

# SMB/E01 Series

## Super Miniature Transmitters

With Digital Hybrid Wireless® Technology  
US Patent 7,225,135



**SMDB/E01** Dual battery  
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**RM** Remote Control



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# Introduction

The SMB Series transmitters are the product of many years of engineering and experience in professional audio markets. The unique design provides several distinct features for professional applications:

- Superb, compandor-free audio quality
- Ultra-lightweight, corrosion resistant housing
- Water resistant seals for use in damp environments
- Programmable compatibility modes for use with a wide variety of different receivers

The Digital Hybrid Wireless® design (US Patent 7,225,135) combines 24-bit digital audio with analog FM resulting in a system that has the same operating range as analog systems, the same spectral efficiency as analog systems, the same long battery life as analog systems, plus the excellent audio fidelity typical of pure digital systems.

The transmitters feature the unique servo bias input circuitry with a standard TA5M type input jack for use with electret lavalier mics, dynamic mics, or line level signals. A water resistant control panel with LCD, membrane switches and multi-color LEDs make input gain adjustments, frequency and compatibility mode selection quick and accurate, without having to view the receiver. The battery compartment accepts AA lithium or rechargeable batteries. The housings are machined from solid aluminum blocks to provide an extremely lightweight and rugged package. A special non-corrosive finish resists salt water exposure and perspiration in extreme environments.

The DSP-based design works with Euro version Digital Hybrid and IFB receivers.



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**CE - Declaration of Conformity**

We, Lectrosonics Inc.  
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declare under our sole responsibility that the product:

**SMB/E01, SMDB/E01**

to which this declaration relates is in conformity with the following standards:

**EN 300 422-2 V1.2.2 (2008-01)**  
**EN 301 489-3 V1.4.1 (2002-08)**  
**EN 60950-1: 2006**

**Test report no. R1010226-422**  
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Date of Issue:	2010-12-07
Applicant Details:	Lectrosonics, Inc. 581 Laser Road, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, USA
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Equipment Type:	Wireless Microphone Transmitter
Serial Number:	1, 2, & 3
Network Interface:	N/A
Frequency Range:	470.100 – 861.900 MHz
RF Output Power:	50mW
Modulation Type:	FM
Antenna Type:	Dipole/2.15dBi
Notified Body 1313:	Bay Area Compliance Laboratories Corp. 1274 Anvilwood Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94089 Tel: (408) 732-9162 Fax: (408) 732-9164 www.baclcorp.com

Essential requirements	Specifications / Standards	Document Identification	Result
Radio Spectrum, Article 3(2)	EN 300 422-2 V1.2.2	R1010226-422	Compliant
EMC, Article 3(1)(b)	EN 301 489-3 V1.4.1	R1010226-489	Compliant
Safety, Article 3(1)(a)	EN 60950-1: 2006	R1010226-3	Compliant

Our opinion in accordance with Annex IV of Council Directive 1999/5/EC on radio equipment and tele-communications equipment and the mutual recognition of their conformity is that the apparatus identified above complies with the requirements of that directive stated above.

Marking: It is recommended that the product bear the CE mark, the notified body number(s) as depicted to the right, only when all the essential requirements have been met, and a Manufacturer's Declaration of Conformity (EN-45014) has been filed with the European Commission.  
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# General Technical Description

## Servo Bias Input

The voltage and current requirements of the wide variety of electret microphones used in professional applications has caused confusion and compromises in the wiring needed for wireless transmitters. To address this problem, the unique Servo Bias input circuit provides an automatically regulated voltage over a very wide range of current for compatibility with all microphones.

## Digital Hybrid Wireless® Technology

All wireless links suffer from channel noise to some degree, and all wireless microphone systems seek to minimize the impact of that noise on the desired signal. Conventional analog systems use companders for enhanced dynamic range, at the cost of subtle artifacts (typically “pumping” and “breathing”). Wholly digital systems defeat the noise by sending the audio information in digital form, at the cost of some combination of power, bandwidth and resistance to interference.

Digital Hybrid systems overcome channel noise in a dramatically new way, digitally encoding the audio in the transmitter and decoding it in the receiver, yet still sending the encoded information via an analog FM wireless link. This proprietary algorithm is not a digital implementation of an analog compander but a technique that can be accomplished only in the digital domain, even though the inputs and outputs are analog.

Because it uses an analog FM link, the Digital Hybrid system enjoys all the benefits of conventional FM wireless systems and it does away with the analog compander and its artifacts.

## No Pre-Emphasis/De-Emphasis

The Digital Hybrid design results in a signal-to-noise ratio high enough to preclude the need for conventional pre-emphasis (HF boost) in the transmitter and de-emphasis (HF roll off) in the receiver. This eliminates the potential for distortion of signals with abundant high-frequency information.

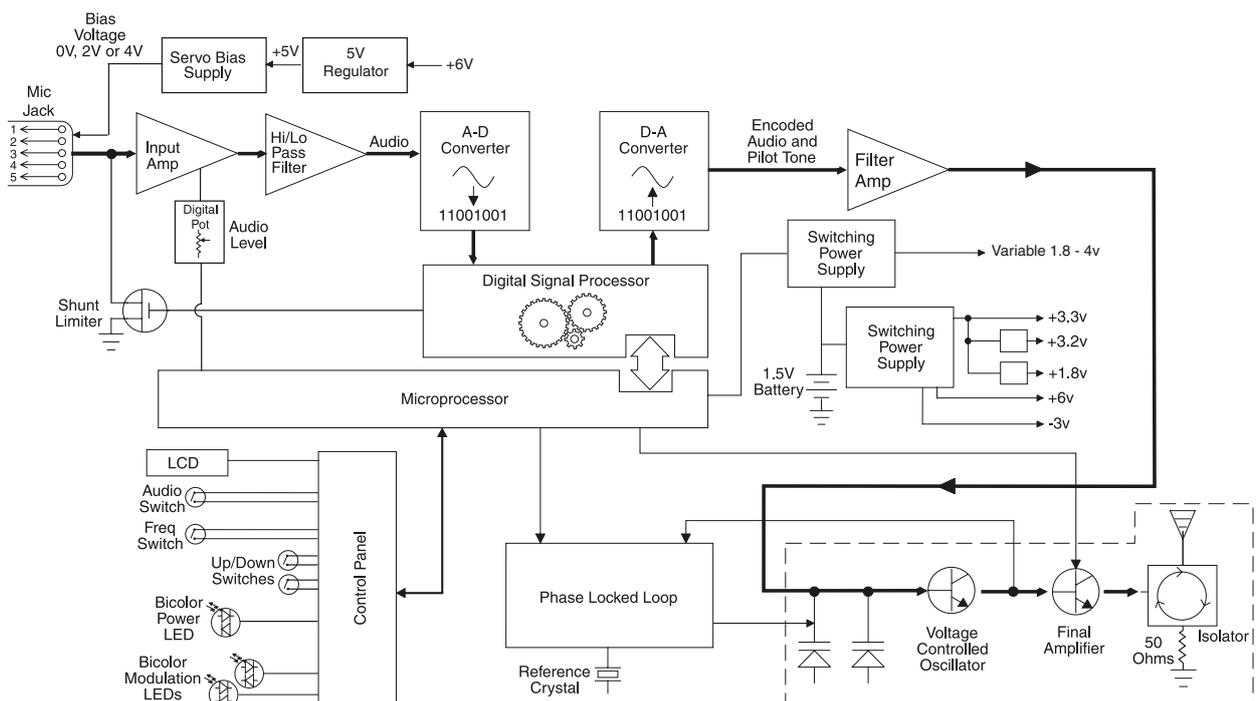
## Low Frequency Roll-Off

The low frequency roll-off can be set for a 3 dB down point at 35, 50, 70, 100, 120 and 150 Hz to control subsonic and very low frequency audio content in the audio. The actual roll-off frequency will vary slightly depending upon the low frequency response of the microphone.

Excessive low frequency content can drive the transmitter into limiting, or in the case of high level sound systems, can even cause damage to loudspeaker systems. The roll-off is normally adjusted by ear while listening as the system is operating.

## Input Limiter

A DSP-controlled analog audio limiter is employed before the A-D converter. The limiter has a range of more than 30 dB for excellent overload protection. A dual release envelope makes the limiter acoustically transparent while maintaining low distortion. It can be thought of as two limiters in series, a fast attack and release limiter followed by a slow attack and release limiter. The limiter recovers quickly from brief transients, with no audible side effects, and also recovers slowly from sustained high levels to keep audio distortion low while preserving short term dynamics.



## Signal Encoding and Pilot Tone

In addition to controlling the limiter, the DSP also encodes the digitized audio from the A/D converter and adds an ultrasonic pilot tone to control the squelch in the receiver. A pilot tone squelch system provides a reliable method of keeping a receiver output muted when the squelch is active, even in the presence of significant interference. When the system is operating in the hybrid mode, a different pilot tone frequency is generated for each carrier frequency to prevent squelch problems in multi-channel systems.

## Microprocessor Control

A microprocessor monitors user command inputs from the control panel buttons and numerous other internal signals. It works intimately with the DSP to ensure the audio is encoded according to the selected Compatibility Mode and that the correct pilot tone is added to the encoded signal.

## Compatibility Modes

SMB transmitters are designed to operate with Lectrosonics Digital Hybrid receivers and will yield the best performance when doing so, however, due to the flexibility of digital signal processing, they can also operate with Lectrosonics Euro version IFB receivers.

## Control Panel

The control panel includes four membrane switches and an LCD screen to adjust the operational settings. Multi-color LEDs are used to indicate audio signal levels for accurate gain adjustment and for battery status.

## Battery Options and Operating Time

Switching power supplies convert regulated battery voltages to operate various circuit stages with maximum efficiency. With the variety of alkaline, lithium and rechargeable NiMH batteries available today in the AA format, there are many choices to maximize operating time or minimize cost as needed for any application.

The firmware “remembers” the power status when a battery fails or power is disconnected, so the transmitter will be turned on automatically when power is restored and previous settings will be enabled.

## Frequency Blocks

Lectrosonics established a “block” numbering system years ago to organize the range of frequencies that are available. Legacy transmitters and receivers used two binary switches, each with 16 positions, to set the operating frequency.  $16 \times 16 = 256$ , which defined the standard number of frequencies in each block to be 256. Since the steps between frequencies is 100 kHz, this results in a switching range of 25.6 MHz.

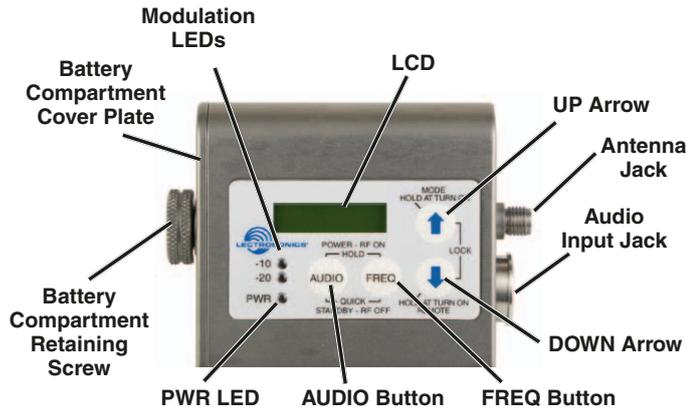
The lowest frequency in the switching range divided by 25.6 yields the block number. For example, 640.000 divided by 25.6 equals 25. In other words, block 25 starts at 640.000 MHz.

To determine what block a particular frequency falls into, divide the frequency and use the two significant digits to the left of the decimal. For example, to calculate the block for 580.500 MHz, divide 580 by 25.6, which equals 22.656, which indicates block 22.

## Circulator/Isolator

The RF output circuit includes a one way circulator/isolator using a magnetically polarized ferrite. This device greatly reduces RF intermodulation produced when multiple transmitters are used in close proximity to one another (a meter or two, or less). The isolator also protects the output amplifier against static shock.

# Controls and Functions



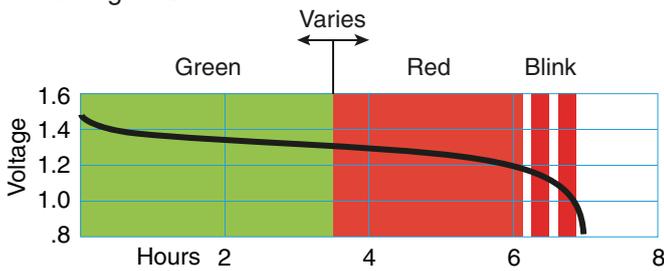
## LCD Screen

The LCD is a numeric-type Liquid Crystal Display with screens for adjusting power, frequency, audio level and low frequency audio roll-off. The transmitter can be powered up with or without the RF output turned on. A countdown appears in the LCD when powering on and off, allowing the transmitter to be turned on without RF for adjustments, and to prevent accidentally turning it off with momentary button presses.

## Power LED

The PWR LED glows green when the battery is good. The color changes to red at a mid-point of operating life, and will continue to glow red until the battery gets close to the end of its life. When the LED begins to blink red, there are only a few minutes remaining.

The exact point at which the LED turns red will vary with battery brand and condition, temperature and current drain. The LED is simply a reminder intended to catch your attention, not an exact indicator of remaining time.



Example of AA lithium battery in SMB transmitter

A NiMH rechargeable battery will give little or no warning when it is depleted because the voltage does not vary much during its operating life. If you wish to use NiMH batteries, we recommend trying fully charged batteries in the unit and using the battery timer feature available in most receivers to determine the available operating time.

A weak battery will sometimes cause the PWR LED to glow green immediately after the transmitter is turned on, but the battery will soon discharge to the point where the LED will turn red or the unit will turn off completely. When the transmitter is in SLEEP mode, the LED blinks green every few seconds.

## Audio Input Jack

The Servo Bias input circuitry accommodates virtually every lavalier, handheld or shotgun microphone available, plus line level signals.

## Modulation LEDs

Proper input gain adjustment is critical to ensure the best audio quality. Two bicolor LEDs will glow either red or green to accurately indicate modulation levels. The input circuitry includes a wide range DSP controlled limiter to prevent distortion at high input levels.

It is important to set the gain (audio level) high enough to achieve full modulation during louder peaks in the audio. The limiter can handle over 30 dB of level above full modulation, so with an optimum setting, the LEDs will flash red during use. If the LEDs never flash red, the gain is too low. In the table below, +0 dB indicates full modulation.

Signal Level	-20 LED	-10 LED
Less than -20 dB	● Off	● Off
-20 dB to -10 dB	● Green	● Off
-10 dB to +0 dB	● Green	● Green
+0 dB to +10 dB	● Red	● Green
Greater than +10 db	● Red	● Red

## AUDIO Button

The AUDIO button is used to display the audio level and low frequency roll-off settings. The UP and DOWN arrows adjust the values.

The AUDIO button is also used with the FREQ button to enter standby mode and to turn the transmitter on or off.

## FREQ Button

The FREQ Button displays the selected operating frequency and also toggles the LCD between displaying the actual operating frequency in MHz and a two-digit hexadecimal number that corresponds to the equivalent Lectrosionics Frequency Switch Setting.

The FREQ button is also used with the AUDIO button to enter standby mode and to turn the transmitter on or off.

## Up/Down Arrows

The Up and Down arrow buttons are used to select the values on the various setup screens and to lock out the control panel. Pressing both arrows simultaneously enters the lock countdown. When an attempt is made to change a setting while the control panel is locked, a message will flash on the LCD reminding you that the unit is locked. Once locked, the buttons can only be unlocked by removing the battery, or via the RM remote control (if the remote function was enabled in the transmitter setup).

## Antenna

The transmitter uses a whip antenna with a flexible woven, galvanized steel mesh cable and a standard SMA connector.

# Setup Screens

## Audio Screen




The Audio screen is used to adjust input gain from 0 to +44 dB, and the low frequency roll-off from 35 to 150 Hz. Repeatedly pressing the AUDIO button toggles back and forth between the two displays. Press and hold the AUDIO button and use the Up and Down arrows to make adjustments.

## Frequency Screen




The Frequency Screen displays the operating frequency in MHz or as a two-digit hexadecimal number that corresponds to the equivalent Lectrosonics Frequency Switch Setting. Repeatedly pressing the FREQ button toggles between the two displays. Press and hold the FREQ button and use the Up and Down arrows to select the frequency.

## Lock/Unlock Screen




Simultaneously pressing and holding both the Up and Down arrow buttons during normal operation starts the Lock timer. The timer starts at three and counts down to zero.

When the timer reaches zero, the transmitter's controls are locked.

With the controls locked, the AUDIO and FREQ buttons can still be used to display current settings. Any attempt to change a setting by pressing either the Up or Down arrow button will result in an on-screen **Loc** reminder that the controls are locked. Remove the batteries to unlock the control panel.

**Important:** Once the transmitter is locked, it cannot be unlocked or powered off using the buttons. The only ways to unlock a locked transmitter are to remove the battery or unlock it using the RM remote control if this function is enabled on the transmitter.

## Remote Control Operation




Remote Control Screens

The transmitters can be configured to respond to signals from the RM remote control unit or to ignore them. This setting is accessed by holding down the Down arrow button while powering the transmitter on.

If a remote control signal is detected but the transmitter is set to **rc OFF**, the message **rc OFF** will be displayed briefly on the transmitter's LCD, to confirm that a valid signal was received, but that the transmitter is not configured to respond to it.

Functions available from the remote control are:

- Audio Level
- Frequency
- Lock/Unlock Buttons
- Sleep/Wake (power saving mode)

In sleep mode, the transmitter uses only 20% of the normal amount of battery drain. Sleep mode can only be invoked with the remote control, and can only be revoked with the remote control or by removing the battery. When in the sleep mode, the PWR LED blinks green every few seconds to indicate that the transmitter is asleep and not turned off.

The RM is not included with SM Series transmitters. Several "Dweedle tones" can also be downloaded from the web site at:

<http://www.lectrosonics.com/hybrid/rm/rm.html>

The dweedle tones can be played back through an MP3 player, PDA, smart phone, etc., and in most cases, will even work with walkie talkies. The tones will not work through the loudspeakers of a sound system because the reflections and reverberation in the room will alter the tones.

## Configuring for Power Restore




Power Restore Screens

The Power Restore feature will turn the transmitter back on with the same settings that were enabled in the previous use after a battery is replaced or external power has been cycled off and back on.

- 1) Press and hold the Down Arrow Button then power on the transmitter by pressing the Audio and Freq buttons simultaneously.
- 2) Press **AUDIO** or **FREQ** key to scroll to the setting and then use the arrow keys to select **PbAc 1** for ON or **PbAc 0** for OFF.

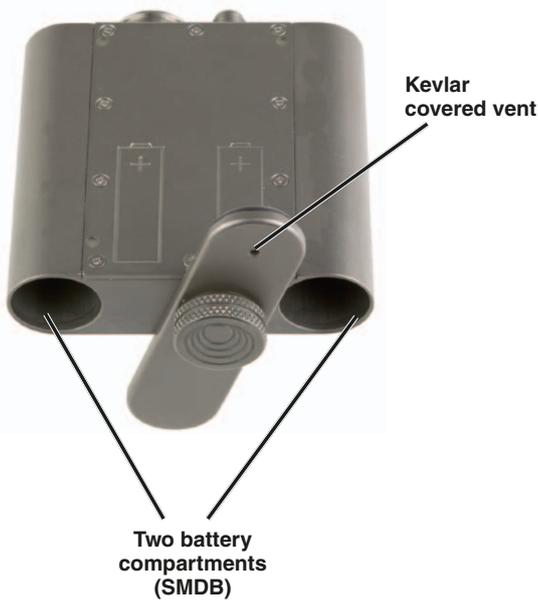
# Battery Installation

Note: Standard zinc-carbon batteries marked “heavy-duty” or “long-lasting” are not adequate.

The battery status circuitry is designed for the voltage drop over the life of lithium batteries.

To install new batteries:

1. Turn the Battery Cover Plate Thumbscrew counterclockwise, a few turns until the door will rotate.
2. Insert the new batteries into the housing. The positive (+) battery terminal goes into the transmitter first.
3. Align the Battery Cover Plate and tighten the Battery Cover Plate Thumbscrew.



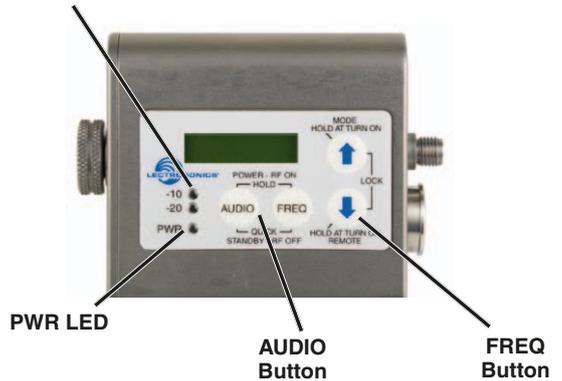
NOTE: Refer to the previous section entitled *Configuring for Power Restore*

# Operating Instructions

## Power Up and Boot Sequence

- 1) Ensure that good batteries are installed in the unit.
- 2) Simultaneously press and hold the AUDIO and FREQ buttons until the Power On Boot Sequence is initiated. As the unit turns on, the Modulation LEDs and PWR LED all glow red, then green, and then revert to normal operation.

### Modulation LEDs



The LCD displays a bootup sequence which consists of four screens similar to these examples:

Company Name:	Lectro
Frequency Block (bXX) and Firmware Version (rX.X):	b21r1.1
Power Level	Pr 50
Compatibility Mode:	CP Hbr
Audio:	Aud 22

## Power Down



Initial Power Off  
Timer Screen

- 1) Simultaneously press and hold the AUDIO and FREQ buttons while observing that the word **OFF** appears in the LCD along with a counter.
- 2) Continue holding the buttons in until the counter reaches **0**, and the unit will then turn off.

Note: If the AUDIO and FREQ buttons are released before the LCD goes blank at the end of the countdown, the unit will not turn off. Instead, it will stay energized and the display will return to the previous screen.

## Standby Mode



Standby Screen

Press the AUDIO and FREQ buttons briefly to place the unit in Standby Mode. In this mode the RF output is turned off so all

setup adjustments can be made without interfering with other systems operating in the same location. The screen displays **rf OFF** to remind the user that the unit is not transmitting.

While the unit is in the standby mode, access the setup screens using the AUDIO and FREQ buttons and make adjustments using the Up and Down arrows.

## Selecting the Compatibility Mode and Output Power



Digital Hybrid Wireless® compatibility mode

The transmitters will work with Digital Hybrid and IFB analog receivers. The unit automatically enters the Standby Mode when selecting compatibility.



IFB compatibility mode

1) Set the receiver's audio controls to minimum.

2) From a power off condition, hold down the Up arrow, then simultaneously press the AUDIO and FREQ buttons.

- 3) Press either AUDIO or FREQ button to select the compatibility screen and use the Up and Down arrows to select the desired mode.

The following Compatibility Modes are available:

- Digital Hybrid mode: CP Hbr
- IFB Series mode: CP IFb

- 4) Simultaneously press the AUDIO and FREQ buttons to exit this mode and turn off the power.

## Setting Transmitter Operating Frequency



Frequency displayed in MHz



Frequency displayed as two-digit hexadecimal number

The frequency can be displayed either in MHz or as a two-digit hexadecimal number and can be set in the Standby Mode or when the transmitter is powered up. The hexadecimal numbering system is unique to Lectrosonics where two alphanumeric characters correspond to the left and

right switch settings on earlier analog transmitters that used mechanical rotary switches to adjust frequency. The hexadecimal notation is also easier to remember than a six character frequency and is supported on the receiver LCD.

- 1) Press the FREQ button to select either the MHz screen or the hexadecimal screen.
- 2) While holding the FREQ button, use the Up or Down arrow buttons to move the operating frequency up or down from the current setting.

*Note: The operating frequency displayed on the LCD wraps as it reaches the upper or lower end of its range.*

## Adjusting the Low Frequency Roll-off

Repeatedly press the AUDIO button until the LF roll-off adjustment screen appears. Then press and hold the AUDIO button while selecting the desired roll-off frequency with the UP and DOWN arrows.



The roll-off frequency can be set to 35, 50, 70, 100, 120 and 150 Hz.

## Adjusting Audio Level (Gain)

The control panel Modulation LEDs indicate the audio level and limiter activity. Once set, the transmitter's audio level setting **should not** be used to control the volume of your sound system or recorder levels. This gain adjustment matches the transmitter gain with the microphone's output level, the user's voice level and the position of the microphone. The audio input level (gain) is adjusted with the unit in the Standby Mode or while powered up while observing the LEDs.

It is desirable to set the gain so that some limiting occurs on louder peaks. The limiter is very transparent and its effect is not audible until the system is close to overload. In other words, don't be shy about turning up the gain. In fact, it is a good idea to turn the gain up to maximum and listen for distortion or compression to get a feel for how much headroom the system actually has.

Signal Level	-20 LED	-10 LED
Less than -20 dB	● Off	● Off
-20 dB to -10 dB	● Green	● Off
-10 dB to +0 dB	● Green	● Green
+0 dB to +10 dB	● Red	● Green
Greater than +10 db	● Red	● Red

**Note:** Different voices will usually require different gain settings, so check this adjustment as each new person uses the system. If several different people will be using the transmitter and there is not time to make the adjustment for each individual, adjust it for the loudest voice.

- 1) With the transmitter powered off, plug in the microphone and make sure the connector is firmly seated.

**Warning:** If the systems is powered up while connected to a live sound system, be careful to turn the sound system level down first or severe feedback can occur.

- 2) Place the transmitter in Standby Mode or turn it on for normal use.
- 3) Position the microphone in the location where it will be used in actual operation.
- 4) Observe the Modulation LEDs while speaking or singing into the microphone at the same voice level that will be used during use. While holding the AUDIO button, press the UP or DOWN arrow buttons until the both the -20 and -10 LEDs glow green, with the -20 LED occasionally flickering red. This will maximize the signal to noise ratio of the system with full modulation and provide subtle limiting to prevent overload and audible compression.
- 5) If the unit was set up in Standby Mode, it will be necessary to turn the transmitter off, then power it up again in normal operation so the RF output will be on. Then the other components in the sound or recording system can be adjusted.

## Locking or Unlocking the Controls



Control Panel Locked

The Lock mode protects the transmitter from accidental changes to its settings.

Simultaneously press both the Up and Down arrow buttons to start the count-down timer. When the timer reaches zero, "Loc" is displayed and the controls are locked. Settings can be reviewed but not changed.

Once the transmitter is locked, it cannot be unlocked or powered off using the buttons. The only ways to unlock a locked transmitter are to remove the battery or unlock it using the remote control. The remote control will work only if the transmitter was previously configured to respond to the remote control. The unit will always power up in "unlocked" mode.

## Attaching and Removing the Microphone

The flexible sleeve over the 5-pin plug on the microphone helps prevent dust and moisture from getting into the input jack. A flange is machined into the rim of the connector on the transmitter to help retain the sleeve after it is installed.

The following procedure simplifies the attachment and removal of the microphone to assure the sleeve is seated securely.

Align the pins on the plug and jack and insert the connector.



If the sleeve is pulled down and covering the connector, squeeze the end of the sleeve so you can feel the connector inside and press it into the jack until it latches.

Pinch and squeeze the sleeve near the flange and work it down with a kneading motion over the flange all the way around until it stays in place flush with the housing. Pull on the connector to make sure it is firmly latched.



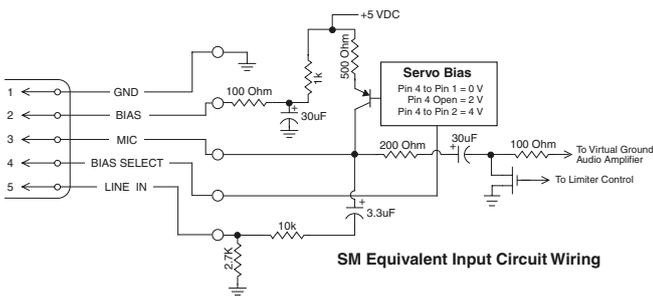
To remove the connector, pull the sleeve back to expose the black release button. Press the button to unlatch the plug.



# 5-Pin Input Jack Wiring

The wiring diagrams included in this section represent the basic wiring necessary for the most common types of microphones and other audio inputs. Some microphones may require extra jumpers or a slight variation on the diagrams shown.

It is virtually impossible to keep completely up to date on changes that other manufacturers make to their products, thus you may encounter a microphone that differs from these instructions. If this occurs please call our toll-free number listed under Service and Repair in this manual or visit our web site at: [www.lectrosonics.com](http://www.lectrosonics.com)



## Audio input jack wiring:

- PIN 1 Shield (ground) for positive biased electret lavalier microphones. Shield (ground) for dynamic microphones and line level inputs.
- PIN 2 Bias voltage source for positive biased electret lavalier microphones.
- PIN 3 Low impedance microphone level input for dynamic microphones. Also accepts hand-held electret microphones provided the microphone has its own built-in battery.
- PIN 4 Bias voltage selector for Pin 3. Pin 3 voltage (0, 2 or 4 volts) depends on Pin 4 connection.
  - Pin 4 tied to Pin 1: 0 V
  - Pin 4 Open: 2 V
  - Pin 4 to Pin 2: 4 V
- PIN 5 High impedance, line level input for tape decks, mixer outputs, musical instruments, etc.



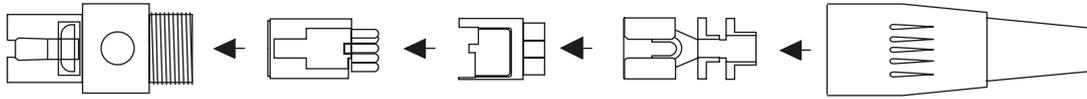
Note: If you use the dust boot, remove the rubber strain relief that is attached to the TA5F cap, or the boot will not fit over the assembly.

## Installing the Connector:

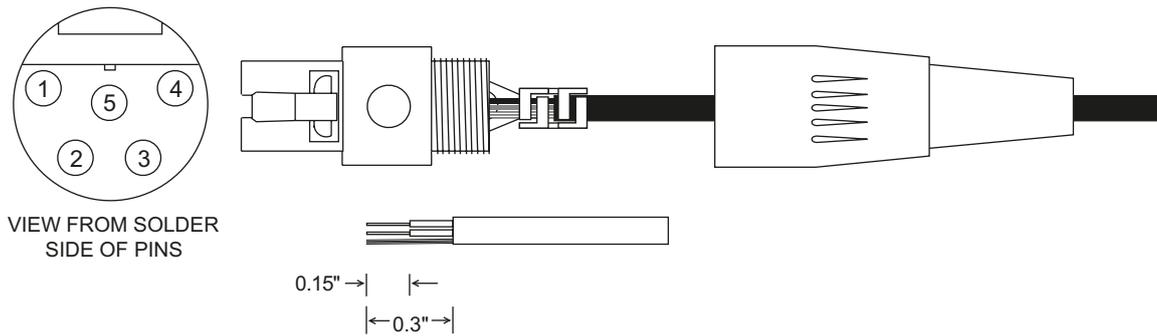
- 1) If necessary, remove old connector from microphone cable.
- 2) Slide Rubber Boot onto microphone cable with the large end facing away from the microphone. (See illustration above.)
- 3) If necessary, slide the 1/8-inch black shrink tubing onto the microphone cable. (This tubing is needed for some cables to ensure the cable fits snugly in the rubber boot.)
- 4) Use the resistors and connector included with this kit to configure the TA5F to your particular microphone. A length of .065 OD clear tubing is included if insulating the resistor leads or shield wire is necessary. (Remove rubber strain relief from connector backshell by pulling it out of the backshell.)
- 5) Slide the Strain Relief over the TA5F Insert and crimp as shown to the right. Then insert the TA5F Insert and Strain Relief in the TA5F Latchlock. Screw the TA5F Flex Relief onto the TA5F Latchlock.
- 6) If needed, position and shrink the 1/8-inch shrink tubing on the microphone cable, then slide the Rubber Boot down over the TA5F connector.

# Microphone Cable Termination for Non-Lectrosonics Microphones

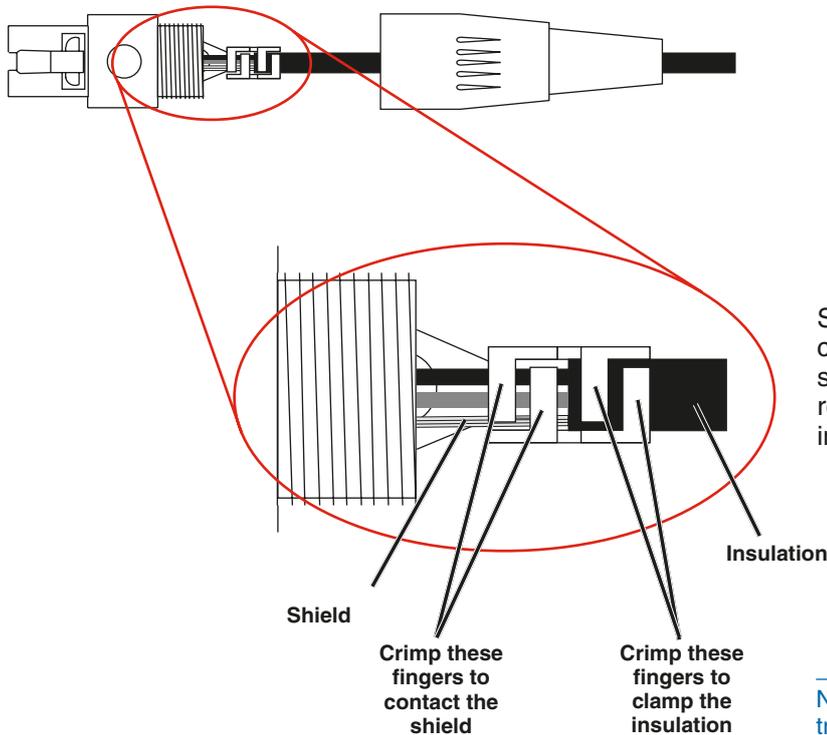
## TA5F Connector Assembly



## Mic Cord Stripping Instructions



## Crimping to Shield and Insulation



Strip and position the cable so that the clamp can be crimped to contact both the mic cable shield and the insulation. The shield contact reduces noise with some microphones and the insulation clamp increases ruggedness.

**NOTE:** This termination is intended for UHF transmitters only. VHF transmitters with 5-pin jacks require a different termination. Lectrosonics lavalier microphones are terminated for compatibility with VHF and UHF transmitters, which is different than what is shown here.

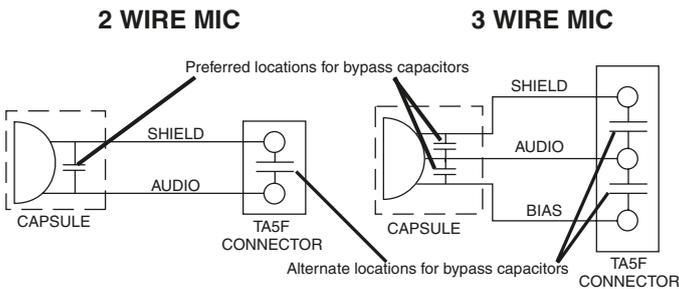
## Microphone RF Bypassing

When used on a wireless transmitter, the microphone element is in the proximity of the RF coming from the transmitter. The nature of electret microphones makes them sensitive to RF, which can cause problems with the microphone/transmitter compatibility. If the electret microphone is not designed properly for use with wireless transmitters, it may be necessary to install a chip capacitor in the mic capsule or connector to block the RF from entering the electret capsule.

Some mics require RF protection to keep the radio signal from affecting the capsule, even though the transmitter input circuitry is already RF bypassed (see schematic diagram).

If the mic is wired as directed, and you are having difficulty with squealing, high noise, or poor frequency response, RF is likely to be the cause.

The best RF protection is accomplished by installing RF bypass capacitors at the mic capsule. If this is not possible, or if you are still having problems, capacitors can be installed on the mic pins inside the TA5F connector housing.



Install the capacitors as follows: Use 330 pF capacitors. Capacitors are available from Lectrosonics. Please specify the part number for the desired lead style.

Leaded capacitors: P/N 15117

Leadless capacitors: P/N SCC330P

All Lectrosonics lavalier mics are already bypassed and do not need any additional capacitors installed for proper operation.

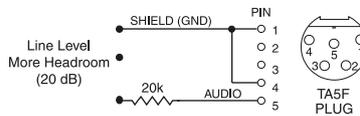
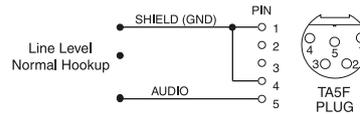
## Line Level Signals

The normal hookup for line level signals is:

- Signal Hot to pin 5
- Signal Gnd to pin 1
- Pin 4 jumped to pin 1

This allows signal levels up to 3V RMS to be applied without limiting.

If more headroom is needed, insert a 20 k resistor in series with pin 5. Put this resistor inside the TA5F connector to minimize noise pickup.



# Wiring Hookups for Different Sources

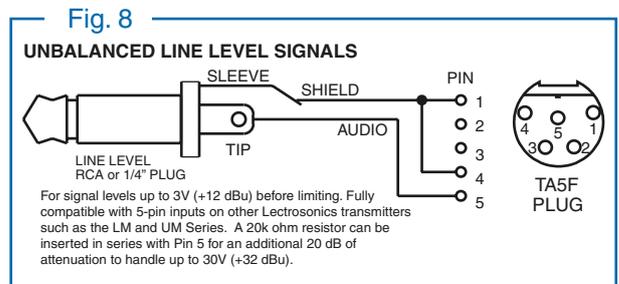
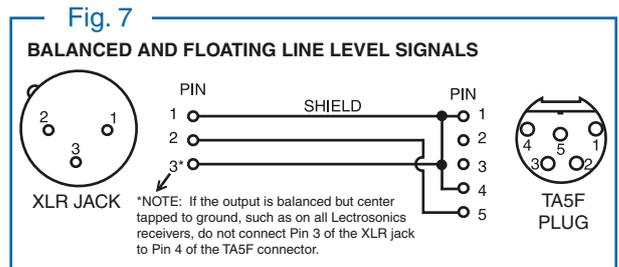
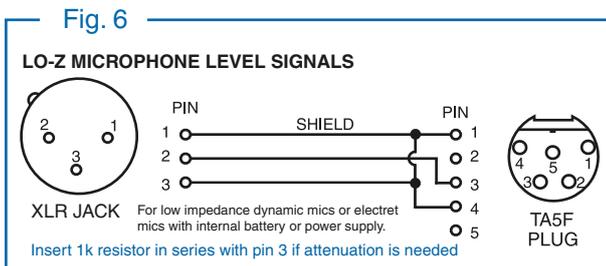
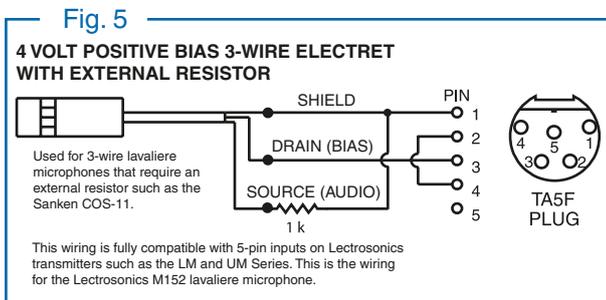
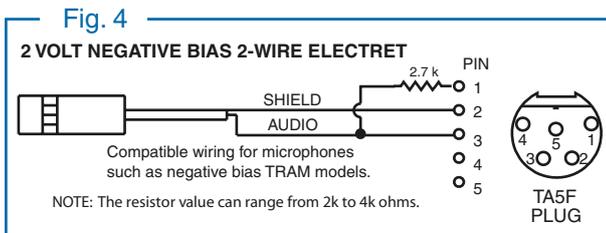
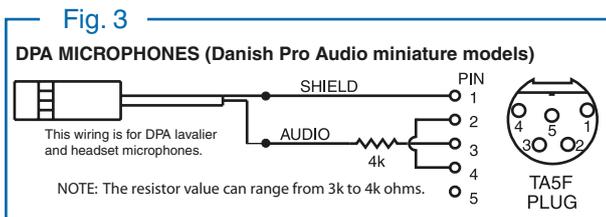
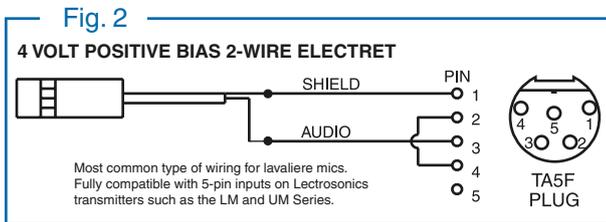
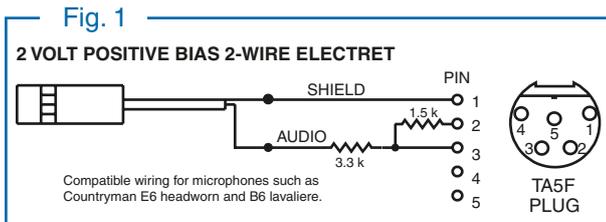
In addition to the microphone and line level wiring hookups illustrated below, Lectrosonics makes a number of cables and adapters for other situations such as connecting musical instruments (guitars, bass guitars, etc.) to the transmitter. Visit [www.lectrosonics.com](http://www.lectrosonics.com) and click on Accessories, or download the master catalog.

A lot of information regarding microphone wiring is also available in the FAQ section of the web site at:

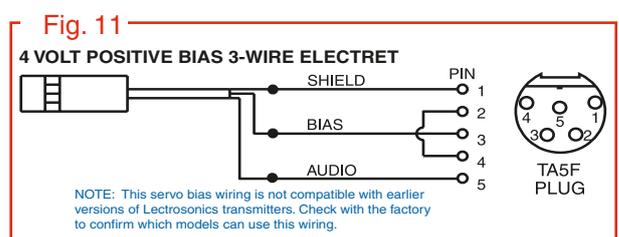
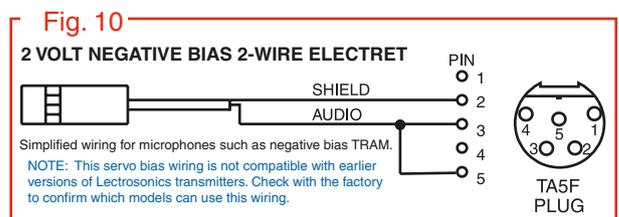
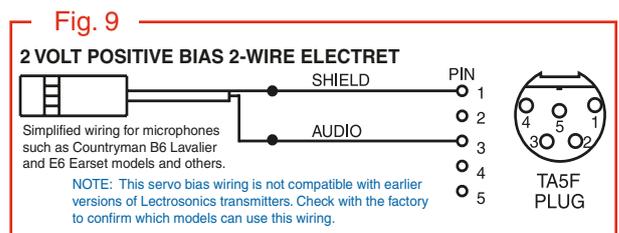
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Follow the instructions to search by model number or other search options.

## Compatible Wiring for Both Servo Bias Inputs and Earlier Transmitters:



## Simple Wiring - Can ONLY be used with Servo Bias Inputs:



# Optional RM Remote Control

The RM unit gives you remote control of SM Series transmitters using an audible tone delivered to the microphone. The panel layout is the same as the transmitters. Simply set the desired value or mode on the LCD, then press the send button to set the transmitter to the same setting or mode.



Hold the speaker on the RM close to the microphone when pressing the pushbutton. A “dweedle” tone will play from the RM speaker into the microphone and the parameter on the transmitter will be set immediately.

Available adjustments:

- Audio input gain
- Frequency
- Lock or Unlock Modes
- Sleep Mode ON/OFF



When the transmitter is in the power saving sleep mode, it uses only 20% of the normal battery drain, so battery life will be 5 times longer. This is especially useful in situations where the transmitter is buried deep inside costuming and there are waiting periods between use. The transmitter can “sleep” for several hours and then be awakened and adjusted when the production is about to begin.

## Powering the RM on and off

To turn the RM on or off, press the AUDIO and FREQ buttons together briefly. The unit powers up on the page that was displayed when the unit was powered off last.

The setup screens are accessed with the AUDIO and FREQ buttons. Once on the desired screen, the value is adjusted with the UP and DOWN arrow buttons.

To change a transmitter’s setting via the RM, select the screen and value, then press the SEND button while holding the speaker close to the microphone. The speaker should be uncovered and held within a few inches of the transmitter’s microphone. The longest usable range is about 6 feet, depending on the microphone and volume settings used.

Only the specific function displayed is altered. For example, if the remote control is on the Aud (audio level/gain) screen, pressing the send button will set the gain on the transmitter but will not affect any other setting.

## Setup Screens

The AUDIO button cycles through 4 screens:

- 1) Aud - set transmitter’s audio level
- 2) SLEEP/unSLP - cause transmitter to sleep or wake up
- 3) Loc/unLoc - lock or unlock transmitter’s buttons
- 4) Loud - adjust RM speaker volume (press SEND button for a sample tone)

The FREQ button cycles through 2 or 3 screens, depending on the settings:

- 1) CH - set transmitter’s channel (using block-independent hex code)
- 2) b - select a block number (optional — uncovers next page)
- 3) 000.000 - set transmitter’s frequency in MHz (avail. if a block is selected)



A single AA Lithium battery will operate the RM for up to several years. Unscrew the knurled knob for access to the battery compartment.

## Operating Notes

- The sensitivity to the remote control varies with the transmitter's audio level setting and the microphone used, but it is always possible to make it work with a sufficiently loud remote signal at close range.
- If the transmitter is configured to respond to the remote control, it will do so even if the buttons are locked.
- When the transmitter is asleep, it can only be awakened by the remote control, or by removing and reinserting the battery.
- When the transmitter is asleep, the PWR led blinks green every few seconds.
- If a remote command is sent that would result in the same display being shown again on the transmitter (for example tuning to the channel already displayed), a row of dashes is displayed briefly, as a signal that the command was received, but it didn't change anything.
- If you are having trouble getting the transmitter to respond, make sure you aren't covering the speaker with your thumb, and/or turn up the speaker volume on the *Loud* page.
- If the RM is set to a different block number than the transmitter and an attempt is made to set the transmitter's frequency in MHz, the command will still work. The transmitter is simply set to the corresponding channel in the correct block, with a matching hexadecimal number.
- The audio signal from the RM will change the settings of all transmitters within range. Experiment with this to prevent accidental changes to another transmitter during a production.



*The RM should be held close enough to the microphone to change the settings on the intended transmitter, and not be loud enough to affect other transmitters nearby.*

***Important: The remote control (RC) mode must be enabled on your SM Series transmitter for the RM to function with it. For instructions, refer to page 7 of this publication.***

## RM Quick Reference

Power On/Off	AUDIO+FREQ
Set audio level	Aud page (via AUDIO)
Sleep or Wake	SLEEP/unSLP page (via AUDIO)
Lock or Unlock	Loc/unLoc page (via AUDIO)
Adjust RM volume	Loud page (via AUDIO)
Set Frequency (hex)	CH page (via FREQ)
Enable MHz display	b (block) page (via FREQ)
Set channel (CH - MHz)	000.000 page (via FREQ)

# Troubleshooting

Before going through the following chart, be sure that you have a good battery in the transmitter. It is important that you follow these steps in the sequence listed.

## SYMPTOM

## POSSIBLE CAUSE

### TRANSMITTER PWR LED OFF

- 1) Battery is inserted backwards or dead.
- 2) Transmitter not powered up. (See *Operating Instructions, Power UP and Boot Sequence.*)

### TRANSMITTER PWR LED BLINKS GREEN EVERY FEW SECONDS, TRANSMITTER DOES NOT RESPOND OTHERWISE

- 1) Transmitter has been put to sleep by the remote control. Either use the remote control to wake it up again or remove and reinsert the transmitter's battery.

### AUDIO LEVEL LEDs NOT LIGHTING

- 1) Gain control set to minimum.
- 2) Battery is dead or installed backwards. Check PWR LED.
- 3) Mic capsule is damaged or malfunctioning.
- 4) Mic cable damaged or mis-wired.

### RECEIVER RF INDICATOR OFF

- 1) Transmitter not turned on, or is in Standby Mode.
- 2) Transmitter battery is dead.
- 3) Receiver antenna missing or improperly positioned.
- 4) Transmitter and receiver not on same frequency. Check switches/display on transmitter and receiver.
- 5) Transmitter and receiver not on same frequency block.
- 6) Operating range is too great.
- 7) Defective transmitter antenna.

### NO SOUND (OR LOW SOUND LEVEL), RECEIVER INDICATES PROPER AUDIO MODULATION

- 1) Receiver output level set too low.
- 2) Receiver output disconnected, or cable defective or mis-wired.
- 3) Sound system or recorder input is turned down.

### DISTORTED SOUND

- 1) Transmitter gain (audio level) is far too high. Check audio level LEDs and receiver audio levels during use.
- 2) Receiver output may be mismatched with the sound system or recorder input. Adjust output level on receiver to the correct level for the recorder, mixer or sound system. (Use the receiver's Tone function to check level.)
- 3) Transmitter is not set to same frequency as receiver. Check that operating frequency on receiver and transmitter match.
- 4) Receiver/Transmitter Compatibility Mode mismatched.

### EXCESSIVE FEEDBACK

- 1) Transmitter gain (audio level) too high. Check gain adjustment and/or reduce receiver output level.
- 2) Talent standing too close to speaker system.
- 3) Mic is too far from user's mouth.

**SYMPTOM****POSSIBLE CAUSE****HISS AND NOISE -- AUDIBLE DROPOUTS**

- 1) Transmitter gain (audio level) far too low.
- 2) Receiver antenna missing or obstructed.
- 3) Transmitter antenna broken or missing.
- 4) Operating range too great.
- 5) Signal interference. Turn off transmitter. If receiver's signal strength indicator does not drop to nearly zero, this indicates an interfering signal may be the problem. Try a different operating frequency.

**“Loc” APPEARS IN DISPLAY WHEN ANY BUTTON IS PRESSED**

- 1) Control Panel is locked. (See *Operating Instructions, Locking and Unlocking the Control Panel.*)

**“Hold” APPEARS IN DISPLAY WHEN ARROW BUTTONS ARE PRESSED**

- 1) Reminder that it is necessary to hold down the AUDIO or FREQ button to make adjustments to the audio gain or frequency settings.

**“PLL” APPEARS IN DISPLAY**

- 1) Indication that the PLL is not locked. This is a serious condition that requires factory repair. It may be possible to operate on another frequency far removed from the one that was selected when the condition was indicated.

**TRANSMITTER WON'T RESPOND TO REMOTE CONTROL**

- 1) If LCD blinks “rc oFF”, transmitter has not been configured to respond to the remote control. See “Remote Control Operation” on page 16 for instructions on how to configure.
- 2) If LCD blinks “- - - - -”, transmitter is already set as requested by the remote control.
- 3) If transmitter does not respond at all, try moving the remote control closer to the microphone or increasing the remote control's loudness setting, or increasing the audio level on the transmitter.
- 4) Make sure volume of RM and proximity of microphone are sufficient to engage transmitter.
- 5) Make sure transmitter is not in Sleep mode.

**RM Troubleshooting****FREQUENCY CHANGES, BUT NOT TO DESIRED FREQUENCY**

- 1) RM set on different block than transmitter in question. RM uses hex code to set frequency - set RM to proper frequency block, or use hex code method to change frequency.

## Included Accessories

### SMB:

**PSM** Leather pouch with integrated belt clip



**35923** Thermal insulating pad for SMB



Place thermal insulation pad on back of unit, as pictured.

**SMBCUPSL** Spring-loaded machined aluminum clip



### SMDB:

**PSMD** Leather pouch with integrated belt clip



**35924** Thermal insulating pad for SMDB



Place Thermal insulation pad on back of unit, as pictured.

**SMDBCSL** Spring-loaded machined aluminum clip



## Optional Accessories

**SMKITA5** Connector kit for SMV series transmitters, 5-pin TA5F plug with sleeve



**SMBCUP** Machined, wire belt clip for SMV transmitters, antenna up



**SMBCDN** Machined, wire belt clip for SMV transmitters, antenna down

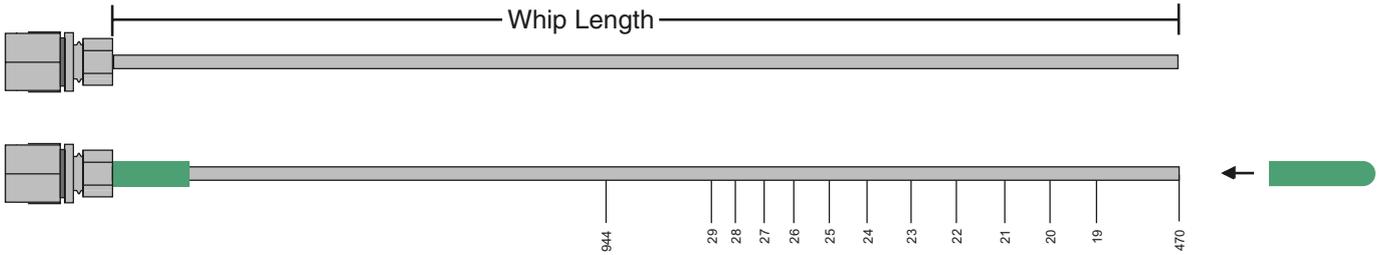


**SMDBC** Machined, wire belt clip for SMQV and transmitters



# Whip Antennas

Lectrosonics AMM Series UHF transmitter antennas follow the color code specifications in the chart below to identify operating frequency block range. The frequency range and/or block is marked on the outside of the transmitter housing. If the cap or label is missing on the antenna, refer to the following chart to determine the frequency and correct length.



Note: Check the scale of your printout. This line should be 6.00 inches long (152.4 mm).

BLOCK	FREQUENCY RANGE	CAP/SLEEVE COLOR	ANTENNA WHIP LENGTH
470	470.100 - 495.600	Black w/ Label	5.67"
19	486.400 - 511.900	Black w/ Label	5.23"
20	512.000 - 537.500	Black w/ Label	4.98"
21	537.600 - 563.100	Brown w/ Label	4.74"
22	563.200 - 588.700	Red w/ Label	4.48"
23	588.800 - 614.300	Orange w/ Label	4.24"
606	606.000 - 631.500	(Use Block 24 Ant)	
24	614.400 - 639.900	Yellow w/ Label	4.01"
25	640.000 - 665.500	Green w/ Label	3.81"
26	665.600 - 691.100	Blue w/ Label	3.62"
27	691.200 - 716.700	Violet (Pink) w/ Label	3.46"
28	716.800 - 742.300	Grey w/ Label	3.31"
29	742.400 - 767.900	White w/ Label	3.18"
30	768.000 - 793.500	Black-w/Label	3.08"
31	793.600 - 819.100	Black-w/Label	2.99"
32	819.200 - 844.700	Black-w/Label	2.92"
33	844.800 - 865.000	Black-w/Label	2.87"

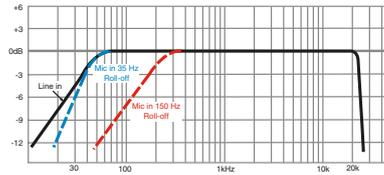
# Specifications and Features

**Operating frequencies:**

Block 470	470.100 - 495.600	Block 26	665.600 - 691.100
Block 19	486.400 - 511.900	Block 27	691.200 - 716.700
Block 20	512.000 - 537.500	Block 28	716.800 - 742.300
Block 21	537.600 - 563.100	Block 29	742.400 - 767.900
Block 22	563.200 - 588.700	Block 30	768.000 - 793.500
Block 23	588.800 - 607.900	Block 31	793.600 - 819.100
	614.100 - 614.300	Block 32	819.200 - 844.700
Block 606	606.000 - 631.500	Block 33	844.800 - 861.900
Block 24	614.400 - 639.900		(100 kHz Steps)
Block 25	640.000 - 665.500		(Frequency usage varies by country)

Frequency range:	256 frequencies in 100 kHz steps for one 25.5 MHz wide block
Channel Spacing:	100 kHz
Type of Modulation:	FM
Frequency selection:	Control panel mounted membrane switches
RF Power output:	50 mW (nominal)
Compatibility Modes (6)	Digital Hybrid Wireless® (400 Series) and IFB
Pilot tone:	25 to 32 kHz; 3 kHz deviation in hybrid mode
Frequency stability:	± 0.002%
Deviation:	± 50 kHz max. in hybrid mode
Spurious radiation:	60 dB below carrier
Equivalent input noise:	-125 dBV, A-weighted
Input level:	
If set for dynamic mic:	0.5 mV to 50 mV before limiting. Greater than 1 V with limiting.
If set for electret lavalier mic:	1.7 uA to 170 uA before limiting. Greater than 5000 uA (5 mA) with limiting.
Line level input:	17 mV to 1.7 V before limiting. Greater than 50 V with limiting.
Input impedance:	
Dynamic mic:	300 Ohms
Electret lavalier:	Input is virtual ground with servo adjusted constant current bias
Line level:	2.7 k Ohms
Input limiter:	Soft limiter, 30 dB range
Bias voltages:	Fixed 5 V at up to 5 mA Selectable 2 V or 4 V servo bias for any electret lavalier.
Gain control range:	40 dB; panel mounted membrane switches
Modulation indicators:	Dual bicolor LEDs indicate modulation of -20, -10, 0, +10 dB referenced to full modulation.
Controls:	Control panel with LCD and four membrane switches.

Low frequency roll-off: Adjustable from 35 to 150 Hz.



Audio Frequency Response: 35 Hz to 20 kHz, +/-1 dB (The low frequency roll-off is adjustable - see graph above)

Signal to Noise Ratio (dB): (overall system, 400 Series mode)

	SmartNR	No Limiting	w/ Limiting
OFF		103.5	108.0
NORMAL		107.0	111.5
FULL		108.5	113.0

(Note: the dual envelope "soft" limiter provides exceptionally good handling of transients using variable attack and release time constants. The gradual onset of limiting in the design begins below full modulation, which reduces the measured figure for SNR without limiting by 4.5 dB)

Total Harmonic Distortion:	0.2% typical (400 Series mode)
Audio Input Jack:	Switchcraft 5-pin locking (TA5F)
Antenna:	Flexible, unbreakable steel cable.
Batteries:	1.5 Volt AA lithium or rechargeable NiMH recommended
Battery Life:	SMB: 2 hours (alkaline); 7.25 hours (lithium), 5 hours with 2500mAh NiMH SMDB: 6 hours (alkaline); 14.5 hours (lithium), 8.5 hours with 2500mAh NiMH
Weight:	RM: 2.3 oz.. (65.8 grams) with lithium battery SMB: 2.7 oz.. (75.9 grams) with lithium battery SMDB: 3.7 oz.. (105 grams) with lithium batteries
Overall Dimensions:	SMB/RM: 2.3 x 1.8 x 0.64 inches (not including microphone/lanyard) 58 x 46 x 16 mm (not including microphone/lanyard) SMDB: 2.3 x 2.4 x 0.64 inches (not including microphone) 58 x 60 x 16 mm (not including microphone)

Specifications subject to change without notice.

## Service and Repair

If your system malfunctions, you should attempt to correct or isolate the trouble before concluding that the equipment needs repair. Make sure you have followed the setup procedure and operating instructions. Check the inter-connecting cables and then go through the **Troubleshooting** section in this manual.

We strongly recommend that you **do not** try to repair the equipment yourself and **do not** have the local repair shop attempt anything other than the simplest repair. If the repair is more complicated than a broken wire or loose connection, send the unit to the factory for repair and service. Don't attempt to adjust any controls inside the units. Once set at the factory, the various controls and trimmers do not drift with age or vibration and never require readjustment. **There are no adjustments inside that will make a malfunctioning unit start working.**

LECTROSONICS' Service Department is equipped and staffed to quickly repair your equipment. In warranty repairs are made at no charge in accordance with the terms of the warranty. Out-of-warranty repairs are charged at a modest flat rate plus parts and shipping. Since it takes almost as much time and effort to determine what is wrong as it does to make the repair, there is a charge for an exact quotation. We will be happy to quote approximate charges by phone for out-of-warranty repairs.

### Returning Units for Repair

For timely service, please follow the steps below:

- A.** DO NOT return equipment to the factory for repair without first contacting us by email or by phone. We need to know the nature of the problem, the model number and the serial number of the equipment. We also need a phone number where you can be reached 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. (U.S. Mountain Standard Time).
- B.** After receiving your request, we will issue you a return authorization number (R.A.). This number will help speed your repair through our receiving and repair departments. The return authorization number must be clearly shown on the **outside** of the shipping container.
- C.** Pack the equipment carefully and ship to us, shipping costs prepaid. If necessary, we can provide you with the proper packing materials. UPS is usually the best way to ship the units. Heavy units should be "double-boxed" for safe transport.
- D.** We also strongly recommend that you insure the equipment, since we cannot be responsible for loss of or damage to equipment that you ship. Of course, we insure the equipment when we ship it back to you.

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## LIMITED ONE YEAR WARRANTY

The equipment is warranted for one year from date of purchase against defects in materials or workmanship provided it was purchased from an authorized dealer. This warranty does not cover equipment which has been abused or damaged by careless handling or shipping. This warranty does not apply to used or demonstrator equipment.

Should any defect develop, Lectrosonics, Inc. will, at our option, repair or replace any defective parts without charge for either parts or labor. If Lectrosonics, Inc. cannot correct the defect in your equipment, it will be replaced at no charge with a similar new item. Lectrosonics, Inc. will pay for the cost of returning your equipment to you.

This warranty applies only to items returned to Lectrosonics, Inc. or an authorized dealer, shipping costs prepaid, within one year from the date of purchase.

This Limited Warranty is governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico. It states the entire liability of Lectrosonics Inc. and the entire remedy of the purchaser for any breach of warranty as outlined above. NEITHER LECTROSONICS, INC. NOR ANYONE INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION OR DELIVERY OF THE EQUIPMENT SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE USE OR INABILITY TO USE THIS EQUIPMENT EVEN IF LECTROSONICS, INC. HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE LIABILITY OF LECTROSONICS, INC. EXCEED THE PURCHASE PRICE OF ANY DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may have additional legal rights which vary from state to state.

