Window. This is the best choice when using a rechargeable battery in the transmitter.
- **AA** - Transmitter uses a AA alkaline battery.
- **AAL** - Transmitter uses a AA lithium battery (not rechargeable).
- **AAT** - Transmitter uses an AA battery. This is the best choice when using a rechargeable battery in the transmitter.

The 9VT and AAT settings are most useful for NiMH batteries as they do not exhibit reliably identifiable voltage drops as they discharge.

In compatibility modes other than 400 Series and 200 Series, no battery telemetry information is available, so the TXBAT setup screen offers only two choices:

- **---** (no timer) - Display no transmitter battery status in the main window.
- **TIM** - Monitor the transmitter battery status with the battery timer in the LCD Main Window.

**NOTE:** To reset the timer, set the TXBAT mode to anything other than 9VT or AAT, then back to the desired mode.

### MIXTRIM and MIXMODE

Since this is a dual receiver that can be used with cameras that offer only a single input in the slot, special options are available to allow the audio from the receivers to be mixed to either one or both audio output channels.

The **MIXMODE** setting determines which audio signal appears at which output channel:

- **MIXBOTH** mixes the audio and delivers the mix to both output channels.
- **MIXTO 1** mixes the audio and delivers the mix to output channel 1.
- **MIXTO 2** mixes the audio and delivers the mix to output channel 2.
- **DIRECT** keeps the audio separated and delivers receiver 1 audio to output channel 1, and receiver 2 audio to output channel 2.

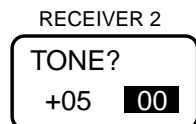
The **MIXTRIM** setting applies attenuation up to 20dB in 1 dB steps to adjust the ratio of the two audio signals in the mix. This adjustment takes effect only when a mix mode is Selected (it is ignored when the mix mode is set to DIRECT).

**IMPORTANT:** The LEVEL setting in the other setup screen (see previous page) is hardware-based and affects the output level regardless of which mix mode is selected. MIXTRIM then applies attenuation to that level setting resulting in the final level delivered to the output channel. It is good practice to set the LEVEL of both receivers to the same value when using a mix mode.

When a MIXMODE is Selected, each audio signal is automatically attenuated by 6 dB prior to the mixing. This is done to avoid overload and potential distortion since mixing increases the level by 6 dB. The same input gain on the camera or mixer can generally be used regardless of whether or not a mix mode is being used in the receiver.

### TONE

The **TONE** setup screen enables an audio test tone at the receiver output for precise level matching with other equipment. The first screen prompts you to press the UP or DOWN button to enable the tone at the receiver output.



The first screen prompts you to press the UP or DOWN button to start the tone.

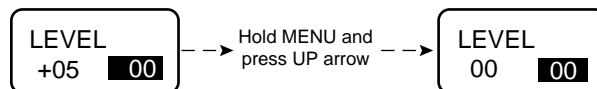
Once the button is pressed, a 1 kHz tone is enabled, and its level can be adjusted with additional presses on the UP or DOWN buttons.

The level set here will be retained in the regular operating mode (it will supersede the setting made in the LEVEL setup screen). The test tone has 1% distortion and is intended for confirmation of output levels only. To exit the test tone screen and stop the tone press the BACK button.

### Front Panel Shortcuts

A convenient shortcut is available from any setup screen that displays the receiver selection option (switching diversity mode with two separate receivers). Once the value has been set on one receiver, the same value can be copied to the other receiver with a simple button push combination.

For example, in the Setup Levels screen, holding the MENU button and pressing the UP arrow will copy the value from Receiver 2 to Receiver 1. The arrow key determines the “destination” of the value setting. UP sets the value on Receiver 1, and DOWN sets the value on Receiver 2.



To copy the value from Receiver 1 to Receiver 2, hold the MENU button and then press the DOWN arrow.

**NOTE:** It does not matter which receiver is selected (highlighted).

### Locking and Unlocking the Front Panel Controls

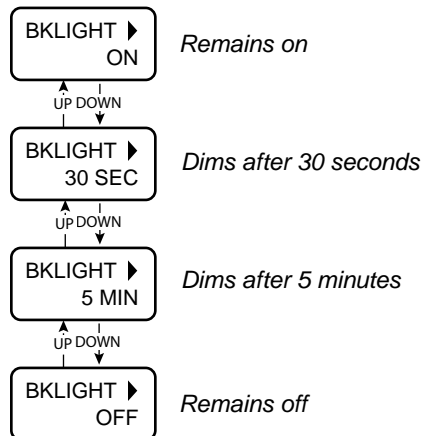
The front panel controls can be “LOCKED” to prevent accidental changes being made during operation and handling.

**Note:** Whether locked or unlocked, the setting persists when the unit is off and even when the power is turned off.

From the Main Window, press and hold the UP and DOWN arrows at the same time and observe the display. The current state is displayed as LOCKED or UNLOCKED, and numerals appear as a “3, 2, 1” countdown takes place. When the countdown is complete the state is reversed and the new state is displayed as LOCKED or UNLOCKED.

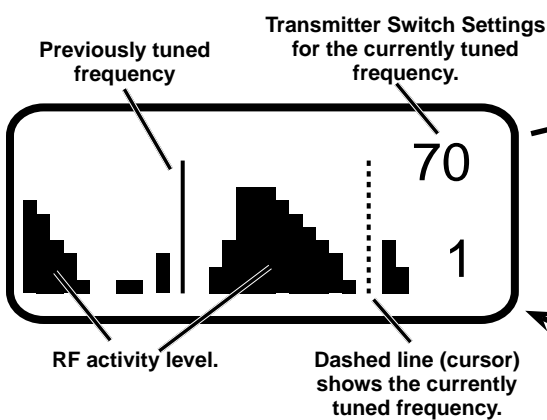
### LCD Backlight Setup

Hold the UP arrow and turn on the power. The unit will boot up then display the Backlight Options screen. Use the UP and DOWN arrows to select the desired backlight operating mode.

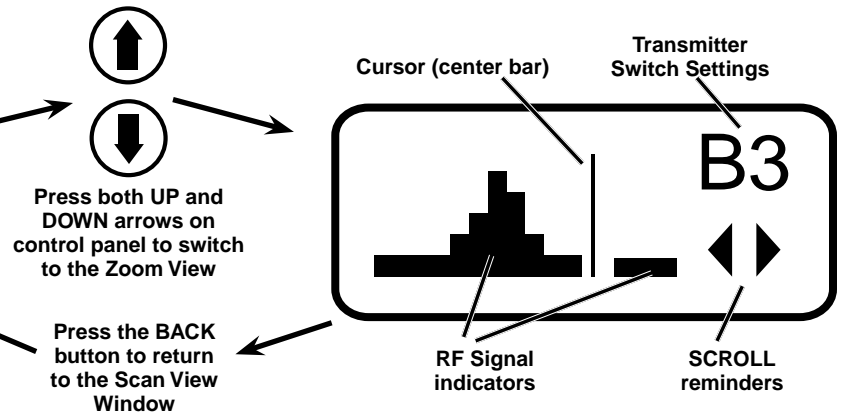


# Scanning for Clear Frequencies

## Scan View Window



## Zoom View Window



Spectrum scanning with the receiver itself is the best way to find clear operating frequencies, since it will reveal all RF signals present in the receiver, including those generated by IM (intermodulation).

Navigate to the Setup Scan screen and press the SEL button to start the scanner. The display will switch to the SCAN WINDOW and start scanning immediately. Allow the receiver to scan.

Scroll through the screen and find a frequency where no RF signals (or in the worst case, only very weak RF signals) are present. With the cursor on this frequency, simultaneously press the SEL Up, Down and SEL buttons to leave the scan mode.

Data gathered during a scan is stored until it is intentionally erased or the power is turned off. Previous data will remain and subsequent scans can be made to search for additional signals or to accumulate higher peaks.

To stop scanning, press the SEL button once. The scanning will stop immediately, and the display will switch to the VIEW window. Pressing the UP or DOWN buttons will scroll the cursor coarsely across the tuning range. The transmitter switch settings matching the frequency indicated by the cursor are shown in the upper right corner of the screen.

Press both the UP and DOWN buttons at the same time to switch to the Zoom View. In this view, the cursor remains fixed in the center of the screen and the background scrolls behind it. The frequency can be stepped up and down in 100 kHz increments using the UP and DOWN arrow buttons.

To clear the scan memory and screens, press the back button repeatedly to return to the Main Window, then press and hold the PWR button briefly. As soon as "Powering off..." appears on the display, release the button. The receiver will remain turned on, and the scan data will be erased.

Set your transmitter switches to the same settings as shown on the display, turn the transmitter on and verify that a strong RF signal is present.

**NOTE:** When operating in the 2-channel mode, always set Receiver 2 to a higher frequency than Receiver 1 by least 400 kHz (four 100 kHz steps on the switches).

# Pre-coordinated Frequencies

Interference from IM (intermodulation) is a potential problem in all multi-channel wireless systems, so proper frequency coordination is always required to avoid noise, range and dropout problems. Your options to accomplish this include:

- Using the pre-coordinated frequency groups
- Performing a system checkout (See Multi-channel System Checkout)
- Calling Lectrosionics for assistance

## Compatible Frequency Table

Groupings of compatible frequencies have been created to minimize intermodulation problems in multiple channel wireless systems. The frequencies can be used with Digital Hybrid and analog Lectrosionics wireless equipment. Compatibility with other brands is likely, but not guaranteed by Lectrosionics.

The table provides two different sets of pre-coordinated frequencies for frequency blocks 470 through 29. The table is constructed to create a visual pattern of compatible frequencies to make it easier to use. The frequencies are stored in memory in various products and included in the VRpanel software.

Pre-coordinated frequencies are arranged in four groups as shown at right.

The uppermost eight frequencies comprise Grp a, the eight just below them comprise Grp b, and so on.

**BLOCK 22**

FREQ	SW SET	US TV CH
563.700	0.5	tv29
564.300	0.8	tv29
565.200	1.4	tv29
565.800	1.4	tv29
567.100	2.7	tv30
568.000	3.0	tv30
568.500	3.5	tv30
569.300	3.0	tv30
575.700	7.0	tv31
577.900	9.3	tv31
578.600	9.3	tv31
579.900	A.7	tv32
581.700	B.9	tv32
582.600	C.2	tv32
585.200	D.C	tv33
587.500	F.3	tv33

Grp a  
Grp b  
Grp c  
Grp d  
Displayed as "GROUP a" through "GROUP d" in the LCD and as "Grp a" through "Grp d" in VRpanel

**BLOCK 22**

FREQ	SW SET	US TV CH
570.100	4.5	tv30
570.700	4.8	tv30
571.600	5.4	tv30
572.200	5.4	tv31
573.200	6.4	tv31
574.400	7.0	tv31
574.900	7.5	tv31
575.500	7.8	tv31
581.100	B.3	tv32
582.100	B.D	tv32
582.600	C.2	tv32
584.300	D.3	tv32
585.000	D.A	tv32
585.600	E.0	tv32
586.300	E.7	tv32
588.100	F.9	tv32

	BLOCK 470	BLOCK 19	BLOCK 20	BLOCK 21	BLOCK 22	BLOCK 23
	FREQ SW SET US TV CH	FREQ SW SET US TV CH	FREQ SW SET US TV CH	FREQ SW SET US TV CH	FREQ SW SET US TV CH	FREQ SW SET US TV CH
Grp A	NOT AVAILABLE	486.900 0.5 TV16	512.500 0.5 TV21	538.100 0.5 tv25	563.700 0.5 tv29	589.300 0.5 tv33
	NOT AVAILABLE	487.500 0.8 TV16	513.100 0.8 TV21	538.700 0.8 tv25	564.300 0.8 tv29	589.900 0.8 tv33
	NOT AVAILABLE	488.400 1.4 TV17	514.000 1.4 TV21	539.600 1.4 tv25	565.200 1.4 tv29	590.800 1.4 tv34
	NOT AVAILABLE	489.000 1.4 TV17	514.600 1.4 TV21	540.200 1.4 tv25	565.800 1.4 tv29	591.400 1.4 tv34
	NOT AVAILABLE	490.300 2.7 TV17	515.900 2.7 TV21	541.500 2.7 tv25	567.100 2.7 tv30	592.700 2.7 tv34
	NOT AVAILABLE	491.200 3.0 TV17	516.800 3.0 TV21	542.400 3.0 tv26	568.000 3.0 tv30	593.600 3.0 tv34
	NOT AVAILABLE	491.700 3.5 TV17	517.300 3.5 TV21	542.900 3.5 tv26	568.500 3.5 tv30	594.100 3.5 tv34
	NOT AVAILABLE	492.500 3.0 TV17	518.100 3.0 TV22	543.700 3.0 tv26	569.300 3.0 tv30	594.900 3.0 tv34
Grp B	473.300 2.0 TV14	498.900 7.0 TV18	524.500 7.0 TV23	550.100 7.0 tv27	575.700 7.0 tv31	601.300 7.0 tv35
	475.500 3.6 TV14	501.100 9.3 TV19	526.700 9.3 TV23	552.300 9.3 tv27	577.900 9.3 tv31	603.500 9.3 tv36
	476.200 3.0 TV15	501.800 9.0 TV19	527.400 9.0 TV23	553.000 9.0 tv27	578.600 9.0 tv32	604.200 9.0 tv36
	477.500 4.0 TV15	503.100 A.7 TV19	528.700 A.7 TV23	554.300 A.7 tv28	579.900 A.7 tv32	605.500 A.7 tv36
	479.300 5.0 TV15	504.900 B.9 TV19	530.500 B.9 TV24	556.100 B.9 tv28	581.700 B.9 tv32	607.300 B.9 tv36
	480.200 6.5 TV15	505.800 C.2 TV19	531.400 C.2 TV24	557.000 C.2 tv28	582.600 C.2 tv32	NOT AVAILABLE
	482.800 7.0 TV16	508.400 D.C TV20	534.000 D.C TV24	559.600 D.C tv28	585.200 D.C tv33	NOT AVAILABLE
	485.100 9.6 TV16	510.700 F.3 TV20	536.300 F.3 TV25	561.900 F.3 tv29	587.500 F.3 tv33	NOT AVAILABLE

	BLOCK 470	BLOCK 19	BLOCK 20	BLOCK 21	BLOCK 22	BLOCK 23
	FREQ SW SET US TV CH	FREQ SW SET US TV CH	FREQ SW SET US TV CH	FREQ SW SET US TV CH	FREQ SW SET US TV CH	FREQ SW SET US TV CH
Grp C	NOT AVAILABLE	493.300 4.5 TV17	518.900 4.5 TV22	544.500 4.5 tv26	570.100 4.5 tv30	595.700 4.5 tv34
	NOT AVAILABLE	493.900 4.8 TV17	519.500 4.8 TV22	545.100 4.8 tv26	570.700 4.8 tv30	596.300 4.8 tv35
	NOT AVAILABLE	494.800 5.4 TV18	520.400 5.4 TV22	546.000 5.4 tv26	571.600 5.4 tv30	597.200 5.4 tv35
	NOT AVAILABLE	495.400 5.4 TV18	521.000 5.4 TV22	546.600 5.4 tv26	572.200 5.4 tv31	597.800 5.4 tv35
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	NOT AVAILABLE	497.600 7.0 TV18	523.200 7.0 TV22	548.800 7.0 tv27	574.400 7.0 tv31	600.000 7.0 tv35
	NOT AVAILABLE	498.100 7.5 TV18	523.700 7.5 TV22	549.300 7.5 tv27	574.900 7.5 tv31	600.500 7.5 tv35
	NOT AVAILABLE	498.700 7.0 TV18	524.300 7.0 TV23	549.900 7.0 tv27	575.500 7.0 tv31	601.100 7.0 tv35
Grp D	478.700 5.6 TV15	504.300 B.3 TV19	529.900 B.3 TV23	555.500 B.3 tv28	581.100 B.3 tv32	606.700 B.3 tv36
	479.700 6.0 TV15	505.300 B.D TV19	530.900 B.D TV24	556.500 B.D tv28	582.100 B.D tv32	607.700 B.D tv36
	480.200 6.5 TV15	505.800 C.2 TV19	531.400 C.2 TV24	557.000 C.2 tv28	582.600 C.2 tv32	NOT AVAILABLE
	481.900 7.6 TV15	507.500 D.3 TV20	533.100 D.3 TV24	558.700 D.3 tv28	584.300 D.3 tv32	NOT AVAILABLE
	482.600 7.0 TV16	508.200 D.A TV20	533.800 D.A TV24	559.400 D.A tv28	585.000 D.A tv33	NOT AVAILABLE
	483.200 8.3 TV16	508.800 E.0 TV20	534.400 E.0 TV24	560.000 E.0 tv29	585.600 E.0 tv33	NOT AVAILABLE
	483.900 8.0 TV16	509.500 E.7 TV20	535.100 E.7 TV24	560.700 E.7 tv29	586.300 E.7 tv33	NOT AVAILABLE
	485.700 9.0 TV16	511.300 F.9 TV20	536.900 F.9 TV25	562.500 F.9 tv29	588.100 F.9 tv33	NOT AVAILABLE

**\* NOTE:** These frequencies can also be manually tuned within block 470



## Frequency Coordination

IM (intermodulation) is a process of two or more RF signals mixing in any stage in the transmitter or receiver that generates another RF signal. If this new signal happens to land on a carrier, IF or oscillator frequency you may have interference problems that affect range or audio quality. The possible combinations also include odd and even order harmonics of the carriers.

Feel free to contact the factory if you need help in coordinating frequencies. A specialized computer program is used to perform thousands of calculations and identify various interfering signals. Potential problems and trouble areas can be identified in advance, and proposed new frequencies or other solutions can be suggested. This service is offered to authorized Lectrosonics dealers and other customers who are using Lectrosonics® wireless microphone and wireless IFB systems.

Even with thorough analysis, interference can still be present from local sources that cannot be predicted in advance. This makes it mandatory to check out a multi-channel system before the production or use begins.

## Multi-channel System Checkout

Intermodulation (IM) and crosstalk *increases* as the distance between transmitters and receiver *decreases*. In order to conduct a valid checkout of multi-channel compatibility using the procedure shown here, it is best to adhere to the following guidelines:

- 2 to 3 feet between transmitters
- 15 to 20 feet between transmitters and receiver antennas
- Receiver antennas not touching one another

If the distances are *less* than this, IM will be exaggerated and likely be unrealistic. If the distances are *greater* than this, IM products could occur during actual use that do not show up in the checkout procedure.

If you know in advance that the transmitters will be closer than 2 to 3 feet during the actual production, place them at that distance instead.

Interference can result from a wide variety of sources including TV station signals, other wireless equipment in use nearby, or from intermodulation within a multi-channel wireless system itself.

The pre-coordinated frequencies in the tables on the previous pages address in-system compatibility, but obviously do not take into account RF signals from external sources that may be present in the location where the system will be operating.

Using the scanning process with the RF spectrum analyzer will identify external RF signals, but it does not address the compatibility of the selected frequencies.

It is always good practice to go through the following steps to make sure the frequencies that are chosen are compatible within themselves and also free from external interference.

1. **Set up the system for testing.** Place antennas in the position they will be used and connect to the receivers. Place transmitters about 3 to 5 feet apart, about 25 to 30 feet from the receiver antennas. If possible, have all other equipment on the set, stage or location turned on as well, especially any mixing or recording equipment that will be used with the wireless system.
2. **Turn on all receivers. Leave transmitters off.** Look at the RF level display on each receiver. If an indication is present, change the frequency to a clear channel where no signal is indicated. If a completely clear channel cannot be found, set it for the one with the lowest RF level indication. Once all receivers are on clear channels, go to the next step.
3. **Start with all transmitters turned off.** Then turn on one transmitter. Look at the matching receiver to verify a strong RF signal is received. Then, look at the other receivers and see if one of them is also picking up the signal. Only the matching receiver should indicate a signal. Change frequencies on either system slightly until it will pass this test, then check again to see that all receivers are still on clear channels as in Step 2. Repeat this procedure for each transmitter, one at a time.
4. **With all transmitters and receivers turned on, turn each transmitter OFF one at a time.** Look at the RF level indicator on the receiver that matches the “off” transmitter. It should “fall silent” and the RF level should disappear or drop to a very low level. If it does not, change the frequency on that receiver and transmitter and try it again.

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**IMPORTANT:** Any time a frequency is changed on any of the systems in use, you must start at the beginning and go through this procedure again for all systems. With a little practice, you will be able to do this quickly and save yourself some grief.

# Troubleshooting

## Symptom

## Possible Cause

### INITIAL POWER ON

LCD display not active or lit

External power supply disconnected or inadequate.

Wrong polarity power source. The external power input jack requires POSITIVE (+) to be on the center pin. Battery gets warm and doesn't work.

Battery may be low. Try fresh batteries.

Version message shows DSP or COM

This indicates an internal error. Please contact the factory for assistance.

Display indicates CHECK FREQ

This is a warning that a strong RF signal is present that is not centered on the channel, and the audio is likely to be distorted.

There are three principal causes:

- 1) The transmitter is set to the wrong channel, but close to the the correct channel. Check frequency setting of transmitter.
- 2) A foreign signal is causing the condition, such as from a local TV station or from intermodulation from another transmitter. Retune the receiver and transmitter to a clear frequency.
- 3) The transmitter carrier frequency is not correct (rare occurrence). Contact factory for repair.

If any of these solutions don't remove the warning message, the transmitter or receiver may need repair.

### PILOT TONE SQUELCH

Pilot Tone indicator (P) present, but no sound (Check audio meter first)

Audio output cable bad or disconnected.

Audio Output level too low. Use the built-in test tone to verify levels.

Pilot Tone Indicator (P) keeps flashing when transmitter turned on

Pilot tone detection can take several seconds. Turn on the transmitter power (and the audio switch on some models) and wait 3 to 5 seconds for the "P" to indicate steadily.

Transmitter and receiver not on same frequency.

Receiver compatibility mode does not match the transmitter in use. (See SEL Selections from Main Window, COMPAT Window.)

Noise on audio and Pilot Tone Indicator is "b"

The pilot tone bypass has been activated. Hold SEL and press UP to reset (works only from the Main Window).

Pilot Tone Indicator not present but receiving audio

Receiver is set to a compatibility mode that doesn't use Pilot Tone. Check that receiver compatibility mode matches the transmitter in use as any sufficiently strong signal can un-squelch the receiver in this mode, compatible or not.

NOTE: In the 400 Series, 200 Series, IFB Mode and Mode 6 compatibility modes, the PILOT indicator on the LCD shows as a solid "P" to indicate that the audio has been turned on at the transmitter, and that the audio output on the receiver is enabled. When the "P" is on, the audio is enabled. If the "P" is flashing the pilot tone is not detected and the audio will be muted (squelched).

In the other compatibility modes, no pilot tone is used and the "P" is never displayed. Audio is present whenever the receiver detects a sufficiently strong signal.

Regardless of the compatibility mode, activating the "pilot tone bypass" causes a lowercase "b" to appear on the LCD main window and forcing the squelch to open and deliver audio. When no matching transmitter is turned on, loud noise will be present at the receiver output.



## Symptom

## Possible Cause

### ANTENNAS AND RF SIGNAL STRENGTH

#### RF Level is weak

Receiver may need to be moved or reoriented.

Antenna on transmitter or receiver may be defective or poorly connected - double check antennas.

Improper length of antenna, or wrong antenna on transmitter or receiver. UHF whip antennas are generally about 3 to 5 inches long. UHF helical antennas may be shorter, but are often less efficient.

#### No RF Signal

Make certain frequency switches on transmitter match the receiver frequency setting.

Check battery in transmitter.

### AUDIO SIGNAL QUALITY

#### Poor signal to noise ratio

Transmitter gain set too low.

The noise may not be in the wireless system. Turn the transmitter audio gain all the way down and see if the noise remains. If the noise remains, then turn the power off at the transmitter and see if it remains. If the noise is still present, then the problem is not in the transmitter.

If noise is still present when the transmitter is turned off, try lowering the audio output level on the SRa5P and see if the noise lowers correspondingly. If the noise remains, the problem is not in the receiver.

Receiver output is too low for the input of the device it is feeding. Try increasing the output level of the SRa5P and lowering the input gain on the device the SRa5P is feeding.

#### Distortion

Transmitter input gain too high. Check and/or readjust input gain on transmitter according to the LEDs on the transmitter and then verify the setting with the audio meter in the main window.

Audio output level too high for the device the SRa5P is feeding. Lower the output level of the SRa5P.

#### Bad frequency response or generally poor audio quality

Ensure the receiver is set to the compatibility mode that matches the transmitter in use.

# Specifications and Features

## Operating Frequencies (MHz):

Block 470	470.100 - 495.600
Block 19	486.400 - 511.900
Block 20	512.000 - 537.500
Block 21	537.600 - 563.100
Block 22	563.200 - 588.700
Block 23	588.800 - 607.900 and 614.100 - 614.300
Block 24	614.400 - 639.900
Block 25	640.000 - 665.500
Block 26	665.600 - 691.100
Block 27	691.200 - 716.700
Block 28	716.800 - 742.300
Block 29	742.400 - 767.900
Block 944	944.100 - 951.900

(Frequency usage varies by country)

Frequency Adjustment Range:	25.5 MHz in 100kHz steps
Channel Separation:	100 kHz
Receiver Type:	Dual conversion, superheterodyne
IF Frequencies:	Ch.1: 243.950 MHz and 250.000 kHz Ch. 2: 248.450 MHz and 350.000 kHz
Frequency Stability:	±0.001 %
Front end bandwidth:	26 MHz @ -3 dB
Sensitivity	
20 dB SINAD:	2 µV (-101 dBm), A weighted
60 dB Quieting:	4 µV (-95 dBm), A weighted
(Single antenna measurement)	
Squelch quieting:	Greater than 100 dB typical
AM rejection:	Greater than 60 dB, 4 µV to 1 Volt
Modulation acceptance:	85 kHz
Image and spurious rejection:	85 dB
Third order intercept:	0 dBm
Diversity method:	SmartDiversity™ phased antenna combining or Ratio Diversity using both receivers for a single audio channel
FM Detector:	Digital Pulse Counting Detector operating at 250 and 350 kHz
RF spectrum analyzer:	Coarse and fine scanning modes for RF spectrum site survey
Antenna inputs:	Two flexible steel removable whips
Audio outputs connectors:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interchangeable D connector adapters for camera slot interfaces</li> <li>• Dual TA3 male (mini XLR) balanced output adapter</li> <li>• Balanced output adapter with fixed cables</li> </ul>

Front panel audio output:	Front panel TA5M with two balanced outputs
Audio output level:	Adjustable -50 to +5 dBu in 1 dB steps; unbalanced output is 6 dB lower
Audio channel crosstalk:	-80 dB or better
Front Panel Controls and Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sealed panel with membrane switches</li> <li>• LCD monitors pilot tone; antenna phase, receiver battery level; transmitter battery status; audio level, RF level</li> </ul>
Audio test tone:	1 kHz, -50 dBu to +5 dBu output (bal); 1% THD
Transmitter battery type Selection:	9V alkaline, 9V lithium, AA alkaline, AA lithium, NiMH
Phase invert:	Audio output phase normal or inverted
SmartNR (noise reduction):	OFF, NORMAL, FULL modes (available in 400 Series mode only)
Audio Performance (overall system):	(These specs apply to hybrid mode only)
Frequency Response:	32 Hz to 20 kHz (+/- 1dB)
THD:	0.3% (system) typical in 400 mode
Signal to Noise Ratio (dB):	95 dB or better (overall system, 400 Series mode)
Total Harmonic Distortion:	0.2% typical (400 Series mode)
Input Dynamic Range:	95 dB (with full Tx limiting)
Rear Panel Controls and features:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• XLR audio output jack;</li> <li>• External DC input;</li> <li>• Battery compartment access</li> </ul>
Powering and current consumption:	Min. 6 V to max. 18 Volts DC; 1.4 W
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80 mA at 18 VDC</li> <li>• 115 mA at 12 VDC</li> <li>• 180 mA at 7.2 VDC</li> <li>• 200 mA at 6 VDC</li> </ul>
Runtime with SRBATTLED adapter:	7.2V, 2200mA "L" style battery will typically provide about 11 hours of operation
Transmitter battery level tracking:	LCD display with "bottle" icon and timer readout
Operating temperature:	-40° C to +75° C
LCD visible temperature range:	-25° C to +75° C
Weight:	195 grams (7 ozs.) with SRaEXT adapter
Dimensions:	2.68" wide x .72" high x 3.52" deep (68 mm x 18 mm x 89 mm)

Specifications subject to change without notice

## FCC Notice

**NOTE:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. The equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that which the receiver is connected
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help

Changes or modifications to this equipment not expressly approved by Lectrosonics, Inc. could void the user's authority to operate it.

## Service and Repair

If your system malfunctions, you should attempt to correct or isolate the trouble before concluding that the equipment needs repair. Make sure you have followed the setup procedure and operating instructions. Check the interconnecting cables and then go through the **Troubleshooting** section in this manual.

We strongly recommend that you **do not** try to repair the equipment yourself and **do not** have the local repair shop attempt anything other than the simplest repair. If the repair is more complicated than a broken wire or loose connection, send the unit to the factory for repair and service. Don't attempt to adjust any controls inside the units. Once set at the factory, the various controls and trimmers do not drift with age or vibration and never require readjustment. **There are no adjustments inside that will make a malfunctioning unit start working.**

LECTROSONICS' Service Department is equipped and staffed to quickly repair your equipment. In warranty repairs are made at no charge in accordance with the terms of the warranty. Out-of-warranty repairs are charged at a modest flat rate plus parts and shipping. Since it takes almost as much time and effort to determine what is wrong as it does to make the repair, there is a charge for an exact quotation. We will be happy to quote approximate charges by phone for out-of-warranty repairs.

### Returning Units for Repair

For timely service, please follow the steps below:

- A.** DO NOT return equipment to the factory for repair without first contacting us by e-mail or by phone. We need to know the nature of the problem, the model number and the serial number of the equipment. We also need a phone number where you can be reached 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. (U.S. Mountain Standard Time).
- B.** After receiving your request, we will issue you a return authorization number (R.A.). This number will help speed your repair through our receiving and repair departments. The return authorization number must be clearly shown on the **outside** of the shipping container.
- C.** Pack the equipment carefully and ship to us, shipping costs prepaid. If necessary, we can provide you with the proper packing materials. UPS or FEDEX is usually the best way to ship the units. Heavy units should be "double-boxed" for safe transport.
- D.** We also strongly recommend that you insure the equipment, since we cannot be responsible for loss of or damage to equipment that you ship. Of course, we insure the equipment when we ship it back to you.

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## LIMITED ONE YEAR WARRANTY

The equipment is warranted for one year from date of purchase against defects in materials or workmanship provided it was purchased from an authorized dealer. This warranty does not cover equipment which has been abused or damaged by careless handling or shipping. This warranty does not apply to used or demonstrator equipment.

Should any defect develop, Lectrosonics, Inc. will, at our option, repair or replace any defective parts without charge for either parts or labor. If Lectrosonics, Inc. cannot correct the defect in your equipment, it will be replaced at no charge with a similar new item. Lectrosonics, Inc. will pay for the cost of returning your equipment to you.

This warranty applies only to items returned to Lectrosonics, Inc. or an authorized dealer, shipping costs prepaid, within one year from the date of purchase.

This Limited Warranty is governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico. It states the entire liability of Lectrosonics Inc. and the entire remedy of the purchaser for any breach of warranty as outlined above. NEITHER LECTROSONICS, INC. NOR ANYONE INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION OR DELIVERY OF THE EQUIPMENT SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE USE OR INABILITY TO USE THIS EQUIPMENT EVEN IF LECTROSONICS, INC. HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE LIABILITY OF LECTROSONICS, INC. EXCEED THE PURCHASE PRICE OF ANY DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may have additional legal rights which vary from state to state.

