DA-410

DISTRIBUTION AMPLIFIER/ZONE MIXER/MIC SPLITTER

OWNERS MANUAL





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1. INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your purchase of the **ALTAIR** distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter **DA-410**. Our dilated experience in the design and manufacture of effect processing equipment, had led to us to carry out this distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter of great performances.

There is a lot the characteristics that make of the **ALTAIR DA-410**, one of the most highlighted of the audio professional market, here enumerated some:

The ALTAIR DA-410 is a high performance distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter, compact, only one rack 19" unit high, and is able to process two stereo input signals to obtain five stereo output signals, both with independent level control.

• Used as mixer (**Zone Mixer**), the unit could control five zones in stereo mode or ten in mono mode (or any other combination) from the mix of its two stereo input signals.

As a audio distributor, allow obtaining up to ten mono output signals, or five in stereo mode for its use in press rooms, recording units, audio production, broadcast, etc. Since it has two stereo inputs, allow using the stereo input B as emergency input signal (reserve).

Individually selected MIC/LINE input preamplifiers allows microphone or line signals splitting to additional mixers without quality and headroom degradation. Up to 4x8 or 1x10 active splitting is possible.

One MONO switch by Zone allows to convert the output signals in order to adapt them to monophonic equipment. If the input signals are monophonic, this switch is equally useful in order to duplicate them to L, R (stereo).

The unit has a monitoring system or PFL with incorporate speakers, headphone output and selectable Vu-meter allows analysing and calibrating the input signals and all the outputs. This stereo monitoring system allows a simple and efficient control of audio continuity in moderate noisy environments.

All the inputs and outputs are electronically balanced (XLR) and admit as option, input and output transformers in order to improve the common mode rejection ratio or provide galvanic isolation.

Up to two parametric equaliser cards TE-F could be installed as option, in each one of the ten outputs, permitting the appropriate tonal correction to each zone or speaker system.

Naturally, you want to use your distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter, but before beginning is important that you read this manual. This manual will help you to install and use your new distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter. It is very important that you read it carefully, mainly the paragraphs marked as NOTE, PRECAUTION and DANGER, for your security.

Save the original packing, you can re-use it to transport the unit. **NEVER SHIP THE DISTRIBUTION AMPLIFIER/ZONE MIXER/MIC SPLITTER WITHOUT IT'S ORIGINAL PACKING**.



2. SWITCHES, CONTROLS, ADJUSTMENTS AND CONNECTORS

These are the switches, controls, adjustments and connectors that you could find in your ALTAIR distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter. The description and explanation of each one of them, you will find in the corresponding section.

FRONT PANEL





REAR PANEL





MAINS CONNECTOR AND FUSE HOLDER.

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VOLTAGE SELECTOR.



EARTH LINK SWITCH.



OUTPUT SIGNAL CONNECTOR XLR-3-32.



INPUT SIGNAL CONNECTOR XLR-3-31.



MIC/LINE INPUT SIGNAL SELECTOR.

DISTRIBUTION AMPLIFIER/ZONE MIXER/MIC SPLITTER DA-410.

3. WORKING PRECAUTIONS

The manufacturer is not responsible of any damage occurred in the distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter unit outside the limits of the warranty or those produced by not keeping in mind the working precautions.

Mains voltage must be correct and the same as that setting on the rear of the unit voltage switch. Damage caused by connection to improper AC voltage is not covered by any warranty.

DANGER: Inside the distribution amplifier unit there are high voltages, doesn't open it. The unit doesn't contain elements that could be repaired by the user. Whenever the distribution amplifier unit is connected to the mains, contains elements with high voltages. In order to disconnect the unit completely, you must disconnect it of the mains.

• **CAUTION:** Protect the distribution amplifier from the rain and moisture. Ensure that no objects or liquids enter it. If liquid is spilled into the unit, disconnect it from the mains and consult a qualified service technician.

Don't place the unit close to heat sources.

4. INSTALLATION

UNPACKING

Before leaving from factory, each distribution amplifier was carefully inspected and tested. Unpack and inspect the unit for any damage that may have occurred during shipment. If any damage is found, doesn't connect the unit to the mains, notify the salesperson immediately, because a qualified service technician must inspect the unit.

Save the original packing, you could use if you need to transport the unit. **NEVER SHIP THE DISTRIBUTION AMPLIFIER/ZONE MIXER/MIC SPLITTER WITHOUT IT'S ORIGINAL PACKING.**

MOUNTING

It is always advisable to mount the unit in rack, either for mobile or fixed installations, for protection, safety, aesthetics, etc.

The ALTAIR DA-410 is designed for standard 19" rack mounting, and occupy 1u high rack space.

CHANGING THE VOLTAGE

The distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter unit is set to operate at 230V, 50-60Hz and at 115V, 50-60Hz.

Make sure that the unit is disconnected of the mains.

Set up the voltage selector, placed at the unit rear panel, in the position that shows the voltage, which you want to connect it.







Distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter set up to 230 V.

Distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter set up to 115 V.

3 Make sure that the fuse is the right one for the selected voltage:

FUSE (230V. 50-60 Hz)	FUSE (115V. 50-60 Hz)
T0,5A.	T1A.

CHANGING THE FUSE

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The distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter unit is set to operate at 230V, 50-60Hz or at 115V, 50-60Hz.

Wake sure that the unit is disconnected from the mains.

In the unit rear panel, is placed the mains connector and the fuse holder. The box bellow this mains connector is called fuse holder. Take out the fuse holder.

Upon extracting the fuse holder, the fuse will appear, take out it and change for the new one.

Insert the fuse holder into the mains connector again.



NOTE: The fuseholder provide a place for spare fuse.

CAUTION: Always make sure upon changing the fuse, that this is the adequate for the selected mains voltage (T1A for 115V and T0,5A for 230V).



CONNECTING TO THE MAINS

The connection of the distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter power supply to the mains takes place by a standard cord included in the box.



Make sure that the unit power switch is at 0 position (turned off).

Insert the female I.E.C. connector of the tripolar cable into the unit power supply male connector, placed at the rear panel.

Insert the male connector of the tripolar cable into the mains plug.



UTURN ON THE UNIT POWER SWITCH. IN THAT MOMENT THE MONITOR SIGNAL SELECTOR LED INDICATOR WILL light, indicating that the unit is turned on.



CAUTION: Make sure that the mains voltage is the correct as well as their fuse is the adequate.

INPUT CONNECTION

The distribution amplifier input signals is carried out through four XLR-3-31 female connectors, two per stereo channel. The input connections are balanced, with a nominal impedance of 5 k Ω (2,5k Ω unbalanced) with the input set-up in line mode and 2 k Ω (1k Ω unbalanced) with the input set-up in mic mode. The next list shows the input pins correspondence as A.E.S recommendation practice:

UDIO	INPUT CONNECTOR XLR-3-31		
	PIN 1	GND	
	PIN2	HOT (+)	
	PIN3	COLD (-)	

The input connection depends on two factors, the first is the type of input signal balanced or unbalanced, and the second the ground configuration of the sound source (floating or ground-referenced). The next pictures shows some of the different possibilities of connection, relying on the type of input signal, balanced or unbalanced and according to the ground configuration of the equipment (floating or ground-referenced).

NOTE: All the inputs and outputs of the unit accepts phantom power. In the next diagrams, we use the following symbols:



Sound source with mains cord without ground connection.

Sound source with mains cord with ground connection.

Sound source with the EARTH-LINK OFF.

Sound source with the EARTH LINK ON.



UNBALANCED INPUT:

This type of connection will be used when the sound source doesn't provide balanced output. When possible, employ the connection type 1.

1) Using twin-lead shielded cable:





OUTPUT CONNECTION

The distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter output signal is carried out through ten XLR-3-32 male connectors, two per stereo channel. The outputs are balanced, with a nominal impedance of 100 Ω . The next list shows the input pins correspondence as A.E.S recommendation practice:

AUDIO	OUTPUT CONNECTOR XLR-3-32		
	PIN 1	GND	
	PIN2	HOT (+)	
ES	PIN3	COLD (-)	

The output connection depends on two factors, the first is the type of input signal balanced or unbalanced, and the second the ground configuration of the sound destination unit (floating or ground-referenced). The next pictures shows some of the different possibilities of connection, relying on the type of output signal, balanced or unbalanced and according to the ground configuration of the equipment (floating or ground-referenced).

NOTE: All the outputs and inputs of the unit accepts phantom power.

In the next diagrams, we use the following symbols:



Sound destination unit with mains cord without ground connection.

Sound destination unit with mains cord with ground connection.

Sound destination unit with the EARTH-LINK OFF.

Sound destination unit with the EARTH LINK ON.



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UNBALANCED OUTPUT:

This type of connection will be used when the sound destination unit doesn't provide a balanced input. When possible, employ the connection type 1.

1) Using twin-lead shielded cable:



2) Using single conductor shielded cable:









GROUND LINK

In some installations, it might be necessary to isolate the distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter electric ground, from the system mains earth, in order to avoid ground loops that could generate unwanted noises. For this reason, the unit provides an EARTH-LINK switch placed at the rear panel in order to lift the mains earth from the unit.



MAINS EARTH LINKED WITH THE DISTRIBUION AMPLIFIER/ ZONE MIXER/MIC SPLITTER ELECTRIC GROUND.

MAINS EARTH LIFTED FROM THE DISTRIBUION AMPLIFIER/ ZONE MIXER/MIC SPLITTER ELECTRIC GROUND.

NOTE: For security reasons, the earth connection to the mains is linked with the unit chassis in both cases.

CAUTION: Always operate the unit with the AC ground wire connected to the electrical system ground. Precautions should be taken so that the means of grounding of a piece of equipment is not defeated. For this circumstance, **NEVER** lift the mains earth AC ground to avoid possible accidents. For your security, NEVER use ground isolator adapters; instead it is recommended the EARTH -LINK switch.





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5. OPERATION

The utility of the distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter is to process two input stereo signals entering the unit to obtain five output stereo signals, both with independent level control.

Used as mixer (Zone Mixer), the unit could control five zones in stereo mode or ten in mono mode (or any other combination) from the mix of its two stereo input signals.

As a audio distributor, allow obtaining up to ten mono output signals, or five in stereo mode for its use in press rooms, recording units, audio production, broadcast, etc. Since it has two stereo inputs, allow using the stereo input B as emergency input signal (reserve).

Individually selected MIC/LINE input preamplifiers allows microphone or line signals splitting to additional mixers without quality and headroom degradation. Up to 4x8 or 1x10 active splitting is possible.

NOTE: For simplicity in the next explanations, we are considering the unit as operating with stereo inputs and outputs signals. Mono operation is similar. Exceptions are detailed separately when necessary.

TURN ON DELAY CIRCUIT

The ALTAIR DA-410 incorporates a delay circuit, consisting of a relay, which protects the output signal from switch-on transients. This delay takes two seconds, and in the meantime the unit remains in mute.

SIGNAL AND OVERLOAD INPUT INDICATOR

The distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter incorporates a multipurpose signal and overload circuit on each input. The indicator is made up of two LED's (one red and one green) placed at the unit front panel.

CLIP SIG.

This two point level circuit indicates the highest level reached inside the unit input circuits and warns the operator about possible problems. When the level indicator lights green, the internal level has reached -20 dBv. (signal present led). Should any internal level is near overload (+15 dBv) the level indicator lights on red to warn the security limit has been surpassed. On that case the unit has a 6 dB extra dynamic reserve or headroom. In order to correct this problem should lower the level of that input or decreases the input signal (the output signal of the previous unit).

INPUT LEVEL CONTROL

Each stereo input (A & B) provides a gauged input level control between - ∞ and +6 dB placed at the front panel. This input level control affect to the stereo signal level, therefore this affect to the L & R inputs at the same time.

SIGNAL AND OVERLOAD OUTPUT INDICATOR

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OUTPUT LEVEL CONTROL

Each unit stereo output (1, 2, 3, 4 & 5) provides a gauged input level control between - ∞ and +6 dB placed at the front panel. This output level control is rotary and concentric. Internal knob is dedicated to control the Left (L) output level and the external knob for Right (R) output level. When operating in mono mode, this corresponds to outputs 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 respectively.

MONO SIGNAL SWITCH

Each of the five sections incorporates a MONO switch that mix L and R incoming signals routing it to the relevant outputs at the selected front panel output levels. When this switch is not depressed, the L and R outputs are independent (stereo).

This switch allows adapting the stereo signals to monophonic equipment, and equally duplicate the monophonic input signals for stereo equipments.

NOTE: If the input signal is monophonic, it's say, the input signal only are connected to L or R, upon pressing the MONO switch, it will produce an attenuation of 6 dB in each one of the outputs. In order to avoid this signal loss, it is advisable duplicate the inputs with an external bifurcation or compensate it with the output gain controls.

INPUT SIGNAL SELECTOR

The input signal selector placed at the front panel, allow us select the input signal that we will obtain at the output. When the A switch is depressed, we will obtain in the stereo output (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) the A stereo input signal. If we depressed the B switch, we will obtain the B stereo input signal in the stereo output, and if we pressed the two at the same time, we will obtain the sum of the two stereo input signals in L and R outputs (the two outputs will have the same signal determined by the input level controls).

MONITOR SIGNAL SELECTOR

The monitor signal selector, placed at the front panel, allow us to choose from any input or output stereo signals for monitoring purposes. Selection is made sequentially by a momentary push button. This selector allow us to monitor (either by means of the miniature speakers, or the headphone output), all the outputs and inputs (A and B) and the sum of the

two stereo inputs (A+B). Upon turn on the unit, the monitor signal selector is placed automatically in the output 1 position.











MONITOR SIGNAL VU-METER

The selected monitor signals drives a Stereo calibrated VU-METER ranging -12 -6 0 +3 +6 from -12 dB, -6 dB, 0 dB, +3 dB and +6 dB. (0dB ref. 0 dBu). This 6 led VU-METER is connected pre-monitor level and is intended for precise signal calibration. Refer to previous paragraph about MONITOR SIGNAL SELECTOR.

MONITOR LEVEL CONTROL

The selected monitor stereo signal incorporates a stereo level control placed at the front panel in order to control the headphones output level, or the miniature speakers volume.

NOTE: In order to avoid breaks, never leave disregarded the monitor output level control. Avoid prolonged saturation.

HEADPHONES OUTPUT

The headphones output are carried out by means of a stereo jack placed at the front panel. This output can manage high impedance (100 Ω - 600 Ω) standard stereo headphones.

The signal that appears in the headphones output is the chosen in the monitor signal selector and the level could be regulated with the monitor level control.

Upon introducing a stereo jack in the headphones output, automatically the miniature speakers are disconnected.

MINIATURE SPEAKERS

The monitor listening of the selected signal, drives a pair of stereo miniature speakers placed at the front panel. The volume control of these miniature speakers is carried out by means of the monitor level control. Upon introducing a stereo jack in the headphones output, automatically the miniature speakers are disconnected.

This stereo monitoring system allows a simple and efficient control of audio continuity in moderate noisy environments.

NOTE: In order to avoid breaks, never leave disregarded the monitor output level control. Avoiding extend saturations. Avoid prolonged saturation.

MIC/LINE INPUT SIGNAL SELECTOR

The MIC/LINE input signal selector, placed at the rear panel, allows choosing between line input signals or microphone input signals. The distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter incorporates one mic/line input selector switch per input. Normal position corresponds to line mode, and depressed to microphone signals inputs.

Nominal gain is 0 dB when line mode and +12 dB when configured as Mic.

Due to the reduced gain (+12 dB) in MIC mode, the DA-410 output signals must be externally connected to preamplifiers or mixers into its MIC inputs.













The MIC mode is not intended as a microphone preamplifier. Instead, it accommodates or adapts microphone impedances to the unit allowing perfect match between microphones and long run cabling to external mixers.

This reduced gain, is optimised to use the unit as audio SPLITTER: If the input and output level control is 0 dB or below, you can connect to the input either dynamic microphones, condenser microphones or direct injection boxes without the necessity of setting-up the unit for each signal, getting an autonomous operation.

This switch permits an extra gain of 12 dB for some applications. It is important to remember that the input impedance becomes lower (2 k Ω) and upon connecting to old 600 Ω systems, an insert loss of 2.3 dB will take place.

NOTE: All the inputs of the unit accept phantom power.

MODE	INPUT LEVEL ADJUSTMENT	OUTPUT LEVEL ADJUSTMENT	MAXIMUM INPUT LEVEL	TOTAL GAIN
	0 dP	0 dB	+ 9 dBu	+12 dB
MIC	UUD	+6 dB	+ 3 dBu	+18 dB
IVIIC	, 6 dP	0 dB	+ 3 dBu	+18 dB
	+0 QB	+6 dB	-3 dBu	+24 dB
	0 dB	0 dB	+ 22 dBu	0 dB
LINE	UUD	+6 dB	+ 16 dBu	+6 dB
LIINE			+ 16 dBu	+6 dB
	+0 UD	+6 dB	+ 10 dBu	+12 dB

OPERATING LEVEL CHART

6. OPTIONS

In this section will explain the different available options for the distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter.

INPUT TRANSFORMER (IT-DA)

In order to improve the common mode rejection ratio and get a galvanic isolation with the previous part of the audio system, it is available an input transformer.

Each XLR-3-31 input has an insert point for the input transformer; therefore, you could mount four input transformers in the unit.

The provided transformers fulfil the isolation rule of 1.5 kV.

OUTPUT TRANSFORMER (OT-DA)

In order to get a galvanic isolation with the next part of the audio system, it is available an output transformer.

Each XLR-3-32 output has an insert point for the output transformer; therefore, you could mount ten output transformers in the unit.

The provided transformers fulfil the isolation rule of 2 kV.

EQUALISER CARD (TE-67)

In certain installations it is advisable the use of equalisation points in order to improve the system frequency response. Inserting an equalisation directly in the distribution amplifier/zone



mixer/mic splitter is cheaper than utilise a graphic equaliser, and also avoids unwanted manipulations.

The optional equaliser card provides a full parametric equalisation point. It means, you can arbitrary choose and set-up the equalisation points parameters: gain, bandwidth and centre frequency.

Two equalisation points per output (XLR-3-32) are available.

SECURITY COVER (TP-1)

In some installation, it could be necessary to tamper proof the front panel controls avoiding unwanted or accidental manipulations. For this purpose, it is available as an option, a transparent plastic security cover. The installation is very easy, by means of two screws provided.

KEY LOCKED SECURITY COVER (TS-1)

In some installations it is necessary isolate the distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter controls more securely than with the plastic security cover. For this extra protection, it is available an all-metallic and lockable security cover. This option cover fits into the four rack holes of the unit and includes rear nut-bars allowing the installation as a stand-alone unit.

This cover prevents also from unauthorised extraction of the unit when rack mounted.

7. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

In order to set-up some of the distribution amplifier possibilities, the unit must be opened. Care must be taken when removing the bottom cover as the line transformer is attached to it.

NOTE: This type of operations takes place with the unit open, for what it should be carried out by a qualified technician.

DANGER: Before opening the unit, disconnect it from the mains. It is important to indicate that although the unit is power out (with the power switch in 0 position), if it continues connected to the mains there are different parts of the unit that are subjected to high voltage.

CAUTION: Protect the distribution amplifier from the rain and moisture, mainly if it is open. If liquid is spilled into the unit, disconnect it from the mains and consult a qualified service technician.

The next picture shows the main PCB components layout of the unit to be used in the following sections. Symmetry of the four input and ten output blocks makes ease the set-up, inspection, post-servicing or installation of the available options.

Components naming starts in the upper left corner running to the opposite corner.



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INPUT TRANSFORMER (IT-DA)

In order to improve the input common mode rejection ratio and for a galvanic isolation with the previous part of the audio system, it is available an input transformer.

Each XLR-3-31 input has an insert point for the input transformer; therefore, you could mount four input transformers in the unit. In the following table are shown the correspondence between the inputs and their corresponding input transformers.

INPUT	TRANSFORMER POSITION	LINKS TO REMOVE
INPUT AL	TR1	LK1 y LK2
INPUT AR	TR2	LK3 y LK4
INPUT BL	TR3	LK5 y LK6
INPUT BR	TR4	LK7 y LK8

Before placing the transformer, you should remove the links corresponding to the input transformer indicated in the following chart:

In the following picture is shown the placement of the input transformer TR1 corresponding to the IN AL input. It is important to keep in mind the placement of the input transformer pins so that they coincide with the main board (four to the left and three to the right).



Remove the links corresponding to the input transformer. In this case LK1 and LK2.

Place the input transformer, keeping in mind the position of their pins (four to the left and three to the right), and solder it to the main board.

OUTPUT TRANSFORMER (OT-DA)

In order to make a galvanic isolation with the next part of the audio system, it is available an output transformer.

Each XLR-3-32 output has an insert point for the output transformer; therefore, you could mount ten output transformers in the unit. In the following table are shown the correspondence between the outputs and their corresponding outputs transformers and the links that you must remove to place the output transformer.



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OUTPUT	TRANSFORMER POSITION	LINKS TO REMOVE
OUT 1L (1)	TR5	LK9 and LK10
OUT 1R (2)	TR6	LK11 and LK12
OUT 2L (3)	TR7	LK13 and LK14
OUT 2R (4)	TR8	LK15 and LK16
OUT 3L (5)	TR9	LK17 and LK18
OUT 3R (6)	TR10	LK19 and LK20
OUT 4L (7)	TR11	LK21 and LK22
OUT 4R (8)	TR12	LK23 and LK24
OUT 5L (9)	TR13	LK25 and LK26
OUT 5R (10)	TR14	LK27 and LK28

In the following picture is showing the placement of the output transformer TR5 corresponding to the OUT 1L (1) output. It is important to keep in mind the placement of the output transformer pins so that they coincide with the main board (seven to the top and six to the bottom).



Remove the links corresponding to the output transformer. In this case LK9 and LK10.

Place the output transformer, keeping in mind the position of their pins (seven to the top and six to the bottom), and solder it to the main board.



EQUALISER CARD

Two equaliser cards connectors are provided per output. Next table explains the correspondence between the affected output and the labelled insert connector as appears in the main distribution amplifier PCB.

EQUALISER CARD INSERT CONNECTORS									
OUT 1L	OUT 1R	OUT 2L	OUT 2R	OUT 3L	OUT 3R	OUT 4L	OUT 4R	OUT 5L	OUT 5R
								4 - 5	4
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)

When the eq card is not installed, the signal path must be closed with a jumper. Keep in mind this circumstance whenever you change, update or place for the first time an equaliser card. Of course, in order to insert the equaliser card, you should remove the connector jumper in which you want to place the equaliser card.



As seen in the main board component overlay, the jumper goes placed beside an indication. It is important notice to install the jumper in the appropriate location, because placing it in the wrong location could cause a short circuit in the power supply or additional malfunctions in the unit.

EQUALIZER CARD CONFIGURATION

The next picture shows the component overlay of an equaliser card. As seen in the picture, there are 6 resistors called RG+, RG-, RQ, RQ,' RF and RF'. This resistors define the gain (RG+ or RG-), the bandwidth (RQ and RQ') and the centre frequency (RF and RF') of the equalisation point:



Before adjusting an equaliser card, you should decide the gain, bandwidth and centre frequency that you want to implement. Good results are obtained when using an external parametric equaliser inserted in the signal path and the results are verified with a spectrum analyser. Then, translate the obtained parameters to the next tables. A theoretical approximation can also be used from the loudspeaker manufacturer graphs.

GAIN CALCULATION

There are two resistors in the equaliser card, labelled RG+ and RG- that configure the equalisation point gain. For the gain you should only place a resistor, if you want positive gains should place it in RG+, and if you want gains negatives (attenuation) should place it in RG-.

The maximum gain of the equalisation point is 15 dB, since this resistor could not be less than $2K\Omega$. If you want unitary gain, doesn't place any resistance.

The next table shows the resistors that you should use for gains between 1 and 15 dB, in 1 dB steps. If you want an intermediate gain you are able to calculate an intermediate value:

GAIN	5% RESISTORS	1% RESISTORS
1 dB	82 KΩ	82,5 KΩ
2 dB	39 KΩ	38,3 KΩ
3 dB	24 KΩ	24,3 KΩ
4 dB	18 KΩ	16,9 KΩ
5 dB	13 KΩ	13 KΩ
6 dB	10 KΩ	10 KΩ
7 dB	8,2 KΩ	8,06 KΩ
8 dB	6,8 KΩ	6,65 KΩ
9 dB	5,6 KΩ	5,62 KΩ



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GAIN	5% RESISTORS	1% RESISTORS
10 dB	4,7 KΩ	4,64 KΩ
11 dB	3,9 KΩ	3,92 KΩ
12 dB	3,3 KΩ	3,32 KΩ
13 dB	3 KΩ	2,87 KΩ
14 dB	2,4 KΩ	2,49 KΩ
15 dB	2,2 KΩ	2,21 KΩ

For more accurate results, It is advisable the use of 1% film resistors. You should be careful with the high gains adjustment (higher than 6 dB), since the distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter dynamic decreases considerably.

FILTER FREQUENCY CALCULATION

There are two resistors in the equaliser card labelled RF and RF,' that configure the centre frequency of the equalisation point. These two resistors should be equal: RF= RF.' The next table shows the resistors that should use for the thirty frequencies ISO standard. If you want an intermediate frequency, you are able to calculate an intermediate value:

FREQUENCY	5% RESISTORS	1% RESISTORS
25 Hz	2 MΩ	1,91 M Ω
31,5 Hz	1,5 MΩ	1,54 M Ω
40 Hz	1,2 MΩ	1,21 M Ω
50 Hz	910 kΩ	953 k Ω
63 Hz	750 k Ω	768 kΩ
80 Hz	$620 \ k\Omega$	604 kΩ
100 Hz	470 kΩ	487 kΩ
125 Hz	390 k Ω	383 k Ω
160 Hz	$300 \text{ k}\Omega$	301 k Ω
200 Hz	240 k Ω	243 KΩ
250 Hz	200 kΩ	191 kΩ
315 Hz	150 kΩ	154 k Ω
400 Hz	120 kΩ	121 kΩ
500 Hz	91 kΩ	95,3 k Ω
630 Hz	75 k Ω	76,8 k Ω
800 Hz	62 k Ω	60,4 kΩ
1 kHz	47 kΩ	48,7 k Ω
1,25 kHz	39 k Ω	38,3 k Ω
1,6 kHz	$30 \ \text{k}\Omega$	$30,1 \mathrm{k}\Omega$
2 kHz	24 k Ω	24,3 k Ω
2,5 kHz	20 k Ω	19,1 kΩ
3,1 kHz	16 kΩ	15,4 kΩ
4 kHz	12 kΩ	12,1 kΩ
5 kHz	10 kΩ	9,76 k Ω
6,3 kHz	7,5 k Ω	7,68 k Ω
8 kHz	6,2 kΩ	6,04 kΩ



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FREQUENCY	5% RESISTORS	1% RESISTORS
10 kHz	4,7 k Ω	4,87 kΩ
12,5 kHz	3,9 kΩ	3,83 k Ω
16 kHz	3 k Ω	3,01 k Ω
20 kHz	2,4 kΩ	2,43 kΩ

If you don't find the resistances for low frequencies, since they are very big, you could change the capacitors C2 and C3 to 33 NF, and divide the resistor value of the table by 10. This could only be made between frequencies in the range of 25 Hz and 2 kHz, since the RF and RF' resistors could never be less than 2 k Ω .

As in the gain calculation, for more accurate results, It is advisable the use of 1% film resistors.

BANDWIDTH CALCULATION (Q)

The Q is the filter bandwidth. So that the Q is the filter centre frequency divided by the difference of the higher and lower frequency, which the amplitude response is three dB down from the filter centre frequency.

 $Q = \frac{Fc}{Fs - Fi}$

The next picture shows a filter with different Q at the same frequency and gain. How you could see a high value of Q indicates a small bandwidth and a low value of Q a big bandwidth.



There are two resistors in the equaliser card labelled RQ and RQ,' those configure the bandwidth (Q) of the equalisation point. These two resistors should be equal RQ = RQ.'

The next table shows the resistor that you should use for bandwidths (Q) from 0.1 to 10. The maximum value allowed for the RQ and RQ' resistors are 150 k Ω corresponding to Q=15. If you want an intermediate bandwidth, you are able to calculate an intermediate value:



Q	0,1	0,2	0,3	0,4	0,5	0,6	0,7	0,8	0,9	1
5% RESISTORS	1 KΩ	2ΚΩ	3KΩ	3,9KΩ	5,1KΩ	6,2KΩ	$6,8K\Omega$	8,2KΩ	9,1KΩ	10KΩ
1% RESISTORS	1KΩ	2ΚΩ	3,01KΩ	4,02KΩ	4,99ΚΩ	6,04KΩ	6,98KΩ	8,06K Ω	9,09KΩ	10KΩ
Q	1,1	1,2	1,3	1,4	1,5	1,6	1,7	1,8	1,9	2
5% RESISTORS	11KΩ	12KΩ	13KΩ		15KΩ	16KΩ		18KΩ		20KΩ
1% RESISTORS	11,0KΩ	12,1KΩ	13,0KΩ	14,0KΩ	15,0KΩ	16,2KΩ	16,9KΩ	18,2KΩ	19,1KΩ	20,0KΩ
Q	2,1	2,2	2,3	2,4	2,5	2,6	2,7	2,8	2,9	3
5% RESISTORS		22KΩ		24KΩ			27ΚΩ			30KΩ
1% RESISTORS	21,0KΩ	22,1KΩ	23,2KΩ	24,3KΩ	24,9KΩ	26,1KΩ	26,7KΩ	28,0K Ω	28,7KΩ	30,1KΩ
Q	3,1	3,2	3,3	3,4	3,5	3,6	3,7	3,8	3,9	4
5% RESISTORS			33KΩ			$36 \text{K}\Omega$			39KΩ	
1% RESISTORS	30,9KΩ	32,4KΩ	33,2KΩ	34,0KΩ	34,8KΩ	$35,7K\Omega$	37,4KΩ	38,3K Ω	39,2KΩ	40,2KΩ
Q	4,1	4,2	4,3	4,4	4,5	4,6	4,7	4,8	4,9	5
5% RESISTORS			43KΩ				47KΩ			
1% RESISTORS	41,2KΩ	42,2KΩ	43,2KΩ	44,2KΩ	45,3KΩ	46,4KΩ		47,5KΩ	48,7KΩ	49,9KΩ
Q	5,1	5,2	5,3	5,4	5,5	5,6	5,7	5,8	5,9	6
5% RESISTORS	51KΩ					56KΩ				
1% RESISTORS	51,1KΩ	52,3KΩ		53,6K Ω	54,9KΩ	56,2KΩ		57,6KΩ	59,0KΩ	60,4KΩ
Q	6,1	6,2	6,3	6,4	6,5	6,6	6,7	6,8	6,9	7
5% RESISTORS		62KΩ						68KΩ		
1% RESISTORS		61,9KΩ	63,4KΩ		64,9KΩ		66,5KΩ	68,1KΩ		69,8KΩ
Q	7,1	7,2	7,3	7,4	7,5	7,6	7,7	7,8	7,9	8
5% RESISTORS					75KΩ					
1% RESISTORS	71,5KΩ		73,2KΩ		75KΩ		76,8KΩ		78,7KΩ	
Q	8,1	8,2	8,3	8,4	8,5	8,6	8,7	8,8	8,9	9
5% RESISTORS		82KΩ								
1% RESISTORS	80,6KΩ		82,5KΩ		84,5KΩ		86,6KΩ		88,7KΩ	
Q	9,1	9,2	9,3	9,4	9,5	9,6	9,7	9,8	9,9	10
5% RESISTORS	91KΩ									100KΩ
1% RESISTORS	91,0KΩ		93,1KΩ		95,3KΩ			97,6KΩ		100KΩ

As seen in the table, there are Q values for which don't exist available commercial resistors. In that case you should approach to the nearest Q.

As in the others cases, for more accurate results, it is always advisable that use 1% resistors.

GAIN VARIATION

Apart from the gain, frequency and Q variations, you could vary the total output gain in which it is insert the equalisation point. This one could carry out varying the R1 resistor of the equaliser card.

The formula that gives us the gain is showed in the picture, the gain in dB and the resistor in Ω . The factory value for R1 is 10 k Ω , giving a gain of 0 dB. For example, for a gain of 6 dB, the resistor R1 would be of 5.1 k Ω 5% or 4.99 k Ω 1%, and for a gain of - 6 dB, the resistor R1 would be 20 k Ω 5% or 20 k Ω 1%. You should use values lower than 2 k Ω for this resistor.

$$R1 = \frac{10000}{10^{\frac{G}{20}}}$$

You should be careful in the adjustment of high gains (great of 6 dB), since the distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter dynamic diminishes considerably.

The next table shows the value of R1 resistor for different gains:

	VR-	DISTR	RIBUTION AMPL	IFIER/ZONE M	IXER/MIC SPLIT	Ter DA-410.	
GA	IN	+6 dBv	+4 dBv	+2 dBv	-2 dBv	-4 dBv	-6 dBv
D1	5%	5,1 KΩ	6,2 KΩ	7,5 KΩ	12 KΩ	16 KΩ	20 K Ω
KI	1%	4,99 KΩ	6,34 KΩ	7,87 KΩ	12,4 KΩ	15,8 KΩ	20 KΩ

NON STANDARD CONFIGURATION EXAMPLES

With the parametric equalisation point, you can also simulate shelving and notch filters. In order to carry out a shelving filter, you should select the frequency 35 Hz for low frequencies or 16 kHz for high frequencies and a very small Q - 0.4 for example. The left picture shows different equaliser card examples simulating shelving filters for low and high frequencies, at different gains and attenuations +5, +10, +15, -5, -10 & -15:



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You could also make a notch filter type, selecting the highest Q (15) that the equaliser card allows. The right picture shows a notch filter type with 15 dB of attenuation at 1 kHz:

PLACING AN EQUALIZER CARD

Before placing the equaliser card you should adjust it, for this it is recommended that read the previous sections carefully, if you haven't done yet.

In order to place an equaliser card in the main board, follow the next steps:

Turn off the distribution amplifier and disconnect it from the mains.

Remove the connector jumper where you want to insert the equaliser card (the connectors where you could insert the equaliser card are indicated in the first paragraph of the equaliser card section).

Solution Insert the equaliser card in the connector, guiding the printed circuit board toward the component overlay indication in the main board. Take care to insert the connector carefully, and don't move it forward, behind, left or right. All the main board male connector contacts should join in the female equaliser card connector.

WARNING: Before carrying out any operation inside the distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter, disconnect it from the mains. Upon being connected to the mains, the distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter contains elements with high voltages, and if for negligence you touch one of those parts could cause a short circuit through your body with the rising danger for your health.

CAUTION: Do not insert an equaliser card with the distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter turn on, this could cause its break.

CAUTION: After placing the equaliser card in a insert connector, and before turning on the distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter, make sure that the equaliser card is placed correctly in the main board connector, and that any of the connector contacts is out of it. A wrong placement of the equaliser card could cause that the distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter and the equaliser card break.

LIFTING THE XLR INPUT GROUNDS

When carried out a connection of balanced input with a ground-referenced sound source (refer the section INPUT CONNECTION for more information), it is necessary to lift the input ground. In order to don't modify the cable, the DA-410 has jumpers that open the input grounds. With the jumper placed, the ground is close, and with the jumper removed, the ground is lifted (in order to don't lose the jumper, it could be placed attached over one of the two pins).

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Each input has its own jumper. In the following chart is shown the correspondence between the inputs and their jumpers. This jumper is factory set to the closed position (pin 1 connected to ground).

INPUT	JUMPER POSITION
IN AL	JP1
IN AR	JP2
IN BL	JP3
IN BR	JP4

NOTE: It is important to know that the input ground could be lifted only in balanced connections, otherwise, it's possible that the unit doesn't work correctly.

8. BLOCK DIAGRAM AND HOW IT WORKS

In the following shows the distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter block diagram, with all the options that we could insert. It is draw the channels 1L (1) and 1R (2) only, since the others are identical, they are simplified (only the options are shown)

In the input stage, each one of the inputs has a jumper that lifts the input XLR ground. Next, the signal crosses the input transformer (if the option is placed) and the switch LINE/MIC that allows to choose the input gain (in line mode won't have gain, and in mic mode will have 12 dBu of gain). Following the signal is electronically unbalanced and crosses the input level control. Note that the input level detector reference signal is measured in two points. It's measured before and after the input level control, in order to know if the input signal is overloaded before the DA-410 input or in the input amplifier.

In the output stage, the signal crosses the input signal selector, that allow us to choose the input signals A, B or both, for later carry out the input signals summing. Next it is the MONO switch that adds the L and R output signals, and the output level control. Following the signal crosses the two equaliser cards (if the options are placed), the electronic balanced output and the output transformer (it the option is placed) and the output XLR connector. The output level detector reference signal is measured in three points: A, B and C, the point A is located just after the input signal sum, the point B after the output amplifier and the C point after the equaliser cards.

The monitor signal selector, take the output signal, just before the electronic balanced output, allowing to listen the signal just in the output (either for the speakers or headphones), giving us a very real signal reading. As seen in the block diagram, once selected the monitor signal, it crosses a level control and a 10 dB amplifier driving the speakers (we could see in the block diagram, that when we introduce a headphones jack, the signal in the speakers is muted).

9. REPAIR GUIDE

For service purposes, the unit must be open by removing the eight screws on the top cover.

NOTE: This type of operations takes place with the unit open, for what it should be carried out by a qualified technician.

DANGER: Before opening the unit, disconnect it from the mains. It is important to indicate that although the unit is power out (with the power switch in 0 position), if it continues connected to the mains there are different parts of the unit that are subjected to high voltage.

CAUTION: Protect the distribution amplifier from the rain and moisture, mainly if it is open. If liquid is spilled into the unit, disconnect it from the mains and consult a qualified service technician.

Keep in mind that all the outputs are symmetrical, so when the section is identified, you could interchange components, except for the circuits that are common to all the outputs as could be the power supply, or the monitor signal selector.

We recommend a meticulous visual exam before beginning to change anything in the unit: burnt resistors, potentiometers with a broken trace, etc. This exam many times gives us the key for the problem, saving time and unnecessary efforts.

Keep in mind when removing an element of the main board, that it is double layer printed circuit, and the components PADs goes joined from one layer to the other through a metal tube (VIA). For that reason, avoid excessive overheating and strength that could pulled out the VIA. This is important mainly in components having many pins (integrated circuits, connectors, etc.), for which it is recommended to use a good desoldering station.

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Next paragraphs details some of the most frequent fixes as a guide to the qualified technical service helping to repair the unit:

If a fuse break due to a mains transient or when the unit has been connected accidentally to 380 line voltages, replace it with the same ratings as described before. If it breaks again, check the overvoltage protections placed on the voltage selector. If broken, substitute them by an equivalent part (130 volts VARISTOR).

If the power supply fails, the unit will remain in MUTE mode. In this case it is necessary to check the rectifier bridge (D50), the filter capacitors (C99, C100, C101, C103 and C115) and the regulators (U25, U29 and U32). Keep in mind that if the unit has been turned on, the regulators heatsinks could be hot, with the rising danger of burns.

Upon changing the damaged element, it is necessary to ascertain that no element is overheating in the main board, since this can be origin of the problem.

The potentiometers have a limited live span; they could become dirty and produce noise upon moving them. It is important that you don't use sprays cleaners over the potentiometers, since they can become damaged shortly. We recommended cleaning it by compressed air only.

In order to change a potentiometer, the unit must be opened. Care must be taken when removing the bottom cover as the line transformer is attached to it.

To remove the front panel, extract all five visible screws. The sub-panel behind the front panel is joined to the chassis by four screws located in the chassis sides and by the potentiometers. Special care must be taken when re-install the front panel because some delicate parts as the LED lamps must be introduced in small panel holes and it is a not easy operation.

Vormally the signal reductions in the distribution amplifier/zone mixer/mic splitter are produced by three causes: the LEVEL potentiometers, the unbalanced circuit and the electronic balanced one. In the unbalanced and electronic balanced circuits, a signal reduction around 6 dB reveals that one halves of the circuit has any trouble. The LEVEL potentiometers failures gives also sudden random signal reductions as well as swinging signals.

10. APPLICATION EXAMPLES

In the following schematic drawings are represented three of the more common applications of the unit:

Distribution amplifier: For signal buffering and remote distribution.

Zone mixer: Dedicated mixing to separate ambient locations.

Active splitter: Microphone/Line splitting for optimal, noise free large sound systems.

DISTRIBUTION AMPLIFIER APPLICATION EXAMPLE

In the distribution amplifier example application, we have supposed a conference session that should be transmitted to several televisions and radio stations.

A mixing console (two for system redundancy), processes all the microphone and line signals involved in the session. The output console output and the redundant system if needed, drives the DA-410 inputs. In this case, we configure the inputs in LINE mode operation. The distribution amplifier then buffers the selected signal A or B to each one of the televisions and/or radio stations separately. MONO switch allows us to convert the stereo signal provided in order to adapt them to monophonic equipment.

In case of the main system failure, simple selection of B redundant system restores signal transmission quickly.

The use of input (IT-DA) and output (OT-DA) transformers is recommended in order to provide a galvanic isolation with the television and/or radio systems.

ZONE MIXER APPLICATION EXAMPLE

In the zone mixer application example, we have supposed a standard hotel set-up with different sound zones, with two sound programs and several levels.

The input signals to the DA-410 come from a mixer console (in order to control the microphones for example) and a cassette desk (or a CD) both working in stereo mode.

With the DA-410 outputs will feed the amplifiers of the different zones, controlling the signal level to each zone and enabling to choose one of the two stereo programs in each zone by means of the input signal selector. The zones could be mono or stereo since the MONO switch allows us to convert the stereo signals in order to adapt them to monophonic equipments.

The use of equaliser cards (TE-67) for each zone is recommended, in order to correct the frequency response of each room and personalise the system.

MIC SPLITTER APPLICATION EXAMPLE

In the mic splitter example application, we have supposed a live show, in which we should give signal to a recording truck. For explanation simplicity, we supposed a reduced set-up about four microphones and a DA-410 only. Normal set-ups will need 32 or more microphone inputs corresponding to 8 or more DA-410 units.

The F.O.H. (Front of house) console is connected directly to the stage box, to give phantom powering to the microphones requiring it. The other output of the stage box (both are paralleled) is connected to the DA-410 inputs. In this configuration the inputs are configured in MIC mode operation, regardless of the input signal level. See previous related paragraphs. DA-410 outputs drives separately the Monitor and remote recording consoles avoiding ground loops, interference, and accidental signal drop-outs conflicts.

The use of input (IT-DA) and output (OT-DA) transformers is recommended in order to provide a galvanic isolation within all three consoles assuring also an increasing performance in interference rejection on large cable runs normally found in these set-ups.

11. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS						
NUMBER OF INPUTS:	• 2 stereo (XLR-3-31).					
INPUT IMPEDANCE:	• $2 \text{ k}\Omega/5 \text{ k}\Omega$ (MIC/LINE). Electronically balanced.					
INPUT LEVEL:	 0 dBu nominal. 					
	 +9 dBu maximum Mic input. 					
	 +22 dBu maximum line input. 					
INPUT GAIN/ATTENUATION:	• $+6/-\infty$ dB. Level control via calibrated rotary potentiometer.					
NOMINAL GAIN:	 0 dB/+12 dB. Line/Mic input selection. 					
NUMBER OF OUTPUTS:	• 5 stereo or 10 mono (XLR-3-32).					
OUTPUT IMPEDANCE:	 100Ω. Electronically balanced. 					
OUTPUT LEVEL:	• 0 dBu nominal / +26 dBu maximum (XLR-3-32).					
OUTPUT GAIN/ATTENUATION:	• $+6/-\infty$ dB. Level control via calibrated rotary potentiometer.					
C.M.R.R.:	 Greater than 55 dB (20 Hz - 20 kHz). 					
NOISE:	 Less than -100 dBu at any output, 20 Hz to 20 kHz, 					
	unweighted.					
	• E.I.N.: 111 dBu. Mic inputs, 200 Ω source impedance.					
FREQUENCY RESPONSE:	 10 Hz to 50 kHz (+0, -0.5 dB). 					
CHANNEL SEPARATION:	 Greater than 90 dB @ 1kHz, 67 dB (20 Hz - 20 kHz). 					
INDICATORS:	 CLIP (+15 dBu) red LED (two per stereo input and output). 					
	 SIGNAL (-20 dBu) green LED (two per stereo input and 					
	output).					
	• 5 LED's stereo Vu-meter, switchable between inputs and					
	outputs.					
	• Vu-meter visualisation selector (8 LED's).					
MONITORING:	Headphones output, Jack 1/4".					
	Built-in stereo micro-speakers (maximum SPL 82 dBA).					
	• Less than 0.01% at 0 dBu (20 Hz - 20 kHz).					
	• User selectable 115 and 230 VAC ±12%, 50-60 HZ.					
	• 30 V.A.					
DIVIENSIONS:	• 483x44x245 mm. (19" x 1u).					
OPTIONS:	Input and output transformers.					
	Equaliser cards (2 per output).					
	 Plastic or metal (key protected) security cover. 					

NOTE: Technical specifications subject to variation without previous notice.

12. WARRANTY

This unit is warranted by Equipos Europeos Electrónicos to the original user, against flaws in the manufacturing and in the materials, for a period of one year, starting from the date of sale.

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