

## **DIGITAL MIXING RESHAPED**





















# Introducing the New Compact Digital Mixers from Allen & Heath

We have been creating high end mixing consoles for some of the most discerning ears in the business since 1969. We're not a software house, we don't make stomp boxes or cable testers – creating excellent mixers is, has been and always will be our great passion. Qu mixers have been designed by our in-house research and development team in Cornwall, Great Britain, and are directly descended from the GLD and iLive digital mixing systems that have earned the industry's respect night after night on tour and in live venues across the globe – so you can be confident that you're standing behind a premium mixer that looks, feels, and sounds like a pro.

Qu mixers harness the full potential of digital mixing technology, with total recall of settings (including the all-important fader position and preamp gain), convenient recording and playback solutions, iPad control, personal monitoring options and the choice of local or remote Cat5 I/O.

Qu-24

### AnalogiQ™ Preamps

Our AnalogiQ<sup>™</sup> total recall preamps feature zero crossing detection and an advanced padless 1dB step gain stage, closely allied to the DSP for optimal gain accuracy and audio transparency. The analogue signal is captured by high class, low latency 24bit analogue to digital converters matched to high quality 24bit digital to analogue converters to deliver the required outputs. The AnalogiQ<sup>™</sup> design has been refined to offer superb transparency, minimal distortion and an ultra-low noise floor, with a warm, musical sound that is missing from some digital consoles.

### The Mixing Experience

Having massive processing power and advanced functionality is great, but it counts for nothing if you can't access the controls you need in a heartbeat. Once you start using a Qu you'll sense the years of research into ergonomics and the hands-on mixing experience that our team has drawn upon to deliver a wonderfully natural layout and workflow. It's not about recreating an analogue interface, it's about creating an experience that's fluid, comfortable and intuitive for novices, digital natives and old school road warriors alike, making all the benefits of digital mixing technology readily accessible to all.



#### **Touch Control**

The 800 x 480, sixteen million colour Touchscreen and its dedicated data encoder form the heart of the Qu interface, providing super-fast, easy access to all settings. The user-friendly interface has been designed with clarity in mind. Dedicated keys and screen tabs quickly guide you to meter and RTA views, FX racks, channel processing, USB audio control, scenes, setup menus and much more.



#### The SuperStrip

All your key processing tools are presented in a clean layout on the SuperStrip, with 1 function per physical control. The SuperStrip is complemented by an onscreen TouchChannel for intuitive access to full processing parameters without clutter or complex menu structures. Processing for Mono and Stereo inputs includes trim, polarity, HPF, gate, insert, 4 band PEQ, compressor and delay. All mixes including LR provide Insert, 4 band PEQ, 1/3 octave GEQ, compressor and delay.





#### **Fader Automation**

Moving faders started as an expensive option in the studio desks of the 80s, and later became the norm with the advent of digital technology. Nevertheless some entry-level digital mixers lack this precious commodity which is a fundamental part of the Total Recall approach. Fader automation is essential for rapid mixing, especially when you're dealing with multiple monitor mixes – just press a mix key and the faders immediately fly to the send levels for that mix.

Qu-16, Qu-24 and Qu-32 feature 16, 24 and 32 motorized ALPS faders respectively, arranged over 2 layers, allowing instant access to all channels and masters in a compact space, plus a dedicated master fader which dynamically follows the mix selection. A third, Custom layer is available for ad-hoc user strip layout, where any combination of Inputs, FX Sends, FX Returns, Mix masters and MIDI strips can be assigned.

#### iLive FX

Qu's dynamics and FX algorithms are derived from the FX used in our iLive pro touring series. Some of the world's most respected audio engineers have chosen to use iLive's FX on tour in preference to top-end plug-ins and external FX units. All Qu models boast 4 stereo iLive FX engines, featuring lovingly crafted emulations of legendary classic reverbs, gated reverbs, delays, modulators, flangers and more.

The FX library has the ability to grow with future firmware releases. FX are returned to the mix on dedicated return channels, so you're not tying up your mono and stereo input channels. Each Stereo FX Return has a dedicated 4 band PEQ.



#### Qu-Drive

Forget soundcard drivers and software setup, Qu has an integrated multitrack USB recorder, providing 18 channels of 48kHz, 24bit recording and playback straight to / from your USB hard drive. Capturing multitrack recordings of your shows has never been so easy. Mixes and FX returns can be recorded alongside channels, and multitrack audio can be played back to the mixer for virtual sound-checks.



An independent set of controls is provided for quick stereo recording of the main LR or other mix outputs, and a 2-track USB return can be routed to ST3 for playback of stereo WAV files such as walk-in music.

#### Total Recall

True digital mixing is about being able to save and recall scenes (snapshots) at the press of a button. Qu can store up to 100 full Scenes for recall at will. Channels and mixes can be made Safe from Scene recall. For example, if an instrument or mic gets swapped out after the soundcheck, the channel can be made safe to avoid settings being overridden by Scene recalls. Or if a broadcast feed or walk-in iPod is added last-minute before the show kicks off, that mix or channel can be made safe from any scene change. In addition, single parameter updates can be blocked using a Recall Filter. So if you tweak the graphic EQ to reflect the room response when the audience gets in, you can block this to prevent any overwriting at scene change.

Custom settings for each EQ, compressor or channel can be saved as Library presets. This lets you store your tried and tested setting for your favourite vocal mic or reverb pattern and apply it to other channels or shows. Libraries, Scenes and the complete Show configuration can be saved to a USB key, so you can carry the show with you, ready to use on another Qu mixer.

### **USB** Audio Streaming

Qu's built-in interface streams multitrack audio to your Mac or PC via a flexible patching system: all Input channels and the Main LR can be recorded at the same time, or you may choose to record something different such as FX returns or a pair of mixes.



The returns from the computer can be assigned to the Input channels. The interface is class-compliant on Mac OS X – and drivers are available for Windows systems. Either way, it will be recognized straightaway by any DAW supporting ASIO or Core Audio, including Logic, Cubase, Reaper, and Pro Tools.







RACKMOUNTABLE DIGITAL MIXER FOR LIVE STUDIO AND INSTALLATION

With 24 sources to the mix including stereo inputs and returns, Qu-16 is the equivalent of a 30 channel analogue console with extensive outboard equipment (22 gates, 34 compressors, 12 graphic equalizers and 4 stereo effects)! Add the unique Qu-Drive recording facilities, dSNAKE connectivity and Total Recall scene system and you get a true powerhouse in just 19 inches.







2TRK Out 🗾

Patchable Alt Out

AES digital stereo output Dedicated Talkback



Balanced Stereo Inputs

dSNAKE™ Remote Audio port for digital snake and personal monitoring

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recorder, allowing multitrack recording and playback to/from an external USB drive



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A free iPad app gives instant so you can tweak the PA, and even mix the show from the audience.









COMPACT DIGITAL MIXER

With 32 sources to the mix including stereo inputs and returns, Qu-24 is the equivalent of a 38 channel analogue console with extensive outboard equipment (30 gates, 50 compressors, 20 graphic equalizers and 4 stereo effects)! On top of this Qu-24 adds extra SoftKeys, a complete Matrix system and two stereo Groups.



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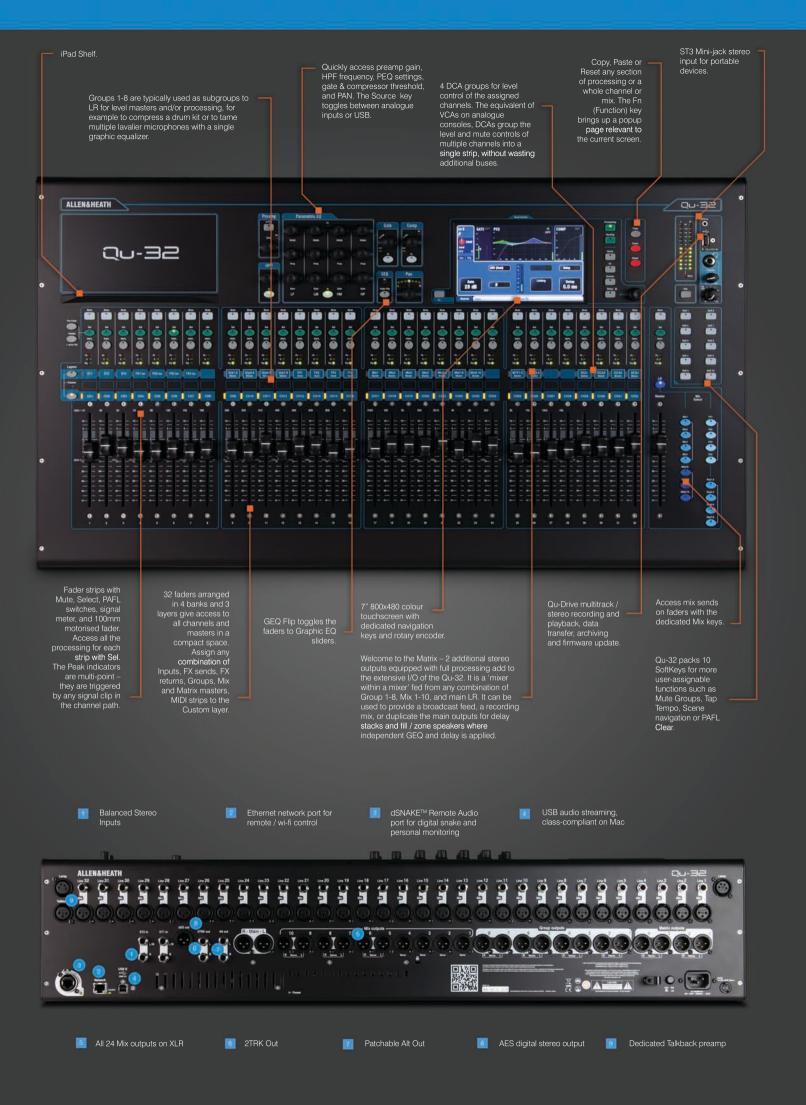


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With 4 DCAs and 40 sources to the mix including stereo inputs and returns, Qu-32 is the equivalent of a 46 channel, 8 groups, 4 VCA analogue console with extensive outboard equipment (38 gates, 62 compressors, 24 graphic equalizers and 4 stereo effects)!



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## Qu-Pad

Add the Qu-Pad iPad app to your Qu setup and you're free to adjust the monitors on stage, roam around the venue whilst tweaking the PA, and then mix the show from the heart of the audience. Qu-Pad connects to the mixer over Wi-Fi\* and gives instant access to all live mixing parameters and settings.

\*Requires the connection of a Wi-Fi router or access point to the Qu Network port..

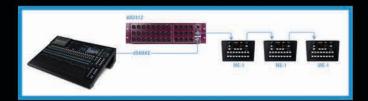


# ME Personal Mixing System



System. Any number of ME-1 personal mixers can be chained from the dSNAKE™ port (or from an AR2412 / AB168 AudioRack if you've got one connected to the dSNAKETM port). Each performer can be given tailored control over their own mix, leaving the engineer free to focus on the audience experience.

Find out more at allen-heath.com/ME



#### Accessories

AH9650 – 100m drum of Neutrik EtherFlex Cat5 with locking connector.

**AH9651** – 20m Neutrik EtherFlex Cat5 with locking connector.

**LEDLamp** – Variable brightness 18" gooseneck lamp.

**QU-16-RK19** – Rack mounting kit for Qu-16.

AP9262 - Dust cover for Qu-16.

AP9458 - Dust cover for Qu-24.

AP9639 - Dust cover for Qu-32.

## Remote Audio

Qu mixers are self-contained, so if you've already got the analogue cables you're good to go. If you're thinking of trading in the copper multicore for a Cat5 digital snake, Qu's dSNAKE™ port has you future-proofed, allowing connection to a combination of AR2412, AR84 or portable AR168 AudioRacks

dSNAKE™ is our proprietary networking solution, boasting a transport latency of only 105us over cable runs of up to 120m / 390'. So if you're mixing FoH you can place your I/O on the stage and run a single Cat5 cable back to the Qu mixer in the mix position.



#### AR2412

24 inputs, 12 outputs AudioRack with dSNAKE connection, expansion port and dedicated EtherCon connection to the ME personal mixing system.

#### **AR84**

8 inputs, 4 outputs AudioRack with dSNAKE connection.





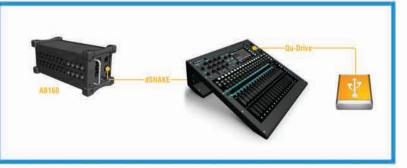
Portable rugged 16 inputs, 8 outputs stagebox with dSNAKE connection and expansion port.

AB168

## **Applications**

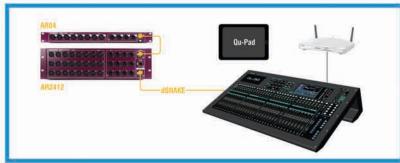
Qu-16 + AB168

Rugged digital box for all 16 mono inputs and up to 8 returns, plus Qu-Drive direct recording on USB media.



#### Qu-32 + AR2412 + AR84

dSNAKE digital connection to AR2412 and AR84 AudioRacks, all 32 mic inputs on stage, plus optional iPad wireless control.



# Qu in the Studio



Qu mixers can sit at the heart of your studio and double as a tracking desk, audio interface and DAW controller.

The built-in USB interface can handle up to 32x32\* channels full-duplex of high quality 24bit 48kHz audio. MIDI control is tunnelled over the USB connection and the Custom layer can be populated with MIDI strips for direct assignment or 'learning' of faders and Mute, Sel and PAFL keys in the DAW.

You can also download the free DAW Control app for Mac OS X, which translates the standard MIDI messages to popular HUI or Mackie Control protocols, for easier setup and deeper integration with the mixer.

Add one or more ME-1s for personal foldback mixes to the recording room.

\* 24x22 on Qu-16, 32x30 on Qu-24

#### Example Studio Application





### The Shape of Things to Come

distinctive frame is designed for strength and rigidity. we started taking Qu out to gigs we soon found the We've done unspeakable things to that chassis in the space beneath it incredibly useful for keeping our USB lab and it's taken everything we've thrown at it – even drive, talkback mic, cue sheet and other clutter tucked being stomped on by our resident ex-tank commander. out of the way. We've even had engineers hanging the

Silence is a precious commodity in the live or studio environment, which is why nobody wants those moments of stillness ruined by the whirring of fans coming from the mix position. Qu's sleek profile generates optimal airflow through the mixer, eliminating the need for any fans.

Made from 18 gauge, cold-rolled Zintec steel, Qu's The shape has some unexpected benefits too. When mixer from a handy scaffold bar and mixing vertically.

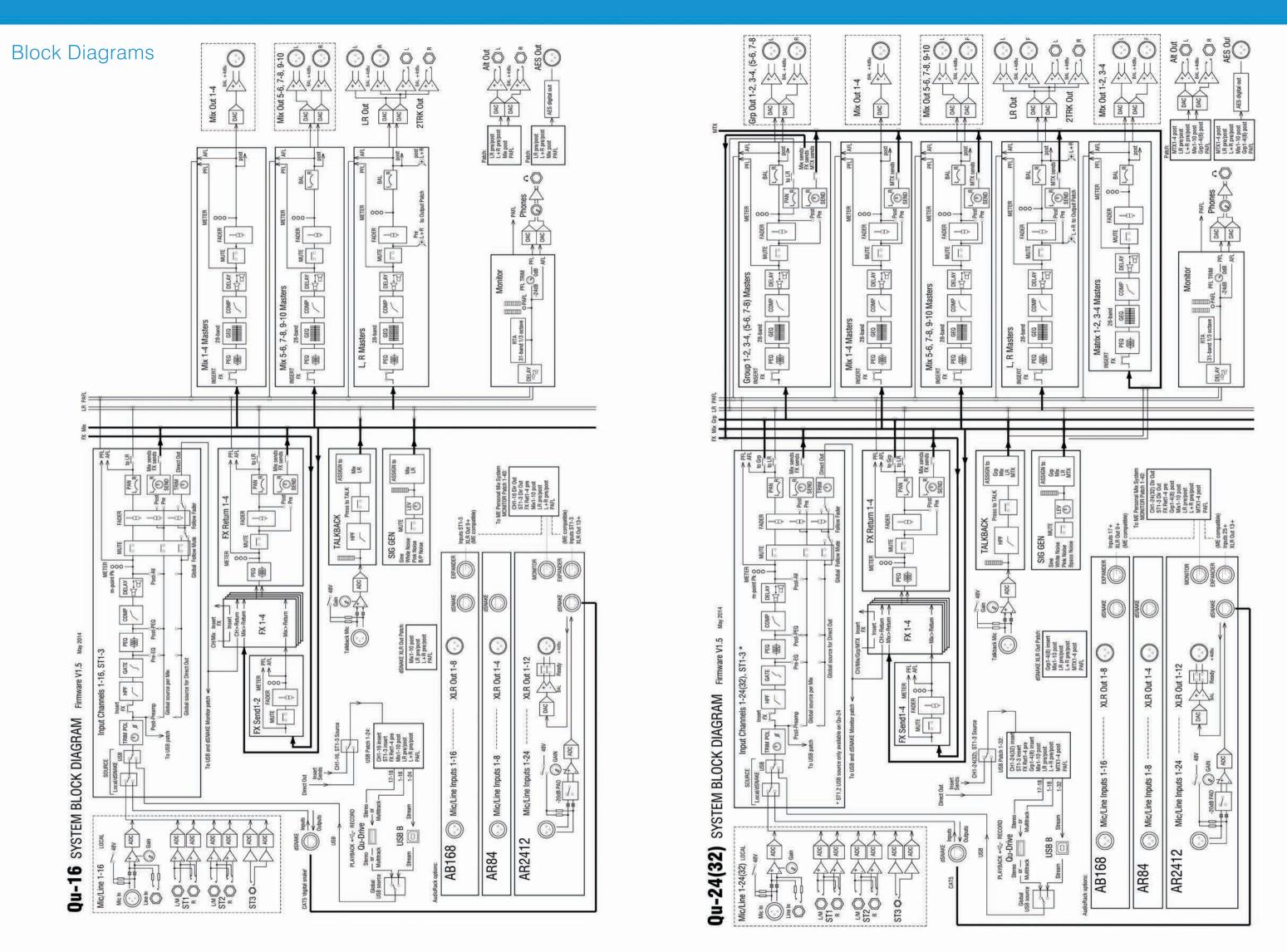
#### ARMed to the Hilt

Qu mixers are equipped with 5 cores of high efficiency ARM core processing, with dedicated ARM cores running the touchscreen display and surface, USB streaming, Qu-Drive multi-channel USB recording / playback, Ethernet and fader automation. Between them the ARM cores provide state-of-the-art processing, working in parallel to deliver extensive control, instant-on operation, and lightning-fast

The mixer's DSP farm exploits next generation dual core DSPs. With plenty of DSP power under the hood the channel processing is only using a fraction of capacity, so Qu is future-proofed, with ample room for updates and extra functionality.

The DSP architecture employs varied bit depths, tailored to specific algorithms, with 48 bits on critical EQ functions and a 56 bit accumulator on the mix bus where it really counts, allowing every nuance of the audio to be captured in the final mix.





#### **Technical Specifications**

#### Qu-16, Qu-24, Qu-32 specification

Inputs Mic/Line Inputs

Input Sensitivity (XLR / TRS)

Analogue Gain

Maximum Input Level (XLR / TRS) Input Impedance (XLR / TRS)

THD+N. Unity gain 0dB

THD+N. Mid gain +30dB

Balanced, XLR and 1/4" TRS jack, fully recallable

0.0005% -89 dBu (20-20kHz, Direct Out @0dBu 1kHz)

Stereo Line Inputs ST1. ST2 connector

ST3 connector

Input Sensitivity (ST1, ST2 / ST3)

Maximum Input Level (ST1,ST2 / ST3)

Input Impedance

Outputs Mix1-10 and LR Out Group and Matrix Out (Qu-24,32 only)

Output Impedance

Nominal Output

Maximum Output Level

Residual Output Noise

Stereo Alt Out & 2Trk Out Source (Alt Output / 2Trk Output)

Output Impedance

Nominal Output Maximum Output Level

Residual Output Noise

dSNAKE Inputs

Dynamic Range Frequency Response

Headroom Internal operating Level

dBFS Alignment Meter Calibration Meter Peak indication

Meter Signal indication Meter Type

Sampling Rate

ADC, DAC Latency

Operating Temperature Range

Mains Power Maximum Power Consumption

USB Audio Qu-Drive

Stereo Playback Multitrack Record Multitrack Playback

USB Audio Streaming Send (upstream) Qu-16/24/32 Return (downstream) Qu-16/24/32

Dimensions Qu-16 Mixer

& Weights Desk mounted Rack mounted Packed in shipping box

Unpacked weight Packed weight

Qu-24 Mixer

Desk mounted Packed in shipping box

Unpacked weight Packed weight

-60 to +5dBu / -50 to +15dBu

-5 to +60dB, 1dB steps +19dBu / +29dBu

>5kO / >10 kO

0.001% -83dBu (20-20kHz, Direct Out @0dBu 1kHz)

Balanced, 1/4\* TBS jack, half normalled Unhalanced steren 3 5mm Mini Jack

Nominal +4dBu / OdBu +/-24dB +22dBu / +18dBu

Balanced, XLR

<75Q

>7kΩ

+4dBu = 0dB meter reading

+22dBu

-90 dBu (muted, 20-20kHz)

Balanced, 1/4\* TRS jack Patchable / LR post-fade

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+22dBu

-90 dBu (muted, 20-20kHz)

2 channel, 48kHz sampling rate, XLR

2.5Vpp balanced terminated  $110\Omega$ 

Remote source for CH1-32, ST1, ST2, ST3

Patchable from Mix1-10, LR, Grp1-8, MTX1-4 Compatible with AudioRacks AR2412, AR84, AB168

Compatible with ME personal mixing system

Measured balanced XLR in to XLR out, 0dB gain, 0dBu input

112 dB +0/-0.5dB 20Hz to 20kHz

+18dB

0dBu

+18dBu = 0dBFS (+22dBu at XLR output) 0dB meter = -18dBFS (+4dBu at XLR out) -3dBFS (+19dBu at XLR out), multi-point sensing

> -48dBFS (-26dBu at XLR out) Fast (peak) response

48kHz +/-100PPM 24-bit Delta-Sigma

1.2 ms (local XLR in to XLR out) 0.7 ms (local XLR in to AES out)

0 deg C to 35 deg C (32 deg F to 95 deg F)

100-240V AC, 50/60Hz

Qu-16= 82W, Qu-24= 120W, Qu-32= 150W

USB A

2 channel, WAV, 48kHz, 24-bit, patchable 2 channel, WAV, 44.1 or 48kHz, 16 or 24-bit, to ST3 18 channel, WAV, 48kHz, 24-bit, patchable 18 channel, WAV, 48kHz, 24-bit

USB B, Core Audio compliant 24/32/32 channel, WAV, 48kHz, 24-bit 22/30/32 channel, WAV, 48kHz, 24-bit

Width x Depth x Height

440 x 500 x 186 mm (17.4° x 19.7° x 7.4°) 483 x 472 x 190 mm (19" x 18.6" x 7.5") 610 x 680 x 350 mm (24" x 27" x 13.8")

10 kg (22 lbs) 13.5 kg (30 lbs)

Width x Depth x Height

632 x 500 x 186 mm (24.9\* x 19.7\* x 7.4\*) 670 x 790 x 350 mm (26.4" x 31.1" x 13.8")

14 kg (31 lbs) 18 kg (40 lbs) Control Faders

Touch Screen Qu-16, 24 5" TFT, 800x480 resolution Touch Screen Qu-32 7" TFT, 800x480 resolution SoftKeys 4 (Qu-16), 10 (Qu-24, 32)

Mute Groups DCA Groups

Notwork TCP/IP Ethernet for MIDI and iPad ann

Input Source Processing CH1-32

ST1. ST2 ST3 USB Global Source

Bell Width

Knee

Local dSNAKE or USB Local, dSNAKE, or USB Stereo Ou-Drive or USB B Streaming

Local, dSNAKE, or USB

Stereo Linking Odd/even input pairs

Parameters linked EQ, dynamics, insert, delay, assignments, sends Link options Preamp, polarity, sidechains, fader/mute, pan

Polarity Normal/Reverse High Pass Filter 12dB/octave 20Hz - 2kHz Insert Assign FX1-4 into Input channels

Delay Up to 85ms

Gate Self key Sidechain -72dBu to +18dBu / 0 to 60dB Threshold / Depth 50us to 300ms / 10ms to 5s / 10ms to 1s Attack / Hold / Release

4-Band fully parametric, 20-20kHz, +/-15dB PEO Band 1 Selectable LF Shelving (Baxandall), Bell Band 2. Band 3 Selectable HF Shelving (Baxandall), Bell

Non-constant Q, variable, 1.5 to 1/9th octave

Compressor Threshold / Ratio -46dBu to 18dBu / 1:1 to infinity 300us - 300ms / 100ms - 2s Attack / Release

Soft/Hard

Peak Manual, RMS Manual, SlowOpto, PunchBag

Channel Direct Out to USB Follow Fader, follow Mute (global options) Source select (global) Post-Preamp, Pre-EQ, Post-EQ, Post-Delay

Mix Inser Assign FX into Mix channels Processing Delay Up to 170ms

> GEO Constant 1/3 oct. 28 bands 31Hz-16kHz. +/-12dB Gain

PEQ 4-Band fully parametric, 20-20kHz, +/-15dB Band 1 Selectable LF Shelving (Baxandall), Bell Band 2, Band 3 Selectable HF Shelving (Baxandall), Bell Band 4 Bell Width

Non-constant Q. variable, 1.5 to 1/9th octave

Compressor Self key Sidechain -46dBu to 18dBu / 1:1 to infinity Threshold / Ratio 300us - 300ms / 100ms - 2s Attack / Release

Knee

Dimensions Qu-32 Mixer

Packed weight

Peak Manual, RMS Manual, SlowOpto, PunchBag Types

FX Internal FX 4x RackFX engine, Send>Return or Inserted Reverbs, Delays, Gated Reverb, ADT Types Chorus, Symphonic Chorus, Phaser, Flanger 4 dedicated Stereo FX returns Fader, Pan, Mute, Routing to Mix/LR, 4-Band PEQ

Audio Tools PAFL PFL or stereo in-place AFL, 0 to -24dB Trim, 85ms Delay

> Talkbac Assignable to any mix, 12dB/oct HPF

Signal Generator Assignable to any mix, Sine / White/Pink/Bandpass Noise RTA 31-Bands 1/3 octave 20-20kHz, follows PAFL source

& Weights Desk mounted 850 x 500 x 186 mm (33.5" x 19.7" x 7.4") Packed in shipping box 1000 x 680 x 350 mm (39.4" x 26.8" x 13.8") Unpacked weight

20 kg (44 lbs) 24 kg (53 lbs)







