## EF-200

# DUALCHANNEL MASTER STATION E-200 SERIES INTERCOM SYSTEM 

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## 1 INIRODUCTION

Congratulations on your purchase of the ALTAIRdual channel master station $\mathbf{\Phi - 2 0 0}$ of the $\mathbf{E - 2 0 0}$ series intercom system. There is a lot the characteristics that make of the ALTAIRE-200 series one of the most highlighted in the audio professional market, some are enumerated here:

The new ALTAIR E-200 SERIES add more features to our popular Espiral E-100 series, maintaining compatibility. All the components in the system incorporate a microcontroller to implement different tasks as Mic Killer, Remote all Buzzer switch-off, Mic Switch Latch or Push To Talk, Program Interrupt, etc.

Remote All Mic switch-off helps the operator to maintain a lower noise conversation in noisy environments. Also implemented is the remote All Buzzers switch-off feature to avoid undesired audible $C A \amalg$ signalling during performances.

The Master Station unit powers all the System components and incorporates new special features as System Expandability or Battery Operation.

System Expandability permits creating a multichannel (4, 6, or more channels) Intercom System by using more Master Stations in a daisy chain arrangement. This feature enables freedom in the System design and in-site future upgrades. Rental companies can benefit with lower component inventories.

Our new internal Battery operation permits short-time communications in difficult situations (= no Power) of emergency.

The ALTAIR EF-200 unit incorporates an internal worldwide voltage operation power supply that powers all the system. In case of a short circuit on any point of the line, the unit shuts down with automatic and instantaneous reset.

Before beginning it is important to read this manual. This manual will help you to install and use your new intercom master station. It is very important to 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. NEVRSHIPTHEALTARE $\mathbf{F - 2 0 0}$ WITHOUTIS ORIGINALPACKING.

## 2. SWITCHES, CONIROLS, ADJ USTMENIS AND CONNECTORS

These are the switches, controls, adjustments and connectors that you can find in your ALTAIR intercom master station. The description and explanation of each one will be found in the corresponding section.


SLAVE CHANNE S UNK SWTCH.

REAR PANE


EMERGENCY SWITCH (BATIERY OPERATION).

POWERSMTCH.


EMERGENCY BATT. auxaline gv. recmol.


MAINS CONNECTOR AND FUSEHOLDER

BATIERY HOLDER


PROGRAM INPUTCONNECTOR XLR-3-31


## 3. WORKING PRECAUTIONS

The manufacturer is not responsible of any damage that can possibly happen to the intercom master station outside the limits of the warranty or those produced by not taking care with the working precautions.

Mains voltage must be between the limits of the admitted power supply (90-264 VAC, 5060 Hz ) and that the fuse must be the appropriate (2A slow blow type: T2A). Damage caused by connection to improper AC voltage is not covered by any warranty.

DANGER: Inside the unit there are high voltages, do not open it The unit does not contain elements that could be repaired by the user. Whenever the intercom master station is connected to the mains, it carries elements with high voltages. In order to disconnect the unit completely, you must disconnect it from the mains.


CAUTION: Protect the unit 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.

Do not place the unit close to heat sources.

## 4. INSTA山ATION

## UNPACKING

Before leaving the factory, each intercom master station has been carefully inspected and tested. Unpack and inspect the unit for any damage that may have occurred during shipment. If any damage is found, does not connect the unit to the mains; notify the salesperson immediately; a qualified service technician should inspect the unit.

Save the original packing, you could use if you need to transport the unit. NEVBRSHIPTHE INIERCOM MASTERSTATION WITHOUTIS ORIGINALPACKING.

## MOUNTING

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

The ALTAIR EF-200 is designed for standard 19" rack mounting, and takes up $1 u$ high rack space.

## CHANGING THE RUSE

This unit incorporates an internal, worldwide voltage operation power supply, and it is prepared to work from 90 to $264 \mathrm{VAC}, 50-60 \mathrm{~Hz}$.

1
Make sure that the unit is disconnected from the mains.

(2)
In the unit rear panel are placed the mains connector, the mains selector and the fuse holder. The box bellow this mains connector is called fuse holder. Take out the fuse holder.

3
After 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.

Make sure that the fuse is the right one: 2 A slow blow type - T2A
CAUTION: Always make sure after changing the fuse, that it is the right one.
CONNECTING TO THE MANS


The connection of the intercom master station power supply to the mains takes place by a standard cord included in the box.
(1) Make sure that the unit power switch is at 0 position (turned off).

(2)
Insert the female I.E.C. connector of the tripolar cable into the unit power supply male connector, placed at the rear panel.

3
Insert the male connector of the tripolar cable into the mains plug.
4. Turn on the unit power switch. will light slightly, indicating that


In that moment the CAШIED the unit is turned on.

indicator

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

## EMERGENCY BATIERY PLACEMENT

The central unit has a lodging for a 9VDC battery (6LR61type) located in the rear panel, that allows the system operation in no power difficult situations during a short period of time. The use of alkaline batteries is recommended.
(1) Make sure that the unit power switch is at 0 position (turned off).

2
In the unit rear panel is placed the battery holder. Take out the battery holder, pushing up and toward you with a coin

3
Insert the battery into the battery holder, taking into account the polarity that comes indicated inside the battery holder.


Insert the battery holder into its rear panel plastic box.


NOTE The battery power has an internal fuse, located inside the unit, in order to protect the unit of excessive currents in the battery. If it is necessary to change the fuse, make sure that the device is disconnected from the mains, and open the top cover according to the indications of the section special operations. The fuse is placed in the top right corner, just beside the battery holder. After changing make sure that it is the adequate T1A (1ampere, slow blow type).

## PROGRAM INPUT CONNECTION

The intercom master station program input signal is carried out through a XLR-3-31female connector. The input connection is balanced, with a nominal impedance of $40 \mathrm{~K} \Omega(20 \mathrm{~K} \Omega$
unbalanced). The next list shows the input pins correspondence as A.E.S recommends:


| PROGRAM INPUT- XIR-3-31 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| PIN 1 | 0 V |
| PIN 2 | HOT $(+)$ |
| PIN 3 | COD $(-)$ |

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 groundreferenced). The next pictures show 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).

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-UNK OFF.
Sound source with the EARTH UNK ON.

## UNBALANCED INPUT:

This type of connection will be used when the sound source does not provide balanced output. If it's possible it is better using the connection type 1

1) Using twin-lead shielded cable:

2) Using single conductor shielded cable:

Floating sound source (


SOUND
SOURCE


Ground-referenced sound source


SOUND
SOURCE


BALANCED INPUT:


## PA OUTPUT CONNECTION

The PA output signal is carried out through a XLR-3-32 male connector. The output is balanced, with a nominal impedance of $100 \Omega$. The next list shows the input pins correspondence as A.E.S recommends:


| PA OUIPUT- XIR-3-32 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| PIN 1 | 0 V |
| PIN 2 | HOT (+) |
| PIN 3 | COD $(-)$ |

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

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 UNK ON.

## UNBALANCED OUTPUT:

This type of connection will be used when the sound destination unit does not provide a balanced input. If it's possible it is better using the connection type 1

1) Using twin-lead shielded cable:

2) Using single conductor shielded cable:


BALANCED INPUT:


## PA OUTPUT REAY CONNECTION

The PA output relay connection allows to carry out a control on an external application every time the PA output is activated (connection with unidirectional transmission systems - radio stations. Lights turn on/ off, motors, etc.).

The multipurpose relay connection takes place with a JACK ½" connector. The next list shows the multipurpose relay PIN correspondence with the JACK ¼":


| REAY | JACK ${ }^{1 / 4 "}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| COMMON | TIP |
| NORMALYCLOSE | RING |
| NORMALY OPEN | SLIVE |



In the factory configuration, the PA output relay is activated with the PA output switch, but the multipurpose relay can be configured to be activated upon activating the channel A and/ or B microphone or upon activating the remote mute -buzzers signal. In order to obtain more information, consult the special operation section.

NOTE The NORMAШY CLOSE terminal is joined with the COMM ON terminal when the PA output is not activated, and the NORMAШY CLOSE is joined with the COMMON terminal when the PA output is activated.

## EXTERNALUNTIS CONNECTION

The external units connection to the master station is carried through twin-lead shielded cable and XLR-3-3I/ XLR-3-32 connectors. Each master station channel provides two XLR-3-31 connectors and a XLR-3-32 connector wired internally in parallel mode.

The next list shows the signal distribution in the pin XLR
 connectors.


| XIR-3-31 XIR-3-32 -INIERCOM INE |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| PIN 1 | GND |
| PIN 2 | +VDC |
| PIN 3 | SIGNAL |



Certain rules have to be followed when installing the cables of an intercom system. This is to avoid ground loops and to minimize the power loss and the possible effect of electromagnetic fields.

Do not connect the XLR pin 1to the XLR metal housing or to metal wall boxes to avoid ground loops. The ground loop could increases notably the system background noise.

Do not close the intercom line connection (avoid closed loops). Each intercom line leaves from the master station towards the remote stations, but it does not return to the master station. If the connection is closed, a ground loop with the increase from the system noise will take place.

Use high quality cables and minimize its longitude. The DC resistance of a low quality cable or very long affects to the power consumption, the channels crosstalk and the system frequency response.

Place the master station the closest possible to the maximum consumption zone; that is to say to the zone in which more external units are placed.

The next picture shows the habitual connection of an intercom system formed by four beltpacks units (two for each channel) and a master station EF-200. In the section APPUCATION EXAM PLES are shown another type of connections.


## MULTICHANNH SYSTEM CONNECTION (MASTR-SLAVE)

The MASTER-SLAVE connection of master stations allows to carry out multichannel systems and use an only headphone for all the intercom lines.

The connection is made with an 8 pin RJ 45 cable (of wide use in computer networks) without inverting (extension). We will introduce in the central unit that we want to configure as master the cable connector $\mathrm{FCC}-68$ in the master station
 connector marked as MASTER, and in the master station we want to configure as mastre our sIave in slave the other cable end in the master station connector marked as SLAVE. If we want to configure more slave units, we will use another 8 pin RJ45 cable and we will connect the cable connector FCC-68 in the firstslave unit, and the other cable end in the connector FCC-68 marked as SLAVE of the following slave unit, and so forth up to one maximum of 5 master stations, what would give us a maximum of 10 intercom lines controlled by this system.

The operation in MASTER-SLAVE mode is very simple. That way, we will listen all the intercom lines in the headset connected to the master station. The volume control of each main station adjusts the headset level of its local intercom lines (MASTER 1,2- SLAVE №13,4- SLAVE №2 5,6SLAVE №3 7,8- SLAVE №4 9,10) and the local listen balance control between intercom lines the channel mix controlled by the main station.

The mic sending to the different intercom lines is carried out with the mic on/ off switch of each intercom line (each main station controls two intercom lines).

The call signal to each intercom line is carried out with of the CAL switch associate, as well as each received call is shown in their associate channel (the associated led starts blinking and if the buzzer is activated, the unitemits an intermittent sound). The buzzer on/off switch is controlled by each main station, as well as the remote mutes of all mics and buzzers.

In multichannel operation, it is possible to enable/disable the microphones of all the stations (master or slaves), as the remote mute buzzers function of all the stations and carry out a call to all the system intercom lines (in order to obtain more information consult the section -BUZZER ON/OFF SWITCH).

The program input corresponding to the main station configured as MASTER will work alone (each main station can be configured so that in slave mode the program input works- in order to

## MASTER



## SLAVE №2



SLAVE ${ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ} 3$

obtain more information consult the section -SPECIALOPERATIONS), but it can be sent to all the intercom lines with the local program send to lines A/B switches and program input level control.

Finally, upon pressing the slave link switch of the slave unit (the slave link switch of the master unit is disable), the slave unit channel A will be linked with the master unit channel A, so that the units connected to the master unit channel A can communicate with the slave unit channel A and vice versa, and the calls carried out in any channel A will arrive to all the units connected to both channels A. This switch, together with the channel A and B link switch allows linking all the multichannel system channels.

## CONNECTION OF INIERCOM SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN 50 BE TPACKS

It is possible connect two master stations (EF-200) in installations where it is necessary work with more than 50 beltpacks (EM-201), with their lines in parallel (A with A and/or B with B), always having the caution of opening the terminal impedance (in order to obtain more information, consult the special operation section), of the secondary master station lines that serves us simply how power reinforcement. In this type of operations, the master station unit is connected at the beginning of the intercom chain, and the secondary unit at the end of this line, in this way, we will reinforce the beltpack units power placed to the other end of the primary master station unit.

## 5. OPRATION

The E-200 series intercom system are designed to allow maximum easy communication operations between the different control areas in music or theatre live performances, television, cinema, conference halls, and whatever broad events where multiple and fast communications are required, by means of its simultaneous listening-speaking operation system.

The EF-200 system master station provides two independent intercom channels, and the capacity to feed up to 50 beltpacks (EM-201). Each channel provides a CAL switch, a MIC on/ off switch (TALK), a listen balance control allows to listen to the channels independently, or a mix between the two channels.

The program input allows to insert external audio signals in the intercom system. The external audio signals could be sent to each channel or to the headphones, independently.

The headset microphone signal is available to drive P.A. systems. Relay contacts are provided that follows the P.A. key action, helping the installer to automate multiple tasks as Tally, switching speakers, cue lights, etc.

System Expandability permits creating a multichannel (4, 6, or more channels) intercom System by using more Master Stations in a daisy chain arrangement. This feature enables freedom in System design and in-site future upgrades. Rental companies can benefit in lower component inventories.

The global all mic (M ic-Kill) and buzzers (Buzz-Kill) mute systems in both channels, allow to control the line noise, as well as the ambient noise.

Our new internal Battery operation permits short-time communications in difficult situations ( $=$ no Power) of emergency..

## HEADSET CONNECTION

A XLR-4 type connector (XLR-4-32) allows to connect a headset and a microphone to the master station. The headset impedance must be $200 \Omega$ or higher (up to $2 \mathrm{~K} \Omega$ ) and the microphone must be dynamic or electret type.

The microphone preamplifier gain can be configured with an internal preset in +30 or +40 dB. (In the factory set-up the microphone preamplifier gain is adjusted to +40 dB )

For the electret microphone type it is necessary to enable the phantom power of 9 VDC with an internal preset. In order to obtain more information, consult the special operation section.
The next list shows the XLR pins correspondence:


NOTE Headphones can be with a double or single muff. In case of using a double muff headphone, the two speakers should be wired in parallel mode.

## HEADSETVOLMECONIROL

The volume control allows attenuating or amplifying the signal sent to the headphones. This control adjusts the listen level to the headphones as you wish.

## PA-MIC OUTPUT + REAY CONIROLSWITCH

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The PA-MIC switch allows to enable the PA OUTPUT placed at the rear panel, which normally is disabled, and to carry out this way the microphone signal sending picked up in the HEADSET to other audio systems, activating at the same time the multipurpose relay (PA OUTPUT RELAY) placed at the rear panel (factory set-up).

In fact, we have explained the factory set-up in the previous paragraph. The PA OUTPUT can be configured to always be enable, one can enable the PA OUTPUT and the multipurpose relay activating the channel A and/ or B microphone independently or activating the buzzer mute signal (BUZZER REM OTE MUTES). Whenever the PA OUTPUT and the multipurpose relay are activated, the PA-MIC switch associated LED will turn on (in the case of activating the PA OUTPUT permanently, the multipurpose relay won't be always activated, and the PA-MIC associated IED will turn off). In order to obtain more information, consult the special operations section.

## BUZZRONOOFSWITCH

This switch enables/disables the buzzer sound when the unit receives a call. When this switch is pressed quickly, and the buzzer is enabled, it will be disabled, and the LED indicator will turn off. On the other hand, if the buzzer was disabled, it will be enabled and the IED indicator will lighten up.


The buzzer sound is different when a call from the channel $A$ is received that when is received from the channel B, as well as when a simultaneous call from both channels takes place.

The buzzer also sounds when any switch is pressed, emitting a short hoot, whose level is higher when it is enabled than when it is disabled.

The buzzer sound level can be configured with an internal jumper (in the factory set-up the buzzer sound level is configured high). In order to obtain more information, consult the special operations section.

When the buzzer switch is pressed and holds one second, the unit enters in global mode and the LED associated with the buzzer switch begins to blink.

When the unit is in global mode, it is possible to carry out calls from the master unit to all the intercom channels (to all channels of the master unit and to all channels of the slave units), simply pressing the $C A \amalg$ switch of any of the master unit channels.

Also in global mode, we can turn on/ off the microphones and the buzzer remote mute signal (see the next paragraph for more information) of the master unit and all their associated slave units. If the mic switch (TALK) of any of the intercom channels is pressed (when the system is in global mode), and the microphone was disabled (the associated IED was turn off), all the microphones of the master unit and all their associated slave units will be enabled. On the other hand, if the microphone was enabled (the associated IED was turn on), all the microphones of the master unit and all their associate slave units will be disabled.

The buzzer remote mute signal works in a similar way. If the buzzer remote mute was disabled, upon pressing the buzzer remote mute switch (when the system is in global mode), the buzzer remote mute signal of the master station and all their associated slave units will be enabled. On the other hand, if the buzzer remote mute signal was enabled, the buzzer remote mute signal of the master station and all their associated slave units will be disabled.

Once the call switch, the microphone switch or the buzzer remote mute switch was pressed
the system will leave the global mode, stopping blinking the associated IFD to the buzzer switch.
If we want to leave the global mode without carrying out any of the functions previously mentioned, we simply will press quickly the BUZZER switch and the system will leave the global mode, stopping blinking the associated IED to the buzzer switch.

## REMOTE MUTE ALL MICS AND BUZZRRSWTCHES

These switches allow to disable all the microphones (AШMICS) and all the buzzers (BUZZERS) of both channels of the intercom system (including all the beltpacks, desk station units and master station units) except the one from the master station from that these switched are activated.

The remote mute AL MICS switch carries out the function upon pressing it. This means that the units (beltpacks, desk stations units, etc.) connected to the system can turn on the microphones again when it's required. When this switch is pressed, its associated IED turns on during a moment.

The BUZZERS switch, on the other hand, carries out an on/ off function. If the remote mute buzzers function was enabled, when the remote mute buzzers switch is pressed the remote mute buzzers function is disabled and the associated IED becomes turned off (in this moment all the external units could enable their local buzzers again); if, on the other hand, it was disabled, when the remote mute buzzers switch is pressed the remote mute buzzers function is enabled and the associated IED becomes turned on (at this moment the buzzers of all the external units will be disabled and they can not be enabled again locally).

## CAlLSWITCH

The EF-200 master unit is provided with two call switches, one per intercom channel. When one of these switches is pressed a call signal is sent to the corresponding intercom channel. The call signal makes the LED associated with the switch start blinking; if the buzzer is enabled (consult buzzer on/ off section for more information) an intermittent sound takes place during three seconds (the LED blinking, as well as the buzzer sound is different if the call takes place in the channel A or B), the same as in all the units (beltpacks, desk stations, master stations, etc.), connected to the same intercom channel.

If the CA山 switch is pressed continuously, the duration of the call signal will be higher (the time that the switch is pressed, and approximately 3 seconds more).

If a call signal is generated in an external unit (beltpacks, desk stations, master stations, etc.), the IED associated to the CAШ switch of the channel in which the call signal is received, will start blinking and if the buzzer is enabled (see buzzer on/ off section for more information) an intermittent sound will take place during about three seconds.

## MIC ON/OFF/PUSH TO TALK SWITCH

The EF-200 master unit is provided with two talk switches, one per intercom channel. owoff/PT The TALK switch allows to enable/ disable the microphone, so that we are able to speak with other units connected to the same intercom channel. If the channel A micro-phone isn't activated (for example), and the channel B microphone is activated, we will speak with
 the stations connected to the channel B, but the connected stations to the channel won't hear us.

If the microphone is activated, its associated LED will light up, and on the other hand, if it is disabled, its associated LED will turn off.

The TALK switches have two operation modes. When this switch is pressed quickly, the microphone changes its state; if it was enabled, being pressed it gets disabled and turns off the associated IED, and if it was disabled, being pressed it gets enabled and turns on the associated LED.

When the TALK switches are pressed and held, the unit will enter in the special function PUSH TO TALK; this means that the microphone will be enabled until the switch is released.

## SIDEIONE CONTROL

The sidetone control adjusts the level of your own voice as you hear it in your headphones. It is designed to make approximately at the potentiometer halfway travelling the maximum cancellation of your own voice (that is to say that you won't hear your voice through the headphones), totally to the right or to the left giving the maximum level of voice, passing through all the intermediates level positions.

The master station unit has two sidetone controls, one for each channel. It is necessary to adjust each sidetone control independently, disabling a channel and adjusting the other and vice versa.

## UNEA AND B USTEN BALANCE CONIROL

The listen balance control between lines $A$ and $B$ allows to adjust the signal mix of both channels that appears in the headset of the main station. Totally to the left, the signal that appears in the headset is only the channel A signal, totally to the right, the signal that appears in the headset is only the channel B signal, centered it
 appears a mix between both channels and in intermediates positions, it adjusts the level that we want to listen of each channel.

## PROGRAM INPUTLEVECONTROL

The program input level control adjusts the signal level sent to the channels A and $B$ of the program input signal (the signal introduced by the program input connector XLR-3-31placed at the rear panel). Next to the program input level control is marked the position in which the gain is 0 , that is to say the same signal as in the input. Totally to the left the signal decreases in 10 dB and totally to the right the signal increases in 20 dB .

Keep in mind that these gains are influenced by the position of the program input MICRO/ UNE switch selector (placed at the rear panel), becouse if this switch is in mode micro, we have 30 dB of additional gain.

## PROGRAM SENDING TO UNES A/B SWITCHES

The program sending to lines A/B switches injects the program signal in the corresponding channel (there is a switch for each channel) and all the units connected to the corresponding channel will listen the program signal.

## PROGRAM TO HEADPHONES CONTROL

The program to headphones control allows to regulate the program signal level that appears in the headsets connected to the master station unit EF-200, independently if the program sending to lines $A / B$ switches is pressed or not. Keep in mind that if the program input signal is sent to the lines, the signal sent directly to the headphones directly will be added to the signal sending directly to the lines (attenuated by the sidetone control, previously explained).

## UNES A AND B LNK SWITCH

The lines $A$ and $B$ link switch allows to join the two channels, so that the same signal appears in both channels. If the channels $A$ and $B$ are linked, the units connected to the channel $A$ can communicate with the one connected to the channel $B$ and vice versa, and the calls carried out in any channel will arrive to all the units connected to both channels.

## SLAVE CHANNES UNK SWITCH

This switch is only enabled when the unit is configured in slave mode, in master mode it is disabled. In a multichannel system, the slave channels link switch of the slave station allows to join the master station unit channel $A$ with the slave station unit channel $A$, this way the same signal appears in both channels. If the channels are linked, the units connected to the master station channel A can communicate with the connected to the slave station channel A, and the calls carried out in any channel A (master or slave) will arrive to all the units connected to both channels $A$.

This switch, together with the lines $A$ and $B$ link switch allows to join all the channels of a multichannel system.

## EMERGENCY SWITCH (BATTERY OPERATION)

The emergency switch allows the battery operation of the intercom system in mains power failures.

If a battery (6LR61 type -9VDC, the use of alkaline batteries is recommended) is installed in the battery holder placed at the rear panel (consult emergency battery placement section for more information), and there is a cut in the mains power supply,
 upon pressing this switch, the system will turn on for 10 minutes or until the mains power supply is recovered (what happens before).

The approximate duration of an alkaline battery, in a system with a master station unit and four beltpacks, is an hour.

## 6. OPIONS

In this section we will explain the different available options for the master station EF-200 unit.

## PROGRAM 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, an input transformer for the program input is available.

The provided transformers fulfil the isolation rule of 15 kV .

## PA OUIPUT TRANSFORMR (OT-DA)

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

The provided transformers fulfil the isolation rule of 2 kV .

## SECURTY COVRR (TP-1)

In some installation, it may 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, only with two provided screws.

## KEY LOCKHD SECURTY COVRR (TS-1)

In some installations it is necessary to isolate the master station unit controls with more security 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 when the unit is rack mounted.

## 7. SPECIALOPERATIONS

In order to set-up some of the master station possibilities, the unit must be opened removing the eight screws of the unit top cover, and for the input and output transformers placement also the eight screws of the unit bottom cover, to solder the transformers.

NOTE This type of operations takes place with the unit is opened; the best thing should be to carry it 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 switched off (with the power switch in 0 position), if it keeps being connected to the mains there are different parts of the unit that are subjected to high voltage.

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

## PROGRAM INPUTTRANSFORMER (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, an input transformer is available.

The program input has an insert point for the input transformer (TR2) placed just beside the XLR-3-31 program input connector, in the rear right corner of the main PCB.

Before placing the transformer, you should remove the two links corresponding to the program input transformer (LK3 and LK4).

In the following picture is shown the placement of the input transformer TR2. It is important to keep in mind the placement of the input transformer pins to make it coincide with the main PCB (four behind and three forward).


1 Remove the links corresponding to the program input transformer (LK3 and LK4).

Place the input transformer, keeping in mind the position of their pins (four behind and three forward), and solder it to the main PCB.

## OUTPUT TRANSFORMER (OT-DA)

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

The PA output has an insert point for the output transformer (TR1) placed just beside the XLR-3-32 pa output connector, in the rear right corner of the main PCB.

The following picture is showing the placement of the output transformer TR1 It is important to keep in mind the placement of the output transformer pins to make it coincide with the main PCB (seven behind and six forward).

Before placing the transformer, you should remove the two links corresponding to the pa output transformer (LK1and LK2).

(1) Remove the links corresponding to the outputtransformer LK9 and LK10.

2 Place the output transformer, keeping in mind the position of their pins (seven behind and six forward), and solder it to the main PCB.

## OPENING THE INTERCOM LNE TERMINAL IMPEDANCE

The intercom lines should have a terminal impedance to make the different units connected to them work correctly, however only one can connect a terminal impedance for line becouse if they are connected two in parallel, the impedance would diminish in a half; for this and in order to connect other units with a terminal impedance, it is possible to open the terminal impedance placed at the master station (NOTE: Keep in mind that with all the units of the ALTAIR E-200 intercom
 system of ALTAIR it is not necessary to open the terminal impedance).

In order to open the intercom line terminal impedance the EF-200 provide some jumpers (JP1 for the line B and JP2 for the line A) placed at the right part of the main PCB, near the front panel looking at the unit from the front panel. With the jumper placed, the terminal impedance will be connected and with the jumper removed, it will be open.

CAUTION: Never leave the intercom line without terminal impedance, becouse a bad operation of the units connected to the line would take place.

## CHANGING THE MIC GAIN

The microphone preamplifier gain can be configured with an internal DIP-SWITCH (DSW1, position 1, MIC GAIN, placed at the front left corner of the main PCB of the unit) in 30 or 40 dB . With the position lof the DIP-SWITCH in OFF (downwards, looking at the unit from the front panel) the gain of the microphone preamplifier is 30 dB , and with the position 1of the DIP-SWITCH in ON (upwards, looking at the unit from the front panel) the gain is 40 dB (factory set-up).


The PA-MIC switch allows to enable the PA OUTPUT placed at the rear panel, which normally is disabled, and to carry out the microphone sending picked up in the HEADSET connection to other
audio systems (factory set-up). This configuration can be modified to make the PA OUTPUT always enabled with the microphone sending of the HEADSET connection with an internal DIP-SWITCH (DSW1, position 2, PROGRAM OUTWITHOUT RELAY, placed at the front left corner of the main PCB of the unit).

With the position 2 of the DIP-SWITCH in OFF (downwards, looking at the unit from the front panel) the PA OUTPUT will be enabled only when the PA-MIC switch is pressed (factory set-up), and with the position 2 of the DIP-SWITCH in ON (upwards, looking at the unit from the front panel) the PA OUTPUT will be enabled always.

NOTE The multipurpose relay associated with the PA-MIC switch doesn't suffer variation in its operation changing this configuration


PA OUTPUT ALWAYS ENABLED.


## ACTIVATING THE MICROPHONE PHANTOM POWER

The microphone PHANTOM power can be activated or disabled with an internal DIP-SWITCH (DSW1, position 3, MIC PHANTOM, placed at the front left corner of the main PCB of the unit).

With the position 3 of the DIP-SWITCH in OFF (downwards, looking at the unit from the front panel) the PHANTOM power is disabled, and with the position 3 of the DIP-SWITCH in ON (upwards, looking at the unit from the front panel) PHANTOM power is enabled.

If an electret microphone is used, the PHANTOM power must be enabled and if a dynamic microphone is used, the PHANTOM power must be disabled. The microphone PHANTOM power is 9 VDC.

PHANTOM POWER DISABLED.


PHANTOM POWER ENABLED.


## PROGRAM INPUT CONFGURATION IN A MULTICHANNH.SYSTEM (MASTER-SLAVE)

In a multichannel system (MASTER-SLAVE) the program input corresponding to the unit configured like MASTER will be the only one to work, but it will be sent to all the lines with the level control and the program sending to lines A/B switches (factory set-up). Nevertheless, the program input can be configured to make the program input working in units configured as SLAVES in multichannel systems, with a internal DIP-SWITCH (DSW1, position 4, PROGRAM INPUTIN SLAVE MODE, placed at the front left corner of the main PCB of the unit).

With the position 4 of the DIP-SWITCH in OFF (downwards, looking at the unit from the front panel) in a multichannel system the program input will only work in a unit configured like MASTER (factory set-up), and with the position 4 of the DIP-SWITCH in ON (upwards, looking at the unit from the front panel) in a multichannel system the program input will works in units configured as MASTER or SLAVES.

PROGRAM INPUTIN
SLAVE MODE
DISABIED.


PROGRAM INPUTIN SLAVE MODE ENABLED.


CHANGING THE BUZZRRLEVE
The buzzer sound level can be configured with an internal DIP-SWITCH (DSW1, position 5, BUZZER IEVEL, placed at the front left corner of the main PCB of the unit).

With the position 5 of the DIP-SWITCH in OFF (downwards, looking at the unit from the front panel) the buzzer sound level is lower than with the position 5 of the DIP-SWITCH in ON (upwards, looking at the unit from the front panel) (factory set-up).


## PROGRAM INIERRUPTWTH THEPA-MIC SWITCH CONFGURATION

The master station EF-200 can be configured to make the program input signal interrupted while the PA-MIC switch is pressed, with an internal DIP-SWITCH (DSW1, position 6, PROGRAM INT. BY PR. RELAY, placed at the front left corner of the main PCB of the unit).

With the position 6 of the DIP-SWITCH in OFF (downwards, looking at the unit from the front panel) the program interruption with the PA-MIC switch will be disabled (factory set-up), and with the position 6 of the DIP-SWITCH in ON (upwards, looking at the unit from the front panel) the program interrupt with the PA-MIC switch will be enabled.

PROGRAM INTERRUPT WITH THE PA-MIC SWITCH DISABLED.


PROGRAM INTERRUPT WITH THE PA-MIC SWITCH ENABLED.


## CONFGURATION OF THE MULTIPURPOSE REAY ACTIVATION

The multipurpose relay (PA OUTPUT RELAY) can be configured to activate it with the PA-MIC switch pression, and/ or activating the channel A or B microphone (TALK) independently and/ or activating the buzzer remote mute signal (BUZZER REM OTE MUTES).
Whenever the PA OUTPUT and the multipurpose relay are activated, the LED associated with the PA-MIC switch will turn on.

The multipurpose relay activation can be configured with an internal DIP-SWITCH (DSW2, positions 1,2,3, and 4, PA RELAY BY MIC ON A, MIC ON B, PA_KEY, BUZZER KIL), placed at the
middle of the main PCB of the unit).
The configurations are additive, this means that if we have configured the positions 1, 2 and 3 , the multipurpose relay will be activated whenever the channel A or channel B microphone are activated, as well as when the key of PA-MIC is pressed.

The factory set-up is with the DSW2 position 3 (PA_KEY) in ON and the other positions in OFF, so that the multipurpose relay is active only with the PA-MIC switch pressed.

With the position 1of the DIP-SWITCH in ON (MIC ON A), the multipurpose relay will be activated whenever the channel A microphone is active, and with the position 1of the DIP-SWITCH in OFF the multipurpose relay won't be activated with the activation of the channel A microphone.

MULTIPURPOSE RELAY
ACTIVATION WITH THE CHANNELA MIC SWITCH DISABLED.


MULTIPURPOSE RELAY
ACTIVATION WITH THE CHANNELA MIC SWITCH DISABLED.


With the position 2 of the DIP-SWITCH in ON (MIC ON B), the multipurpose relay will be activated whenever the channel B microphone is active, and with the position 2 of the DIP-SWITCH in OFF the multipurpose relay won't be activated with the activation of the channel B microphone.


With the position 3 of the DIP-SWITCH in ON (PA KEY), the multipurpose relay will be activated whenever the PA-MIC switch will be pressed, and with the position 3 of the DIP-SWITCH in OFF the multipurpose relay won't be activated when the PA-MIC switch will be pressed.

MULTIPURPOSE RELAY
ACTIVATION WITH THE CHANNEL B MIC SWITCH DISABLED.


MULTIPURPOSE RELAY ACTIVATION WITH THE CHANNELB MIC SWITCH ENABLED.


With the position 4 of the DIP-SWITCH in ON (BUZZER KIL), this relay will be activated whenever the buzzer remote mute signal is active, and with the position 4 of the DIP-SWITCH in OFF the multipurpose relay won't be activated with the activation of the buzzer remote mute signal.

MULTIPURPOSE RELAY ACTIVATION WITH THE CHANNEL B MIC SWITCH DISABLED.


MULTIPURPOSE RELAY ACTIVATION WITH THE CHANNEL B MIC SWITCH ENABLED.


## PROGRAM INIIRRUPTWTH THE MIC SWITCHES CONFGURATION

The master station EF-200 can be configured to make the program input signal will be interrupted while the channel A and/ or B MIC is activated with an internal DIP-SWITCH (DSW2, positions 5 and 6, PROGRAM INTERRUPT UNE A, PROGRAM INTERRUPT UNE B, placed at the middle of the main PCB of the unit).

With the position 6 of the DIP-SWITCH in OFF (downwards, looking at the unit from the front panel) the program interrupt with the PA-MIC switch will be disabled (factory set-up), and with the position 6 of the DIP-SWITCH in ON (upwards, looking at the unit from the front panel) the program
interruption with the PA-MIC switch will be enabled.
The factory set-up disables both program interruptions. The DIP SWITCH positions 5 and 6 in OFF.

This configuration is additive to the program interrupt by PA-MIC switch.

PROGRAM INTERRUPT WITH THE CHANNELA MIC SWITCH DISABLED.

PROGRAM INTERRUPT WITH THE CHANNEL B MIC SWITCH DISABLED.



## 8. BLOCK DIAGRAM AND HOW ITWORKS

In the following picture is shown the master station EF-200 block diagram.
The microphone input (HEADSET-2) has a DIP-SWITCH preset in order to activate the Phantom power, going through an amplifier-limiter with the gain selectable between +30 and +40 dB with an internal DIP-SWITCH and cross a relay controlled by the master mode detector (in slave mode, the microphone won't work connected to the local HEADSET), also this signal before crossing the microphone is sent to the PA output through a relay controlled by the internal DIP-SWITCH presets of the multipurpose relay activation, and an internal preset (PROGRAM OUTWITHOUT RELAY) is provided, to make the signal going to the PA output without crossing the relay. The PA outputsignal is balanced and through the optional output transformer is sent to the PA output connector.

The same relay controlled by the MASTER mode detector opens the program input signal in slave mode after crossing the input transformer (TR2, available like option), the UNE/MIC selector, the input unbalanced stage and the level adjustment. The microphone and program input signals are summed after crossing the microphone selectors (TALK A and B) and the program selectors (PROGRAM INPUTA and $B$ ) together with the BUZZER KIL signal, with a sum circuit independent for each intercom line and with a current source is sent to the intercom lines.

On the other hand the line signal crosses the SIDETONE filter in order to subtract (or not depending on the SIDETONE adjustment) the own unit microphone signal, crosses the listen balance between intercom lines and is summed to the program signal, after its level control (PROGRAM TO HEADSET), crosses the main volume and is amplified to the HEADSET-4 pin connector.

Other relay controlled by the MASTER mode detector controls the line link in slave mode (UNK SLAVE), so that it is only operative in slave mode. The line link $A$ and $B($ UNK $A+B)$ allows to join all the lines of the whole intercom system.

The call switch with a current source sends signals to the intercom lines, and the call detector circuits controls the CAL LED's and the BUZZER.

The terminal impedances can be disconnected from the lines with internal jumpers. As we finally can observe, most of the functions and keys are controlled with a microprocessor.

BLOCK DIAGRAM



## 9. REPAIR GUIDE

For service purposes, the unit must be opened removing the eight screws on the top cover.
NOTE This type of operations takes place with the unit open, for that purpose, itshould 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 switched off (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 master station unit from the rain and moisture, mostly if it is open. If liquid is spilled into the unit, disconnect it from the mains and consult a qualified service technician.

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 this is is a single layer printed circuit, and the components PADs could get up if applies them an excessive heat. This is important mainly in components having many pins (integrated circuits, connectors, etc.), for what it is recommended to use a good desoldering station.

Next paragraphs details some of the most frequent breakdowns as a guide to the qualified technical service helping to repair the unit:
(1) If a fuse breaks due to a mains transient, replace it with the same ratings as described before (make sure upon changing the fuse, that this is the adequate). In order to obtain more information, consult the CHANGING THE FUSE section.


The battery power supply provide an internal fuse (FUSE), placed inside the unit, in order to protect the unit of excessive currents in the battery. If it is necessary to change it because is broken, make sure that the unit is disconnected from the mains, and open the top cover according to the indications of the special operations section. The fuse is located in the top right corner, just beside the fuse holder. Upon changing make sure that it is the appropriate T2A (2 ampere, slow rate).

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The potentiometers have a limited live span; they are susceptible to become dirty and produce noise upon moving them. It is important not to use sprays cleaners over the potentiometers, since they can become damaged shortly. We recommend to clean it by compressed air only.

In order to change a potentiometer, the unit must be opened, removing the top and bottom covers. To remove the front panel, extract all seven visible screws. The sub-panel behind the front panel is joined to the chassis by six screws located at 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 and keys must be introduced in small panel holes and it is a not an easy operation.

## 10. APPLICATION EXAMPLE

In the following schematic drawing is represented one application example, a summary of most of the situations the operator may find in the real world.

This example is composed by four intercom lines, formed by two ALTAIR EF-200 units, one configured like MASTER, and the other like SLAVE. The MASTER unit has a program input from an other sound system and PA OUTPUT to a public address system.

The intercom lines A and B intercommunicate to the sound control, the sound operators and to the light control and the light operators respectively. In the sound control and in the light control are installed desk station units ALTAIR ES-200, connected to the two lines A and B, to make the sound control speak with the light control and vice versa.

The intercom line C intercommunicate the video production and the camera operators. The unit installed in the video production is a desk station unitALTAIR ES-200, connected to the two lines C and D, so that the video production can speak with the backstage and vice versa. The camera intercom system is connected with the ALTAIR intercom line with the interface unit 4W2-200.

The intercom line D intercommunicates to the backstage, the dressing rooms, wardrobes and it has an access to the phone line. In the backstage is installed a desk station unit ALTAIR ES-200, connected to the lines C and D, this way the video production can speak with the backstage and vice versa. In the dressing rooms and wardrobe are also installed desk station units ALTAIR ES-200 and with the interface unit ALTAIR 4W2-200; a connection with the phone line is done, and then one person is able to pass a call to the intercom line and/ or receive it.


| 11. TECHNCALSPECIFCAIIONS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INTERCOM LNE | IMPEDANCE | - $220 \Omega \mathrm{AC}$. <br> - $\quad 4700 \Omega \mathrm{DC}$. |
|  | NOMINAL/MAXIMUM LEVE: | - $-10 \mathrm{dBu} /+3 \mathrm{dBu}$. |
|  | FREQUENCY RESPONSE | - $100 \mathrm{~Hz}-10 \mathrm{KHz}(-3 \mathrm{~dB})$. |
| SYSTEM SPECIRCATIONS | VOLTAGEOPERATION: | - +12 to +30 VDC . |
|  | DYNAMIC RANGE | - 80 dB . |
|  | BRINGING IMPEDANCE @ KHz: | - $>20 \mathrm{~K} \Omega$. |
|  | SIDE-TONE CANCEIATION: | - Adjustable from 0 to 30 dB @ 1khz |
|  | MICROPHONE UMITR: | - Range: 28 dB . |
|  | MAXIMUM CABLELENGTH: | - 500-2.000 mts. Depends on installation. |
|  | RECOMMENDED WRETYPE | - Shielded mic cable $2 \times 0,30 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$. |
|  | CALISIGNAL: | - $+2,8 \mathrm{~mA} / 11 \mathrm{VDC}$. |
|  | CALLTHRESHOD: | - 3 VDC . |
|  | REMOTEMIC-OFF: | - Power interruption: 100 ms . |
|  | REMOTEBUZZR-OFF: | - $10 \mathrm{~Hz} / 800 \mathrm{mVp}$. |
| PREAMPLIRER | MICROPHONETYPE | - Dynamic or electret. |
|  | INPUTIMPEDANCE | - 4K7. |
|  | NOMINAL/MAXIMUM LEVE: | - $-45 \mathrm{dBu}(\mathrm{H})$ )-20 dBu(L). |
|  | UMIITR RANGE | - 28 dB . |
|  | PRESENCE RLTR | - $+6 \mathrm{~dB} @ 4700 \mathrm{~Hz}$. |
|  | PHANIOM VOLTAGE | - +9 VDC (internal preset). |
| HEADSET AMPURER | IMPEDANCE | - $200 \Omega$ (nominal), $2 \mathrm{~K} \Omega$ (maximum). |
|  | MAXIMUMLEVE: | - $20 \mathrm{Vpp}(200 \Omega)$. |
|  | OUTPUT POWR: | - $250 \mathrm{~mW}(200 \Omega)$. |
|  | FREQUENCY RESPONSE | - $250 \mathrm{~Hz}-15 \mathrm{KHz}$. |
|  | RESIDUAL NOISE | - -100 dBu (all mics off). |
| P.A. OUTPUT | TYPE | - Balanced, XLR-3-32. |
|  | OUTPUTIMPEDANCE | - $100 \Omega$. |
|  | NOMINAL/MAXIMUMLEVE: | - $+4 \mathrm{dBu} /+8 \mathrm{dBu}$. |
| PROGRAM INPUT | TYPE | - Balanced, XLR-3-31 |
|  | IMPEDANCE (LNE/MIC): | - $40 \mathrm{~K} \Omega / 2 \mathrm{~K} \Omega$. |
|  | INPUTLPVE: | - MIC: adjustable -15 dBu to -45 dBu . <br> - UNE: adjustable +10 dBu to -20 dBu . |
| PA REAY | CONNECTIONS: | - $1 \mathrm{NO}+1 \mathrm{NC}$ circuit/JACK $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$. |
|  | CONTACTS: | - 0,5 Amp @ $125 \mathrm{VAC/} 1 \mathrm{lamp}$ @ 30 VDC . |
|  | REAY ACIIVATION: | - By PA, mic-on $\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{B}$, buzzer mute keys. |
| MULTICHANNE OPERATION | SYSTEM CABUNG: | - Master-slave link with standard RJ-45 (8). |
|  | CHANNES: | - Maximum recommended: 10 (5 stations). |
| POWER SUPPLY | MAINS VOLTAGE | - 90-264 VAC/ $50-60 \mathrm{~Hz}$. |
|  | POWR SUPPLY: | - 24 VDC nominal/ 1,8 Amperes. |
|  | PROTECTIONS: | - Short circuit on the line, overheat. |
|  | POWERREQUIREMENIS: | - 50 VA maximum. |
| EMERGENCY SUPPLY | BATIERYTYPE | - Alkaline 9 V . (rear panel compartment). |
|  | BMRRGENCY SYSTEM OPPRATION: | - $12 \mathrm{VDC} / 500 \mathrm{~mA}$ max. |
|  | BMRGENCYINITRALS: | - 10 minutes to auto switch-off. |
|  | ETIMATEBATIERY UFE | - 1 hour (4 beltpacks system). |
| ACCESSORIES | PROGRAM INPUT TRANSFORMER | - REF: TDA-I. |
|  | PA. OUTPUTTRANSFORMER: | - REF:TDA-O. |
|  | PLASTIC SECURTY COVER | - REF:TP-1 |
|  | METAL, KEY PROIECTED SECURTY COVE: | - REF: TPS-1 |
| DIMENSIONS |  | - $1 \mathrm{U} \times 19{ }^{\text {"' }} \times 210 \mathrm{MM}$. |
| WEGHT |  | - 3 Kg . Net |

NOTE Technical specifications are subject to variation without previous notice.

## D. 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.

Flaws due to wrong use of the unit, internal modifications or accidents, are not covered by this warranty.

There is no other warranty expressed or implicit.
Any faulty unit must be sent to the dealer or the manufacturer. The serial number of the unit must be included for any request to the technical service.

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