



DA12

Time Code, RF and Pulse Dual-Channel Amplifier



User Manual



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The DA12 is a distribution amplifier. It amplifies and isolates time code signals, RF and electronic pulses to a dozen leads. The DA12 is an Ideal hub for time code-based clock systems distributed over large areas and distances.

Thank you for your purchase of a DA12 Time Code, RF and pulse dual channel distribution amplifier from Masterclock

Here you'll find instructions for unpacking and installing your distribution amplifier, proper care and configuration.

We are here to help.

You can reach us using various contact methods (phone, email, etc.) found at our website:

www.masterclock.com

Before calling, please attempt to find the answer to your situation here. You'll find this user manual will handle virtually all of your questions.

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OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

The DA12 is not water- or moisture-proof. Treat it as you would any other delicate electronic device and do not expose it to water, condensing humidity, excessive heat or physical abuse.

Introduction

The DA12 is a dual channel distribution amplifier for SMPTE, EBU, IRIG and other time codes (TC). Inputs are provided through BNC connections. The unit provides inputs for single-ended, unbalanced time code.

Installation

Simply install the DA12 into your rack mount setup. The unit uses AC power. Connect your inputs and outputs using BNC cables.

Initial Operation

Setup for initial operation consists of:

- Supplying a source of time code
- Connecting a power source
- Adjusting the gain of individual channels
- Configuring the output switch (located on back)
- Connecting to one or more time code reader devices

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SUPPLYING A TIME CODE SOURCE

A source of time code is required. This may be in the form of electronic pulse, radio frequency, DCLS IRIG Time Code or AM IRIG Time Code (TC). TC is an audio signal similar to that of a modem. It can be routed over unshielded wire, like flat telephone cable, or over an RG-58/59 coaxial cable.

Connect the Time Code source to the input BNC connector or the appropriate pins on the rear of the DA12. The input has an impedance of 50-ohms.

CONNECTING A POWER SOURCE

Apply power by inserting the AC cord into an appropriate AC power source. The input range of the DA12 is 0 to 25 Vp-p for SMPTE and IRIG TC.

ADJUSTING THE GAIN OF INDIVIDUAL CHANNELS

The output range of the DA12 is adjustable from 0 to 12dB into a 50 ohm load. Each output channel bank is adjustable via the gain controls on the back of the unit.

The two gain adjustments screws (in blue and inset on the back panel) modify the gain of their respective sets of outputs.

Turning the gain adjustment clockwise increases the gain on the appropriate channel. Turning it counterclockwise decreases the gain. The units are shipped for unity gain with 2Vp-p SMPTE TC.

CONFIGURING THE OUTPUT SWITCHES

There is one switch on the back of the DA12 and two gain adjustments which require a flat head screwdriver.



The Select switch will allow you to output channel A with a single input across all 12 outputs, or use channels A and B with their respective inputs and outputs independently.

Channels A and B have independent gain adjustments located adjacent to their respective inputs.

ACCESS TO PC BOARD

There are no adjustable components accessible inside the unit. Do not attempt to open the case.

NORMAL OPERATION

When power is applied the front panel LED will light.

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Problems - Troubleshooting

All DA12 units are checked for proper operation before shipment and unless physical damage is found, the unit is probably functional. If you have problems in getting the unit to work:

- Double check all input and output connections
- Make sure that power is applied and the front panel LED is on
- verify that a valid TC is connected
- verify that the TC (Time Code) input level is adequate
- verify that the TC output level is correct for the device being fed

If the unit does not work even after the above precautions have been noted, please contact the factory (page 10).

DA 12 Specs



- 2 inputs: 1/12 or 2/6 input/output, all BNC connectors
- Dual isolated output banks
- Standard chassis color is black powder coat
- Universal worldwide AC power
- CE marked for sale in EU –FCC, class B, emissions (pending)
- Green power LED on front panel

The DA12 comes with rack mount “ears.”

INPUTS - 2

- RF
 - Frequency 0 Hz – 20 MHz
 - Level 1 V rms [15 dBm max]
 - Impedance 50 Ω
- Pulse /DC IRIG Time Code
 - Frequency 1PPS to 10 MPPS
 - Level 0-7V p-p
 - Duty Cycle 0 to 100%
 - Impedance 50 Ω
- AM IRIG Time Code
 - Frequency 1 PPS to 10 MPPS
 - Level 0-6 V p-p
 - Modulation Frequency Up to 1 MHz
 - Code Format Any IRIG format, IEEE 1344, NASA 36, 2137, XR3
 - Impedance 50 Ω

OUTPUTS - 12

- RF
 - Frequency 0 Hz – 20 MHz
 - Level 1 V rms [15 dBm max]
 - Gain 0 dB to 12 dB trimmable
 - Harmonic <-40 dBc
 - Non-harmonic <-80 dBc
 - Load Impedance 50 Ω
- Pulse /DC IRIG Time Code
 - Frequency 1PPS to 10 MPPS
 - Duty Cycle 0 to 100%
 - Rise Time < 20 ns
 - Fall Time < 20 ns
 - Skew < +2 ns
 - Load Impedance 50 Ω
- AM IRIG Time Code
 - Frequency 1 PPS to 10 MPPS
 - Modulation Frequency Up to 1 MHz
 - Code Format Any IRIG format, IEEE 1344, NASA 36, 2137, XR3
 - Load Impedance 50 Ω

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Standard Rack Mount – 1RU – “Ears” are removable

Size: 16.9w x 1.7h x 4.5d in Weight: 1.0 lb
43w x 4.31h x 11.5d cm 0.45 kg

Limited Warranty

This Masterclock product warranty extends to the original purchaser.

Masterclock warrants this DA12 against defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of sale. If Masterclock receives notice of such defects during the warranty period, Masterclock will, at its option, either repair or replace products that prove to be defective.

Should Masterclock be unable to repair or replace the product within a reasonable amount of time, the customer's alternate remedy shall be a refund of the purchase price upon return of the product to Masterclock. This warranty gives the customer specific legal rights. Other rights, which vary from state to state or province to province, may be available.

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The above warranty shall not apply to defects resulting from improper or inadequate maintenance by the customer, customer-supplied software or interfacing, unauthorized modification or misuse, operation outside of the environmental specifications for the product or improper site preparation and maintenance (if applicable).

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HARDWARE SERVICE

You may return your DA12 to Masterclock for repair service. Please contact the factory for **RETURN AUTHORIZATION** before returning the unit. When you return your DA12 for service, you must prepay all shipping charges, duty, and taxes. For international returns, please contact the factory



Declaration of Conformity

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DA12

is compliant with the CE directives and standards listed below.

Directives:

Electromagnetic Compatibility (2004/108/EC)
Low Voltage Directive (2006/95/EC)

Standards:

CENELEC EN 55022:2010 Class B
CENELEC EN 55024:2010 Immunity
IEC 61000-4-2:2008
IEC 61000-4-3:2006 +A1:2007, +A2:2010
IEC 61000-4-4:2004 +A1:2010
IEC 61000-4-5:2005
IEC 61000-4-6:2008
IEC 61000-4-11:2004
CENELEC EN 61000-3-2:2006/A1:2008/A2:2009 Harmonic Current
IEC 61000-3-2:2005 +A1:2008 +A2:2009
CENELEC EN 61000-3-3:2008 Voltage Fluctuations
IEC 61000-3-3:2008
CENELEC EN 60950-1:2006 +A11:2009

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