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#### **OWNER'S MANUAL**

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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#### For U.S.A.

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- b) Increase the separation between the equipment and
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- d) Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

#### **CAUTION**

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#### **CE Marking Information**

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- Applicable electromagnetic environment: E1, E2, E3, E4
- 1. Read these instructions.
- Keep these instructions.
- 3. Heed all warnings.
- 4. Follow all instructions.
- **5.** Do not use this apparatus near water.
- 6. Clean only with dry cloth.
- 7. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- **8.** Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
- 10. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
- 11. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.

**12.** Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.



- **13.** Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
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- The mains plug is used as the disconnect device, the disconnect device shall remain readily operable.
- Caution should be taken when using earphones or headphones with the product because excessive sound pressure (volume) from earphones or headphones can cause hearing loss.
- If you are experiencing problems with this product, contact TEAC for a service referral. Do not use the product until it has been repaired.

#### **CAUTION**

- Do not expose this apparatus to drips or splashes.
- Do not place any objects filled with liquids, such as vases, on the apparatus.
- Do not install this apparatus in a confined space such as a book case or similar unit.
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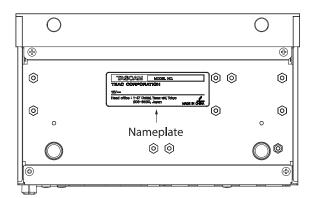
- (a) All electrical/electronic equipment and waste batteries/ accumulators should be disposed of separately from the municipal waste stream via collection facilities designated by the government or local authorities.
- (b) By disposing of electrical/electronic equipment and waste batteries/accumulators correctly, you will help save valuable resources and prevent any potential negative effects on human health and the environment.
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- (e) Return and collection systems are available to end users. For more detailed information about the disposal of old electrical/electronic equipment and waste batteries/ accumulators, please contact your city office, waste disposal service or the shop where you purchased the equipment.

#### .CAUTION

- DO NOT REMOVE THE EXTERNAL CASES OR CABINETS TO EXPOSE THE ELECTRONICS. NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS ARE INSIDE.
- IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS WITH THIS PRODUCT, CONTACT THE STORE WHERE YOU PURCHASED THE UNIT FOR A SERVICE REFERRAL. DO NOT USE THE PRODUCT UNTIL IT HAS BEEN REPAIRED.
- USE OF CONTROLS OR ADJUSTMENTS OR PERFOR-MANCE OF PROCEDURES OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED HEREIN MAY RESULT IN HAZARDOUS RADIATION EXPOSURE.

The nameplate is located on the bottom of the unit as shown below.

Front side



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#### Introduction

Thank you very much for purchasing a TASCAM ML-4D/ OUT-E / ML-4D/OUT-X DA Converter.

Before using this unit, read this Owner's Manual carefully so that you will be able to use it correctly and enjoy working with it for many years. After you have finished reading this manual, please keep it in a safe place for future reference. You can also download this Owner's Manual from the TEAC Global Site (http://teac-global.com/).

#### **Features**

- Supports 4 channels of analog line/mic outputs
  - ML-4D/OUT-E: balanced Euroblock model
  - ML-4D/OUT-X: balanced XLR model
- Built-in DSP mixer enables a variety of audio processing
- Dante interface included as standard feature
- AES67 (Dante AES67 mode) is also supported, so connection is possible with Ravenna and other network audio technologies compatible with AES67
- Supports daisy-chain connection in Dante switch mode
- Flexible routing is possible using Dante Controller
- Supports PoE (Power over Ethernet)
- Supports power daisy-chaining
- Support for sampling frequencies and bit lengths up to 96kHz and 24-bit
- LEDs for output signal
- Reference level can be set
- Dedicated remote control application for Windows, Mac, iOS and Android (TASCAM DCP CONTROL)
- Half rack size

Main unit

#### **Included** items

This product includes the following items.

Take care when opening the package to avoid damaging the items. Keep the box and packing materials for transportation in the future.

Please contact the store where you purchased this unit if any of these items are missing or have been damaged during transportation.

 $\times 1$ 

Installation brackets	×2
• Euroblock plugs (ML-4D/OUT-E only)	×∠
• Cable band kit (ML-4D/OUT-E only)	× 1
<ul><li>Owner's Manual (this document)</li></ul>	
including warranty	× 1

#### Conventions used in this manual

In this manual, we use the following conventions:

- When we refer to buttons, connectors and other parts of this unit and other equipment, we use a bold font like this: STATUS indicator.
- As necessary, additional information is provided under TIP, NOTE and CAUTION headings.



These are tips about how to use the unit.

These provide additional explanations and describe special cases.

#### ATTENTION

Failure to follow these instructions could result in damage to equipment or lost data, for example.

#### **⚠** CAUTION

Failure to follow these instructions could result in injury.

#### Precautions for placement and use

- The operating temperature range of this unit is 0–40 °C.
- Do not install this unit in the following types of locations. Doing so could make the sound quality worse or cause malfunction

Places with significant vibrations

Next to a window or in another location exposed to direct sunlight

Near heaters or other extremely hot places

Extremely cold places

Very humid or poorly ventilated places

Very dusty places

- To enable good heat dissipation, do not place anything on top of the unit.
- Do not place this unit on top of a power amplifier or other device that generates heat.
- When installing this unit on or under a desk, use the included attachment brackets.
- To mount this unit in a rack, use a TASCAM AKRS1 (sold separately).

#### **Beware of condensation**

Condensation could occur if the unit is moved from a cold place to a warm place, it is used immediately after a cold room has been heated or it is otherwise exposed to a sudden temperature change.

To prevent this, or if this occurs, let the unit sit for one or two hours at the new room temperature before using it.

#### Cleaning the unit

Use a dry soft cloth to wipe the unit clean. Do not wipe with chemical cleaning cloths, thinner, alcohol or other chemical agents. Doing so could damage the surface or cause discoloration.

#### Using the TEAC Global Site

You can download updates for this unit from the TEAC Global Site:

#### http://teac-global.com/

In the TASCAM Downloads section, select the desired language to open the Downloads website page for that language.

#### **Product registration**

Customers in the USA, please visit the following TASCAM website to register your TASCAM product online.

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#### About TASCAM customer support service

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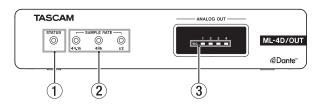
To receive support after purchase, on the TASCAM Distributors list page of the TEAC Global Site (http://teac-global. com/), search for the local company or representative for the region where you purchased the product and contact that organization.

When making inquiries, the address (URL) of the shop or web shop where it was purchased and the purchase date are required.

Moreover, the warranty card and proof of purchase might also be necessary.

#### Names of parts

#### Front panel



#### 1) STATUS indicator

The **STATUS** indicator blinks blue under the following conditions.

- When no LAN cable is connected
- When the Dante module is not operating properly

#### **2 SAMPLE RATE indicator**

The lit/unlit state of the three SAMPLE RATE indicators  $(44.1k, 48k \text{ and } \times 2)$  show the sampling frequency status of the unit.

	44.1 kHz	48 kHz	x2
44.1 kHz	Lit	Unlit	Un <b>l</b> it
48 kHz	Un <b>l</b> it	Lit	Unlit
88.2 kHz	Lit	Unlit	Lit
96 kHz	Unlit	Lit	Lit

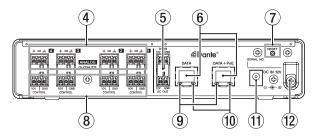
#### **③ OUT SIG indicators**

These light when sound is being output through the analog outputs.

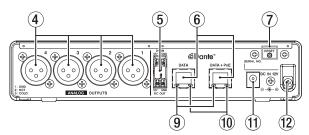
Output is judged to have occurred when the signal level exceeds –60 dBFS.

#### **Rear panel**

#### ML-4D/OUT-E



#### ML-4D/OUT-X



#### **4** Analog output connectors

#### ML-4D/OUT-E

These are balanced Euroblock analog output connectors.

(HOT, COLD, GND from the left)

#### ML-4D/OUT-X

These are balanced XLR analog output jacks. (1: GND, 2: HOT, 3: COLD)

#### **5 DC IN/DC OUT connectors**

The DC-IN connector is above, and the **DC-OUT** connector is below. (Left is 12V, and right is GND.)

These connectors are specifically for power daisy-chaining.

#### **ATTENTION**

Disconnect the AC adapter before connecting the **DC IN** and **DC OUT** connectors.

#### NOTE

- Power daisy-chaining can be enabled by connecting the DC OUT and DC IN connectors. Power daisy-chaining of up to two units is possible
- When powering by PoE, the first unit in the powerdaisy-chain will not be powered. In this case, use a dedicated PS-P1220E AC adapter (sold separately) to power the first unit in the daisy chain.

#### **6 DATA/DATA+PoE connectors**

These are Dante transmission connectors.

Use to connect the unit to a Dante network.

Use the DATA+PoE connector when connecting to a switching hub that supports PoE power supply. In this case, use of an AC adapter is not necessary.

Either connector can be used when using a switching hub that does not support PoE power supply.

#### **7** RESET button

This resets the settings.

Press and hold for 5 seconds to reset all Dante settings. Press and hold for 10 seconds to reset all unit settings.

#### **8 External control connectors** (CONTROL, ML-4D/OUT-E only)

By connecting variable resistors between the CONTROL and GND connectors, the selected audio signal levels can be adjusted.

The 10V connectors are for supplying power to variable resistors.

(Left is 10V, center is CONTROL and right is GND.)

#### **9** Gigabit link status indicator

Orange indicates that a gigabit Ethernet link has been established.

#### **10** Link status/activity indicator

Green indicates that a link is established between the devices.

Blinking indicates that signals are being transmitted between the devices.

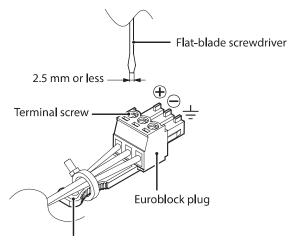
#### 11 DC IN 12V connector

Connect a PS-P1220E AC adapter (sold separately) here.

#### (12) Cord holder

When using a PS-P1220E AC adapter (sold separately), hook its cord here to prevent accidental disconnection.

#### **Connecting Euroblock plugs** (ML-4D/OUT-E only)



Euroblock plug tab

1. Loosen the Euroblock plug terminal screws.

#### NOTE

Use a flat-blade screwdriver with a width of 2.5mm or less.

2. Insert wires.

#### NOTE

AWG16-AWG28 wires are compatible with the included Euroblock plugs. Using wires within the compatible range, trim about 7 mm of the protective sheaths from their ends.

3. Tighten the Euroblock plug terminal screws.

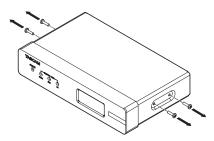
Confirm that the wires cannot be pulled out.

Use an included wire band to attach the wires to the Euroblock plug tab.

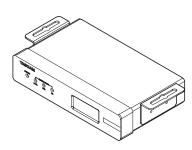
#### Installing the attachment brackets

By installing the included attachment brackets on this unit, you can fix it in place on top of or underneath a desk, for example.

1. Remove the four screws installed in the left and right sides of the enclosure.

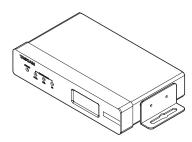


Align the included attachment brackets with the enclosure.

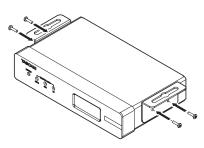


#### NOTE

When installing this unit on a desk, align the brackets as shown in the illustration below.



Use the four removed screws to install the attachment brackets on the unit.



#### Installing on or under a desk

To install this unit on or under a desk, use 4 commercially-available screws that are suitable for the material and thickness of the desk.

#### NOTE

The width of the attachment bracket openings is 7.1 mm. See the dimensional diagrams at the end of this manual for details about the attachment brackets.

- 1. With the two attachment brackets already installed on the unit, align the unit with the desk as desired.
- Make marks where the screw holes will be made in the
- Drill pilot holes for the screws in the desk.
- Attach the unit to the desk with 4 screws.

#### **Overview of settings**

Make various settings as necessary according to the connected equipment.

All of the following settings can be made using the dedicated remote control application (TASCAM DCP CONTROL).

#### Setting the reference level

You can set the analog output headroom (difference between the maximum and reference levels).

#### **DSP** overview

This unit has a built-in DSP mixer. A variety of audio processes suitable for different applications and conditions are available.

All of the following settings can be made using the dedicated remote control application (TASCAM DCP CONTROL). See the back of this manual for DSP block diagrams.

#### Mixer

#### Matrix mixer

This unit has simple matrix mixer functions.

#### **Ducking function**

When a mic signal is input, the ducking function can automatically lower the volume of background music or other sound input through the line input channels.

#### Ambient noise compensator (ANC) function

The ANC function can measure ambient noise and automatically adjust the volume to make the main sound source easier to hear.

#### **Routing setting**

Audio can be routed to multiple output channels through the matrix mixer, the ducking function and the ANC function.

#### **Output channels**

#### **Output equalizer**

This unit has 10-band equalizers for the output channels. Use the equalizer to increase or decrease the levels of specific frequency ranges. This can be used, for example, to enhance the sound of individual instruments, to adjust the balance of a wide frequency range and to cut specific unwanted frequencies.

#### **Delay function**

Use to adjust the delay of output channel signals.

#### **Output channel fader**

Use to adjust the level sent to the output jack.

#### **Output mute**

Mute the output channel signal.

#### **Output limiter function**

This prevents distortion caused by sudden excessive output signal levels.

#### **Output polarity setting**

Set according to the polarity of the output channel signal.

#### **Application overview**

Using the TASCAM DCP CONNECT remote control application, you can operate the unit from a distance.

For details about the application, please see its Owner's

You can download the application Owner's Manual from the TEAC Global Site (http://teac-global.com/).



**OUTPUT** screen

#### **Notes about Dante**

Dante is a transmission protocol developed by Audinate. Using networks based on gigabit Ethernet standards, it enables multichannel (512 IN/512 OUT) transmission and high precision, for example.

Check the Audinate website for details about Dante.

https://www.audinate.com/

#### Connecting to a Dante network

In order to set up and use this card, you must also set up the Ethernet network that it is connected to, a computer that runs Dante Controller and other devices that support Dante.

#### Requirements for LAN cables used for connections with the connectors on this unit

Use STP cables that are at least category 5e. Both crossover and straight cables can be used.

#### ATTENTION

This unit is not compatible with 100Mbps Ethernet switching hubs. Always use switching hubs that support Layer 2 and Gigabit Ethernet.

#### NOTE

- Set the computer to set the IP address automatically.
- Restarting the computer might be necessary if a previous network setting is still active on the computer.

#### Switched (daisy chain) connection

Dante devices can be daisy-chained when there are few connected devices and when not using a switching hub. Connect them as shown below.

#### Switched (daisy chain) connection example



#### NOTE

- When using a switched (daisy chain) connection, either **DATA** or **DATA+PoE** connectors can be used.
- If the number of connected devices increases, raising the latency setting will be necessary.

#### **Using Dante Controller**

#### **Dante Controller overview**

This unit uses the Dante Controller application, which is available at the Audinate website, to connect with other devices that support Dante.

Download the latest version of the Dante Controller application and an operation manual from the Audinate website.

#### **Audinate download page**

https://www.audinate.com/products/software/dante-controller

Make at least the following settings using a computer that has Dante Controller installed.

- Adjust the sampling frequency and bit depth of each Dante device.
- Set the audio routing.

#### NOTE

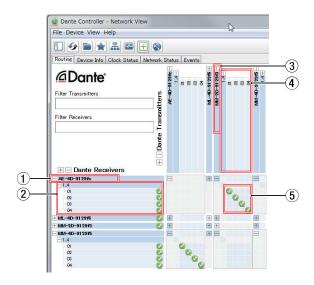
Settings made using Dante Controller are stored in the built-in memory of each Dante device.

Unless settings are modified, connections will not change even if Dante Controller is quit or the computer is disconnected from the Dante network.

#### **Audio routing settings**

When Dante Controller is launched, the Network View screen shown below will open.

On this screen, you can set and monitor conditions related to the Dante network.



#### **1** Receiving device name

This is the name of a receiving device on the Dante network.

#### 2 Receiving device channels

These are the names of the channels of the receiving device on the Dante network.

#### **3** Transmitting device name

This is the name of a transmitting device on the Dante network.

#### **4** Transmitting device channels

These are the names of the channels of the transmitting device on the Dante network.

#### **5** Audio routing

Route the audio channels of the transmitting and receiving devices that you want to connect here.

Left-click the intersection of the channels you want to connect on the matrix to connect them.

#### NOTE

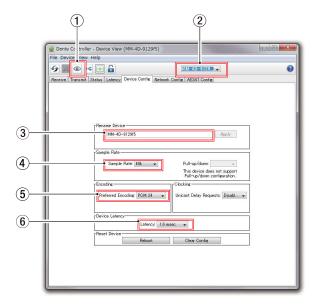
While pressing the computer keyboard Ctrl key, left-click the "-" at the intersection of device names to connect all connectable channels at once.

## Changing sampling frequencies and bit depths with Dante Controller

Double-click a device name on the Network View screen to open the Device View screen.

On this screen, you can set and monitor conditions related to devices on the Dante network.

Click the Device Config tab to open the page where you can change the sampling frequency, bit rate and other settings of the device selected in 1 shown in the illustration below.



#### **1 Identify Device**

If the unit is selected by device name (①), clicking this icon will cause all 3 **SAMPLE RATE** indicators to start blinking.

Clicking it again will return them to their ordinary status. This allows the quick identification of the device being operated when multiple units are being used at the same time, for example.

#### 2 Device name

This is the name of the device that can have its settings changed in the current Device View.

#### **3 Change device name**

Edit the device name.

#### 4 Sampling frequency

Set the sampling frequency.

#### ⑤ Bit depth

Set the bit depth.

#### **6** Latency setting

Set the latency.

Use the following guidelines to change the latency settina.

9.			
Selectable latency value	Connected network setup guide- line		
1 msec	The transmission route from the transmitting device to the receiving device passes through 10 gigabit switching hub.		
2 msec	The transmission speed of the transmitting device is 100 Mbps.		
5 msec	Use this maximum selectable latency value when creating a largescale network.		

#### ATTENTION

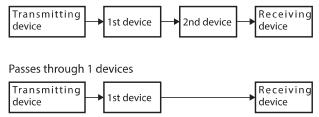
- Changing the name of a device will clear audio routing settings. For this reason, we recommend changing device names to names that are easy to identify before setting audio routings.
- Depending on network connection conditions, setting the latency to a value higher than the guideline might be necessary.

#### NOTE

When using a switched (daisy chain) connection, which does not use a switching hub, set the latency according to the number of Dante devices that signals passthrough as shown below.

#### Switched (daisy chain) connection example

Passes through 2 devices



#### **Specifications**

#### General

#### Formats and channels

44.1/48/88.2/96 kHz,16/24-bit, 4 channels

#### Input/output ratings

#### **DATA/DATA+PoE connectors**

Connector: RJ-45

Transmission protocol: Dante

Gigabit Ethernet standard: 1000BASE-T (IEEE 802.3ab)

Cables: category 5e or faster STP cables

#### **ANALOG OUT connectors**

Connector:

Euroblock (balanced) 3.81 mm pitch (ML-4D/OUT-E) XLR-3-32 (1: GND, 2: HOT, 3: COLD, ML-4D/OUT-X)

Nominal output levels:

+4 dBu (when Ref. Level not -9 dBFS)

+6 dBu (when Ref. Level set to -9 dBFS)

Maximum output level (switchable):

+15 dBu (Ref. Level: -9 dBFS)

+18 dBu (Ref. Level: -14 dBFS)

+20 dBu (Ref. Level: -16 dBFS)

+22 dBu (Ref. Level: -18 dBFS)

+24 dBu (Ref. Level: -20 dBFS)

Output impedance: 200  $\Omega$  or lower

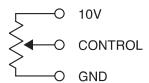
● 0dBu=0.775Vrms

#### **Control input/output**

#### **External control connectors** (CONTROL, ML-4D/OUT-E only)

Connectors: Euroblock (balanced) 3.81mm pitch 10V/CONTROL/GND connectors:

Connect variable resistors ( $10k\Omega$  recommended)



#### **Audio performance**

#### • DANTE IN → LINE OUT

#### Frequency response

±0.5 dB: 20 Hz – 20 kHz (44.1/48 kHz sampling frequency, JEITA) ±0.5 dB: 20 Hz – 40 kHz (88.2/96 kHz sampling frequency, JEITA)

#### **Distortion (THD+N)**

0.002 %

(when –1 dBFS input, 44.1/48/88.2/96 kHz sampling frequency, JEITA)

#### S/N ratio

105 dB

(44.1/48/88.2/96 kHz sampling frequency, JEITA)

#### Crosstalk

100 dB

(44.1/48/88.2/96 kHz sampling frequency, JEITA)

#### Dynamic range

108 dB

(44.1/48/88.2/96 kHz sampling frequency, JEITA)

Note: JEITA indicates compliance with JEITA CP-2150

#### Other

#### **Power**

PoE class 0

TASCAM PS-P1220E AC adapter (sold separately)

#### **Power consumption**

4W (ML-4D/OUT-E) 4W (ML-4D/OUT-X)

#### **Dimensions**

 $214 \times 44.45 \times 136.1$  mm (W x H x D, including protrusions)

#### Weight

863 g (ML-4D/OUT-E) 863 g (ML-4D/OUT-X)

#### **Operating temperature range**

0°C-40°C

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