

AHM-16

Technical Datasheet

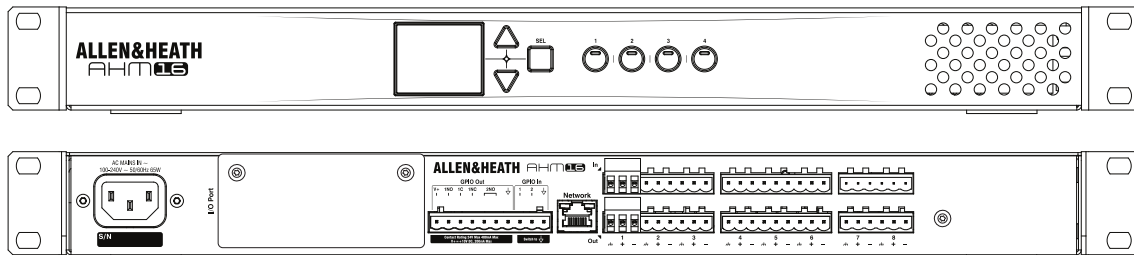
AHM-16 is an audio matrix processor for sound management and installation. It is designed for audio distribution, paging, conferencing and speaker processing in a multitude of environments including corporate, hospitality, education, event and multi-purpose venues, retail, theatres, cruise ships and sports venues.

The AHM-16 processor is complemented by an extended ecosystem of remote audio expanders, remote controllers, interfaces, apps and software.

A family of portable, rack-mountable or wall-mount audio expanders is available with a choice

of proprietary point-to-point Layer-2 or Dante transport protocols.

A range of IP remote controllers is available for volume control, music source selection, preset recall and more. AHM can also integrate with third party devices over GPIO, TCP/IP, or industry standard control systems. The Custom Control editor and app from Allen & Heath offer more control options and tailored user interfaces for multiple users and device types, with kiosk and BYOD capability.



Features

- 16x16 processing matrix
- 8x8 local analogue I/O
- I/O Port for expansion or audio networking, up to 128x128
- Dante 96kHz optional cards (AES67 and DDM ready)
- 16 configurable processing outputs – up to 16 mono / 8 stereo zones
- Sound management tools
 - Automatic Mic Mixer
 - ANC (Ambient Noise Compensation)
 - Priority ducking
 - 8-band PEQ, dynamics and delay on every input and zone
 - Speaker processing with x-over filter, delay, limiter and PEQ
- 96kHz FPGA core with ultra-low latency
- Compatible with Allen & Heath IP1, IP6, IP8 remote controllers
- 2x2 local GPIO plus networkable GPIO interface
- Front panel screen and 4x programmable SoftKeys
- 4 user profiles
- Event scheduler
- Internal stereo playback

A&E Specification

The unit shall be a 1u rack-mountable digital matrix processor, capable of 16 input channels and 16 output channels, all independently assigned.

The unit shall operate at 96kHz sample rate and employ FPGA technology for digital signal processing. The system latency from analogue input to output shall not exceed 1ms.

All input channels shall be configurable mono/stereo and have access to any local or remote input. Output channels shall be configurable as mono/stereo zones or as speaker processing outputs with 2, 3 or 4-way Crossovers, allowing up to 16 mono zones / 8 stereo zones, or any combination of zones and speaker processing outputs not exceeding 16 total channels.

All input channels shall provide the following processing: Trim, Polarity, Gate, Insert point, 8-band Parametric EQ, Compressor, Delay and Automatic Mic Mixing (AMM).

All zones shall provide the following processing: Source Selector, Insert point, 8-band Parametric EQ, 28-band GEQ, Compressor, Delay, Ambient Noise Compensation (ANC) and Limiter.

All speaker processing outputs shall provide the following processing: Crossover filters with selectable filter type and slope, PEQ/GEQ, Delay and Limiter.

All output channels shall be routable to any local or remote output.

The 8-band Parametric EQ shall provide Bell, Constant Q, Shelving, LPF, HPF and Notch filter types selectable per band.

The unit shall have 8 balanced inputs on pluggable Phoenix terminal blocks. Each input shall have independent gain control with +60dB of gain, a -20dB active PAD and +48V phantom power.

The unit shall have 8 balanced outputs on pluggable Phoenix terminal blocks with a nominal level of +4dBu.

The routing matrix mixer shall be capable of mixing all inputs to all zones, as well as all zones to other zones.

The unit shall provide Automatic Mic Mixing (AMM) of up to 16 microphone sources. The AMM shall be capable of running in classic gain sharing mode or optionally as a NOM (Number of Open Microphones) algorithm.

An RJ45 Control Network port shall be provided on the rear of the unit for connection to System

Manager software, IP remote controllers, Custom Control app and TCP control.

One 128x128 I/O port for optional digital interface modules shall be provided. A Dante optional module shall provide a minimum of 32x32 I/O at 96kHz, and be compliant with AES67 and Dante Domain Manager. An SLink optional module shall be available for Ethernet audio expansion, supporting multiple Audio-over-Ethernet protocols and providing access to up to 128x128 I/O.

The unit shall provide the facility to save 500 presets. The presets shall be nameable and a descriptive text entry per preset provided. A crossfade of up to 20 seconds shall be available to apply to any combination of Inputs, Zones, Groups, Input/Zone Crosspoints and Zone/Zone Crosspoints.

The unit shall provide the facility to save 50 events. The events shall be nameable and should allow for the scheduled recall of presets at a specified time on specific days, or every day, with the option for the event to be triggered repeatedly or just once.

The unit shall allow the creation and storage of up to 4 user profiles, each with an editable name and password.

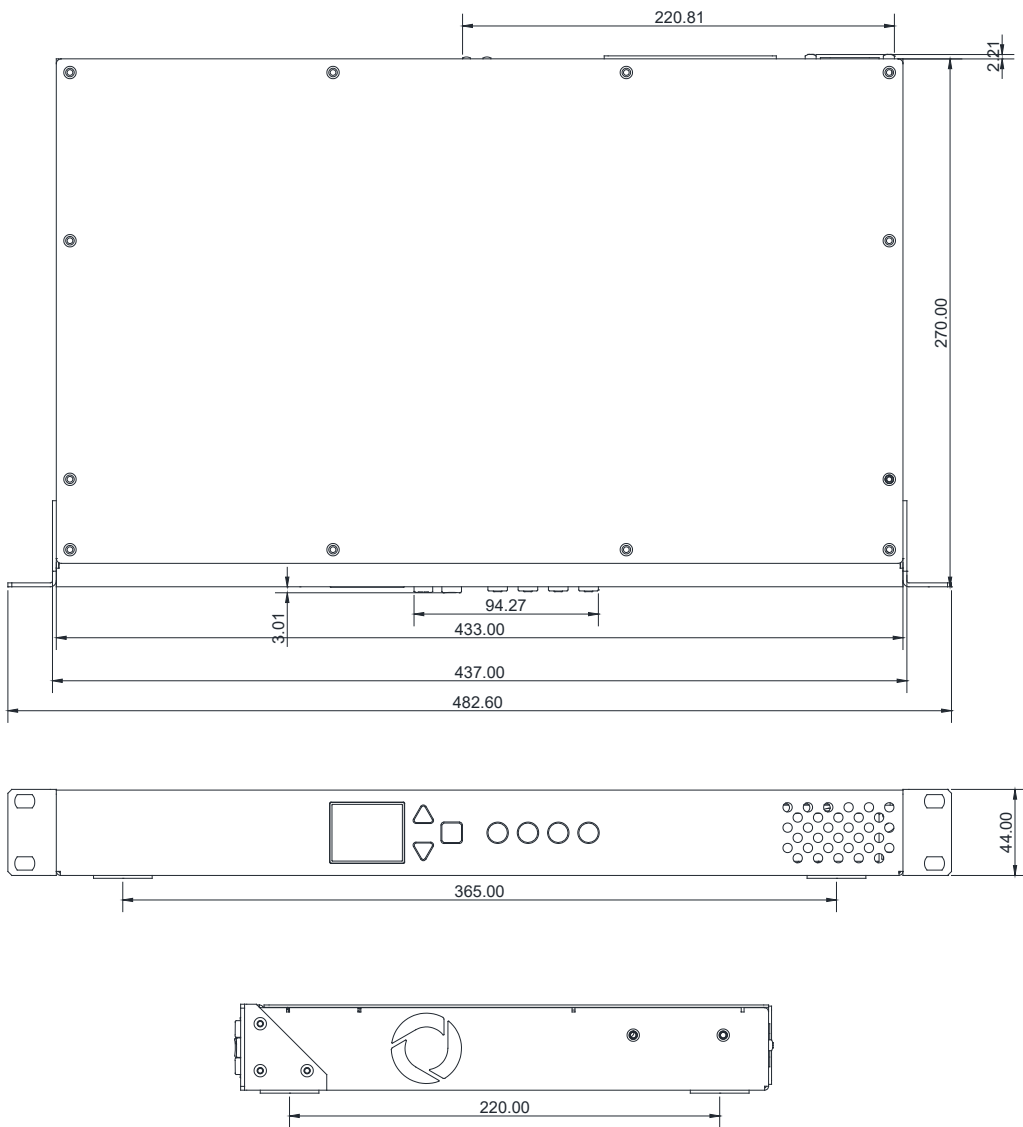
The unit shall allow the connection of two general purpose inputs, and two general purpose relay outputs, via pluggable Phoenix connectors on the rear of the chassis. Each input connector shall allow analogue control of Mutes, Levels, Preset Recall, Custom MIDI via a 0-10V control signal. Output 1 shall support normally closed and normally open operation, and output 2 shall support normally open operation. The outputs shall be configurable to respond to Mutes, Preset Recalls, and Level Sensing. An optional 8x8 networkable GPIO interface shall be available for expansion of the GPIO functionality.

Networkable, PoE-enabled remote controllers shall be available to complement the unit, including wallplate controllers in both US and EU formats, and desktop controllers with a minimum of 8 motorised faders and 8 LCD displays.

The unit shall have an integrated power supply accepting AC mains voltages of 100-240V, 50/60Hz, 65W max via an earthed 3-pin IEC male connector mounted on the rear chassis.

The unit shall be the Allen & Heath AHM-16.

Dimensions



Technical specs

Inputs

Mic/Line Inputs	Balanced, +48V phantom power
Mic/Line Preamp	Fully recallable
Input Sensitivity	-60 to +15dBu
Analogue Gain	+5 to +60dB, 1dB steps
Pad	-20dB Active PAD
Maximum Input Level	+30dBu (PAD in)
Input Impedance	>3k Ω (Pad out), >8k Ω (Pad in)
Mic EIN	-127dB with 150 Ω source

Outputs

Analogue Outputs	Balanced, Relay protected
Output Impedance	<75 Ω
Nominal Output	+4dBu = 0dB meter reading
Maximum Output Level	+21dBu
Residual Output Noise	-92dBu (muted, 22-22kHz)

Dimensions and Weights

Unboxed	Width x Depth x Height x Weight
AHM-16	482.6mm x 270mm x 44mm x 3.8kg (19" x 10.6" x 1.7" x 8.4lbs)

Boxed

AHM-16	555 x 405 x 150 mm x 5.45kg (21.8" x 15.9" x 5.9" x 12lbs)
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System

Measured balanced XLR in to XLR out, 20-20kHz, +5dB Gain, Pad out, signal @ 0dB (meter)	
Dynamic Range	108dB
System Signal to Noise	-92dB
Frequency Response	20Hz - 20kHz +0/-0.5dB
THD+N (analogue in to out)	0.005% @ +16dBu output, 1kHz +5dB gain
Headroom	+18dB
Sampling Rate	96kHz +/- 20 PPM

Acoustic Noise	Typical loading, 22 deg C ambient
No I/O Port installed	31dBA
With I/O Port installed	33dBA

Operating Temperature Range	0 deg C to 40 deg C (32 deg F to 104 deg F)
Mains Power	100-240V AC, 50-60Hz, 65W max

Processing specs

Input Processing		Zone Processing	
16 Input Channels	Configurable mono or stereo	Up to 16 Zones	Configurable mono or stereo
Trim	+/-24dB digital trim	Source Selector	Up to 20 sources, variable level, Fade In and Fade Out time <20s
Polarity	Normal/Reverse	Insert	In/Out, + 4dBu/-10dBV level
Stereo Width Control	L/R, R/L, L -Pol/R, R -Pol/L, Mono, L/L, R,R, M/S	GEQ	28 bands 31Hz -16kHz, +/-12dB, constant-Q
Gate		PEQ	See Input Processing
Sidechain	Self-key or source selectable, with 12dB/octave Lo-Pass and Hi-Pass	Compressor	See Input Processing
Threshold	-72dBu to +12dBu	Delay	Up to 683ms
Depth	0 to 60 dB	ANC	
Attack	50us to 300ms	Ambient Level	Selectable source and metering point, Gain Differential -18dB to 40dB
Hold	10ms to 5s	Gap	Selectable source and metering point, Threshold -62dB to -20dB, Time 0-5000ms
Release	10ms to 1s	Gain Element	Min / Max Gain, Rate 0-30dB/s
Insert	In/Out, + 4dBu/-10dBV level	Limiter	Variable Threshold, Attack and Release
PEQ		Speaker Processing	
Type	8-Band fully parametric, +/-15dB	Crossovers	Configurable 2, 3, 4 way
Band 1 - 8	Selectable LF/HF Shelving, Bell (variable or constant Q), Hi-Pass / Lo-Pass	Filters	Asymmetrical, selectable 1 st order, Butterworth 12/18/24 db/octave, LR 12/24 dB/octave
Bell Width	0.50 – 6.00 Q	EQ	4-Band fully parametric, or 28 band GEQ
Shelving Type	Classic Baxandall	Delay	Up to 683ms
Hi-Pass, Lo-Pass Filter	12dB/octave	Limiter	See Zone Processing
Compressor	Peak or RMS sensing	AMM	
Sidechain	Self-key or source selectable, with 12dB/octave Lo-Pass and Hi-Pass	Channels (AHM-16)	1x16
Threshold	-46dBu to 18dBu	Channels (AHM-32)	1x32, 2x 16 or 4x 8
Compressor parameters	Threshold, Ratio, Attack, Release	Modes	D-Classic gain sharing or NOM
Delay	Up to 683ms		

Block Diagram

AHM SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAM

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AHM-16: 16 x 16 processing matrix

AHM-32: 32 x 32 processing matrix

AHM-64: 64 x 64 processing matrix

