



## **DigiGen Axiom**

# **RACK MOUNTABLE HDTV SERIAL DIGITAL WAVEFORM GENERATOR OPERATOR'S HANDBOOK ISSUE A1 (HD SDI)**

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **WARRANTY**

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3. Connection, installation, adjustment or use otherwise than in accordance with the instructions in this manual.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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**BS EN 61010-1 : 1993**

Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use.



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

EN50081-1

Generic emissions standard for light industrial applications.

EN50082-1

Generic immunity standard for light industrial applications.

following the provisions of EU EMC directives 89/336/EEC and 92/31/EEC.

NOTE. During the EMC certification of this product, shielded cables were used. We recommend that they be used in operation.

## FRONT AND REAR PANELS

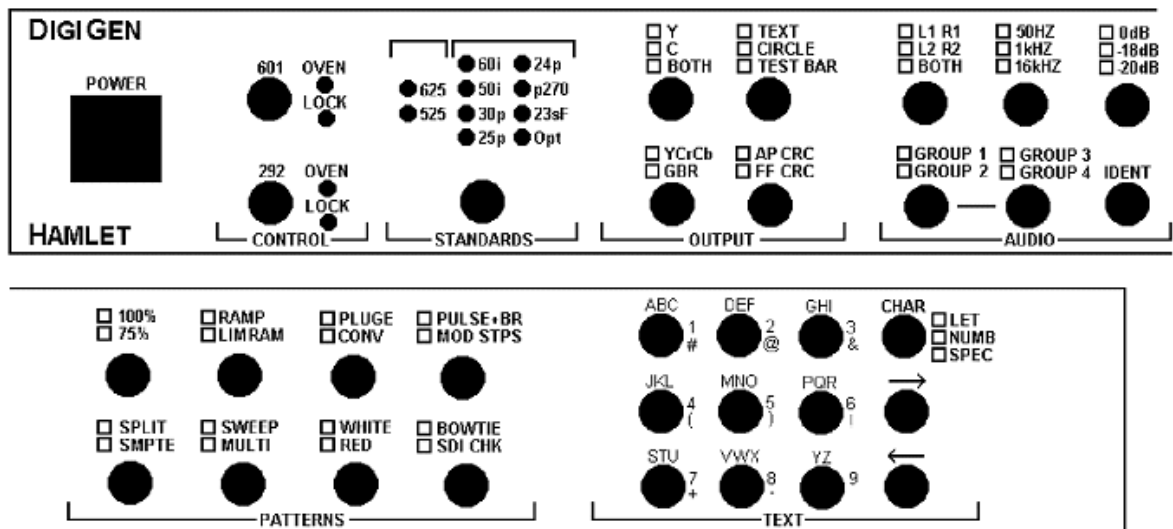


Fig 1

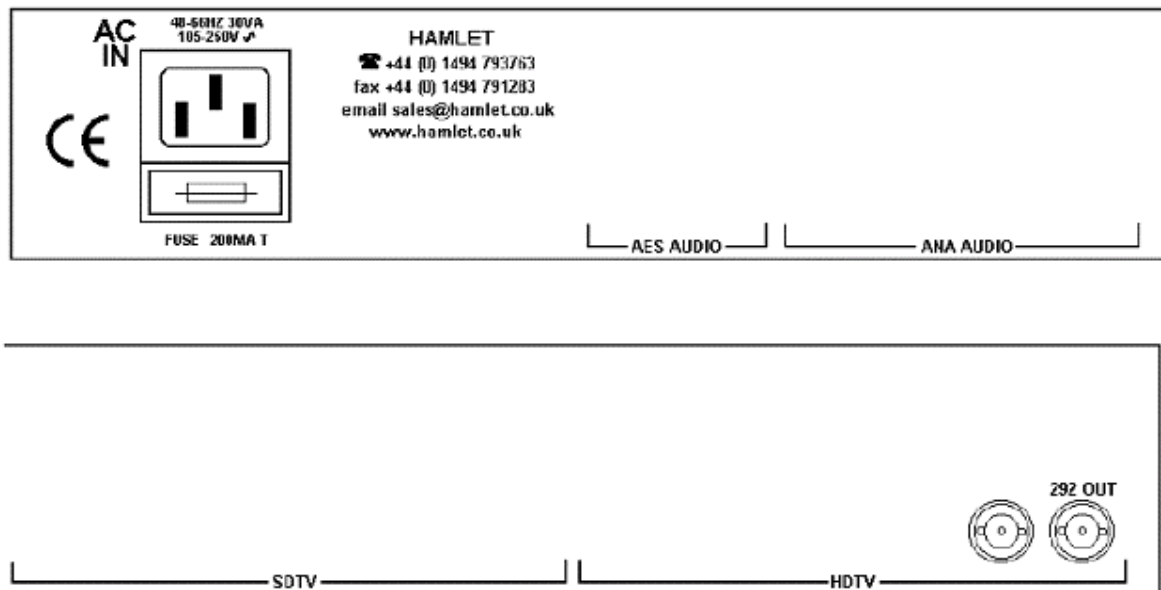


Fig 2

Note:-

**Active Inputs:-** Mains input  
**Active Outputs:-** Out 292 BNC x2

All other holes are plugged or blanked off.

## OVERVIEW

The Hamlet Digi Gen Axiom is a rack mount test signal generator designed to output HdTv serial digital (SMPTE 292) video together with embedded audio.

All signals are digitally derived for accuracy and stability.

### **SMPTE 274M.** Standard Act words P/I Clk rate

1920 x 1080/60/2:1 1920 I 74.25MHz.

1920 x 1080/50/2:1 1920 I 74.25MHz

1920 x 1080/30/1:1 1920 P 74.25MHz

1920 x 1080/25/1:1 1920 P 74.25MHz

1920 x 1080/24/1:1 1920 P 74.25MHz

1920 x 1080/30 (sf) 1920 SegForm 74.25MHz

1920 x 1080/25 (sf) 1920 SF 74.25MHz

1920 x 1080/24 (sf) 1920 SF 74.25MHz

### **SMPTE 296M.** Standard Act words P/I Clk rate

1280 x 720/60/1:1 1280 P 74.25MHz

An ident word can be cut into the selected pattern, consisting of 16 characters selected by the front panel buttons.

The video Y and C components can be individually disabled from both outputs and the embedded audio packets can be disabled from the SDI output.

Embedded tone can be on any of the four groups. It can be on Ch1, Ch2 or both and on Left, Right or both.



16 different patterns can be selected for all standards, including colour bars, frequency sweeps and the SDI test matrix pattern. The serial digital output is generated in full ten bit specification

All settings are stored on power down

Note:-

**Active Inputs:- Mains input**

**Active Outputs:- Out 292 BNC**

**All other holes are plugged or blanked off.**

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### Power

Toggles power on and off.

### Control Section

LEDs on            Green                            292, Oven and Lock

### Standards Section

625 or 525 NOT Selectable

24/48 light on.

24Hz Progressive or 48Hz Interlaced.

25/50 light on

25Hz Progressive or 50Hz Interlaced.

30/60 light on.

30Hz Progressive or 60Hz Interlaced.

720 light on.

60Hz Progressive.

### Output Section

GBR not selectable

AP CRC not selectable

Y LED on        Green

Y component is on.

C LED on        Red

C component is on.

Both LED on    Yellow

Both Y and C components on.

LED off         Off

No Luminance or Chrominance on output

Text LED on    Green

Up to 16 characters of text can be superimposed on pattern

To enter text:-

push ident

push text

amend text

push text again, scroll through circle, circle and bar, back to TEXT

push ident (text saved into memory)

push ident

Circle not selectable

Test Bar LED on Yellow

MPEG pattern. A moving horizontal bar is provided to identify frame interpolation errors in MPEG systems or stuck frames in field stores.

LED off         Off

No overlaid

FF CRC LED on Red

When no overlay or audio selected FF CRC inserted in data stream

LED off         Off

FF CRC not inserted

**NB. When TEXT is selected the (Green) IDENT LED also comes on and the (Red) L audio bars on the RH and LH embedded audio displays pulse up and down. To restore full audio bars then switch IDENT off (TEXT LED also goes off) and select L1R1, L2R2, BOTH buttons in sequence.**

**N.B There is no 0 on key pad for text entry should use O instead**

### Audio Section

50Hz/1KHz/15KHz not selectable – red LED on permanently

0dB/-18dB/-20dB not selectable – red LED on permanently

L1R1 LED on	Green	The embedded audio on CH1 ONLY
L2R2 LED on	Red	The embedded audio on CH2 ONLY
Both LED on	Yellow	The embedded audio on CH1 and CH2
LED off	Off	No embedded audio inserted

Group 1,2 LED on Green	Selects the embedded audio group: GP 1
Group 1,2 LED on Red	Selects the embedded audio group: GP 2
Or	
Group 3,4 LED on Green	Selects the embedded audio group: GP 3
Group 3,4 LED on Red	Selects the embedded audio group: GP 4

### Pattern Section

Pressing any of the pattern keys selects that set of patterns in a cyclic sequence

See below for pattern explanations

### Text Section

Char LED on Green	Keyboard used to enter the required letters
Char LED on Red	Keyboard used to enter the required numbers
Char LED on Yellow	Keyboard used to enter the required special characters

**N.B There is no 0 on key pad for text entry should use O instead**

Arrow buttons to move to required character location

## ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS

### STEREO AUDIO IDENT

**NB. When TEXT is selected the (Green) IDENT LED also comes on and the (Red) L audio bars on the RH and LH embedded audio displays pulse up and down. To restore full audio bars then switch IDENT off (TEXT LED also goes off) and select L1R1, L2R2, BOTH buttons in sequence.**

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## **PATTERNS**

### **100% BARS**

100% full colour bars.

Digital levels are Yblack =64, Ywhite = 940, Cr and Cb are 512 +/- 448 max.

### **75% BARS**

White as 100% bars. Colours reduced to 75% level.

### **SPLIT**

Top half of screen is 100% colour bars, bottom half is full red.

### **BOWTIE**

Y channel is 500KHz. Cr,Cb channels are 502KHz phase adjusted so equal to Y in mid line. Suitable monitoring equipment, e.g. the Hamlet LCDScope 292WVA, produce (Y-Cr) and (Y-Cb) displays to accurately check system gains and timings, with the traditional bowtie displays.

Y Waveform is 438 bits (350mV) p/p centred on 502 bits (350mV).

C Waveform is 448 bits (350mV) p/p centred on 512 bits (350mV).

Timing markers at +/-5nSec and at every 20nSec.

### **SWEEP**

Sweeps from 1MHz to 30MHz over the line period, with markers at 5,10,15,20,25 MHz.

Waveform is 600bits (480mV) p/p centred on 502 bits (350mV).

### **PLUGE**

Grey scale block for colour monitor gain tracking adjustment and grey/superblack stripes for brightness setting.

Block is 940 bits (700mV), 502 bits (350mV), 239 bits (140mV).

Stripes are at 64 +/- 18bits (+/- 14mV).

### **MULTI**

White bar at 765 bits (560mV) followed by five frequency bursts at 5MHz, 10MHz, 15MHz, 20MHz and 25MHz at 526 bits (370mV) p/p centred on 502 bits (350mV).

### **PULSE+BR**

2T luma pulse at 940 bits (700mV), 10T chroma pulse at 502 bits (350mV), 20 uSec bar at 940 bits (700mV).

## **PATTERNS**

### **MOD STPS**

5-step ascending staircase, equal steps of 175 bits (140mV) each.  
Added chroma of Cr at 638 bits and Cb at 652 bits.

### **WHITE**

Plain full white screen.

Y waveform 940 bits (700mV), Cr is 512 bits, Cb is 512 bits.

### **RED**

Plain full red screen.

Y waveform is 250 bits (149mV), Cr is 960 bits, Cb is 409 bits.

### **CONVERGE**

Crosshatch pattern for colour monitor convergence adjustment.

### **DIG CHK**

Top half of the screen is the equaliser test and contains several examples of 19 "0"s followed by 2 "1"s per frame.

Bottom half of the screen is the phase locked loop test and contains several examples of 20 "0"s followed by one "1" per frame.

### **RAMP**

Y waveform is an ascending ramp, running from 64 bits (0mV) to 940 bits (700mV).

Cr and Cb waveforms are ascending ramps, running from 64 (-350mV) to 960 (+350mV)

### **LIM RAMP**

Y waveform is an ascending ramp, running from 1 bit (50 mV below black) to 1022 bits (66 mV above peak white).

### **OPTION**

Future or optional patterns, e.g. SMPTE colour bars.

## **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION**

### **OUTPUTS**

Serial digital            2 x BNC connectors. Output impedance 75 ohms.  
SMPTE 292, serial component. 800mV pp  
Full 10 bit pattern generation.  
Embedded audio tone is a 1KHz asynchronous sine wave  
at a level of -18dBFS.

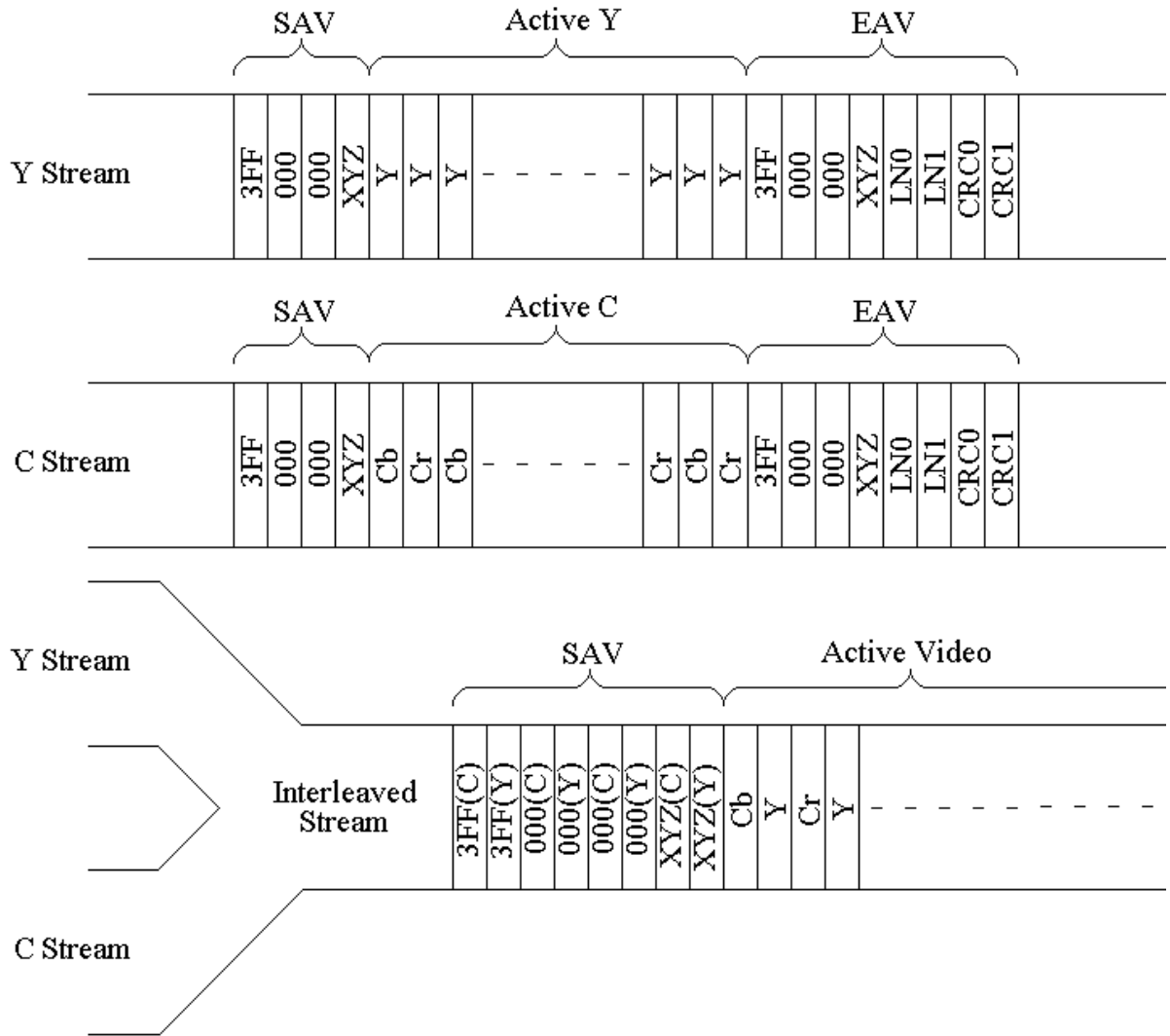
### **POWER**

Current draw is 600mA  
Mains supply 220/110VAC +/-20% 50/60Hz 10VA max.

### **ENVIRONMENT**

Indoor use, 5 to 45 deg.C. ambient to 2,000m.  
Max humidity 80% to 31 deg.C decreasing to 50% at 40 deg.C.  
Overvoltage category 2. Pollution degree 1.  
Weight 2.2Kg.

## HDTV SERIAL DIGITAL BASICS



**Fig 3**



## HDTV SERIAL DIGITAL BASICS

### BIT SERIAL DIGITAL INTERFACE DEFINED BY SMPTE 292M.

HDTV digital component video is produced by applying a 4:2:2 sampling structure to the analog signal. The luminance component (Y) is sampled at 74.25 MHz, the colour difference components U & V) are both sampled at 37.125 MHz.

The Y stream is quantised to 10 bits resolution and Timing Reference Signals (TRS) are added at the beginning and end of the horizontal video blanking period.

The U & V streams are also quantised to 10 bits and then interleaved to give a C stream at 74.25 MHz. TRS are added at the beginning and end of the horizontal video blanking period.

The 74.25MHz Y and C streams are then interleaved to produce a single stream at 148.5MHz.

This data is then scrambled and serialised using a None Return to Zero (NRZ) code to produce a 1.485 GHz signal.

The TRS at the end of the horizontal blanking period is called Start of Active Video (SAV) it consists of 4 words:

- 1) 3FF hex i.e. all '1's
- 2) 000 hex i.e. all '0's
- 3) 000 hex i.e. all '0's
- 4) XYZ, which determines the type of TRS pulse, consisting of:

Bit 9: Always '1'

Bit 8: 0=frame 1, 1=frame 2

Bit 7: 0=normal 1=field blanking

Bit 6: 0=SAV 1=EAV

Bit 5: Bits used for Hamming correction.

Bit 4: Bits used for Hamming correction.

Bit 3: Bits used for Hamming correction.

Bit 2: Bits used for Hamming correction.

Bit 1: Always 0

Bit 0: Always 0

The TRS at the beginning of the horizontal blanking period is called End of Active Video (EAV) it consists of 8 words: The first 4 are the same as for SAV, followed by 2 words containing the current line number and 2 words containing a Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) for all the preceding words in the line. The period between EAV and SAV is not used by normal video and may be used for embedded audio or timecode data.

### ILLEGAL VALUES

The values 000 and 3FF hex are used solely by TRS pulses (EAV & SAV) they must not appear anywhere in the active video area.

## OUT OF GAMUT

Values apart from the illegal values which should not be used.

Luminance is defined as being between peak white, 700mV (3AC hex) and black 0 mV (040 hex) Chroma is defined as being between max positive 350mV (3C0 hex) and max negative -350mV (040 hex). Values above or below these values are termed 'Out of Gamut'.

### PARALLEL DIGITAL INTERFACES

Several parallel video Standards can be used with the above serial interface. These are defined in SMPTE 274M for 1920 x 1080 scanning and SMPTE 296M for 1280 x 720 scanning.

#### SMPTE 274M

Several sub-standards for this are defined:

##### 1920 x 1080/60/2:1

1920 samples/active line 1080 active line/frame 30PsF segmented format.  
74.25 MHz Sample frequency 2200 total samples/line 1125 total lines/frame

##### 1920 x 1080/59.94/2:1

1920 samples/active line 1080 active line/frame 29.97PsF segmented format.  
74.176 MHz Sample frequency 2200 total samples/line 1125 total lines/frame  
This standard gives an exact frame rate compatibility with NTSC.

##### 1920 x 1080/50/2:1

1920 samples/active line 1080 active line/frame 25PsF segmented format.  
74.25 MHz Sample frequency 2640 total samples/line 1125 total lines/frame

##### 1920 x 1080/30/1:1

1920 samples/active line 1080 active line/frame 30 Hz Progressive scan.  
74.25 MHz Sample frequency 2200 total samples/line 1125 total lines/frame

##### 1920 x 1080/29.97/1:1

1920 samples/active line 1080 active line/frame 29.97 Hz Progressive scan.  
74.176 MHz Sample frequency 2200 total samples/line 1125 total lines/frame  
This standard gives an exact frame rate compatibility with NTSC.

##### 1920 x 1080/25/1:1

1920 samples/active line 1080 active line/frame 25 Hz Progressive scan.  
74.25 MHz Sample frequency 2640 total samples/line 1125 total lines/frame

##### 1920 x 1080/24/1:1

1920 samples/active line 1080 active line/frame 24 Hz Progressive scan.  
74.25 MHz Sample frequency 2750 total samples/line 1125 total lines/frame

##### 1920 x 1080/24sf

1920 samples/active line 1080 active lines/frame 24 Hz segmented frame  
74.25 MHz sample frequency 2750 total samples/line 1125 total lines/frame

## HDTV SERIAL DIGITAL BASICS

### 1920 x 1080/23.98/1:1

1920 samples/active line    1080 active line/frame    23.98 Hz Progressive scan.  
 74.176 MHz Sample frequency    2750 total samples/line    1125 total lines/frame

### SMPTE 296M

Several substandards for this are defined:

### 1280 x 720/60/1:1

1280 samples/active line    720 active line/frame    60 Hz Progressive scan.  
 74.25 MHz Sample frequency    1650 total samples/line    750 total lines/frame

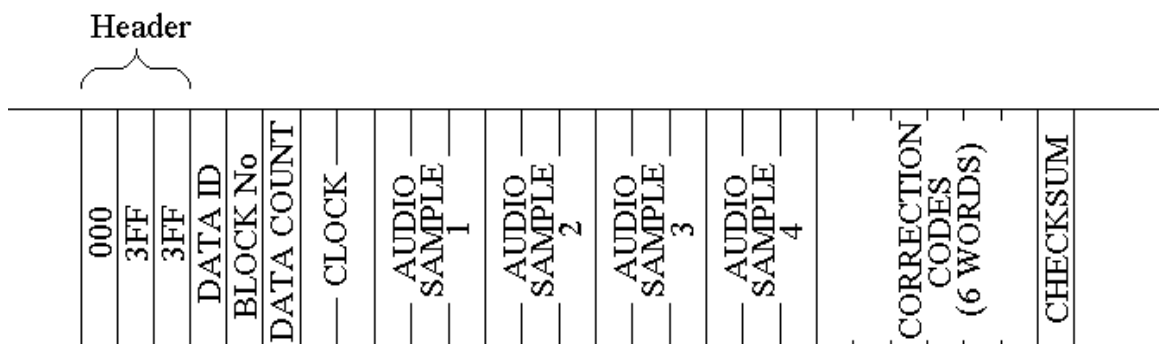
### 1280 x 720/59.94/1:1

1280 samples/active line    720 active line/frame    59.94 Hz Progressive scan.  
 74.176 MHz Sample frequency    1650 total samples/line    750 total lines/frame

## EMBEDDED AUDIO

The period between EAV and SAV can be used to send embedded digital audio signals. This is defined in SMPTE 299M. Up to 16 separate audio signals may be sent in a single video channel. These are organised as four GROUPS of four signals, the four signals are often two stereo pairs. Typically only one group will be used, giving two stereo pairs of audio. The audio data is quantised in the sending equipment to 24 bits of resolution, usually at 48 KHz sample rate in AES/EBU format. The digitised data is arranged in packets which are placed in the EAV-SAV space.

A packet consists of:



## HDTV SERIAL DIGITAL BASICS

The Header: (000, 3FF, 3FF)

Data ID: This contains the Audio group number.

Data block number: AES frames have 192 samples of audio data

Data Count: This contains the number of words that follow, always 218 hex

Clock: 2 words containing the number of video clocks that have elapsed between the first word of EAV and the time the audio sample was made, it is used by the receiving equipment to reconstruct the audio signal with the correct phase delay.

Audio Sample 1: Consists of four words

Audio Sample 2: Consists of four words

Audio Sample 3: Consists of four words

Audio Sample 4: Consists of four words

### Error Correction Codes

Consist of six words used by the receiving equipment to detect or correct errors in the 24 words from the header to the last word of audio sample 4 inclusive.

Check Sum This is the sum of all previous words in the packet except the header words.

Each audio packet contains a sample of all four audio signals

e.g.: Channel 1 left, Channel 1 right, Channel 2 left and Channel 2 right.

Each audio signal requires 3 words to hold all 24 bits, thus each audio packet has 12 words of audio data.

Typically one or two packets are sent in each EAV-SAV period.

These audio data packets are placed in the Chroma data stream only.

### Audio Control Packets.

The audio control packet structure is similar to the audio data packet.

Data in the packet includes the audio sample rate e.g. 48 KHz,

the number of active channels out of the possible 4,

the delay information between Channel 1 audio and Channel 2

and delay information between Channel 3 audio and Channel 4.

Audio control packets are placed in the Luminance Stream, this is sent once per frame in the second line after the switching point.

As with the video signal words consisting of all '1's or all '0's are not allowed.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

<b>HAMLET</b>	www.hamlet.co.uk	
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<b>DIN</b>	www.din.de	German Standards Institute
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