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DAC20

4 Channel Analog Audio Output Synapse Add-On Card

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EN55103-2: 1996	Immunity

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1 Introduction to Synapse

An Introduction to Synapse

Synapse is a modular system designed for the broadcast industry. High density, intuitive operation and high quality processing are key features of this system. Synapse offers a full range of converters and processing modules. Please visit the AXON Digital Design Website at www.axon.tv to obtain the latest information on our new products and updates.

Local Control Panel

The local control panel gives access to all adjustable parameters and provides status information for any of the cards in the Synapse frame, including the Synapse rack controller. The local control panel is also used to back-up and restore card settings. Please refer to the RRC18, RRS18, RRC10, RRS04 and RRC04 manuals for a detailed description of the local control panel, the way to set-up remote control over IP and for frame related settings and status information.

Remote Control Capabilities

The remote control options are explained in the rack controller (RRC18/RRS18/RRC10/RRC04/RRS04) manual. The method of connection to a computer using Ethernet is described in the RRC manual.



CHECK-OUT: “SYNAPSE SET-UP” SOFTWARE WILL INCREASE SYSTEM FLEXIBILITY OF ONE OR MORE SYNAPSE FRAMES

Although not required to Setup a Synapse frame, you are strongly advised to use a remote personal computer or laptop PC with the Synapse Setup software as this increases the ease of use and understanding of the modules.

2 Unpacking and Placement

Unpacking

The Axon Synapse card must be unpacked in an anti-static environment. Care must be taken NOT to touch components on the card – always handle the card carefully by the edges. The card must be stored and shipped in anti-static packaging. Ensuring that these precautions are followed will prevent premature failure from components mounted on the board.

Locating the card

The Synapse card can be placed vertically in an SFR18 frame or horizontally in an SFR04 frame. Locate the two guide slots to be used, slide in the mounted circuit board, and push it firmly to locate the connectors.

Correct insertion of card is essential as a card that is not located properly may show valid indicators, but does not function correctly.

REMARK: On power up all LEDs will light for a few seconds, this is the time it takes to initialise the card.

3 A Quick Start

Power-up

On powering up the Synapse frame, the card set will use basic data and default initialisation settings. All LEDs will light during this process. After initialisation, several LEDs will remain lit – the exact number and configuration is dependant upon the number of inputs connected and the status of the inputs.

Default settings

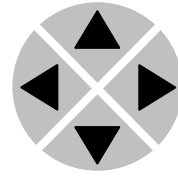
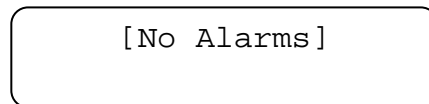
In the default condition, the DAC20 passes the audio from the Axon bus, the output is analog audio.

Changing settings and parameters

The front panel controls or the Synapse Set-Up Software can be used to change settings. An overview of the settings can be found in chapter 5, 6 and 7 of this manual.

Front Panel Control

Front Panel Display and Cursor



Settings are displayed and changed as follows;

Use the cursor 'arrows' on the front panel to select the menu and parameter to be displayed and/or changed.

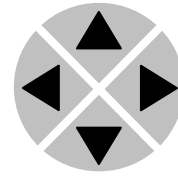
- Press ► To go forward through the menu structure.
- Press ◀ To go back through the menu structure.
- Press ▲ To move up within a menu or increase the value of a parameter.
- Press ▼ To move down through a menu or decrease the value of a parameter.

REMARK: Whilst editing a setting, pressing ► twice will reset the value to its default.

Example of changing parameters using front panel control

With the display as shown below

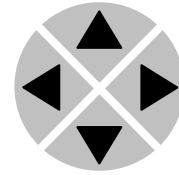
```
RRC18 [Select Card]
>S01=SFS10
```



Pressing the ► selects the SFS10 in frame slot 01.

The display changes to indicate that the SFS10 has been selected. In this example the Settings menu item is indicated.

```
SFS10 [Select Menu]
>Settings
```

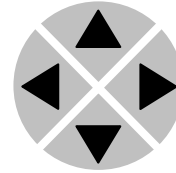


Pressing the ► selects the menu item shown, in this example Settings.

(Pressing ▲ or ▼ will change to a different menu eg Status, Events).

The display changes to indicate that the SFS10 Settings menu item SDI-Format has been selected and shows that its current setting is Auto.

```
SFS10 [Settings]
>SDI-Format=Auto
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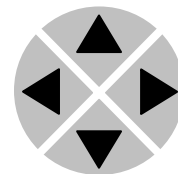


Pressing the ► selects the settings item shown, in this example SDI-Format.

(Pressing ▲ or ▼ will change to a different setting, eg Mode, H-Delay).

The display changes to indicate that the SFS10 Edit Setting menu item SDI-Format has been selected.

```
SFS10 [Edit
Setting]
```



To edit the setting of the menu item press ▲ or ▼.

All menu items can be monitored and/or changed in this way. Changing a setting has an immediate effect.

Synapse Setup Software

Synapse Setup Software can be used to change the settings of Synapse modules from a PC, either locally or remotely. The software enables communication based on TCP/IP between the Setup PC and Synapse frames/modules.

Each Synapse frame is addressed through its rack controller's unique IP address, giving access to each module, its menus and adjustment items. The Synapse Setup software has access to data contained within the Synapse module and displays it on a GUI. The software has an intuitive structure following that of the module that it is controlling.

Having selected the desired Frame and Module from the GUI Synapse Network View, select the menu item that you wish to open. Opening the menu item gives a complete list of available properties with their associated Value.

For example to change a setting e.g. SDI-Format, select SDI-Format from the list of settings by 'double clicking' to open a dialogue box. The dialogue box allows parameters to be changed or set to default value. On completion close the dialogue box.

Menu Structure Example

Slot	Module	Item	Parameter	Setting
▲				
▲				
S02		Identity		
▲				
S01	SFS10	Settings	SDI-Format	Auto
▼				
S00	RRC18	Status	Mode	625
		Events	Ref-Input	525
			H-Delay	
			▼	
			▼	

REMARK: Further information about Front Panel Control and Synapse Setup Software can be obtained from the RRC18 and RRC04 operational manuals.

4 The DAC20 Card

Introduction	The Axon DAC20 is an Add-On card with analog audio outputs. This card can be used as an add-on card. The card acts as an analog output board that is fed by a master card. The master card is positioned to the left of the DAC20. It is necessary that the master card has a de-embedding function. Cards that have a de-embedding function are SDB20, SDB10, SAV10, SFS12/22, SFS13, SAS30, SAS10 and ADL24.
Key Features	The Key features of the DAC20 are as follows:
Performance	The DAC20 has high quality 24bit D/A converters that are capable of sampling up to 192kHz.
Levels	To maintain maximum performance and optimum noise levels Axon have given the input section of this card a selectable analog gain stage that ensures the A/D converter chip is working in the ideal range of its input stage. We have implemented reference levels of +24dBu, +18dBu, +15dBu, +12dBu.
Back planes	The DAC20 can be used with the BPL04, and BPL05 backplanes. When using the BPL04, only one tracking pulse input can be used. When using the BPL05 two tracking pulse inputs are available.
Miscellaneous	The DAC20 cards fit into the Axon SFR04 & SFR18 rack. LED's on the front of the board indicate the presence of an Audio Input signal, Connection & Processor Errors. The DAC20 can be controlled by Axon Synapse set-up software and the SCP08 control panel.

5 Settings Menu

- Introduction** The settings menu displays the current state of each setting within the DAC20 and enables the item to be changed or adjusted.
- Settings can be changed using the front panel of the Synapse frame (SFR18 or SFR04) or Synapse Setup software.
- Please refer to chapter 3 for information on the Synapse front panel control and Synapse Setup software.
- Output_Ch_1** The output_Ch_1 setting allows to rout output channels to a physical output, in this case channel 1. The available output channels are 1,2,3,4; the default is Ch1.
- Output_Ch_2** The output_Ch_2 setting allows to rout output channels to physical output, in this case channel 2. The available output channels are 1,2,3,4; the default is Ch2.
- Output_Ch_3** The output_Ch_3 setting allows to rout output channels to a physical output, in this case channel 3. The available output channels are 1,2,3,4; the default is Ch3.
- Output_Ch_4** The output_Ch_4 setting allows to rout output channels to a physical output, in this case channel 4. The available output channels are 1,2,3,4; the default is Ch4.
- 0dBFSout_1** The setting 0dBFS-out_1 sets the audio level that will give a full-scale output on channel 1. The available settings are +12dBu, +15dBu, +18dBu and +24dBu.
- The default setting is +24dBu.
- 0dBFSout_2** The setting 0dBFS-out_2 sets the audio level that will give a full-scale output on channel 2. The available settings are +12dBu, +15dBu, +18dBu and +24dBu.
- The default setting is +24dBu.
- 0dBFSout_3** The setting 0dBFS-out_3 sets the audio level that will give a full-scale output on channel 3. The available settings are +12dBu, +15dBu, +18dBu and +24dBu.
- The default setting is +24dBu.

0dBFSout_4	<p>The setting 0dBFS-out_4 sets the audio level that will give a full-scale output on channel 4. The available settings are +12dBu, +15dBu, +18dBu and +24dBu.</p> <p>The default setting is +24dBu.</p>
Gain-Ch_1	<p>The settings menu item Gain-Ch_1 controls the output gain of channel 1. Gain-Ch_1 has an adjustment range between -60.00dB and +12.00dB. When Gain-Ch_1 is set to 0dB the output level is equal to the input level. Below -60dB, a setting of -999dB is automatically entered and a mute is activated.</p> <p>The default setting of Gain-Ch_1 is 0dB.</p>
Gain-Ch_2	<p>The settings menu item Gain-Ch_2 controls the output gain of channel 2. Gain-Ch_2 has an adjustment range between -60.00dB and +12.00dB. When Gain-Ch_2 is set to 0dB the output level is equal to the input level. Below -60dB, a setting of -999dB is automatically entered and a mute is activated. The default setting of Gain-Ch_2 is 0dB.</p>
Gain-Ch_3	<p>The settings menu item Gain-Ch_3 controls the output gain of channel 3. Gain-Ch_3 has an adjustment range between -60.00dB and +12.00dB. When Gain-Ch_3 is set to 0dB the output level is equal to the input level. Below -60dB, a setting of -999dB is automatically entered and a mute is activated.</p> <p>The default setting of Gain-Ch_3 is 0dB</p>
Gain-Ch_4	<p>The settings menu item Gain-Ch_4 controls the output gain of channel 4. Gain-Ch_4 has an adjustment range between -60.00dB and +12.00dB. When Gain-Ch_4 is set to 0dB the output level is equal to the input level. Below -60dB, a setting of -999dB is automatically entered and a mute is activated.</p> <p>The default setting of Gain-Ch_4 is 0dB.</p>
Phase-Ch_1	<p>The phase of channel 1 can be adjusted using the setting menu item Phase-Ch_1. The settings of Phase-Ch_1 are 0 deg (degrees) and 180 deg.</p> <p>The default setting of Phase-Ch_1 is 0 deg.</p>
Phase-Ch_2	<p>The phase of channel 2 can be adjusted using the setting menu item Phase-Ch_2. The settings of Phase-Ch_2 are 0 deg</p>

(degrees) and 180 deg.

The default setting of Phase-Ch_2 is 0 deg.

Phase-Ch _3

The phase of channel 3 can be adjusted using the setting menu item Phase-Ch_3. The settings of Phase-Ch_3 are 0 deg (degrees) and 180 deg.

The default setting of Phase-Ch_3 is 0 deg.

Phase-Ch _4

The phase of channel 4 can be adjusted using the setting menu item Phase-Ch_4. The settings of Phase-Ch_4 are 0 deg (degrees) and 180 deg.

The default setting of Phase-Ch_4 is 0 deg.

6 Status Menu

Introduction	The status menu indicates the current status of each item listed below.
Bus_Inp	The status item <code>Bus_Inp</code> , indicates if there are signals present on the Axon bus. It will be displayed as 1, 2, 3, 4, when there is a valid audio signal. NA (not available) if there is not a valid signal.
Audio-Ch_1	The status item <code>Audio-Ch_1</code> indicates the condition of the audio signal at the input of channel 1. <code>Audio-Ch_1</code> indicates if the input signal is OK, <code>Clipped</code> or NA (not available).
Audio-Ch_2	The status item <code>Audio-Ch_2</code> indicates the condition of the audio signal at the input of channel 2. <code>Audio-Ch_2</code> indicates if the input signal is OK, <code>Clipped</code> or NA (not available).
Audio-Ch_3	The status item <code>Audio-Ch_3</code> indicates the condition of the audio signal at the input of channel 3. <code>Audio-Ch_3</code> indicates if the input signal is OK, <code>Clipped</code> or NA (not available).
Audio-Ch_4	The status item <code>Audio-Ch_4</code> indicates the condition of the audio signal at the input of channel 4. <code>Audio-Ch_4</code> indicates if the input signal is OK, <code>Clipped</code> or NA (not available).
Trackpulse	<p>The status item <code>Trackpulse</code> indicates the presence of a track pulse on tracking input one and two. <code>Trackpulse</code> indicates if the pulse is present as follows;</p> <p>1_: Tracking pulse present on Tracking input 1. _2: Tracking pulse present on Tracking input 2. 12: Tracking pulse present on Tracking input 1 & 2. NA: Tracking pulse not available.</p>
FPGA-Stat	<code>FPGA-Stat</code> displays the status of the internal processor of the DAC20. The status is indicated as <code>Ok</code> or <code>Error</code> .

7 Events Menu

Introduction	An event is a special message that is generated on the card asynchronously. This means that it is not the response to a request to the card, but a spontaneous message.
What is the Goal of an event?	The goal of events is to inform the environment about a changing condition on the card. A message may be broadcast to mark the change in status. The message is volatile and cannot be retrieved from the system after it has been broadcast. There are several means by which the message can be filtered.
ADL24 Events	The events reported by the DAC20 are as follows;
Announcements	Announcements is not an event. This item is only used for switching the announcement of status changes on/off. 0=off, other =on
Input_1	Input_1 reports the loss of the audio at the input of channel 1 and can be selected between 0 .. 255. 0= no event, 1..255 is the priority setting.
Input_2	Input_2 reports the loss of the audio at the input of channel 2 and can be selected between 0 .. 255. 0= no event, 1..255 is the priority setting.
Input_3	Input_3 reports the loss of the audio at the input of channel 3 and can be selected between 0 .. 255. 0= no event, 1..255 is the priority setting.
Input_4	Input_2 reports the loss of the audio at the input of channel 2 and can be selected between 0 .. 255. 0= no event, 1..255 is the priority setting.

What information is available in an event?

The message consists of the following items;

- 1) A message string to show what has happened in text, for example: “INP_LOSS”, “REF_LOSS”, “INP_RETURN”.
- 2) A tag that also shows what happens, but with a predefined number: e.g. 1 (= loss of input), 2 (= loss of reference), 129(= 1+128 = return of input). For a list of these predefined tags see the table on the next page.
- 3) A priority that marks the importance of an event. This value is defined by the user and can have any value between 1 and 255, or 0 when disabled.
- 4) A slot number of the source of this event.

The Message String

The message string is defined in the card and is therefore fixed. It may be used in controlling software like Synapse Set-up to show the event.

The Tag

The tag is also defined in the card. The tag has a fixed meaning. When controlling or monitoring software should make decisions based on events, it is easier to use the tag instead of interpreting a string. The first implementation is the tag controlled switch in the GPI16.

In cases where the event marks a change to fault status (e.g. 1 for Loss of Input) the complement is marked by the tag increased by 128 (80_{hex}) (e.g. 129 (81_{hex}) for Return of Input).

Defining Tags

The tags defined for the DAC20 are:

Event Menu Item	Tag		Description
Announcements	0 or NA	0 or NA	Announcing of report and control values
Input_1..4	01 _{hex} =INP_LOSS	81 _{hex} =INP_RETURN	primary input lost or returned

The Priority

The priority is a user-defined value. The higher the priority of the alarm, the higher this value. Setting the priority to Zero disables the announcement of this alarm. Alarms with priorities equal or higher than the Error Threshold setting of the RRC will cause the error LED on the Synapse rack front panel to light.

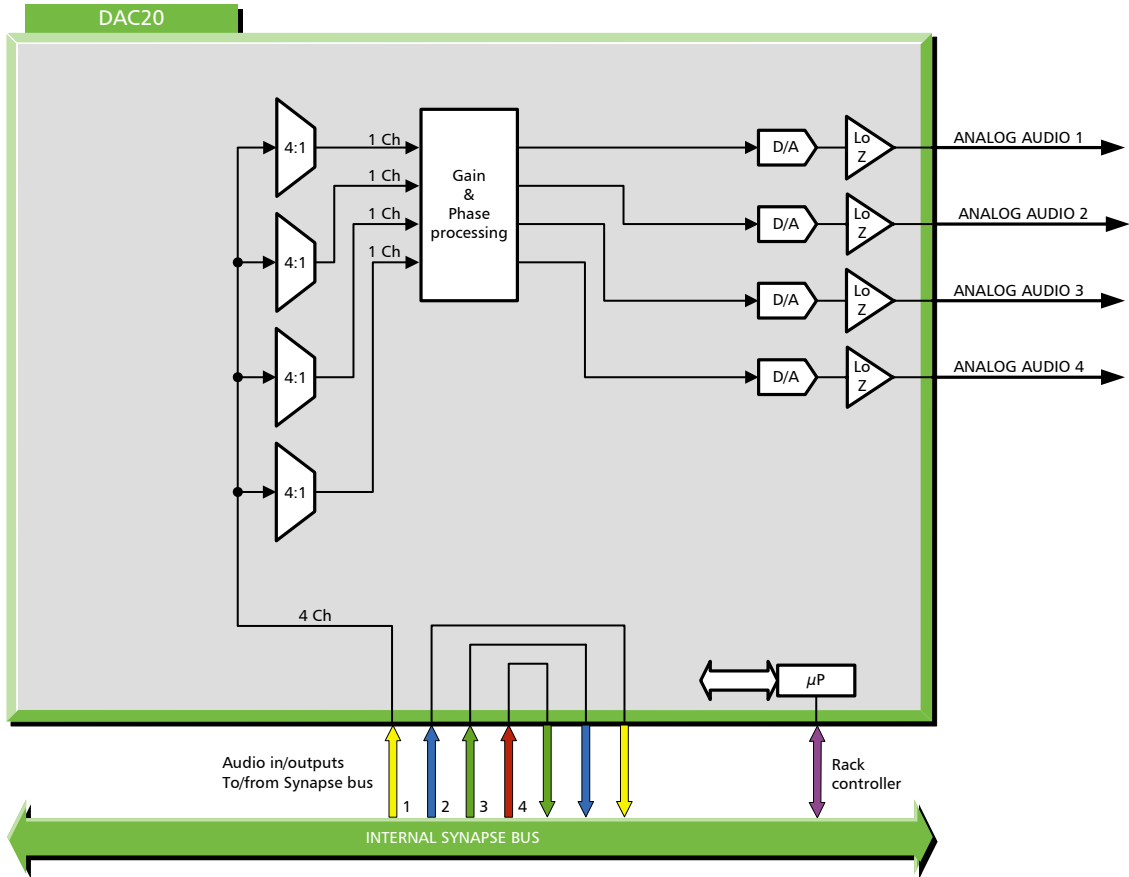
The Address

Together with the message string or the tag, the slot number or address of the card is relevant to be able to assign the event to a certain card.

8 LED Indication

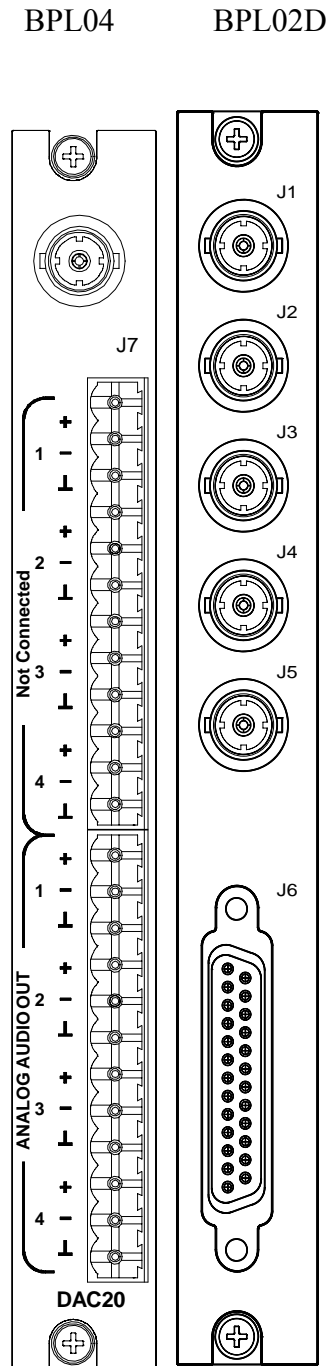
Error LED	The error LED indicates an error if the internal logic of the ADL24 card is not configured correctly or has a hardware failure.
Input LED	This LED indicated the presence of a valid input signal.
Reference LED	This LED indicates the presence of a valid reference signal and that the ADL24 is locked to the master card.
Data Error LED	This led indicates if the audio signal 1, 2, 3 or 4 of the local outputs are clipped.
Connection LED	This LED illuminates after the card has initialised. The LED lights for 0.5 seconds every time a connection is made to the card.

9 Block Schematic



10 Connector Panel

The DAC20 can be used with the following backplanes: BPL04:



!Unused inputs and outputs must be terminated with the correct impedance!

25 p Female d-sub

BPL02D	TYPE	PIN NUMBER
Analog output_1	Positive	8
	Negative	7
	Ground	20
Analog output_2	Positive	22
	Negative	21
	Ground	9
Analog output_3	Positive	11
	Negative	10
	Ground	23
Analog output_4	Positive	25
	Negative	24
	Ground	13
	ground	3,4,5,6,9,12,13,14,17,18,19,20,23
25 p Female d-sub / J2	J1 not used	
BPL05D		
Analog output_1	Positive	8
	Negative	7
	Ground	20
Analog output_2	Positive	22
	Negative	21
	Ground	9
Analog output_3	Positive	11
	Negative	10
	Ground	23
Analog output_4	Positive	25
	Negative	24
	Ground	13
	ground	3,4,5,6,9,12,13,14,17,18,19,20,23