





# 4 INPUT 4 LOUDSPEAKER NETWORK AUDIO MONITOR

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# BELLA 4

4 Input 4 Loudspeaker Network Audio Monitor

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Signed for and on behalf of Glensound Electronics Ltd.

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# **OVERVIEW**

Bella 4 is a network audio monitoring subrack designed for speech and confidence monitoring of signals.

It features 4 x front panel loudspeakers, each driven from its own class D amplifier. Each speaker/ amplifier combination has its own Dante (AES67 Compliant) network audio input.

Utilising 4 front panel loudspeakers provides an effective sound stage for close field monitoring of 4 different audio sources and provides much improved cognative recognition for an operator of the 4 different audio circuits than if the 4 sources were monitored on a single loudspeaker driver.

Each loudspeaker has it's own front panel volume control, illuminated mute switch and peak and presence indicators. The mute switches allow a quick and easy way of turning a source on/ off whilst the presence indicators help an operator clarify which of their 4 audio sources are currently active. The peak LEDs indicate an overload of the input signal and provide a useful reference to potential issues with the incoming audio circuits.

The Bella 4 was designed in 2019 and utilises all the very latest technological advancements. It features high output, flat response, low distortion drive units with low telsa (gauss) neodymium magnets. It also features the latest low noise class D amplifiers.

A front panel headphone socket is also provided (inserting a headphone jack cuts the front panel loudspeakers), this allows an operator to continue monitoring the sources in very high ambient noise levels.

To protect the loudspeakers from damage from sudden high peak audio levels compressor/ limiter circuits are fitted for each loudspeaker. This compressor has been carefully designed not to taint the monitoring audio at normal listening levels.

The GS-MON004 is 19" 1RU and is mains powered from an internal filtered switch mode power supply, making it suitable for use around the World.

# **BELLA 4 PANEL LAYOUT**

# **Front Panel**



# **Front Panel Features**

# 1. Channel Peak LED

Peak LEDS are provided (1 for each channel) to indicate an overly high audio input signal. The peaks LEDs are monitoring a point in the audio chain prior to the front panel volume controls.

# 2. Channel Volume Control

The rotary channel volume controls adjust the audio level of the associated channel to its associated loudspeaker/ channel of the headphone amplifier. Turning the control clockwise increases the audio level and turning it anticlockwise reduces the audio level.

# 3. Headphone Jack

This is a stereo 6.35mm (1/4") jack socket for headphones.

Plugging a jack plug into the socket will cut the 4 internal loudspeakers.

The 4 incoming audio circuits are mixed to the headphones as two pairs of stereo, such that Inputs 1 & 3 are routed to the left ear and Inputs 2 & 4 are routed to the right ear.

# 4. Present Indication

The present LEDs are taken from a point in the audio chain prior to the front panel volume controls and the front panel channel mute switches. Therefore they will illuminate if a signal is present on a channel even if its volume control is turned down or its mute switch is operated.

The present (presence) indicators are used to provide a visual indication audio being present on a particular channel.

The LEDs illuminate at a threshold of -20dB and have a hold time of a few seconds, so stay illuminated for a short while after an audio source disappears.

# 5. Channel Mute Switch

The channel mute push switch latches on/ off and is used for turning off the audio to a channel.

If the internal LED in the switch is illuminated then the mute is active and no audio will be monitored on either the loudspeaker or in the headphones from the associated input channel.

# **Rear Panel**



# **Rear Panel Features**

# 6. Mains Input

The standard IEC mains plug is filtered and accepts external AC voltages of 100 - 240 VAC +/- 10%.

There is an internal fuse and maximum current consumption is 25 Watts.

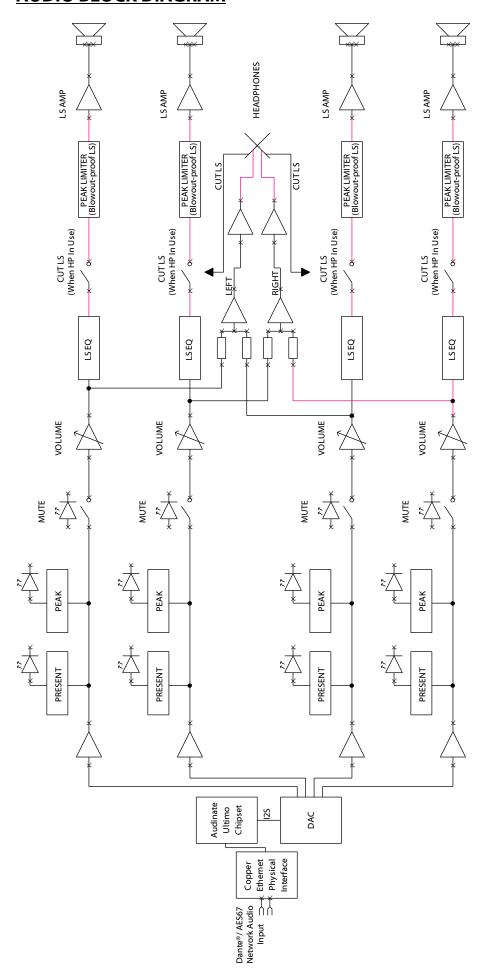
# 7. Network Audio Inputs

The Ethercon connector can mate with Neutrik XLR based network cables and standard RJ45s.

It is a 100Mb connection.

Internally the Bella 4 uses the Ultimo chipset from Audinate for its Dante network audio interface. The Ultimo chipset can receive 4 audio channels but importantly it can only receive 2 network flows, meaning that these 4 audio channels can only originate from 2 different network locations.

# **AUDIO BLOCK DIAGRAM**



# **CONNECTING THE BELLA 4 UNITS TO A DANTE NETWORK**

The BELLA 4s are network audio devices utilizing the reliable and versatile Dante audio over IP protocol. Dante is a proprietary system (although very widely used) the originators of which are Audinate.

The information below is only meant as a very basic guide. Full details of the power of Dante network audio and instructions for using it can be found at <a href="https://www.audinate.com">www.audinate.com</a>

# **Getting Dante Controller**

If you are connecting the BELLA 4 to a new Dante network the first thing you will need to do is to get the free Dante controller software from Audinate.

This can be downloaded by visiting Audinate's web site at <a href="https://www.audinate.com">www.audinate.com</a>

# **Connecting BELLA 4s To the Network**

The BELLA 4 can be connected to the network that you are going to use for your audio distribution simply by plugging in to the RJ45 network connections on the rear. Once connected to the network it will be possible to see the BELLA 4 from within the Dante controller and route its' audio circuits.

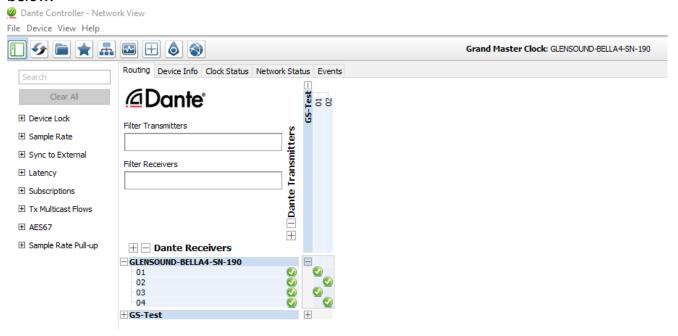
#### **Audio Over IP Network**

We strongly recommend that you consider your network topology carefully and would not recommend sharing broadcast audio and general data on the same network.

For more details of audio over IP network structure please visit <u>www.audinate.com</u>

# **Running Dante Controller**

At the time of writing this manual the Dante Controller looks as per the screenshot below:



The BELLA 4 will have been named at the factory during test to allow them to be identified by the Dante controller.

The format used for the factory name is:

'BELLA 4-snXXX'

Where 'BELLA 4' refers to the Glensound product i.e. BELLA 4B.

The '-snXXX' refers to the serial number of the BELLA 4 which can be found printed on the rear of the unit.

The unit may be renamed in Dante controller by opening the 'Device view' window and selecting BELLA 4 in the drop-down menu. Go to the 'Device Config' tab and change the name with the Rename Device box.

Note if you upload a new DNT file or clear the devices config then the name will change to BELLA 4-xxXxXx whereby the 'X's refer to the devices MAC address.

# **Dante Controller TIP**

If you have never run Dante controller before then make sure that on the bottom left of the Dante controllers' screen 'P' or 'S' is next to a green square as this indicates that it is connected to a network. By clicking 'P' or 'S' a pop up box opens to allow you to set what network interface the controller is using.

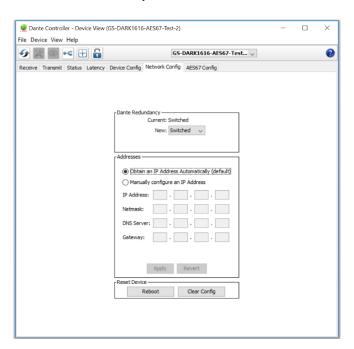
# **Device not showing up in Dante Controller**

If your Dante® device does not show up in Dante® Controller then the most likely issue is that the device's IP Address is not appropriate for your network.

- A) It maybe that the device is set to obtain an IP address automatically using DHCP (this is the default configuration) and your network is setup for fixed IP addresses only and does not have a DHCP server.
- B) It maybe that the device has had a fixed IP address assigned but that this address is not suitable for your network.

The solution to both scenarios is basically the same.

- 1) You must connect your Dante® device directly to the Ethernet port of your computer using an Ethernet cable.
- 2) Make sure that your computer is set to 'Obtain an IP address automatically'
- 3) After a few minutes the Dante® device should now appear in Dante® Controller.
- 4) Double click the device name to open up device view.
- 5) Open up the 'Network Config' tab
- 6) Either turn on 'Obtain an IP Address Automatically' or correctly configure the 'Manually configure an IP Address' options for your network.
- 7) Click on 'Apply' to confirm the new settings, then disconnect the computer and reconnect the Dante® device to your network.



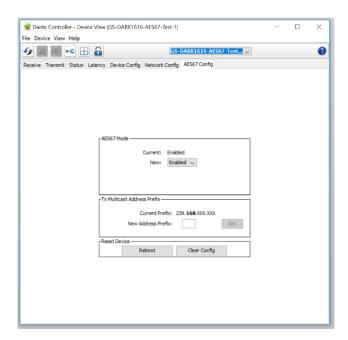
# **AES67 MODE**

The BELLA 4 uses a chipset from Audinate called the Ultimo for its network audio interface. Audinate are the company behind Dante<sup>TM</sup> and as such the primary network audio protocol is Dante, however Audinate have enabled their chip to comply with AES67 and therefore the BELLA 4 can be set to AES67 mode for interaction with other AES67 devices.

Please note however that Glensound are relying on Audinate's AES67 interface and are unfortunately not able to provide full AES67 support for the unit. AES67 support should be sought directly from Audinate.

# **Turning On AES67 Mode**

If you want to use your BELLA 4 on an AES67 network and it has not been set to AES67 mode then this can be set in Dante controller by double clicking the BELLA 4 to open the Device View window where you will find an AES67 tab to enable AES67 support.



Once the AES67 drop down box has been enabled you'll have to reboot the BELLA 4 for the change to take effect. After the reboot go back to the AES67 tab and set the multicast prefix address to one that is suitable for your newtork.

# **Receiving AES67 Audio**

Once a compatible AES67 stream is detected on the network by Dante Controller the AES67 flows will appear in the Dante Transmitters section in the Routing tab.

# **AES67 Restrictions**

AES67 flows can only be generated with the following constraints:

- Multicast Only
- Non-redundant
- Destination address in range 239.nnn.0.0 to 239.nnn.255.255 (239.nnn/16), port 5004
- 48kHz sampling rate
- 24 bit linear (L24) encoding
- 1 msec packet time
- Up to 8 channels per stream

Received AES67 flows have the following constraints:

- Multicast Only
- Non-redundant
- Destination address in range 239.nnn.0.0 to 239.nnn.255.255 (239.nnn/16), port 5004. Must match destinatio address range.
- 48kHz sampling rate
- L16 or L24 encoding
- 125usec, 250usec, 333usec, 1 msec packet time
- Up to 8 channels per stream

# **UPDATING THE ULTIMO CHIPSET**

The Ultimo Chipset is a device supplied by Audinate that does most of the processing for the actual Dante/ AES67 network audio streams. There is one Ultimo Chipset in each BELLA 4. We supply special code (a .dnt file) that sets up/ initiates the Ultimo Chipset and makes it work in particular way that is compatible to the BELLA 4.

# **Finding Out Current Installed Version**

Using Dante® controller double click on the BELLA 4 device name in the routing tab to open the Device View box.

Ion the Device View box open the Status Tab.

The 'Product Version:' shows the currently installed version of Ultimo Chipset dnt code.

# Finding Out What The Latest Available Version Is

Go the BELLA 4's web page at Glensound.com and open the 'Firmware Latest Version' Tab.

This will give both the latest version numbers/ file names and also the location to download the file from.

# **Updating the device**

The firmware that runs in the Ultimo Chipset is updated using Audinate's Firmware updating tool. The updating tool and a user guide can be downloaded from Audinate's website:

https://www.audinate.com/products/firmware-update-manager

# **NOTE:**

Please note we strongly advise that when you do the update that only your PC and the Dante device that you want to update are on the network to save accidently updating the wrong Dante device.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

# **NETWORK**

### **Physical Interface**

1 off Rj45 Neutrik Ethercon

#### **Audio Sample Frequency**

48kS/s

#### **Transfer Rate**

100 Mbps

#### **Dante<sup>™</sup> Chipset**

Ultimo UXT-01-004

Note: Audiante recommend no more than 10 Ultimo chipsets on one network  $\underline{\mathbf{UNLESS}}$  another Dante  $^{\mathsf{TM}}$  device such as the Brooklyn Module (found in 8 channel Beatrice/ Dark units), is on the same network

#### **AES67 Compliant**

The Audinate Ultimo chipset is AES67 compliant

#### **AUDIO - General**

### **Volume Control Gain Range**

+10/Off

#### **Present Indicator Threshold**

-18dB

#### **Present Indicator Hold Time**

3 seconds

### **Peak LED Threshold**

+10dB

# **AUDIO - Loudspeaker**

#### **Maximum Power RMS**

4 Watts (per loudspeaker)

#### Peak Power (per loudspeaker)

5 Watts (limited by compressor circuit)

# **Amplifier Type**

Class D

#### Noise @ Lineup (measured at I/P to LS)

> -61.5dB

#### THD + N (measured at input to LS)

> 0.18% @ 1kHz ref +8dB

#### **Acoustic Frequency Response**

120Hz to 22kHz +/- 9dB

# **Maximum Acoustic Level (1 Loudspeaker)**

88dB SPL @ 0.61 Meters (2 Feet)

#### **Maximum Acoustic Level (4 Loudspeakers)**

98dB SPL @ 0.61 Meters (2 feet)

#### **Loudspeaker Magnet Type**

Neodymium

# **Magnetic Induction**

1.15 T (per loudspeaker)

#### \* FOUR INCOMING AUDIO CIRCUITS

This device uses Audinate's Ultimo Chipset. This chipset can receive 4 incoming audio channels each at 48kHz. However this chipset can only receive these 4 audio channels from a maximum of 2 network locations.

# **AUDIO - Headphones**

#### Connector

6.35mm (1/4") TRS Jack Socket

#### **Maximum Output Before clipping**

+18dB into 600 Ohms

#### Noise @ Lineup (22hz to 22kHz RMS)

 $> -88 \, dB$ 

#### THD + N

> 0.0025% @1kHz ref +8dB

#### **Headphone Impedance**

32 - 1000 Ohms

#### **POWER**

#### **Input Voltage**

100 - 240 VAC +/-10%

#### Frequency

50 / 60 Hz

#### **Input Connector**

Filtered IEC (Internally fused)

#### Consumption

25 Watts (Maximum)

#### **PHYSICAL**

#### **Mechanics**

All aluminium with laser etched panels and light textured black powder coated lid/base

#### Size

19" 1RU 164mm deep

#### Weight

1.35Kg (4.2lbs)

#### **Shipping Weight**

3.1Kg (6.8lbs)

# **Shipping Size**

62 x 41 x12 cms

#### **Shipping Carton**

Rugged export quality cardboard

#### **ENVIROMENTAL**

# **Operating Temperature**

0 to +50 °C (32 to 122 °F)

#### **Storage Temperature**

 $-20 \text{ to } +70 ^{\circ}\text{C} (32 \text{ to } 122 ^{\circ}\text{F})$ 

#### **Relative Humidty**

0 to 95% non-condensing

#### **INCLUDED ITEMS**

#### **Handbook**

Physical A4 (download also available)

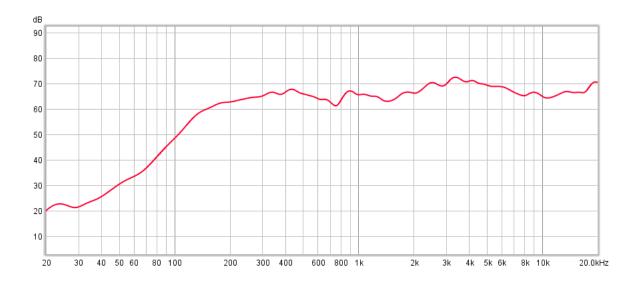
#### **Mains Cable**

2 metre IEC (UK & Europe only)

#### **Network Cable**

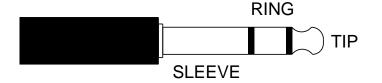
2 metre RJ45 to RJ45

# **Loudspeaker Frequency Response**



# **WIRING INFORMATION**

# **Standard Headphone Wiring**



**STANDARD HEADPHONE WIRING:** 

TIP: A/ LEFT Ear

**RING: B/ RIGHT Ear** 

**SLEEVE: Common/Earth**