

HD/SD Loudness Processor

with Audio-Video Delay Correction

9085-LP51 – 5.1-Channel Loudness Processor with Embedded-De-Embedder 9085-2LP20 – Dual Stereo Loudness Processor with Embedded-De-Embedder 9085-LP20 – Single Stereo Loudness Processor with Embedded-De-Embedder

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Introduction

Overview

This manual provides installation and operating instructions for the 9085 HD/SD Loudness Processor with Audio-Video Delay Correction card (also referred to herein as the "9085").

Note: This manual covers the three models of the 9085 card, which vary only in the loudness processor channel capacity as follows:

- 9085-LP51 5.1-Channel Loudness Processor
- 9085-2LP20 Dual Stereo Loudness Processor
- 9085-LP20 Single Stereo Loudness Processor

Where applicable, descriptions related exclusively to specific models are denoted by (9085-LP51 only), (9085-2LP20 only), or (9085-LP20 only). In all other aspects, the cards function identically as described in this manual.

This manual consists of the following chapters:

- Chapter 1, "Introduction" Provides information about this manual and what is covered. Also provides general information regarding the 9085.
- Chapter 2, "Installation and Setup" Provides instructions for installing the 9085 in a frame, and optionally installing 9085 Rear I/O Modules.
- Chapter 3, "Operating Instructions" Provides overviews of operating controls and instructions for using the 9085.

This chapter contains the following information:

- 9085 Card Software Versions and this Manual (p. 1-2)
- Manual Conventions (p. 1-3)
- Safety Summary (p. 1-4)
- 9085 Functional Description (p. 1-5)
- Technical Specifications (p. 1-18)
- Warranty and Service Information (p. 1-21)
- Contact Cobalt Digital Inc. (p. 1-22)

9085 Card Software Versions and this Manual

When applicable, Cobalt Digital Inc. provides for continual product enhancements through software updates. As such, functions described in this manual may pertain specifically to cards loaded with a particular software build.

The Software Version of your card can be checked by viewing the **Card Info** menu in DashBoardTM. See Checking 9085 Card Information (p. 3-7) in Chapter 3, "Operating Instructions" for more information. You can then check our website for the latest software version currently released for the card as described below.

Check our website and proceed as follows if your card's software does not match the latest version:

Card Software earlier than latest version	Card is not loaded with the latest software. Not all functions and/or specified performance described in this manual may be available.
	You can update your card with the new Update software by going to the Support>Firmware link at www.cobaltdigital.com. Download "Firmware Update Guide", which provides simple instructions for downloading the latest firmware for your card onto your computer, and then uploading it to your card through DashBoard TM .
	Software updates are field-installed without any need to remove the card from its frame.
Card Software newer than version in manual	A new manual is expediently released whenever a card's software is updated and specifications and/or functionality have changed as compared to an earlier version (a new manual is not necessarily released if specifications and/or functionality have not changed). A manual earlier than a card's software version may not completely or accurately describe all functions available for your card.
	If your card shows features not described in this manual, you can check for the latest manual (if applicable) and download it by going to the Support>Documents>Product Information and Manuals link at www.cobaltdigital.com.

Cobalt Reference Guides

From the Cobalt® web home page, go to **Support>Documents>Reference Guides** for easy to use guides covering network remote control, card firmware updates, and other topics.

Introduction Manual Conventions

Manual Conventions

In this manual, display messages and connectors are shown using the exact name shown on the 9085 itself. Examples are provided below.

• Card-edge display messages are shown like this:

Ch01

• Connector names are shown like this: AES IN 1

In this manual, the terms below are applicable as follows:

- 9085 refers to the 9085 HD/SD Loudness Processor with Audio-Video Delay Correction card.
- Frame refers to the 8321 (or similar) frame that houses the Cobalt[®] COMPASS[®] cards.
- **Device** and/or **Card** refers to a COMPASS® card.
- System and/or Video System refers to the mix of interconnected production and terminal equipment in which the 9085 and other COMPASS® cards operate.
- Functions and/or features that are available only as an option are denoted in this manual like this:



Warnings, Cautions, and Notes

Certain items in this manual are highlighted by special messages. The definitions are provided below.

Warnings

Warning messages indicate a possible hazard which, if not avoided, could result in personal injury or death.

Cautions

Caution messages indicate a problem or incorrect practice which, if not avoided, could result in improper operation or damage to the product.

Notes

Notes provide supplemental information to the accompanying text. Notes typically precede the text to which they apply.

1 Safety Summary

Labeling Symbol Definitions

\triangle	Attention, consult accompanying documents.
	Electronic device or assembly is susceptible to damage from an ESD event. Handle only using appropriate ESD prevention practices. If ESD wrist strap is not available, handle card only by edges and avoid contact with any connectors or components.
	Symbol (WEEE 2002/96/EC) For product disposal, ensure the following: • Do not dispose of this product as unsorted municipal waste. • Collect this product separately. • Use collection and return systems available to you.

Safety Summary

Warnings

! WARNING!

To reduce risk of electric shock do not remove line voltage service barrier cover on frame equipment containing an AC power supply. NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

Cautions

CAUTION

This device is intended for environmentally controlled use only in appropriate video terminal equipment operating environments.

CAUTION

This product is intended to be a component product of an openGear® frame. Refer to the openGear frame Owner's Manual for important safety instructions regarding the proper installation and safe operation of the frame as well as its component products.

CAUTION

Heat and power distribution requirements within a frame may dictate specific slot placement of cards. Cards with many heat-producing components should be arranged to avoid areas of excess heat build-up, particularly in frames using only convection cooling. The 9085 has a moderate power dissipation (15 W max.). As such, avoiding placing the card adjacent to other cards with similar dissipation values if possible.

CAUTION

If required, make certain Rear I/O Module(s) is installed before installing the 9085 into the frame slot. Damage to card and/or Rear I/O Module can occur if module installation is attempted with card already installed in slot.

CAUTION

If card resists fully engaging in rear I/O module mating connector, check for alignment and proper insertion in slot tracks. Damage to card and/or rear I/O module may occur if improper card insertion is attempted.

9085 Functional Description

Figure 1-1 shows a functional block diagram of the 9085. The 9085 loudness processor also includes a full 16-channel audio embedder/de-embedder, an 8-channel, and a 24-bit balanced analog-to-digital audio converter. The 9085 also handles AFD code detection/insertion.

Note

Some of the functions described below are available only when using the DashBoard[™], or Cobalt[®] OGCP-9000 or OGCP-9000/CC Remote Control Panels user interfaces. Refer to User Control Interface (p. 1-14) for user interface descriptions.

9085 Input/Output Formats

The 9085 provides the following inputs and outputs:

- Inputs:
 - HD/SD SDI IN dual-rate HD/SD-SDI input
 - AES I/O (1-4) user-switchable as AES inputs or AES outputs
 - AES IN (5-8) dedicated AES inputs
 - AN-AUD IN (1-8) balanced analog audio inputs
- Outputs:
 - SDI OUT two dual-rate HD/SD-SDI buffered video outputs
 - RCK OUT two reclocked HD/SD-SDI buffered input copies
 - AES OUT (1-8) dedicated AES outputs
 - AES I/O (1-4) user-switchable as AES inputs or AES outputs

Note: The input/output complement listed above represents the maximum capability of the 9085. The practical input/output complement is determined by the particular Rear I/O Module used with the 9085. Refer to 9085 Rear I/O Modules (p. 1-16) for more information.

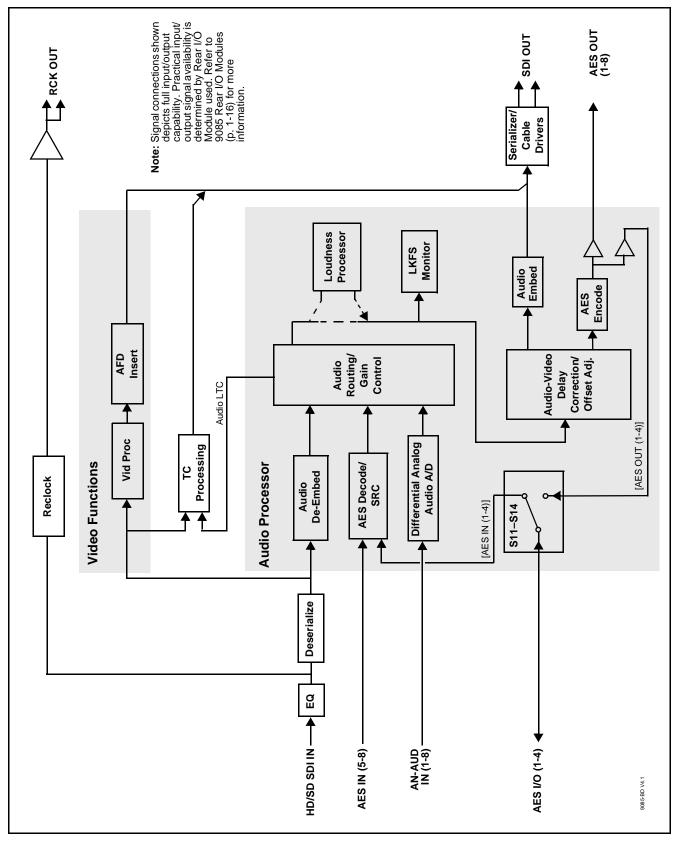


Figure 1-1 9085 Functional Block Diagram

Video Functions Description

Video Processor

The 9085 provides full color processing control (luma gain and lift, chroma saturation, and color phase) of the output video.

AFD Inserter

This function provides for assignment and insertion of AFD codes into the SDI output video. Using this function, AFD codes in accordance with the standard 4-bit AFD code designations can be applied to the output video.

This function checks for any existing AFD code within the received video input. If a code is present, the code is displayed. When used in conjunction with a separate downstream card capable of providing AFD-directed scaling, the image can in turn be scaled in accordance with the AFD coding embedded by this card.

The function also allows the selection/changing of the AFD code and ancillary data line number for the outputted AFD code.

Timecode Processor

(See Figure 1-2.) This function provides for extraction of timecode data from the input video, and in turn re-insertion of timecode data into the output SDI.

The function can monitor SDI video streams, and audio LTC over a selected channel, for supported timecode formats and then select and prioritize among SDI VITC, SDI ATC_VITC, and SDI ATC_LTC timecode sources. If the preferred format is detected, the preferred format is used by the card; if the preferred format is not detected, the card uses other formats (where available) as desired.

The function also provides conversion between various timecode formats and provides independent insertion and line number controls for each SDI timecode output format.

Option Option +LTC allows bidirectional transfer and conversion between VBI formats over SDI and audio LTC, as well as RS-485 LTC. Audio LTC can be received or sent over a selected balanced analog audio input, or as digital audio over a selected embedded or AES input.

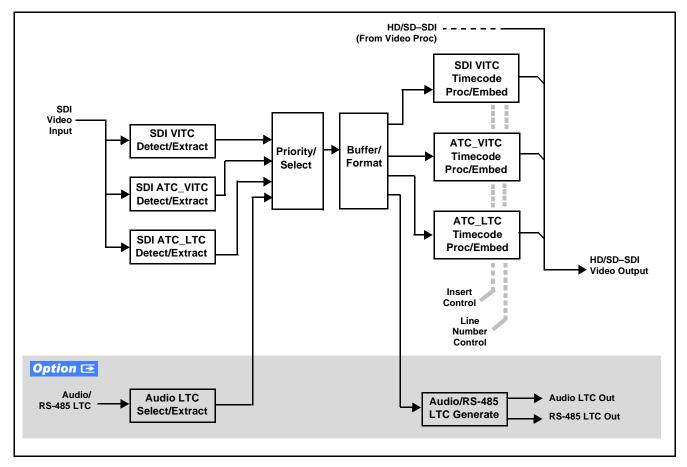


Figure 1-2 Timecode Processor

Audio Processor Description

The audio processor operates as an internal audio router. The router function chooses from the following inputs:

- 16 channels of embedded audio from the SDI video
- 16 channels (8 pairs) of discrete AES input
- 8 channels of balanced analog audio input
- Four independent internal tone generators (described below)
- Digital silence (mute) setting
- Internal Down Mix and Mono Mixer outputs (described below)

The router function provides the following audio outputs:

- 16 channels of embedded audio on the SDI output
- 16 channels of discrete AES output on eight discrete AES pairs

The router acts as a full audio cross point. Each of the 24 output channels (16 embedded, 16 discrete AES) can receive signal from any one of the 40 (16 embedded, 16 discrete AES, 8 analog) input channels, four internal tone generators, or several mixer sources. Unused output channels can be mapped to a "Silence" source. Each output also provides gain adjustment and selectable polarity inversion.

Output audio rates are always 48 kHz, locked to output video, but discrete AES inputs can be set to use sample rate converters to align these inputs with the output timing. (AES must be nominally 48 kHz input; 32, 44.1, 96, and 192 kHz inputs are not compatible with the 9085.) The sample rate converters are disabled by default. Output AES is always precisely synchronized with the output video. The balanced analog audio input is sampled at 48 kHz with a +24 dBu clipping level (+24 dBu => 0 dBFS).

As set with the default settings, the routing between embedded audio channels **Embed Ch 1** thru **Embed Ch 16** and discrete AES audio channels **AES Ch1** thru **AES Ch 16** is as shown in Figure 1-3. In this mode, the routing is basic 1-to-1 embedding/de-embedding for the 16 embedded and AES discrete audio channels. Other sources and/or destinations (described below) for each channel are selected using the card edge controls or a remote control system.

As shown in Figure 1-1, the 9085 and 9085 are equipped with eight discrete AES input pair ports and eight discrete AES output pair ports. On Rear I/O Modules having limited AES I/O capabilities, switches S11 thru S14 allow available rear module BNC connectors to be allotted between AES inputs and outputs as desired. Buffered copies of **AES OUT (1-8)** are available as dedicated outputs and as respective outputs fed through S11 – S14 on the card.

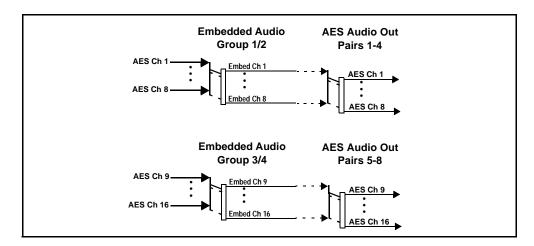


Figure 1-3 Default Embed/De-Embed Audio Routing

Audio Down Mixer and Mono Mixer Function

(See Figure 1-4.) The audio down mixer function provides for the selection of any five embedded, AES discrete, or analog audio sources serving as Left (L), Right (R), Center (C), Left Surround (Ls), and Right Surround (Rs) individual signals to be multiplexed into a stereo pair (Down Mix Left (DM-L) and Down Mix Right (DM-R)). The resulting stereo pair DM-L and DM-R can in turn be routed and processed just like any of the other audio sources described earlier.

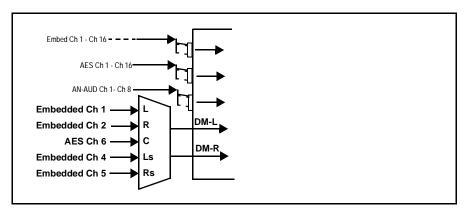


Figure 1-4 Audio Down Mix Functional Block Diagram with Example Sources

The mono mixer function (Figure 1-5) generates an additional mono-mixed channel from two selected embedded, AES discrete, or analog input channels serving as left and right inputs. The resulting mono mix channel **MONO** can in turn be routed and processed just like any of the other audio sources described earlier.

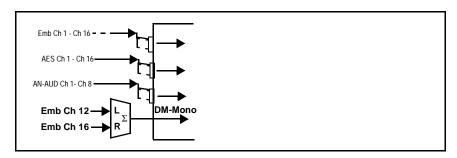


Figure 1-5 Audio Mono Mix Functional Block Diagram with Example Sources

Loudness Processor Function

The loudness processor function receives up to six selected channels from the Audio Routing/Gain Control function (which consists of routed output destination channels Emb Out Ch 1 thru Ch 16, and AES Out Ch 1 thru Ch 16) and performs loudness processing on the selected channels. A loudness processing profile best suited for the program material can be selected from several loudness processing presets.

9085-LP51 allows selected channels to be applied to the processor Left (L), Right (R), Center (C), Low Frequency Effects (LFE), Left Surround (Ls), and Right Surround (Rs) inputs. (9085-2LP20 and 9085-LP20 stereo processors have only Left (L), Right (R) inputs.) Whenever the loudness processor is active (selected by a user control), it overwrites the up to six selected channels with the new 5.1 loudness processed signals.

The example in Figure 1-6 shows routing of post-routing embedded output channels Emb Out Ch 1 thru Ch 6 fed through the loudness processor. When any of the card audio input channels are routed to any combination of embedded or AES channel destinations, these channels in turn can be routed through the loudness processor before being sent from the card. A master output gain control is provided which allows fine adjustment of the overall output level.

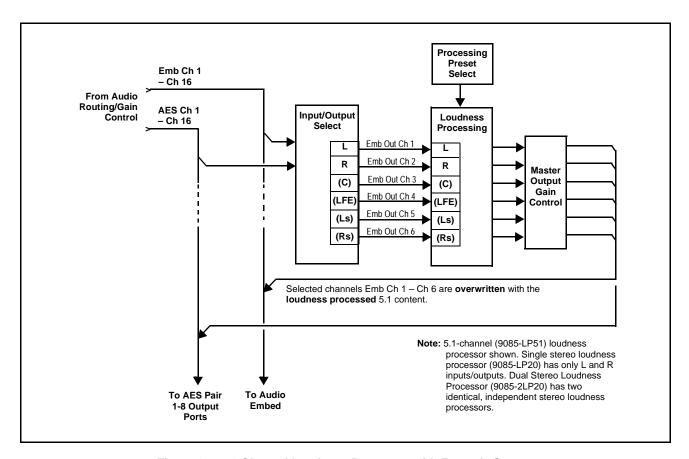


Figure 1-6 5.1-Channel Loudness Processor with Example Sources

Audio/Video Delay Offset

The 9085 includes an audio/video delay offset function that allows audio/video resyncing to compensate for an 8 msec delay induced by the loudness processing function. Ideal resync of audio is provided by advancing the audio 8 msec using this function.

Note:

Although similar to a framesync function, the audio/video delay has significant limitations (as compared to a full framesync function) which should be considered when setting up and using this function. These considerations, along with the proper setup to use the 9085 audio/video delay function, are fully described in Chapter 3. Operating Instructions.

Audio LKFS Monitor Description

Note:

Refer to Appendix A, "Loudness Measurement Guidelines and Techniques" for more information about LKFS parameters and this function, as well as practical measurement techniques.

This function monitors selected output ("destination") channels from the Audio Routing/Gain Control function and applies signal analysis based on ITU-R BS.1770-1 – ATSC A/85 criteria to produce an LKFS measurement and provide indications of under-threshold and over-threshold level conditions.

The function can monitor any combination of embedded, AES, or analog channels selected as the L, R, C, Ls, and Rs ITU-R BS.1770-1 channels (note that the LFE and AUX channels are not included in any LKFS calculations). Because the LKFS monitor uses output (post-processed "destination") channels, LKFS values displayed are post-loudness processed values.

The functions provides a configurable moving average period for tailoring the measurement to suit various program material conditions.

Tone Generator Function

The 9085 contains four built-in tone generators (Tone Generator 1 thru Tone Generator 4). Each of the four tone generators can be set to a different frequency, and are available as audio sources for the embedded or AES audio outputs.

18 discrete sine wave frequencies are available, ranging from 50 Hz to 16 kHz (default frequency is 1.0 kHz).

AES Audio Input Advanced Features

AES Sample Rate Converter

The 9085 AES inputs have sample rate converters that can be independently enabled for each AES pair to allow the card to interface with asynchronous AES sources (sources in which AES timing does not match the video input timing). The sample rate converters are set to disabled (bypassed) by default; this is necessary when embedding undecoded, non-PCM data such as Dolby® E or Dolby® DigitalTM audio streams. When a valid Dolby® E or Dolby® DigitalTM signal (in accordance with SMPTE 337M) is detected on an AES or embedded audio signal, SRC is automatically bypassed along with gain and polarity controls.

Zero-Delay Audio Embedding

In cases where additional delay must be avoided, it may be desirable to embed AES with minimum latency. Using zero-delay embedding, the video can then be delayed by one frame to account for any remaining audio delay. In this manner, any delay between video and audio can be cleanly contained and managed within one frame period.

When zero-delay audio embedding is enabled for a given AES pair, the pair is directly embedded into its corresponding group (for example, AES Pair 1 into embedded channels 1 and 2; AES Pair 2 into embedded channels 3 and 4, and so on) with the normal audio sync delay being bypassed.

This function overrides the audio routing system (for example, if AES Pair 1 is selected then the controls to route AES Pair 1 into other embedded channels will not apply). Gain and polarity control is not available when this option is selected. Zero-delay audio embedding is set to Off by default.

Low-Latency AES Passthrough

This function is similar to zero-delay audio embedding. If low-latency AES passthrough is selected for a given input pair, it causes the corresponding AES output pair to act as a bit-for-bit copy of the corresponding AES input pair.

This control overrides the normal audio routing and delay. Gain and polarity control is not available when this option is selected. Passthrough is set to Off by default.

Dolby Decoding Option (+DEC) Option **□**

If your 9085 is equipped with Dolby® decoding as an option, refer to supplement "Dolby Decoding Option (+DEC)" (PN DDO-MS) that was shipped with this manual.

If you need a copy of this supplement, please contact us at the information provided at the back of this chapter.

User Control Interface

Figure 1-7 shows the user control interface options for the 9085. These options are individually described below.

Note: All user control interfaces described here are cross-compatible and can operate together as desired. Where applicable, any control setting change made using a particular user interface is reflected on any other connected interface.

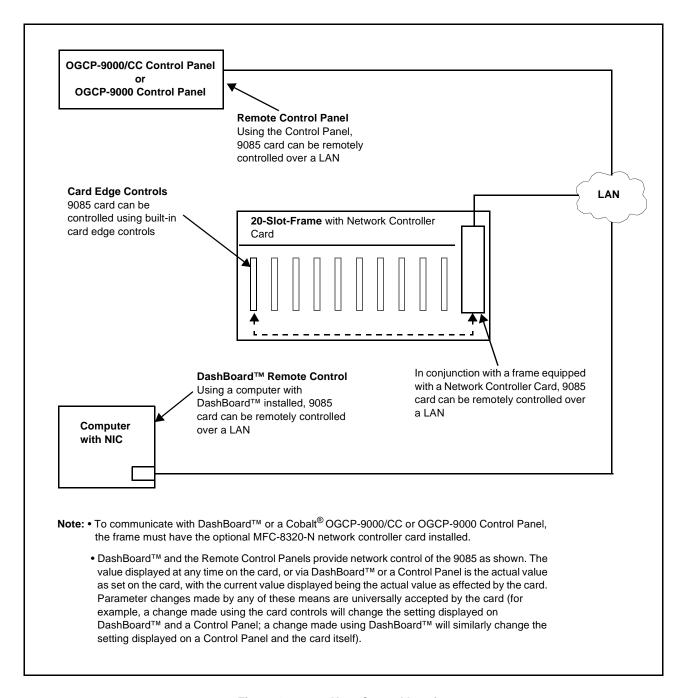


Figure 1-7 9085 User Control Interface

• Built-in Card Edge User Interface – Using the built-in card edge controls and display, card control settings can be set using a front panel menu.

Note: Some of the 9085 functions described in this manual are available only when using the DashBoard[™], or Cobalt[®] OGCP-9000 or OGCP-9000/CC Remote Control Panels user interfaces.

• **DashBoard**[™] **User Interface** – Using DashBoard[™], the 9085 and other cards installed in openGear®¹ frames such as the Cobalt® HPF-9000 or 8321-C Frame can be controlled from a computer and monitor.

DashBoardTM allows users to view all frames on a network with control and monitoring for all populated slots inside a frame. This simplifies the setup and use of numerous modules in a large installation and offers the ability to centralize monitoring. Cards define their controllable parameters to DashBoardTM, so the control interface is always up to date.

Download the free DashBoardTM software by going to www.cobaltdigital.com and selecting "DashBoard Control and Monitoring" on the home page. The DashBoardTM user interface is described in Chapter 3,"Operating Instructions".

Note: If network remote control is to be used for the frame and the frame has not yet been set up for remote control, Cobalt[®] reference guide Remote Control User Guide (PN 9000RCS-RM) provides thorough information and step-by-step instructions for setting up network remote control of COMPASS[®] cards using DashBoard[™]. (Cobalt[®] OGCP-9000 and OGCP-9000/CC Remote Control Panel product manuals have complete instructions for setting up remote control using a Remote Control Panel.)

Download a copy of this guide by clicking on the **Support>Documents> Reference Guides** link at www.cobaltdigital.com and then select DashBoard Remote Control Setup Guide as a download, or contact Cobalt[®] as listed in Contact Cobalt Digital Inc. (p. 1-22).

Cobalt® OGCP-9000, OGCP-9000/CC and WinOGCP Remote Control Panels – The OGCP-9000, OGCP-9000/CC, and WinOGCP Remote Control Panels conveniently and intuitively provide parameter monitor and control of the cards within the 20-slot frame.

The remote control panels allow quick and intuitive access to hundreds of cards in a facility, and can monitor and allow adjustment of multiple parameters at one time.

The remote control panels are totally compatible with the openGear[®] control software DashBoardTM; any changes made with either system are reflected on the other.

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9085 Rear I/O Modules

The 9085 physically interfaces to system video and audio connections using a Rear I/O Module. Figure 1-8 shows a typical 9085 Rear I/O Module.

All inputs and outputs shown in the 9085 Functional Block Diagram (Figure 1-1) enter and exit the card via the card edge backplane connector. The Rear I/O Module breaks out the 9085 card edge connections to industry standard connections that interface with other components and systems in the signal chain.

In this manner, the inputs and outputs required for a particular application can be accommodated using a Rear I/O Module that best suits the requirements. The required input and outputs are broken out to the industry standard connectors on the Rear I/O Module; the unused inputs and outputs remain unterminated and not available for use.

The full assortment of 9085 Rear I/O Modules is shown and described in 9085 Rear I/O Modules (p. 2-6) in Chapter 2, "Installation and Setup".

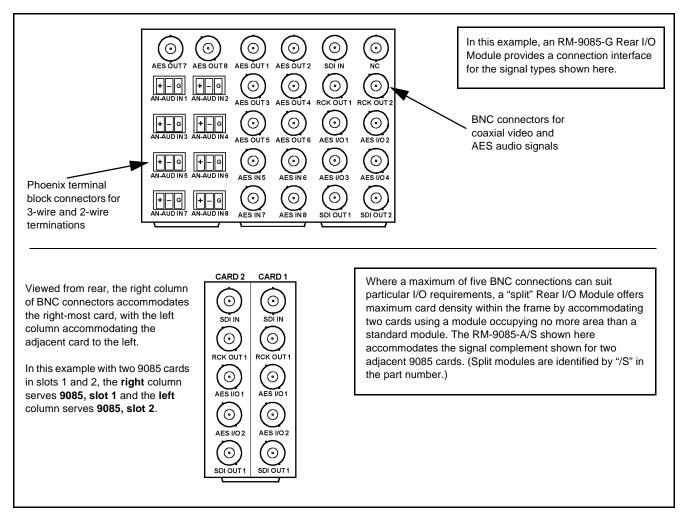


Figure 1-8 Typical 9085 Rear I/O Module

Audio and Video Formats Supported by the 9085

The 9085 supports all current SMPTE standard SD and HD video formats. Table 1-1 lists and provides details regarding the audio and video formats supported by the 9085.

Table 1-1 Supported Audio and Video Formats

Item	Desc	cription/Specification
Input / Output Video	Raster Structure:	Frame Rate:
	1080PsF	23.98; 24
	1080p	23.98; 24
	1080i ⁽¹⁾	25; 29.97; 30
	720p	23.98; 24; 25; 29.97; 30; 50; 59.94; 60
	486i ⁽¹⁾	29.97
	575i ⁽¹⁾	25
Embedded Audio	The 9085 supports all four groups (16 channels) of embedded audio at full 24-bit resolution in both SD (with extended data packets) and HD.	
Analog Audio	The 9085 supports 8 channels of balanced (differential) analog audio. The analog audio is encoded such that a +24 dBu input is equivalent to digital 0 dBFS.	
Discrete AES Audio Input	The 9085 can accept 16 channels (8 pairs) of discrete AES audio on 75Ω BNC connections. Sample rate conversion can be employed to account for minor clock rate differences in the AES stream and the input video stream. Note: The AES signal must have a nominal rate of approximately 48 kHz. The 9085 does not support AES input at 32 kHz, 44.1 kHz, 96 kHz or 192 kHz rates.	
Discrete AES Audio Output	The 9085 can provide 16 channels (AES pairs 1 thru 8) of discrete AES audio on 75Ω BNC connections.	
(1) All rates displayed as frame rates; in	nterlaced ("i") field rates are two times	the rate value shown.

Technical Specifications

Table 1-2 lists the technical specifications for the 9085 HD/SD Loudness Processor with Audio-Video Delay Correction card.

Table 1-2 Technical Specifications

Item	Characteristic
Part number, nomenclature	9085-LP51 – 5.1-Channel Loudness Processor with Audio-Video Delay Correction
	9085-2LP20 – Dual Stereo Loudness Processor with Audio-Video Delay Correction
	9085-LP20 – Single Stereo Loudness Processor Loudness Processor with Audio-Video Delay Correction
Installation/usage environment	Intended for installation and usage in frame meeting openGear [®] modular system definition.
Power consumption	< 15 Watts maximum
Environmental: Operating temperature: Relative humidity (operating or storage):	32° – 104° F (0° – 40° C) < 95%, non-condensing
Frame communication	10/100 Mbps Ethernet with Auto-MDIX.
Indicators	Card edge display and indicators as follows:
	4-character alphanumeric display
	Status/Error LED indicator
	Input Format LED indicator
Controls	Card edge switches as follows:
	Menu Enter pushbutton switch
	Menu Exit pushbutton switch
	Up/down selection toggle switch
Internal Tone Generators	Four built-in tone generators, each configurable for 18 discrete sine wave frequencies ranging from 50 Hz to 16 kHz.
	Generator source signal level is equivalent to -20 dBu.

Table 1-2 Technical Specifications — continued

Item	Characteristic
Serial Digital Video Input	Data Rates Supported: SMPTE 292 HD-SDI: 1.485 Gbps or 1.485/1.001 Gbps SMPTE 259M-C SD-SDI: 270 Mbps
	Impedance: 75 Ω terminating
	Equalization (HD): 328 ft (100 m) Belden 1694A
	Equalization (SD): 1000 ft (305 m) Belden 1694A
	Return Loss: > 15 dB at 5 MHz – 1.485 GHz
Serial Digital Video Outputs	Number of Outputs: Two processed HD/SD-SDI BNC per IEC 60169-8 Amendment 2 Two buffered reclocked input copies
	Impedance: 75 Ω
	Return Loss: > 15 dB at 5 MHz – 270 MHz > 12 dB at 270 MHz – 1.485 GHz
	Signal Level: 800 mV ± 10%
	DC Offset: 0 V ± 50 mV
	Jitter (HD): < 0.15 UI (all outputs)
	Jitter (SD): < 0.10 UI (all outputs)
	Overshoot: < 0.2% of amplitude
Pre-Processor (Reclocked) Serial Digital Video Outputs	Number of Outputs: Two HD/SD-SDI BNC per IEC 60169-8 Amendment 2 Impedance: 75 Ω

Table 1-2 Technical Specifications — continued

Item	Characteristic
AES Audio Input	Standard: SMPTE 276M
	Number of Inputs (maximum): 8 unbalanced
	Input Level: 0.1 to 2.5 Vp-p (5 Vp-p tolerant)
	Input Impedance: 75 Ω
	Return Loss: > 12 dB at 100 kHz to 6 MHz
	Resolution: 24-bit only
	Sample Rate: 48 kHz
	SRC: 32-channel; 142 dB S/N
AES Audio Output	Standard: SMPTE 276M
	Number of Outputs (maximum): 8 unbalanced AES
	Output Impedance: 75 Ω
	Return Loss: > 30 dB 100 kHz to 6 MHz
	Sample Rate: 48 kHz
Analog Audio Input	Number of Inputs (maximum): Eight, 3-wire balanced analog audio using Phoenix connectors with removable screw terminal blocks (Phoenix PN 1803581; Cobalt PN 5000-0013-000R)
	Sampling Rate: 48 kHz (locked to video input)
	Signal Level: +24 dBu => 0 dBFS
	A/D Frequency Response: 20 – 20 kHz ± 0.25 dB

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Cobalt Digital Inc. Limited Warranty

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Installation and Setup

Overview

This chapter contains the following information:

- Setting I/O Switches for AES I/O (1-4) Ports (p. 2-1)
- Installing the 9085 Into a Frame Slot (p. 2-2)
- Installing a Rear I/O Module (p. 2-4)
- Setting Up 9085 Network Remote Control (p. 2-11)

Setting I/O Switches for AES I/O (1-4) Ports

Note: This procedure is applicable only if any of the four AES I/O (1-4) ports on the 9085 are to be used as **outputs** (the switches are set to input mode by factory default). The 9085 is equipped with a four-section red DIP switch that sets AES pairs 1 thru 4 as either inputs or outputs. The factory default position is the **input** position for each pair.

- If all of the AES I/O (1-4) ports are to be used as inputs (or not used at all), omit this procedure.
- If any of the AES I/O (1-4) ports are to be used as outputs, set the switches as described in this procedure.

Note switch S11 thru S14 settings for **AES I/O 1** thru **AES I/O 4** mode shown in Figure 2-1. For port to be used as an **output**, set switch to down position as shown in Figure 2-1.

Note: Regardless of S11 thru S14 settings for AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4, outputs AES OUT (1-4) are still available on cards equipped with a Rear I/O Module having dedicated AES OUT BNC connectors.

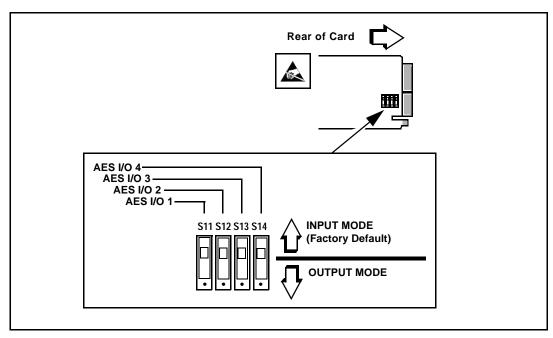


Figure 2-1 9085 AES I/O (1-4) Mode Switches

Installing the 9085 Into a Frame Slot

CAUTION

Heat and power distribution requirements within a frame may dictate specific slot placement of cards. Cards with many heat-producing components should be arranged to avoid areas of excess heat build-up, particularly in frames using only convection cooling. The 9085 has a moderate power dissipation (15 W max.). As such, avoiding placing the card adjacent to other cards with similar dissipation values if possible.

CAUTION



This device contains semiconductor devices which are susceptible to serious damage from Electrostatic Discharge (ESD). ESD damage may not be immediately apparent and can affect the long-term reliability of the device.

Avoid handling circuit boards in high static environments such as carpeted areas, and when wearing synthetic fiber clothing. Always use proper ESD handling precautions and equipment when working on circuit boards and related equipment.

Note:

If installing the 9085 in a slot with no rear I/O module, a Rear I/O Module is required before cabling can be connected. Refer to Installing a Rear I/O Module (p. 2-4) for rear I/O module installation procedure.

CAUTION

If required, make certain Rear I/O Module(s) is installed before installing the 9085 into the frame slot. Damage to card and/or Rear I/O Module can occur if module installation is attempted with card already installed in slot.

Note: Check the packaging in which the 9085 was shipped for any extra items such as a Rear I/O Module connection label. In some cases, this label is shipped with the card and should be installed on the Rear I/O connector bank corresponding to the slot location of the card.

Install the 9085 into a frame slot as follows:

- 1. Determine the slot in which the 9085 is to be installed.
- **2.** Open the frame front access panel.
- **3.** While holding the card by the card edges, align the card such that the plastic ejector tab is on the bottom.
- **4.** Align the card with the top and bottom guides of the slot in which the card is being installed.
- **5.** Gradually slide the card into the slot. When resistance is noticed, gently continue pushing the card until its rear printed circuit edge terminals engage fully into the rear I/O module mating connector.

CAUTION

If card resists fully engaging in rear I/O module mating connector, check for alignment and proper insertion in slot tracks. Damage to card and/or rear I/O module may occur if improper card insertion is attempted.

- **6.** Verify that the card is fully engaged in rear I/O module mating connector.
- **7.** Close the frame front access panel.
- **8.** Connect the input and output cables as follows:
 - If the 9085 is being installed in a PN 8310-BNC or 8310-C-BNC frame, refer to the label on the connector bank corresponding to the card's slot location for connector designations.
 - If the 9085 is being installed in a frame using a specific 9085 Rear I/O Module, connect cabling in accordance with the appropriate diagram shown in Table 2-1, "9085 Rear I/O Modules" (p. 2-6).
- **9.** Repeat steps 1 through 8 for other 9085 cards.

Note: The 9085 BNC inputs are internally 75-ohm terminated. It is not necessary to terminate unused BNC inputs or outputs.

Note: External frame sync reference signals are received by the card over a reference bus on the card frame, and not on any card rear I/O module connectors. The frame has BNC connectors labeled REF 1 and REF 2 which receive the reference signal from an external source such as a house distribution.

Note: To remove a card, press down on the ejector tab to unseat the card from the rear I/O module mating connector. Evenly draw the card from its slot.

10. If network remote control is to be used for the frame and the frame has not yet been set up for remote control, perform setup in accordance with Cobalt® reference guide "COMPASS™ Remote Control User Guide (PN 9000RCS-RM)".

Note: If installing a card in a frame already equipped for, and connected to DashBoard[™], no network setup is required for the card. The card will be discovered by DashBoard[™] and be ready for use.

Installing a Rear I/O Module

Note: This procedure is applicable only if a Rear I/O Module is not currently installed in the slot where the 9085 is to be installed.

The full assortment of 9085 Rear I/O Modules is shown and described in 9085 Rear I/O Modules (p. 2-6). Install a Rear I/O Module as follows:

- 1. On the frame, determine the slot in which the 9085 is to be installed.
- **2.** In the mounting area corresponding to the slot location, install Rear I/O Module as shown in Figure 2-2.

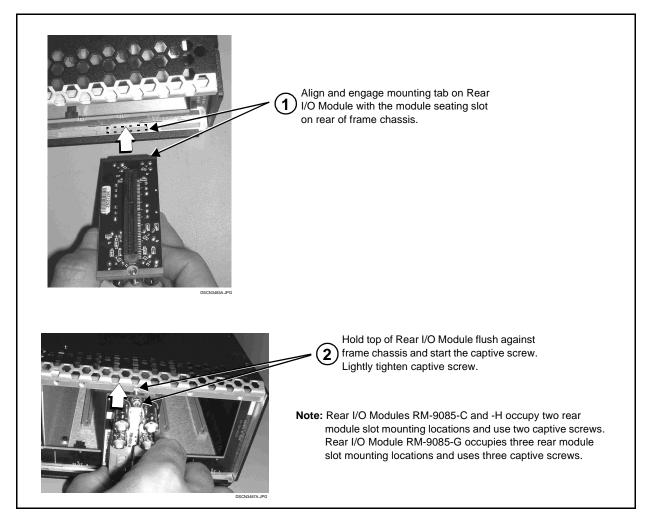


Figure 2-2 Rear I/O Module Installation

9085 Rear I/O Modules

Table 2-1 shows and describes the full assortment of Rear I/O Modules specifically for use with the 9085.

- Note: Rear I/O Modules equipped with 3-wire Phoenix connectors are supplied with removable screw terminal block adapters. For clarity, the adapters are omitted in the drawings below.
 - Rear I/O Modules with **DOLBY META** port provide RS-485 port usable for Dolby metadata decoder output (where equipped with option +DEC) or serial LTC I/O (where licensed for option +LTC).

Table 2-1 9085 Rear I/O Modules

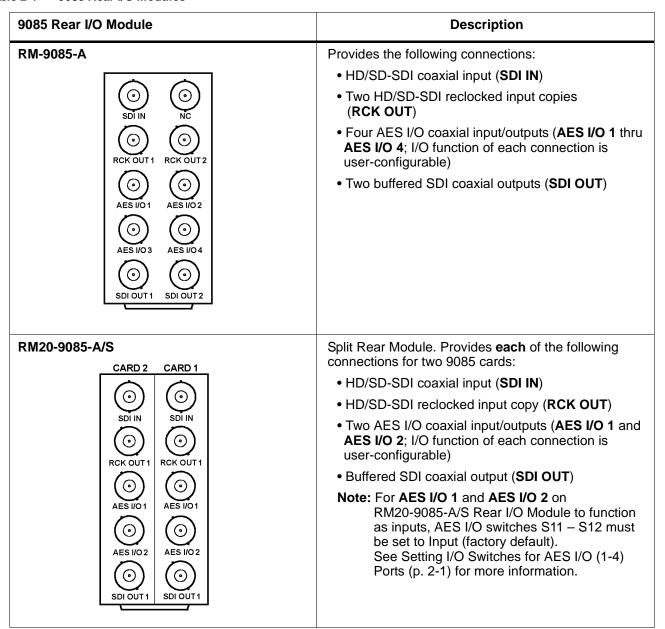


Table 2-1 9085 Rear I/O Modules — continued

9085 Rear I/O Module	Description
RM-9085-B EMIGNAMA EMIGNAMA ANANDIN 4 ANANDIN 6 ANANDIN	Provides the following connections: • HD/SD-SDI coaxial input (SDI IN) • Six analog balanced audio inputs (AN-AUD IN 1 thru AN-AUD IN 6) • Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT)
RM-9085-C AES IN 5 AES IN 6 SDI IN NC H-G H-G O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	 Provides the following connections: HD/SD-SDI coaxial input (SDI IN) Four AES I/O coaxial input/outputs (AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4; I/O function of each connection is user-configurable) Two dedicated AES coaxial audio inputs (AES IN 5 and AES IN 6) Two dedicated AES coaxial audio outputs (AES OUT 1 and AES OUT 2) Eight analog balanced audio inputs (AN-AUD IN 1 thru AN-AUD IN 8) Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT) Note: For AES I/O 1 and AES I/O 2 on RM20-9085-C Rear I/O Module to function as inputs, AES I/O switches S11 – S12 must be set to Input (factory default). See Setting I/O Switches for AES I/O (1-4) Ports (p. 2-1) for more information. Note: AES OUT 1 and AES OUT 2 on RM-9085-C Rear I/O Module always function as outputs regardless of whether AES I/O 1 or AES I/O 2 are used as inputs or outputs.

Table 2-1 9085 Rear I/O Modules — continued

9085 Rear I/O Module Description Provides the following connections: RM20-9085-D HD/SD-SDI coaxial input (SDI IN) Four AES I/O coaxial input/outputs (AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4: I/O function of each connection is 0 ABG user-configurable) • Two dedicated AES coaxial audio outputs (AES OUT 1 and AES OUT 2) **+** – G \odot _ G • Eight analog balanced audio inputs (AN-AUD IN 1 AES I/O 2 thru AN-AUD IN 8) 0 _ G • RS-485 LTC / Metadata I/O Port AES I/O 4 Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT) 0 0 Note: For AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4 on N-AUDIN5 AN-AUDIN6 AES OUT 1 AES OUT 2 RM20-9085-D Rear I/O Module to function as inputs, AES I/O switches S11 - S14 must be + - G ||**+**||-||G 0 0 set to Input (factory default). SDI OUT1 SDI OUT 2 See Setting I/O Switches for AES I/O (1-4) Ports (p. 2-1) for more information. Note: AES OUT 1 and AES OUT 2 on RM20-9085-D Rear I/O Module always function as outputs regardless of whether AES I/O 1 or AES I/O 2 are used as inputs or outputs. Provides the following connections: RM20-9085-E HD/SD-SDI coaxial input (SDI IN) Four AES I/O coaxial input/outputs (AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4: I/O function of each connection is 0 user-configurable) A B G AES IN 8 Three dedicated AES coaxial audio inputs (AES IN 5, AES IN 6, AES IN 8) 0 0 0 0 • Eight dedicated AES coaxial audio outputs AES OUT 2 AES OUT 1 AES I/O1 AESI/O2 (AES OUT 1 thru AES OUT 8) 0 0 0 0 RS-485 LTC / Metadata I/O Port AES I/O4 Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT) \odot 0 0 0 Note: For AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4 on RM20-9085-E Rear I/O Module to function as AES OUT 5 AES OUT 6 AES IN 5 AES IN 6 inputs, AES I/O switches S11 - S14 must be 0 0 0 0 set to Input (factory default). See Setting I/O Switches for AES I/O (1-4) AES OUT 7 AES OUT 8 SDI OUT 1 SDI OUT 2 Ports (p. 2-1) for more information. Note: AES OUT 1 thru AES OUT 4 on RM20-9085-E Rear I/O Module always function as outputs regardless of whether AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4 are used as inputs or outputs.

Table 2-1 9085 Rear I/O Modules — continued

9085 Rear I/O Module	Description
RM-9085-F	Provides the following connections:
	HD/SD-SDI coaxial input (SDI IN)
SDÎ IN AES ÎN 8	 Five AES coaxial inputs (AES IN 1 thru AES IN 4; AES IN 8)
	 Two dedicated AES coaxial audio outputs (AES OUT 1 and AES OUT 2)
AES OUT1 AES OUT2	Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT)
AES IN1 AES IN2 O AES IN3 AES IN4 O SDI OUT1 SDI OUT2	Note: For AES IN 1 thru AES IN 4 on RM-9085-F Rear I/O Module to function as inputs, AES I/O switches S11 – S14 must be set to Input (factory default). See Setting I/O Switches for AES I/O (1-4) Ports (p. 2-1) for more information.
RM-9085-G	Provides the following connections:
	HD/SD-SDI coaxial input (SDI IN) The LID (SD SDI and Library in the library
AES OUT 7 AES OUT 8 AES OUT 1 AES OUT 2 SDI IN NC	 Two HD/SD-SDI reclocked input copies (RCK OUT)
AN-AUD IN 1 AN-AUD IN 2 AES OUT 3 AES OUT 4 RCK OUT 1 RCK OUT 2	 Four AES I/O coaxial input/outputs (AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4; I/O function of each connection is user-configurable)
AN-AUD IN 3 AN-AUD IN 4 AES OUT 5 AES OUT 6 AES I/O 1 AES I/O 2	 Four dedicated AES coaxial audio inputs (AES IN 5 thru AES IN 8)
AN-AUD IN5 AN-AUD IN6 AES IN5 AES IN6 AES IO3 AES IO4	Eight dedicated AES coaxial audio outputs (AES OUT 1 thru AES OUT 8)
	 Eight analog balanced audio inputs (AN-AUD IN 1 thru AN-AUD IN 8)
AN-AUDIN7 AN-AUDIN8 AESIN7 AESIN8 SDIOUT1 SDIOUT2	Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT)
	Note: For AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4 on RM-9085-G Rear I/O Module to function as inputs, AES I/O switches S11 – S14 must be set to Input (factory default). See Setting I/O Switches for AES I/O (1-4) Ports (p. 2-1) for more information.

Table 2-1 9085 Rear I/O Modules — continued

9085 Rear I/O Module	Description
	Provides the following connections:
	HD/SD-SDI coaxial input (SDI IN)
RM-9085-H	 Four dedicated AES coaxial audio inputs (AES IN 5 thru AES IN 8)
AES IN7 AES IN8 SDI IN NC O O O O O AES OUT1 AES OUT2 AES I/O1 AES I/O2 O O O O O AES OUT3 AES OUT4 AES I/O3 AES I/O4 O O O O O AES OUT5 AES OUT6 AES IN5 AES IN6 O O O O O AES OUT7 AES OUT8 SDI OUT1 SDI OUT2	 Eight dedicated AES coaxial audio outputs (AES OUT 1 thru AES OUT 8)
	 Four AES I/O coaxial input/outputs (AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4; I/O function of each connection is user-configurable)
	Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT)
	Note: For AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4 on RM20-9085-H Rear I/O Module to function as inputs, AES I/O switches S11 – S14 must be set to Input (factory default). See Setting I/O Switches for AES I/O (1-4) Ports (p. 2-1) for more information.
	Note: AES OUT 1 thru AES OUT 4 on RM-9085-H Rear I/O Module always function as outputs regardless of whether AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4 are used as inputs or outputs.
RM-9085-J	Provides the following connections:
SDI IN SDI IN RCK OUT 1 RCK OUT 2 O AES I/O 1 AES I/O 2 AES I/O 3 AES I/O 4 O SDI OUT 1 SDI OUT 2	HD/SD-SDI coaxial input (SDI IN)
	 Two HD/SD-SDI reclocked input copies (RCK OUT)
	 Four AES I/O coaxial input/outputs (AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4; I/O function of each connection is user-configurable)
	RS-485 LTC / Metadata I/O Port
	Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT)
	Note: For AES I/O 1 thru AES I/O 4 on RM-9085-J Rear I/O Module to function as inputs, AES I/O switches S11 – S14 must be set to Input (factory default). See Setting I/O Switches for AES I/O (1-4) Ports (p. 2-1) for more information.

Table 2-1 9085 Rear I/O Modules — continued

9085 Rear I/O Module	Description		
RM20-9085-E-DIN-HDBNC	High-density rear modules provides the following connections:		
SDI IN 1 ○8 ○7 RCK OUT 1 ○7 ○1 ○4 AES IN 8 ○1 ○3 ○5 AES IN ○1 ○6 ○3 ○4 ○2 ○6 ○7 ○5 ○1	 HD/SD-SDI coaxial input (SDI IN) Eight AES coaxial inputs (AES IN 1 thru AES IN 8) Eight AES coaxial outputs (AES OUT 1 thru AES OUT 8) One HD/SD-SDI reclocked input copy (RCK OUT 1) Two buffered SDI coaxial outputs (SDI OUT) Note: Available equipped with High-Density BNC (HDBNC) or DIN1.0/2.3 connectors as: RM20-9085-E-HDBNC or RM20-9085-E-DIN, respectively. 		
COBALT RM20-9001-B/S-DIN **SAMPLE-NOT FOR USE**	Due to the density of connector placement on Rear Modules using high-density connectors (e.g., RM20-9001-B/S-DIN), these modules use a QR barcode label instead a regular label. Simply scan the image with a smart phone and a link to the rear module label (as shown in our catalog) will appear. (Smart phone must have a QR reader app such as QuickMark QR Code Reader or equivalent.) Not all devices may be able to acquire the image. If this occurs, use the device to access the web page for card/rear module to view the diagram.		

Setting Up 9085 Network Remote Control

Perform remote control setup in accordance with Cobalt® reference guide "Remote Control User Guide (PN 9000RCS-RM)".

Note: • If network remote control is to be used for the frame and the frame has not yet been set up for remote control, Cobalt® reference guide Remote Control User Guide (PN 9000RCS-RM) provides thorough information and step-by-step instructions for setting up network remote control of COMPASS™ cards using DashBoard™. (Cobalt® OGCP-9000 and OGCP-9000/CC Remote Control Panel product manuals have complete instructions for setting up remote control using a Remote Control Panel.)

> Download a copy of this guide by clicking on the Support>Documents>Reference Guides link at www.cobaltdigital.com and then select DashBoard Remote Control Setup Guide as a download, or contact Cobalt® as listed in Contact Cobalt Digital Inc. (p. 1-22).

• If installing a card in a frame already equipped for, and connected to DashBoard™, no network setup is required for the card. The card will be discovered by DashBoard™ and be ready for use.

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Operating Instructions

Overview

If you are already familiar with using DashBoard or a Cobalt Remote Control Panel to control Cobalt cards, please skip to 9085 Function Submenu List and Descriptions (p. 3-9).

This chapter contains the following information:

- Control and Display Descriptions (p. 3-1)
- Accessing the 9085 Card via Remote Control (p. 3-5)
- Checking 9085 Card Information (p. 3-7)
- Ancillary Data Line Number Locations and Ranges (p. 3-8)
- 9085 Function Submenu List and Descriptions (p. 3-9)
- Example Setups Using The 9085 and DashBoardTM (p. 3-43)
- Troubleshooting (p. 3-46)

Control and Display Descriptions

This section describes the user interface controls, indicators, and displays for using the 9085 card. The 9085 functions can be accessed and controlled using any of the user interfaces described here.

The format in which the 9085 functional controls, indicators, and displays appear and are used varies depending on the user interface being used. Regardless of the user interface being used, access to the 9085 functions (and the controls, indicators, and displays related to a particular function) follows a general arrangement of Function Submenus under which related controls can be accessed (as described in Function Submenu/Parameter Submenu Overview below).

Note: DashBoard[™] and the Remote Control Panel provide greatly simplified user interfaces as compared to using the card edge controls. For this reason, it is strongly recommended that DashBoard™ or a Remote Control Panel be used for all card applications other than the most basic cases. Card edge control codes are not included in this manual. If card-edge control is to be used, obtain a copy of "Manual Supplement - Card-Edge Control Reference Master List and Instructions for Using Compass® Card-edge (Local) Control Codes" (989CEC-MS.pdf) at

www.cobaltdigital.com>Support>Documents>Reference Guides.

Note:

When a setting is changed, settings displayed on DashBoard[™] (or a Remote Control Panel) are the settings as effected by the 9085 card itself and reported back to the remote control; the value displayed at any time is the actual value as set on the card.

Function Submenu/Parameter Submenu Overview

The functions and related parameters available on the 9085 card are organized into function **submenus**, which consist of parameter groups as shown below.

Figure 3-1 shows how the 9085 card and its submenus are organized, and also provides an overview of how navigation is performed between cards, function submenus, and parameters.

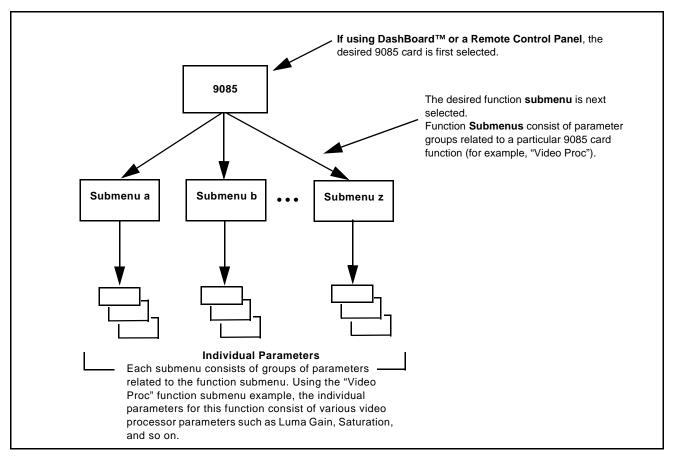


Figure 3-1 Function Submenu/Parameter Submenu Overview

DashBoard™ User Interface

(See Figure 3-2.) The 9085 function submenus are organized in DashBoardTM using tabs. When a tab is selected, each parametric control or selection list item associated with the function is displayed. Scalar (numeric) parametric values can then be adjusted as desired using the GUI slider controls. Items in a list can then be selected using GUI drop-down lists. (In this manner, the setting effected using controls and selection lists displayed in DashBoardTM are comparable to the submenu items accessed and committed using the 9085 card edge controls.)

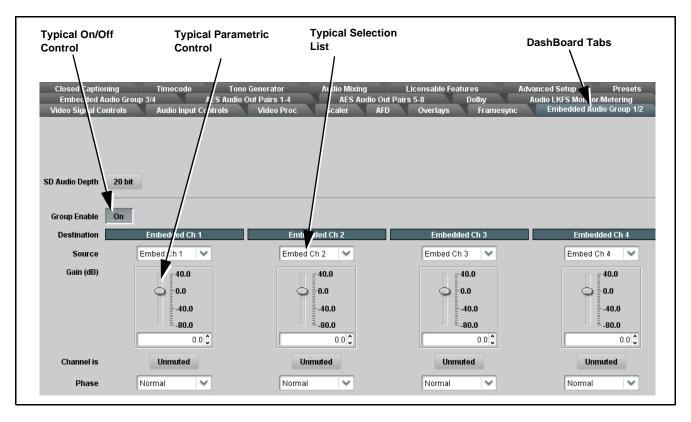


Figure 3-2 Typical DashBoard™ Tabs and Controls

Cobalt® Remote Control Panel User Interfaces

(See Figure 3-3.) Similar to the function submenu tabs using DashBoardTM, the OGCP-9000 (and OGCP-9000/CC) Remote Control Panels have a Select Submenu key that is used to display a list of function submenus. From this list, a control knob on the Control Panel is used to select a function from the list of displayed function submenu items.

When the desired function submenu is selected, each parametric control or selection list item associated with the function is displayed. Scalar (numeric) parametric values can then be adjusted as desired using the control knobs, which act like a potentiometer. Items in a list can then be selected using the control knobs which correspondingly act like a rotary switch. (In this manner, the setting effected using controls and selection lists displayed on the Control Panel are comparable to the submenu items accessed and committed using the 9085 card edge controls.)

Figure 3-3 shows accessing a function submenu and its parameters (in this example, "Embedded Audio Output Group 1/2") using the Control Panel as compared to using the card edge controls.

Note:

Refer to "OGCP-9000 Remote Control Panel User Manual" (PN OGCP-9000-OM) or "OGCP-9000/CC Remote Control Panel User Manual" (PN OGCP-9000/CC-OM) for complete instructions on using the Control Panels.

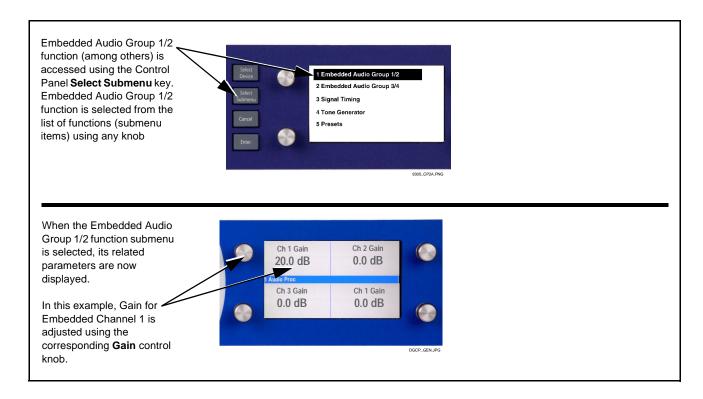


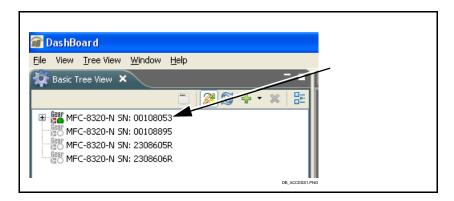
Figure 3-3 Control Panel Setup of Example Audio Control Function Setup

Accessing the 9085 Card via Remote Control

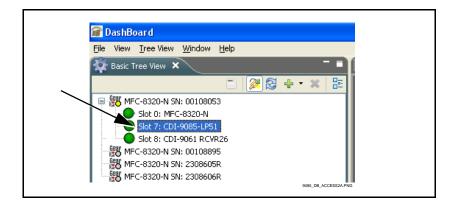
Access the 9085 card using DashBoardTM or Cobalt[®] Remote Control Panel as described below.

Accessing the 9085 Card Using DashBoard™

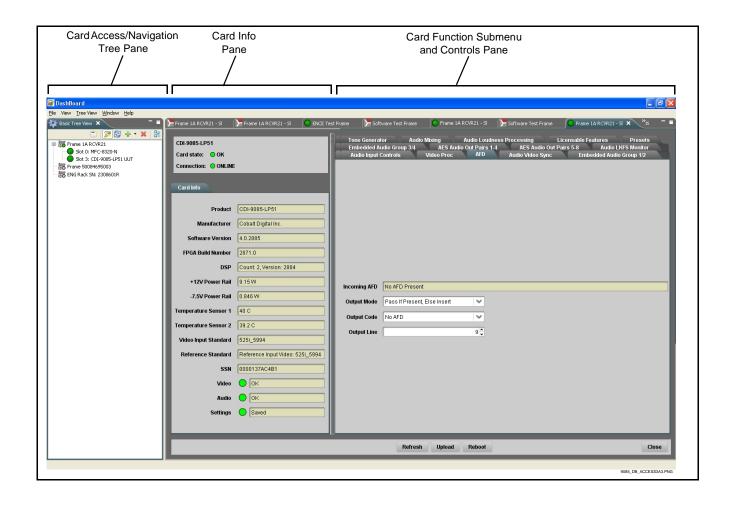
- 1. On the computer connected to the frame LAN, open DashBoardTM.
- 2. As shown below, in the left side Basic View Tree locate the Network Controller Card associated with the frame containing the 9085 card to be accessed (in this example, "MFC-8320-N SN: 00108053").



3. As shown below, expand the tree to access the cards within the frame. Click on the card to be accessed (in this example, "Slot 7: CDI-9085-LP51").

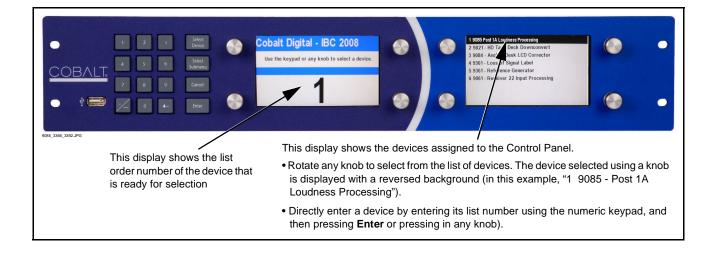


As shown on the next page, when the card is accessed in DashBoardTM its function submenu screen showing tabs for each function is displayed. (The particular submenu screen displayed is the previously displayed screen from the last time the card was accessed by DashBoardTM).



Accessing the 9085 Card Using a Cobalt® Remote Control Panel

Press the **Select Device** key and select a card as shown in the example below.



Checking 9085 Card Information

The operating status and software version the card can be checked using DashBoardTM or the card edge control user interface. Figure 3-4 shows and describes the 9085 card information screen using DashBoardTM and accessing card information using the card edge control user interface.

Note

Proper operating status in DashBoard[™] is denoted by green icons for the status indicators shown in Figure 3-4. Yellow or red icons respectively indicate an alert or failure condition. Refer to Troubleshooting (p. 3-46) for corrective action.

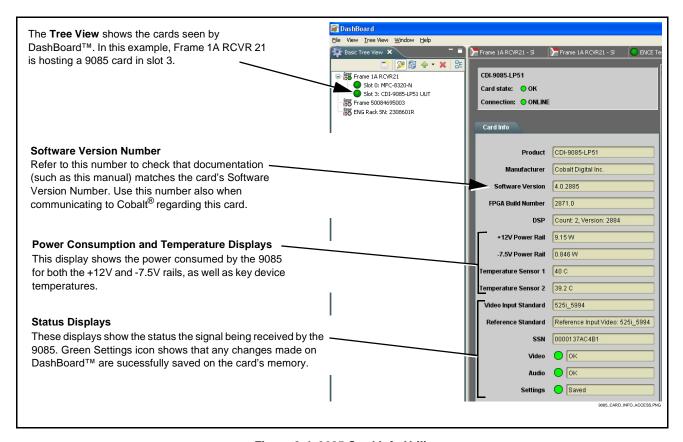


Figure 3-4 9085 Card Info Utility

Ancillary Data Line Number Locations and Ranges

Table 3-1 lists typical default output video VANC line number locations for various ancillary data items that may be passed or handled by the card.

Table 3-1 Typical Ancillary Data Line Number Locations/Ranges

	Default Line No. / Range	
Item	SD	HD
AFD	12 (Note 2)	9 (Note 2)
ATC_VITC	13 (Note 2)	9/8 (Note 2)
ATC_LTC	_	10 (Note 2)
Dolby [®] Metadata	13 (Note 2)	13 (Note 2)
SDI VITC Waveform	14/16 (Note 2)	_
Closed Captioning	21 (locked)	10 (Note 2)

Notes:

- 1. The card does not check for conflicts on a given line number. Make certain the selected line is available and carrying no other data.
- 2. While range indicated by drop-down list on GUI may allow a particular range of choices, the actual range is automatically clamped (limited) to certain ranges to prevent inadvertent conflict with active picture area depending on video format. Limiting ranges for various output formats are as follows:

Format	Line No. Limiting	Format	Line No. Limiting	Format	Line No. Limiting
525i	12-19	720p	9-25	1080p	9-41
625i	9-22	1080i	9-20		

Because line number allocation is not standardized for all ancillary items, consideration should be given to all items when performing set-ups. Figure 3-5 shows an example of improper and corrected VANC allocation within an HD-SDI stream.

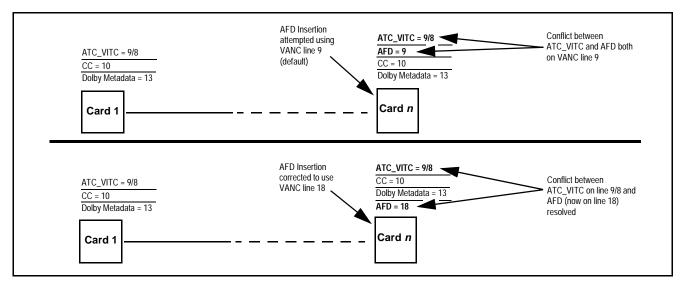


Figure 3-5 Example VANC Line Number Allocation Example

9085 Function Submenu List and Descriptions

Table 3-2 individually lists and describes each 9085 function submenu ("tab") and its related list selections, controls, and parameters. Where helpful, examples showing usage of a function are also provided. Table 3-2 is primarily based upon using DashBoardTM to access each function and its corresponding submenus and parameters.

Note:

All numeric (scalar) parameters displayed on DashBoard™ can be changed using the slider controls, [3] arrows, or by numeric keypad entry in the corresponding numeric field. (When using numeric keypad entry, add a return after the entry to commit the entry.)

On DashBoardTM itself and in Table 3-2, the function submenu items are organized using tabs as shown below.



The table below provides a quick-reference to the page numbers where each function submenu item can be found.

Function Submenu Item	Page	Function Submenu Item	Page
Audio Input Controls	3-10	Audio LKFS Monitor	3-30
Video Proc	3-12	Timecode	3-32
AFD	3-13	Tone Generator	3-35
Audio/Video Resync (Framesync tab)	3-14	Audio Mixing	3-36
Embedded Audio Group 1/2	3-19	Audio Loudness Processing	3-38
Embedded Audio Group 3/4	3-23	Licensable Features	3-40
AES Audio Out Pairs 1-4	3-25	Presets	3-40
AES Audio Out Pairs 5-8	3-29		

Table 3-2 9085 Function Submenu List

Controls the AES Audio Input features for the eight AES Audio Input Controls input pairs, and displays signal status for the AES pairs and the 16 embedded audio channels. Also provides global unity routing/parameter control resets. Note: Also refer to AES Audio Input Advanced Features (p. 1-13) in Chapter 1, "Introduction" for detailed information regarding these functions. Individual SRC **Disable** control for each AES pair (1 thru 8) disables or enables Sample Rate Conversion (SRC) bypass as follows: AES SRC AES SRC • Disabled: In this mode, AES SRC for the corresponding AES pair is bypassed. SRC is set to Disabled by default. This mode is Pair 1 Disabled preferred where the AES rate matches the input video rate. This mode is necessary when embedding non-PCM AES data such a Dolby[®] E or Dolby Digital™ audio streams. Enabled Pair 2 Note: In this mode AES rate must match the input video rate or audio dropouts will occur. Note: AES audio must be nominally 48 kHz. Pair 8 Disabled • Enabled: In this mode, AES SRC for the corresponding AES input pair is enabled. SRC enabled allows the 9085 to interface with asynchronous AES sources (sources in which the AES timing does not match the video reference timing). SRC can be used to compensate for minor clock rate differences in the AES stream and the input video stream. AES Passthrough Individual AES Passthrough On/Off control for each AES pair (1 thru 8) disables or enables Passthrough as follows: AES • Off: Disables AES passthrough for the selected AES input pair. Passthrough Passthrough is set to Off by default. Off Pair 1 • On: Passthrough is turned on, with the corresponding AES output pair to act as a bit-for-bit copy with zero delay of the corresponding On Pair 2 AES input pair. Note: • AES Passthrough set to On overrides normal audio routing. Gain and polarity control is not available when AES passthrough is enabled. • AES audio must be synchronous with video to use this Pair 8 Off feature. AES Zero Delay Embedding Individual AES Zero-Delay Embedding On/Off control for each AES pair (1 thru 8) disables or enables Zero-Delay Embedding as follows: • Off: Disables Zero-Delay Embedding for the selected AES input Zero Delay Embedding AES pair. Zero-delay embedding is set to Off by default. On: The selected pair directly embeds into its corresponding group (AES Pair 1 embeds into embedded channels 1 and 2; AES pair 2 Pair 1 Off embeds into embedded channels 3 and 4, and so on) with the Pair 2 On normal audio sync delay being bypassed. Note: • Zero Delay Embedding overrides the standard audio routing system. For example, if AES Pair 1 is selected, then the controls to route into embedded channels 1 and 2 will not Pair 8 Off apply. Gain and polarity control is not available when zero-delay embedding is enabled. · AES audio must be synchronous with video to use this feature.

Table 3-2 9085 Function Submenu List — continued

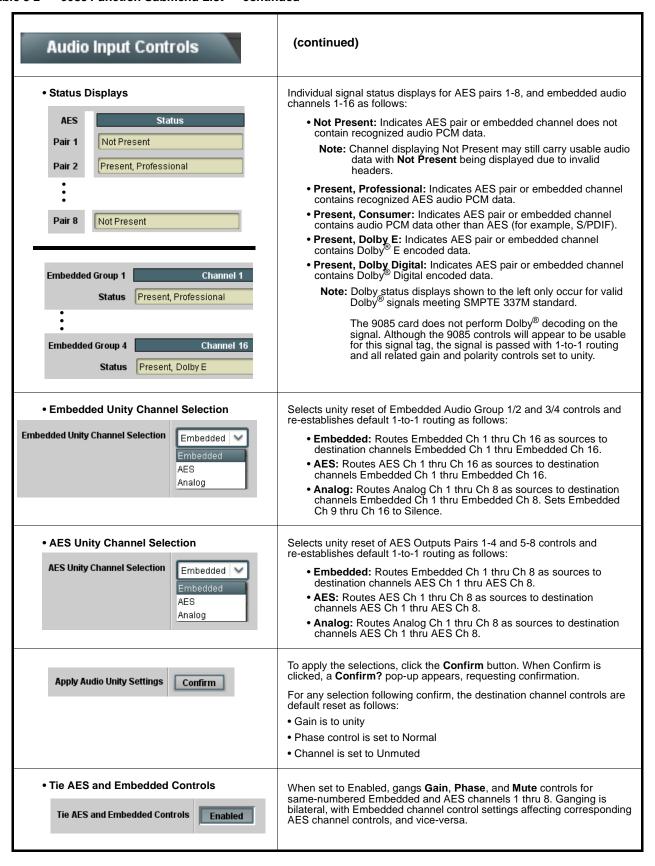


Table 3-2 9085 Function Submenu List — continued

Video Proc	Provides the following Video Proc parametric controls.
Video Proc Video Proc On	Video Proc (On/Off) provides master on/off control of all Video Proc functions. • When set to Off, Video Proc is bypassed. • When set to On, currently displayed parameter settings take effect.
Reset to Unity Reset to Unity Confirm	Reset to Unity provides unity reset control of all Video Proc functions. When Confirm is clicked, a Confirm? pop-up appears, requesting confirmation. • Click Yes to proceed with the unity reset. • Click No to reject unity reset.
• Luma Gain Luma Gain 0.0	Adjusts gain percentage applied to Luma (Y channel). (0% to 200% range in 0.1% steps; unity = 100%)
• Luma Lift Luma Lift -100.0	Adjusts lift applied to Luma (Y-channel). (-100% to 100% range in 0.1% steps; null = 0.0%)
• Color Gain Color Gain 0.0	Adjusts gain percentage (saturation) applied to Chroma (C-channel). (0% to 200% range in 0.1% steps; unity = 100%)
• Color Phase Color Phase -360.0	Adjusts phase angle applied to Chroma. (-360° to 360° range in 0.1° steps; null = 0°)
Gang Luma and Color Gain Gang Luma and Color Gain	When set to On , changing either the Luma Gain or Color Gain controls increases or decreases both the Luma and Chroma levels by equal amounts.

Table 3-2 9085 Function Submenu List — continued

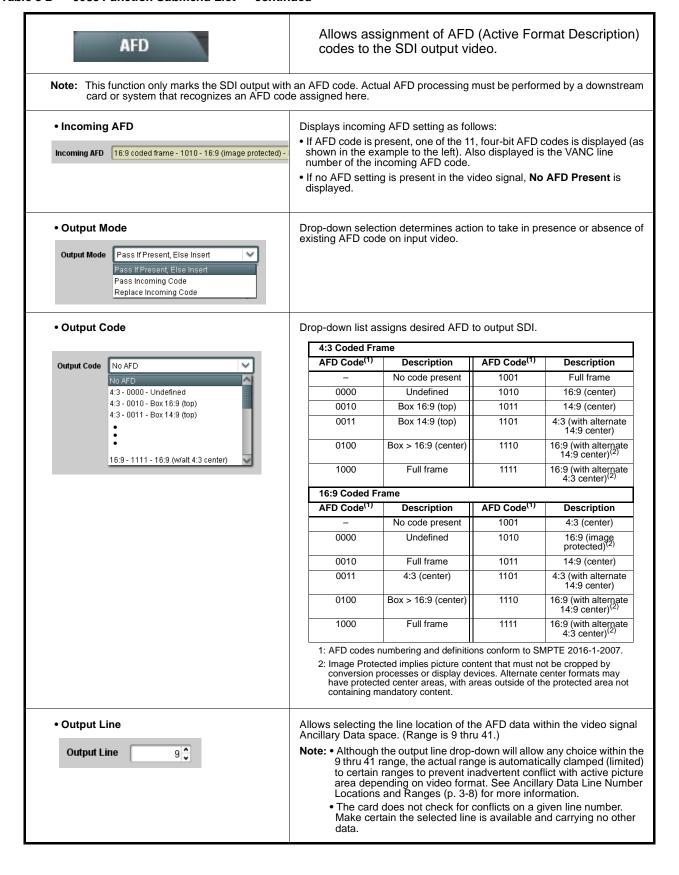


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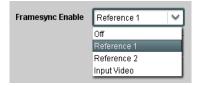
Framesync

Provides Audio/Video Re-sync function.

Note: Although labeled as "Framesync", the 9085 framesync function is mainly intended to provide audio/video resyncing (loudness processing induces an 8 msec delay which can be nulled by advancing the audio 8 msec using the Audio Offset from Video control described below). When loudness processing is enabled, the glitch-free audio resyncing provided by the framesync audio SRC is not available. To ensure glitch-free audio resyncing, it is recommended that the incoming video be locked to reference upstream of this card, and to have the framesync on this card set to the corresponding external reference (Reference 1 or Reference 2).

In this manner, the audio SRC is never called upon by the 9085 card processing, while also allowing the 9085 to benefit in providing full Freeze to Last Frame or Freeze to Color protection upon loss of input. If this protection is required **without** the incoming video being upstream frame synced and with framesync enable set to an external reference on this card, hard audio resets (and the resulting audio "hits") **must** be expected.

• Framesync Enable



Disables the Frame Sync function, or selects from choices below.

- Off: Disables Frame Sync function; output video timing matches the input video timing.
- Reference 1: Allows Frame Sync function to use external Reference 1 as the reference standard.
- Reference 2: Allows Frame Sync function to use external Reference 2 as the reference standard.

 Input Video: Uses the input video signal as the reference standard.

Note: If Input Video is used for framesync, any timing instability on the input video will result in corresponding instability on the output video.

Vertical Delay Control



When Framesync is enabled, sets vertical delay (in number of lines of **output video timing**) between the output video and the frame sync reference.

(Range is -1124 thru 1124 lines.)

Note: Lines refer to lines in the output video format, and not to the reference format.

Horizontal Delay Control



When Framesync is enabled, sets (in µsec of **output video timing**) horizontal delay between the output video and the frame sync reference.

(Range is -64.000 thru 64.000 µsec)

Note: When an external framesync reference is used, the card will not produce a framesync reset until the variance between framesync reference and output video exceeds ± 2 clock periods. Therefore, a framesync reset will not result if offsets within this window are applied.

To apply an offset/framesync reset within this window, first apply a relatively large offset, then apply the target smaller offset.

Example: To apply a 1-period offset, first apply a 10-period positive offset and then apply a 9-period negative offset. This results in the target 1-period offset being applied to the output video.

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Table 3-2 9085 Function Submenu List — continued

Framesync	(continued)
Input Video Mode Fixed Delay Control Input Video Mode Fixed Delay 0.000	When Framesync is enabled and set to Input Video , allows adding video delay. This is useful when compensating for processes which result in large audio delays. (Range is 0.0000 thru 300.0 msec.)
Framesync Audio SRC On/Off Control Audio SRC Off	When Framesync is enabled and set to Input Video, allows disabling audio SRC. This is required if the card is to pass non-PCM audio such as Dolby® audio to downstream devices. Note: Audio SRC is disabled when Framesync is enabled in Input Video mode. Audio SRC is always off when loudness processing is enabled.
Minimum Latency Frames Control Minimum Latency (Frames) 0	When Framesync is enabled, specifies the smallest amount of latency allowed by the frame sync (latency measurement in output video frames). The frame sync will not output a frame unless the specified number of frames are captured in the buffer. The operational latency of the frame sync is always between the specified minimum latency and minimum latency plus one frame (not one field). (Maximum range is 0 to 32.)
	Note: Due to card memory limits, the maximum available Minimum Latency Frames is related to the output video format selected. For example, with a 525i59.94 output, the practical maximum limit is 13. When using this control, be sure to check the Framesync Status display as follows: Framesync Status On A Latency frames selection within limits
	Latency frames selection within limits. Framesync Status

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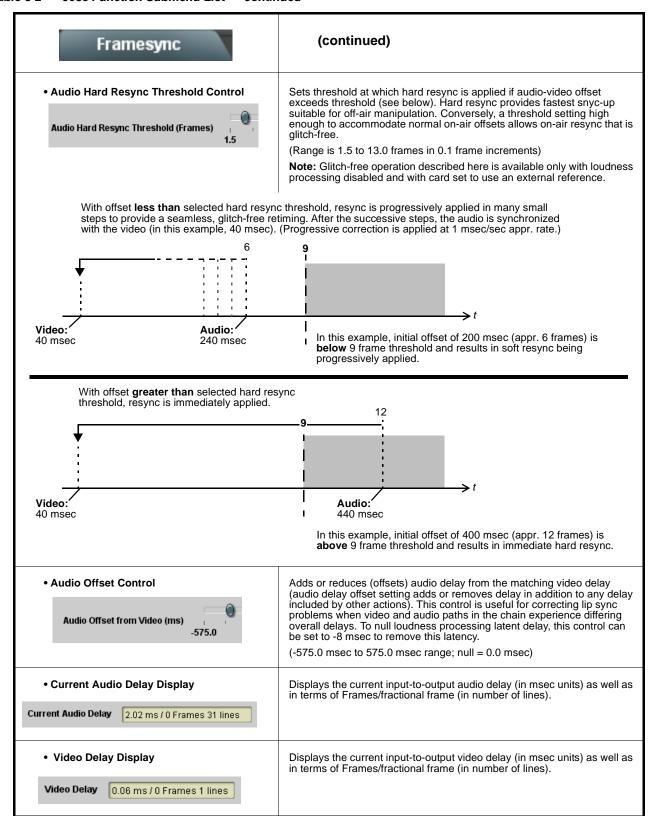


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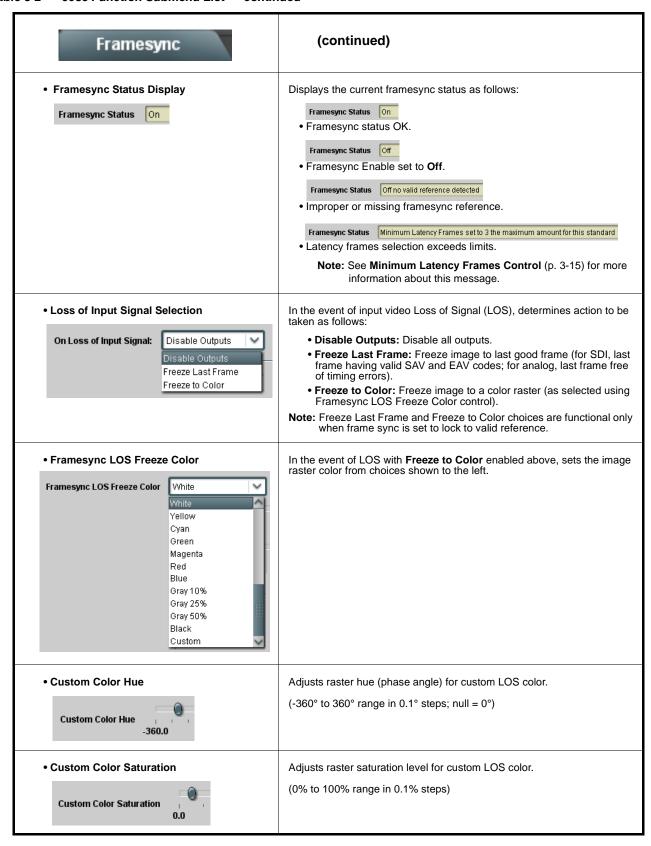


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Framesync	(continued)
Custom Color Y Level	Adjusts raster luma level for custom LOS color.
Custom Color Y Level 64	(64 to 940 range)
Reset/Resync Framesync	Reset Framesync resets the frame sync, clearing any buffered audio and video.
Reset Framesync Confirm	Resync Video and Reference resets the input processing paths for video and reference.
Resync Video and Reference Confirm	When Confirm is clicked, a Confirm? pop-up appears, requesting confirmation.
	Click Yes to reset the frame sync.
	Click No to reject reset.
	Note: These controls are not normally used or required when the card is receiving a stable, continuous frame sync reference.

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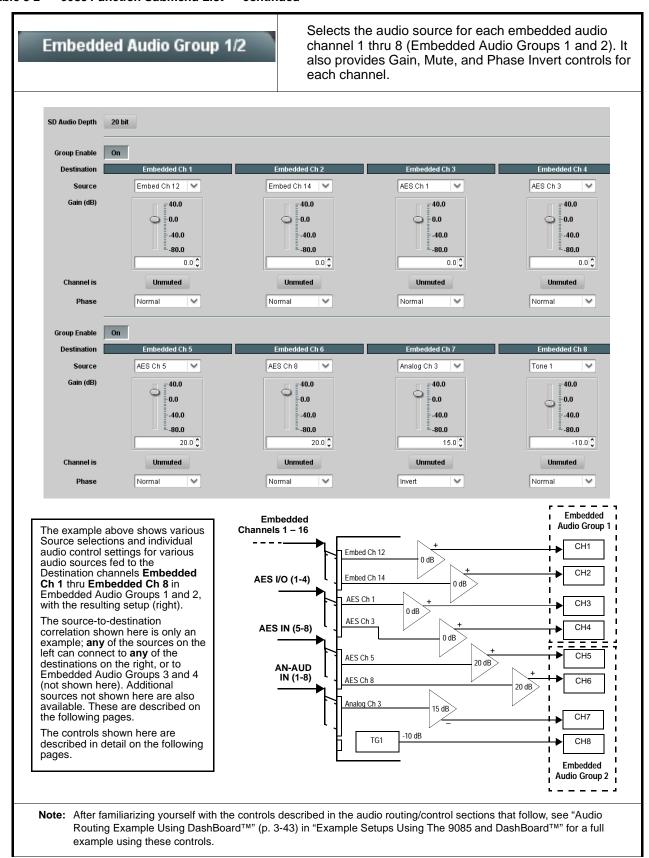


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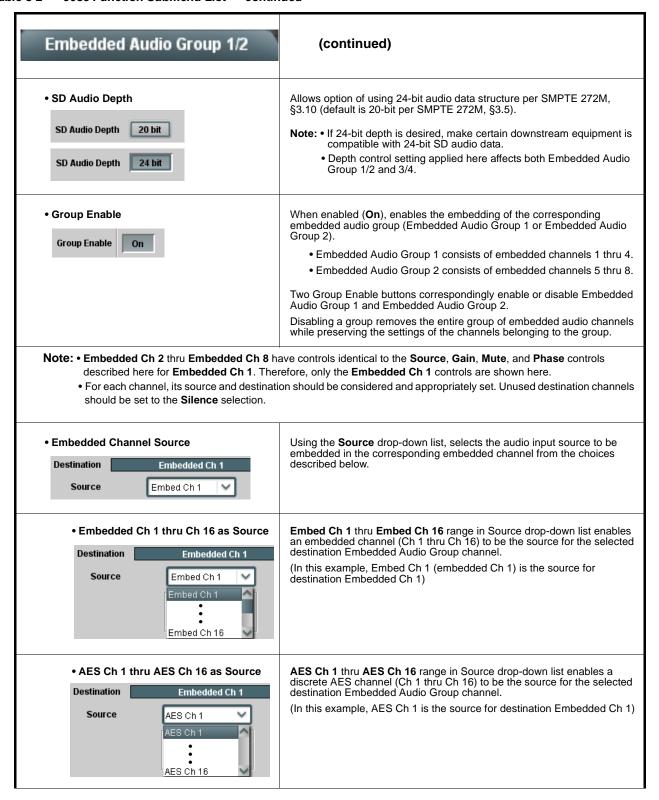


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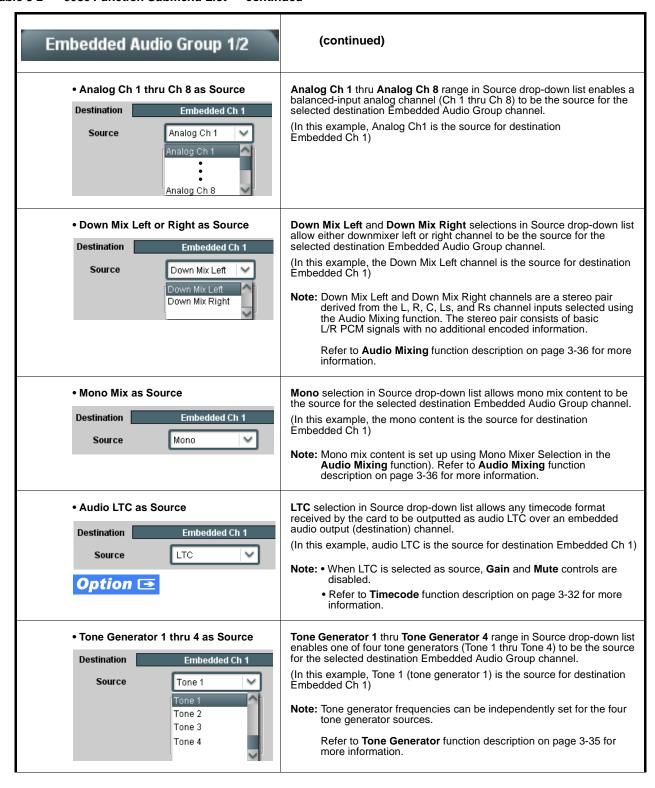


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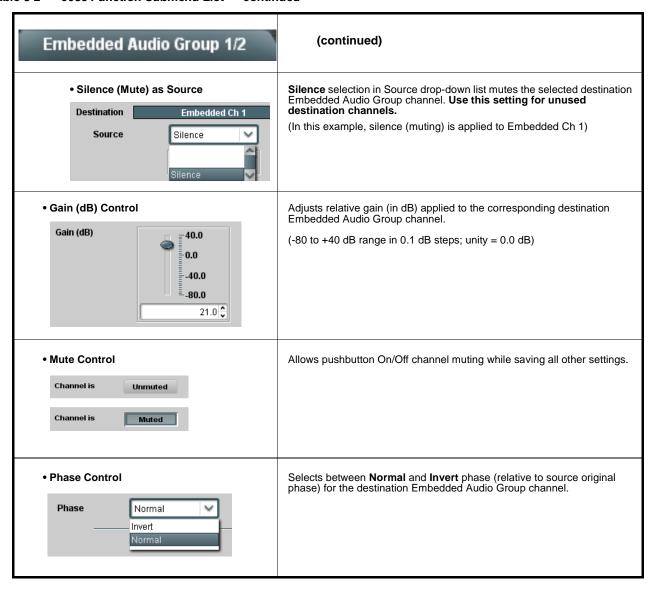


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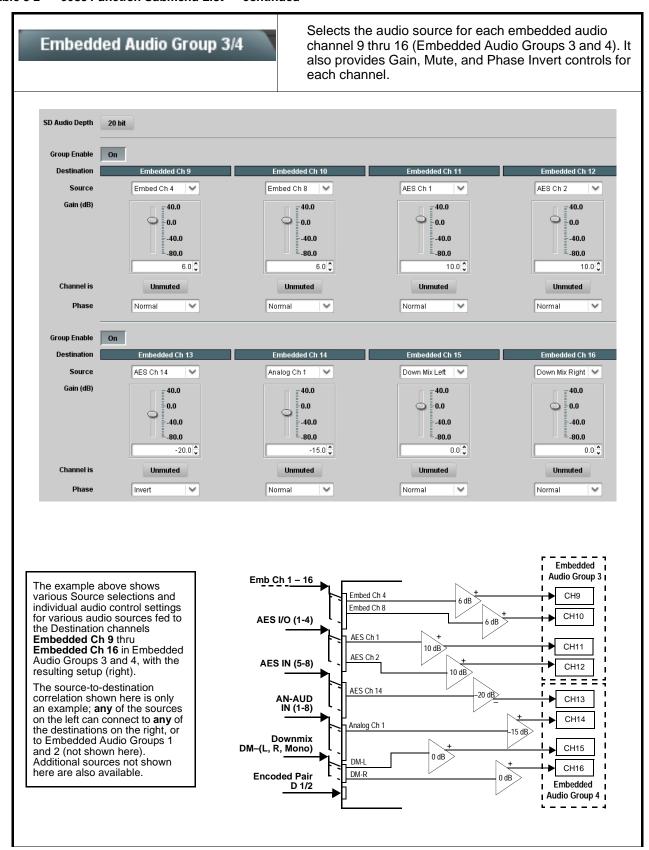


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Embedded Audio Group 3/4	(continued)
• SD Audio Depth SD Audio Depth 20 bit SD Audio Depth 24 bit	Allows option of using 24-bit audio data structure per SMPTE 272M, §3.10 (default is 20-bit per SMPTE 272M, §3.5). Note: • If 24-bit depth is desired, make certain downstream equipment is compatible with 24-bit SD audio data. • Depth control setting applied here affects both Embedded Audio Group 1/2 and 3/4.
Group Enable Group Enable On	When enabled (On), enables the embedding of the corresponding embedded audio group (Embedded Audio Group 1 or Embedded Audio Group 2). • Embedded Audio Group 1 consists of embedded channels 1 thru 4. • Embedded Audio Group 2 consists of embedded channels 5 thru 8. Two Group Enable buttons correspondingly enable or disable Embedded Audio Group 1 and Embedded Audio Group 2. Disabling a group removes the entire group of embedded audio channels while preserving the settings of the channels belonging to the group.
described for Embedded Ch 1. Refer to Er	ve controls that are identical to the Source , Gain , Mute , and Phase controls mbedded Audio Group 1/2 on page 3-19 for descriptions of these controls. on should be considered and appropriately set. Unused destination channels

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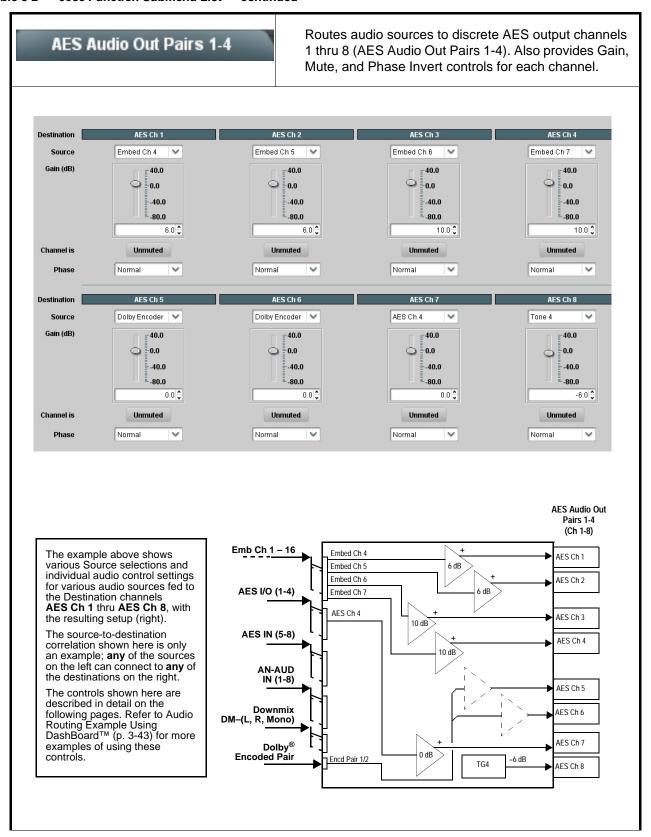


Table 3-2 9085 Function Submenu List — continued

AES Audio Out Pairs 1-4 (continued) Note: • AES Ch 2 thru AES Ch 8 have controls that are identical to the Source, Gain, Mute, and Phase controls described here for AES Ch 1. Therefore, only the AES Ch 1 controls are shown here. • For each channel, its source and destination should be considered and appropriately set. Unused destination channels should be set to the Silence selection. Using the **Source** drop-down list, selects the audio source to be routed to the corresponding AES output channel from the choices described below. AES Channel Source Destination AES Ch 1 Source Embed Ch 1 • Embedded Ch 1 thru Ch 16 as Source Embed Ch 1 thru Embed Ch 16 range in Source drop-down list enables an embedded channel (Ch 1 thru Ch 16) to be the source for the selected destination AES channel. Destination AES Ch 1 (In this example, Embed Ch 1 (embedded Ch 1) is the source for Source Embed Ch 1 destination AES Ch 1) Embed Ch 16 AES Ch 1 thru AES Ch 16 as Source AES Ch 1 thru AES Ch 16 range in Source drop-down list enables a discrete AES channel (Ch 1 thru Ch 16) to be the source for the selected AES Ch 1 destination AES channel. Destination (In this example, AES Ch 5 is the source for destination AES Ch 1) Source AES Ch 5 ES Ch 5 AES Ch 16 · Analog Ch 1 thru Ch 8 as Source Analog Ch 1 thru Analog Ch 8 range in Source drop-down list enables a balanced-input analog channel (Ch 1 thru Ch 8) to be the source for the selected destination AES channel. Destination AES Ch 1 (In this example, Analog Ch1 is the source for destination AES Ch 1) Source Analog Ch 1 Analog Ch 8 • Down Mix Left or Right as Source Down Mix Left and Down Mix Right selections in Source drop-down list allow either downmix left or right channel to be the source for the selected destination AES channel. Destination AES Ch 1 (In this example, the Down Mix Left channel is the source for destination Source Down Mix Left ÀES Ch 1) Down Mix Left Note: Down Mix Left and Down Mix Right channels are a stereo pair Down Mix Right derived from the L, R, C, Ls, and Rs channel inputs selected using the Audio Mixing function. The stereo pair consists of basic L/R PCM signals with no additional encoded information.

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Refer to Audio Mixing function description on page 3-36 for more

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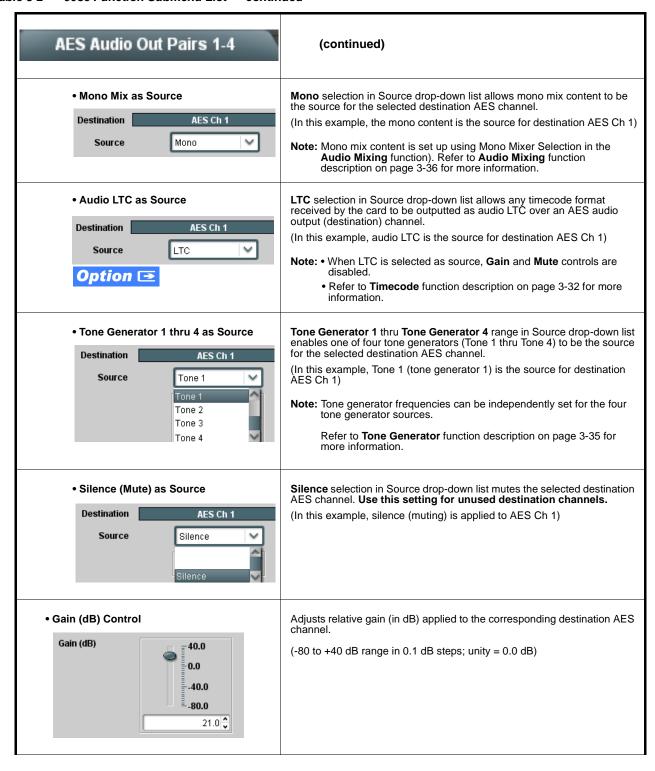


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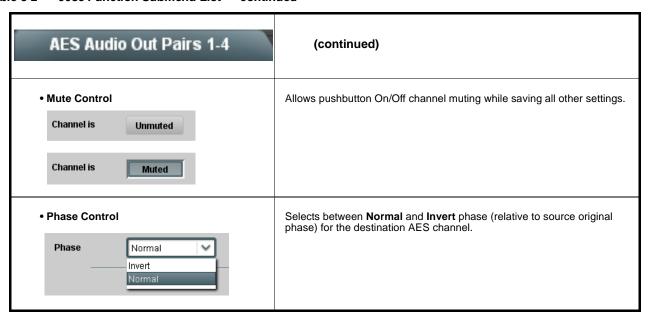
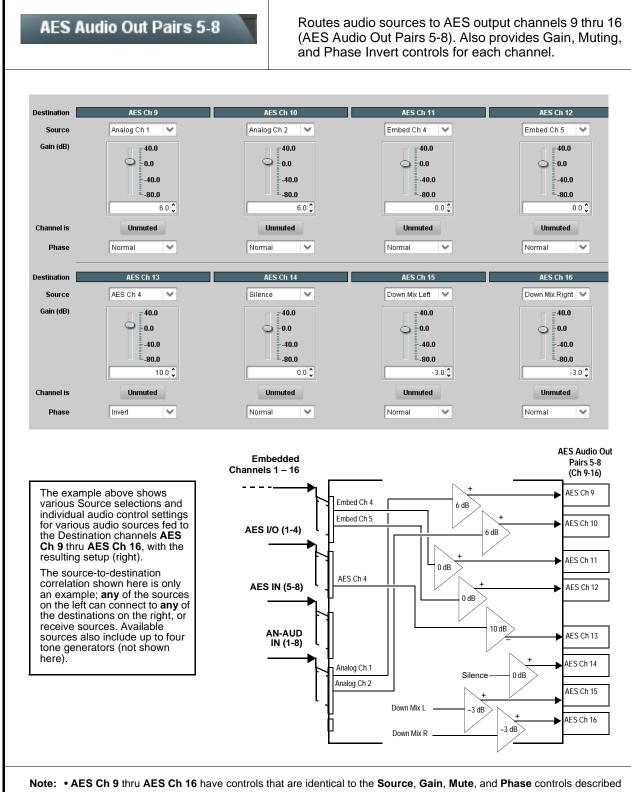


Table 3-2 9085 Function Submenu List — continued



Note: • AES Ch 9 thru AES Ch 16 have controls that are identical to the Source, Gain, Mute, and Phase controls described for AES Ch 1. Refer to AES Audio Out Pairs 1-4 on page 3-25 for descriptions of these controls.

• For each channel, its source and destination should be considered and appropriately set. Unused destination channels should be set to the **Silence** selection.

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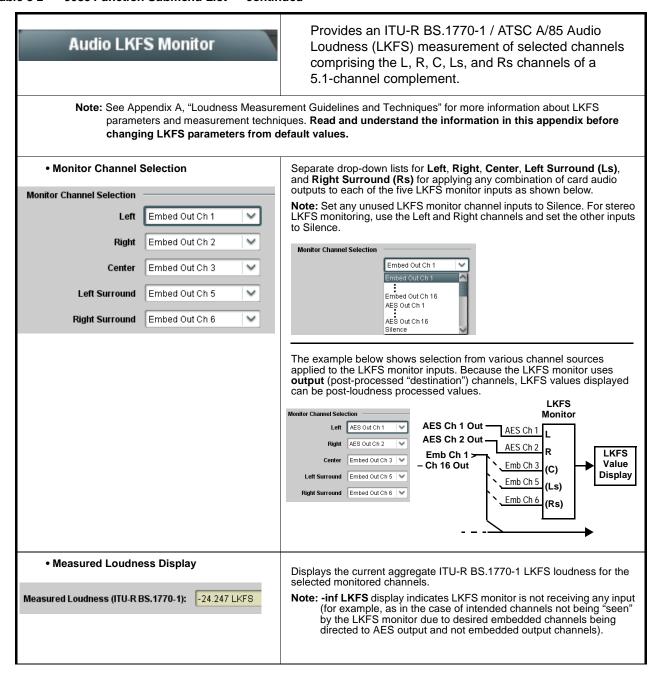


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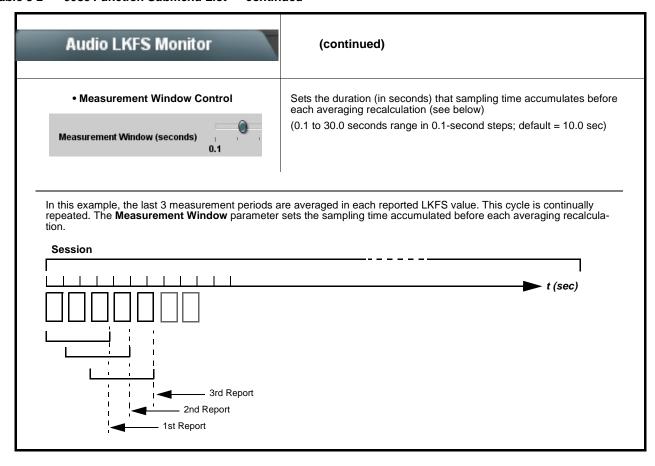


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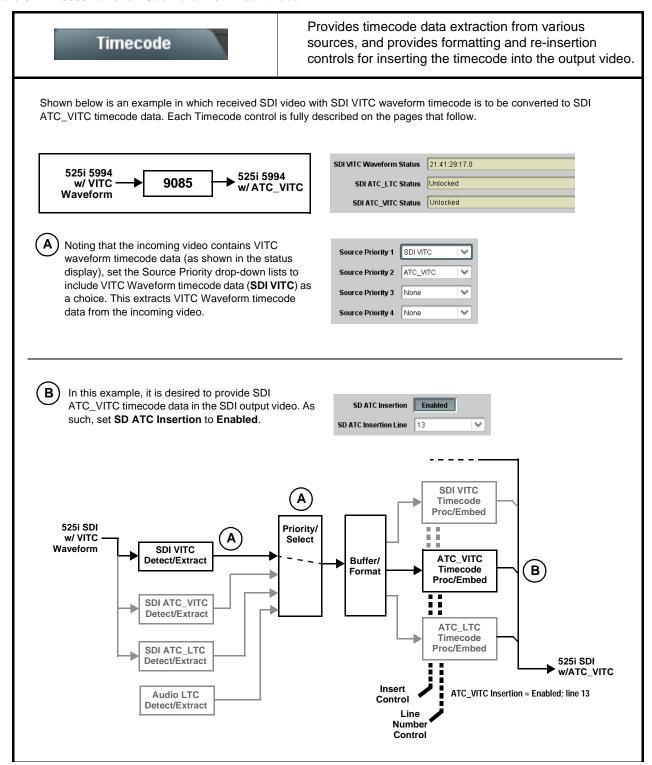


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(continued) Timecode Option **⊡** Audio LTC and RS-485 LTC controls described below only appear on cards with +LTC licensed optional feature. This feature allows bidirectional conversion between VBI-based timecode and LTC timecode on audio and RS-485 interfaces. • Timecode Source Status Displays Displays the current status and contents of the supported timecode formats shown to the left. SDI VITC Waveform Status Unlocked If a format is receiving timecode data, the current content (timecode running count and line number) is displayed. SDI ATC_LTC Status • If a format is not receiving timecode data, Unlocked is displayed. SDI ATC_VITC Status 00:10:46:02.0, Line 10 • If Audio LTC is being received, the timecode running count is Audio LTC Status 21:01:48:22.1 displayed. AES Input Ch 7 Audio LTC Source • Audio LTC Source selects audio source to be used by card audio LTC function as listed below. • Fmb Ch 1 thru Ch 16 • AES Ch 1 thru Ch 16 Analog audio Ch 1 thru Ch 8 Note: Audio LTC Source must be appropriately set for card to receive and process audio LTC. Enables or disables removal of existing input video ATC timecode packets from the output. This allows removal of undesired existing timecodes from the output, resulting in a "clean slate" where only desired timecodes are Incoming ATC Packet Removal Control Incoming ATC Packet Removal then re-inserted into the output. (For example, if both SDI ATC_VITC and ATC_LTC are present on the input video, and only ATC_LTC is desired, using the Removal control will remove both timecodes from the output. The ATC_LTC timecode by itself can then be re-inserted on the output using the other controls discussed here.) Source Priority As described here, provides 4-level prioritization of timecode format choices from choices shown to the left. **Source Priority 1** thru **Source Priority 4** select the preferred format to be used in descending order (i.e., Source Priority 2 selects the second-most Source Priority 1 SDI VITO None preferred format, and so on. See example below.) SDI VITO ATC_LTC HD/SD ATC_VITC SDI IN 525i OUT SDI VITC Audio LTC 525i (1st priority) (w/ SDI_VITC) Audio LTC (2nd priority) VITC waveform from SD SDI In this example, SDI VITC 1st priority selection selects SDI VITC (received on SDI SDI VITC video input input) over audio LTC (received on a selected card audio input channel) ATC_LTC HD SDI ATC_LTC The selected timecode source is embedded on the SDI video output using the selected line number. In this example, if the SDI VITC on the SDI input becomes ATC_VITC SD/HD SDI ATC_VITC unavailable, the card then uses the audio LTC data received on a selected card audio input channel. Audio-based LTC from selected card audio input Audio LTC

Table 3-2 9085 Function Submenu List — continued

Timecode	(continued)	
Output Status	Displays the current content and source being used for the timecode data as follows: Output Status	
Offset Controls Offset Advanced Offset Field 0 Offset Frame 0	Allows the current timecode count to be advanced or delayed on the output video. • Offset Advance or Delay selects offset advance or delay. • Offset Field delays or advances or delays timecode by one field. • Offset Frame delays or advances or delays timecode by up to 5 frames. Note: Default settings are null, with both controls set at zero as shown.	
range is automatically clamped (limited) to depending on video format. See Ancillary	e controls described below will allow a particular range of choices, the actual o certain ranges to prevent inadvertent conflict with active picture area Data Line Number Locations and Ranges (p. 3-8) for more information. I given line number. Make certain the selected line is available and carrying	
SD VITC Waveform Insertion Controls VITC Waveform Output 1 Line Number VITC Waveform Output 2 Line Number SD VITC Waveform Insertion Enabled	For SD output, enables or disables SD VITC waveform timecode insertion into the output video, and selects the VITC1 and VITC2 line numbers (6 thru 22) where the VITC waveform is inserted. Note: • If only one output line is to be used, set both controls for the same line number. • SD VITC Waveform Insertion control only affects VITC waveforms inserted (or copied to a new line number) by this function. An existing VITC waveform on an unscaled SD SDI stream is not affected by this control and is passed on an SDI output.	
SD ATC Insertion Control SD ATC_VITC Insertion	For SD output, enables or disables SD ATC_VITC timecode insertion into the output video, and selects the line number for ATC_VITC.	

Table 3-2 9085 Function Submenu List — continued

Timecode	(continued)
HD ATC_LTC Insertion Control HD ATC_LTC Insertion Enabled HD ATC_LTC Insertion Line 10 - SMPTE 12M-2-2008 Recommended	For HD output, enables or disables ATC_LTC timecode insertion into the output video, and selects the line number for ATC_LTC timecode data.
HD ATC_VITC Insertion Control HD ATC_VITC Insertion Enabled HD ATC_VITC Insertion Line Field 1 9 - SMPTE 12M-2-2008 Recommended HD ATC_VITC Insertion Line Field 2 8 (571) - SMPTE 12M-2-2008 Recommended 8 (571) - SMPTE 12M-2-2008 Recommended 9 - SMPT	For HD output, enables or disables ATC_VITC timecode insertion into the output video, and selects the line number for ATC_VITC1 and ATC_VITC2. Note: If only one output line is to be used, set both controls for the same line number.
ATC_VITC Legacy Support Control ATC VITC Legacy Support	When enabled, accommodates equipment requiring ATC_VITC packet in both fields as a "field 1" packet (non-toggling). Note: Non-toggling VITC1 and VITC2 packets do not conform to SMPTE 12M-2-2008 preferences. As such, ATC_VITC Legacy Support should be enabled only if required by downstream equipment.
Tone Generator	Sets the test tone frequency for each of four tone generators (Tone Generator 1 thru 4).
Tone Generator 1 Frequency Tone Generator 2 Frequency Tone Generator 3 Frequency Tone Generator 4 Frequency 1 KHz Tone Generator 4 Frequency	Selects the frequency for each of the four tone generators. 18 discrete sine wave frequencies are available, ranging from 50 Hz to 16 kHz (default frequency is 1.0 kHz). Note: Unity-gain signal level is equivalent to -20 dBu.

Table 3-2 9085 Function Submenu List — continued

Provides down-mix audio routing selections that Audio Mixing multiplexes any five embedded, AES, or analog audio channel sources into a stereo pair (Down Mix Left and Down Mix Right), or selection of any two audio sources to be mono-mixed to serve as a monaural source. Down Mixer Selection Separate drop-down lists for Left, Right, Center, Left Surround (Ls), and Right Surround (Rs) inputs allow embedded, AES, or analog channel audio source selection for each of the five inputs as shown below. Down Mixer Selection Embed Ch 1 Left Embed Ch 1 Right Embed Ch 2 Embed Ch 16 AES Ch 1 Center Embed Ch 3 AES Ch 16 Analog Ch 1 Left Surround Embed Ch 4 Analog Ch 8 Silence Right Surround Embed Ch 5 The example below shows selection from various sources and the resulting stereo pair DM-L and DM-R. The two signals comprising the pair can be routed and processed the same as any other audio input source. Embed Ch 1 - Ch 16 - -Left Embed Ch 1 V AES Ch 1 - Ch 16-Embed Ch 2 AN-AUD Ch 1- Ch 8 Embed Ch 4 Embedded Ch 1 Embed Ch 5 Embedded Ch 2 R С AES Ch 6 DM-R Embedded Ch 4 Ls Embedded Ch 5 Rs Note: The stereo pair are basic L/R PCM signals with no additional encoded information. Adjusts the attenuation ratio of center-channel content from 5-channel Center Mix Ratio Control source that is re-applied as Lt and Rt content to the DM-L and DM-R stereo mix. Center Mix Ratio (dB) • Minimum attenuation setting (-0.0 dB) applies no ratiometric reduction. -10.0 Center channel content is restored as in-phase center-channel content with no attenuation, making center-channel content more predominate in the overall mix. • Maximum attenuation setting (-10.0 dB) applies a -10 dB ratiometric reduction of center-channel content. Center-channel content is restored

as in-phase center-channel content at a -10 dB ratio relative to overall level, making center-channel content less predominate in the overall

(0.0 dB to -10.0 dB range in 0.1 dB steps; default = -3 dB)

Note: Default setting of -3.0 dB is recommended to maintain center-channel predominance in downmix representative to that of the original source 5-channel mix.

Table 3-2 9085 Function Submenu List — continued

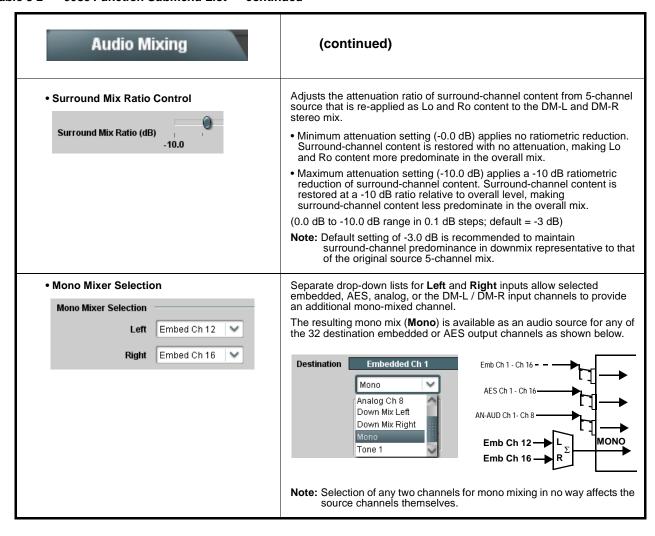


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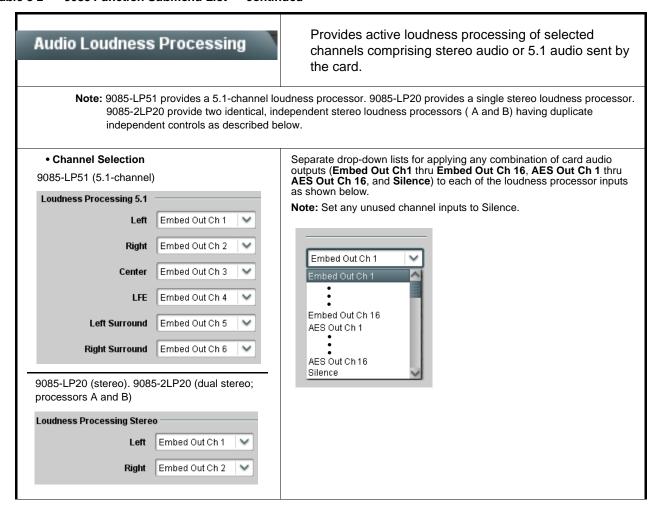


Table 3-2 9085 Function Submenu List — continued

Audio Loudness Processing (continued) Processing Profile Preset Selection Turns loudness processing on and off, and allows selection of preset loudness profile best suited for the program material and/or model of Processing Enabled processing desired as follows: • TV 5B General – This is the general, recommended preset for all types of content. It provides moderate dynamic range compression and is Preset TV 5B General calibrated to produce audio having an average dialog loudness of TV 5B Genera -27 LKFS with no additional output level trim. Use of this preset as an initial setting is recommended. TV 5B Light • TV 5B Light - Similar to TV 5B General, this preset varies in that TV 5B Heaw TV 5B Loud multi-band compression is reduced closer to 2:1, thereby providing a more gentle action. ITU Loud Limit Note: This preset sacrifices agility in loudness control in favor of a more gentle compression profile; this preset may not be suitable for Protection Limit some material. • TV 5B Heavy - Similar to TV 5B General, this preset varies in that multi-band compression is increased for greater level density/adherence to target at the expense of dynamic range. • TV 5B Loud - Similar to TV 5B Heavy, but with a louder, more punchy perception. • ITU Loud Limit – Utilizes a specially tuned input AGC plus multi-band and a final limiter to gradually adjust the average program loudness to an internally set AGC value, with the multi-band and final limiters acting until the AGC gains control of the level. This preset is most appropriate for ingest or live program material. Note: This preset bypasses the multi-band AGC. As such, it has less ability to manage spectral balance. Protection Limit – Bypasses all processing except for final output limiter, which is set only to prevent overload. Note: Unless the audio received has already been loudness processed, this setting is typically not recommended. • Master Output Gain Control Allows fine adjustment of the overall output gain. (-20.0 dB to 11 dB range in 0.1 dB steps; default = 0.0 dB) Note: This control is primarily useful in matching the output level to the Master Output Gain (dB) desired LKFS target if required. Also, it is useful (where desired) -20.0 in matching various Processing Profile presets to have similar output levels. In this manner, a custom master output level can be applied to a Processing Profile preset, and then the Processing Profile preset, the custom master output level setting (and any other card settings) can be saved and re-applied using a general card saved preset (as described in Presets (p. 3-40). (USA) ATSC A/85 and the CALM Act (H.R. 1084/S. 2847) requires that when real-time loudness processing is applied using a fixed target loudness of -24 LKFS, downstream AC-3 encoding must correspondingly use a fixed dialnorm value of -24. The default target loudness (as set by the loudness processor Master Output Gain Control) is -24 LKFS. When loudness processing is engaged, make certain AC-3 dialnorm is set as described here.

Table 3-2 9085 Function Submenu List — continued

Licensable Features

Allows activation of optional licensed features.

Note: For card pre-ordered with licensed feature(s), the activation steps described below are not required; the feature will already be installed activated. To order features and obtain a license key, contact Cobalt[®] sales at sales@cobaltdigital.com or at the contact information in Contact Cobalt Digital Inc. in Chapter 1, "Introduction". Please provide the "SSN" number of your card (displayed in the Card Info pane) when contacting us for your key.

License Feature and Key Entry window



Activate licensable feature as described below.

 Enter the feature key string in the Feature Key box. Press return or click outside of the box to acknowledge entry.

Note: Entry string is case sensitive. Do not enter any spaces.

2. In the DashBoard™ Card Info pane, wait for the feature identification to be shown for the card product number (for example, "-UM" appearing after the card part number) and Valid Key Entered to be displayed. This indicates the key was correctly entered and recognized by the

Note: If DashBoard™ card function submenu/control pane does not re-appear, close the card and re-open it.

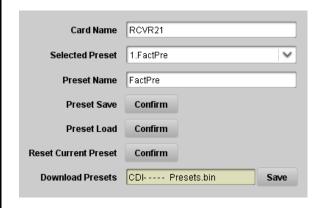
3. Click and confirm **Reboot**. When the card function submenu/control pane appears again, the licensable feature will be available.

Notes: • Applying the licensable feature and its reboot has no effect on prior settings. All control settings and drop-down selections are retained.

• A licensable feature can be de-activated using this entry box by entering the feature string[space]revoke[return].



Allows up to 16 card user settings configuration presets to be saved in a Preset and then recalled (loaded) as desired. All current settings (including list selections and scalar (numeric) control settings such as Gain, etc.) are saved when a Preset Save is invoked.



The **Preset Name** field and **Preset Save** button allow custom user setting configurations to be labeled and saved to a Preset for future use.

The **Preset Load** button and the **Selected Preset** drop-down list allow saved presets to be selected and loaded as desired. When a preset is loaded, it immediately becomes active with all user settings now automatically set as directed by the preset.

Saved presets can be uploaded to a computer for use with other same-model COMPASSTM cards.

Each of the items to the left are described in detail on the following pages.

Table 3-2 9085 Function Submenu List — continued

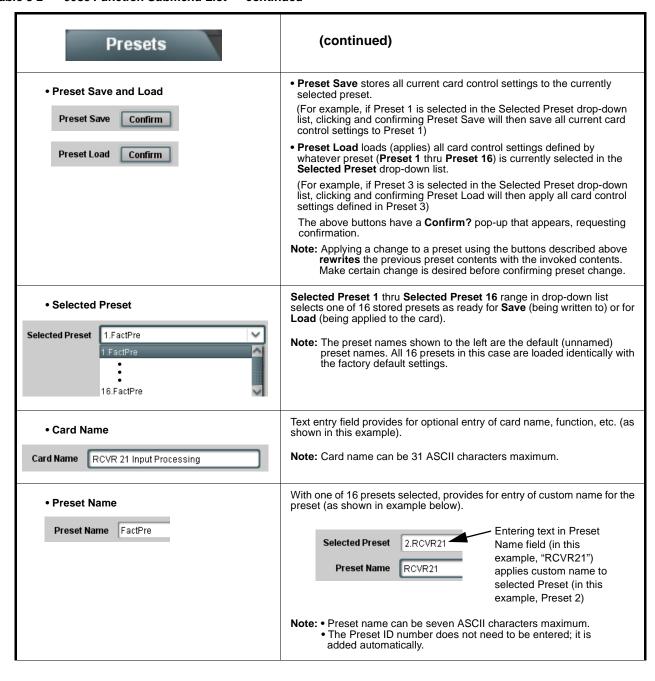
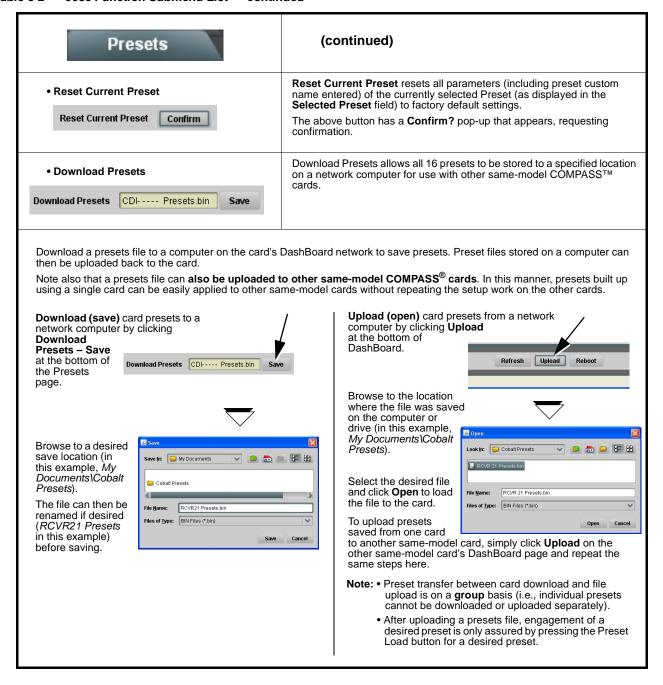


Table 3-2 9085 Function Submenu List — continued



Example Setups Using The 9085 and DashBoard™

Audio Routing Example Using DashBoard™

Figure 3-6 shows an example of using the 9085 Embedded Audio Group and AES Output Pairs functions to de-embed 5.1 program audio, route the audio to discrete outputs for post-production processing, and finally loudness process and re-embed the 5.1 audio into the SDI video output. Additionally, the example shows incorporation of an analog voice-over pair embedded into the SDI output.

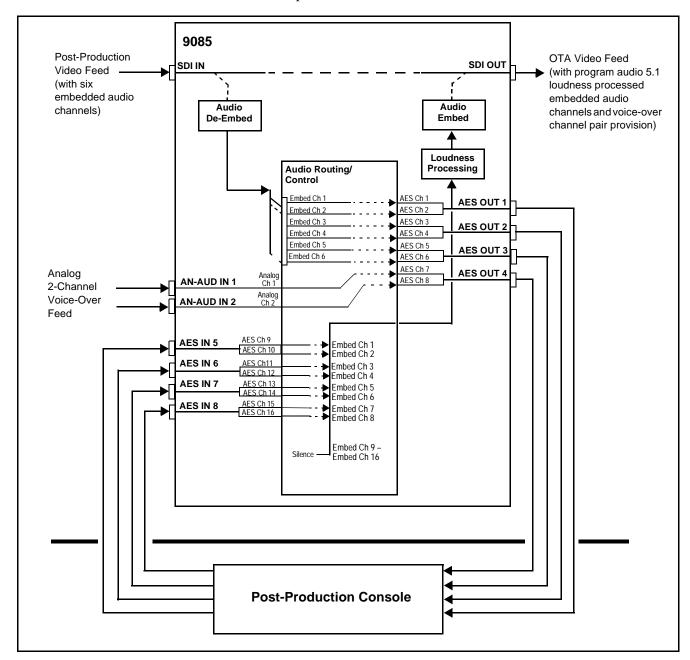


Figure 3-6 Audio Routing Example (Sheet 1 of 4)

In the example here, Embedded Channels 1 thru 6 are de-embedded from the input SDI data and routed to discrete AES channels 1 thru 6. Also, two analog inputs are routed to AES channels 7 and 8. Figure 3-6 (sheet 2) shows the 9085 control settings that result in this routing.

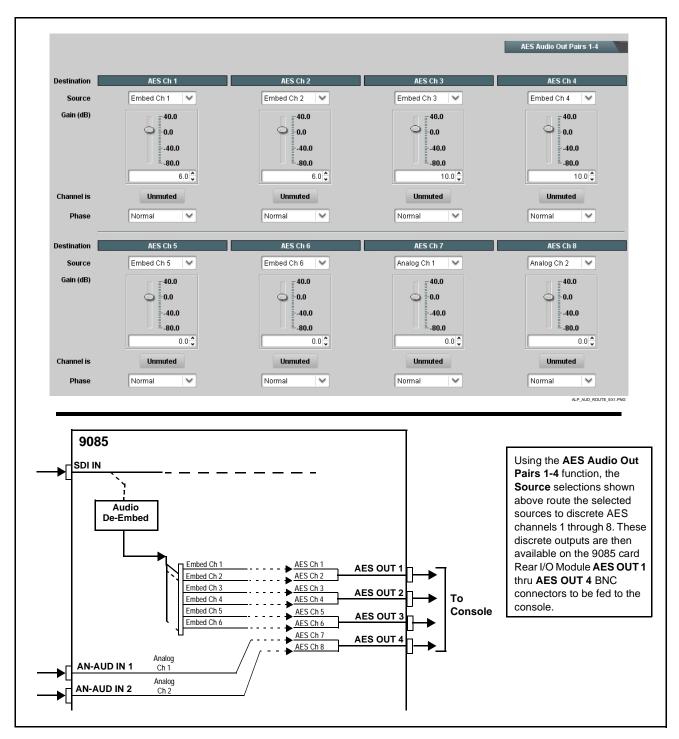


Figure 3-6 Audio Routing Example (Sheet 2 of 4)

The discrete AES audio on AES channels 9 thru 16 is now re-embedded using the 9085 control settings shown in Figure 3-6 (sheet 3).

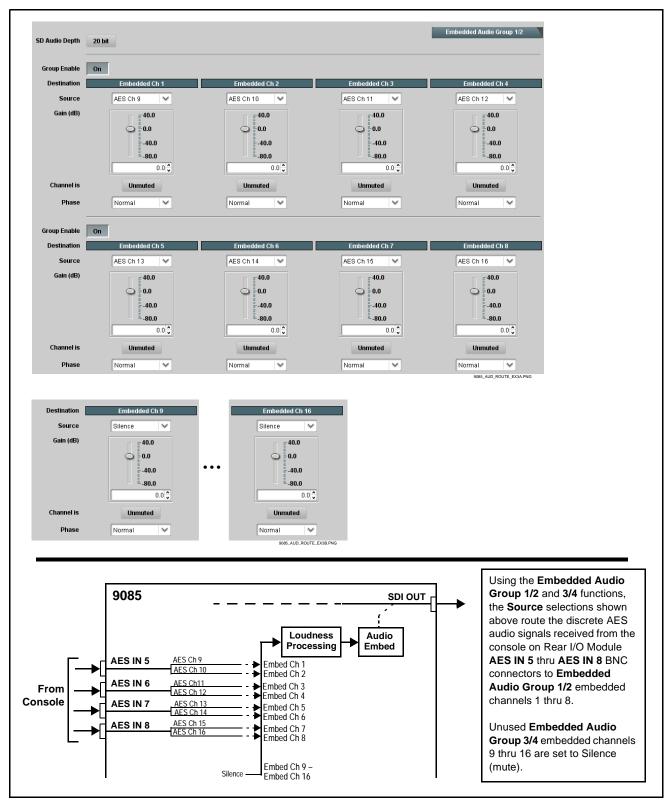


Figure 3-6 Audio Routing Example (Sheet 3 of 4)

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Before being embedded into the SDI output video, the six embedded channel carrying the 5.1 feed can be first fed through the loudness processor as shown in Figure 3-6 (sheet 4).

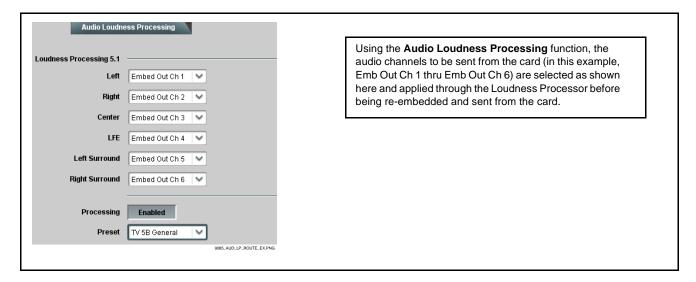


Figure 3-6 Audio Routing Example (Sheet 4 of 4)

Troubleshooting

This section provides general troubleshooting information and specific symptom/corrective action for the 9085 card. The 9085 card requires no periodic maintenance in its normal operation; if any error indication (as described in this section) occurs, use this section to correct the condition.

Error and Failure Indicator Overview

The 9085 card itself and its remote control systems all (to varying degrees) provide error and failure indications. Depending on how the 9085 card is being used (i.e, standalone or network controlled through DashBoardTM or a Remote Control Panel), check all available indications in the event of an error or failure condition.

The various 9085 card and remote control error and failure indicators are individually described below.

Note:

The descriptions below provide general information for the various status and error indicators. For specific failures, also use the appropriate subsection listed below.

- Basic Troubleshooting Checks (p. 3-50)
- 9085 Processing Error Troubleshooting (p. 3-51)
- Troubleshooting Network/Remote Control Errors (p. 3-53)

9085 Card Edge Status/Error Indicators and Display

Figure 3-7 shows and describes the 9085 card edge status indicators and display. These indicators and the display show status and error conditions relating to the card itself and remote (network) communications (where applicable). Because these indicators are part of the card itself and require no external interface, the indicators are particularly useful in the event of communications problems with external devices such as network remote control devices.

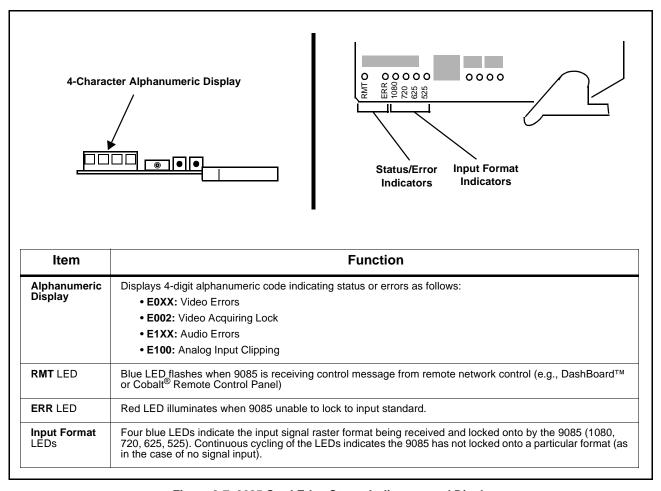


Figure 3-7 9085 Card Edge Status Indicators and Display

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DashBoard™ Status/Error Indicators and Displays

Figure 3-8 shows and describes the DashBoardTM status indicators and displays. These indicator icons and displays show status and error conditions relating to the 9085 card itself and remote (network) communications.

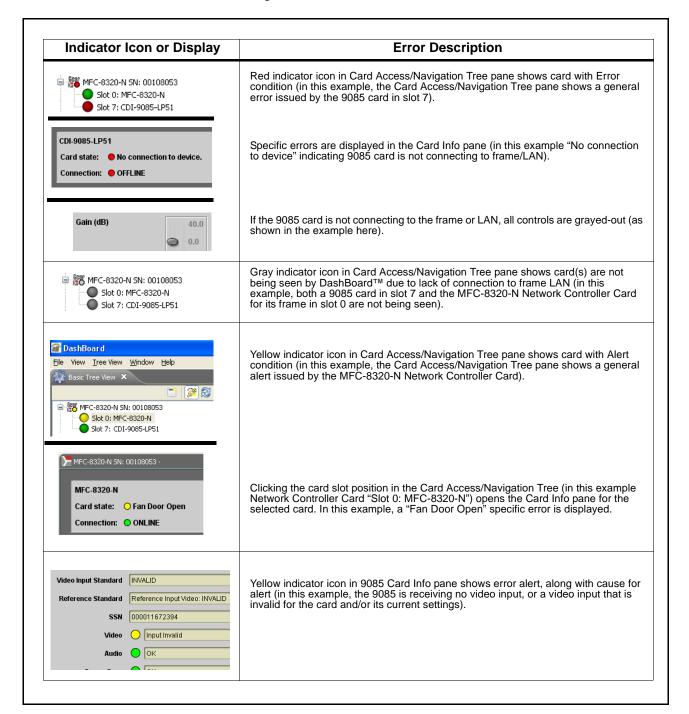


Figure 3-8 DashBoard™ Status Indicator Icons and Displays

Access Card Info panes for specific cards by clicking the card slot position in the Card Access/Navigation Tree pane (as shown in the example in Figure 3-9).

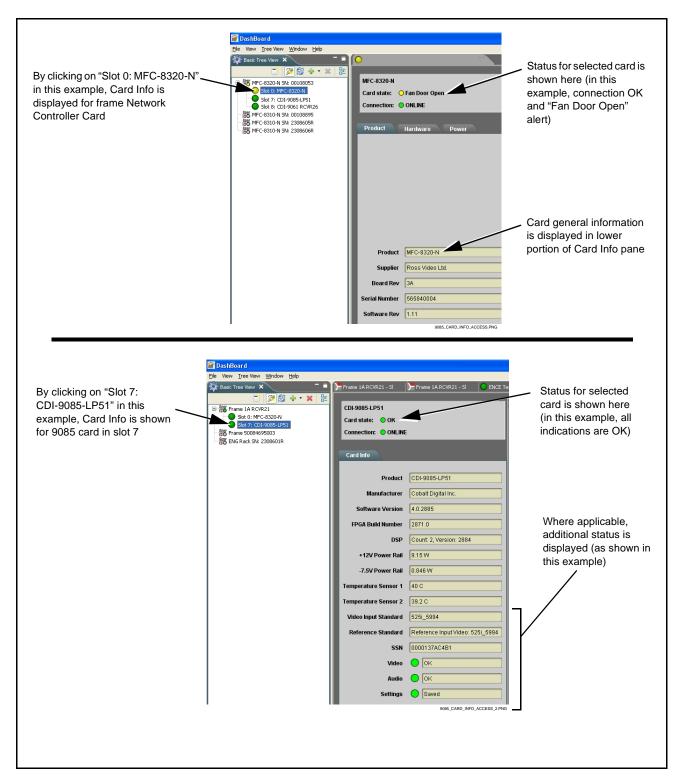


Figure 3-9 Selecting Specific Cards for Card Info Status Display

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Basic Troubleshooting Checks

Failures of a general nature (affecting many cards and/or functions simultaneously), or gross inoperability errors are best addressed first by performing basic checks before proceeding further. Table 3-3 provides basic system checks that typically locate the source of most general problems. If required and applicable, perform further troubleshooting in accordance with the other troubleshooting tables in this section.

Table 3-3 Basic Troubleshooting Checks

Item	Checks	
Verify power presence and characteristics	 On both the frame Network Controller Card and the 9085, in all cases when power is being properly supplied there is always at least one indicator illuminated. Any card showing no illuminated indicators should be cause for concern. 	
	 Check the Power Consumed indications for both the +12 V and -7.5 V supply rails for the 9085 card. This can be observed using the DashBoard™ Card Info pane, or using the card edge controls and indicators as shown in Figure 3-4 on page 3-7. 	
	 If either of the rail supplies show no power being consumed, either the frame power supply, connections, or the 9085 card itself is defective. 	
	 If either of the rail supplies show excessive power being consumed (see Technical Specifications (p. 1-18) in Chapter 1, "Introduction"), the 9085 card may be defective. 	
Check Cable connection secureness and connecting points	Make certain all cable connections are fully secure (including coaxial cable attachment to cable ferrules on BNC connectors). Also, make certain all connecting points are as intended. Make certain the selected connecting points correlate to the intended card inputs and/or outputs. Cabling mistakes are especially easy to make when working with large I/O modules.	
Card seating within slots	Make certain all cards are properly seated within its frame slot. (It is best to assure proper seating by ejecting the card and reseating it again.)	
Check status indicators and displays	On both DashBoard [™] and the 9085 card edge indicators, red indications signify an error condition. If a status indicator signifies an error, proceed to the following tables in this section for further action.	
Troubleshoot by substitution	All cards within the frame can be hot-swapped, replacing a suspect card or module with a known-good item.	

9085 Processing Error Troubleshooting

Table 3-4 provides 9085 processing troubleshooting information. If the 9085 card exhibits any of the symptoms listed in Table 3-4, follow the troubleshooting instructions provided.

In the majority of cases, most errors are caused by simple errors where the 9085 is not appropriately set for the type of signal being received by the card.

Note: The error indications shown below are typical for the corresponding error conditions listed. Other error indications not specified here may also be displayed on DashBoard™ and/or the 9085 card edge status indicators.

Note: Where errors are displayed on both the 9085 card and network remote controls, the respective indicators and displays are individually described in this section.

Table 3-4 Troubleshooting Processing Errors by Symptom

Symptom	Error/Condition	Corrective Action	
DashBoard™ shows Video yellow icon and Input Invalid message in 9085 Card Info pane. Video	No video input present	Make certain intended video source is connected to appropriate 9085 card video input. Make certain BNC cable connections between frame Rear I/O Module for the card and signal source are OK.	
Card edge Input Format LEDs show continuous cycling.			
Video/audio synchronization or delay noted.	Source synchronization condition	Use the Audio Offset from Video control to compensate for video/audio delay.	
		Refer to Audio/Video Resync (Framesync tab) function submenu tab on page 3-14 for more information.	
Ancillary data (closed captioning, timecode, Dolby® metadata, AFD) not transferred through	Control(s) not enabled	Make certain respective control is set to On or Enabled (as appropriate).	
9085.	VANC line number conflict between two or more ancillary data items	 Make certain each ancillary data item to be passed is assigned a unique line number (see Ancillary Data Line Number Locations and Ranges on page 3-8). 	

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Table 3-4 Troubleshooting Processing Errors by Symptom — continued

Symptom	Error/Condition	Corrective Action		
DashBoard™ shows red Audio icon and Analog Input Clipping message in 9085 Card Info pane. Audio Analog Input Clipping Card edge display shows code 1101	Analog peak audio input on selected input exceeds +24 dBu level	Reduce analog audio level at the source. Note: 9085 audio gain controls cannot be used to correct analog input overload condition. The condition must be corrected at the source.		
Audio signal(s) do not route as expected. Parameter control not available as expected.	Embedded or AES audio contains Dolby® E or Dolby Digital encoded signal	When a valid Dolby® E or Dolby Digital signal (in accordance with SMPTE 337M) detected on an AES or embedded audio signal, SRC is automatically bypassed (disabled) along with gain and polarity controls being bypassed (even though controls may appear to be functional). Gai and polarity controls are not available for the signal type. Refer to Status displays in Audio Input Controls function submenu tab on page 3-10 for more information.		
	Audio Input Controls AES Passthrough or Zero Delay Embedding mode may inadvertently be enabled	When either of these modes is enabled, flexible routing and parametric controls are not available. When either of these modes is not intended for use, make sure they are disabled. Refer to Audio Input Controls function submenu tab on page 3-10 for more information. Note: Routing and parametric controls may appear functional when either of these mode are enabled, although the controls will not be functional.		
Audio not processed or passed through card.	Input audio of type that cannot be locked by 9085 card	AES discrete and embedded audio must be nominal 48 kHz input. Note: Although the Status Displays in Audio Input Controls function submenu tab will show audio formats other than "Present, Professional" as being locked (such as "Present, Consumer"), in any case the audio must be at nominal 48 kHz rate for lock and processing to occur.		
	Enable control not turned on	Group Enable button for Embedded Audio Group 1/2 or Embedded Audio Group 3/4 function submenu must be turned on for sources to be embedded into respective embedded channels.		

Table 3-4 Troubleshooting Processing Errors by Symptom — continued

Symptom	Error/Condition	Corrective Action	
Audio not processed or passed through card (cont.).	AES pairs 1 thru 4 switch not set for Input (factory default) mode	If any of AES IN 1 thru AES IN 4 are to be used as inputs, the respective DIP switch must be set to the default INPUT mode position.	
		See Setting I/O Switches for AES I/O (1-4) Ports (p. 2-1) in Chapter 2, "Installation and Setup" for more information.	
Unusually high LKFS level with noise in channels.	Undecoded Dolby [®] E or AC-3 channels routed to Audio Loudness Processor input channel	Encoded Dolby E or AC-3 data cannot be directly applied to the loudness processor. If passthrough or other routing is used to pass the Dolby stream though the card, the output channels must not be routed through the loudness processor.	

Troubleshooting Network/Remote Control Errors

Refer to Cobalt[®] reference guide "Remote Control User Guide (PN 9000RCS-RM)" for network/remote control troubleshooting information.

In Case of Problems

Should any problem arise with this product that was not solved by the information in this section, please contact the Cobalt Digital Inc. Technical Support Department.

If required, a Return Material Authorization number (RMA) will be issued to you, as well as specific shipping instructions. If required, a temporary replacement item will be made available at a nominal charge. Any shipping costs incurred are the customer's responsibility. All products shipped to you from Cobalt Digital Inc. will be shipped collect.

The Cobalt Digital Inc. Technical Support Department will continue to provide advice on any product manufactured by Cobalt Digital Inc., beyond the warranty period without charge, for the life of the product.

See Contact Cobalt Digital Inc. (p. 1-22) in Chapter 1, "Introduction" for contact information.

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Loudness Measurement Guidelines and Techniques

This appendix provides a condensed guide to practical techniques for properly measuring and assessing loudness in various types of program material.

The content here is in general accordance with ATSC A/85, "ATSC Recommended Practice: Techniques for Establishing and Maintaining Audio Loudness for Digital Television". This document is available free of charge and can be downloaded by going to:

http://www.atsc.org/standards/practices.php

About Loudness Measurement Applied to Program Material

A very useful aspect of the loudness measurement model is that a target and a measured end-assessment are based upon simple, single-value LKFS measurements that can be unambiguously displayed and assessed. When properly performed as described in this appendix, the LKFS measurement model accommodates reasonable short-term loudness variations in most types of professionally produced material without nuisance failure indications or ambiguous results.

The loudness measurement model specified in ATSC A/85 uses the LKFS loudness unit to provide the simple, single-unit value that can be used to assess program material loudness. Basically, before an assessment is performed, two important initial facets must be considered:

- **Target LKFS Value** This is the desired reading that is to be observed for a given segment or piece of program material.
- Measurement Technique Consideration should be given in using techniques that result in the most meaningful or representative LKFS measurements. These techniques are described below, along with techniques suggestions suitable for various types of program material.

About Target LKFS Value

(See Figure A-1.) Adherence to a target LKFS value across various program material (typically from any number of individual, diverse sources) relieves viewers from having to constantly adjust program volume at their homes in order to maintain an overall comfortable, desired loudness level. General guidelines for determining a target LKFS value are as follows:

- Unless specified by a metadata dialnorm value or some other specified guidance, target LKFS should be at or about -27 ±2.0 LKFS (that of the typical dialnorm value) across any portion of program material containing any appreciable audio content (anything other than dramatically or aesthetically intentional silence).
- Because the LKFS unit of measure is directly derived from the decibel, a gain change of a given amount modifies measured LKFS by the same amount. For example, material exhibiting an LKFS of -12 LKFS can be made to match that of material exhibiting a -24 LKFS level by **reducing** the overall level at the source by 12 dB.
- Where local content is to be added to a network-supplied feed (e.g., local commercial or programming announcements), care should be taken that the LKFS level of local content matches that specified by the metadata dialnorm.
- Dynamic Range Control (DRC) control/management systems by themselves cannot unconditionally be relied upon to assure proper LKFS compliance. Many DRC systems use measurement/control schemes that do not reflect perceived loudness. A system specified to use energy measurement/assessment models reflecting perceived loudness, such as the Cobalt® loudness processing used by this card (AEROMAXTM licensed from Linear AcousticTM), can reliably provide DRC to achieve LKFS compliance.

Figure A-1 shows an example of measuring LKFS for an ingest piece and using the result to assess and remedy the loudness variation between the piece and a dialnorm-specified network feed.

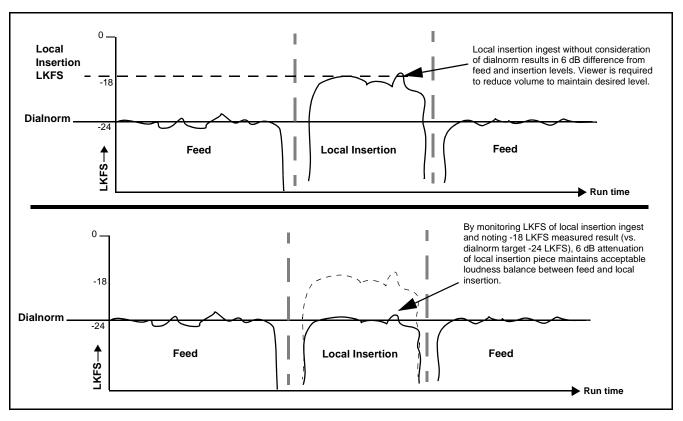


Figure A-1 Balancing LKFS Across Different Material Sources

Measurement Techniques For Various Program Material Forms

Because of the sometimes intentional broad variance of overall levels and audio density in various types of program material, consideration must be given in applying techniques that concentrate only on meaningful segments within a piece where representative LKFS measurements can be obtained. Currently, a fully automated means of accurately assessing LKFS for all cases or forms of material has not been specified in ATSC A/85. Therefore, techniques appropriate for the material must be applied. This section provides guidance and examples of properly applied techniques for various cases and forms of typical program material.

Importance of an Anchor Element

ATSC A/85 defines an **anchor element** as the aural element in material that serves as the item within a group of sounds that assumes a dominant role and is the "center of attention". For example, in a piece containing relatively constant dialog (such as a typical commercial), the mix and creative input would typically position this dialog as the predominate or "anchor" element in the mix (in terms of both relative level and channel placement). As such, all other elements would normally have levels that proportionally track and stay well below that of the anchor element. For example, in program material consisting of dialog and background sounds or music, the anchor element would be dialog with other sounds **substantially** lower in level.

Note that in a given piece, the anchor element can change assignment within the course of the material (for example, at the end of a commercial where score music or a jingle now may assume the role of creative dominance and correspondingly become the anchor element).

Assumptions and Conditions For Meaningful LKFS Measurements

Again depending on the material form, meaningful LKFS measurement and assessment can be very straightforward or, conversely, require some techniques to help ensure a meaningful assessment is obtained. Very straightforward assessments can be obtained when the following are present and/or observed:

- Typical production aesthetics with typical post-production refinement using moderate, controlled compression and aural content density.
- Consistent audio levels in center channel throughout the piece (e.g., dialog or music score).
- Dialog (or equivalent) serving as an anchor element.
- Material containing no excessive periods of unusual loudness or silence.
- LKFS is intended as a long-term measurement. The shorter the averaging period, the less representative an assessment is of a given pice of ingest material. Where feasible, an observation should run the entire length of the ingest material. If the material does not contain an anchor element, the predominate element (e.g., featured music or obvious effects) should serve as the anchor.

In these cases, the Audio LKFS Monitor function can be used with its default settings.

Figure A-2 shows an example (using a target LKFS of -24.0) where these assumptions can be followed, and an example where certain techniques should be applied in order to obtain a meaningful LKFS assessment.

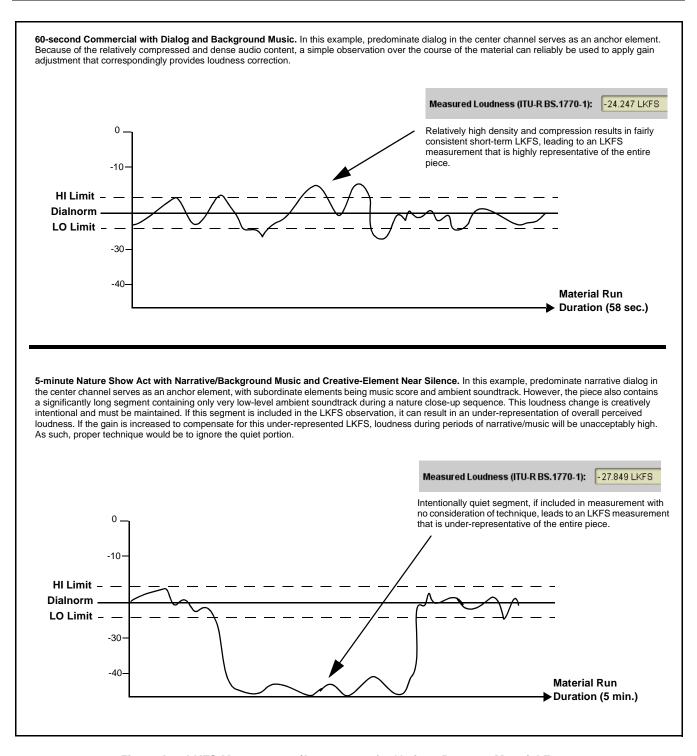


Figure A-2 LKFS Measurement/Assessment for Various Program Material Forms

Specific Measurement Techniques for Various Material Forms

Described below are specific techniques and suggestions for various settings and program material which can be assessed using the Audio LKFS Monitor function.

Live Production. The Audio LKFS Monitor function can be used in live production to guide the mixing operator to maintain audio level at an LKFS reasonably close to that specified by the dialnorm. Where aural activity is significant (i.e., some sort of anchor element clearly exists), the LKFS measurement provides a good baseline of target loudness compliance. Observing LKFS over a 10-second period (appr.) will typically suffice.

Note that in this setting, audio may not be always be compressed/limited; very wide swings in dynamic range are possible. Again, only segments that are realistically viable in terms of content density, anchor element, and level amplitude/consistency should be considered for measurement. If repeated or sustained LKFS "high" violations are noted, it may be indicative of an overall "hot" level on the channel or overall mix.

Post-Production. The guidelines for this settings are similar to that used for live production, except that a LKFS measurement should be observed for representative segments by cueing and rolling tape, thereby circumventing quiet segments from influencing the measurement.

Long-Form Finished Material. LKFS observation should be run for as long a segment as possible, however restricting the observation to representative portion(s) within an act. A representative segment should of course contain an anchor element or the next reasonable equivalent. Only absent a representative anchor element should the unrestricted length of the piece be observed and considered.

Short-Form Finished Material (e.g., "Commercials"). Typically, this material will have a clearly discernible anchor element and relatively consistent loudness density. As long as the material does not have loudness pauses exceeding half the overall run time (which is typically unlikely), a simple observation over the course of the material will typically provide a very reliable LKFS measurement.

Modifying LKFS Assessments Using Parametric Settings

Measurement Window Setting. (See Figure A-3.) The **Measurement Window** parameter sets the sampling time accumulated in each averaging recalculation. As such, longer periods will include more short-term LKFS "look-back" values into the moving average. Because the Measurement Window setting affects averaging that is used in measuring and calculating the LKFS measurement, changes in this setting will affect LKFS measurement.

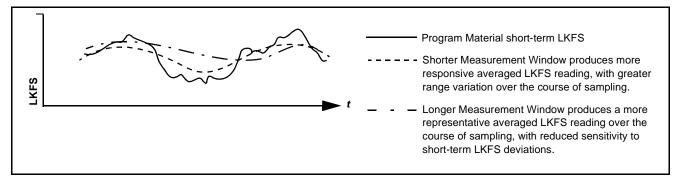


Figure A-3 Modifying the Measurement Window Parameter

Long-Form Simplified Measurement. (See Figure A-4.) Post-production long-form material can in many instances be easily assessed by applying a rather long Measurement Window (in this example, 10 seconds). In this manner, the typically brief loudness variations in professionally produced material (or breaks between material) will not result in nuisance errors. However, if the material exhibits a consistent gross deviation from the selected target LKFS or dialnorm (for example, due to level imbalance between a network feed and local insertion), the averaging period is conversely likely to be sufficiently short as to show a level-triggered error somewhere over the course of the offending material.

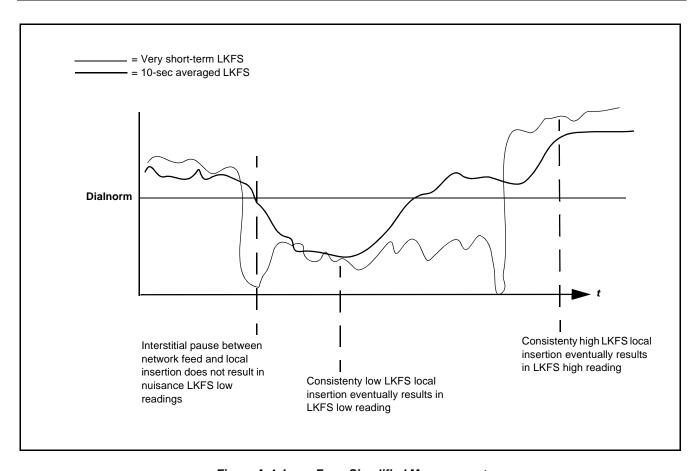


Figure A-4 Long-Form Simplified Measurement



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