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We certify that this apparatus conforms to the requirements of the EMC and Low Voltage Directives. Emissions EN 55103-1, susceptibility EN 55103-2 and safety EN 60950-1 2002.

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MiniBlox™

4463A Composite video & analog audio to SDI with embedded audio ADC

*Converts analog composite video to SDI and inserts two
balanced analog audio stereo pairs into any group within
the 270Mb/s 525/625 SDI signal*

Preliminary User Manual

Latest information available at:
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Preliminary specifications

Analog video input

Standards	Composite 525 or 625 NTSC, PAL or SECAM
Connector	75Ω BNC
Signal Level	1V p-p ±10%
Return loss	>40dB to 5.5MHz

Video conversion

Differential gain	<0.4%
Differential phase	<1.5°
Delay	<10ns
Quantization	10-bit

SDI output

Standards	SMPTE 259M 270Mb/s 525/625 SDI
Connector	75Ω BNC
Signal level	800mVp-p ±10%
Return loss	>20dB to 270MHz

Analog audio input

Standard	Balanced analog
Number	2 stereo pairs
Quantization	24 bit
Connector	Removable screw terminal
Impedance	20KΩ
Level	Max 0dBFS=+26dBu/ Min 0dBFS=+12dBu

Audio embedding

Standard	SMPTE 272M
Resolution	20 or 24 bit

Power

Voltage	6-12V DC
Current	450mA
Power connector	Locking 2.5mm jack connector (center +v)

Other

LEDs	Show power, signal presence & embedding status
Temperature range	0°C to 45°C
Dimensions	3 1/4" x 2 1/2" x 1 1/8" (excluding connectors)
Weight	12oz

We reserve the right to change technical specifications without prior notice.

Custom level select mode

To meet all international analog audio full scale input levels the 4463A has a custom analog input level select mode. In this mode it is possible to select any input level between 12dBu and 26dBu in 0.5dBu increments. The default value of the custom level on delivery is 20dBu. Once the value of the custom level is altered it will remain stored in memory until changed again.

To set the analog input level:-

- Activate switch 6, once this has been on for more than six seconds the unit will enter custom level select mode. This can be verified by all four group LEDs on the front of the box flashing red.
- Switch 1-5 will now set the expected analog input level as per the table below.
- To exit the custom level select mode deactivate switch 6, the value on switches 1-5 will be stored in memory. It will be necessary to reset switches 1-5 to the desired settings for normal use.

Switch 1	Switch 2	Switch 3	Switch 4	Switch 5	Level
0	0	0	0	0	12dBu
1	0	0	0	0	13dBu
1	0	0	0	1	14dBu
1	0	0	1	0	15dBu
1	0	0	1	1	16dBu
1	0	1	0	0	17dBu
1	0	1	0	1	18dBu
1	0	1	1	0	19dBu
1	0	1	1	1	20dBu
1	1	0	0	0	21dBu
1	1	0	0	1	22dBu
1	1	0	1	0	23dBu
1	1	0	1	1	24dBu
1	1	1	0	0	25dBu
1	1	1	0	1	26dBu
1	1	1	1	0	27dBu
1	1	1	1	1	28dBu

- If required, lower levels can be selected by calculating the appropriate binary number based on the above table.

MiniBlox™ - solutions in a box

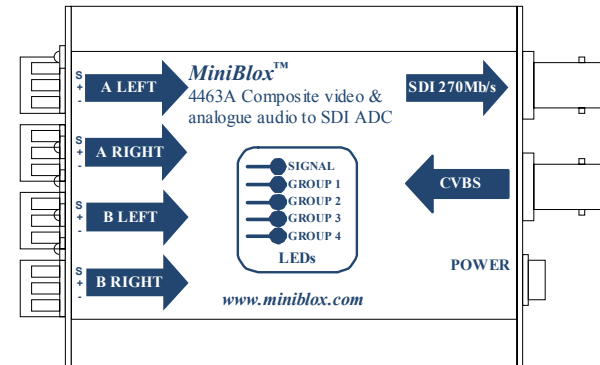
General description

The 4463A is a broadcast quality unit that converts analog composite video to SDI then embeds two balanced stereo audio pairs into the ancillary data space of the 270Mb SDI signal.

It uses a 10 bit 2x over sampling video ADC with four line adaptive comb filtering. It automatically selects between NTSC, PAL & SECAM inputs. Input quality is automatically detected between VCR / CCTV and broadcast sources.

Audio is converted using a high quality 24 bit audio ADC and can be embedded as 20 or 24 bit audio. Embedding conforms to SMPTE 272M and allows audio to be inserted into any of the four groups. Existing audio groups can be added to or completely removed. There is automatic cable equalisation and a re-clocked SDI output.

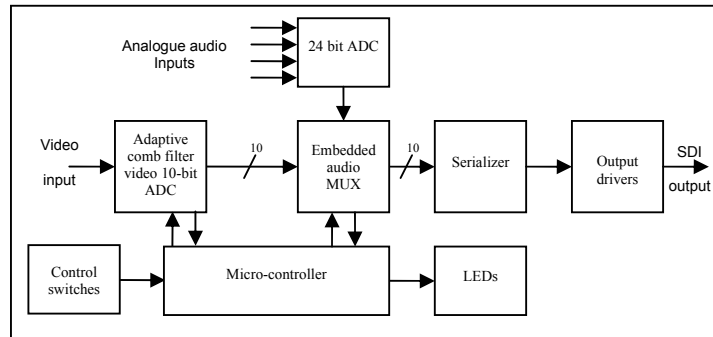
It is housed in an extremely compact and rugged aluminum case ideally suited to both studio and portable applications.



4463A Main features

- Composite analog video to SDI ADC using 2x over sampling 10-bit A/D converters and with 4 line adaptive comb filter
- High quality 24 bit audio ADC
- Inserts two balanced analog audio stereo pairs into any group
- Replaces or adds to existing audio
- Selectable 20 or 24 bit embedding
- Adjustable full scale input levels to meet all international standards
- LEDs show group status and input signal presence
- Extremely compact and rugged

Functional block diagram



Installation and operation

The 4463A is simple to use and install.

- Set the dipswitches by referring to the table and description below or the table on the rear of the unit.
- Connect video & audio inputs and SDI output.
- Apply power to the 4463A unit either via the locking power connector from the 4000 external power supply or by sliding into the 1RU or 2RU rack mounting frame with central power supplies.
- On power-up the 4463A will perform a short (3 second) self test. The group LEDs will flash while this is in progress.
- The signal LED will be green when there is power and a valid SDI output signal.
- One of the group LEDs will light corresponding to the group selected by the switches. This LED will be green if the unit is successfully embedding audio. The LED will be red otherwise.
- The switch settings can be altered while the unit is powered and the changes are implemented immediately.
- The 4-800MB mounting bracket can be used to install a MiniBlox unit. The bracket should first be fixed vertically to any surface. The MiniBlox can then be lowered onto the dovetail part of the bracket with the front endplate uppermost to retain it.

Switch settings

Switch	1	2	Switch	OFF	ON
Group 1	OFF	OFF	3	Cascade	Overwrite
Group 2	OFF	ON	4	24-bit	20-bit
Group 3	ON	OFF	5	Pedestal present	
Group 4	ON	ON	6	Toggle level	

- Switches 1 & 2 set the group into which audio packets are inserted.
- Switch 3 determines whether existing audio packets are deleted from the video signal. When the switch is off, new audio packets are appended without deletion of existing packets allowing up to four 4463A units to be connected in cascade.
- Switch 4 controls the bit depth of the embedded audio. When the switch is off, extended audio packets are multiplexed into the video signal (24 bit audio). When the switch is on, extended audio packets are not included (20 bit audio).
- Switch 5 defines if there is a 7.5 IRE pedestal on the input analog video source. When this switch is in the off position the unit does not expect a pedestal, when in the on position the unit expects a 7.5 IRE pedestal to be present on the input analog video source.
- Switch 6 controls the analog level of the input; three levels are available 18dBu, 24dBu and a custom setting (default on delivery 20dBu). These levels are toggled through by activating and immediately deactivating the switch. The group LEDs will flash for two second as per the table below indicating the operating analog audio input level.

Level	LEDs
18dB	Group 1 flash red with group 2,3&4 green
24dB	Group 2 flash red with group 1,3&4 green
Custom	Group 3 flash red with group 1,2&4 green

If switch 6 is left on for more than six seconds the unit will enter custom level select mode – all group LEDs will flash red while the unit is in this mode. Refer to page 6 for details.