

Digital Audio Monitor

▶ 764



The Tektronix 764 Digital Audio Monitor is an advanced monitoring tool for production and quality assessment in modern digital audio facilities. It combines the features of a phase and level meter with those of a digital audio data monitor. The 764 provides technical personnel with a setup and calibration tool and production personnel with an operational monitor capable of conventional and advanced audio assessment tasks.

The 764 is well equipped for these tasks. Easy-to-read display screens can be viewed from across a room. An auxiliary VGA output supports larger color display units. Its two AES/EBU input channels have loopthrough capability permitting the 764 to be assigned to any signal path. Operation follows an easy-to-use, menu-driven scheme.

Audio Level

Audio amplitude measurement results are displayed on up to four bar graphs. Most characteristics can be configured to user preferences. This includes the amplitude scale and ballistics, peak-hold characteristics and the value of test and peak levels. Other features include detection of digital clipping and muting and detection of system errors.

Audio Phase

A Lissajous display is augmented with a mathematical phase correlation meter. In addition, selectable Sum and Difference bars provide an additional phase assessment tool.

Time Code

The 764 features Time Code input and display capabilities. Vertical Interval and Longitudinal Time Code can be displayed for locating specific audio passages.

▶ Features & Benefits

Two Balanced or Unbalanced AES/EBU or SPDIF
Loopthrough Inputs Drive
Four-channel Level Meters

Adjustable Clip/Mute
Indicators

Audio Phase Display

Phase Correlation Meter

Unique Session Statistics
Compilation

VITC and LTC Time Code
Inputs

Channel Status and User
Data Decoding

AES-3 DARS Input

Optional Serial Digital Video
(Embedded Audio) Input

Optional Balanced Analog
Line Outputs

Supports a Pair of AES
Streams Output by
Professional DVTRs

Configurable Level Indicators
Support a Variety of Technical
Preferences

Mono Compatibility and
Sound-stage Monitoring
Assured via Phase Display

Clear Phase Indication
Regardless of Signal
Amplitude or Panning

Quality Control Certificate via
Session Statistics Compilation

Time Code Stamping of
Errors Pinpoints Audio
Needing Correction

Simple Viewing of Encoded
Channel Status and User Data

System Timing
Measurements to
Recognized Standard

Monitor Embedded Audio
Without an External
Demultiplexer

Monitor Sound via
Loudspeakers Without
External Converters

▶ Applications

Digital Audio Monitoring in
Broadcast and Post
Production Facilities

Creative Adjustments in
Digital Audio Production

System Timing

A Digital Audio Reference input, conforming to AES recommendations, permits 764 users to assess timing relationships between digital audio signals. Common problems due to sample slipping and non-locked signals can easily be detected.

Status and User Data

Channel Status and User data are recovered and displayed in contiguous 24-byte blocks. This allows the content and format of these auxiliary data channels to be monitored.

Optional Embedded Audio Input

Embedded audio technology simplifies routing of video and audio signals in broadcast and post-production facilities, but places new demands on audio monitoring equipment. To eliminate the need for a separate digital audio demultiplexing step for signal monitoring, the Option 01 Embedded Audio Input adds a serial digital video input to the standard digital audio inputs of the 764. Once it extracts the digital audio signal, the 764 provides the same comprehensive monitoring capabilities as it does for discrete AES/EBU audio.

The 764's Embedded Audio Input option extracts digital audio from 270 Mb/s serial component signals and from 143 (525 line) Mb/s serial composite signals. Audio data up to 20 bits at a 48 kHz sample rate is supported.

Digital Audio Inputs 1/2, 3/4

Connector – XLR conforming to AES3-1992 and EBU 3250-E. BNC conforming to AES3-ID.

Signal Format – Balanced, 24 data bits, 4 preamble bits, C, U, V and P bits.

		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Voltage range	XLR	0.2		10	V _{p-p}
	BNC	0.05		2	V _{p-p}
Impedance (0.1 to 6 MHz)	XLR termination switched in	104.5	110	115.5	Ω
Return loss (0.1 to 6 MHz)	XLR termination switched out	25			dB
	BNC	25			dB
Sample rate range		27	52		kHz

Digital Audio Reference Input

Connector – XLR conforming to AES3-1992. BNC conforming to AES3-ID.

Signal Format – Balanced, 24 data bits ignored, 4 preamble bits, C, U, V and P bits.

		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Voltage range	XLR	0.2		10	V _{p-p}
	BNC	0.05		2	V _{p-p}
Impedance	XLR	104.5	110	115.5	Ω
	BNC	71.25	75	78.75	Ω
Sample rate range		27		52	kHz

Optional Analog Line Outputs

Many applications require listening over loudspeakers as a part of the audio monitoring process. In digital facilities, an audio feed is typically routed to a digital-to-analog converter, which drives an amplifier and speakers. Option 02 Analog Line Output provides the digital-to-analog conversion within the 764, eliminating the space requirements and expense of external conversion devices.

The balanced line output level can be either fixed or variable (via the headphone Volume control) and calibrated output level settings are selectable by internal jumpers. Jumper settings are also available for driving unbalanced loads at low levels. Rear-panel AES/EBU balanced output capability is lost when this option is installed.

Common Applications

- ▶ Consoles and workstations
- ▶ DAT, D1, D2, D3, etc.
- ▶ Digital STL for radio
- ▶ A/D testing and alignment
- ▶ Digital audio routers
- ▶ Signal processing
- ▶ Duplication and mastering

Vertical Interval Time Code Input

Connector – BNC, 75 Ω conforming to IEC461, NTSC and PAL specifications.

Signal format – Video with SMPTE VITC, 1 volt nominal.

Longitudinal Time Code Input

Connector – XLR.

Signal Format – Reads SMPTE and EBU LTC.

(Indicates time as hours:minutes:seconds.)

	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Voltage range	0.25		10	V _{p-p}
Impedance	5			kΩ

Level Meters

	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Range	-90		0	dBFS
Accuracy Error				
True peak, 0 to -20 dBFS, steady tone			0.05	dB
Test level range	-30		0	dB
Peak program level range	-30		0	dBFS

Dynamic Response

True Peak	Bar indicates true peak value (no attack delay). Bar decay is same for PPM			
PPM	Bar indicates quasi-peak value; conforms to IEC 268-10A & IEEE Std 152-1991			
VU	Bar has VU dynamic characteristic conforming to IEEE Std 152-1991			

	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Clip, sensitivity range	0		99	samples
Mute, sensitivity range	0		99	samples

Phase Display

	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Automatic gain control range	-40		0	dBFS

Session Screen Display

	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Clip counter range			999	events
Mute counter range			999	events
Invalid samples			999	events
Parity errors			999	events
Code violations			999	events
Active bits			24	bits
DC offset range	-90 dBFS			

▶ Characteristics

Physical Characteristics

Dimensions	cm	in.
Height	13.3	5.25
Width	21.6	8.5
Depth	43.2	17
Weight	kg	lb.
	4.5	10

Option 01 Embedded Audio Input Specifications

Serial Digital Video Input

Input Type – 75 Ω (nominal), BNC.

Serial Digital Video Formats Accepted – Audio embedded per SMPTE 272M level B in the following video formats: 270 Mb/s component digital (625- and 525-line) complying with SMPTE 259M and CCIR 656-1.

Input Level – 800 mV_{p-p} ± 10%.

Return Loss – ≥ 15 dB, power on.

Equalization Range – Proper operation with up to 19.0 dB loss at 135 MHz using coaxial cable having 1/f- loss characteristics with a launch amplitude of 800 mV.

Serial Digital Video Output

Output Type – 75 Ω (nominal), BNC, active loopthrough.

Output Level – 800 mV ± 10%.

Return Loss – ≥ 15 dB.

Option 02 Analog Line Output Specifications

Output Type – Balanced XLRs (2 channels).

Output Impedance – 50 Ω, nominal.

Frequency Response, 20 Hz to 20 kHz – ± 2 dB.

THD+N (20 Hz to 20 kHz, 22 kHz measurement bandwidth) – < 0.05%.

THD+N (at 1 kHz, 22 kHz measurement bandwidth, fixed or variable (volume control fully CW) level outputs, 0 dBFS input, RL ≥ 10 kΩ) – typically < 0.005%.

Output Levels (0 dBFS, RL = 600 Ω) –

Fixed: 24 dBm +1.6, -0.0 dB.

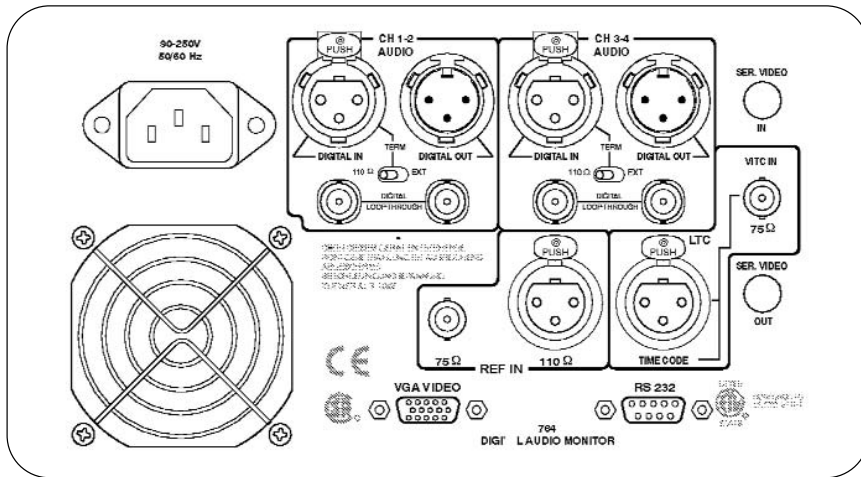
Variable (volume control fully CW): 24 dBm +1.6, -0.0 dB.

Safety – UL3111-1, CSA1010.1, EN61010-1, IEC61010-1.

EMC – UL1244.

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▶ 764 rear panel.

Sample Rate Measurement

	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Range	27		52	kHz
Resolution		10		Hz
Accuracy		10		Hz

Synchronization Measurement

	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Range	± 50%		frame	
		± 64		U.I.

Power Supply

	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Input range	90		250	VAC
Input frequency	48		62	Hz
Consumption		56	65	Watts