Signature Series

Maximum Resilience Broadcast Audio

U2B2, 4 & 8

UNBALANCED TO BALANCED CONVERTERS

2, 4 & 8 Mono (1, 2 & 4 Stereo) balancing audio & gain converters

User Guide

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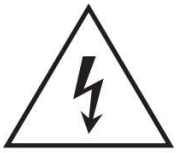
IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

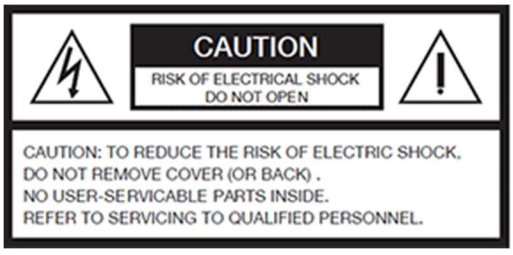


This symbol is intended to warn that dangerous voltages within the product are present and constitute a risk of electric shock.

This symbol is intended to highlight that there are important operating & maintenance instructions in the literature accompanying this unit.

1) Read these instructions
2) Keep these instructions
3) Heed all warnings
4) Follow all instructions
5) Do not use this apparatus near water
6) Clean only with a dry cloth
7) Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
8) Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat
9) Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding type plug. A polarized plug has 2 blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has 2 blades and third grounding prong. The wider blade or the 3rd prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet
10) Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched, particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles and the point where they exit from the apparatus
11) Only use attachments/ accessories specified/ supplied by the manufacturer

12) Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/ apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip over
13) Unplug tis apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time
14) Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped
15) Do not attempt to modify this product. Doing so could result in personal injury and/ or product failure



IMPORTANT: MAINS PLUG WIRING INSTRUCTIONS

This Signature unit is supplied with a moulded mains plug fitted to the AC mains lead.

Mains wiring colours/ connections:

The Green/ Yellow or Green wire must be connected to the terminal in the plug marked 'E' or with the Earth Symbol.

The Blue or Black wire must be connected to the terminal in the plug marked 'N' (Neutral).

The Red or Brown wire must be connected to the terminal in the plug marked 'L' (Live).

THIS UNIT MUST BE EARTHED

THIS UNIT IS FITTED WITH AN INTERNAL MAINS FUSE.

The fuse is located internally between the Live terminal of the IEC plug and the Live input of the power supply. The fuse should only be changed by a qualified service engineer. If replacing the fuse care should be taken to fit a correctly rated replacement. The fuse rating can be found in the technical specifications page of this handbook.

CE

This equipment manufactured by Glensound Electronics Ltd of Brooks Place Maidstone Kent ME14 1HE is CE marked and conforms to:

Low Voltage Directive: EN60065

Emissions: EN55103.1

Immunity: EN55103.2

WASTE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS 2006 (WEEE)

Glensound Electronics Ltd is registered for business to business sales of WEEE in the UK our registration number is:

WEE/JJ0074UR

RoHS2 DIRECTIVE

EC directive 2011/65/EU restricts the use of the hazardous substances listed below in electrical and electronic equipment.

This product conforms to the above directive and for this purposes, the maximum concentration values of the restricted substances by weight in homogenous materials are:

Lead	0.1%
Mercury	0.1%
Hexavalent Chromium	0.1%
Polybrominated Biphenyls	0.1%
Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers	0.1%
Cadmium	0.01%

PRODUCT WARRANTY:

All equipment is fully tested before dispatch and carefully designed to provide you with trouble free use for many years.

We have a policy of supporting products for as long as possible and guarantee to be able to support your product for a minimum of 10 years.

For a period of one year after the goods have been despatched the Company will guarantee the goods against any defect developing after proper use providing such defects arise solely from faulty materials or workmanship and that the Customer shall return the goods to the Company's works or their local dealer.

All non-wear parts are guaranteed for 2 years after despatch and any defect developing after proper use from faulty materials or workmanship will be repaired under this warranty providing the Customer returns the goods to the Company's works or their local dealer.

U2B2, 4 & 8 Unbalanced to Balanced Converters

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OVERVIEW

This handbook covers three products all with the same facilities just with different quantities of these facilities.

Signature U2B2 is a single stereo/ dual mono unbalanced to balanced converter.

Signature U2B4 is a twin stereo/ quad mono unbalanced to balanced converter.

Signature U2B8 is a quad stereo/ octa mono unbalanced to balanced converter.

The Glensound Signature Series U2B range are professional audio balance converters. They are manufactured using high quality components and low noise audio circuits to provide many years of trouble free use.

The primary job of the U2B range is to interface domestic type audio outputs (unbalanced) to the balanced audio inputs on broadcast and professional audio equipment.

As well as providing a balanced interface the U2B range also provides variable gain/ loss to allow the lower level audio outputs produced by domestic equipment to be raised to meet the higher level broadcast and pro audio standard.

The stereo audio inputs (which can all work as dual monos) are on gold plated RCA phono connectors. These inputs are electronically isolated with RF filters to prevent extraneous signals, and fed via multi-turn preset gain controls on the rear panel to pairs of electronically balanced and isolated outputs on Neutrik XLRs.

The rear panel gain controls are multi-turn presets to allow accurate gain setting and are also recessed to prevent accidental movement.

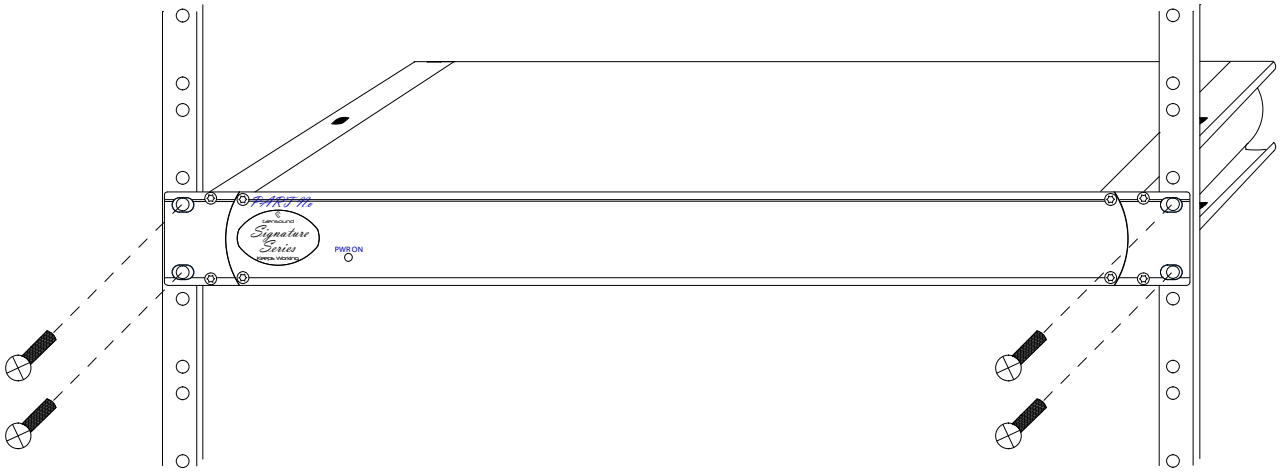
Although traditionally a broadcast manufacturer, Glensound's products are equally at home in professional and high end home studios, industrial installations and live pro sound environments. The U2B range can therefore be used in a number of applications.

The U2B range are powered from internal switch mode mains power supplies fed from filtered IEC mains plugs suitable for use Worldwide. They have an internal fuse for safety. The units can also alternatively be powered from external +/-12V DC power sources (such as the Signature Series PS1). If both mains and external DC power sources are present then, if one power source were to fail the unit would continue to work seemlessly from the other source.

PHYSICAL INSTALLATION

The Glensound Signature Series have been designed to be highly versatile for installation and can be installed in 19" racks with either their front or rear panels facing the front of the rack. They can also be mounted underneath desks or work tops and can be either permananetly mounted or stood (using the supplied feet) on top of desks or worktops.

INSTALLING SIGNATURE SERIES IN A 19" RACK

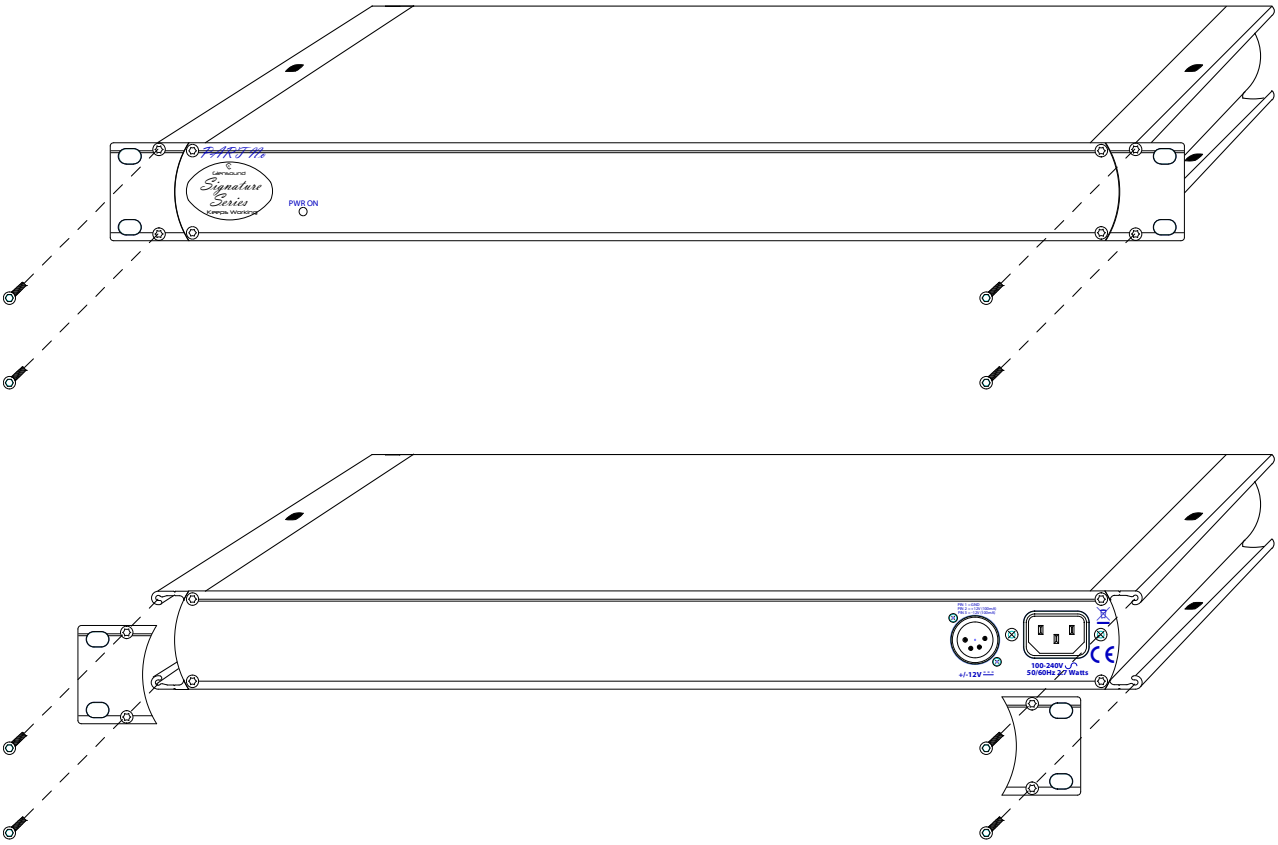


Firmly hold the signature subrack within the 19" rack and locate in 1RU of space. Use the supplied 6mm rack screws to securly attach the unit to the rack.

INSTALLING ADHSIVE FEET FOR NON PERMANENT TABLE TOP MOUNTING

Remove the front rack ears (if they are not required), turn the unit upside down and attach the supplied 4 sticky feet as per the above drawing.

SWAPPING RACK EARS TO ALLOW THE REAR TO BE INSTALLED AT THE FRONT OF A RACK

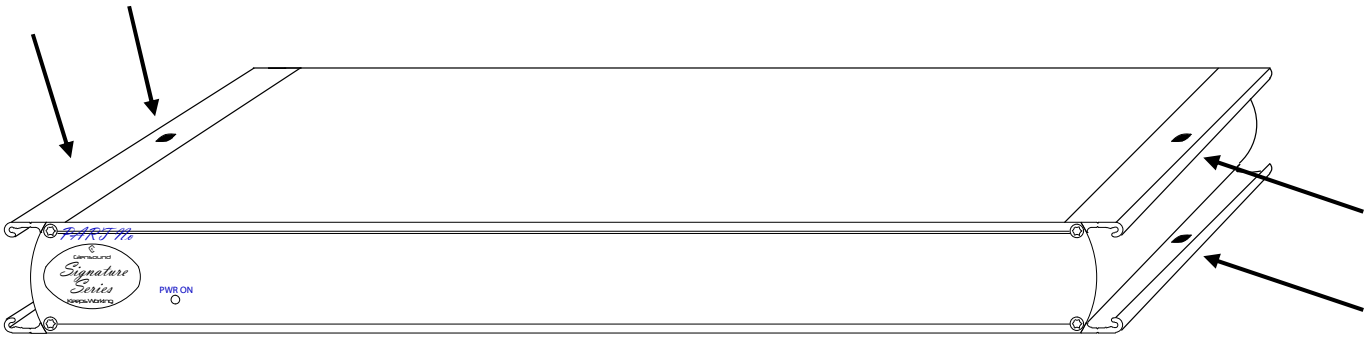


First remove the 4 silver button head screws that fix the rack ears onto the front of the unit as shown in the top picture above.

Remove the rack ears and turn the unit around for access to its back panel.

Re-fit the 2 rack ears using the same 4 silver button head screws that were removed from the front as per the bottom picture above.

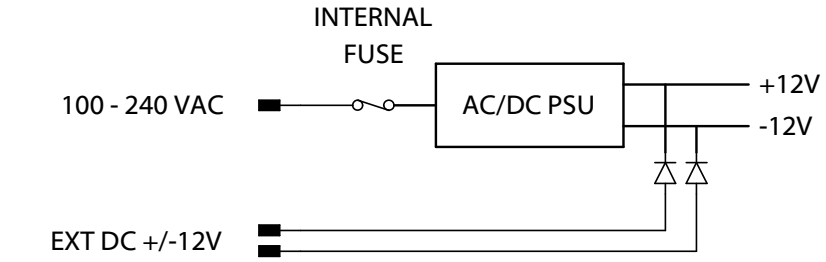
USING THE MOUNTING HOLES FOR PERMANENTLY ATTACHING THE UNIT ABOVE OR BELOW A WORKTOP/ DESK

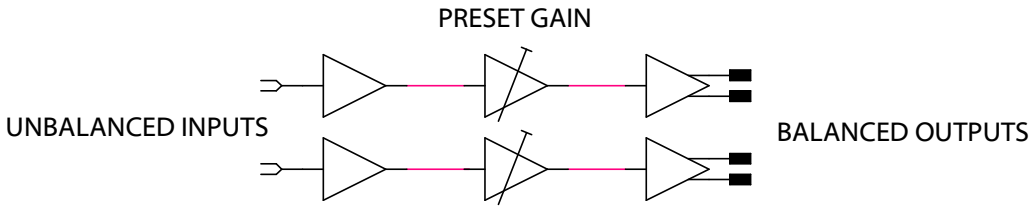


Use either the top or bottom mounting holes as indicated above to use suitable screws to attach the signature unit to a worktop or bench. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU USE SUITABLE FIXINGS**

AUDIO BLOCK DIAGRAMS

1. U2B2





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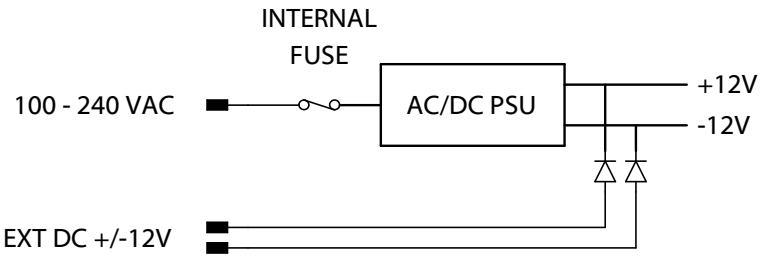

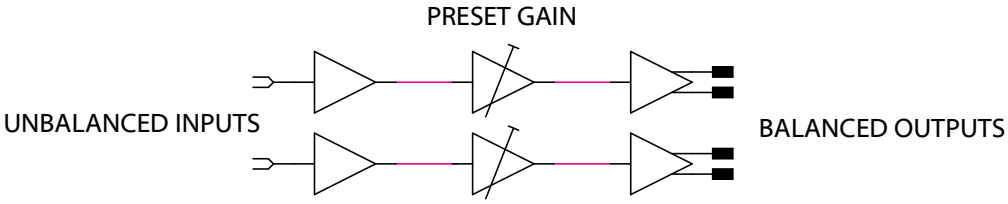

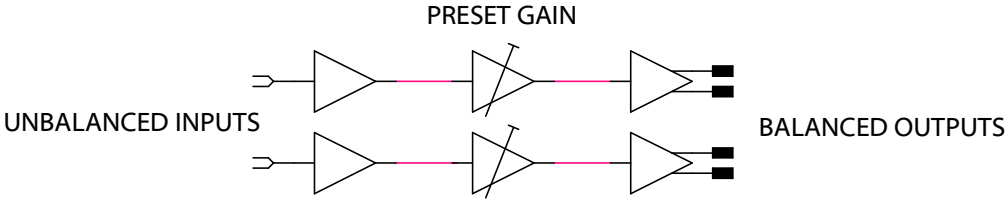

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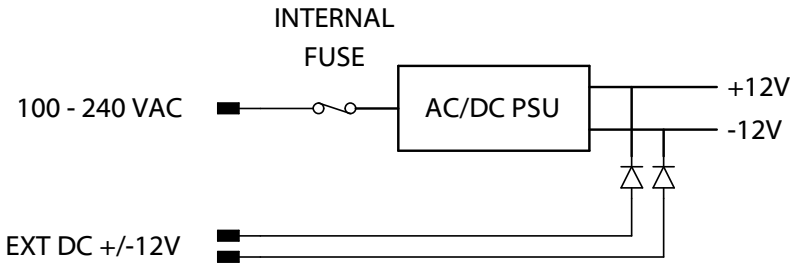
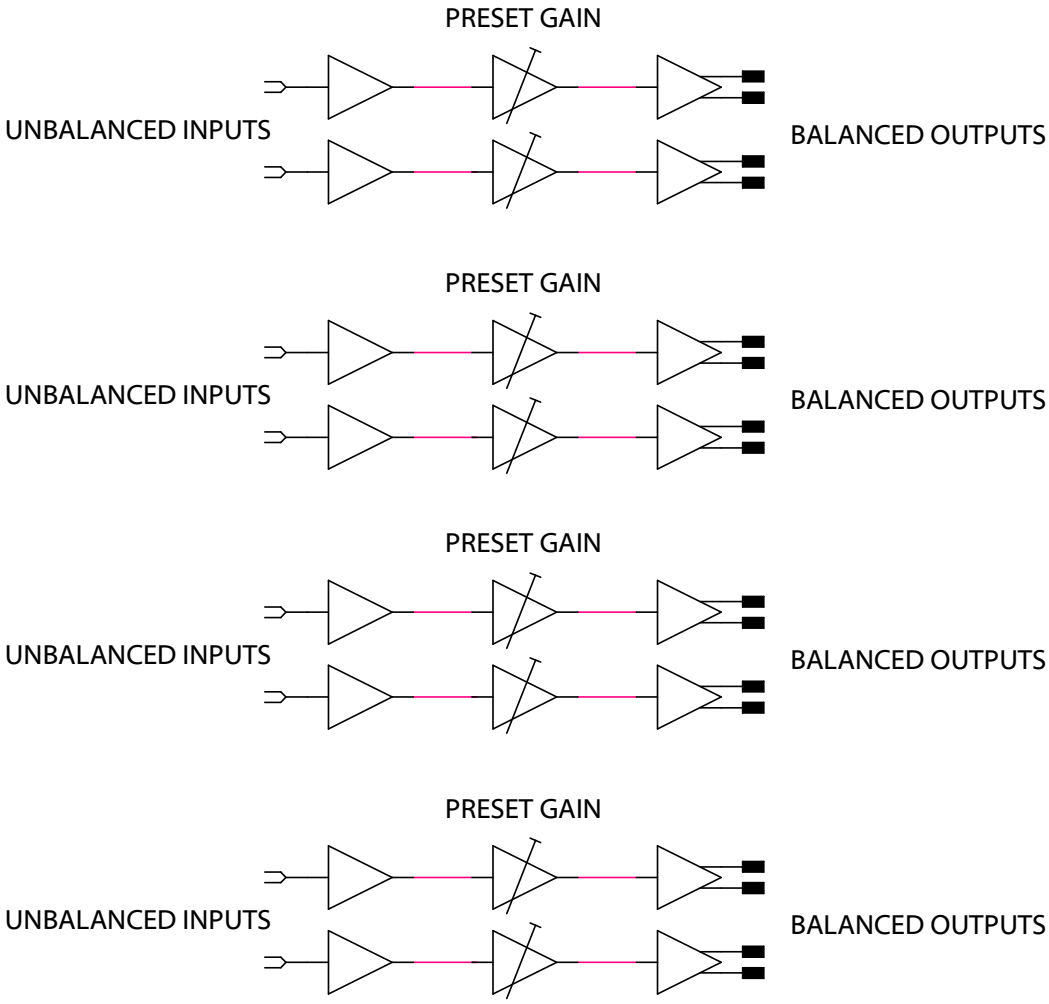

INTERNAL
FUSE
100 - 240 VAC
AC/DC PSU
+12V
-12V
EXT DC +/-12V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EXAMPLES OF USE

1. Domestic Products Interface to a Broadcast Desk

Many radio stations and studios incorporate mid level domestic audio equipment such as CD players & recorders, FM/ DAB Tuners, PCs tape machines etc as they provide reasonable value for money in comparison to professional versions. The output of such devices need to be correctly interfaced with a professional or broadcast audio desk.

In this example the U2B8 will be located near the domestic devices (often a long way from studio in a racks room) as it is prudent to keep the unbalanced audio cables as short as practicable.

The U2B8 is performing both balance conversion and allowing long balanced cable distances to be achieved to the studio.

It is also adding gain to lift the low domestic output levels of the equipment to a suitable level for the professional mixing desk.

USER CONTROLS & CONNECTIONS

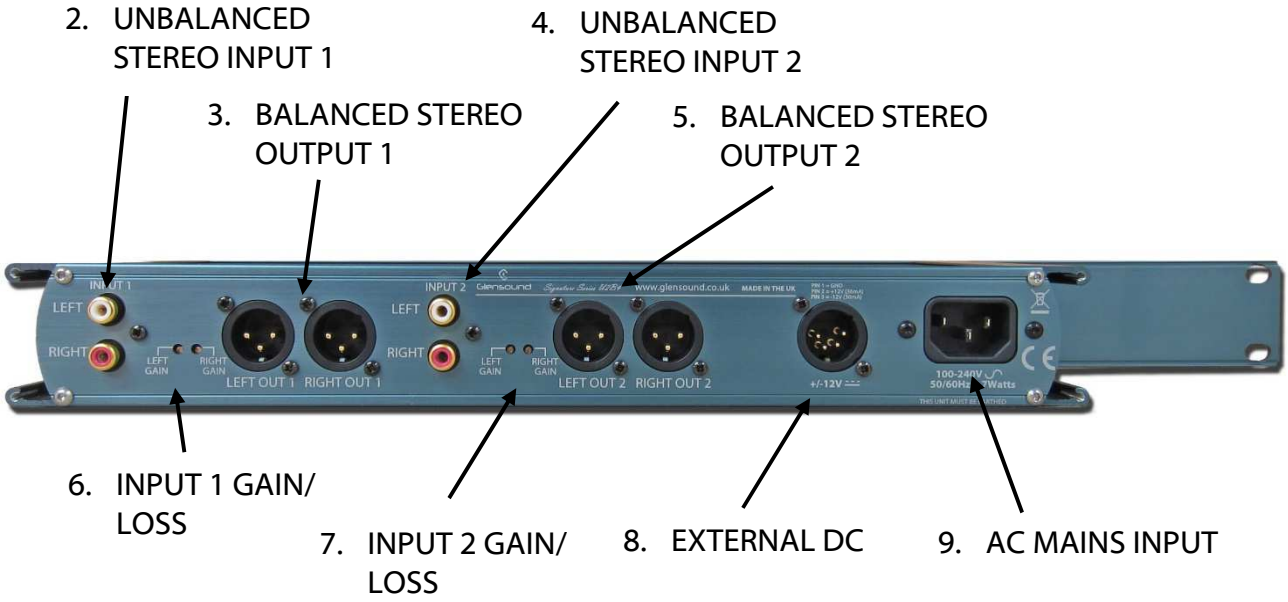
Note: Picture & description is for the U2B4 but facilities scale up to the U2B8 and down to the U2B2.

FRONT PANEL

1. Power On LED

The front panel bright blue LED shows that the unit is powered on and functioning correctly.

REAR PANEL



2. Unbalanced Stereo Input 1

One pair of stereo (can be used dual mono) RCA phono unbalanced audio inputs. The white connector is normally used for the left audio channel of a stereo pair and the red connector is usually used for the right audio channel of a stereo pair.

3. Balanced Stereo Output 1

These Neutrik 3 pin XLR plugs provided the balanced audio outputs of the input 1 audio source. They are electronically balanced with wide band low noise circuitry. The output level can be adjusted using gain controls (see 6).

4. Unbalanced Stereo Input 2

One pair of stereo (can be used dual mono) RCA phono unbalanced audio inputs. The white connector is normally used for the left audio channel of a stereo pair and the red connector is usually used for the right audio channel of a stereo pair.

5. Balanced Stereo Output 2

These Neutrik 3 pin XLR plugs provided the balanced audio outputs of the input 2 audio source. They are electronically balanced with wide band low noise circuitry. The output level can be adjusted using gain controls (see 7).

6. Input 1 Gain Controls

These multi turn preset potentiometers adjust the audio level between the unbalanced inputs and the balanced outputs. Turning the potentiometer clockwise increases the gain (and therefore the output level) and turning the potentiometer anti-clockwise decreases the gain (and therefore reduces the output level).

7. Input 2 Gain Controls

These multi turn preset potentiometers adjust the audio level between the unbalanced inputs and the balanced outputs. Turning the potentiometer clockwise increases the gain (and therefore the output level) and turning the potentiometer anti-clockwise decreases the gain (and therefore reduces the output level).

8. External DC Input

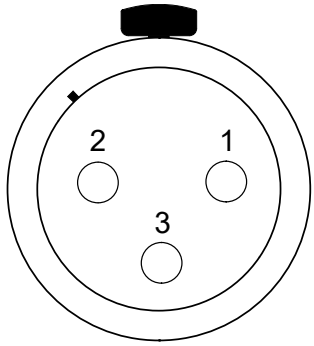
This DC input can be used instead or as well as the mains input. It requires a +/- 12V power source (such as our PS1). If used in conjunction with the mains input it will seamlessly provide a redundant power source.

9. Mains In

This AC input accepts a wide range power supply, suitable for use Worldwide. If used in conjunction with the external DC supply then a seamless redundant power supply will be provided.

WIRING INFORMATION

1. Standard Pin Outs



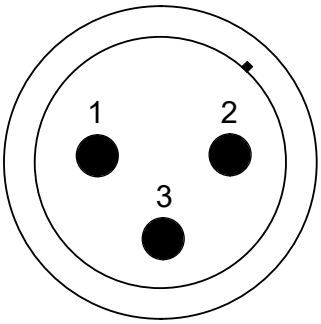
XLR SOCKET (FEMALE)

STANDARD XLR AUDIO PINOUTS:

1: Ground/ Earth

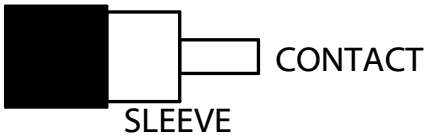
2: INPHASE/ POSITIVE/ MIC +

3: MATE/ NEGATIVE/ MIC -



XLR PLUG (MALE)

UNBALANCED RCA PHONO



RCA PHONO PLUG (MALE)

CONTACT: Signal

SLEEVE: Common/ Earth

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION U2B2

AUDIO

Frequency Response @ Line Up
<=/-0.1dB 40Hz to 20kHz

Gain Range
-15dB to +15dB on each output

Line Up Level (with 0dB Gain)
-12dBu on unbalanced input = 0dBu on balanced output

Maximum Input Level
>+28dBu

Maximum Output Level
+24dBu

Input Impedance
>22k Ohm

Output Impedance
=<50 Ohms

Distortion
0.04% THD @ 100Hz, 1kHz & 0.01% @ 10kHz
Reference to +0dBu output

Noise
-98dB @ line up unweighted
RMS (22Hz to 22kHz) ref +8dBu output

Crosstalk
<-90dBu 1kHz to 15kHz @ lineup

Output Type
Electronically balanced on Neutrik 3 pin XLR plug

Input Type
Electronically balanced on Gold Plated RCA Phono socket

POWER

Mains Input
Filtered IEC, 100 to 240VAC
47 - 63Hz

AC Consumption
1.3 Watts @ 230VAC

DC Input
4 Pin Neutrik XLR plug +/- 12V

Internal Mains Fuse
20mm 1A Anti Surge

PHYSICAL

Size
338 x 123 x 44mm (LxDxH) no rack ears
482mm 19" (1RU) with rack ears

Weight
1.00kg

Mechanics
All aluminium construction, anodized and laser etched

Shipping Carton
Rugged export quality cardboard carton
610 x 420 x 130mm LxDxH

Shipping Weight
2.3kg

INCLUDED

Mains Lead
2 Metre Long Mains Lead
(UK & Europe only)

Rack Bolts
4 off Hex head M6

Feet
4 off rubber stick on feet

Handbook
Full A4 handbook available to download and linked by QR code on device

Quick Start Guide
Printed A4 two sided quick start guide

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION U2B4

AUDIO

Frequency Response @ Line Up
<=+/-0.1dB 40Hz to 20kHz

Gain Range
-15dB to +15dB on each output

Line Up Level (with 0dB Gain)
-12dBu on unbalanced input = 0dBu on balanced output

Maximum Input Level
>+28dBu

Maximum Output Level
+24dBu

Input Impedance
>22k Ohm

Output Impedance
=<50 Ohms

Distortion
0.04% THD @ 100Hz, 1kHz & 0.01% @ 10kHz
Reference to +0dBu output

Noise
-98dB @ line up unweighted
RMS (22Hz to 22kHz) ref +8dBu output

Crosstalk
<-90dBu 1kHz to 15kHz @ lineup

Output Type
Electronically balanced on Neutrik 3 pin XLR plug

Input Type
Electronically balanced on Gold Plated RCA Phono socket

POWER

Mains Input
Filtered IEC, 100 to 240VAC
47 - 63Hz

AC Consumption
1.7 Watts @ 230VAC

DC Input
4 Pin Neutrik XLR plug +/- 12V

Internal Mains Fuse
20mm 1A Anti Surge

PHYSICAL

Size
338 x 123 x 44mm (LxDxH) no rack ears
482mm 19" (1RU) with rack ears

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Feet
4 off rubber stick on feet

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION U2B8

AUDIO

Frequency Response @ Line Up
<=+/-0.1dB 40Hz to 20kHz

Gain Range
-15dB to +15dB on each output

Line Up Level (with 0dB Gain)
-12dBu on unbalanced input = 0dBu on balanced output

Maximum Input Level
>+28dBu

Maximum Output Level
+24dBu

Input Impedance
>22k Ohm

Output Impedance
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0.04% THD @ 100Hz, 1kHz & 0.01% @ 10kHz
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Output Type
Electronically balanced on Neutrik 3 pin XLR plug

Input Type
Electronically balanced on Gold Plated RCA Phono socket

POWER

Mains Input
Filtered IEC, 100 to 240VAC
47 - 63Hz

AC Consumption
2.6 Watts @ 230VAC

DC Input
4 Pin Neutrik XLR plug +/- 12V

Internal Mains Fuse
20mm 1A Anti Surge

PHYSICAL

Size
445 x 123 x 44mm (LxDxH) no rack ears
482mm 19" (1RU) with rack ears

Weight
1.10kg

Mechanics
All aluminium construction, anodized and laser etched

Shipping Carton
Rugged export quality cardboard carton
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Shipping Weight
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