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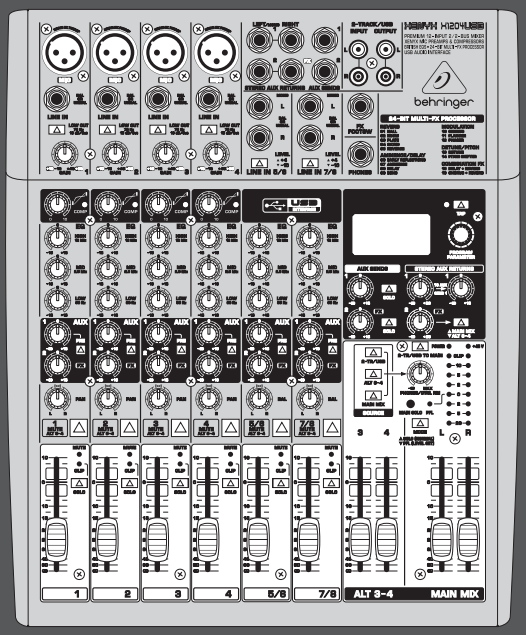

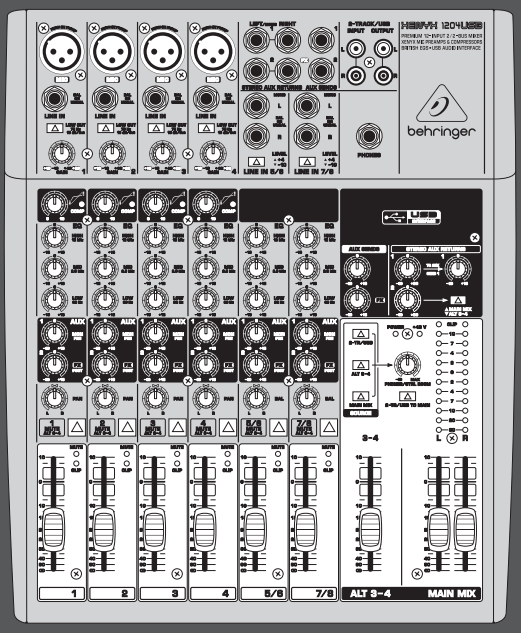

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12. Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.

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1. Introduction

Caution!

We should like to draw your attention to the fact that extreme volumes may damage your hearing and/or your headphones or loudspeakers. Turn the MAIN MIX faders and phones control in the main section fully down before you switch on the unit. Always be careful to set the appropriate volume.

1.1 General mixing console functions

A mixing console fulfils three main functions:

- **Signal processing:** Preamplification, level adjustment, mixing of effects, frequency equalization.
- **Signal distribution:** Summing of signals to the aux sends for effects processing and monitor mix, distribution to one or several recording tracks, power amp(s), control room and 2-track outputs.
- **Mix:** Setting the volume level, frequency distribution and positioning of the individual signals in the stereo field, level control of the total mix to match the recording devices/crossover/power amplifier(s). All other mixer functions can be included in this main function.

The interface of BEHRINGER mixing consoles is optimized for these tasks enabling you to easily keep track of the signal path.

1.2 The user's manual

The user's manual is designed to give you both an overview of the controls, as well as detailed information on how to use them. In order to help you understand the links between the controls, we have arranged them in groups according to their function. If you need to know more about specific issues, please visit our website at http://behringer.com, where you'll find explanations of e.g. effects and dynamics applications.

1.3 Before you get started

1.3.1 Shipment

Your mixing console was carefully packed in the factory to guarantee safe transport. Nevertheless, we recommend that you carefully examine the packaging and its contents for any signs of physical damage, which may have occurred during transit.

◊ **If the unit is damaged, please do NOT return it to us, but notify your dealer and the shipping company immediately, otherwise claims for damage or replacement may not be granted.**

1.3.2 Initial operation

Be sure that there is enough space around the unit for cooling purposes and to avoid over-heating please do not place your mixing console on high-temperature devices such as radiators or power amps. The console is connected to the mains via the supplied cable. The console meets the required safety standards. Blown fuses must only be replaced by fuses of the same type and rating.

◊ **Please note that all units must be properly grounded. For your own safety, you should never remove any ground connectors from electrical devices or power cables, or render them inoperative.**

◊ **Please ensure that only qualified people install and operate the mixing console. During installation and operation, the user must have sufficient electrical contact to earth, otherwise electrostatic discharges might affect the operation of the unit.**

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2. Control Elements and Connectors

This chapter describes the various control elements of your mixing console. All controls, switches and connectors will be discussed in detail.

2.1 Mono channels

2.1.1 Microphone and line inputs

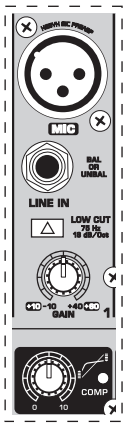

Fig. 2.1: Connectors and controls of mic/line inputs

MIC

Each mono input channel offers a balanced microphone input via the XLR connector and also features switchable +48 V phantom power supply for condenser microphones. The XENYX preamps provide undistorted and noise-free gain as is typically known only from costly outboard preamps.

◊ **Please mute your playback system before you activate the phantom power supply to prevent switch-on thumps being directed to your loudspeakers. Please also note the instructions in chapter 2.4.2 "Voltage supply, phantom power and fuse".**

LINE IN

Each mono input also features a balanced line input on a ¼" connector. Unbalanced devices (mono jacks) can also be connected to these inputs.

◊ **Please remember that you can only use either the microphone or the line input of a channel at any one time. You can never use both simultaneously!**

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LOW CUT

The mono channels of the mixing consoles have a high-slope LOW CUT filter for eliminating unwanted low-frequency signal components (75 Hz, 18 dB/octave).

GAIN

Use the TRIM control to adjust the input gain. This control should always be turned fully counterclockwise whenever you connect or disconnect a signal source to one of the inputs.

COMPRESSOR

Each mono channel features a built-in compressor which lowers the dynamic range of the signal and increases its perceived loudness. The loud peaks are squashed down and the quiet sections are boosted.

Turn the COMP knob clockwise to add more compression effect. The adjacent LED with light when the effect is engaged.

2.1.2 Equalizer

All mono input channels include a 3-band equalizer. All bands provide boost or cut of up to 15 dB. In the central position, the equalizer is inactive.

The circuitry of the British EQs is based on the technology used in the best-known top-of-the-line consoles and providing a warm sound without any unwanted side effects. The result are extremely musical equalizers which, unlike simple equalizers, cause no side effects such as phase shifting or bandwidth limitation, even with extreme gain settings of ±15 dB.

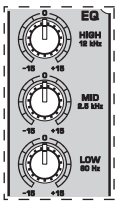

Fig. 2.2: The equalizer of the input channels

The upper (HI) and the lower band (LO) are shelving filters that increase or decrease all frequencies above or below their cut-off frequency. The cut-off frequencies of the upper and lower band are 12 kHz and 80 Hz respectively. The mid band is configured as a peak filter with a center frequency of 2.5 kHz.

2.1.3 Aux sends

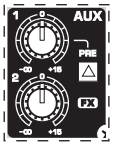

Fig. 2.3: The AUX SEND controls in the channel strips

Aux sends take signals via a control from one or more channels and sum these signals to a so-called bus. This bus signal is sent to an aux send connector and then routed, for example, to an active monitor speaker or an external effects device. The return from an external effect can then be brought back into the console via the aux return connectors.

For situations which require effects processing, the aux sends are usually switched post-fader so that the effects volume in a channel corresponds to the position of the channel fader. If this were not the case, the effects signal of the channel would remain audible even when the fader is turned to zero. When setting up a monitor mix, the aux sends are generally switched to pre-fader; i.e. they operate independently of the position of the channel fader.

Both aux sends are mono, are sourced after the equalizer and offer up to +15 dB gain.

- **If you press the MUTE/ALT 3-4 switch, aux send 1 is muted, provided that it is switched post-fader. However, this does not affect the aux send 2 of the X1204USB.**

AUX 1 (MON)

In the X1204USB, aux send 1 can be switched pre-fader and is thus particularly suitable for setting up monitor mixes. In the 1204USB, the first aux send is labeled MON and is permanently switched pre-fader.

PRE

When the PRE switch is pressed, aux send 1 is sourced pre-fader.

AUX 2 (FX)

The aux send labeled FX is for sending to effects devices and is thus set up to be post-fader.

In the X1204USB, the FX send is routed directly to the built-in effects processor.

- **If you wish to use the internal effects processor, the STEREO AUX RETURN 2 connectors should not be in use.**
- **X1204USB: you can also connect an external effects processor to aux send 2, however the internal effects module will be muted.**

2.1.4 Routing switch, solo and channel fader

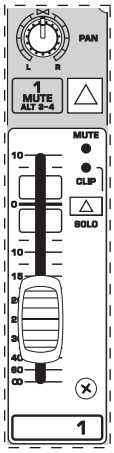

Fig. 2.4: Panorama and routing controls

PAN

The **PAN** control determines the position of the channel signal within the stereo image. This control features a constant-power characteristic, which means the signal is always maintained at a constant level, irrespective of position in the stereo panorama.

MUTE/ALT 3-4

You can use the **MUTE/ALT** 3-4 switch to divert the channel from the main mix bus to the Alt 3-4 bus. This mutes the channel from the main mix.

MUTE-LED

The **MUTE LED** indicates that the relevant channel is diverted to the submix (Alt 3-4 bus).

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CLIP-LED

The CLIP LED lights up when the input signal is driven too high. In this case, turn down the GAIN control and, if necessary, check the setting of the channel EQ.

SOLO

The **SOLO** switch (X1204USB only) is used to route the channel signal to the solo bus (Solo In Place) or to the PFL bus (Pre Fader Listen). This enables you to monitor a channel signal without affecting the main output signal. The signal you hear is sourced either before (PFL, mono) or after (solo, stereo) both the pan control and the channel fader (see chapter 2.3.6 “Level meters and monitoring”).

The channel fader determines the level of the channel signal in the main mix (or submix).

2.2 Stereo channels

2.2.1 Channel inputs

Fig. 2.5: Stereo channel inputs and LEVEL switch

Each stereo channel has two balanced line level inputs on ¼" connectors for left and right channels. If only the connector marked “L” is used, the channel operates in mono. Stereo channels are designed to handle typical line level signals.

Both inputs can also be used with unbalanced jacks.

LEVEL

For level matching, the stereo inputs feature a **LEVEL** switch which selects between +4 dBu and -10 dBV. At -10 dBV (home-recording level), the input is more sensitive than at +4 dBu (studio level).

2.2.2 Equalizer stereo channels

The equalizer of the stereo channels is, of course, stereo. The filter characteristics and crossover frequencies are the same as those of the mono channels. A stereo equalizer is always preferable to two mono equalizers if frequency correction of a stereo signal is needed. There is often a discrepancy between the settings of the left and the right channels when using separate equalizers.

2.2.3 Aux sends stereo channels

In principle, the aux sends of the stereo channels function in just the same way as those of the mono channels. As aux send paths are always mono, the signal on a stereo channel is first summed to mono before it reaches the aux bus.

2.2.4 Routing switch, solo and channel fader

BAL

The function of the **BAL**(ANCE) control corresponds to the PAN control in the mono channels.

The balance control determines the relative proportion between the left and right input signals before both signals are routed to the main stereo mix bus.

The MUTE/ALT 3-4 switch, the MUTE-LED, the CLIP-LED, the SOLO switch and the channel fader function in the same way as the mono channels.

2.3 Connector panel and main section

Whereas it was useful to trace the signal flow from top to bottom in order to gain an understanding of the channel strips, we now look at the mixing console from left to right. The signals are, so to speak, collected from the same point on each of the channel strips and then routed to the main section all together.

2.3.1 Aux sends 1 and 2

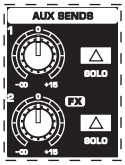

Fig. 2.6: AUX SEND controls of the main section

A channel signal is routed to aux send bus 1 if the AUX 1 control is turned up on the corresponding channel.

AUX SEND 1 (MON)

The AUX SEND control MON acts as master control for aux send 1 and determines the level of the summed signal. In the X1204USB, the MON control is called AUX SEND 1.

AUX SEND 2 (FX)

Similarly, the FX control (AUX SEND 2) determines the level for aux send 2.

SOLO

You can use the SOLO switch (X1204USB only) to separately monitor the aux sends via the CONTROL ROOM/PHONES outputs and check these with the level meters.

- **If you want to monitor the signal of just one AUX bus, none of the other SOLO SWITCHES should be pressed and the MODE switch must be in the SOLO position (not pressed down).**

2.3.2 Aux send connectors 1 and 2

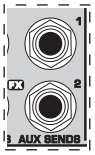

Fig. 2.7: Aux send connectors

AUX SEND 1

If you use aux send 1 pre-fader, you would usually connect the **AUX SEND 1** connector to monitors via a power amp (or an active monitor system). If you use aux send 1 post-fader, proceed as described under aux send 2.

AUX SEND 2

The **AUX SEND 2** connector outputs the signal you picked up from the individual channels using the FX control. You can connect this to the input of an effects device in order to process the FX bus signal. Once an effects mix is created, the processed signal can then be routed from the effects device output back into the STEREO AUX RETURN connectors.

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2.3.3 Stereo aux return connectors

Fig. 2.8: Stereo aux return connectors

STEREO AUX RETURN 1

The **STEREO AUX RETURN 1** connectors generally serve as the return path for the effects mix generated using the post-fader aux send. This is where you connect the output signal of the external effects device. If only the left connector is used, the AUX RETURN automatically operates in mono.

- **You can also use these connectors as additional line inputs.**

STEREO AUX RETURN 2

The **STEREO AUX RETURN 2** connectors serve as the return path for the effects mix generated using the FX control. If these connectors already function as additional inputs, you can route the effects signal back into the console via a different channel, with the added benefit that the channel EQ can be used to adjust the frequency response of the effects return signal.

- **In this instance, the FX control of the channel being used as an effects ◊ return should be turned fully counterclockwise, otherwise feedback problems could occur!**
- **If you wish to use the internal effects processor, no connectors should be plugged into STEREO AUX RETURN 2.**

2.3.4 Stereo aux return

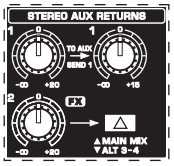

Fig. 2.9: Stereo aux return controls

STEREO AUX RETURN 1

STEREO AUX RETURN 1 is a stereo control which determines the level of the signal in the main mix. If STEREO AUX RETURN 1 is used as effects return, you can add the effects signal to any "dry" channel signal.

- **In this instance, the effects device should be set at 100% effect.**

STEREO AUX RETURN MON

The **STEREO AUX RETURN MON** control has a special function: it can be used to add an effect to a monitor mix. For example:

Monitor mix with effect

In this instance, the effects device should be set up as follows: AUX SEND 2 is connected to the L/Mono input of your effects device, while its outputs are connected to STEREO AUX RETURN 1. Connect the amplifier of your monitor system to AUX SEND 1. The AUX SEND 1 master control determines the volume of the monitor mix.

You can now use the STEREO AUX RETURN MON control to adjust the level of the effects signal routed to the monitor mix.

You can easily use the headphones distribution amplifier BEHRINGER POWERPLAY PRO HA4600/HA4700/HA8000 to provide you with four (or eight with the HA8000) stereo headphone mixes for your studio.

STEREO AUX RETURN 2 (FX)

The STEREO AUX RETURN 2 control determines the level of signals fed into the AUX RETURN 2 connectors which are routed to the main mix.

MAIN MIX/ALT 3-4

The MAIN MIX/ALT 3-4 switch routes the signal connected to STEREO AUX RETURN 2 to either main mix (not pressed) or submix (Alt 3-4, pressed).

2.3.5 Tape input / tape output

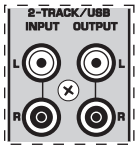

Fig. 2.10: 2-track connectors

CD/TAPE INPUT

The **CD/TAPE INPUT RCA** connectors are provided for connecting a 2 track machine (e.g. DAT recorder). They can also be used as stereo line input. Alternatively, the output signal of a second XENYX or BEHRINGER ULTRALINK PRO MX882 can also be connected. If you connect a hi-fi amplifier with a source selection switch to the CD/TAPE INPUT, you can easily switch between additional sources (e.g. cassette recorder, CD player, etc.).

CD/TAPE OUTPUT

These connectors are wired in parallel with the **MAIN OUT** and carry the main mix signal (unbalanced). Connect the **CD/TAPE OUTPUT** to the inputs of your recording device. The final output level can be adjusted via the high-precision MAIN MIX fader.

- **If you connect a compressor or a noise gate after the 2-track output, the faders will probably not be able to create a satisfactory fade-out effect.**

2.3.6 Level meter and monitoring

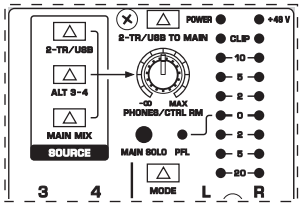

Fig. 2.11: Control room/phones section, level meter

CD/TAPE

The **TAPE** switch routes the signal from the TAPE IN connectors to the level meter, the CONTROL ROOM OUT outputs and the PHONES connector this is a simple way to check recorded signals via monitor speakers or headphones.

ALT 3-4

Similarly, the **ALT 3-4** switch routes the signal from the Alt 3-4 bus to the same path for monitoring purposes.

MAIN MIX

The **MAIN MIX** switch sends the main mix signal to the above-mentioned outputs and to the level meter.

PHONES/CTRL R(oom)

Use this control to set control room output level and head-phones volume respectively.

CD/TAPE TO MAIN

When the **CD/TAPE TO MAIN** switch is depressed, the 2-track input is routed to the main mix and thus serves as an additional input for tape machines. You can also connect MIDI instruments or other signal sources here that do not require any further processing. At the same time, this switch disables the main mix to tape output link.

POWER

The blue **POWER** LED indicates that the device is switched on.

+48 V

The red "**+48 V**" LED lights up when the phantom power supply is switched on. The phantom power supply is necessary for condenser microphones and is activated using the switch on the rear of the device.

- **Please do not connect microphones to the mixer (or the stagebox/ wallbox) while the phantom power supply is switched on. Connect micro-phones before you switch on the power supply. In addition, the monitor/PA loudspeakers should be muted before you activate the phantom power supply. After switching on, wait approx. one minute to allow for system stabilization.**

LEVEL METER

The high-precision level meter accurately displays the appropriate signal level.

LEVEL SETTING:

When recording to a digital device, the recorder's peak meter should not exceed 0 dB. This is because, unlike analog recordings, slightly excessive levels can create unpleasant digital distortion.

When recording to an analog device, the VU meters of the recording machine should reach approx. +3 dB with low-frequency signals (e.g. kick drum). Due to their inertia VU meters tend to display too low a signal level at frequencies above 1 kHz. This is why, for example, a Hi-Hat should only be driven as far as -10 dB. Snare drums should be driven to approx. 0 dB.

The peak meters of your XENYX display the level virtually independent of frequency. A recording level of 0 dB is recommended for all signal types.

MODE (1204FX only)

The **MODE** switch determines whether the channels' SOLO switch operates as PFL (Pre Fader Listen) or as solo (Solo In Place).

PFL

To activate the PFL function, depress the MODE switch. The PFL function should, as a rule, be used for gain setting purposes. The signal is sourced pre-fader and assigned to the mono PFL bus. In the "PFL" setting, only the left side of the peak meter operates. Drive the individual channels to the 0 dB mark of the VU meter.

Solo

When the MODE switch is not depressed, the stereo solo bus is active. Solo is short for "Solo In Place". This is the customary method for listening to an individual signal or to a group of signals. As soon as a solo switch is pressed, all channels in the control room (and headphones) that have not been selected are muted thereby retaining stereo panning. The solo bus can carry the output signals of the channel pan controls, the aux sends and the stereo line inputs. The solo bus is, as a rule, switched post-fader.

- **The PAN control in the channel strip offers a constant power characteristic. This means that the signal is always at a constant level, irrespective of its position in the stereo panorama. If the PAN control is moved fully left or right from center, the level increases by 4 dB in that channel. This ensures that, when set in the center, the audio signal is not louder. For this reason, with the solo function activated (Solo in Place), audio signals from the channels with PAN controls that have not been moved fully to the left or right are displayed at a lower volume than in the PFL function.**

As a rule, solo signals are monitored via the control room outputs and headphones connector and are displayed by the level meters. If a solo switch is pressed, the signals from the tape input, Alt 3-4 and main mix are blocked from the control room outputs, the headphone connector and the level meter.

MAIN SOLO (1204FX only)

The **MAIN SOLO LED** lights up as soon as a channel or aux send solo switch is pressed. The MODE switch also has to be set at "Solo".

PFL (1204FX only)

The PFL LED indicates that the peak meter is set to PFL mode.

Fig. 2.12: PHONES connector

PHONES

You can connect headphones to this ¼" TRS connector. The signal on the PHONES connection is sourced from the control room output.

2.3.7 Alt 3-4 and main mix fader

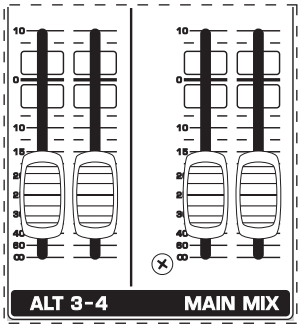

Fig. 2.13: Alt 3-4 and main mix fader

Use the high-precision quality faders to control the output level of the Alt 3-4 subgroup and main mix.

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2.4 Rear view of 1204USB/X1204USB

2.4.1 Main mix outputs, Alt 3-4 outputs and control room outputs

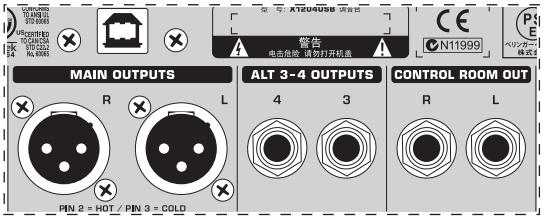

Fig. 2.14: Main mix outputs, Alt 3-4 outputs and control room outputs

MAIN OUTPUTS

The **MAIN** outputs carry the MAIN MIX signal and are on balanced XLR connectors with a nominal level of +4 dBu.

ALT 3-4 OUTPUTS

The **ALT 3-4** outputs are unbalanced and carry the signals of the channels that you have assigned to this group using the MUTE switch. This can be used to route a subgroup to a further mixing console for example, or or it could be used as a recording output working in tandem with the main output. This means you could record to four tracks simultaneously. The icing on the cake, so to speak, is that you could connect Y-cables to these four outputs and then connect your 8-track recorder in such a way that you have 2 x 4 tracks (e.g. channel 1 feeds track 1 and track 2, etc.). In the first recording pass, you record on tracks 1, 3, 5 and 7 and in the second pass, on tracks 2, 4, 6 and 8.

CONTROL ROOM OUTPUTS

The control room output is normally connected to the monitor system in the control room and provides the stereo mix or, when required, the solo signal.

USB INPUT/OUTPUT

Fig. 2.15 USB input/output

The XENYX mixer line has built-in USB connectivity, allowing stereo signals to be sent to and from the mixer and a computer. The audio sent from the mixer to a computer is identical to the MAIN MIX. Audio being sent to the mixer from a computer can be routed to the main mix with the 2-TR/USB TO MAIN button.

Connect the USB type B plug into the USB jack on the mixer, and the other end into a free USB port on your computer. There are no required drivers, but we recommend that PC users install the included ASIO driver. The driver can also be downloaded from behringer.com.

2.4.2 Voltage supply, phantom power and fuse

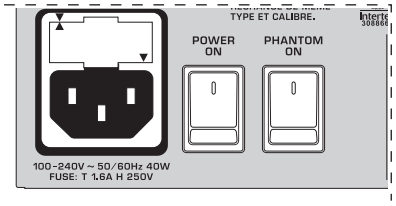

Fig. 2.16: Voltage supply and fuse

FUSE HOLDER

The console is connected to the mains via the cable supplied which meets the required safety standards. Blown fuses must only be replaced by fuses of the same type and rating.

IEC MAINS RECEPTACLE

The mains connection is via a cable with IEC mains connector. An appropriate mains cable is supplied with the equipment.

POWER

Use the **POWER** switch to power up the mixing console.

PHANTOM

The **PHANTOM** switch activates the phantom power supply for the XLR connectors of the mono channels which is required to operate condenser microphones. The red +48 V LED lights up when phantom power is on. As a rule, dynamic microphones can still be used with phantom power switched on, provided that they are wired in a balanced configuration. In case of doubt, contact the microphone manufacturer!

- **After the phantom power supply has been switched on, do not connect microphones to the mixer (or the stagebox/wallbox). Connect the microphones before you switch phantom power on. In addition, the monitor/PA loudspeakers should be muted before activating the phantom power supply. After switching on, wait approx. one minute to allow the system to stabilize.**
- **Caution! You must never use unbalanced XLR connectors (PIN 1 and 3 connected) on the MIC input connectors if you want to use the phantom power supply.**

SERIAL NUMBER

Please note the important information on the serial number given in chapter 1.3.3.

3. Digital Effects Processor

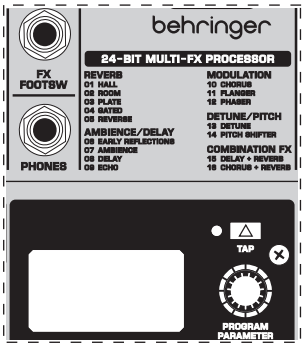

Fig. 3.1: Digital effects module (only X1204USB)

24-BIT MULTI-EFFECTS PROCESSOR

Here you can find a list of all presets stored in the multi-effects processor. This built-in effects module produces high-grade standard effects such as reverb, chorus, flanger, delay and various combination effects. The integrated effects module has the advantage of requiring no wiring. This way, the danger of creating ground loops or uneven signal levels is eliminated at the outset, completely simplifying the handling.

These effect presets are designed to be added to dry signals. If you move the FX TO MAIN control, you mix the channel signal (dry) and the effect signal.

This also goes for mixing effects signals with the monitor mix. The main difference is that the mix ratio is adjusted using the FX TO MON control. Of course, a signal has to be fed into the effects processor via the FX control in the channel strip for both applications.

◊ **On the following page, you will find an illustration showing how to connect your foot switch correctly.**

LEVEL

The LED level meter on the effects module should display a sufficiently high level. Take care to ensure that the clip LED only lights up at peak levels. If it is lit constantly, you are overloading the effects processor and this could cause unpleasant distortion. The FX control (AUX SEND 2) determines the level that reaches the effects module.

PROGRAM

You can select the effect preset by turning the **PROGRAM** control. The display flashes the number of the current preset. To recall the selected preset, press the button; the flashing stops. You can also recall the selected preset with the foot switch.

4. Installation

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4.1 Rack mounting

The packaging of your mixing console contains two 19" rack mount wings which can be installed on the side panels of the console.

Before you can attach the rack mount wings to the mixing console, you need to remove the screws holding the left and right side panels. Use these screws to fasten the two wings onto the console, being careful to note that each wing fits a specific side. With the rack mount wings installed, you can mount the mixing console in a commercially available 19" rack. Be sure to allow for proper air flow around the unit, and do not place the mixing console close to radiators or power amps, so as to avoid overheating.

◊ **Only use the screws holding the mixing console side panels to fasten the 19" rack mounts.**

4.2 Cable connections

You will need a large number of cables for the various connections to and from the console. The illustrations below show the wiring of these cables. Be sure to use only high-grade cables.

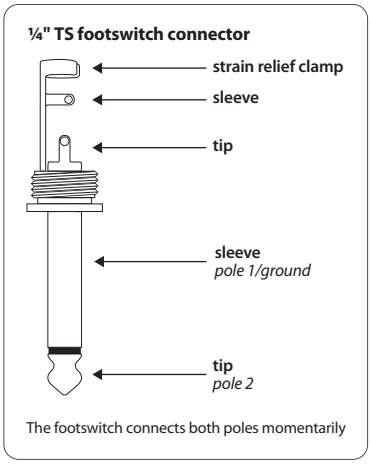

Fig. 4.1: ¼" TS connector for foot switch

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4.2.1 Audio connections

Please use commercial RCA cables to wire the 2-track inputs and outputs.

You can, of course, also connect unbalanced devices to the balanced input/outputs. Use either mono plugs, or ensure that ring and sleeve are bridged inside the stereo plug (or pins 1 & 3 in the case of XLR connectors).

◊ **Caution! You must never use unbalanced XLR connectors (pin 1 and 3 connected) on the MIC inputs if you intend to use the phantom power supply.**

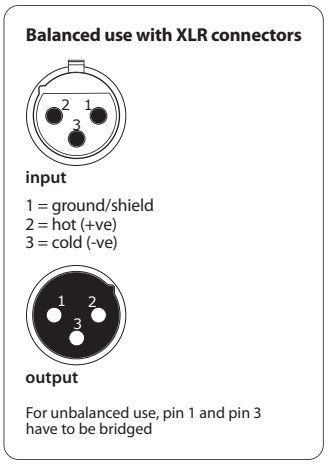

Fig. 4.2: XLR connections

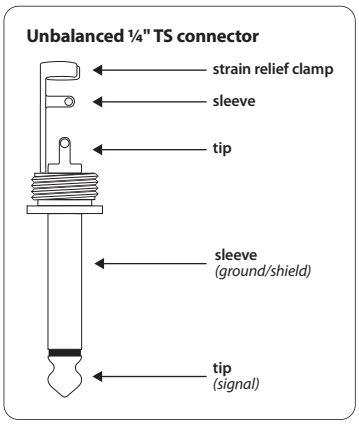

Fig. 4.3: ¼" TS connector

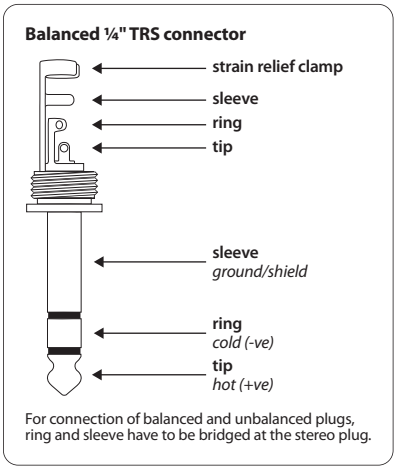

Fig. 4.4: ¼" TRS connector

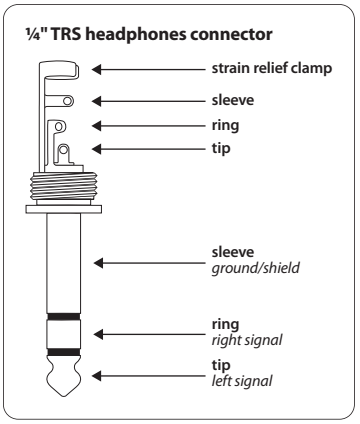

Fig. 4.5: ¼" TRS connector for headphones

5. Specifications

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Mono Inputs

Microphone Inputs (XENYX Mic Preamp)

Type	XLR, electronically balanced, discrete input circuit

Mic E.I.N. (20 Hz - 20 kHz)

@ 0 Ω source resistance	-134 dB / 135.7 dB A-weighted
@ 50 Ω source resistance	-131 dB / 133.3 dB A-weighted
@ 150 Ω source resistance	-129 dB / 130.5 dB A-weighted
Frequency response	<10 Hz - 150 kHz (-1 dB), <10 Hz - 200 kHz (-3 dB)
Gain range	+10 to +60 dB
Max. input level	+12 dBu @ +10 dB gain
Impedance	approx. 2.6 kΩ balanced
Signal-to-noise ratio	110 dB / 112 dB A-weighted (0 dBu In @ +22 dB gain)
Distortion (THD + N)	0.005% / 0.004% A-weighted

Line Input

Type	¼" TRS connector electronically balanced
Impedance	approx. 20 kΩ balanced approx. 10 kΩ unbalanced
Gain range	-10 to +40 dB
Max. input level	30 dBu

Fade-Out Attenuation[1] (Crosstalk Attenuation)

Main fader closed	90 dB
Channel muted	89.5 dB
Channel fader closed	89 dB

Frequency Response

Microphone Input to Main Out

<10 Hz - 90 kHz	+0 dB / -1 dB
<10 Hz - 160 kHz	+0 dB / -3 dB

Stereo Inputs

Type	¼"TRS connector, electronically balanced
Impedance	approx. 20 kΩ
Max. input level	+22 dBu

EQ Mono Channels

Low	80 Hz / ±15 dB
Mid	2.5 kHz / ±15 dB
High	12 kHz / ±15 dB

EQ Stereo Channels

Low	80 Hz / ±15 dB
Mid	2.5 kHz / ±15 dB
High	12 kHz / ±15 dB

Aux Sends

Type	¼" TS connector, unbalanced
Impedance	approx. 120 Ω
Max. output level	+22 dBu

Stereo Aux Returns

Type	¼" TRS connector, electronically balanced
Impedance	approx. 20 kΩ bal. / 10 kΩ unbal.
Max. input level	+22 dBu

Main Outputs

Type	XLR, electronically balanced
Impedance	approx. 240 Ω bal. / 120 Ω unbal.
Max. output level	+28 dBu

Control Room Outputs

Type	¼" TS connector, unbal.
Impedance	approx. 120 Ω
Max. output level	+22 dBu

Headphones Output

Type	¼" TRS connector, unbalanced
Max. output level	+19 dBu / 150 Ω (+25 dBm)

DSP — 24-bit Texas Instruments ™

Converter	24-bit Sigma-Delta, 64/128-times oversampling
Sampling rate	40 kHz

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USB

Audio	Stereo In/Out
Connector	TypeB
Converter	16-bit
Sample Rate	48 kHz

Main Mix System Data[2]

Noise

Main mix @ -∞, Channel fader -∞	-105 dB / -108 dB A-weighted
Main mix @ 0 dB, Channel fader -∞	-95 dB / -97 dB A-weighted
Main Mix @ 0 dB, Channel fader @ 0 dB	-82,5 dB / -85 dB A-weighted

Power Supply

Mains voltage	100 - 240 V~, 50/60 Hz
Power consumption	40 W
Fuse	100 - 240 V~: T 1.6 A H 250 V
Mains connection	Standard IEC receptacle

Physical

X1204USB

Dimensions (H x W x D)	approx. 3.8 x 10.6 x 12.9" approx. 97 x 270 x 328 mm
Weight (net)	approx. 8.4 lbs / 3.8 kgs

1204USB

Dimensions (H x W x D)	approx. 3.8 x 10.6 x 12.9" approx. 97 x 270 x 328 mm
Weight (net)	approx. 6.2 lbs / 2.8 kgs

Measuring conditions:

1: 1 kHz rel. to 0 dBu; 20 Hz - 20 kHz; line input; main output; unity gain.

2: 20 Hz - 20kHz; measured at main output. Channels 1 - 4 unity gain; EQ flat; all channels on main mix; channels 1/3 as far left as possible, channels 2/4 as far right as possible. Reference = +6 dBu.

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XENYX X1204USB/1204USB

complies with the FCC rules as mentioned in the following paragraph:

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

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

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and
(2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Important information:

Changes or modifications to the equipment not expressly approved by MUSIC Group can void the user's authority to use the equipment.

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