



STUDIO ELECTRONICS

MQA in brief (v55.ab)

the MQA module receives one ADAT 8-channel signal and feeds four stereo pairs into the matrix. For best overview write these sources into the source name list, for example

MQA_1,2(A) MQA_3,4(B) MQA_5,6(C) MQA_7,8(D)

Four stereo destinations are merged into the MQA ADAT output. Write these destinations into the destinations name list:

MQA_1,2(A) MQA_3,4(B) MQA_5,6(C) MQA_7,8(D)

Both directions can be used at the same time. You may playback tracks from your ADAT machine, while recording.

Synchronisation

After power-up, the BNC input is scanned. If there is a word-clock present within 10 seconds after power-up, the module locks to this clock. If no clock is present the module locks to the ADAT input signal.

Please note: the LED flashes slow, when locked to WORD-CLOCK or fast when locked to the ADAT input.

The LED is on continuously, when no sync is detected.

when working with WORD-CLOCK, the ADAT source must sync to the same WORD-CLOCK, or it must sync to the MQA's ADAT output.

when no WORD-CLOCK is connected an ADAT signal must be connected to the MQA's ADAT input,

when no WORD-CLOCK is used, the ADAT receivers must not lock to the MQA's ADAT output !! (this would cause a loop)

in this case the ADAT receivers must work on internal clock or sync to housesync.

The ADAT in/out of the MQA may be routed thru an additional MOP4 module. so that the MQA ADAT in/out can be connected to various devices.

Please note: when the MQA syncs to the ADAT INPUT synchronisation is lost, when changing the ADAT source, but will lock automatically after a valid ADAT signal is detected, when the MQA is locked to WCLK the ADAT output stays in sync even when the ADAT source is changed.

Format and SRC

The MQA does not care about the format of the received stereo signals, which are merged into the ADAT output: AES Professional or Consumer, or S/P DIF are accepted.

The format of the returned signals, detangled from the ADAT signal can be selected as CONSUMER or PROFESSIONAL.

The MQA has four sample rate converters in the lines from stereo to ADAT. If all sources are in sync with the ADAT signal these can be switched off (see next page).

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IMPORTANT: when using with DMX 16 a power-supply of at least 6 V, 1,5 A is needed
when using with DMX 32 a power-supply of at least 6 V, 3 A is needed

How to select SRC status and data format

If all signals in the system are clocked from a common clock source (masterclock) the SRCs on MQA odul can be bypassed.

If the SRCs are bypassed in an asynchronous setup data errors will occur, such as lost samples and may cause heavy distortion, so please

Turn down your speaker system and do not wear headphones !! while trying to bypass SRCs.

The DIP switches in DOWN position select as follows

- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| 1) down (up)
selects consumer (professional) format
for output A and B (chn 1,2 - 3,4) | ⬇ | | | |
| 2) down (up)
selects consumer (professional) format
for output C and D (chn 5,6 - 7,8) | | ⬇ | | |
| 3) down (up)
enables (disables) all SRCs, ABDC | | | ⬇ | |
| 4) down (up)
enables terminator 75 ohm (1k) | | | | ⬇ |

NOTE: all four sample rate converters in the AES -> ADAT path are enabled or disabled with switch 3 up.
the data format of stereo signals detangled from an ADAT signal is changed to CONSUMER or PROFESSIONAL. always for two lines: AandB and/or CandD.
there is no error display for lost samples whendata is not in sync and SRCs are disabled.

CHECK for lost samples

If you want to disable the sample rate converters you should check for lost samples when you first install the MQA module.

Turn down your speaker system and do not wear headphones !!

then feed a sinus signal about 12-15kHz and about -20dB through the AES ->ADAT path and monitor the signal returned from the ADAT device.

If everything is fine you just hear the frequency (very low of coarse).

If sender and ADAT receiver are not in sync but work at the same frequency (for example 48 kHz) you will hear clicks and low noise.

If sender and ADAT receiver are not in sync and work with different frequencys (for example 44,1kHz and 48 kHz) you will hear heavy noise.