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4 Channel HD-SDI Video Encoder MPEG-2 / H.264 (AVC) / H.265 (HEVC)



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Section 1 – General & Safety Instructions



The STOP sign symbol is intended to alert you to the presence of REQUIRED operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions that if not followed, may result in product failure or destruction.



The YIELD sign symbol is intended to alert you to the presence of RECOMMENDED operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions.



The LIGHTNING flash symbol is intended to alert you to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electrical shock.

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER FROM THIS UNIT.

NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

WARNING: TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS UNIT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE

NOTE TO CATV SYSTEM INSTALLER

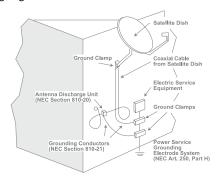
This reminder is provided to call the CATV System Installer's attention to Article 820-40 of the NEC that provides guidelines for proper grounding and, in particular, specifies that the cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the building, as close to the point of cable entry as practical.



You should always follow these Instructions to help ensure Against injury to yourself and damage to your equipment.

- ➡ Elevated Operating Ambient If installed in a closed or multi-unit rack assembly, the operating ambient temperature of the rack environment may be greater than room ambient. Therefore, consideration should be given to installing the equipment in an environment compatible with the maximum ambient temperature per Section 2.3.
- Reduced Air Flow Installation of the equipment in a rack should be such that the amount of air flow required for safe operation of the equipment is not compromised.
- Mechanical Loading Mounting of the equipment in the rack should be such that a hazardous condition is not achieved due to uneven mechanical loading.
- Circuit Overloading Consideration should be given to the connection of the equipment to the supply circuit and the effect that overloading of the circuits might have on overcurrent protection and supply wiring. Appropriate consideration of equipment nameplate ratings should be used when addressing this concern.
- ➡ Reliable Earthing Reliable earthing of rack-mounted equipment should be maintained. Particular attention should be given to supply connections other than direct connections to the branch circuit (e.g. use of power strips).
- Read all safety and operating instructions before you operate the unit.
- Retain all safety and operating instructions for future reference.
- ➡ Heed all warnings on the unit and in the safety and operating instructions.
- Follow all installation, operating, and use instructions.
- Unplug the unit from the AC power outlet before cleaning. Use only a damp cloth for cleaning the exterior of the unit.
- Do not use accessories or attachments not recommended by Blonder Tongue, as they may cause hazards, and will void the warranty.
- Do not operate the unit in high-humidity areas, or expose it to water or moisture.
- ➡ Do not place the unit on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table. The unit may fall, causing serious personal injury and damage to the unit. Install the unit only in a mounting rack designed for 19" rack-mounted equipment.
- Do not block or cover slots and openings in the unit. These are provided for ventilation and protection from overheating. Never place the unit near or over a radiator or heat register. Do not place the unit in an enclosure such as a cabinet without proper ventilation. Do not mount equipment in the rack space directly above or below the unit.
- Operate the unit using only the type of power source indicated on the marking label. Unplug the unit power cord by gripping the plug, not the cord.
- The unit is equipped with a three-wire ground-type plug. This plug will fit only into a ground-type power outlet. If you are unable to insert the plug into the outlet, contact an electrician to replace the outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the ground-type plug.
- Route power supply cords so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them. Pay particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the unit.

➡ Be sure that the outdoor components of the antenna system are grounded in accordance with local, federal, and National Electrical Code (NEC) requirements. Pay special attention to NEC Sections 810 and 820. See the example shown in the following diagram:



- We strongly recommend using an outlet that contains surge suppression or ground fault protection. For added protection during a lightning storm, or when the unit is left unattended and unused for long periods of time, unplug it from the wall outlet and disconnect the lines between the unit and the antenna. This will prevent damage caused by lightning or power line surges.
- Do not locate the antenna near overhead power lines or other electric light or power circuits, or where it can fall into such power lines or circuits. When installing the antenna, take extreme care to avoid touching such power lines or circuits, as contact with them can be fatal.
- Do not overload wall outlets or extension cords, as this can result in a risk of fire or electrical shock.
- Never insert objects of any kind into the unit through openings, as the objects may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts. This could cause fire or electrical shock
- Do not attempt to service the unit yourself, as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage and will void the warranty. Refer all servicing to authorized service personnel.
- Unplug the unit from the wall outlet and refer servicing to authorized service personnel whenever the following occurs:
 - ☐ The power supply cord or plug is damaged;
 - Liquid has been spilled, or objects have fallen into the unit;
 - ☐ The unit has been exposed to rain or water;
 - ☐ The unit has been dropped or the chassis has been damaged;
 - The unit exhibits a distinct change in performance.
- When replacement parts are required, ensure that the service technician uses replacement parts specified by Blonder Tongue. Unauthorized substitutions may damage the unit or cause electrical shock or fire, and will void the warranty.
- Upon completion of any service or repair to the unit, ask the service technician to perform safety checks to ensure that the unit is in proper operating condition.

Section 2 – Product Summary

2.1 Product Application & Features

Application:

The NXG-SDI4 module will encode up to 4 channels in MPEG-2, H.264 (AVC), or H.265 (HEVC) video to IP SPTS onto the NXG mainframe backplane for further NXG processing with optional QAM modulation, DRM/CAS, or IPTV multicast or unicast output.

The NXG-SDI4 will accept 4 SD-/HD-/3G-SDI input sources. All major resolutions are supported, 480i up to 1080p60. The NXG-SDI4 will also encode audio to AC3 (Dolby Digital), AAC, and MP3 formats.

Key Features:

- Encode SD-/HD-/3G-SDI sources for custom IP & RF distribution
- 4 channels of locally sourced content via 4 SDI inputs
- Encoding to H.265 (HEVC), H.264 (AVC), or MPEG-2
- Dolby® Digital Audio (AC3), AAC, and MP3 support
- High video encoding quality levels at low bit rates

Description:

a STATUS LED:

LED is Off = Indicates the module is not correctly connected or receiving power.

LED is Green = Indicates the module is running without errors.

LED is Red = Indicates that one or more errors have been detected.

LED is Amber = Indicates that one or more warnings have been detected.

- **SDI IN 1:** BNC SDI connector used for SD and HD content input.
- **SDI IN 2:** BNC SDI connector used for SD and HD content input.
- **SDI IN 3:** BNC SDI connector used for SD and HD content input.
- **SDI IN 4:** BNC SDI connector used for SD and HD content input.



2.2 Module Specification

Input		
Connector	4x BNC SDI	
SD-SDI		
Bit Rate	270 Mbps	
Video Resolution	480i (59.94, 60 FPS)	
HD-SDI		
Bit Rate	1.485 & 1.485/1.001 Gbps	
Video Resolution	720p (29.97, 30, 59.94, 60 FPS) 1080i (59.94, 60 FPS) 1080p (29.97, 30, 59.94, 60 FPS)	
3G-SDI		
Bit Rate	2.97 & 2.97/1.001 Gbps	
Video Resolution	1080p (29.97, 30, 59.94, 60 FPS)	
Level	A/B	
Audio		
Input Format	PCM Raw (L-PCM, IEC-60958, @ up to 192 kHz)	

Alarms & Monitoring	
Front Panel	1x Status LED (Bicolor)

Output Encoding				
UDP	SPTS to NXG Mainframe Backplane			
TS Format	ISO 13818-1 SPTS on UDP/IP			
Video				
Video Format	MPEG-2, H.264 (AVC), H.265 (HEVC)			
Video Resolution	1080p (29.97, 30, 59.94, 60 FPS) 1080i (59.94, 60 FPS) 720p (29.97, 30, 59.94, 60 FPS) 480i (29.97, 30, 59.94, 60 FPS)			
Video Bit Rates	2 Mbps to 19 Mbps (0.1 Mbps increments)			
Audio				
Audio Codecs	Dolby® Digital AC3, AAC, MP3			
Audio Bit Rates	128, 192, 256, 384 Kbps			

General		
Dimensions (W x H x D)	1.15 x 7.0 x 15.5 in (29 x 178 x 394 mm)	
Power	DC via NXG Mainframe Backplane	
Power Consumption	20 W	
Weight	2.0 lbs (0.9 kg)	
Operating Temp.	32 to 122 °F (0 to 50 °C)	
Storage Temp.	-13 to 158 °F (-25 to 70 °C)	
Operating Humidity	0 to 95% RH @ 35 °C max, non- condensing	

Section 3 – Module Status and General Management

3.1 "4Ch SDI Encode Module: Status" Tab

The "4Ch SDI Encode Module: Status" tab (Figure 3.1a) displays the general health and module information at a glance. The information is provided as a quick way to monitor the module or assist with troubleshooting issues that may arise.



Figure 3.1a - "4Ch SDI Encode Module: Status" Tab

In the section entitled "Status", the following parameters about the module health are displayed:

- Module Status: Indicates the current status of the module. Status Levels shown below:
 - Ok No issues at the current time
 - **Updating** an update is in-progress via the Master Controller's Firmware Update page.
 - **Error** One or more errors have occurred. Check system log for more information on error(s).
 - **Warnings** One or more warnings have been triggered. Check system log for more information.
- **Temperature:** Indicates the temperature of the module.

In the section entitled "Information", the following module-specific information is shown below:

- **Model Number:** Indicates the model number of the module installed.
- **Serial Number:** Indicates the serial number of the module installed.
- Software Version: Indicates the software version of the module. To update software, please see "Section 5 Firmware Updates".
- Front-end Version: Indicates the firmware version of the SDI input device. This may be updated during a normal software update.
 - **Slot Location:** Indicates the slot location on the platform chassis where the module is currently installed into.

In the **Encoder Device** section, the following encoder-specific information is displayed:

- **Device:** Indicates the encoders **EC1 EC4** displays information for each module encoder input. These will populate other data once set up and enabled. When a numbered encoder is not available the row will display as empty.
- **Encoders:** Indicates a status for each module encoder input being monitored with the following message types:
 - **Encoding...:** indicates the EC is actively encoding.
 - Error: indicates that one or more errors have been detected. See the NXG System Log using the menu at the top.

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3.1 "4Ch SDI Encode Module: Status" Tab (continued)

Temperature: Indicates the temperature each module encoder input is currently running at. The temperatures are displayed in both Fahrenheit and Celsius. (Figure 3.1b)



Figure 3.1b - Encoder Temperature Status Range

3.2 "4Ch SDI Encode Module: System" Tab

The "4Ch SDI Encode Module: System" Tab (Figure 3.2) allows the user to manage the module configuration through the following controls:



Figure 3.2 - "4Ch SDI Encode Module: System" Tab

The Module "Operations" section allows the user to reboot the module from this screen.

1 Reboot Click this button to reboot the module.

The Module "Settings Configuration" section allows the user to back-up and re-load the configuration settings.

- Pefault Module Settings Resets the module back to the Factory defaults. It is always recommended to save the existing configuration file before resetting to the default values.
- 3 Download Configuration File Downloads the current module configuration file.
- 4 Browse... No file selected. Browse and select a Configuration File (2 MB maximum file size)
- 5 Load & Apply Configuration File After choosing file, click this to load and apply the configuration file.

Section 4 – Configuring the Encoders

4.1 "Encode: Status" Screen

The "Encode: Status" Tab (Figure 4.1) is a "read-only" screen which indicates the status of each encoder. A visual status of the pipeline is also shown on the left side. When hovering over an encode block, the corresponding status table, to the right, highlights.

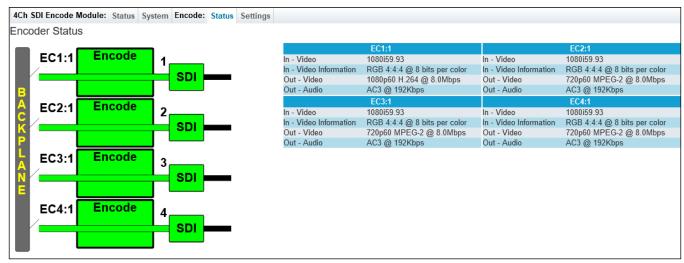
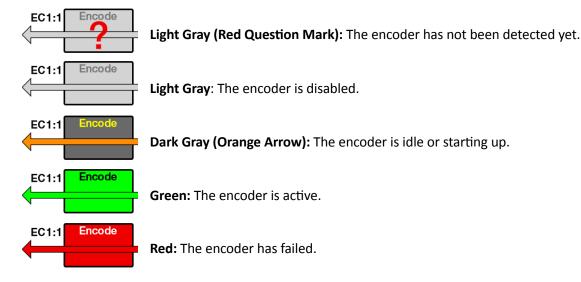
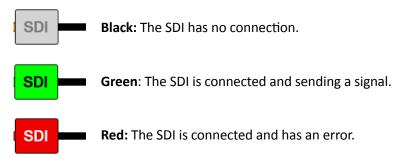


Figure 4.1 - "Encode: Status" Screen

Encoder Status States



SDI Status States



4.2 "Encode: Settings" Screen

The "Encode: Settings" Tab (Figure 4.2) allows the user to configure each encoder (EC) and displays status information about the input and output streams. A visual status of the pipeline is also shown on the left side. When hovering over an encode block, the corresponding status table, to the right, highlights.

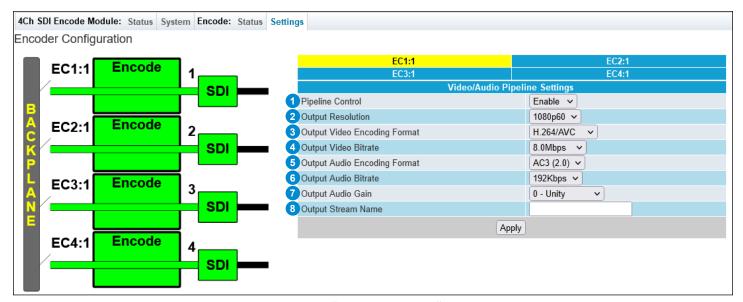


Figure 4.2 - "Encode: Settings" Screen

To begin configuration on a transcoder, click on a tab (on the right side) to open the "Video/Audio Pipeline Settings", as shown above. The configurable options are as follows:

- Pipeline Control: Allows the user to "Enable" or "Disable" the encode.
- 2 Output Resolution: Sets the output video resolution. Options available for this model are "480i60", "480p30", "480p60", "720p30", "720p60", "1080i60", "1080p30", and "1080p60".
- 3 Output Video Encoding Format: Sets the output video encoding format. Options available for this model are "MPEG-2", "H.264/AVC", and "H.265/HEVC".
- 4 Output Video Bitrate: Sets the output video bitrate in Mbps. Options available for this model are "2.0" to "19.0", incremented by "0.1" Mbps.
- Output Audio Encoding Format: Sets the output audio encoding format. Options available for this model are "Passthru", "AC3 (2.0)", "AAC", and "MP3".
- 6 Output Audio Bitrate: Sets the output audio bitrate. Options available for this model are "128Kbps", "192Kbps", and "256Kbps".
- Output Audio Gain: Sets the output audio gain. Options available for this model are "Mute" and a range between "-7 (minimum)" to "+7 (maximum)".
- 8 Output Stream Name: The user may enter a name for the stream. If a name is omitted, a default naming formula will be used SLOT ECX:Y (eg. "2 EC1:1"). Up to 16 alphanumeric characters are allowed.



Section 5 – Firmware Updates

The "Firmware Update" tab (Figures 5a, 5b, 5c, and 5d) is part of the Master Controller Module interface and is used for all installed modules. It is located on the right side of the main menu allowing the user to review currently installed firmware versions and provides a quick and easy way to apply any new updates.

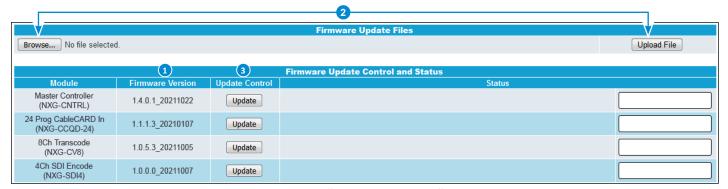


Figure 5a - "Firmware Update" Tab

Check "Firmware Version" to ensure you have the latest firmware. To determine if a new firmware update has been released, please go to our website at: (www.blondertongue.com/page/resources/tech-support/firmware-updates/)

Click the "Download Firmware Updates" link and then scroll down to the "NeXgen Gateway" folder to view the NXG module folders.

Note: There is a check of the file name versus module ID to eliminate a user inadvertently updating any modules with incorrect files. Multiple module updates can be performed simultaneously after uploading the files.

Under the "Firmware Update Files" section, the user can use Browse... and Upload File to select and send the module update file(s) into the NXG Platform. See a view of the file when uploaded to the platform as shown below on Figure 5b.



Figure 5b - File when uploaded

Update the Firmware version by clicking the Update button. The update status and progress will show under the "Status" columns. Below are the firmware updates as they appear while in-progress (Figure 5c) and upon completion (Figure 5d). After the update is complete, the user **MUST** reboot the module to finish applying the updates.

Note: After clicking the "**Update**" button, please allow a few seconds for the file to load.

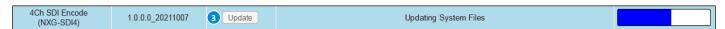


Figure 5c - Update In Progress

Once the update progress is complete, the user MUST reboot the unit. The most convenient method for this process is by clicking the Reboot button (as shown on Figure 5d) in order to apply and finalize the update.



Figure 5d - Completed Update

Please Note: An update can be applied and finalized by using the reboot control through the NXG-SDI4 system page, the master controller system page, or by power-cycling a module (ie. pulling the module out of a NXG system).



When firmware updates are complete, the user can remove the loaded file by clicking the x button shown on Figure 5b next to the "Upload File" button under "Firmware Update Files".

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Section 6 – Troubleshooting

For technical support please contact us at 1-800-523-6049 between the hours of 8am and 5pm EST.

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