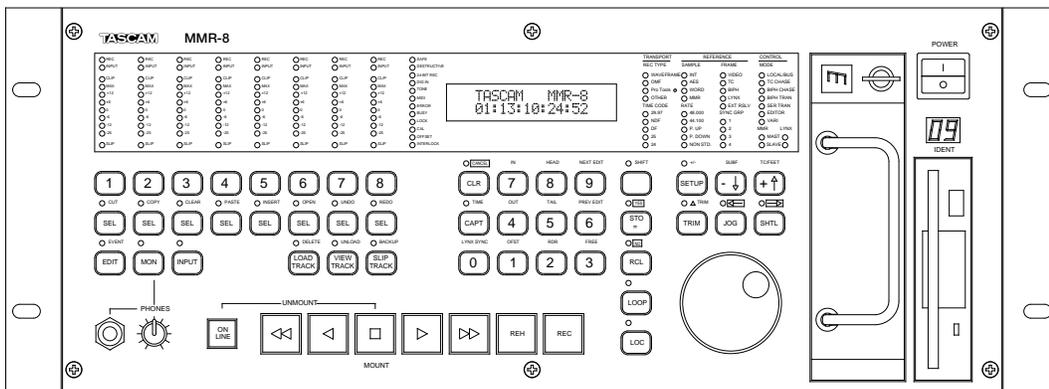


TASCAM

TEAC Professional Division

MMR-8

Modular Multitrack Recorder



OWNER'S MANUAL



CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK). NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated “dangerous voltage” within the product’s enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.



**Alternating
Current**



**Protective
Conductor Terminal**

WARNING: TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPLIANCE TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

CAUTION:

Replace battery with Panasonic or Maxell, model CR2032 only. Use of another battery may present a risk of fire or explosion. See owner’s manual for safety instructions

— For U.S.A —

TO THE USER

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

CAUTION

Changes or modifications to this equipment not expressly approved by TEAC CORPORATION for compliance could void the user’s authority to operate this equipment.



IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

CONSIGNES DE SECURITE

SICHERHEITSHINWEISE

NORME DI SICUREZZA

INSTRUCCIONES DE SEGURIDAD

VEILIGHEIDSVOORSCHRIFTEN

TEAC CORPORATION

Important Safety Instructions

CAUTION:

- Read all of these Instructions.
- Save these Instructions for later use.
- Follow all Warnings and Instructions marked on the audio equipment.

- 1) Read Instructions** — All the safety and operating instructions should be read before the product is operated.
- 2) Retain Instructions** — The safety and operating instructions should be retained for future reference.
- 3) Heed Warnings** — All warnings on the product and in the operating instructions should be adhered to.
- 4) Follow Instructions** — All operating and use instructions should be followed.
- 5) Cleaning** — Unplug this product from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.
- 6) Attachments** — Do not use attachments not recommended by the product manufacturer as they may cause hazards.
- 7) Water and Moisture** — Do not use this product near water – for example, near a bath tub, wash bowl, kitchen sink, or laundry tub; in a wet basement; or near a swimming pool; and the like.
- 8) Accessories** — Do not place this product on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table. The product may fall, causing serious injury to a child or adult, and serious damage to the product. Use only with a cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table recommended by the manufacturer, or sold with the product. Any mounting of the product should follow the manufacturer's instructions, and should use a mounting accessory recommended by the manufacturer.
- 9)** A product and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops, excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause the product and cart combination to overturn.

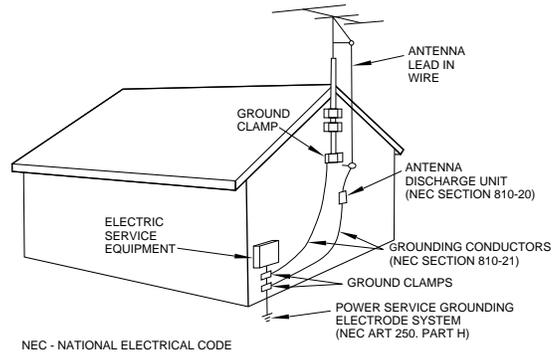


- 10) Ventilation** — Slots and openings in the cabinet are provided for ventilation and to ensure reliable operation of the product and to protect it from overheating, and these openings must not be blocked or covered. The openings should never be blocked by placing the product on a bed, sofa, rug, or other similar surface. This product should not be placed in a built-in installation such as a bookcase or rack unless proper ventilation is provided or the manufacturer's instructions have been adhered to.
- 11) Power Sources** — This product should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power supply to your home, consult your product dealer or local power company. For products intended to operate from battery power, or other sources, refer to the operating instructions.
- 12) Grounding or Polarization** — This product may be equipped with a polarized alternating-current line plug (a plug having one blade wider than the other). This plug will fit into the power outlet only one way. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug fully into the outlet, try reversing the plug. If the plug should still fail to fit, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized plug.
- 13) Power-Cord Protection** — Power-supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the product.
- 14) Outdoor Antenna Grounding** — If an outside antenna or cable system is connected to the product, be sure the antenna or cable system is grounded so as to provide some protection against voltage surges and built-up static charges. Article 810 of the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70, provides information with regard to proper grounding of the mast and supporting structure, grounding of the lead-in wire to an antenna discharge unit, size of grounding conductors, location of antenna-discharge unit, connection to grounding electrodes, and requirements for the grounding electrode.

"Note to CATV system installer:

This reminder is provided to call the CATV system installer's attention to Section 820-40 of the NEC which provides guidelines for proper grounding and, in particular, specifies that the cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the building, as close to the point of cable entry as practical.

Example of Antenna Grounding as per National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70



- 15) Lightning** — For added protection for this product during a lightning storm, or when it is left unattended and unused for long periods of time, unplug it from the wall outlet and disconnect the antenna or cable system. This will prevent damage to the product due to lightning and power-line surges.
- 16) Power Lines** — An outside antenna system should not be located in the vicinity of overhead power lines or other electric light or power circuits, or where it can fall into such power lines or circuits. When installing an outside antenna system, extreme care should be taken to keep from touching such power lines or circuits as contact with them might be fatal.
- 17) Overloading** — Do not overload wall outlets, extension cords, or integral convenience receptacles as this can result in risk of fire or electric shock.
- 18) Object and Liquid Entry** — Never push objects of any kind into this product through openings as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short-out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock. Never spill liquid of any kind on the product.
- 19) Servicing** — Do not attempt to service this product yourself as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage or other hazards. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- 20) Damage Requiring Service** — Unplug this product from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:
 - a) when the power-supply cord or plug is damaged.
 - b) if liquid has been spilled, or objects have fallen into the product.
 - c) if the product has been exposed to rain or water.
 - d) if the product does not operate normally by following the operating instructions. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions as an improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the product to its normal operation.
 - e) if the product has been dropped or damaged in any way.
 - f) when the product exhibits a distinct change in performance – this indicates a need for service.
- 21) Replacement Parts** — When replacement parts are required, be sure the service technician has used replacement parts specified by the manufacturer or have the same characteristics as the original part. Unauthorized substitutions may result in fire, electric shock, or other hazards.
- 22) Safety Check** — Upon completion of any service or repairs to this product, ask the service technician to perform safety checks to determine that the product is in proper operating condition.
- 23) Wall or Ceiling Mounting** — The product should be mounted to a wall or ceiling only as recommended by the manufacturer.
- 24) Heat** — The product should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other products (including amplifiers) that produce heat.

Consignes de sécurité

ATTENTION:

- Lire ces instructions intégralement.
- Conserver ces instructions pour un usage ultérieur.
- Suivre tous les avertissements et instructions marqués sur l'appareil audio.

1. **Lire les instructions** – Toutes les consignes de sécurité et les instructions de fonctionnement doivent être lues avant de faire fonctionner l'appareil.
2. **Conserver ces instructions** – Les consignes de sécurité et les instructions de fonctionnement doivent être conservées pour une référence ultérieure.
3. **Tenir compte des avertissements** – Tous les avertissements sur l'appareil et dans les instructions de fonctionnement doivent être respectés.
4. **Suivre les instructions** – Toutes les instructions doivent être suivies.
5. **Nettoyage** – Débrancher cet appareil de la prise secteur avant nettoyage. Ne pas utiliser de détergents liquides ni aérosol. Utiliser un chiffon humide pour le nettoyage.
6. **Accessoires** – Ne pas utiliser d'accessoires non recommandés par le fabricant, ils peuvent être une cause d'accidents.
7. **Eau et condensation** – Ne pas utiliser cet appareil près de l'eau - par exemple, près d'une baignoire, d'un lavabo, d'un évier de cuisine, d'une installation de lavage, dans un local humide, ou près d'une piscine, etc.
8. **Supports** – Ne pas placer cet appareil sur un chariot, un support, un trépied ou une table instable. L'appareil pourrait tomber, causant des blessures sérieuses à un enfant ou à un adulte, et des dommages à l'appareil. L'utiliser seulement avec un chariot, support, trépied ou table recommandé par le fabricant, ou vendu avec l'appareil. Tout montage de l'appareil doit suivre les instructions du fabricant, et doit utiliser un accessoire de montage recommandé par le fabricant.
9. Un appareil et une combinaison à chariot doivent être déplacés avec précaution. Des arrêts brutaux, une force excessive, et des surfaces irrégulières peuvent faire basculer l'appareil et le chariot.



10. **Ventilation** – Les fentes et ouvertures dans le coffret sont prévues pour la ventilation et pour assurer un fonctionnement fiable de l'appareil en le protégeant de la surchauffe. Ces ouvertures ne doivent pas être bouchées ou recouvertes. Les ouvertures ne doivent jamais être bouchées comme en plaçant l'appareil sur un lit, un canapé, une couverture, ou sur d'autres surfaces similaires. L'appareil ne doit pas être placé dans une installation incorporée, comme une bibliothèque ou un coffret à moins qu'une ventilation correcte soit assurée ou que les instructions du fabricant l'autorisent.
11. **Sources d'alimentation** – L'appareil doit être raccordé à une source seulement du type indiqué sur la plaque signalétique. Si vous n'êtes pas sûr du type d'alimentation chez vous, consulter votre revendeur local ou la compagnie de distribution d'énergie locale. Pour des produits prévus pour fonctionner sur batteries, ou sur d'autres sources, se reporter aux instructions de fonctionnement.
12. **Mise à la terre et polarisation** – Cet appareil peut être équipé d'une fiche secteur polarisée (une fiche ayant une lame plus large que l'autre). Cette fiche rentre dans la prise de courant que d'une seule façon. C'est un élément de sécurité. Si vous ne pouvez pas introduire complètement la fiche dans la prise,

essayer en la retournant. Si la fiche ne rentre toujours pas, contacter votre électricien pour qu'il vienne changer votre vieille prise. Ne pas anéantir l'objectif de sécurité de la fiche polarisée.

13. **Protection du cordon d'alimentation** – Les cordons d'alimentation doivent être placés pour ne pas marcher dessus ni les serrer par des objets placés sur ou contre eux. Faire particulièrement attention aux cordons, aux fiches, aux prises de courant commodes, et à l'endroit où ils sortent de l'appareil.
14. **Foudre** – Pour une protection accrue de cet appareil pendant un orage, ou quand il est laissé non utilisé pendant une longue période, le débrancher de la prise secteur et débrancher l'antenne ou le système câblé. Ce qui évitera des dommages à l'appareil à cause de la foudre et des surtensions sur la ligne d'alimentation.
15. **Lignes électriques** – Un système d'antenne extérieure ne doit pas être placé à proximité des lignes électriques ou d'autres circuits électriques, ou à des endroits où il peut tomber sur de tels circuits ou lignes. En installant un système d'antenne extérieure, une attention extrême doit être prise pour ne pas toucher de tels circuits ou lignes électriques, un contact pouvant être fatal.
16. **Surcharge** – Ne pas surcharger les prises secteur, les cordons de prolongement, ou des prises multiples, ce qui entraîne des risques d'incendie ou de chocs électriques.
17. **Entrée d'objet et de liquide** – Ne jamais pousser d'objets quelconques dans l'appareil par ses ouvertures, ils pourraient toucher des points sous tension dangereuse ou faire des court-circuits entre des pièces qui pourrait générer un incendie ou des chocs électriques. Ne jamais verser de liquide sur ou dans l'appareil.
18. **Dépannage** – Ne pas essayer de réparer l'appareil soi-même car l'ouverture et le retrait des capots peut vous exposer à des tensions dangereuses et d'autres dangers. Confier toutes les opérations de réparation à du personnel de service qualifié.
19. **Domages nécessitant une réparation** – Débrancher l'appareil de la prise secteur et confier les réparations à du personnel qualifié quand:
 - A. Le cordon d'alimentation secteur ou la fiche est endommagé.
 - B. Des objets sont tombés, ou du liquide a coulé dans l'appareil.
 - C. L'appareil a été exposé à la pluie ou à l'eau.
 - D. L'appareil ne fonctionne pas normalement en suivant les instructions de fonctionnement. Régler seulement les commandes indiquées dans les instructions de fonctionnement, car un mauvais réglage des autres commandes peut provoquer des dommages et demander souvent un long travail par un technicien qualifié pour faire revenir l'appareil en fonctionnement normal.
 - E. L'appareil est tombé, ou le coffret a été endommagé.
 - F. L'appareil montre un net changement dans ses performances - ce qui indique un besoin de réparation.
20. **Pièces de rechange** – Quand des pièces de rechange sont nécessaires, s'assurer que le technicien a utilisé des pièces de rechange spécifiées par le fabricant ou ont les mêmes caractéristiques que les pièces d'origine. Des substitutions non autorisées peuvent être la cause d'un incendie, de chocs électriques ou d'autres dangers.
21. **Contrôle de sécurité** – Après toute opération d'entretien ou de réparation de cet appareil, demander au technicien d'effectuer les contrôles de sécurité pour s'assurer que le produit est en parfait état de fonctionnement.
22. **Fixation au mur ou au plafond** – L'appareil doit être fixé au mur ou au plafond seulement si recommandé par le fabricant.
23. **Chaleur** – L'appareil doit être placé loin des sources de chaleur comme des radiateurs, des appareils de chauffage, ou d'autres appareils (comprenant les amplificateurs) qui produisent de la chaleur.

Sicherheitshinweise

VORSICHT:

- **Lesen Sie die folgenden Angaben bitte sorgfältig durch.**
- **Bewahren Sie diese Angaben zur späteren Bezugnahme auf.**
- **Beachten Sie alle Warnhinweise und Typenschildangaben am Gerät.**

1. **Lesen Sie diese Bedienungsanleitung sorgfältig durch** – Vor der Inbetriebnahme bitte die Sicherheits- und Bedienungsanweisungen durchlesen.
2. **Bewahren Sie diese Bedienungsanleitung auf** – So können Sie bei später auftretenden Fragen nachschlagen.
3. **Beachten Sie alle Warnhinweise** – Dies gilt für die Warnhinweise am Gerät und in der Bedienungsanleitung.
4. **Befolgen Sie alle Bedienungsanweisungen.**
5. **Reinigung** – Vor der Reinigung das Netzkabel abtrennen. Keine Naß- oder Sprühreiniger verwenden. Mit einem feuchten Tuch reinigen.
6. **Zusatzgeräte** – Die Verwendung von Zusatzgeräten, die nicht mit den Herstellerempfehlungen übereinstimmen, kann Schäden verursachen.
7. **Nässe und Feuchtigkeit** – Dieses Gerät nicht in unmittelbarer Nähe zu Wasserbehältern (Badewanne, Küchenspüle, Schwimmbecken etc.) oder in Räumen, in denen hohe Luftfeuchtigkeit auftreten kann, betreiben.
8. **Aufstellung** – Niemals einen instabilen Untersatz (fahrbares oder stationäres Gestell, Regal, Halterung, Tisch) verwenden! Andernfalls kann das Gerät herabfallen und hierdurch ernsthaft beschädigt werden sowie ernsthafte Verletzungen hervorrufen! Ausschließlich einen geeigneten und stabilen Untersatz (mitgeliefert oder vom Hersteller empfohlen) benutzen! Zur Befestigung unbedingt die Herstellerangaben beachten und ausschließlich empfohlenes Zubehör verwenden.
9. Bei einem fahrbaren Gestell insbesondere plötzliche Richtungswechsel und zu rasches Beschleunigen/Bremsen sowie unebenen Untergrund vermeiden, da andernfalls Gestell und/oder Gerät umfallen können.



10. **Belüftung** – Die Belüftungsöffnungen des Geräts dürfen niemals blockiert werden. Andernfalls können Überhitzung und Betriebsstörungen auftreten. Das Gerät daher niemals auf einer weichen Unterlage (Kissen, Sofa, Teppich etc.) aufstellen. Bei Einbau in einem Regal/Gestell- oder Einbauschrankschrank unbedingt auf einwandfreien Temperatursgleich achten. Die diesbezüglichen Herstellerangaben beachten.
11. **Spannungsversorgung** – Unbedingt die diesbezüglichen Angaben am Gerät beachten! Bei Fragen wenden Sie sich bitte an Ihren Fachhändler oder die verantwortlichen Energieversorger an Ihrem Wohnort. Bei Geräten, die für Batteriebetrieb oder eine andere Spannungsquelle geeignet sind, die zugehörige Bedienungsanleitung beachten.
12. **Erdung/Polarisierung** – Wenn dieses Gerät mit einem Flachklingen-Netzstecker mit unterschiedlicher Klingenbreite ausgerüstet ist, ist der Netzanschluß nur in einer Steckerstellung möglich. Dies ist eine Sicherheitsvorkehrung. Wenn der Stecker nicht eingeschoben werden kann, die Kontaktposition umkehren. Ist hierauf kein Anschluß möglich, muß die Steckdose (von einer Fachkraft) ausgewechselt werden. Niemals den Stecker umbauen!

13. **Netzkabel** – Das Netzkabel so verlegen, daß es nicht belastet, gequetscht oder geknickt werden kann. Insbesondere darauf achten, daß keine Schäden am Stecker, an der Steckdose oder am Netzkabelaugang des Geräts auftreten können!
14. **Blitzschutz** – Bei Gewittern und längerem Nichtgebrauch des Geräts den Netzstecker und das Antennen-/Kabel-System-Kabel abziehen, um Schäden durch Blitzschlag und/oder Spannungstöße zu vermeiden.
15. **Starkstromleitungen** – Die Außenantenne und zugehörige Kabel stets in ausreichendem Abstand zu Hochspannungs-, Licht- und anderen Stromleitungen und montieren, so daß keinerlei Kontakte möglich sind. Beim Montieren einer Außenantenne besteht Lebensgefahr, wenn Netz- und Starkstromleitungen berührt werden!
16. **Netzüberlastung** – Netzsteckdosen, Verlängerungskabel oder Steckdosenverteiler niemals überlasten, da andernfalls Stromschlag- und Brandgefahr besteht!
17. **Eindringen von Fremdkörpern und Flüssigkeit** – Niemals Gegenstände in die Geräteöffnungen einführen, da andernfalls Stromschlag- und Brandgefahr besteht! Sicherstellen, daß keine Flüssigkeit in das Geräteinnere eindringen kann.
18. **Kundendienst** – Niemals selber Wartungsarbeiten vornehmen. Bei geöffnetem Gehäuse besteht Stromschlag- und Verletzungsgefahr. Überlassen Sie Wartungsarbeiten stets qualifiziertem Fachpersonal.
19. **Schadensbehebung in Fachwerkstätten** – In den folgenden Fällen müssen Prüf- und/oder Wartungsarbeiten von qualifiziertem Fachpersonal durchgeführt werden:
 - A. Bei beschädigtem Netzkabel oder -stecker.
 - B. Wenn sich Flüssigkeit oder Fremdkörper im Geräteinneren befinden.
 - C. Wenn das Gerät Nässe oder Feuchtigkeit ausgesetzt war.
 - D. Wenn bei vorschriftsgemäßer Handhabung Betriebsstörungen auftreten. Bei Störungen nur Gegenmaßnahmen durchführen, die in der Bedienungsanleitung beschrieben werden. Andernfalls keine weiteren Schritte vornehmen, da hierdurch Schäden verursacht werden können, die Reparaturarbeiten durch Fachpersonal erfordern.
 - E. Wenn das Gerät einer heftigen Erschütterung ausgesetzt war oder anderweitig beschädigt wurde.
 - F. Bei Leistungsbeeinträchtigungen jeder Art.
20. **Teiletausch** – Wenn ein Teiletausch erforderlich wird, die Einhaltung der vom Hersteller vorgeschriebenen Ausführungen und technischen Kenndaten beachten. Nicht zulässige Teile können Brand- und Stromschlaggefahr sowie andere ernsthafte Störungen verursachen.
21. **Sicherheitsüberprüfung** – Nach Kundendienst- und Reparaturarbeiten vom Fachpersonal stets eine Sicherheitsüberprüfung vornehmen lassen, um einwandfreien Betrieb zu gewährleisten.
22. **Wand- und Deckenbefestigung** – Hierzu unbedingt die Vorschriften und Empfehlungen des Herstellers beachten.
23. **Hitzeinwirkung** – Das Gerät in ausreichender Entfernung zu hitzeabstrahlenden Vorrichtungen (Heizung, Ofen etc.) und anderen Geräten (Verstärker etc.) aufstellen.

Norme di sicurezza

ATTENZIONE:

- **Leggete attentamente tutte queste istruzioni.**
- **Conservate queste istruzioni per poterle utilizzare in caso di bisogno.**
- **Seguite tutte le avvertenze e le istruzioni affisse sul componente stesso.**

1. **Leggete le istruzioni** – Tutte le istruzioni per la sicurezza e l'uso devono essere lette prima di utilizzare l'unità.
2. **Conservate le istruzioni** – Le istruzioni per la sicurezza e l'uso devono essere conservate per poterle utilizzare in caso di bisogno.
3. **Prestate attenzione alle avvertenze** – Tutte le avvertenze, sia sull'unità che nelle istruzioni, devono essere rispettate scrupolosamente.
4. **Seguite le istruzioni** – Tutte le istruzioni per l'uso devono essere seguite.
5. **Pulizia** – Prima della pulizia scollegare questa unità dalla presa di rete. Non utilizzare agenti di pulizia liquidi o aerosol. Pulire l'unità utilizzando un panno umido.
6. **Accessori** – Non utilizzare accessori non raccomandati dal fabbricante in quanto ciò potrebbe comportare dei rischi.
7. **Acqua ed umidità** – Non utilizzare questa unità vicino all'acqua - per esempio, vicino a vasche da bagno, lavabi e lavandini; in scantinati umidi; vicino ad una piscina, ecc..
8. **Supporti** – Non installare questa unità su carrelli, scaffali, treppiedi, staffe o tavoli instabili. L'unità potrebbe cadere causando lesioni a bambini ed adulti e danni all'unità stessa. Utilizzare solo carrelli, scaffali, treppiedi, staffe o tavoli raccomandati dal fabbricante o venduti assieme all'unità. Qualsiasi installazione dell'unità deve seguire le istruzioni del fabbricante ed utilizzare gli accessori raccomandati dallo stesso.
9. L'unità installata su di un carrello deve essere spostata con attenzione. Fermate brusche, spinte eccessive e superfici accidentate possono causare il rovesciamento del carrello.



10. **Ventilazione** – Le fessure e le aperture sul mobiletto sono fornite per la ventilazione, per assicurare il funzionamento affidabile dell'unità e per prevenirne il surriscaldamento e perciò non devono essere bloccate o coperte. Le aperture non devono essere bloccate ponendo l'unità su di un letto, sofà, tappeto o altra superficie simile. Questa unità non deve essere installata all'interno di scaffali o mobili a meno che essi non siano provvisti di un'adeguata ventilazione e le istruzioni del fabbricante siano seguite scrupolosamente.
11. **Alimentazione** – Questa unità deve essere utilizzata solo col tipo di alimentazione indicato sull'etichetta. Se non siete certi del tipo di alimentazione della vostra abitazione, consultate il vostro rivenditore o l'azienda elettrica locale. Per i prodotti da utilizzare con le batterie o con altre fonti di alimentazione, vedere le istruzioni per l'uso.
12. **Messa a terra e polarizzazione** – Questa unità potrebbe essere fornita di una spina per corrente alternata polarizzata (una spina con una lama più larga dell'altra). Questa spina può essere inserita nella presa di rete in una sola direzione. Questa è una caratteristica per la sicurezza. Se non siete in grado di inserire completamente la spina, provate e girarla. Se non

fosse ancora possibile inserire la spina, chiamare l'elettricista per sostituire la presa. Non evitare lo scopo della presa polarizzata.

13. **Protezione del cavo di alimentazione** – I cavi dell'alimentazione devono essere sistemati in modo che essi non vengano calpestati o pizzicati da oggetti o persone facendo particolare attenzione alle giunzioni con spine e prese ed ai punti di uscita dalle varie unità.
14. **Fulmini** – Per la protezione dell'unità durante temporali con fulmini oppure quando l'unità non viene utilizzata per lunghi periodi, scollegare la spina del cavo di alimentazione dalla presa di rete e scollegare l'antenna o il collegamento via cavo.
15. **Linee ad alta tensione** – L'antenna esterna non deve essere installata in prossimità di linee ad alta tensione o altre linee elettriche oppure in posizioni in cui possa cadere su tali linee. Quando si installa un'antenna esterna prestare estrema attenzione a non toccare tali linee in quanto tale contatto potrebbe essere fatale.
16. **Sovraccarichi** – Non sovraccaricare le prese di rete o i cavi di estensione in quanto ciò può causare il rischio di incendi o scosse elettriche.
17. **Ingresso di oggetti o di liquidi** – Non inserire mai alcun tipo di oggetto attraverso le aperture dell'unità in quanto essi potrebbero entrare in contatto con punti ad alta tensione o causare un cortocircuito che potrebbe a sua volta causare il rischio di incendi o scosse elettriche. Non versare alcun tipo di liquido sul prodotto.
18. **Assistenza** – Non eseguire alcuna procedura di assistenza in quanto l'apertura e la rimozione dei coperchi potrebbe esporvi ad alta tensione o altri rischi. Rivolgetevi a personale qualificato per tutti gli interventi di assistenza.
19. **Circostanze che richiedono assistenza** – Scollegate l'unità dalla presa di rete e rivolgetevi a personale di assistenza specializzato nelle seguenti circostanze:
 - A. Quando il cavo o la spina di alimentazione sono danneggiati.
 - B. Se del liquido o un oggetto fossero penetrati all'interno dell'unità.
 - C. Se l'unità fosse stata esposta a pioggia o acqua.
 - D. Se l'unità non funzionasse normalmente seguendo le istruzioni per l'uso. Regolare solo i comandi descritti nelle istruzioni per l'uso dato che una regolazione scorretta di altri comandi potrebbe causare danni e richiede spesso un intervento da parte di un tecnico qualificato per il ripristino del funzionamento normale.
 - E. Se l'unità fosse stata fatta cadere o comunque danneggiata.
 - F. Quando le prestazioni dell'unità cambiano in modo distinto – ciò indica la necessità di assistenza.
20. **Parti di ricambio** – Quando sono necessarie delle parti di ricambio, accertarsi che il tecnico utilizzi parti specificate dal fabbricante o con le stesse caratteristiche della parte originale. Sostituzioni con parti non autorizzate possono causare fiamme, scosse elettriche o altri rischi.
21. **Controlli sicurezza** – Al termine di qualsiasi servizio di assistenza o riparazione, chiedete al tecnico di eseguire i controlli di sicurezza per determinare che il prodotto sia in condizione di funzionare in modo corretto.
22. **Montaggio su parete o soffitto** – L'unità deve essere montata su di una parete o sul soffitto solo seguendo le raccomandazioni del fabbricante.
23. **Calore** – L'unità deve essere installata lontano da fonti di calore come radiatori, caloriferi, stufe o altri prodotti (inclusi amplificatori) che producono calore.

Instrucciones de seguridad

ATENCIÓN:

- Lea todas estas instrucciones.
- Guarde estas instrucciones para referencia futura.
- Cumpla con todas las advertencias e instrucciones marcadas en el equipo de audio.

1. **Lea las instrucciones** – Todas las instrucciones de seguridad y de operación deben ser leídas antes de operar el producto.
2. **Guarde las instrucciones** – Las instrucciones de seguridad y operación deben ser guardadas para referencia futura.
3. **Cumpla con las advertencias** – Todas las advertencias en el producto y en las instrucciones de operación deben ser observadas.
4. **Siga las instrucciones** – Es imprescindible cumplir con todas las instrucciones de operación y uso.
5. **Limpieza** – Desenchufe este producto del tomacorriente de la pared antes de limpiarlo. No utilice líquidos o aerosoles para limpieza. Utilice un paño húmedo para limpiarlo.
6. **Accesorios** – No utilice accesorios que no sean recomendados por el fabricante del producto, ya que pueden ser peligrosos.
7. **Agua y humedad** – No utilice este producto cerca del agua, por ejemplo cerca de la bañera, pileta para lavarse las manos o de la cocina, cerca del lavadero, en un sótano húmedo o cerca de una piscina de natación o similar.
8. **Instalación correcta** – No coloque este producto sobre lugares tales como carritos, pedestales, trípodes, soportes o mesas inestables. El producto puede caerse causando graves lesiones a los niños o adultos y graves daños al producto. Utilice los carritos, pedestales, trípodes, soportes o mesas recomendadas por el fabricante o vendidas con el producto. Todas las instalaciones del producto deben seguir las instrucciones del fabricante y deben utilizar un accesorio de montaje recomendado por el mismo.
9. El producto y el carrito para transporte deben ser movidos con precaución. Las paradas bruscas, la fuerza excesiva y las superficies desniveladas pueden hacer que el producto y el carrito se vuelquen.



10. **Ventilación** – Las ranuras y aberturas en el gabinete son para ventilación y para asegurar el confiable funcionamiento del producto protegiéndolo del recalentamiento. Estas aberturas no deben ser bloqueadas o cubiertas. Las aberturas nunca deben ser bloqueadas al colocar el producto sobre la cama, sofá, paño, u otra superficie similar. Este producto no debe ser colocado dentro de un lugar encerrado tal como caja para libros o estantería a menos que se suministre una ventilación adecuada o que se cumpla con las instrucciones del fabricante.
11. **Fuentes de energía** – Este producto debe ser operado sólo con la fuente de energía indicada en la etiqueta con la marca. Si usted no está seguro del tipo de suministro de energía de su hogar, consulte con el agente del producto o con la compañía de energía eléctrica local. Para productos a ser operados con pilas u otras fuentes refiérase a las instrucciones de operación.
12. **Conexión a masa y polarización** – Este producto puede estar equipado con un enchufe de línea de corriente alterna polarizado (un enchufe que tiene una cuchilla más ancha que la otra). Este enchufe entrará en el tomacorrientes de una sola manera. Esta es una característica de seguridad. Si usted no puede insertar totalmente el enchufe en el tomacorriente,

intente invertir el enchufe. Si aún éste no entra, llame a su electricista para que reemplace el tomacorriente. No rompa ni modifique el mecanismo de seguridad del enchufe polarizado.

13. **Protección del cordón eléctrico** – Los cordones eléctricos para alimentación deben ser colocados de tal manera que no se los pise o queden pellizcados por elementos colocados sobre o contra ellos, siendo necesario prestar atención particular en los puntos donde los cordones salen de los enchufes, enchufes múltiples y otros puntos del producto.
14. **Rayos** – Para protección adicional de este producto durante tormentas de rayos, o cuando se lo deja sin atención o no se lo usa durante largos períodos, desenchúfelo del tomacorriente de la pared y desconecte el sistema de antena o de cable. Esto evitará los daños producidos en el producto por los rayos y aumentos bruscos de voltaje de la línea.
15. **Cables eléctricos** – No se debe instalar el sistema exterior de antena en la vecindad de cables eléctricos elevados o de otros circuitos de iluminación eléctrica o eléctricos, o cuando la antena pueda caer sobre tales cables o circuitos. Cuando se instala un sistema exterior de antena, se deben tomar precauciones extremadas para no tocar tales cables o circuitos eléctricos, ya que el contacto con los mismos puede ser fatal.
16. **Sobrecarga** – No sobrecargue los tomacorrientes de la pared, los cables de extensión o los enchufes múltiples ya que ello puede aumentar el riesgo de incendios o choques eléctricos.
17. **Entrada de objetos y líquidos** – Nunca coloque objetos de ningún tipo dentro de este producto a través de las aberturas ya que pueden entrar en contacto con puntos de alto voltaje o porciones en corto lo que resultará en un incendio o choque eléctrico. Nunca derrame líquido de ningún tipo sobre el producto.
18. **Reparación** – No intente reparar este producto por sí mismo ya que la abertura o extracción de cubiertas puede exponerlo a voltajes y otros peligros. Refiera todas las reparaciones a personal cualificado de servicio.
19. **Daños que requieren reparación** – Desenchufe este producto del tomacorriente de la pared y refiera la reparación a personal cualificado de servicio en caso de las siguientes condiciones:
 - A. Cuando el cordón eléctrico de alimentación está dañado.
 - B. Si se ha derramado líquido o se han caído objetos dentro del producto.
 - C. Si el producto ha sido expuesto a la lluvia o al agua.
 - D. Si el producto no funciona normalmente aunque se cumpla con las instrucciones de operación. Ajuste sólo los controles que están indicados en las instrucciones de operación ya que el ajuste incorrecto de otros controles puede resultar en daños que requieren frecuentemente un extensivo trabajo por parte de un técnico cualificado, para devolver el producto a su funcionamiento normal.
 - E. Si el producto se ha caído o dañado de alguna manera.
 - F. Cuando el producto presenta cambios inequívocos de rendimiento, lo que indica la necesidad de reparación.
20. **Reemplazo de piezas** – Si el reemplazo de piezas es necesario, asegúrese que el técnico de reparación ha usado las piezas especificadas por el fabricante o que tengan características idénticas a las piezas originales. Las substituciones no autorizadas pueden resultar en incendio, choque eléctrico y otros peligros.
21. **Inspección de seguridad** – Después de completar cualquier servicio o reparación en este producto, solicítele al técnico de reparación que efectúe comprobaciones de seguridad para determinar que el producto está en condiciones correctas de operación.
22. **Montaje en la pared o techo** – El producto debe ser montado en una pared o en el techo sólo como lo recomienda el fabricante.
23. **Calor** – El producto debe estar lejos de fuentes de calor tales como radiadores, orificios de salida de calor, estufas u otros productos (incluyendo amplificadores), que produzcan calor.

Veiligheidsvoorschriften

OPGELET:

- Lees al deze aanwijzingen aandachtig door.
- Bewaar de gebruiksaanwijzing voor eventueel later gebruik.
- Neem de op het toestel aangegeven waarschuwingen en aanwijzingen in acht.

1. **Lees de gebruiksaanwijzing** – Lees de veiligheidsvoorschriften en alle overige aanwijzingen in deze gebruiksaanwijzing alvorens het toestel in gebruik te nemen.
2. **Bewaar de gebruiksaanwijzing** – Bewaar de gebruiksaanwijzing voor eventueel later gebruik.
3. **Neem de waarschuwingen in acht** – Volg alle waarschuwingen op die op het toestel en in de gebruiksaanwijzing zijn aangegeven.
4. **Volg de aanwijzingen op** – Volg alle veiligheids- en gebruiksaanwijzingen op.
5. **Reiniging** – Trek de stekker uit het stopcontact alvorens het toestel te reinigen. Gebruik geen vloeibare reinigingsmiddelen of spuitbussen. Gebruik een vochtig doekje voor het reinigen.
6. **Hulpstukken** – Gebruik geen hulpstukken die niet specifiek door de fabrikant zijn aanbevolen. Hierdoor kan beschadiging ontstaan.
7. **Water en vocht** – Gebruik het toestel niet in de buurt van water – zoals bijvoorbeeld in de buurt van een bad, aanrecht, wasgelegenheid, in een vochtige kelder, bij een zwembad, enz.
8. **Accessoires** – Plaats dit toestel niet op een instabiel rek of standaard, of op een wankel tafeltje. Het toestel kan hierdoor vallen en beschadigen of zelfs verwondingen veroorzaken. Gebruik alleen een bijgeleverd of door de fabrikant aanbevolen rek of standaard. Volg bij installatie in een rek de aanwijzingen van de fabrikant, en gebruik de door de fabrikant aanbevolen bevestigingsmiddelen.
9. Verplaats een verrijdbaar rek of standaard voorzichtig. De standaard met de apparatuur kan omvallen bij het abrupt stoppen, uitvoeren van overmatige kracht, of bij het verrijden over een ongelijke vloer.



10. **Ventilatie** – In de ombouw van het toestel bevinden zich ventilatiegaten en -openingen welke moeten voorkomen dat het toestel tijdens gebruik oververhit raakt. Deze openingen mogen nooit worden geblokkeerd of afgedekt. Plaats het toestel daarom nooit op een bed, tapijt, bank of dergelijk oppervlak. Plaats het toestel tevens nooit in een nauw afgesloten ruimte als een boekenkast of dicht rek tenzij de ventilatie hierdoor niet wordt belemmerd en de aanwijzingen van de fabrikant in acht worden genomen.
11. **Stroomvoorziening** – Gebruik dit toestel alleen met een stroomvoorziening die voldoet aan de specificaties aangegeven op het label op de ombouw. Bent u niet zeker van het voltage van het lichtnet, neem dan contact op met uw dealer of het elektriciteitsbedrijf ter plaatse. Zie de gebruiksaanwijzing voor nadere informatie als het toestel is bedoeld voor gebruik op batterijen of een akku.
12. **Aarding en polarisatie** – Dit toestel zal mogelijk zijn uitgerust met een gepolariseerde wisselstroom netstekker (een stekker waarvan een van de polen breder dan de andere is). Dit type stekker past alleen in een daarvoor bestemd stopcontact. Mocht het niet lukken om de stekker in het stopcontact te stekken, probeer het dan opnieuw met de stekker omgedraaid.

Lukt het dan nog steeds niet, neem dan contact op met uw dealer voor vervanging van de stekker. Probeer nooit de stekker in het stopcontact te forceren.

13. **Bescherming van het netsnoer** – De netsnoeren dienen zo te worden geleid dat er zo min mogelijk over wordt gelopen of dat er voorwerpen op tegen het snoer drukken. Let vooral op de stekkers, hulpstopcontacten en het punt waar de snoeren uit het toestel komen.
14. **Onweer** – Uit het oogpunt van veiligheid wordt het aangeraden om tijdens onweer, of als het toestel langere tijd niet gebruikt gaat worden, de stekker uit het stopcontact te trekken en de antenne of het kabelsysteem te ontkoppelen. Hierdoor zal worden voorkomen dat het toestel bij een blikseminslag of door een spanningspiek in het net beschadigd.
15. **Elektriciteitsleidingen** – Plaats de buitenantenne goed uit de buurt van elektriciteitsleidingen en andere stroomcircuits zodat deze daar bij omvallen geen contact mee kan maken. Pas tevens bij het installeren van een antennesysteem er goed voor op geen contact te maken met dergelijke leidingen daar dit een dodelijk schok kan veroorzaken.
16. **Overbelasting** – Pas op stopcontacten, verlengsnoeren en stekkerdozen niet te overbelasten daar dit brand of een gevaarlijke elektrische schok kan veroorzaken.
17. **Voorwerpen of vocht in het toestel** – Zorg dat er nooit voorwerpen door de openingen in het inwendige van het toestel terecht komen. Hierdoor kan kortsluiting en een gevaarlijke elektrische schok worden veroorzaakt. Pas tevens goed op nooit vloeistoffen in het toestel te morsen.
18. **Reparatie** – Probeer nooit zelf het toestel te repareren. Bij verwijdering van de ombouw zult u bloot kunnen staan aan gevaarlijke elektrische spanning en andere gevaren. Laat reparaties over aan een bevoegd vakman.
19. **Beschadigingen die onderhoud vereisen** – In de volgende gevallen dient u de stekker uit het stopcontact te trekken en de hulp van een erkend vakman in te schakelen.
 - A. Als het netsnoer of de stekker is beschadigd.
 - B. Als er vloeistof of voorwerpen in het toestel terecht komen.
 - C. Als het toestel aan regen of vocht heeft blootgestaan.
 - D. Als het toestel niet goed funktioneert bij bediening volgens de gebruiksaanwijzing. Kom alleen aan de regelaars en bedieningselementen die in de gebruiksaanwijzing worden beschreven. Onjuist afstelling van niet voor de gebruiker bedoelde regelaars kan tot beschadiging leiden. Bovendien zal vaak de hulp van een vakman nodig zijn om het toestel terug in de normale bedrijfsfunctie te stellen.
 - E. Als het toestel is gevallen of anderszins beschadigd.
 - F. Als de prestaties van het toestel merkbaar verminderen.
20. **Vervangingsonderdelen** – Bij vervanging van onderdelen dient de onderhoudsmonteur alleen door de fabrikant aangegeven onderdelen te gebruiken, of onderdelen die daaraan identiek zijn. Worden andere onderdelen gebruikt, dan kan dit brand, elektrische schok of andere gevaren veroorzaken.
21. **Veiligheidscontrole** – Na onderhoud en reparatie dient de onderhoudsmonteur altijd een veiligheidscontrole uit te voeren om vast te stellen of het toestel goed en veilig funktioneert.
22. **Bevestiging tegen muur of plafond** – Bevestig het toestel alleen tegen een muur of plafond als de fabrikant dit specifiek als een mogelijkheid heeft aangegeven.
23. **Warmte** – Plaats het toestel uit de buurt van warmtebronnen als kachels, radiators, ovens of andere toestellen die warmte afgeven (zoals bijvoorbeeld versterkers).

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Chapter 1 General Information

This chapter presents the main features and capabilities of the MMR-8 hardware and a functional overview of its Panel/Display states. MMR-8 product specifications are also included.

MMR-8 Introduction

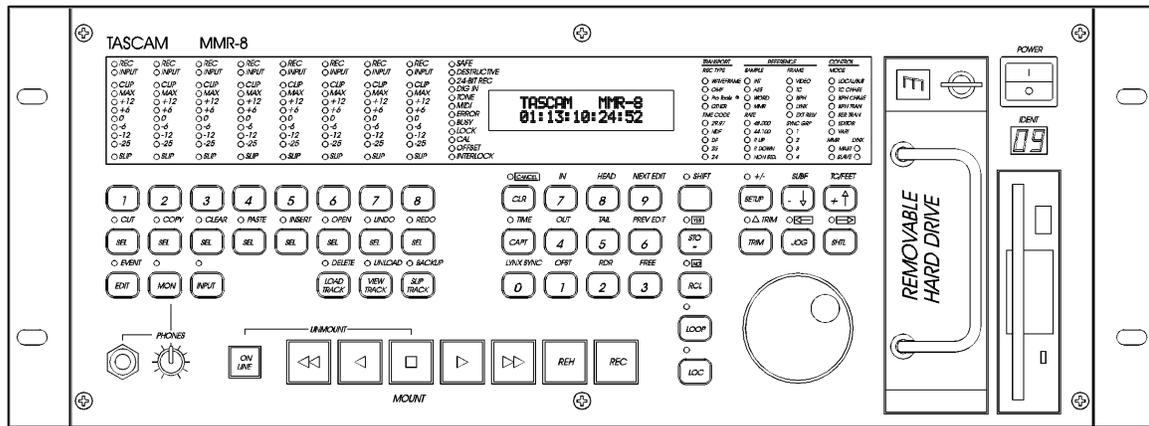


Figure 1-1. MMR-8 Front View

The MMR-8 is a non-linear digital replacement for the analog or digital tape machines found in recording studios and broadcast facilities, and for magnetic film dubbers found in film and video post-production facilities. The MMR-8 can play back and record eight tracks of material from one or more SCSI hard drives or other removable media. Each MMR-8 can record onto a single removable SCSI hard drive, or play back from multiple SCSI disk drives of various types. Playback can be in exact or track-slipped synchronization to industry-standard film, video, and audio devices, whether mechanical tape-based or hard drive-based.

Audio files recorded on the MMR-8 consist of selectable linear 16-bit or linear 24-bit words at sample rates of 48.0 kHz or 44.1 kHz, each modifiable to a pull-up or pull-down level, including conversion between PAL, film, and video, making fourteen total discrete sampling rates. The analog I/O section uses balanced +4 dBu analog connections on DB-25 connectors that are pin-compatible with the Tascam DA-88 and may use the same cables. The DIO (Digital I/O) card allows direct connection of the MMR to standard AES/EBU digital audio inputs and outputs for direct digital recording and playback. The digital I/O connector can use a standard DA-88 cable to provide four stereo AES inputs and four stereo AES outputs. Any digital input can be selected as the sample clock reference source. Additionally, any one of the four digital input signal pairs can be selected for routing through a sample rate converter.

The MMR-8 will directly play back material created on Digidesign Pro Tools™ or WaveFrame™ digital audio workstations, as well as OMF Compositions which reference Sound Designer II audio media files. The disk drive or drives containing edited Session, Project, or OMF files are simply “unplugged” from the workstation and then “hot-plugged” into the MMR-8, using the standard internal Kingston hard drive carrier, or otherwise connected to the MMR-8’s external SCSI port. Once the drive(s) are mounted by the MMR-8, tracks from one or more projects may be loaded as required for the mix session. Sound files of the same or different audio formats may thus be played back simultaneously from one or more drives.

When the MMR-8 is turned on for the first time, the system default operating parameters are installed, and the machine is placed into the Normal state (see the Functional Overview below). Users can also save up to ten settings files that have MMR-8 parameters “customized” or set for a particular application. These settings files are stored on the internal hard drive so that they can be used to instantly reconfigure the MMR-8 between mix sessions. The MMR-8’s operating parameters can be manually changed before or even during a mix session, through menu selections. Optional password protection may be used to prevent some parameters from being changed inadvertently.

Hardware Overview

The MMR-8 comes standard with one removable Kingston drive carrier. The Kingston carrier can hold a standard SCSI drive for recording and playback of audio tracks. An internal IDE hard drive holds the operating system, the MMR-8 software, and the parameter settings files. Additional external SCSI drives can be connected and (after power-up) accessed by the MMR-8. This eliminates having to pre-combine tracks from multiple drives onto a single drive. A list of approved media drives is given in Appendix B.

The MMR-8 is based on a standard Intel Pentium™ processor-based PC motherboard, with integral PCI and ISA bus slots running under an industry-standard operating system. The MMR-8 DSP, synchronization, and audio interface boards plug directly into this PC motherboard. There is a Lithium battery #CR2032 for the CMOS circuit on the motherboard. **Caution: Battery May Explode if Mistreated. Do Not Recharge, Disassemble or Dispose of in Fire.** The MIC (MMR-8 analog-to-digital Input Converter) and MOC (MMR-8 digital-to-analog Output Converter) boards are in their own shielded cage, connected to the AIO (Analog I/O) card via ribbon cables. The PRX (DSP) card performs the audio processing for the MMR-8. A standard Symbios SCSI-2 controller card also plugs into the PCI bus. The Sync card, the UI/B (User Interface/Biphase) card, the AIO (analog I/O) card, and the DIO (AES/EBU digital I/O) card are all plugged into the ISA bus. The Biphase Operations Board (BOB) occupies a slot on the back panel to provide connections for the system’s four Biphase inputs and one Biphase output. It is attached to the UI/B card via a ribbon cable and is not plugged into a slot.

Very high quality 20-bit converters on all analog inputs and outputs assure excellent audio fidelity. The MMR-8 uses 24-bit internal digital resolution for all digital audio processing. Recorded audio is stored in standard linear 16-bit or 24-bit sound files. The MMR-8 can read StudioFrame or WaveFrame sound files as well as Sound Designer II files, AIFC files, and .WAV files, all in either 16 or 24-bit resolution.

The MMR-8 front panel contains 45 soft-touch keys with most of the common dubber and audio playback functions available through one or two keystrokes. There are also seven large illuminated motion control buttons (Play, Stop, FF, Rew, Reverse Play, Record, Rehearse) for track playback and “play head” locating, and an Online button for setting the MMR-8 offline (as a local machine) or online (as a synchronized slave or a master machine). When the MMR-8 is the master and is online, then any number of external SMPTE/EBU, MTC or biphase devices will follow the MMR-8. When the MMR-8 is set as a slave, it can chase time code, biphase, a TimeLine Lynx™ module, or another MMR-8.

A 40-character (two line by 20-character) LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) serves as the MMR-8 status and control text window. The top line typically shows the machine status and current time code or feet/frames location, while the bottom line shows various time code registers (memory, slip, etc.) and accepts input from the front panel. The entire display may also alert the operator to any machine or user error conditions. It can be scrolled horizontally or vertically, using the Wheel or arrow keys, for entering Panel/Display state and setup information, or for finding and loading tracks.

As with other 8-track recorders, there are dedicated front panel LED peak meters that always display monitor level information for the track outputs whether in audio input or playback. Each meter contains seven green, yellow and red LEDs plus a CLIP/Hold LED for easy at-a-glance level monitoring. An additional 74 status LEDs instantly identify current synchronization modes, bus control modes, sample and frame reference settings, record format settings, transport status, and front panel input status.

The MMR-8 rear panel contains all the audio and synchronization connections. To minimize connector footprint, female DB-25 connectors are used for the audio connections. The eight analog audio inputs are on one female DB-25 and the eight analog audio outputs are on another female DB-25. Each analog connector mounts on a separate card within the chassis, and is labeled Input or Output. The connectors are pin-compatible with the Tascam DA-88 analog audio connector.

The DIO card allows direct digital audio transfers into and out of the MMR-8. Because it uses standard AES/EBU digital signal conventions, there are four stereo digital inputs and four stereo digital outputs with odd-even track pairs. Tracks 1+2 are on the first AES/EBU connection, tracks 3+4 on the second AES/EBU connection, and so on. All eight tracks (four pairs of in and out) are on a single female DB-25 connector. Any of the digital inputs can serve as a sample rate reference and any of the input pairs can also be routed through an on-board sample rate converter. Note that this connector carries AES/EBU digital signals and is NOT pin-compatible with the Tascam DA-88 TDIF digital audio format connector.



Built-in biphaser control allows the MMR-8 to automatically lock to and chase biphaser devices without having to use an external biphaser to SMPTE/EBU adapter. Up to four biphaser input signals can be simultaneously connected to the MMR-8. The active biphaser input is determined by menu selection. A biphaser output allows the MMR-8 to directly control a single biphaser bus. Software setup parameters allow various biphaser device limitations to be imposed upon the MMR-8 (speed of fast forward and rewind, ramp up and stop speed, etc.). **Not intended for public telecommunications network connection.**

Video post-production work can be done with any industry-standard playback device. The MMR-8 supports VITC, SMPTE/EBU LTC time code, Word Clock, house sync, MTC, and P2-bus (Sony 9-pin) protocols.

The Tascam MM-RC is a dedicated remote control unit designed specially for use with the MMR-8 and the MMP-16 sixteen-channel player unit. It connects directly to the UI/B board on the MMR back panel and allows control of any combination of up to 100 MMR-8 or MMP-16 units.

The TimeLine Lynx Keyboard Control Unit (KCU) can function as a remote controller for up to six MMR-8s or other transports as the MMR-8 contains an integrated Lynx-2 synchronizer. The Lynx KCU 900 software includes special MMR support for some editing and event slip commands. Other remote controllers can also be used for controlling the transport and track arm functions of the MMR-8 through the two Parallel Remote ports or the Editor Remote port.

Functional Overview

The MMR-8 operates in any of eight different Panel/Display states (simply referred to as “states” for convenience). These states are distinguished by the nature of the information displayed in the LCD window and by which keys are functionally available while in that state. These MMR-8 Panel/Display states are described here.

Normal state is the default Panel/Display state on power-up. In this state, the LCD shows the current system play time in the top of the display, and shows the active register (last requested register or function time) in the bottom of the display. All keys are active while in this state, and will respond by performing an action, accessing a register, or changing to the state written on the key. Shifted key functions are also available by first pressing the SHIFT key, then pressing the key which corresponds to the desired shifted function. Once the SHIFT key is selected, pressing the appropriate key to activate the desired shifted function completes the SHIFT operation. The SHIFT state can be cancelled by pressing SHIFT again, or by pressing CLR, to return the system to normal key selection.

Pressing the SETUP key activates the **Setup** state. This state gives access to the system setup menus, where most of the operating parameters of the MMR-8 can be altered. Some parameters are changeable only under certain operating conditions (non-record, stopped, etc.), although all are viewable at any time in the Setup state. Once in the Setup state, you may return to the Normal state by pressing the SETUP key again, or by pressing CLR.

There are three types of Panel/Display states that deal with MMR-8 track operations. These are **Load Track**, **View Track**, and **Slip Track**. Pressing the LOAD TRACK, TRACK, or SLIP keys puts the MMR-8 into one of these Track states. The SEL keys for each MMR track are used in conjunction with these keys to identify the specific track to be loaded, viewed, or slipped.

There are also three keys to the left of the Track state keys labeled EDIT, MON, and INPUT. These keys do not change the state of the MMR display, but are used to determine what status is being indicated for each MMR track by the track selection LEDs when the SEL keys are pressed while in the Normal state of operation. One of these keys is always active as the current Track Mode. Since these keys function along with the Track state keys to identify the function being specified by the SEL keys, the entire group of six keys (EDIT, MON, INPUT, LOAD TRACK, TRACK, and SLIP) are also referred to as the Track Mode keys.

The Track states supersede the Normal state since they change the display and make certain keys unavailable until the Track state is exited or cleared. To exit a Track state and return the MMR-8 to the Normal state, it is necessary to either complete the selected track operation (by pressing STO to load a Project, for example), or press the selected Track state key again, or press the CLR key to cancel the operation. After exiting a Track state, the system will return to the Normal state and the last selected Track Mode (EDIT, MON, INPUT).

Pressing the LOAD TRACK key activates the **Load Track** state. This state allows for loading WaveFrame projects, OMF Compositions, or Pro Tools Session files from any mounted disk volume. This state also allows loading of individual tracks from a Project, Composition, or Session (hence the name of this key and state), and moving of tracks from one MMR channel to another. The shifted function of LOAD TRACK allows for deleting WaveFrame Projects or Tracks. The MMR-8 software does not currently allow OMF Compositions and Pro Tools Session Files to be deleted.

The MMR **Backup** state is accessed via the Load Track state by pressing SHIFT+SLIP after choosing (scrolling to) the desired Project while in the LOAD TRACK state. This state is similar to the Setup state in that it has two menu choices which are accessed by using the Up/Down arrow keys or the Wheel. The key choices available in the Backup state are the same as those in the Setup state, hence it exists at the same level of the hierarchy of panel/display states as the Setup state.

Pressing the TRACK key activates the **View Track** state. This state allows for viewing the names of loaded tracks, and unloading of tracks (the shifted function of the TRACK key) from the loaded track list.

Pressing the SLIP key activates the **Slip Track** state. This state allows for slipping one or more of the already loaded tracks in time.

Verify state supersedes the Normal and Track states. The two most common Verify state functions are confirmation (a Yes/No answer is required from the user) and password entry (a password must be entered to complete the action request). Both of these requests override most other actions or do not allow access to the Normal, Setup, or Track states until they are cleared or a valid response is entered. Verify state, when cleared, usually drops the MMR-8 back into the previously active state.

Error state is the final level in the hierarchy of Panel/Display states. In this state, the ERROR status light flashes and the user is asked to clear a condition by pressing the CLR key, or if that is impossible (as in the case of a fatal error), to note the error information and possibly take some extraordinary action (such as re-starting the MMR-8). Until the Error state is cleared, or a valid response is entered, access to the Normal, Setup, or Track states is not allowed. The Error state, when cleared, may drop to another state, or to any appropriate condition—depending on the type and severity of the error.

These states are hierarchical in the sense that some require a response or they require a state to be cleared before certain keys or other states can be accessed. The Normal state is at the base of the hierarchy because it is the default on startup and can always be accessed from any other state or by pressing the CLR key as many times as is necessary to clear any other state. The track record arm function and the transport keys can be accessed directly from any state, so the MMR can always record and playback, regardless of what other functions or states are being accessed. The following diagram illustrates the hierarchical relationship between the various states, based on the number of choices available from each state.

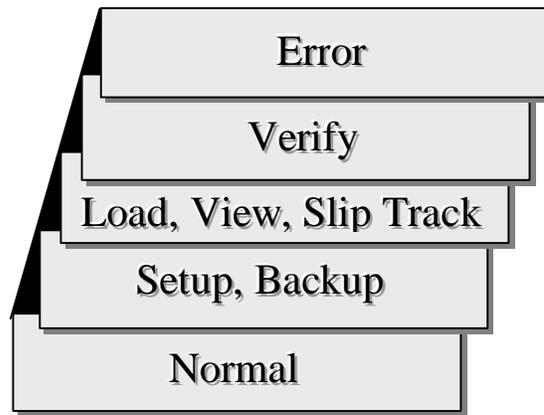


Figure 1-3. MMR-8 Panel/Display State Hierarchy

STATE	LCD WINDOW DISPLAY	COMMENT
NORMAL	Shows current play head time on top and selected time register on bottom of display.	Default at startup. Allows direct access to SETUP and TRACK states, all keys functional.
SETUP	Shows setup menus and parameter choices for each menu item.	Press SETUP to enter state, press TRIM to view parameters.
LOAD TRACK	Shows disk directory list of projects, compositions, sessions, and their tracks. Shows other levels for WaveFrame projects. Backup state can be accessed only while viewing name of project while in this state.	Press LOAD TRACK once to see Project level, again to see successive levels (tracks). Press SHIFT+SLIP while in LOAD TRACK to enter Backup state.
VIEW TRACK	Shows the name of each loaded track. Use wheel, arrows, or press appropriate SEL key to choose which track to view.	Press TRACK to enter state, SHIFT+TRACK to unload track.
SLIP TRACK	Shows Current Play position on top, Slip register value for each track below, allows for slipping tracks in time. All SEL keys have a SLIP register, so numbers can be stored, recalled, or cleared directly.	Press SLIP to enter state, use wheel or arrows to change value, or enter TC value on keypad & press STO then SEL to enter number directly.
VERIFY	Asks for a response (usually requires pressing Yes or No) to clear state and return to previous state.	Disallows most key entry or switching to other states until response is made.
ERROR	Shows Error message, usually requires pressing CLR to clear and return to previous state.	Disallows most key entry or switching to other states until condition is cleared.
BACKUP	Menu with two choices: BeginBackup to (device#) or TapeMode Convert to (device#). Only currently mounted devices will appear as choices.	Accessed only via LOAD TRACK state. Use Up/Down arrows or wheel to choose Backup style, press STO to begin backup process.

Figure 1-4. MMR-8 Panel/Display State Chart

System Specifications

Analog Input and Output Level: +4 dBu balanced, +24 dBu clip, nominal levels trim pot adjustable
Headroom: 20 dB above nominal input level
Analog Input / Output Impedance: 10k, balanced / <75 ohms, balanced
Input / Output Adjustment Range: +10 dBu - +25 dBu, clipping / +18 dBu - +25 dBu, clipping
THD+N: <.004 % @ 1 kHz, @ clip level -0.5 dB

Dynamic range: >104 dB (10 Hz - 22 kHz, with A-weighted filter), including Record.
S/N ratio: >108 dB (10 Hz - 22 kHz, with A-weighted filter)
Crosstalk: <-85 dB (between any channels, 20 Hz - 20 kHz)
Frequency Response: 20 Hz - 20 kHz \pm 0.1 dB

Digital Conversion / Quantization: 20-bit ADC and 20-bit DAC conversion
Sample length, Recording: 16-bit, linear or 24-bit, linear
Sample Length, Internal: 24 bit
Timing Reference sources: Internal, Internal Varispeed, Follow time code in, Follow biphasic signal input (any one of four inputs), Video (either NTSC or PAL), AES/EBU digital clock input (optional), Word clock input, MMR bus, Lynx bus

Internal Sample Rates in Hz: 42294 (44x23/25), 42336 (44x24/25), 44056 (44100-), 44100, 44144 (44100+), 45938 (44x25/24), 45983 (44x25/23), 46034 (48x23/25), 46080 (48x24/25), 47952 (48000-), 48000, 48048, (48000+), 50000 (48x25/24), 50050 (48x25/23)

External Sample rates: 32 kHz - 51 kHz (via external sync input)
Time Code Type & Rate: 30 Non drop frame (NDF) @ 30 frames per second
30 Drop frame (DF) @ 30 frames per second
PAL @ 25 frames per second (PAL default setting)
Film @ 24 frames per second
NTSC @ 29.97 frames per second NDF (NTSC default setting)
29.97 Drop frame (DF) @ 29.97 frames per second

Display Modes: SMPTE/EBU time code, with or without subframes
Feet & Frames, with or without subframes

Time Code Memories: ten (numbered 0 - 9)

Time Code Registers: IN (punch in point)
OUT (punch out point)
HEAD (jump to beginning of project)
TAIL (jump to end of project)
NEXT EDIT (jump to next track edit)
PREVIOUS EDIT (jump to last track edit)
TIME (for establishing 0 film feet and frames referenced to time code)
LYNX SYNC (Lynx bus offset time calculation)
OFFSET (Offset time for Lynx bus and time code chase)
READER (time code from LTC, VITC or Serial inputs)
FREE (available record time on current disk) lskdf

Electrical Ratings:

 115 VAC @ 2A, 50-60Hz 230 W Max

-OR-

 230 VAC @ 1A, 50-60Hz 230 W Max

Nominal temperature should be 41 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit (5 to 35 degrees Centigrade).

Relative humidity should be 30 to 90% (non-condensing)

Analog input/output is 12.28 VRMS Max

Weight is approximately 37 Pounds (16.78 Kilograms) with a hard disk loaded.

Chapter 2 Installation

This chapter covers the physical installation of the Tascam MMR-8 as either a stand-alone recording/playback system or as part of a larger, multiple unit digital dubber system. Descriptions are given of the various connectors on the MMR back panel. Both general installation procedures and specific application installations are covered.

MMR-8 Materials Kit Box

Before connecting the MMR-8 hardware to your audio system and to your video or film playback devices, verify that you have all the equipment required to complete the task. The following equipment is included in the MMR Materials Kit Box:

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| Rack Ears Kit | For rack mount installation, the two rack ears may be attached to the front sides of the MMR-8 chassis using the six 8-32 x 3/8" Phillips head screws included in the MMR-8 materials kit. The MMR-8 can be used without the rack ears for desktop applications. |
| MMR Bus Sync Cable | A three-foot sync cable for synchronizing the operation of multiple MMR 8's together via the rear panel MMR bus connectors. |
| RS422 Cable | A 9-pin RS-422 (232) cable for attaching the COM port to a terminal for running field diagnostics. Also may be used for 9-pin serial connections. |
| Kingston Removable SCSI Drive Carrier Instructions | One Kingston removable drive carrier is included with the system. This carrier allows drives to be hot-swapped while the system is powered on. It is necessary to install a SCSI drive from the list of approved drives into the Kingston carrier before you can record or playback audio using the carrier with the MMR-8. The instruction manual for installing drives in the Kingston carrier is in the MMR-8 materials kit. |
| AC Power Cord | A six-foot (1.83 Meter) IEC AC Mains cordset is included with the MMR-8. The mains connector for 115 VAC systems is USA standard. A six-foot (1.83 Meter) AC Mains cordset for use in Europe, proper for the country of use will be supplied by your TASCAM dealer. Attach the AC connector in accordance with local requirements. |
| Toolkit | As a convenience, a small toolkit consisting of a "tweaker" and a small screwdriver is included in the zip-locked plastic bag in the materials kit. The "tweaker" may be used for making any necessary adjustments to the analog trim pots on the analog audio output board. |

General Guidelines

Mounting Rack Ears

The MMR-8 is a self-contained eight channel digital playback and recording device designed to be mounted in a standard 19" (48.26 cm) IEC equipment rack in either the mix studio or a dedicated machine room in a professional audio recording facility. As such, each MMR-8 is housed in a steel chassis 19-inches (48.26 cm) wide by 17 ¼ inches (43.81 cm) deep by 7-inches (17.78 cm) tall. Each MMR-8 requires 5U (7-inches or 17.78 cm) of rack space.

Integral rack ears are provided with the chassis. If the unit is not rack-mounted, the rack ears do not need to be installed onto the MMR-8 chassis. For rack mounting, install one rack ear to the front of each side of the MMR-8 (three Phillips screws per side are supplied for fastening the rack ears to the chassis).

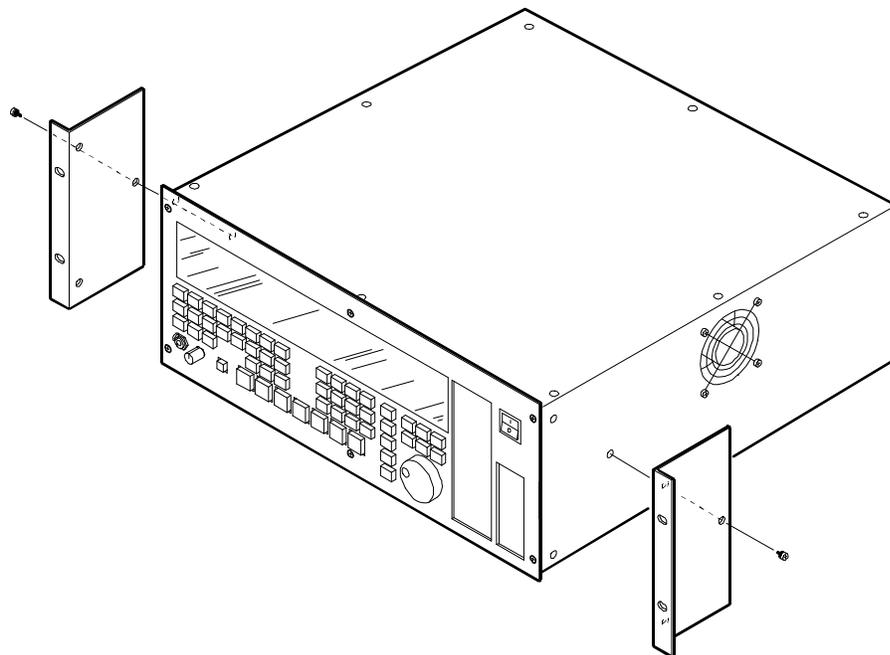


Figure 2-1. Rack Ear Installation

Installing Multiple MMR-8 Units

Multiple units can be mounted one on top of the other when forced air rack ventilation is provided. A one-inch clearance is required on both sides of the MMR-8. In facilities with raised computer room-style flooring, a ventilation opening in the floor is recommended. In no case should the internal rack temperature ever exceed 110 degrees Fahrenheit (43 degrees Centigrade) during normal operation (as measured at the rear of any of the MMR-8s in the system).

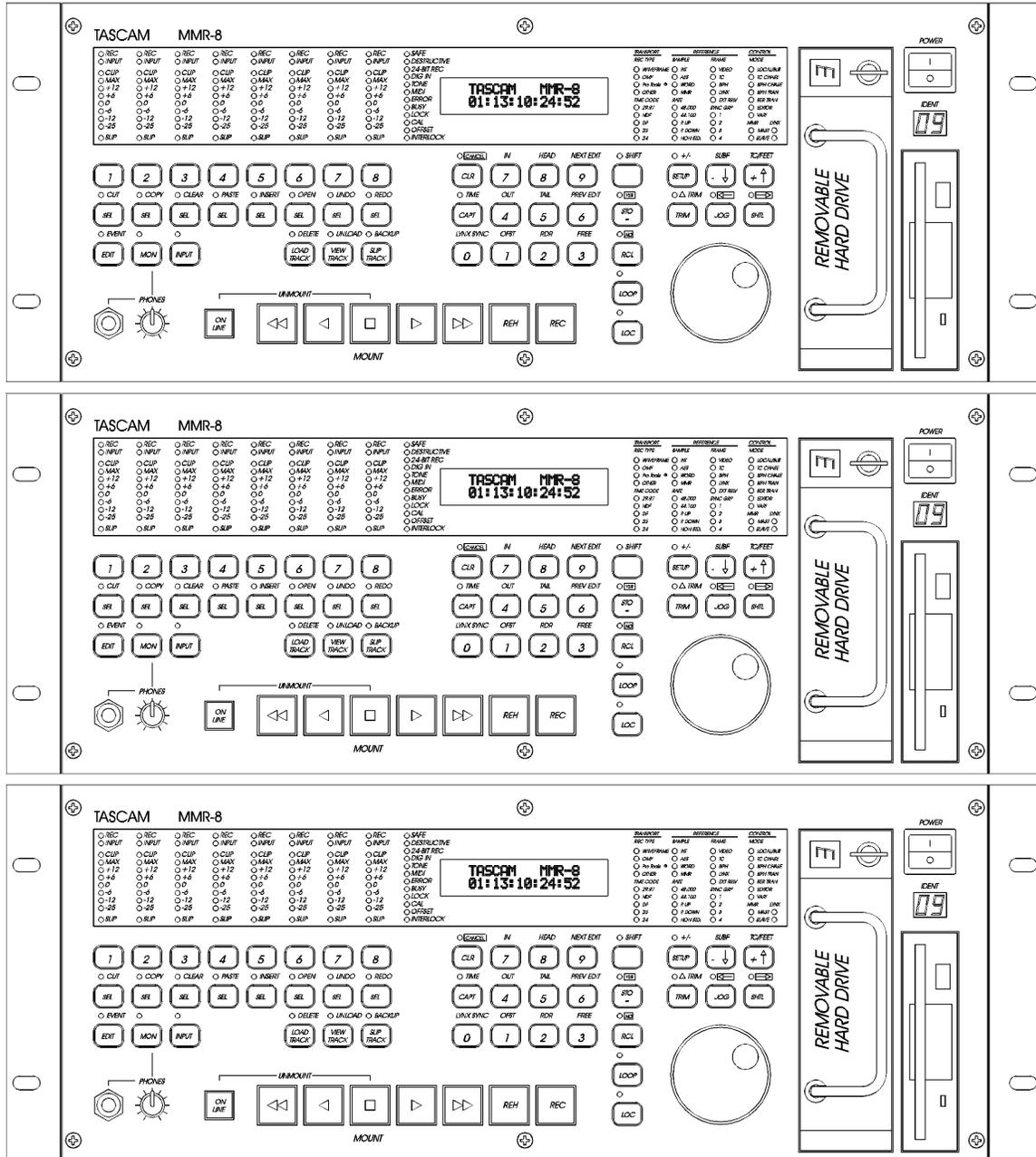


Figure 2-2. Multiple MMR-8 Rack Installation

AC Mains and Grounding (Earthing) Considerations

Each MMR-8 requires one AC mains connection. A standard six-foot (1.83 Meter) power cordset is included with each MMR-8, wired for the USA standard. A six-foot (1.83 Meter) AC Mains cordset for use in Europe, proper for the country of use will be supplied by your TASCAM dealer. The AC mains outlet must be capable of delivering 230 watts (2 amps) for each MMR-8 in the system. The main power supply has a 115/230 VAC switch on the back of the unit. This switch should be set to match the facility power level.

An unswitched female IEC convenience outlet is located on the rear panel of each MMR-8. In normal use there is no connection to this outlet, although other electronics equipment using IEC plugs, and drawing less than 120 watts total, can be connected to this outlet using the appropriate male-to-female IEC power cord (like those used with computer monitors).

A facility-wide UPS system is recommended for protecting the MMR-8, and all your audio equipment, from power line spikes, surges, brownouts, and line failure. If a facility-wide UPS is not available, each MMR-8 should be connected to a home computer-type surge/spike protection system (of 250 watts minimum) which is then plugged into an isolated ground AC outlet.

Caution: Grounding (Earthing)

Do not defeat the AC cord U-ground as this will present a potentially dangerous operator hazard. Using an isolated ground outlet ensures the proper chassis grounding to the mains “power company” ground. Using only isolated ground outlets throughout a facility will prevent audio ground loops caused by AC outlets with different ground potentials. A Ground Stud is provided on the back panel for chassis grounding of the MMR-8.

Audio Cables

Analog I/O Cables All analog input and output on the MMR-8 is done through a pair of 25-pin D-sub connectors which are pin-compatible with the Tascam DA-88 connector. Tascam DA-88 DB-25 to XLR cables, with either male (output) or female (input) XLR connectors, are available from your authorized Tascam dealer.

Digital I/O Cables Analog I/O cables can be adapted for use as Digital I/O cables using 4 XLR gender adapters. This arrangement provides four stereo AES/EBU digital inputs and four stereo AES/EBU digital outputs using a standard DA-88 cable.

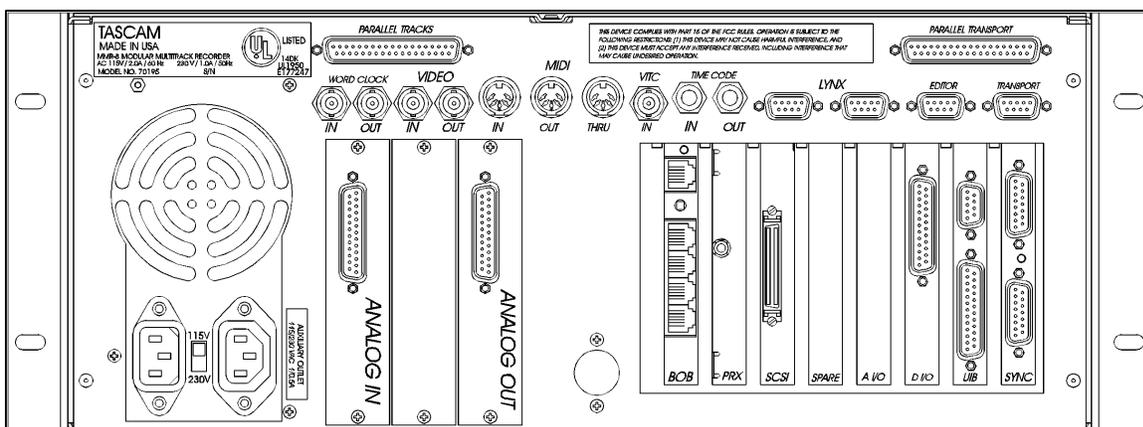


Figure 2-3. MMR-8 Back Panel

MMR-8 Back Panel Connections

The MMR back panel has connectors for the system analog and digital audio input/output, as well as various types of synchronization and control signals. The following MMR back panel connections are described in this chapter, and the pin outs for many of these connectors are given in Appendix D: Cable Information.

- Analog audio in
- Analog audio out
- Digital audio I/O
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 - Biphase in (BOB)
 - Biphase out (BOB)
- Mono mix audio out (PRX)
- SCSI
- Remote control (UI/B)
- MMR bus (Sync)
- Word clock in
- Word clock out
- Video in
- Video out
- Midi in
- Midi out
- Midi thru
- VITC in
- Time code in
- Time code out
- Lynx (2 connections)
- Editor (Sony 9-pin)
- Transport (Sony 9-pin)
- Parallel Tracks
- Parallel Transport

Audio Connections

All audio inputs and outputs (both analog and digital) connect to/from the MMR-8 using DB-25 connectors. The pin configuration used on the DB-25 analog audio connectors is identical to that used for Tascam DTRS format digital tape machines such as the DA-88. Two female DB-25 connectors are used for the analog connections, one for input and one for output, as labeled on the MMR back panel. A single female DB-25 carries all eight channels of AES/EBU digital input and output signals.

Analog In/Out Connections

All analog inputs and outputs use balanced signals designed to mate with standard 600-ohm devices using +4 dBu levels. Internal trim pots are available to set the exact input levels, as required to match external equipment, although the MMR-8 is factory set to a nominal +4 dBu in and out. The inputs can also be set for a nominal -10 dBu level for unbalanced consumer and semi-pro equipment signal levels.

Analog audio processing is done on two separate 20-bit Analog to Digital and Digital to Analog converter cards mounted within the MMR-8. These converters are mounted in a special shielded cage within the MMR and are attached via ribbon cable to a card (labeled A I/O) plugged into one of the system ISA bus slots on the PC motherboard. These A/D and D/A boards have their own power supply separate from the main PC power supply. Maximum load is 12.28 vrms.

Digital In/Out Connections

A single female DB-25 connector is used to provide four stereo digital inputs and four stereo digital outputs. Tascam DA-88 analog I/O cables can be adapted for use as Digital I/O cables by using 4 XLR gender adapters. Digital input 1 is the default reference track for the AES/EBU reference. This can be changed to use digital input 3, 5, or 7 from one of the other three digital input pairs using Setup Menu 600 (Dig In Ref Track).

NOTE: The digital clock signals coming from any external device connected to the AES/EBU inputs will force the MMR-8's internal clock to try to lock to it when digital input is selected (Setup Menu 500). This can cause playback and record problems if the clock source is not accurate. If this occurs set that track to use the sample rate converter in Setup Menu 500 (Input Source).

Monitoring Connections

For monitoring at the MMR-8 there is a mono headphone jack on the front panel (compatible with stereo headphones of either low or high impedance). For studio Cue or remote monitoring there is a rear panel line level mono mini phone jack. It is an unbalanced output designed to be connected to external amplification.

The front panel headphone monitor jack is controlled by the LEVEL control located next to the jack on the front panel. Press the MON key and select the desired tracks using the Track Select keys to choose which of the MMR-8 tracks will be summed to appear at the headphone jack output. The rear panel jack is a pre-LEVEL control, so it is a fixed line level output (-10 dBu), and it always presents a summed output of the audio channels selected using the MON function on the front panel.

Timecode and Video Reference Signals

To accurately synchronize the MMR-8 to film or video, or with other audio playback equipment, some method of providing a stable timing reference must be used. Because the MMR-8 is very flexible, there are numerous methods one could use to connect film and video equipment. The best method depends upon the chosen method of sync, the other equipment that is being controlled, and whether the MMR-8 will be the master or a slave to the other equipment. This section covers the various reference signals available on the MMR-8 system and their applications.

Video In/Out

Most video post houses have a common house sync signal to lock all the audio and video equipment in the facility to a standard video reference signal. This insures that all devices receiving the house sync signal will lock together to the edge of the video frame. The house sync signal can be black burst, composite sync, or color bars in NTSC or PAL format. The house sync video reference signal should be connected to the VIDEO IN connector on the back of the MMR-8. To loop the connection through the MMR, connect the MMR VIDEO OUT to the next device that will use the house sync signal. If there is not a loop through connection then the VIDEO OUT may need to be terminated, depending upon the facility signal design. To set the MMR frame reference to use this video input, choose setup menu 001, Frame Reference, and set the value of this parameter to be Video Reference.

SMPTE/EBU Time Code In/Out

The MMR has two stereo phone jack connections using ¼" Tip/Ring/Sleeve connectors (with the tip being + and the ring being - on a balanced signal) for synchronizing the operation of the MMR to other devices using SMPTE/EBU Longitudinal Time Code (LTC). To synchronize the MMR to an external device which outputs SMPTE/EBU LTC, connect the time code audio output of the master device to the MMR TIME CODE IN jack. The MMR-8 can also generate a stable SMPTE/EBU time code output (equivalent to a time code track signal) that can be used to synchronize external equipment or to stripe time code onto tape. The TIME CODE OUT jack will always output SMPTE/EBU LTC when the MMR is playing.

VITC In

Many videotape formats can record time code within the vertical interval space between each frame of video. This type of time code recording is known as Vertical Interval Time Code, or VITC. The advantage of this method is that a valid time code signal can still be generated even when the tape is paused to show a single frame of picture, since the helical scan heads of the tape machine are continually scanning the picture (and thus the VITC signal). The MMR-8 has a 75-ohm connection, using a BNC connector to receive VITC. To use VITC time code with the MMR, connect the video machine's VITC output to the VITC IN connector on the MMR-8.

Biphase Connections

Biphase is a control signal typically generated by a film projector and is traditionally used to interlock the operation of the film with sprocketed magnetic tape machines. The Biphase Operations Board (BOB) on the back panel of the MMR has four biphase input connections and one biphase output connection for synchronizing the operation of the MMR-8 to film transports. Use Setup Menu 100, Sync Group, to select which of the four Biphase inputs (Sync Groups) will control the system. The biphase connections use 6-pin modular RJ-12 connectors (like those used on commercial phone systems) and twisted multi-pair cabling (Category 5 Ethernet). Up to 100 feet of cable can be typically run from a biphase device to the MMR-8 or vice versa. The pinout diagram for these connectors is given in Appendix D: Cable Information.

 Unlike time code, Biphase gives only speed and direction and does not contain an absolute address. To set the MMR to lock to biphase, or to be a biphase master device, use Setup Menu 000, Control Mode. The various biphase parameters such as frame rate, pulse rate, acceleration, etc. are set in the 300 series Setup Menus. **Not intended for public telecommunication network connection.**

Digital Audio Sample Reference Connections

In combination with a frame reference for video and film, there may also be a sample reference for the audio. The sample reference can be taken from one of the digital inputs, the frame reference, the Word Clock input (if there is an active signal on that input), or the system's internal clock source. These connections are described here in more detail.

Word Clock

Word Clock is a digital reference signal used by many digital editors and digital tape machines. This permits two digital audio devices to synchronize their sample clocks to facilitate digital audio transfers between machines, and to insure that they are running at precisely the same sample frequency. The signal is transmitted on an unbalanced coaxial cable that terminates into a BNC connector at the MMR-8 end. The MMR-8 has both a digital WORD CLOCK IN and a digital WORD CLOCK OUT connection using BNC connectors.

When an external tape machine is to control the sample rate of the MMR-8, connect the Word Clock output from that machine to the WORD CLOCK IN on the MMR-8. When the MMR-8 is to control the sample rate of an external machine connect the WORD CLOCK OUT from the MMR-8 to the Word Clock In on the controlled machine. The maximum practical cable distance is up to 100 feet. Use setup menu 002 to select the sample reference for the MMR-8 system. Normally this is a 48 kHz TTL-compatible (5 volt) signal.

AES/EBU Sample Rate

When using AES digital audio input, the audio sample reference for the MMR-8 can be taken from one of the four AES digital inputs. Use setup menu 002 to select the sample reference for the MMR-8 system. Setup Menu 600 selects which AES/EBU digital input pair will be used for the reference signal (input 1+2, 3+4, 5+6, or 7+8).

MIDI Connections

The MMR-8 has MIDI (Music Instrument Digital Interface) In, Out, and Thru connectors. These are used for sending out MIDI Time Code and for controlling the transport functions of the MMR via MIDI Machine Control.

The MMR MIDI OUT connector carries a MTC signal generated by the MMR-8 whenever the unit is in Play. To slave MIDI devices that can follow MTC (MIDI Time Code) to the MMR-8, connect the MMR MIDI OUT connector to MIDI In port of the external device. The MIDI out signal (and the MIDI Through signal, if it is set as a second MIDI output) will contain any MMR-8 responses to the MMC input commands in addition to MTC generated by the MMR-8 from the time code reference source.

The MIDI IN port on the MMR can receive MIDI Machine Control messages for operating the MMR's basic transport control functions. The MIDI THRU jack on the MMR will pass through any MIDI signals appearing at the MMR MIDI IN port.

External Controllers & Bus Connections

In most installations the MMR-8 will be rack mounted in a machine room and thus will either be remote controlled through slaving to another time code-based machine (typically a VTR) or to a biphase machine (typically a film transport). Any controller that has a Lynx port can also directly control, or be controlled by, the MMR-8 (the TimeLine Lynx Keyboard Control Unit and the TimeLine Lynx-2 module are two examples). There is also a fully featured remote, the Tascam MM-RC, which is specifically designed to control multiple MMR units.

Lynx Bus / KCU Connection

The TimeLine Lynx Keyboard Control Unit (KCU) can be used with the MMR-8. Multiple units may be daisy-chained using either of the two LYNX connectors as input. The other LYNX connector could be tied to another MMR-8, or to a Lynx module for controlling other tape machine transports. The Lynx KCU can control a total of up to six machines.

MMR Sync Bus Connections

The real power of the MMR system comes into play when multiple MMR-8s are tied together using the MMR Bus to create larger "virtual" audio playback machines. The MMR bus supports up to 100 MMR-8s, all tied together to create up to an 800-track playback system that could be controlled by a single MMR-8, MM-RC Remote, Lynx KCU, or other machine remote controller.

The MMR Bus connects each MMR-8 using a 15-pin connector located on the SYNC card connector on the MMR back panel. Two DB-15 connectors are provided on the back of each MMR-8 so that multiple machines can be daisy-chained together. The system is auto terminating. To add MMR-8 units to the system, connect a cable from the last unit in the chain to the new unit.

The MMR Bus is made active on each machine by choosing the MMR Master or Slave setting in Setup Menu 110, MMR Bus Request. All of the MMR-8s that are tied together can then be software divided (Setup Menu 100) into four Sync Groups, each featuring fully independent control within their group. All of the MMR machines that are connected, Online, and set to the same sync group can then be controlled together. The MMR Bus thus turns three MMR-8s into a single 24-track machine, six MMR-8s into a 48-track machine, and so on up to 100 MMR-8s functioning as a single 800-track machine. Any MMR-8 tied onto the MMR bus can also be individually taken off-line and controlled locally at any time. Recorders can be added or dropped from Sync Groups using the Online key on the front panel.

Serial Transport Connection

The TRANSPORT connection uses the industry-standard RS-422 Sony 9-pin P2 protocol (Ampex VPR-3 is also supported) for controlling external serial transports such as audio or videotape machines. It is intended for transport control of a single external device. This port will send out the appropriate transport commands when the transport functions of the MMR are engaged through the front panel or via the MM-RC Remote controller. Use Setup Menu 000 (Control Mode) to set the MMR to control external devices via the Serial Transport connection. A video reference source is required for this type of operation.

Serial Editor Connection

The EDITOR connection uses the industry-standard RS-422 Sony 9-pin P2 protocol. The Editor connection allows for controlling the MMR-8's transport functions from a standard Video editor controller or other external device. Use Setup Menu 000 (Control Mode) to set the MMR for control via the Editor connection. A video reference source is required for this type of operation.

Parallel Transport

The PARALLEL TRANSPORT connector allows use of remote control devices that operate by sending messages via parallel signals for the motion control keys. There are +12 volts available to drive switch lamps in conjunction with the tally outputs that are available for each key. The pinout diagram for the Parallel transport connector is given in Appendix D: Cable Information.

Parallel Tracks

The PARALLEL TRACKS connector allows use of external remote control panels for controlling the track record ready and input monitoring functions on the MMR. There are +12 volts available to drive switch lamps in conjunction with the tally outputs that are available for each key. The pinout diagram for the Parallel Tracks connector is given in Appendix D: Cable Information.

Connecting External SCSI Media

The MMR-8 SCSI interface card is pre-set to SCSI ID 7. The internal removable drive in the MMR-8 is set to SCSI ID 0. Each device added in the SCSI chain must have a unique SCSI ID number or else the MMR-8 will not boot properly.

External SCSI connections should be made using the shortest possible length of double-shielded SCSI-2 cables with 110 ohms impedance. Only the last drive in the chain is terminated. All other drives must have their terminating resistors removed or have termination jumpers set to off (including those drives placed in the MMR-8 internal drive slot). SCSI cables are readily available from most computer stores. For the most reliable operation, the total length of SCSI cabling must not exceed 15 to 20 feet.

All drives must be pre-formatted using a single partition. Drives with capacities of up to 9 GB have been tested and found suitable for use with the MMR-8. The MMR-8 system records all audio in separate uncompressed 16-bit or 24-bit linear files. Approximately 5 MB (Megabytes) of disk space is required for each minute of audio recorded per track. Thus a 4 GB drive can hold about 12 track hours of 16-bit audio, while a 2 GB drive will hold about 6 track hours.

For backing up files, and for ease of moving smaller projects around, we recommend using a “LIM/DOW” (Light Intensity Modulation / Direct Over Write) type optical disk. The LIM/DOW technology achieves better performance than is available on older types of Magneto-Optical media, which must execute an erase pass before they can write new data to the disk. The Nikon Beluga AV MO (Magneto-Optical) disk drive has been tested and rated to perform well when used with the MMR-8. A chart of currently tested and certified disk drive media is given in Appendix B, MMR Approved Drives List. The results from performance tests of the NIKON Beluga AV MO drive with 1K per sector media are also given there. It is possible to use other removable media such as the IOMEGA Jaz drive and the SyQuest Syjet, but these do not provide the same level of performance for recording as a hard drive and they are more fragile than optical drive media is. DAT, Exabyte and other streaming tape device cannot currently be used with the MMR-8 system.

Remote Controllers for the Tascam MMR-8

Tascam MM-RC The TASCAM MM-RC is a dedicated remote control unit designed specially for use with the MMR-8 and the MMP-16 sixteen channel player unit. It connects to a special remote connector on the UI/B card on the back of the MMR and MMP units. This remote allows complete control of all attached functions of the MMR and MMP units, including all setup menus. It also allows for machine grouping as well as system wide control of all attached units. A total of up to 100 units (any combination of MMR and MMP) can be controlled from the MM-RC.

Lynx KCU The TimeLine Lynx Keyboard Control Unit (KCU) is a tabletop controller which is typically used in conjunction with Lynx 2 synchronizer modules. It provides a time code display, motion control functions (including a jog/shuttle Wheel), track selections, and audio editing functions for most professional video and audio transports. The KCU can remotely control the operation of a total of up to six transports including MMR-8s. When used with the KCU 900 software, the Lynx KCU unit allows control of the following MMR functions:

- Transport Control
- Track Record Arm/Select
- Slip Track/Region
- Undo/Redo
- Goto Prev/Next Edit
- Goto Head/Tail
- Clear/Paste

The Lynx KCU may be directly connected to either of the two integrated Lynx ports on the MMR back panel. The second Lynx connector provides a loop thru connection to an external Lynx module for control of other devices from the KCU.

The TimeLine Lynx KCU is available from:

TimeLine Vista, Inc.
1755 La Costa Meadows Drive, Suite B
San Marcos, CA 92069
Tel: (760) 761-4440 Fax: (760) 761-4449

Powering Up the System

The MMR-8 comes from the factory with the operating system and MMR-8 software pre-loaded onto the internal hard drive. At POWER ON, the front panel LCD should display the following message:

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Tascam MMR-8
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If this message is not seen, the front panel is not operating correctly, and you should contact Tascam technical support for assistance. As the system software is loaded, the LCD will go blank, then after a few seconds will display the message “Mounting Volumes”. Any SCSI drive that will be used by the system must be attached to the SCSI bus and powered on at startup in order to be available for mounting. After all volumes have been mounted, the display will be initialized with a fill character (all character positions will be filled), and will pause as the power-up settings are restored. Various LEDs may turn on and off during this process. The entire sequence of events may take up to 30 seconds. When it is complete, the front panel display should show something like:

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01:00:00,00.00
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This indicates the system is now ready to go to work. Any other indication is an error condition. Should an error occur, note the message, if any (if it is a long message, scroll using the left/right arrow keys), and contact Tascam technical support.

Verifying MMR-8 Installation

Once the MMR-8 is properly mounted in a rack or has been positioned on or in the studio furniture, follow these steps to complete, or to verify, the proper installation of your MMR-8 system:

1. Connect the MMR-8’s 25-pin female D-sub analog output connector to the mixing console’s tape returns or to those line-level inputs normally used for tape playback. Refer to Appendix D: Cable Information for the connection pin outs for the analog input and analog output connectors.
2. Install the removable drive into the front panel of the MMR-8 (if it is not already installed). Slide the drive into the front panel opening and press on the drive to fully seat it in the holder. Turn the key to lock the unit into place and to connect the drive power. The LED indicating the drive SCSI address will flash until the drive has finished spinning up and is ready for operation.
3. If external SCSI hard drives will be incorporated into the system, connect a SCSI-2 cable from the MMR-8 rear panel SCSI-2 port to one of the SCSI ports on an external SCSI drive housing.

SCSI NOTES: Each device connected to the SCSI bus must have a unique SCSI ID number. Configure the MMR-8’s removable hard drive (installed in the Kingston carrier) to use SCSI ID 0. The internal SCSI interface board uses SCSI ID 7. Thus, no other drive in the system can use these SCSI ID numbers. Also, only the last drive in the SCSI chain can be terminated. All other drives must NOT be terminated. If two drives are set for the same SCSI ID number, or if any drive other than the last one in the chain is terminated, it will prevent the MMR-8 from properly functioning. See *Connecting External SCSI Media* (in this chapter) for additional information.

4. Connect the MMR-8 to the applicable timing reference source and to the appropriate remote control interface
 - a. To connect the MMR-8 to a film transport, connect the biphasic sync output from the projector to one of the four biphasic inputs. The four biphasic inputs are numbered 1 - 4 from top to bottom. Any, or all, of the inputs can be connected. Use Setup Menu 100, Sync Group, to select which of the four Biphasic inputs (Sync Groups) will control the system. If the MMR-8 will function as the master for a biphasic device, then the biphasic output must be connected to the biphasic device's control input.
 - b. To connect the MMR-8 as a slave to a video machine, first connect a source of Video Frame synchronization to the MMR-8's VIDEO IN (either the Video Reference out from a video deck, or a Video black burst signal). This is normally a loop-through connection so the MMR-8's VIDEO OUT jack should be terminated if it is not connected to another machine. Next connect the Time Code signal from the video to the MMR-8, using either the VITC IN connector, or the SMPTE/EBU TIME CODE IN (LTC) connector, whichever is appropriate. Use the RS422 Sony 9-Pin Editor port to control the MMR-8 via Sony protocol. To connect the MMR-8 as a master for a video deck, connect the TRANSPORT connector to the video deck's Sony P2 protocol-compatible remote control connector.
 - c. To connect the MMR-8 to other audio devices, connect the TIME CODE IN/OUT connectors. If the other devices do not read or transmit SMPTE/EBU time code, but they do read MTC (MIDI time code), then connect the MIDI IN/OUT/THRU as required.
 - d. To connect multiple MMR-8 recorders together, daisy chain them using the MMR Bus (the 15-pin SYNC connectors). A 3-foot MMR bus cable is provided with each MMR-8 for this application. Since each connector parallels the other, connection order is not critical. The MMR Bus is self-terminating.
 - e. If remote control capabilities are desired, then connect a Tascam MM-RC remote control unit to the 25 pin D-sub connector on the UI/B board on the back panel of the MMR-8. Some functions of the MMR-8 can also be controlled via the TimeLine Lynx Keyboard Control Unit (KCU) by connecting the KCU to either LYNX connection (they operate in parallel, so either one may be used) on the MMR-8 back panel. If necessary the other LYNX connection can be daisy-chained to other equipment (MMR-8, a Lynx-2 controller, etc.).

Software Updates

Software updates are supplied on one or more floppy disks. To install the software update, insert the floppy disk (or Disk 1, if multiple disks are received) into the front panel floppy drive while the unit is operating normally. Access Menu 995 (Load Software) and press STO. The system will ask "Are you sure?" Confirm the floppy is properly inserted and press STO again to confirm. If multiple disks are supplied, the operator will be prompted via the display to remove Disk 1 and place Disk 2 into the drive. After the software update is installed, the system will display a message that the update is complete, and will display a checksum number (written on the floppy update disk for reference) to verify that the installation has been successful. Remove the floppy disk and recycle the power to operate the unit with the new software installed. All system floppy disks should be kept in a secure location in case they may be needed in the future.

Factory Default Settings

The MMR-8 is shipped from the factory using a pre-defined set of operating parameters. The factory default settings can be changed in the field at any time through a system of Setup menus that control the MMR-8 operating parameters. The new value settings will be automatically saved and used at system start-up as the normal operating parameters of the MMR-8. The system can be reset to use the factory defaults at any time by accessing menu 901 (“Recall Settings”), and selecting the “Default” value. The system will then be returned to the factory default settings and is ready to use.

Testing Your Installation

To test your MMR-8, at a minimum connect the analog outputs (or the optional digital outputs) to a mixing console with headphones or speakers powered for playback. If a console is not available, the internal headphone monitor system (or the rear panel Studio Monitor output) could be used. Follow the procedure below:

1. Load and lock the (internal) hard drive that has been installed into the Kingston drive carrier that came with the system, and make sure that any external SCSI drives are securely and correctly connected, addressed, and powered up.
2. Apply power to the MMR-8, and wait for the system to start up. See *Powering Up the System* for details on system start up.
3. To test the analog audio inputs and outputs, feed a 1 kHz or similar steady tone into all eight analog inputs on the MMR-8. To listen to the inputs, press the INPUT keys. Each of the eight SEL key LEDs (just above each track SEL key) and the INPUT LEDs above the meters should be lit as each key is pressed, and after all eight SEL keys have been pressed, all eight tracks should have meter indication. Press the SEL keys for tracks 2 - 8 (to turn off Input Monitor on these tracks) so that only track 1 is in input monitor (only the INPUT LED and the SEL 1 key LEDs are lit). Adjust the audio volume (at the audio source) so that the level meter indicates 0 VU, which is +4 dBu, in the middle of the meter.

Press the SEL 1 key to turn off input monitor for that track and press SEL 2 to turn input monitor on for track 2. Confirm the input level meter reading, and that the output signal is present. Continue to test each input and output in like manner. When all inputs and outputs are tested, put all eight tracks back to input monitor (the INPUT and all SEL key LEDs will be lit and there will be meter indication on all eight meters).

4. Adjust the headphone Level control to full off and then plug headphones into the PHONES jack. Press the MON key. The MON LED and all SEL keys LEDs should turn on. Turn up the Level control to a low level and verify there is audio present. Press SEL 2 - 8 to turn off the audio on all tracks but 1. Verify input audio is present. Press SEL 1 (to turn off monitoring track 1) and then SEL 2 (to monitor track 2). Verify audio is present and continue to test all eight tracks of headphone monitoring in like manner. If the rear panel monitor jack is connected, it can be tested at this same time. Note that it does not have any volume control.
5. Put all Tracks into Record Enable by pressing the Track 1 - 8 RECORD keys (the red keys labeled 1 - 8). The eight REC LEDs above the meters should light. Press the REC+PLAY (>) keys to start recording. After ten or fifteen seconds press STOP (□) to end the recording.

6. If you wish, turn off Input Monitor on all tracks, by again pressing the Track 1-8 RECORD keys, thus disabling record and turning off the input monitor function on those tracks. Locate the transport back to the start of your recording (press SHIFT+8) and then press PLAY (>). You should now hear the playback of what was just recorded, and see a 0VU indication on all the meters. Press STOP (□).

If no audio is heard on any tracks, or if you cannot record, and you've double-checked your input and output connections, your hard drive mounting, and that the system is using the default settings, contact Tascam Technical Support for troubleshooting assistance.

This completes the standard hardware installation procedure and the basic audio technical checks.

Chapter 3 MMR-8 Operation

MMR-8 Keys & Definitions

Throughout this manual several abbreviations and written shortcuts are used to define user operations and machine functions. The following summarizes how these abbreviations and text shortcuts relate to the operational description:

Keys Refers to the colored front panel keys on the MMR-8. The gray keys are used to enter time code numbers (on the numeric keys) and to perform various other common functions. The red numbered keys are record enables, used to toggle tracks between record ready and safe modes. The shift key is the only yellow key. Key use in the text is indicated through capitalizing the key legends (e.g., LOAD TRACK indicates the Load Track key is to be pressed).

Shift Key This key, the only yellow key on the front panel, functions like the shift key on a computer keyboard. Located at the top-right corner of the numeric keypad area, shift works in combination with selected gray keys, enabling their shifted functions. The shifted function for each applicable gray key is written above the key on the front panel metal. Press and release the shift key before pressing any other key, to “latch” the shift key until the desired key is pressed. This will light the shift LED above the SHIFT key. Pressing another key while the shift LED is on will cause that key to execute its shifted function. Once the shifted function has been activated, the shift LED will go off and the system will return to the normal non-shifted state. If multiple shifted keystrokes are required, you may also press and hold SHIFT (the shift LED above the key will stay on) while pressing one or more gray keys in succession.

In the text “SHIFT+X” indicates the Shift key is used in combination with one of the gray keys (X) that has a shifted function. Thus, SHIFT+TRIM means “press and release (or press and hold) the SHIFT key and then press the TRIM key.” In this case, the MMR-8 will enter Dynamic Trim mode since the shifted function for the TRIM key is “Dynamic Trim” (which is indicated above the key). To cancel shift, when the shift LED indicator is on, press SHIFT again, or press CLR.

Text Above Keys Indicates the “shifted function” for that key. Pressing SHIFT+ key, as detailed above, accesses the shifted function.

Reversed Text Above Keys

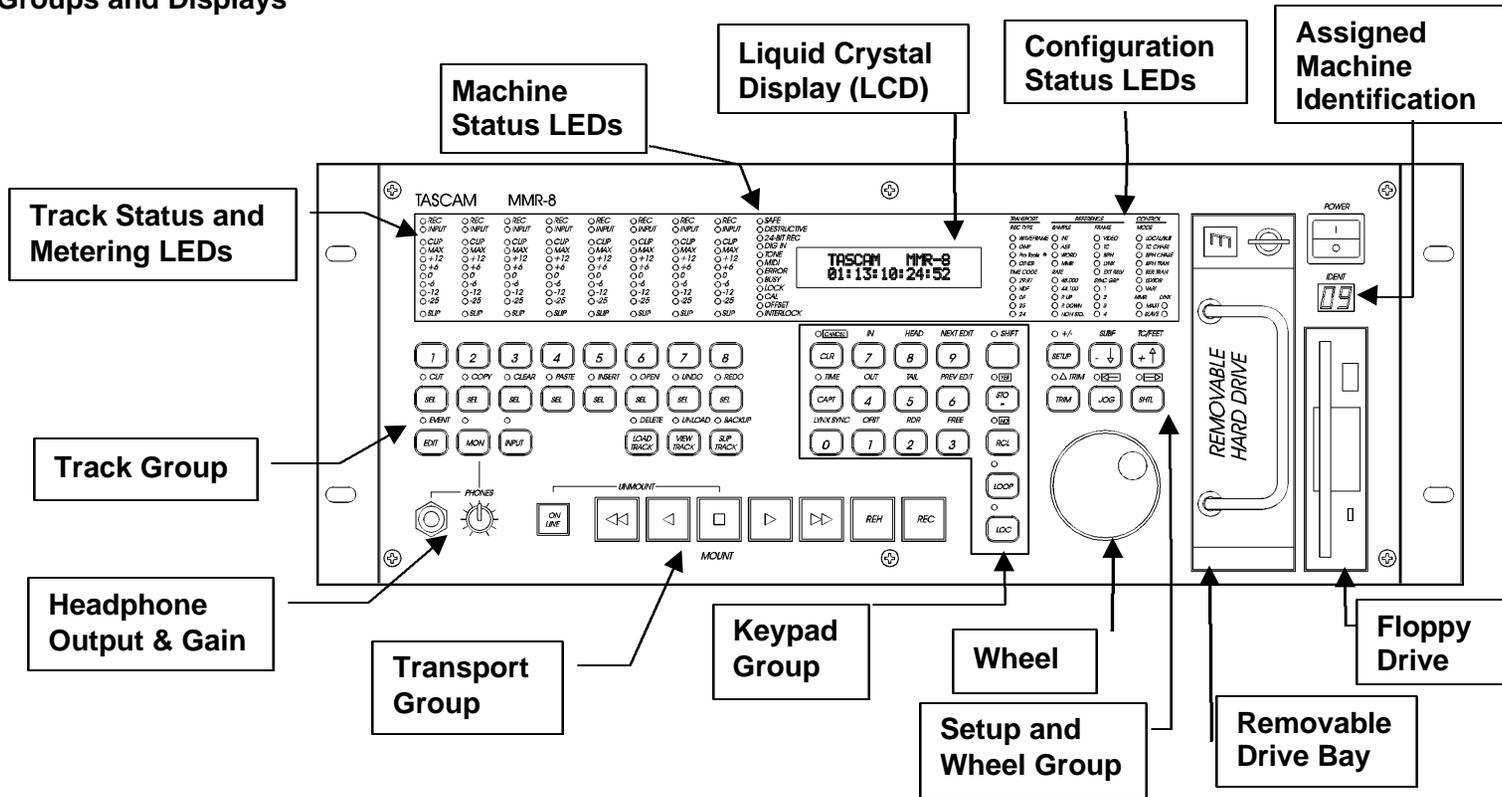
Indicates the “alternate” function for the JOG and SHTL keys, and for the STO, RCL and CLR keys. The alternate functions are used in Setup, Track, Verify, and Error modes, and while trimming values. In Normal mode, the key functions are normal (i.e., pressing JOG turns the Wheel into a Jog Wheel). In Setup or Track modes, pressing JOG indicates a left-arrow function as a cursor or window movement tool.

Mode This term is used to refer to the active Control mode selected by Setup menu 000 and to refer to the Track Select Mode which governs the behavior of the SEL keys. It may also be used to refer to various operational modes such as Record, Loop, Trim, or Shift which change the meaning of other keys or controls as long as the mode is active.

LCD Text To indicate the front panel LCD text, curly brackets are used to enclose the text. (e.g., {X. 01:00:00,00}) A mono-spaced Courier font duplicates the spacing and alphanumeric characters shown in the LCD. In the Normal state, the top line of the LCD typically shows the current “play head” time code, while the bottom line shows the entry (or other active) register time code. In Setup, Track, Verify, or Error states, the two LCD lines will change to show various text messages as indicated in the Functional Overview section of Chapter 2.

MMR-8 Front Panel

Key Groups and Displays



Front Panel Indicators, Switches, and Displays

Collectively, all the front panel keys and the Wheel are called *switches* and the LEDs, eight motion control lamps, and the Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) are called *indicators*. The MMR-8 is manually controlled through front-panel switches, while system status is shown via the indicators. The front panel switches are divided into five groups: the *track* group, the *keypad* group, the *setup & wheel* group, the *wheel* itself, and the *transport* (or motion control) group. The functions for each switch in each group and how their selection affects the indicators are discussed in this section. The MM-RC remote control unit parallel most of the functions on the MMR front panel. Note that the CLR (clear or cancel) key will almost always terminate an operation, and is a good first key to try to cancel an operation.

LED Indicators

Most operating parameters and key functions are indicated through LEDs, as are the input or output signal levels and record status.

Configuration Settings

To the right of the LCD are 38 LEDs used to indicate the Control mode, the frame and sample reference sources, the time code format, the sample rate being used, the active sync group, the state of the MMR-8 buses (master or slave on the MMR or Lynx buses), and the record file type.

Active Mode/Key Indicators

Above most soft-touch keys there are LEDs to indicate the key status. In some cases they indicate that the shifted function is active. In other cases they indicate a key status. For example, the LOC (locate) key's LED will be on while the MMR-8 is locating, turning off to indicate the transport has completed locating (the time code in the top and bottom lines of the display should then be equal).

The LEDs above the SEL keys indicate which tracks are selected according to which track function key is also active. The track function key (EDIT, MON, INPUT, LOAD TRACK, TRACK or SLIP) that is active will also have its LED turned on. For example, pressing MON will turn on the MON LED, as well as the SEL LEDs for all the tracks that are currently being monitored in the headphones. Pressing any SEL key will then toggle the track between monitor on (when the LED is lit) and monitor off (no SEL LED for that track). If another track mode key is pressed the SEL LEDs will now indicate that mode's selected tracks.

Track Status and Metering

Immediately above the track record arm buttons associated with the eight tracks in the MMR-8 (tracks 1 - 8, from left to right) are 11 LEDs per track (for a total of 88 LEDs). These indicate audio signal levels (meter LEDs), and the record enable, input monitor, & track slip status for each track.

Meter LEDs

Each track has its own column of signal level LEDs that can be switched to read the MMR-8 analog input or the output signal off disk. Each meter column contains eight LEDs. Functioning much like a tape machine's peak meters, their meters have a fixed rise time of <30 ms and a default decay time of <0.5 seconds.

The bottom level LED (-25) is a green presence indicator. Any time there is signal on the track there will be an indication. The next three LEDs indicate signal levels of -12, -6 and 0 VU. The next two LEDs are yellow and indicate +6 and +12 VU. The final two LEDs are red to indicate the audio peaks are at MAX (3 dB below clipping) and CLIP, which means the signal has most likely exceeded the input capability of the digital converter and may be distorted. The CLIP indicator acts as a peak-hold indicator during recording. It is only reset when the MMR-8 is stopped and put into PLAY again.

A de-facto film/video industry standard for digital device monitoring is that 0 VU should be set to indicate a signal level of -20 dBFS (decibels below full scale, i.e. 20 dB below the digital clipping level). The MMR-8 default setup follows this recommendation with the MAX LED indicator set to turn on with a signal 17 dB above the nominal 0 VU indication (just before all bits would be set true in the ADC). The CLIP indication is typically adjusted for a 3 dB hotter signal (20 dB above 0 VU). These settings can be adjusted in 1dB increments using Setup mode menu 520 (Meter Reference Level) for any dB reference level from -15 dBFS to -24 dBFS.

When the Meter Calibrate function (Menu 521) is on (for accurate field calibration of the inputs), the LED's reference steps are changed to indicate levels above and below 0 as +/- 1/3 dB, +/-1.0 dB, and +/- 3dB steps to allow fine tuning of input calibration levels. See the *Chapter 6, System Maintenance* for instructions on calibrating the inputs and outputs using the meters.

Machine Status LEDs

To the left of the LCD are 12 LEDs used to indicate the status of various MMR machine states (interlock, calibrate, busy, lock, etc.), as well as the master record states (safe, destructive, 24-bit, etc.). These are described here:

- The SAFE LED will light when menu 201 (All Safe) is set to On, indicating that the MMR-8 will not go into record.
- The DESTRUCTIVE LED will be lit when menu 200 (Record Mode) is set to Auto-Cleanup or Tape Mode. This indicates that all recordings will be destructive (i.e. any new recording will replace audio already existing on the recorded track between the punch in & out points).
- The 24-BIT REC (24-bit recording on) LED is controlled by menu 700 (Disk Encoding). When the LED is lit, all audio is recorded in 24-bit file format. When the LED is off, 16-bit file format is used.
- The DIG IN LED (Digital In) will be lit when menu 500 (Input Source) is set to Digital or Rate Converter.
- The TONE LED is lit when menu 530 (Reference Tone) is set to On. Pressing play when this LED is lit will cause all channels to output a 1kHz reference tone at 0 VU.
- The MIDI LED is used to indicate a valid MIDI input signal (MMC) is being received.
- The ERROR LED indicates an error state has occurred and must be cleared before normal operation can resume.
- The BUSY LED indicates the system is occupied with a task, and the transport keys are not available until the system finishes the current task and the Busy LED goes out.
- The LOCK LED indicates the system is locked to the incoming machine synchronization source (usually time code, biphasic, or the MMR Bus).
- The CAL LED indicates the Calibration function (Menu 521) is on.
- The OFFSET LED indicates there is an offset (value other than 0) in the offset register (local MMR offset) or when there is an MMR bus offset and the unit is a slave on the MMR bus.
- The INTERLOCK LED lights when the system is in Biphasic Chase Control Mode.

Liquid Crystal Display (LCD)

The LCD or “display” consists of two lines of twenty characters that show various operator messages (time code, user prompts, error messages and information, track data, and setup menu information) depending upon the active panel/display state. Both lines of the LCD can also show various system messages according to the operating state. Typically the top line will indicate the current time code position in the Normal state, the Setup menu number and item in the Setup state, and the Track information or action instruction in the Track states. In the Verify or Error states, additional text may be displayed in the bottom line of the display, depending upon the message or error generated.

In cases where the message exceeds the width of the LCD window, the left/right arrow keys can be used to horizontally scroll the message. The window follows the arrow key movement (right-arrow moves the window to the right and left-arrow moves the window to the left), thus scrolling the text across the LCD in the opposite direction. The appearance of the LCD in each of the MMR panel/display states is described in detail here.

Normal State Display

In the Normal state, the top line shows the current transport status and the current position of the “play head” in either SMPTE/EBU time code or in feet & frames. The bottom line of the display shows the time code entry register or most recently accessed time code register. The display format selected is kept as part of the user settings file. The following illustrates the Normal state display of just the top line for time code and for feet & frames:

01234567890123456789	the 20 LCD character positions
cd HH:MM:SS:FF.xx	(Top Line Display for time code)
cd TTTTT FF.xx	(Top Line Display for feet & frames)

“cd” is a one or two character display code for the current state of the MMR-8 transport:

- Indicates the transport is stopped
- > Indicates the system is in play mode but unlocked
- >L Indicates the system is locked and in play
- < Indicates the system is in reverse play
- >> Indicates the system is in fast forward
- << Indicates the system is in rewind

In Shuttle or Jog the display will show <<, <, > or >> according to the movement of the Wheel. The Time Code and Feet & Frames characters shown in the Normal state display are:

HH - the hour display (01 - 23)

MM - the minutes display (00 - 59)

SS - the seconds display (00 - 59)

FF -the frame number (00-29)

xx - the subframe number (00 - 99)*

TTTTT is the film footage count (00000 - 99999)

* Subframes is an optional display characteristic.

In the Normal state, the bottom line of the display shows time code (or feet & frames) that has been entered manually, captured, or recalled from one of the memory or special-purpose registers. There is a label in front of the time code (or feet & frames) to indicate what register is being displayed. The “Label” identifies the memory or register that is currently being displayed through these abbreviations: SYNC, OFST, RDR, TIME, FREE, HEAD, TAIL, IN, OUT, NEXT, PREV, and MEM n (where n = 0 - 9). If a time code is manually entered, or if CLR was pressed, there will be no listing in the “Label” area of the display, indicating the timecode Entry register is displayed.

01234567890123456789	LCD character positions (left to right)
Label HH:MM:SS:FF.xx	(Bottom Line Display for time code)
Label TTTTT FF.xx	(Bottom Line Display for feet & frames)

Setup State Display

In the Setup state, the display is used to show a list of menus for setting various system parameters. Pressing the SETUP key enters this state. The top line shows the 3-digit menu number and the name of the menu. The bottom line shows the list of parameters. To scroll through the list of menus, use the Up/Down arrow keys or the wheel. You may also jump directly to “banks” of menus by pressing any of the numeric keys on the keypad. To scroll through the list of parameters for a selected menu, press TRIM, then use the Up/Down arrow keys or the Wheel. Note that the currently selected parameter will always be preceded by a * character. Many parameters have system default values which can be accessed by pressing TRIM, followed by press SHIFT + CLR.

01234567890123456789	20 position LCD character positions
NNN Ttttttttttttttttt	Top: (NNN indicates the menu number, t indicates the menu name)
Ttttttttttttttttt	Bottom: (indicates the currently selected parameter, t indicates the parameter name)

To exit the Setup state and return to the Normal state, press SETUP, or press CLR, or press the EDIT, MON, or INPUT Track Mode keys. To jump directly to one of the Track states from the Setup state, press VIEW TRACK, TRACK, or SLIP. Note that attempting to set the MMR to an invalid condition may result in an Error state, and that attempting to choose some menu parameters will put the system in the Verify state for confirmation of the choice before it is finalized.

View Track State Display

In the View Track state, the display is used to show the name of the selected track. To enter this state, press the TRACK key. Press the appropriate SEL key to display the desired track. The wheel and the Up/Down arrow keys can be used to move to the next or previous track selection.

01234567890123456789	LCD character positions (left to right)
Track Contents:	Top: (Operator message)
T nnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn	Bottom: (T indicates the assigned track, nnn is the track name in the EDL) and will read *Blank* if the track isn't assigned.

To exit the View Track state and return to the Normal state, press TRACK, or press CLR.

Slip Track State Display

In the Slip Track state, the display will show the current time position in the top line of the display (the same as in the Normal state), while the bottom line of the display is used to show the contents of the slip register for the selected track. If more than one track is selected, all of their registers are active, but only the last selected track indexes slip register will be shown.

01234567890123456789	LCD character positions (left to right)
Label HH:MM:SS:FF.xx SlipX HH:MM:SS:FF.xx	Top: (Operator message) same as Normal state Bottom: (X is the number of the currently selected track index, Time code display is the slip register for the selected track index)

To increment or decrement the slip register amount for the selected track index, use the Up/Down arrow keys or the Wheel. To clear a slip register, set the slip amount to zero (0), or hold the clear key while also pressing the appropriate track SEL key. To directly enter a slip time into a slip register, use the keypad while in the Normal state to enter the desired slip time amount, then press STO followed by pressing the appropriate track SEL key.

Load Track State Display

In the Load Track state, the display is used to show the directory of all Edit Decision Lists or EDLs (Projects, Sessions, and Compositions) on all mounted drives. Use the wheel or the Up/Down arrow keys to scroll through the list of projects. Press STO to automatically load the first eight tracks of the Project into the eight MMR track indexes.

01234567890123456789	LCD character positions (left to right)
Project: nnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn	Top: (Operator message) Bottom: (nnn is the project name, use wheel or Up/Down arrows to scroll list)

Pressing the Load Track key again shows the next level of the EDL hierarchy for the chosen project (usually the Track name) and allows for scrolling through the list of tracks in the Project, and loading any track into the selected track index.

01234567890123456789	LCD character positions (left to right)
Load into Track X: <input type="checkbox"/> nnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn	Top: (X is the currently SElected track index) Bottom (<input type="checkbox"/> indicates an unloaded track, and nnn is the track name in the EDL)

If a track from the list of available tracks has already been loaded into an MMR track index, the display will ask if you wish to move that track into the currently selected Track index. If accepted, this action will remove the track from its previous Track index location, thus leaving it blank.

01234567890123456789	LCD character positions (left to right)
Move Track X Y	Top: (X is the Track index into which the listed track is already loaded, Y is the currently SElected track index)
X nnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn	Bottom: (X is the Track index into which the listed track already loaded, and nnn is the track name)

To move a loaded track from its current Track index position into the selected Track index or to load a currently unloaded track into the selected Track index, scroll through the list of available tracks until the desired track is located. The display will indicate your choice of both the selected track to be moved or loaded, and the destination Track index. Press the STO key to complete the operation and load the track.

Backup State Display

The Backup state is accessed via the Load Track state by choosing (scrolling to) the desired Project and then pressing SHIFT + SLIP. There are two menu choices that can be displayed, corresponding to two styles of Backup. Use the Up/Down arrow keys or the Wheel to toggle between the two Backup options. The first Backup option is:

01234567890123456789	LCD character positions (left to right)
Begin Backup to: *Disk X	Top: (Operator message) Bottom: (X is the number of the currently selected Disk volume, press Trim and use the Up/Down Arrow keys or Wheel to choose other disks)

The second Backup option is:

01234567890123456789	LCD character positions (left to right)
TapeMode Convert to: *Disk X	Top: (Operator message) Bottom: (X is the number of the currently selected Disk volume, press Trim and use the Up/Down Arrow keys or Wheel to choose other disks)

Only currently mounted disk volumes will be shown as choices for the target of the backup operation. Press CLR to cancel the Backup state and return to the Normal state.

Verify State Display

In the Verify state, the display is used for operator interface messages which usually request a Yes/No answer or require a number to be entered (such as a password) before normal operation can be resumed.

01234567890123456789	LCD character positions (left to right)
Function Message Are you sure (Y/N)?	Top: (Operator message) Bottom: Verification request – press STO for Yes, press RCL for No, use keypad to enter number, or press CLR to Cancel and return to previous state

Error State Display

The Error state will cause the ERROR LED to flash red and show a message in the display indicating an action can not be implemented or gives some other instruction. This state may also present various information messages indicating system status, disk mount status, an event has timed out, or that some type of operation (such as disk formatting) is requiring the system to wait until the operation is finished.

01234567890123456789	20 position LCD character positions
Error: nnnn Ttttttttttttttttttttttt	Top: (nnnn indicates the error message number) Bottom: (t indicates a possible text message)

It is necessary to clear the Error state to return the front panel keys to normal operation. Most error messages can be cleared from the display by pressing the CLR key.

Front Panel Key Groups

The MMR-8 front panel keys and controls are divided into five functional groups, the Transport Group, the Setup & Wheel Group, the Wheel itself, the Track Group, and the Keypad Group.

Transport Group

These keys consist of the On Line, Rewind (<<), Reverse Play (<), Stop (□), Play (>), Fast Forward (>>), Rehearse (REH) and Record (REC) keys. These transport functions are analogous to those found on tape dubbers and recorders. The keys are located on the bottom central portion of the front panel, and are larger and also backlit in order to be seen clearly at a distance.

ONLINE This key selects whether the MMR-8 is connected to an outside sync source and can be controlled by an external device (the key is lit), or isolated and working as a stand-alone device (the key is unlit). When pressed in combination with the Stop key (ONLINE+STOP), all currently mounted disk volumes are **unmounted** in preparation for removal from the MMR-8. There is no shifted function for this key. When chasing Biphase the Online key operates in Interlock mode where placing the MMR-8 online establishes the sync relationship (offset) between the MMR-8 and the master Biphase signal.

<< (REWIND) The Rewind key causes the current time code position to roll in reverse at approximately 18 times play speed. Rewind cancels any loop operation. There is no shifted function for this key.

< (REVERSE PLAY) The Reverse Play key causes the MMR-8 to play audio backwards at play speed. Except for the direction, other operating parameters such as speed and output level will follow those of Play. If there is a loop function pending, Reverse Play enters Loop play operation and causes the MMR to perform an alternating forward-backward loop. There is no shifted function for this key.

**□ (STOP)
(MOUNT)** The Stop key halts the operation of the transport under all conditions and removes any loop pending mode. It is usually lit in the stopped condition, and not lit under other conditions (with the exception of Jog and Shuttle modes). Used in combination with the On Line key, the Stop key causes all currently mounted disk volumes to be unmounted. There is no shifted function for this key. The alternate function of the Stop key is to MOUNT all available disk drive(s) after a dismount operation has been performed.

> (PLAY) The Play key causes the MMR-8 to play audio in the forward direction at play speed, advancing the time code counter. The Play key must be held down at the same time as the Record key in order to initiate recording, or with the Rehearse key to initiate rehearsing, depending on the parameter settings of Setup menus 202 (Record Key) and 203 (Rehearse Key). This may be changed by selecting the single-key REC or REH options in these menus. In this case the Play key is not required to initiate Recording or Rehearsing. If there is a loop pending, Play enters the playback loop operation and will play the loop according to the parameter settings in menu 210 (Loop Mode). There is no shifted function for this key.

>> (FAST FORWARD)

The Fast Forward key causes the current time code position to roll forward at approximately 18 times play speed. Fast Forward cancels any loop pending operation. There is no shifted function for this key.

REH (REHEARSE)

The Rehearse key allows the MMR to behave exactly as if a Record operation is taking place, except that audio is not actually recorded to disk and no existing material on any track is disturbed. When the MMR is playing and the REH key is pressed, all armed tracks are switched to Input Monitor. If there is a loop pending, pressing REH starts the Rehearse Loop operation according to the settings in Menus 210 and 211 (Loop Mode and Loop Record). There is no shifted function for this key.

REC (RECORD)

The Record key initiates recording on those tracks armed for recording, or prepares those tracks not armed for recording for “punch-in” recording. The MMR can be set for one-button record (pressing only the REC key initiates Record), or to enter Record only when pressing PLAY + REC, according to the setting in menu 202 (Record Key). Recording is done in Non-Destructive, Auto Cleanup, or Tape Mode, according to the setting in menu 200 (Record Mode). If there is a loop pending, pressing REC enters the record looping operation. There is no shifted function for this key.

Setup and Wheel Group

This group of keys contains the SETUP and arrow keys, and the TRIM, JOG, and SHTL (shuttle) keys. These keys are located on the right section of the front panel, directly over the wheel and below the right end of the LED display panel. The Setup and Wheel Group keys are used to navigate through the various choices in the Setup menus and to control the operation of the Wheel. These keys also have shifted functions that are indicated in the text above the keys and are accessed by first pressing the SHIFT key, then the key itself.

SETUP

This key places the MMR-8 into the Setup state, where MMR operating parameters can be changed as required using the Setup menus. To exit Setup mode, press SETUP again or press CLR.

SHIFT+SETUP (+/-)

The shifted function of the SETUP key is the +/- (plus/minus) key. This is used during time code entry to change the sign (+/-) of the time code value being entered. Most often used to enter a negative offset amount.

DOWN ARROW

This key performs whatever the mode requires, and often duplicates the function of the Wheel in scrolling “downward” through track or menu options, or decrementing numeric values.

SHIFT+DOWN ARROW (SUBF)

Toggles the display of subframes in the LCD for both time code and feet and frames. Also controls whether subframes may be entered or trimmed using the Up/Down arrow keys or Wheel.

UP ARROW

This key performs whatever the mode requires, and often duplicates the function of the Wheel in scrolling “upward” through track or menu options, or incrementing numeric values.

- SHIFT+UP ARROW (TC/FEET)** Toggles the LCD transport position and register display between time code or 35mm film feet/frames format.
- TRIM** Activates a mode in which Wheel rotation and Up/Down arrow keys change the time code value in the currently active register. This allows fine control over incremental and decremental changes in a particular time code value.
- When TRIM is pressed, the MMR-8 goes into a Trim mode, indicated by the lit LED over the Trim key. At this point, the active register is being “trimmed”, with the left/right arrow keys (JOG/SHTL) selecting the digit, and the Wheel or Up/Down arrow keys incrementing or decrementing that digit. If no register is recalled beforehand, the trim operation is performed only on the entry register’s time code. When trim mode is exited by pressing the TRIM key, the trimmed value is then kept in the register, and the value for that register is sent to the transport.
- SHIFT+TRIM (Δ TRIM)** The shifted version of this key performs what is called a “dynamic” trim, indicated by use of the Delta (Δ) character for the shifted key designation. The only difference between this and the normal trim is that dynamic trim sends the trimmed value continuously to the transport whenever the value changes.
- At any time during either type of trim operation, CLR may be pressed to cancel the trim operation, returning the value of the register being trimmed to its previous value. Pressing TRIM during the trim operation completes the trimming and automatically stores the trimmed value in the appropriate memory or register.
- JOG** Pressing JOG stops the transport and allows the Wheel to “scrub” over the current location at a speed relative to the motion of the wheel. The minimum Jog speed is Play/8 (3 octaves down), and maximum is 1.5 times nominal speed. Jog is typically used to play audio at slow speed to locate to a particular spot in pre-recorded material in order to identify an edit or punch point. Sound is produced in the Jog mode only as long as the wheel moves.
- Pressing the JOG key again or pressing the STOP key halts the Jog action and takes the system out of the Jog mode.
- Although Jog has no shifted function, the alternate function of this key is the left-arrow, which is active in several different modes, and which typically scrolls the window to view parts of the display that may extend beyond the window. This key also moves the cursor left for selection of a digit within a time code that may need trimming, or for selecting a character value to alter in a Setup menu.
- SHTL (SHUTTLE)** Pressing the Shuttle key stops the transport and allows the Wheel to initiate sustained audio playback from the current location at continuously variable speeds. Shuttle is typically used to assist in locating a particular spot in pre-recorded material, and is useful for “fast-forwarding” through material while listening. The minimum Shuttle speed is a very slow crawl (Play/1000) and maximum is 1.5 times nominal speed. The Shuttle speed is governed by the distance traveled by the Wheel, with ½ turn equal to half speed, a full turn for nominal speed, and 1 ½ turns for 1.5 times nominal speed. Pressing the Shuttle key again or pressing the Stop key halts the Shuttle action.

Although there is no shifted function of the Shuttle key, the alternate function of this key is the right-arrow, which is active in several different modes, and which typically scrolls the window to view parts of the display that may extend beyond the window. This key also moves the cursor to the right for selection of a digit within a time code that may need trimming, or for selecting a character value to alter in a Setup menu. The lit transport lamps indicate the current relative speed range for Jog and Shuttle according to the following conventions:

- Indicates the transport is stopped

- + > Indicates the transport is playing forward slower than nominal speed

- > Indicates the transport is playing forward at nominal speed

- > + >> Indicates the transport is playing forward faster than nominal speed

- + < Indicates the system is in reverse play at slower than nominal speed

- < Indicates the system is in reverse play at nominal speed

- + << Indicates the system is in reverse play at faster than nominal speed

Wheel

The wheel is its own group, and has several different functions during MMR-8 operation. In the Normal state, it controls jog and shuttle of the system transport in conjunction with the JOG and SHTL keys. In conjunction with the TRIM key it can be used to manually trim time code registers. In the Setup state, the Wheel normally scrolls through the menu items, but when TRIM is active, it scrolls through the parameter values. In the Track states, it scrolls through the Project or track names for loading and viewing. There is no shifted function for the Wheel.

Track Group

These keys are located at the left central portion of the front panel under the track meters. Although the SEL keys are active all the time, they affect tracks according to which Track Select Mode (EDIT, MON, INPUT, LOAD TRACK, TRACK, SLIP) is active. The active mode is indicated by the amber LED above the keys, while the active track(s) for that mode are indicated by the amber LEDs above the SEL keys.

RECORD ENABLE These are the numbered red keys at the top of the Track group, just below the meter panel. Pressing one or more of these keys arms the selected track(s) for recording (just like their counterparts on other types of multitrack recorders). The red record (REC) LEDs located above the peak meters will then flash to indicate the tracks' armed status.

When the transport is in motion, and the MMR-8 is already recording (i.e., the red RECORD key indicator is lit and not flashing), then pressing a record enable key on one of the non-recording tracks causes that track to immediately “punch-in” to record. This automatically creates the necessary record file and a crossfade from the existing material on that track, and causes the track's REC LED(s) to stop flashing and turn on solid.

Note that arming a track for record also forces that track into Input Monitor, which lights the amber LED just under the REC LED on the meter panel. There are other input monitor modes which can be selected in Menu 501 (Auto Input).

When the Safe LED is illuminated, the Record Safe mode is active. In this case, all of the Track record enables are locked out (to prevent accidental recording). There are no shifted functions for the track record arm keys.

**SEL
(TRACK
SELECT)**

The eight gray SEL keys are located just below their associated track record arm keys. These keys are normally used to select and deselect their associated tracks, although they do have track independent shifted functions as well (as indicated by the labels above each SEL key: Cut, Copy, Clear, etc.).

When EDIT, MON, or INPUT is active (as one will always be while in the Normal state), the SEL keys choose which tracks are edited (when EDIT is active), monitored at the headphone jack (when MON is active), or are in input monitor (when INPUT is active). The chosen tracks for each function are indicated through the amber LEDs above each SEL key. The chosen tracks are “remembered” by the MMR-8. Thus as EDIT, MON, or INPUT is pressed, the amber SEL indicators change to reflect the selected tracks for each function.

When loading individual tracks in the Load Track state (after pressing LOAD TRACK twice), the Track Select keys allow the selection of the “target” track—the MMR track index to which a stored track file will be loaded or moved. Only one track at a time may be selected in this mode. When viewing tracks in the Track state (TRACK key is active), only one track can be viewed at a time as indicated by the amber LED above the SEL key (the Wheel and arrow keys are active in this mode, scrolling and selecting one track at a time).

When slipping tracks in the Track Slip state (SLIP is active), multiple tracks may be selected as “targets” for a slip operation. However, only the last selected track is displayed on the bottom line of the LCD. A slip value may be entered manually into the entry register, or recalled from one of the memories or registers. It is then stored into the selected track by pressing STO followed by the appropriate SEL key. Slipped tracks (NOT tracks *selected* for slipping) are identified by an LED on the bottom row of the meter panel, regardless of the operating mode of the MMR-8. Press CLR+SEL to clear the slip register for any track and return it to an un-slipped status.

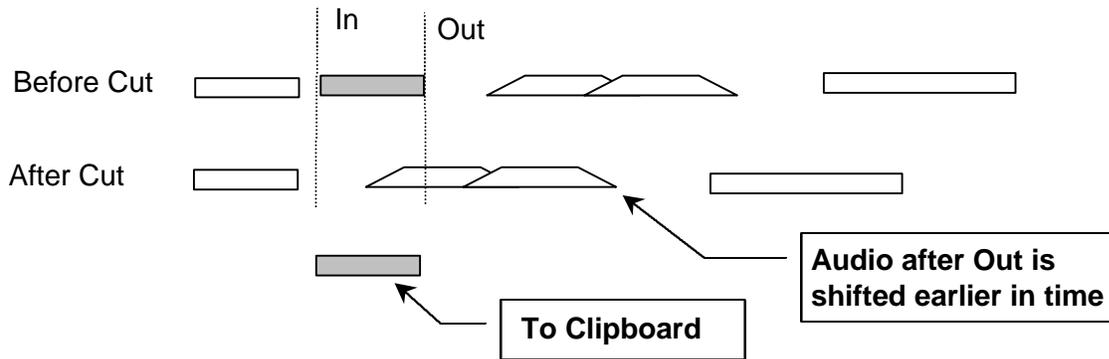
**SHIFT+SEL
(various EDIT
commands)**

When shifted (SHIFT+SEL), the Track Select keys perform various edit operations on those tracks previously selected while the EDIT key was active. Editing is controlled by the In point and Out point times from the In and Out registers. Note that the In and Out registers can be automatically set to the start and end times of any event by placing the play head within the event and pressing SHIFT+EDIT.

The Edit commands activated by the shifted SEL keys perform the indicated edit operation only on those tracks selected while the EDIT key is active. The shifted functions for the SEL keys are *cut* (SHIFT+SEL 1), *copy* (SHIFT+SEL 2), *clear* (SHIFT+SEL 3), *paste* (SHIFT+SEL 4), *insert* (SHIFT+SEL 5), *open* (SHIFT+SEL 6), *undo* (SHIFT+SEL 7) and *redo* (SHIFT+SEL 8). Following are illustrated summaries of these edit operations:

Cut

Cut removes the audio from the selected track(s) between the In point and the Out point and places it into the clipboard, while pulling up (slipping earlier in time) all subsequent events by an amount equal to the length of the cut track segment.

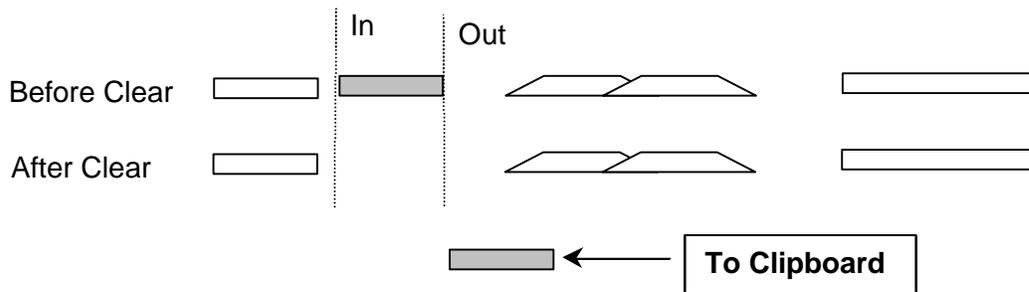


Copy

Copy places a copy of the material that is between the In and Out points on the selected track(s) into the clipboard without altering the audio events on the track(s).

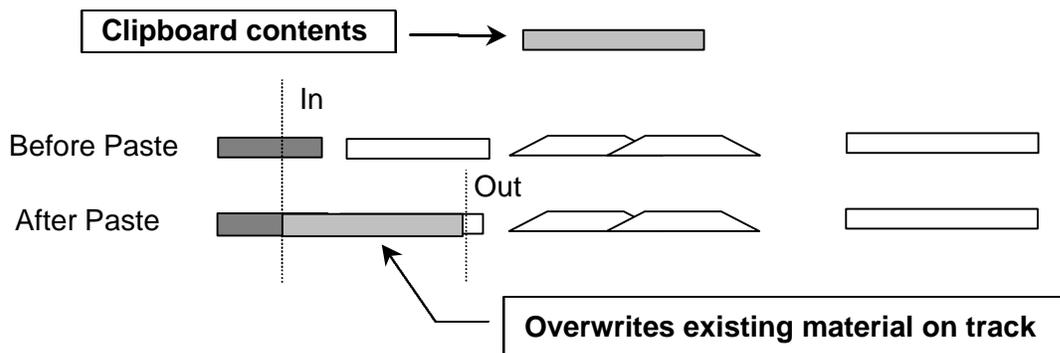
Clear

Clear removes the events on the selected track between the In and Out points, replacing the audio with silence. It does not affect the position of any other audio material on the track.



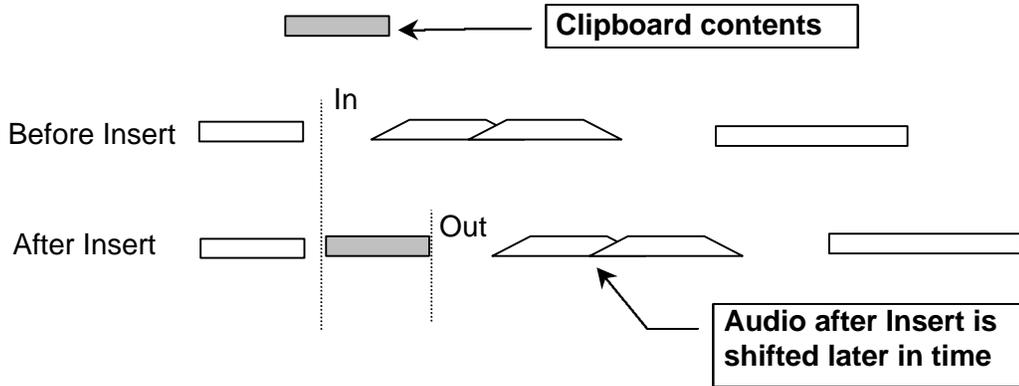
Paste

Paste places the contents of the clipboard into the selected track(s) at the position of the In register and overwrites any existing material on the selected track(s) starting at the In point time and extending for the duration of the clipboard contents. It does not alter the placement of any other material on the track(s).



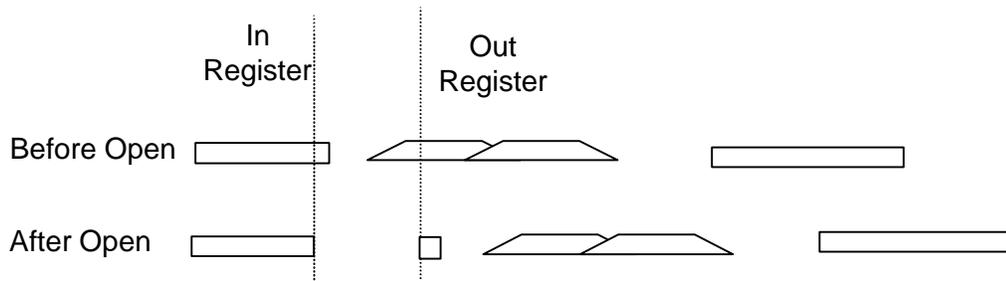
Insert

Insert places the contents of the clipboard into the selected track(s) at the In point time, while moving all subsequent events “down stream” (later in time) by the length of the inserted event(s).



Open

Open places a segment of silence into the selected track(s) equal to the time between the In point register and the Out point register. It functions like an Insert, slipping all subsequent material on the selected tracks downstream in time. Another way to say it is that all material on the selected tracks from the In point onward is moved (or rippled) so that it now begins at the time code location in the Out register. If the In point is within an audio segment on the track, the segment is split at the In point, with material before the In point remaining in place and material after the In point shifted to the position defined in the Out register.



Undo

Undo un-does the last edit operation, which includes undoing the last recording that was ended by pressing the “stop” transport key (only in Non-Destructive Record). There are ten levels of undo available, accessed by selecting SHIFT and then pressing SEL7 one or more times (while the SHIFT key is active).

Redo

Redo re-does the last undo edit operation, including restoring recordings that were undone (only in Non-Destructive Record). There are ten levels of redo possible, accessed by selecting SHIFT and then pressing SEL8 one or more times while the SHIFT key is active.

Undo and Redo put the time code registers and Selected tracks to the state they were in before the edit (undo) or after the edit (Redo).

EDIT

Pressing this key (while in the Normal state) allows the SEL keys to select which track(s) will be later edited (using the SHIFT+SEL edit functions described above). The suggested sequence of keystrokes to follow for editing is:

Press the EDIT key to enter the Edit Track Mode, then the SEL key for the track(s) to be edited.

Set the In and Out points to define the range of material to be affected on the selected track(s).

Press SHIFT + SEL for the desired edit function (Cut, Clear, Copy).

Set the In point to the time code location where the material on the clipboard is to be placed.

While the EDIT key is still enabled (amber LED is on), press the SEL key for the track(s) where the material on the clipboard is to be placed.

Press SHIFT + SEL for the desired edit function (Paste, Insert)

This completes the Edit operation. Note that Open operates differently in that it does not place material from the Clipboard into a track, but instead references the length of time between the In and Out registers and moves the downstream material by that amount.

If material from a single track is placed on the clipboard, but multiple destination tracks are selected, only the first selected track (counting upwards from 1 to 8) will be used as the target for the Paste or Insert.

If multiple tracks are placed on the clipboard, then multiple destination tracks can be selected. Selecting the same number of target tracks as used for the clipboard operation insures the material will be placed on only those tracks. If a different number of target tracks are selected, the Paste or Insert will place the clipboard material consecutively on the selected tracks, starting with the first selected track, up to the limit of the number of tracks selected. For example:

If material is Copied from Track 1, then tracks 3, 4, 6, and 8 are Selected for the target, the Paste operation will only put material on track 3.

If material is Copied from tracks 2, 4, and 6, then tracks 1 through 8 are all selected, the Paste operation will place material on tracks 1, 2, and 3. If only three tracks are selected for the Paste (for example, tracks 3, 5, and 7) then the material will go on those tracks in order.

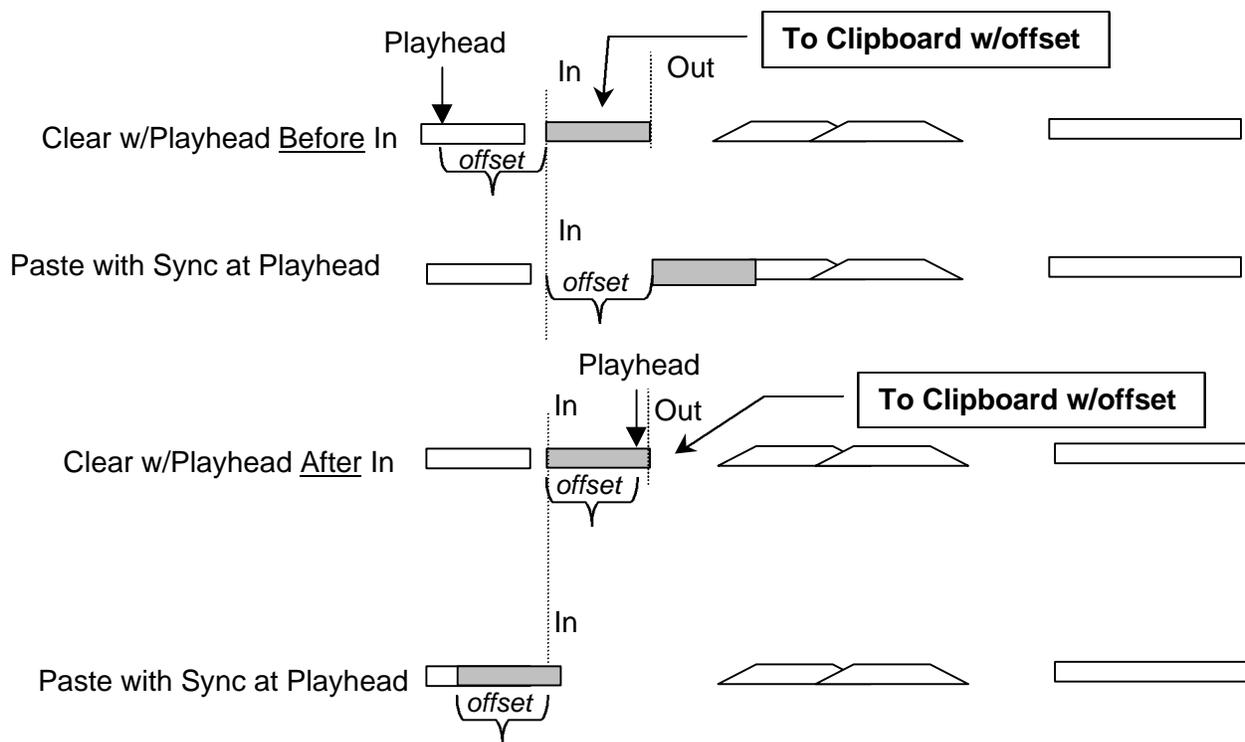
Edit Sync Mode

The setting chosen in Setup Menu 221 - **Edit Sync Mode** – determines which point in the audio material to be pasted or inserted from the clipboard will be used as the sync reference point for the edit. This is a very important consideration, since the end result of the edit operation may be very different depending on the current setting of this menu parameter when the edit is performed.

The two parameters for this menu are Sync at In Point and Sync at Playhead.

When Sync at In Point is chosen as the Edit Sync Mode, the beginning of the region placed in the clipboard (by executing a Copy, Clear, or Cut operation) will be placed at the current In register time code setting when a Paste or Insert operation is performed. This is the mode illustrated in the graphic representations of the Edit functions shown on the previous pages of this manual.

When Sync at Playhead is chosen as the Edit Sync Mode, the location of the playhead relative to the In register is remembered as an offset when the material is placed on the clipboard (by executing a Copy, Clear, or Cut operation). That offset point (rather than the beginning of the region defined in the clipboard) will be placed at the current In register time code when a Paste or Insert operation is performed. The region defined in the clipboard will be placed at the appropriate location relative to the offset amount defined when the Cut, Copy, or Clear operation was performed. The Playhead offset can be before or after the In point of the material placed on the Clipboard. Here are two examples:



This function is most often used to synchronize a point within an audio segment (for example the point of the Doppler shift in a car drive by) to a specific time code point (the place where the car appears closest in the shot).

SHIFT+EDIT (EVENT) Loads the start and end of the event currently under the play head on the selected track(s) into the In point and Out point registers (also called “event capture”).

MON Pressing this key while in the Normal state allows the SEL keys to select which track(s) will be monitored through the front panel headphone monitor output. This does not affect the rear panel Studio Monitor jack, which always presents a mono mix of all tracks.

SHIFT+MON (Slip In/Out) Pressing SHIFT + MON puts the MMR into a Slip In/Out mode that allows for slipping (or nudging) all material between the In and Out register locations on selected tracks. When Slip In/Out is active, none of the status LEDs for the Track Mode Select keys is lit on the MMR front panel. This is to distinguish this mode from all other Track Select Modes, wherein at least one Track Select Mode status LED is always lit. Upon pressing SHIFT + MON, the bottom line of the display will show Slip and a time code entry field. Use the Wheel or the Up/Down arrow keys to enter the amount by which the defined region (between In and Out) on the selected tracks is to be slipped. This operation does not affect sync on material which is not located between the In and Out register locations. Slip In/Out will overwrite any existing material on the selected tracks that is at the new destination location to which the material has been moved.

To complete the Slip In/Out operation, press SHIFT +MON again. The bottom line of the display will show Slip In/Out to indicate that the slip operation has been performed. To exit the Slip In/Out operation without executing the slip, press CLR.

INPUT Pressing this key while in the Normal state allows the SEL keys to change the main audio outputs from monitoring audio off the disk to monitoring the audio present at the track inputs and lighting the Input LED above the meters. Note that enabling a track for record automatically selects input monitoring for that track.

SHIFT + INPUT (REP/INP) When shifted (SHIFT+INPUT), the Input key toggles all tracks between the Input monitor state and the Repro state. The Input LEDs above the meters and the status LEDs above each track select key will light or turn off as needed to show the current state. This is equivalent to engaging and disengaging all of the Select keys together at the same time while in Input monitor. This feature is a convenience for saving time when toggling this state for all eight tracks at once.

LOAD TRACK Pressing this key puts the MMR-8 into the Load Track state, and is the first step to loading pre-recorded material for playback or re-recording, or for deleting recorded material. Information on the pre-recorded material available on the drive is presented in hierarchical levels on the LCD display, according to the EDL format of the material itself.

For WaveFrame™ or StudioFrame™ volumes, this means the material will be listed in a Project / Episode / Reel / Dub / Track hierarchy, with Episode being an optional element. For Pro Tools™ volumes, the material will be listed in Session / Track hierarchy, and for OMF™ volumes, the material will be presented in a Composition / Track hierarchy.

As with the Setup menu system, the Wheel and arrow keys are used to navigate through the available selections at a given level. Unlike the Setup menu system, however, descending through the hierarchy of track information is accomplished by repeatedly pressing LOAD TRACK. Pressing LOAD TRACK while at the bottom or “track” level exits the Load Track state and returns the MMR-8 to the Normal state.

When LOAD TRACK is first pressed, the LCD will show a list of all WaveFrame Projects, Pro Tools Sessions, or OMF Compositions on all mounted volumes. The wheel or arrow keys are used to scroll through the various choices (if multiple choices are available) and to display the name of each of the available files. To view the next lower level of the EDL hierarchy (Episode, Reel, Act, Dub or Track), for the currently displayed Project, Session, or Composition, press LOAD TRACK again. Repeat this procedure to reach the lowest level available for the particular EDL file type. Pro Tools Session files and OMF Compositions will exhibit only two levels – the main EDL (Session or Composition) and Track.

Once the desired Project or track is located and displayed, press the Store (STO) key to load the Project (up to eight tracks) or individual track into the MMR Track index locations. The target Track index is designated by activating the SEL key associated with the Track index (the LED above the SEL will be lit when the Track index is chosen as a target). If a track listed in the display has already been loaded into a track index, the display message will read “Move” rather than “Load”. This allows you to move an already loaded track into a different track index. Which operation is performed depends upon whether the source track file is already loaded; if it is, then a track move is performed. If the source track file is not already loaded, a track load is performed and the track file is loaded or “stored” into the target track. If track information is stored into a track location that is already occupied by a previously loaded track, the previously loaded track is automatically “unloaded.” In Load Track mode, the bottom line of the LCD shows the names of “unloaded” tracks preceded by a small box (the STOP character) in the first character of the display. Loaded tracks are preceded by their track number (indicating the track into which the sound file has been loaded).

The last target track (which defaults to Track 1 at the start of a session) is remembered for the duration of the session. A store operation (either load or move) automatically advances the target track by one, circularly advancing back to track one after track eight. The target track may be selected manually by pressing the appropriate SEL key before STO is pressed.

The Load Track key is also used to identify Projects or Tracks for Backup. Choose (scroll to) the name of the desired Project or Track, then press SHIFT + SLIP to enter the Backup state.

SHIFT + LOAD
TRACK
(DELETE)

Pressing SHIFT + LOAD TRACK deletes the currently displayed project or track file. The deletion simply removes the EDL information, not the associated sound file(s), so little disk drive space is reclaimed by this operation. However, sound files not associated with the EDL (track) information are made available for deletion by the Disk Cleanup operation accessed via Setup menu 720. This is the typical method by which space on a given drive volume is reclaimed (the other method is by using Destructive Record to record over existing material).

TRACK Pressing this key places the MMR into the View Track state to allow inspection of the currently loaded tracks. The Wheel, the Select keys, or the Up/Down arrow keys may be used to select and view a track index. If nothing is loaded in a selected Track index, the word “*Blank*” is displayed for that track. Pressing this key again while viewing tracks or pressing the CLR key exits the View Track state and returns the MMR-8 to the Normal state.

SHIFT+TRACK (UNLOAD) The shifted function of the TRACK key allows “unloading” of a loaded track, and will return the track to the “blank” state, as well as returning the loaded track back to the pool of unloaded tracks, which can then be viewed using LOAD TRACK.

Note that tracks may be loaded or unloaded even while the MMR is playing. This is a very convenient feature of the MMR and allows for auditioning alternate tracks during playback or loading tracks from different projects.

SLIP Pressing this key allows the re-positioning of selected tracks relative to the timeline and other tracks. The LCD will show the number of the last selected track, although all selected tracks (as indicated by the LEDs above the SEL keys) will be “slipped” as a group. Once the tracks to be slipped have been selected, the wheel or arrow keys are used to trim the slip value. The slip register for each track will be adjusted by the relative amount entered during the slip operation. In other words, if a track is already slipped by 10 frames and it is then made part of a group of tracks which are slipped by two more frames, that track’s slip register will then show a value of 12 frames. The MMR-8 will “remember” the slipped tracks (as indicated by the SLIP LEDs below the meters) and the slip value for a given session, so any slip value must be explicitly removed (i.e., set to zero) in order to clear the slip register for that track. To clear the Slip register, either use the Wheel or Up/Down arrow keys to set the Slip value to 0, or press CLR + SEL for the desired track.

Note that the value in the slip register is volatile, and will not be retained when the track index is unloaded or replaced by a different track. To slip a track permanently within the EDL, perform an Edit operation (Clear and Paste the contents of the entire track), or use the Slip In/Out function described under SHIFT + MON.

SHIFT + SLIP (BACKUP) Pressing SHIFT+SLIP places the MMR into the Backup state so that a backup copy of the currently displayed project or track can be made to any mounted drive volume. The Backup state presents two menu items that allow for choosing either normal or Tape Mode style backup. Use the Wheel or Up/Down arrow keys to switch between these two menus after entering the Backup state.

Normal backup will copy the project or track file including all edit information and associated audio clips to the target drive. The Tape Mode backup will rewrite (copy) the project or track files as continuous media files with no audio edits, and all fades fully rendered. Tape Mode backup will copy only media actually used in the project or track, and provides a way to consolidate the data and “flatten” the file for more efficient playback and disk usage. The word _TAPE will be appended to the end of the file name of the newly created tape mode backup file so that it can be distinguished from the original file name. This is especially important if the backup is made to the same disk as the original file. When not in the Load Track state, pressing SHIFT + SLIP will display the current status (progress) of the Backup function.

Keypad Group

These keys are located in the central portion of the front panel, directly under the LCD. In addition to the numeric keys 0-9 (which are mainly used to enter and otherwise manipulate time code), keys performing various other operations are also located here:

- (CLR) the clear time code key
- (CAPT) time code capture key
- SHIFT key
- (STO) store key
- (RCL) recall key
- (LOOP) looping key
- (LOC) locate transport key

NUMERIC KEYS

(0-9)

In the Normal state, these keys are used to enter a time code value into the hold register (the bottom line of the LCD). The numeric keys are also used to access ten time code memory registers and in combination with the SHIFT, RCL, STO, LOOP and LOC keys to store or recall time code to and from the various special time code registers. In the Setup state, these keys directly select menu banks, and are used to enter passwords, date, time, and other numeric entry. The Error and Track states may also use these keys to enter a password or other numeric value.

Time code values are entered into the entry register, beginning with the right-hand digit which moves left as additional digits are entered. Use CLR to reset the entry register to zero {00:00:00, 00}. As an example of the entry register's use; to enter a time code of 00:34:00, 15 (thirty-four minutes and 15 frames); press CLR one or two times (to set the entry register to zero), then the 3 (three) key, 4 (four) key, 0 (zero) key, 0 (zero) key, 1 (one) key, and 5 (five) key. The time code is displayed as the numbers are keyed into the hold register.

To store the entry register time code into one of the ten memory registers, press STO followed by one of the numeric keys. This stores the entry register time code into the selected memory register (0 - 9). The stored time code can later be recalled by pressing RCL then the appropriate numeric key.

The entry register time can also be stored to the special-purpose registers that are not display-only (Lynx Sync, Offset, Time, Out, In), replacing the previous register contents. In this case the shift key is added to the store command key sequence (STO then SHIFT+ the appropriate numeric key).

SHIFT+ NUMERIC KEY

The shifted function for each numeric key recalls the special-purpose register contents listed above each numeric key, and for certain registers (the registers associated with keys 0, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9) performs an immediate transport locate to the register time code value. If STO is pressed before SHIFT+ one of the numeric keys is pressed, then the active register contents (bottom line of the display) are stored in the target register location (providing, of course, that the target register is a writeable and not a read-only register).

LYNX SYNC (SHIFT+0)

This register holds the MMR-8 sync point time which is used in conjunction with the master sync point on the Lynx bus to calculate the MMR-8 offset. Storing a value to this register automatically calculates this offset.

OFFSET (SHIFT+1)	<p>This display-only register represents the time difference between the MMR-8's time code and the time code being chased. When locked to the Lynx bus, this equals the time difference between the MMR-8's time code and the Lynx master time code. In either case, the offset is equal to the MMR-8 time minus the time code being chased.</p>
READER (SHIFT+2)	<p>This display-only register shows the current time code being chased by the MMR-8. If time code chase mode is active, whatever time code is being read is displayed here. If the MMR-8 is a slave on the Lynx bus, it holds the current time coming from the Lynx bus master machine.</p>
FREE (SHIFT+3)	<p>This display-only register shows the amount of recording time available on the system default disk volume (the only volume or drive available for recording). Note that this value is always displayed in "time code" format, even if the display format currently is feet/frames, because it is essentially an elapsed time value, not a time code. This display will recalculate and update to take into account the currently selected bit resolution (16 or 24 bit) and the number of tracks currently armed for recording.</p>
OUT POINT (SHIFT+4)	<p>This register holds the "punch out" time. It is used as the end point of a record or a play loop and as the end time for a track marked for editing.</p>
TAIL (SHIFT+5)	<p>This read-only register shows the end time of the last edit on the currently loaded tracks. Tracks selected while in the EDIT track select mode govern the operation of this function. If no tracks are selected in the EDIT track select mode, the MMR will scan across all loaded tracks to find the last edit location. To select a single track or a group of tracks for location of the last edit point location, press only the desired track SEL keys while in the EDIT track select mode, then select SHIFT + 5. The location of the last edit point on the selected tracks will be shown.</p>
PREVIOUS EDIT (SHIFT+6)	<p>This register represents the location of the first splice point (or start of the sound event) located just previous to the current location. Each time PREV EDIT is selected the register value moves "back" one event in time in the edit list, showing the start point of the earlier of event.</p> <p>Pressing SHIFT+PREV EDIT not only finds and displays this point, but also performs an automatic locate function, moving the transport to that point. This is in contrast to RCL+SHIFT+PREV EDIT, which will simply find and display the appropriate time point in the entry register without performing a locate function (also see the Recall key).</p>
IN POINT (SHIFT+7)	<p>This register holds the "punch in" time code. It is used as the start point of a record or play loop as well as the beginning time for edit operations on any track selected for editing in the Edit track select mode.</p>

- HEAD (SHIFT+8)** This read-only register shows the start time of the first edit on the currently loaded tracks. Tracks selected while in the EDIT track select mode govern the operation of this function. If no tracks are selected in the EDIT track select mode, the MMR will scan across all loaded tracks to find the first edit location. To select a single track or a group of tracks for location of the first edit point location, press only the desired track SEL keys while in the EDIT track select mode, then select SHIFT + 8. The location of the first edit point on the selected tracks will be shown.
- NEXT EDIT (SHIFT+9)** This register shows the location of the first splice point (or start of sound event) located just after the current location. Each time NEXT EDIT is selected the register value moves “forward” one event in the edit list, always coming to rest at the next splice point or start of event. Pressing SHIFT+NEXT EDIT not only finds and displays this point, but also performs an automatic locate function, moving the transport to that point. RCL+SHIFT+NEXT EDIT simply finds and displays the next edit time code in the hold register (also see the Recall key).
- CLR** This key performs both a clear and a cancel function, operating in almost all modes and situations. CLR has no shifted function.
- In the Setup and Verify states, the CLR key takes on its alternate function, “cancel.” In Setup, pressing CLR generally returns a changed value back to the previously stored value, or exits altogether. It is also used to re-enter a password, to cancel a password entry, and as an alternative method of providing a “no” response to an operator query. In the Error state, pressing CLR will clear the error message and return the MMR-8 to the previous operating state. During track slip or register trim, pressing the key returns the registers to their previous values (before the slip or trim operation changed them). During time code entry in the Normal state, CLR returns the entry register time code to a zero value. For most other operations, CLR will return the MMR-8 to the Normal state.
- CAPT** The capture key places the time code value from the top line of the display into the entry register in the bottom line of the display. After capturing the time code value the CAPT LED will flash until a target register key is pressed to place the captured time code value into that register. Note that pressing CAPT automatically readies the system to store the value into the target register, as if the STO key had already been pressed. This action can be done at any time during normal operation of the MMR-8 (including play and record). To complete the capture operation, either press a target register key or press CLR to cancel.
- SHIFT + CAPT (TIME)** This register holds the Time code location that is set to be equal to 0 feet and frames. This is used in film post production work to set a “local 0” for interlocking film to a time code source. To set the offset between the time code display and the feet and frames display, use the keypad to enter the time code that will be equivalent to 0 feet and frames into the entry register. Next, press LOC to locate the MMR transport to that time and press CLR to clear the entry register. Finally, press STO + SHIFT + CAPT to enter the number listed in the top of the display into the TIME register. There will now be an offset between the time code display and the feet and frames display when toggling between these two display styles. To clear the time register, locate to 00:00:00:00 and store that to the Time register.

SHIFT The yellow SHIFT key functions like a locking keyboard shift key. When active, it modifies those keys that have a shift function assigned to them (identified by the function name written above the gray keys). Pressing and releasing the yellow Shift key causes the shift LED to turn on, indicating SHIFT is active. Pressing a gray key with a shift function will then perform the shifted function and turn off the yellow Shift LED. To cancel Shift without pressing a function key, press SHIFT again or press CLR (the shift LED will then turn off).

If multiple shifted keys are to be entered in a sequence, press and hold SHIFT (the shift LED will light) while pressing the various gray keys in sequence. When you lift your finger off SHIFT, the Shift function will be canceled (and the shift LED will turn off).

Use of the shift key is indicated in the text by SHIFT+X, where X indicates one of the gray keys. For example, pressing SHIFT+EDIT captures the in and out points of the current edit event, while pressing SHIFT+LOOP only cancels Shift (since LOOP has no shift function). All the various shifted functions are described in the appropriate key definitions. They are also listed in the *Key Command Summary* in Appendix A.

STO (STORE) The Store key is an important key, performing the functions of an enter or confirmation key for various operations, as well as being a selection key for an actual store operation. Pressing STO + SEL will enter the current hold register time code as a Slip amount for the selected track. In the Setup and Track states, its alternate function is to answer “yes” to a Verify or Error state operator query.

In the Normal state, the store key is used to save the hold register value into another register. To store a time code value into a register, press the STO key followed by a numeric key (to save the value to a memory register) or by the shift key and a numeric key (to save the value to a special-purpose register). In the Setup state, pressing STO selects the parameter value displayed in the LCD or undertakes an action, according to the type of menu displayed. In the Verify state, the Store key serves both to complete a password entry and to confirm a potentially destructive action. When loading projects or tracks (in the Load Track state), the Store key initiates the action of loading tracks into the MMR Track index locations. The LED above the Store key will flash when the key is pressed to begin a store operation, and will flash more quickly when pressing this key is a possible YES response to a verify request or menu parameter selection. There is no shifted function for this key.

RCL (RECALL) This key is used to recall one of the time code registers, and to make it the “active” register. Pressing RCL+ a numeric key recalls one of the 10 system memory registers. Special-purpose register contents may also be accessed in this way through using RCL+SHIFT+ a numeric key. After a recall operation, the recalled value is displayed in the bottom line of the LCD. It is preceded with a four-character mnemonic indicating the register that was recalled. The Recall key is also used to provide a NO or negative response to a query when confirmation of a potentially destructive action is required. The LED above the Recall key will flash when the key is pressed to begin a recall operation, and will flash more quickly when pressing this key is a possible NO response to a verify request or menu parameter selection. There is no shifted function for this key.

LOOP Pressing the Loop key prepares the MMR transport for performance of one of several possible types of loop sequences relative to the In and Out time code registers. To start looping after LOOP is pressed and the In and Out times are set, press the appropriate transport key (<, >, REH, or REC). To cancel Loop mode press LOOP again before pressing a transport key.

The start point of the loop is always the In register (minus any pre-roll time set) and the end point is the Out register (plus any post-roll time set). If the value of the Out register is less than (i.e., before) the value of the In point register, then the loop will not play and an error message “Loop points inverted” will be displayed, since the In point value must always be considered the “start” point. The loop cannot play across the “midnight crossing” at the 24 hour mark. This includes pre-roll or post-roll amounts. There must be at least one frame between the 00:00:00:00 time code location and the In minus pre-roll or Out plus post-roll times. There is no shifted function for this key.

There are three selectable Loop Play modes (Setup menu 210): Play Once and Stop, Play Once and Cue, and Play Repeatedly. For Play Once and Stop, when play (>) is pressed after LOOP, the MMR-8 will loop from the In register time (minus any pre-roll amount) to the Out register time (plus any post-roll amount), and then stop. For Play Once and Cue, when play (>) is pressed after LOOP, the MMR-8 will loop from the In register time (minus any pre-roll amount) to the Out register time (plus any post-roll amount), then cue to the In point minus pre-roll time. If Play Repeatedly is selected, the MMR-8 will play from the In time (minus any pre-roll amount) to the Out time (plus any post-roll amount), and repeat this same play sequence until STOP or LOOP is pressed again. The MMR does not execute a seamless repeat, so there will be a small gap in time between the end of the loop and beginning of the next iteration of the loop.

Rehearse Loop and Record Loop work similarly, with the Rehearse Loop performing input monitor switching at the In and Out times in the loop, and Record Loop actually placing the machine into record at the In and Out points. Press LOOP then REH to initiate a Rehearse Loop and LOOP then REC to initiate a Record Loop.

There are three selectable Loop Record modes (Setup menu 211): Record Once Only, Repeat Record, and Repeat w/Unload. Record Once Only will record only on the first pass of the loop, and then switch to playback only for subsequent loops. Repeat Record will initiate a recording between the In and Out points for every loop. Repeat w/Unload will make a recording on each pass and then unload the track just created by the record pass before the next loop begins. This allows for rapidly making many recordings in succession and keeping them all as separate sequentially numbered track files in the project.

To perform a forward-backward loop, press Loop and then Reverse Play (<). The MMR-8 will play forward from the start time (minus any pre-roll amount) to the end time (plus any post-roll amount) and then play in the reverse direction from the end time (plus any post-roll amount) to the start time (minus any pre-roll amount). The MMR will then continually repeat the process (according to the Loop Play menu setting). Press STOP or LOOP to cancel Looping.

LOC (LOCATE) This key causes the transport to locate to the active register (bottom line of the display) time code. The time code may be from a recalled register, a captured value or a value entered through the numeric keypad. An implicit (or automatic) locate to certain registers is done when a SHIFT+ numeric key is pressed. A locate operation always stops the transport if it is not stopped. There is no shifted function for this key.

Basic Operation

Loading and Mounting Drives

The MMR-8 will scan the SCSI bus when the system is powered up and will mount all available drives. The MMR is unable to access any drive address that was not present at power-up. Be sure that all drive bays holding removable drives contain fully-seated and engaged SCSI disk drives throughout the power-up and initialization process. Removable storage devices (such as the Nikon Beluga™ AV LIMDOW optical drive) must be attached to the system SCSI bus and powered on when the system powers up. Removable storage devices do not require that removable media disks be present at power up, as long as the device itself is present and turned on. Once the initialization process is complete, drives in the removable Kingston carriers may be “spun down” and removed from the MMR-8 following the unmount procedure, and later re-inserted and re-mounted using the mount procedure.

After this point, it is not necessary to turn off power to the MMR-8 if the internal removable hard drive needs to be changed. “Hot swapping” is possible because the Kingston Drive Carrier features an integral lock/unlock key which removes power from the drive when in the unlock position. Before removing the internal drive, **always unmount the drives first** (press STOP+ONLINE), before turning the drive key to remove power. DATA MAY BE LOST IF DRIVES ARE NOT UNMOUNTED BEFORE REMOVING.

HARD DRIVE NOTE:

To prevent drive damage when moving hard drives, always allow plenty of time for the drive heads to lock, and for the drive to spin down and stop, before removing the drive.

Once a new drive has been installed (simply press it into place, it only goes into the slot in one direction), move the key from the unlock position to the lock position. The drive will automatically spin up to speed. After allowing a few seconds for the drive to reach locked speed and release the heads, press the STOP key. The MMR-8 will attempt to mount the drive. The “Mounting Volumes” message will be displayed on the LCD as the mount attempt begins. The MMR-8 will try for up to 30 seconds to find the first drive to mount. This is to allow time for the disk drive to spin up completely. After a successful re-mount (i.e., not a power-up mount), the LCD will display the message “n Volumes Mounted”, where n is the number of volumes mounted. If you receive the message “No Volumes Mounted”, press the STOP key again. If the “No Volumes Mounted” message persists, re-seat, format, or replace the drive(s) as necessary until the mount succeeds.

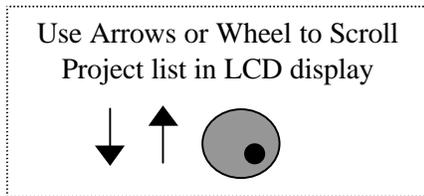
If an unformatted drive is installed, or if the drive is not compatible with the system (i.e., is unreadable by the MMR-8), then the MMR-8 will not be able to mount the volume. To initialize a volume, access menu item 710 (Disk Initialize), and press the STO (store) key. The LCD will display the message {Initialize Disk? }. If it's a new hard drive, or you wish to fully erase and re-initialize a used drive, press STO (store) to continue. The message {Are you sure (y/n)?} then appears. If you wish to continue, press the STO (store) key again. If the drive is known to have information on it, and you wish to keep the information, answer no by pressing the RCL (Recall) key.

Once the drive has been initialized, it can be used on the MMR-8 or on a WaveFrame/StudioFrame system for recording and playback. A low-level format may be accomplished in a similar fashion, using menu item 711 (Disk Low Format). Note that it will take quite some time to low-level format a disk, with the amount of time dependent upon the size of the hard drive (e.g., for a 2 GB drive figure at least 30 minutes). A low-level format is rarely needed, and should have been done by the drive manufacturer.

Loading a Project, Session, or Composition

Press LOAD TRACK to show list of Projects, Sessions, or Compositions from all mounted drives. The list is shown in alphanumeric order.

Example: To load 2B Project



Project
2B Project
A Project
Dialogue Export 1.omf
Mix Stems 1
Pro Tools Session RWF
Pro Tools Session SW
WaveFrame CDoo

From Disk:

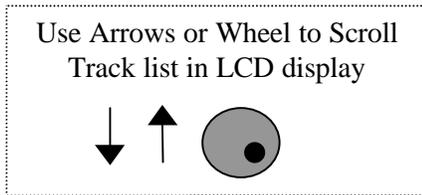
1 (MMR/WaveFrame)
1 (MMR/WaveFrame)
2 (Macintosh)
1 (MMR/WaveFrame)
2 (Macintosh)
2 (Macintosh)
1 (MMR/WaveFrame)

Press STO [YES] to load the first eight tracks from the desired Project into MMR Track Index 1 – 8

Loading Individual Tracks

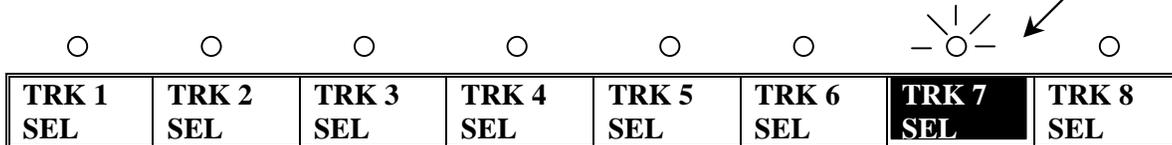
After pressing LOAD TRACK (as above), choose (scroll to) the Project, Session, or Composition containing the tracks you wish to load. Press LOAD TRACK again to show the list of tracks in the Project, Session, or Composition (if Project is WaveFrame, it may also show Episode, Act, Reel, or Dub).

Example: Track list for project: 2B Project



Load into Track 7:
MMR Trk1 00250
MMR Trk2 00251
MMR Trk3 00252
MMR Trk4 00253
MMR Trk5 00254
MMR Trk6 00255
MMR Trk7 00256
MMR Trk8 00257

Loads into any Selected Track Index



- Press the appropriate SEL key to choose the desired Track index into which the track will be loaded.
- Press STO [YES] to load the displayed track from the list into the currently selected Track index.
- Use the arrows or wheel to scroll to a different track from the list of available tracks in the project.
- To facilitate loading tracks in succession, the MMR will automatically increment the selected Track index and advance the display to the next track in the list of available tracks after a track is loaded.

After pressing the LOAD TRACK key twice, the first Track name will be displayed in the bottom line of the LCD preceded by a small box (the STOP character) in the first character of the display to indicate the track has not been loaded yet (it is “unloaded”). To load tracks individually in succession starting with Track 1, first press the Track 1 SEL key. The LED on Track 1 will be lit to indicate that when STO is pressed the displayed track will load onto track 1. After track 1 is loaded, the next track name in the list will automatically display, and the LED on track 2 will turn on to indicate pressing STO will store that track onto track 2. Any target track may be selected manually by pressing the appropriate SEL key before STO is pressed. Typically, a hard drive will contain eight or more tracks for one project, and thus tracks can be loaded in rapid sequence by simply pressing STO eight times in a row. After a track is loaded, the track index number into which the sound file has been loaded will precede the track name.

Once a track is loaded into a track index, it is removed from the “pool” of tracks available for direct loading, but it may be moved from its current track index position to another track index position. If a track from the project is already loaded into a track index, then choosing (scrolling to) that track name in the list of tracks will cause the MMR to ask if you want to Move that track to the currently selected Track index. If a track is moved from its current track index position to a new track index by this method, the previous Track index will then be empty and will show *Blank* when viewed using the TRACK key (View Track state). If you do not wish to move a currently loaded track into an empty Track Index, use the arrows or Wheel to scroll through the list of available tracks to find currently unloaded tracks which may then be loaded into the empty track index. If track information is stored into a track location that is already occupied by a previously loaded track, the previously loaded track is automatically “unloaded.” Press TRACK again (or press CLR) to exit the Track state and return the MMR-8 to the Normal state.

Viewing Tracks

To view which tracks are currently loaded, press TRACK, which puts the MMR-8 into the View Tracks state. Use the Wheel, the arrow keys, or the Select keys to select which track index to view. If nothing is loaded for a given track, the word “*Blank*” is displayed for that track in the LCD.

Unloading Tracks

To “unload” a loaded track and return the track to the “blank” state, while returning the loaded track back to the pool of unloaded tracks, put the MMR-8 into “view tracks” mode by pressing the TRACK key. Select the track you wish to unload, and press SHIFT+TRACK. The displayed track will be “unloaded”, and the word “*Blank*” will appear in the display.

Deleting Tracks from the Disk

To delete a displayed track, enter the Load Tracks state by pressing the LOAD TRACK key, and descending through the project/file hierarchy as detailed above. Select the track you wish to delete, and press SHIFT+LOAD TRACK. Deletion simply removes the track edit information (the “EDL”), not the associated sound files, so very little disk drive space is reclaimed by this operation. However, sound files not associated with any track edit information may be deleted from the disk by using the Disk Cleanup function (found in Setup Menu 720). This is the typical method by which space on a given disk drive volume is reclaimed. The other method is by using Tape Mode or Auto Cleanup Record mode to record over existing material.

Recording a New Project

The MMR-8 may currently record only to the mounted drive with the lowest SCSI address. This is usually the internal Kingston carrier, but any drive may be set to be the lowest numbered SCSI drive. If multiple volumes are mounted, any or all drives can be used for playback, but only the drive with the lowest SCSI ID will be recorded to. See the manual for the Kingston drive carrier for instructions on changing the SCSI ID of the carrier.

When attempting to record to a new drive for the first time, it will be necessary to first Initialize the drive so that audio may be recorded to it. The MMR-8 will currently format drives only for the WaveFrame audio file format. To Initialize a drive, go to menu 710 and select the SCSI ID of the volume to be initialized by pressing the TRIM key and turning the wheel or using the Up/Down arrow keys until the SCSI ID of the drive appears as the selection. If the SCSI ID does not appear, be sure there is no SCSI ID conflict between any of the attached drives and that the desired target drive is connected and turned on. Reboot the MMR-8 with the desired target drive on line and look for it again in menu 710.

Once the desired drive is selected press STO to select it and STO again after the prompt “Are You Sure?” appears. The drive will be initialized within a few seconds and is now ready for recording.

To record a new project, first go to Setup menu 800 and create a name for the project using the Trim key and the Wheel or Up/Down arrow keys to spell the Project name. Press STO after inputting the name. This will unload any currently loaded projects and the new name will appear with an asterisk as the currently loaded project. The new project name initially exists only in memory, so the name will not appear in the disk directory until some audio is recorded. It is necessary to actually record some audio on at least one track before the project will be created on the disk. Loading a project will set the project name to that of the loaded project so it may be recorded into. Once audio is recorded into the new project, that project’s name will appear as a choice in the disk directory when pressing the LOAD TRACK key.

Using Registers

There are 21 time code registers (10 memory registers and 11 special-purpose registers) that hold time code values for immediate or future use. Some of the special-purpose registers are automatically filled when tracks are loaded (e.g., HEAD, TAIL), others are updated according to the current play or stop time code reading (e.g., PREV, NEXT), while others (notably memory registers 0 - 9) are entered either manually or through using CAPT, STO, or RCL functions. The register currently displayed on the lower line of the LCD is called the *active* register. By default, the active register is the entry register, which is the register used to capture manual time code input from the keypad.

Accessing registers is done using a two-keystroke command sequence which consists of the function (store, recall, capture) and the numeric or shifted numeric key associated with the desired register (i.e., 0 - 9). Before pressing the second key, operations can be canceled by pressing the same function key again or by pressing CLR, but are typically ended by completing the full key sequence.

Recalling Registers

To recall the time code previously stored into a memory register, press RCL (the RCL LED will flash indicating one of the numeric keys should be pressed) and then press the desired key (0 - 9). The RCL LED will turn off and the time code from that register will be displayed in the bottom line of the display, with a prefixed heading indicating which register is the currently displayed (active) register. All special-purpose registers may be recalled similarly, first by pressing RCL, then SHIFT+the desired numeric key. Special-purpose registers have their names written on the front panel directly above the numeric key with which they are associated. Note that if RCL is not pressed first, then pressing SHIFT+ one of these special-purpose register keys — LYNX SYNC, IN, OUT, HEAD, TAIL, NEXT EDIT, or PREV EDIT — will cause the transport to automatically locate to the register contents. This is a short cut for RCL + SHIFT+ register key + LOC.

Capturing the Current Time Code

During any transport state (stop, play, record, etc.), the current time code shown on the top line of the LCD display can be captured into the entry register by pressing the CAPT key. The captured time code can be stored to one of the ten memory registers for later recall, or to one of the five “writeable” special-purpose registers (IN, OUT, OFST, LYNX SYNC, TIME). The capture key places the time code value from the top line of the display into the active time code register in the bottom line of the display. After capturing the time code value the CAPT LED will flash until a target register key is pressed to place the captured time code value into that register. Note that pressing CAPT automatically readies the system to store the value into the target register, as if the STO key had already been pressed. To complete the capture operation, either press a target register key or press CLR to cancel.

Trimming Time Code Values

Any time a writeable register is shown in the bottom line of the display (usually by being recalled), it can be trimmed as required. There are two types of trimming: *static* and *dynamic*. Dynamic trim is desirable only in certain special situations, and differs from static trim in that the register values are sent to the transport immediately as they are changed. In static trim, register values are sent to the transport at the point where trim mode is exited. Note that Trim mode cancels Jog or Shuttle modes, if active, since Trim, Jog, and Shuttle are mutually exclusive.

To trim the time code in the active register, press TRIM (for static trim) or SHIFT+TRIM (for dynamic trim). The TRIM LED will flash slowly (static trim) or flash quickly (dynamic trim) to indicate trim mode is active. Rotate the Wheel clockwise or press the up-arrow key to increment the time code numbers, or rotate the wheel counterclockwise or press the down-arrow key to decrement the time code numbers.

When the desired value is reached, press TRIM again to exit trim mode. This saves the value as trimmed, while continuing to display the register last trimmed. If you don't want to save the trimmed value, exit trim mode by pressing CLR. This cancels Trim mode and restores the register to its pre-trimmed value.

Using the Entry Register

In the Normal state, the bottom line of the LCD typically displays the entry register. This register is used for manual time code entry from the keypad. It can be used to update memory registers and the writeable special-purpose registers. Once time code is displayed in the entry register, the MMR-8 can be immediately located to that time by pressing the LOC key. The following methods may be used to enter time code into the entry register while in the Normal state):

Direct time code entry	Use the numeric keys to type in the time code. The keyed time code will replace any existing time code in the display. Use this method if the time code position is known. Pressing CLR will reset any existing time code in the register to zero, making it easier to enter new time code numbers.
Capture the time code	Press CAPT during play, record or while stopped. This copies the “play head” time code shown in the top line, at the moment the CAPT key is pressed, to the entry register on the bottom line.
Recall, Trim, and Store a Register	Recall and trim one of the ten memory registers (using RCL+0 - 9), or one of the special-purpose registers (using RCL+SHIFT+0 - 9), and press the STO key. The register time code value is then copied to the entry register.

The time code value in the entry register can be trimmed, as required, by using the Wheel or Up/Down arrow keys to increment or decrement the time code before any other action is taken on the time code.

Local & Studio Monitoring

A front panel headphone jack allows the MMR-8 operator to locally monitor one or more tracks, right at the front panel, without affecting the output signals. The rear panel mini-jack output on the PRX card is designed for studio monitoring using a customer-supplied studio monitor amplifier and speaker. The mini-jack level is not controlled by the front panel volume control, and the audio output of the mini-jack always presents a mono sum mix of all tracks according to the track monitor selection chosen on the front panel. Headphone and studio monitoring both follow the Input Monitor selection, so if a track is being monitored and it is switched to Input Monitor, the audio change will be heard in the headphones and studio.

Headphone Volume (LEVEL)

The headphone monitoring volume is set by the LEVEL control next to the headphone jack.

Headphone Jack (PHONES)

Even though the Headphone jack is a standard pro-size stereo headphone jack (phone-type), all track monitoring is done in mono. Either low (8 ohms) or high impedance (600 ohms) headphones can be used.

HEADPHONE NOTE:

To prevent hearing damage, always turn the Headphone Level full off before putting on the headphones and leave the Level at a low volume until at least one track has been selected for monitoring.

Chapter 4 MMR-8 Setup Menus

The Setup State & the Setup Menus

Setup menus allows individual MMR-8 parameters to be changed, and if desired, saved to one of the ten User settings files. Parameters can also be changed within the current session without saving them to a specific User settings file. Changes made in this way are automatically stored in a system init file and will still be remembered even if the MMR-8 is powered down and restarted.

To enter the Setup state, press SETUP. To exit the Setup state and return to the Normal state, press the SETUP key again, or press CLR. While in the Setup state, a display of various Setup menus and their parameters takes the place of the time code display shown in the LCD in the Normal state.

When the Setup state is activated for the first time after power-up, Setup menu 000 (the Control Mode selection menu) is displayed in the LCD. The Setup menus are divided into ten banks, grouped according to their common functions (see Table 4-1). Scroll through the various Setup menus by rotating the Wheel or using the Up/Down arrow keys. Clockwise (CW) rotation or up-arrow incrementally scrolls upward through the menus, while counterclockwise (CCW) rotation or down-arrow scrolls downward through the menus. The scrolling wraps around at the end of the list (thus menu 990, the highest menu in the 900 bank, is displayed when the wheel is rotated CCW from menu 000, and vice versa). Jump directly to any menu bank by pressing a numeric key while in Setup. For example, pressing 2 will jump the display to menu 200 (Record Mode), which is the first menu in the 200 bank.

BANK #	BANK DESCRIPTION
000	Basic Setup (Control Mode, frame/sample reference, etc.)
100	Bus Control (sync group, MMR/Lynx bus, interlock)
200	Transport Control (Record modes, Loop modes, pre/post roll, etc.)
300	Biphase (pulse rate, motion limits, start/end limits, acceleration)
400	Remote Control (parallel remote)
500	Audio parameters (input source, calibration, reference level & tone)
600	Digital I/O (format, delays, sample rate conversion & reference tracks)
700	Disk (recording file type, formatting, cleanup, archive)
800	Tracks & Projects (project name, track prefix)
900	System (store/recall settings, date & time, LED brightness, serial #)

Table 4-1: The Ten Setup Menu Banks

The JOG and SHTL (Shuttle) keys above the Wheel take on their alternate reversed text-labeled functions (left and right arrows) when pressed during Setup. Note that these are not shifted functions, but alternate functions that occur in the Setup or Track states. These keys typically affect window scrolling, but in some cases move a cursor to different points in displayed information.

When trimming is active (press TRIM), rotating the Wheel or pressing the Up/Down arrow keys scrolls through the available selections for the current menu. These selections also usually “wrap around.” If the menu requires a single numeric value, the wheel or arrow keys will increment or decrement the numeric value, but it will not “wrap around” once the top or bottom of the range is reached. For character and time code items, the left/right arrow keys usually control the position of the cursor (and therefore which character or digit is changed), rather than horizontally scrolling the window.

Setup Operation

There are various types of Setup menu items, each with its own particular behavior. Many scroll through a set of multiple-choice selections; others simply display information that cannot be altered, such as a version or serial number. The top line of the LCD in Setup lists the menu number and name, while the bottom line shows the current menu item value. Here’s a typical example:

01234567890123456789	LCD character positions (left to right)
000 Control Mode	(Setup Menu Item number and name)
*Biphase Chase	(The current parameter choice)

The asterisk (*) directly before the item value indicates that the displayed value is the currently selected value.

To scroll through the parameters in a menu of this type, press the TRIM key (the LED above TRIM will turn on) and then rotate the Wheel or press the up/down arrow keys. Each choice will be sequentially displayed. Once the desired parameter is shown in the display, press STO (the Store key). This activates that choice, placing an asterisk in the display, and exiting trim mode. At this point, rotating the Wheel or pressing the arrow keys will again scroll through the menus. To stop scrolling through the parameter list without saving any changes, press TRIM again. To exit Setup and return to the Normal state, press SETUP or CLR. Exiting Setup does not save a value, but exits without changing the current menu item’s value. Exceptions to this are the few menu items that update dynamically as they are changed, such as LED brightness (menu 920).

The next pages provide a chart of all of the MMR-8 menus and the parameter choices for each menu item. Following the chart, some of the menus and the parameter choices they present are discussed in more detail.

Setup Menu Chart

This chart lists all of the Setup Menus and their parameters. Note that * indicates the default selection.

MENU #	MENU NAME	PARAMETERS
000	Control Mode	Local/MMR* Time Code Chase Biphase Chase Biphase Transport Serial Transport Editor Varispeed
001	Frame Reference	Automatic* Video
002	Sample Reference	Automatic* AES/EBU Input Ext Wordclock
003	Time Code Type	24/24 25/25 29.97/DF 29.97/NDF 30/DF 30/NDF*
004	Sample Rate	42294 (44x23/25) 42336 (44x24/25) 44056 (44100-) 44100 44144 (44100+) 45938 (44x25/24) 45983 (44x25/23) 46034 (48x23/25) 46080 (48x24/25) 47952 (48000-) 48000* 48048 (48000+) 50000 (48x25/24) 50050 (48x25/23)
100	Sync Group	1* 2 3 4
110	MMR Bus Request	Master Off* Slave

MENU #	MENU NAME	PARAMETERS
111	Ident Request	Auto Assign* 01 (Range 01-100)
112	Ident Assigned	01* (Range 01–100 read-only display)
120	Lynx Bus	Off* Slave/KCU Master
121	Lynx Address	1* Range: 0 through 127
122	Lynx V500 Mode	Off* On
200	Record Mode	Non-Destructive* Auto Cleanup Tape Mode
201	All Safe	Off* On
202	Record Key	Record+Play* Record
203	Rehearse key	Rehearse+Play* Rehearse
210	Loop Mode	Play Repeatedly* Play once and Cue Play once and Stop
211	Loop Record	Repeat Record* Record Once Only Repeat w/Unload
212	Pre-Roll	00:00:05:00*
213	Post-roll	00:00:02:00*
220	Next/Prev Mode	Event* Cue
221	Edit Sync Mode	Sync at In Point* Sync at Playhead
230	Tape Mode Start	01:00:00:00* (Range 00:00:00:00 to 23:59:59:29)
300	Biph Frame Rate	24 fps* 25 fps 30 fps

MENU #	MENU NAME	PARAMETERS
301	Biph Pulse Rate	2 ppf 4 ppf 10 ppf* 20 ppf 25 ppf 50 ppf 100 ppf
302	Biphase I/O	Biphase* Tach + Dir Tach + Inverse Dir
320	Biphase Accel	8* Range: 4 through 32
321	Biphase Max Wind	5* Range: 1 through 20 times play speed
410	Parallel Trk Arm	Pulse (toggle)* Pulse w/ Auto Rec Hold Hold w/ Auto Rec Pulse In + Out
500	Input Source	Analog* Digital Rate Converter
501	Auto Input	Rec Only Rec or Non-Play* Rec or Rec-Ready
510	Crossfade	10 ms* Range: 0 through 100
520	Meter Ref Level	-20 dBFS* Range: -15 through -24 dBFS
521	Meter Calibrate	Off* On
530	Reference Tone	Off* 1kHz
540	Gapless Punchout	On* Off
600	Digital In Ref Track	1* 3 5 7
602	Digital In Delay	Internal* OR Range: 1 through 255 samples

MENU #	MENU NAME	PARAMETERS
610	Digital Out Delay	Internal* OR Range: 1 through 255 samples
620	Rate Conversion	Slow response* Fast Response
700	Disk Encoding	Waveframe 16-bit* Waveframe 24-bit
710	Disk Initialize	Press STO
711	Disk Low Format	Press STO
720	Disk Cleanup	Press STO
800	Project Name	MMR Project*
810	Track Prefix	MMR Trk*
900	Store Settings	User 1 User 2 User 3 User 4 User 5 User 6 User 7 User 8 User 9 User 10
901	Recall Settings	Default User 1 User 2 User 3 User 4 User 5 User 6 User 7 User 8 User 9 User 10 Previous
910	Set MM:DD:YY	Date: __:__:__
911	Set HH:MM:SS	Time: __:__:__
912	Change Password	Press STO
920	LED Brightness	8* Range: 0 through 15
980	Serial Number	Read – only display
990	Software Version	Read – only display
995	Load Software	Press STO key

Setup Menu Details

This section contains detailed notes on the operation of some important Setup menu parameters.

Control Mode

The MMR-8 will always operate in one of seven Control modes. The default Control mode, which is how the MMR-8 starts up when the unit is first installed, is called the Local/Bus Control Mode.

To change the Control mode, select Setup menu 000 (press SETUP to display the Setup menus). Whenever the MMR-8 is powered up, the first menu displayed will always be menu 000 (“Control Mode”). Afterwards, the menu displayed when entering Setup mode is the last menu displayed. Once Setup menu 000 (“Control Mode”) is displayed, press TRIM to change the Wheel and the Up/Down arrow keys to scroll through the seven menu choices under Setup menu 000. Once the desired operating mode is displayed, press STO (the Store key) to select that choice. This immediately switches the various parameters to the new control mode, typically causing several LEDs to change status according to the new parameters. To exit Setup mode, press SETUP or the CLR (Clear) key.

Following is a more detailed description of the seven control modes that are supported by the MMR-8:

Local/Bus

In local mode (offline) the MMR-8 functions like other stand-alone digital 8-track recorder/players. No external sync signals are required. The front panel transport keys offer direct control over the audio track playback. Individual tracks can be put into record ready and then audio can be recorded to the hard drive. When placed into bus (online) mode, the MMR-8 can function as either a master or a slave to other MMR bus or Lynx bus devices, as set through Setup menu 110 (MMR Bus) and Setup menu 120 (LYNX bus).

Time Code Chase

In Time Code Chase, the MMR-8 will slave to the time code coming from one of the time code inputs on the rear panel (VITC In or Time Code In) when it is placed Online. In this mode the time code input must have valid time code in order for the MMR-8 to chase, lock, and synchronize itself to the incoming time code. Pressing any of the transport keys will take the MMR-8 off-line and allow local control at any time. Placing the MMR-8 back online will cause it to lock to and chase the selected time code once again.

Biphase Chase

In Biphase Chase, the MMR-8 chases, interlocks, and synchronizes to a biphase or tach/dir. signal on one of the four Biphase Inputs (the active input is determined by the Sync Group number set in menu 100). The system locks and plays audio at speeds from 0 to 1.5 times play speed in both forward and reverse directions. The MMR-8 can then serve as a master for other devices on the MMR or Lynx buses.

Biphase Transport

The MMR-8 functions as the master for a film projector connected to the Biphase Output. The front panel transport keys will control both the MMR-8 and the film projector (and any other devices slaved to the MMR-8 Biphase output). The MMR-8 internally chases the biphase signal so the audio functions match those of Biphase Chase mode.

Serial Transport

Similar to Biphase Transport, this mode allows the MMR-8 to control an external audio or video transport connected to the 9-pin serial Transport connector. Video and audio decks using the P2 protocol can be controlled (including models from Accom, Alesis, Ampex, Fostex, JVC, Otari, Panasonic, Sony, and Tascam).

Editor

Using the Editor connector (and Sony P2 protocol) a video editor or other non-Lynx synchronizer can control the MMR-8 transport functions when the MMR-8 Control Mode is set to Editor.

Varispeed

Varispeed mode functions in the same way as the Local/Bus mode, with the addition of varispeed operation by manual adjustment of the internal sample rate. Again, the MMR-8 can be the master machine on the MMR or Lynx buses.

In most applications, setting the desired Control mode is sufficient to begin using the MMR-8, since the other relevant Setup parameters are adequate for each mode. But, for those that need to, any of the seven Control modes can be further customized by changing the relevant Setup parameters. This customized setting can then be used for that session or it can be saved to the internal hard disk, in one of ten User settings files, for future recall.

User Settings

To save a customized setting, select Setup Menu 900 (press SETUP, then the 9 key). Press the TRIM key, and rotate the Wheel or use the arrow keys to select the User settings file number (1 - 10) desired. Press STO. This saves all of the current Setup parameters to disk in the target User settings file. These settings are retained by the MMR-8, independently of even the usual automatic-save, automatic-restore sequence, and may be recalled when desired.

To recall a previously stored User setting, select Setup Menu 901 (press SETUP, the 9 key, and rotate the Wheel CW or use the arrow keys to locate menu 901, "Recall Settings"). Select the desired User settings file from the list (press TRIM to change the Wheel and arrow key function to scroll through the Menu selections). It is not possible in software version 1.2 to name the User settings files, nor is it possible to back them up to floppy disk or to restore them to hard disk. It is planned to add this capability in a future software version so that User settings can be transferred to other MMR-8s using a floppy disk. Note that Setup Menu 901 also allows the operator to select the last User setting that was used ("Previous" option) as well as reset the MMR-8 to the factory defaults ("Default" option).

Most Control modes require that certain synchronization signals appear on one or more MMR-8 sync inputs. If these signals are not present, the MMR-8 will fail to respond correctly. The following typical configuration information is divided into the three main application areas of the MMR-8 (video, film, and audio-only). Typical signal connections and Setup Menu selections are covered.

The Lynx Bus

The Lynx bus allows control of the MMR via a TimeLine Lynx Keyboard Control Unit (KCU). Connect the KCU to one of the Lynx bus connectors on the back of the MMR. It is not necessary to have a Lynx 2 module as part of the system, since the MMR behaves as a Lynx synchronizer itself when connected to a KCU. Other Lynx modules may then be connected through the other Lynx bus connector and the entire system (up to a limit of six devices) controlled from the KCU.

To setup the MMR to be controlled from a Lynx KCU, set menu 120 (Lynx Bus) to Slave/KCU and use menu 121 (Lynx Address) to set a valid Lynx address (one not used by any other Lynx device controlled from the KCU). Although normal transport and track arm functions may be controlled from a standard KCU, there is a special version of the Lynx KCU software (version 900) which provides increased support for special MMR functions.

The KCU 900 software provides the following features for controlling the MMR:

- Transport Control
- Track Record Arm/Select
- Slip Track/Region
- Undo/Redo
- Goto Prev/Next Edit
- Goto Head/Tail
- Clear/Paste

Note that No support is provided by the KCU 900 software for the Lynx System Supervisor Unit (SSU)

Transport Control

The Lynx KCU will recognize the MMR-8 unit and will control all of the normal transport functions of the unit. Note that the KCU does not support reverse play of multiple MMR units. When using the Roll Back key for reverse play, it is first necessary to solo a machine.

Track Record Arm/Select

To arm a track for record or to select a track for an edit or goto operation, press the Track key on the KCU and then press the appropriate number key on the calculator keypad to select or arm the desired track. The Slip operation, as well as goto Prev/Next edit, goto Head/Tail, and Clear/Paste will operate only on tracks that have been selected in this manner. If one of these operations is attempted, but a track is not selected, the KCU display will prompt you to select a track first.

Head/Tail

Hold CLR while pressing the Head or Tail key to set the current time to the beginning or end of the material on the selected track(s). You may then play from that point, or store the value in the desired timecode register (press STO then the appropriate key on the Calculator).

Slip Track/Region

The K900 KCU software has a Slip key in the place of the key previously labeled END PT in the Special Functions section of the KCU. Pressing this key puts the KCU in a “Trim” mode to allow slipping the selected material forward or backward in time. The selection is defined as all material located between the

In and Out timecode registers on tracks that have been armed/selected as described above (see Track Record Arm/Select). Upon pressing Slip, the – and + keys will highlight and the Wheel will be in Trim mode. Use the Wheel or keys to enter a trim value to indicate how far the selected region will be slipped. To end the operation and complete the Slip, press either the Trim key or the Slip key. Note that slipping material within a track will automatically overwrite any previous material on the selected track(s) at the new location.

To slip an entire track, use the goto Head/Tail commands (Hold CLR while pressing the Head or Tail key) to set the current time and then store the value in the appropriate register (press STO then the In or Out key on the Calculator) before executing the Slip command. To slip a single edit in an EDL, use the PREV and NEXT keys in a similar fashion to locate the beginning and end of the Edit on the desired track and store the time value for the beginning and end of the edit region in the In and Out registers before executing the Slip command.

Prev/Next

Hold CLR while pressing the PREV and NEXT keys to set the current time to the beginning or end of an edited region on the desired track. You may then play from that point, or store the value in the desired timecode register (press STO then the appropriate key on the Calculator).

Undo/Redo

Hold CLR while pressing the Undo or Redo key to undo or redo the previous edit operation. The MMR-8 supports ten levels of Undo and Redo. The MMR display will indicate which level of Undo or Redo is affected by the operation, up to the maximum or ten.

Clear/Paste

Hold CLR while pressing the Clear or Paste keys to perform these edit operations on the selected material. Clear will remove audio from the selected tracks between the In and Out times, replacing it with silence and will place the material into the MMR clipboard memory. Paste will place the material from the Clipboard memory at the time set in the In timecode register on the selected track.

Record Mode

Menu 200, Record Mode, allows for setting any of three different methods for recording.

Non-Destructive

When Non-Destructive record mode is active, each new recording operation (punch in/out) records the material into new audio files on the disk, and does not delete any previously existing audio material on the disk. Each punch in/out operation creates a new audio segment in the Project EDL and each will appear as a separate audio element if the project is loaded into a digital audio workstation for later editing.

In a mix situation where the MMR punches in many times over the same area of the project (typical for a post production mix), disk space will be used up by multiple recordings which may not need to be kept. To reclaim disk space used by recordings that are no longer needed, use menu 720 (Disk Cleanup) to reclaim the disk space used up by audio that is no longer referenced in the EDL.

Auto Cleanup

Auto Cleanup functions somewhat like a traditional tape machine, where material on a track is deleted when recorded over. This uses disk space more efficiently. Auto Cleanup mode actually performs an automatic disk cleanup operation (the same function as menu 720, Disk Cleanup) after every recording to reclaim disk space. For that reason, it is a bit more processor intensive than the other record modes and not recommended for situations where multiple punch in/out operations will be carried out on multiple tracks.

Unlike a tape recorder, the MMR can reference the same audio material in more than one Project EDL. For example a specific sound effect may be repeated several times in the same project or even in different projects. In this case, the MMR-8 will not delete such material until all instances of the audio have been recorded over. When Auto Cleanup Mode is set as the Record Mode in menu 200, the Destructive machine status LED will light.

Tape Mode

Tape Mode functions very much like a linear tape recorder. Each track is viewed as a single continuous piece of audio recording media and new recordings will directly overwrite existing material. This mode does not allow for undoing a recording once it is made. Tape Mode is more efficient when punching in and out across multiple tracks, and is recommended for use in post production mix applications.

When using Tape Mode, a start time for the tape must be set in menu 230 (Tape Mode Start). The “length of the tape” is limited by the amount of available disk space and also limited because the WaveFrame file system used by the MMR for recording has a single file (track) size limit on the drive of 1 GB. This means that, unlike the other record modes, it is not possible in Tape Mode to scatter audio recordings anywhere within a 24 hour span of time on the timeline while recording. Setting an appropriate start time is important since the length of the “tape” is limited to a range of approximately three hours total. Thus, if a project is to be created so that it will lock to incoming timecode that starts at 6 hours, for example, choosing a Tape Mode start time of 1 hour will make this impossible unless a machine offset is used. Choose a start time that will allow the usable “tape” to fall within the confines of project time code settings. The default Tape Mode start time is 1 hour. Attempting to record past the allowable file length will produce the error message “SFFS Length Exceeded”. There is approximately two minutes of “tape pre-roll” available for recording before the tape start time. Attempting to record before this time produces the error message “Punch In before Tape Start”.

Editing is not allowed while in Tape Mode. To edit a project created in Tape Mode, set the Record Mode (menu 200) to either Non-Destructive or Auto Cleanup. Once a Tape Mode project has been edited, it may not be recorded into again using Tape Mode (it is now a non-Tape Mode project).

Recording new audio into a Tape Mode project while the Record Mode is set to either Auto Cleanup or Non-Destructive turns the Tape Mode project into a non-Tape Mode project. Once changed in this fashion, the mode cannot be reset to Tape Mode for this project. It is also not possible to set the Record Mode to Tape Mode if a non-Tape Mode track is loaded into any of the track indexes. Note that it is possible to convert a non-Tape Mode project into a Tape Mode project by using the MMR Backup function with the Tape Mode Convert option. This is accessed by pressing LOAD TRACK, choosing the project to be backed up, then pressing SHIFT + SLIP to enter the Backup state. Choose Tape Mode Convert from the backup menu to rewrite the chosen project as a Tape Mode project on the target drive. When Tape Mode is set as the Record Mode in menu 200, the Destructive machine status LED will light.

The MMR Bus

The operation of multiple MMR-8s may be synchronized by using the supplied 15-pin sync cable to connect the MMR units together via the MMR bus sync connection (the two 15-pin connectors on the SYNC card). Since this bus is self-terminating, simply daisy chain all the MMR-8s together in any order. The MMR bus supports four independent Sync Groups, so any machine on the MMR bus can be assigned to any of the four groups at any time without changing the physical connections. Also, since the MMR bus carries system-wide frame and sample references, no other connections are required between the various MMR-8s to provide sample accurate synchronization lock between them.

Each MMR Sync Group on the MMR bus must have a Master MMR, with the rest of the units in the Sync Group acting as Slaves to the Master unit. It is only necessary for the Master unit to receive incoming synchronization signals from external sources (digital clock, video sync, SMPTE/EBU, biphasic, etc.) since the remaining units on the associated MMR bus Sync Group will slave only to the Master unit. This allows up to 100 units to work synchronously and sample accurately together as one large machine without having to feed duplicate sync reference signals independently to each unit.

Once the units to be linked using the MMR bus have been physically connected via the MMR bus connection, their transports can be operated together as one large system. There are several Setup menus which are used to govern how each unit behaves within the system. These are described here.

Menu 110 (MMR Bus Request) allows each MMR to request to be Master, Slave, or off the MMR bus altogether. Only one MMR per sync group can act as master. If multiple units are set to request master status through this menu, the MMR Bus system will automatically choose the unit with the lowest serial number among those making the request to be set as the master for the sync group. The appropriate MAST or SLAVE LED will light on the MMR front panel to show the unit's status on the MMR bus.

Menu 111 (Ident Request) allows each unit to request an individual identity on the MMR bus. If no other unit is requesting the same ID, the system will set the unit ID to the requested number and that number will be displayed in the Ident window on the front panel of the MMR. If another unit has requested the same ID, the system will resolve the conflict and automatically assign each unit a unique ID on the bus. If an ID other than that requested is assigned due to a conflict, this field will not change, and the machine will continue to request this ID whenever it is powered up or added to an MMR bus chain.

Menu 112 (Ident Assigned) is an information display only (data cannot be entered) that shows the currently assigned identity for this unit on the MMR bus. This number may be different than the ID requested if there is a conflict on the MMR bus and the system has assigned the unit a different ID.

To synchronize a slave unit to the master MMR on the bus once the above settings are confirmed, place the slave unit online (press the ONLINE key on the transport).

Chapter 5 MMR-8 System Applications

This chapter offers more detailed information for using the MMR-8 with film and video applications. Setup Menu parameter selections, technical background information, and block diagram connections are also covered.

Film Post Production

A standard method of synchronizing a film transport with external audio devices (like the MMR-8) is to use the pulse-interlock signal, or as it is more commonly known today--the biphasic control signal, as a method of generating time code from the film's movement to drive the various audio devices.

The biphasic control signal consists of two 5 volt or 12-volt pulses (called phase A and phase B) that are generated from the sprocket drive motor on the film transport. The phase relationship between the two pulses indicates the transport direction (when phase A leads phase B by 90° the film is moving forward), while the pulse frequency indicates the relative film speed (the nominal pulse rate indicates play speed, with higher rates indicating wind speed and slower rates indicating crawl speed).

It is only through knowing exactly how many pulses are generated per frame, and then keeping track of the total number of pulses that have been received (while subtracting pulses for when the film is moving in reverse), that the MMR-8 can constantly translate the biphasic signal into the correct feet & frames or SMPTE/EBU time code numbers for the film frames. Since there are several "standard" biphasic pulse rates used by the various film transport manufacturers, there is no one nominal frequency of the biphasic signal for normal film play speed (pulse frequencies of 48 Hz up to 2400 Hz are used per frame). For the MMR-8 to interpret and lock onto a biphasic signal, and to generate the correct time code numbers, it must be given the correct Setup parameters for the type of transport that it is following (Setup Menu 301). Table 5.1 lists the biphasic pulse rates the MMR-8 can lock to and some examples of the equipment for each rate.

Biphase Pulse Rate	Biphase Play Frequency	Transport Type	Acceleration / fast wind speed	Notes
2 ppf	48 Hz	DIN standard	32 / 15x	Also used by Westrex
4 ppf	96 Hz	Westrex	8 / 5x	Alternate DIN standard
10 ppf	240 Hz	MTE	8 / 5x	
20 ppf	480 Hz	RCA	8 / 5x	
25 ppf	600 Hz	RCA	8 / 5x	
50 ppf	1200 Hz	RCA	8 / 5x	Biphase only
100 ppf	2400 Hz	MTM	8 / 5x	Biphase only

ppf = pulse per frame

Table 5.1 Biphase Pulse Rate Settings

On older film transports that use a tach and a direction signal, the phase A connection comes from the direction signal and the phase B connection comes from the tachometer output. Setup Menu 302 allows the default setting (which is biphase) to be changed to tach+direction. If the transport controls seem to be “backwards” (i.e. Play runs the film in reverse), select the tach+inverse direction choice from Setup Menu 302.

Both menus 301 and 302 are used to set the MMR-8 as a slave to the biphase device (where the MMR-8 will be generating time code or feet & frame numbers off the biphase signal from the film transport). Using the MMR-8 in this way requires that the Biphase Chase operating mode be selected and that the MMR-8 be placed online (the online button is lit up).

The MMR-8 As Master

In many applications it’s desirable to have the MMR-8 function as the master in order to allow remote control of the film transport (either from the MMR-8’s front panel motion controls or from a Lynx controller or a KCU). Built into the MMR-8 are biphase and tach+direction signal generators that can supply the correct motion control signals for most biphase devices allowing controlled film acceleration and fast wind speeds (which are adjustable parameters set through the 300 bank Setup Menus).

When the MMR-8 will be the master, and the film transport will be the slave, the Biphase Transport operating mode is used. In this mode the biphase signal from the MMR-8 is used to generate control signals for the film transport as well as create the time code for running the MMR-8 and other audio devices. Once this operating mode is selected the various 300 bank Setup Menu parameters for the film transport should be checked to ensure they are set for the model of film transport used in the system. These settings can then be saved to a User Settings file for re-use in a future session.

Biphase Setup Menus

Once the biphase operating mode is selected, the 300 bank Setup Menus (Table 5.2) can be used to verify and set the parameters for the specific film transport being used with the MMR-8. For most applications, the acceleration (Menu 320) and fast wind speed (Menu 321) defaults can be used since they correspond to the pulse rate selection (Menu 301). Thus, if they must be changed, they must be changed after the pulse rate has been set, otherwise they will be changed back to the default setting for the new pulse rate.

300 Menu Item	Selection	Choices
300 Biphase Frame Rate	film frame rate	24, 25, 30 fps
301 Biphase Pulse Rate	pulses per frame	2, 4, 10, 20, 25, 50, 100 ppf
302 Biphase I/O	biphase or tach+direction	Biphase, Tach+Direction, Tach+Inverse Direction
320 Biphase Acceleration	film acceleration (ramp up time from stop to fast wind)	4 up to 32 times (follows pulse rate choice)
321 Biphase Maximum Wind Speed	fast wind speed setting	1x play up to 20x play speed (follows the pulse rate choice)

Table 5.2 Biphase Setup Menus

Menu 300 is used to set the Biphase Frame Rate. In most applications in the USA the film frame rate will be set to 24 fps (the default setting). For some European applications this may need to be set for 25 fps, and for specialized film for video applications there is also the 30 fps rate available.

Menu 301 is used to set the Biphase Pulse Rate. The number of pulses per frame is determined by the model of film transport or dubber that is being used with the MMR-8. See Table 5.1 for a list of transport types and the pulses per frame they use. If the model that will be connected to the MMR-8 is not listed consult the film transport manual for the specification. It is normally listed under the specifications as the ppf for nominal play speed. If this setting is incorrect then all time code and feet & frame calculations made by the MMR-8 will be off since they are derived from the pulse rate.

Menu 302 is used to choose the Biphase I/O setting. In the majority of applications biphase control will be used so Menu 302 is normally left at the default setting of biphase.

Menu 320 is used to set the Biphase acceleration. Normally this setting does not need to be changed since it will be set automatically according to the pulse rate setting in Menu 301. If it does need to be changed do so only after Menu 301 is set.

Menu 321 is used to set the maximum Biphase wind speed. This setting is also automatically changed according to the pulse rate setting in Menu 301. In most cases this will only need to be changed if you are dealing with fragile film stock or if it is desired to slow wind the film when changing reels.

MMR-8 Film Connections



Although the MMR-8 can only be controlled by one film transport bus at a time, there are four film transport connections (biphase input) on the UI/B card on the rear panel. These connections allow a single MMR-8 to be switched between up to four projection/mix-down rooms when it is placed into a main machine room. The biphase input that the MMR-8 follows is set using the Sync Group menu 100. The four inputs are grouped together in the lower part of the UI/B card and are numbered 1 - 4 (top to bottom) to match Sync Groups 1 - 4 (selected through menu 100). **Not intended for public telecommunication network connection.**

The MMR-8 can only control one film transport bus, which is connected to the biphase output connector at the top of BIPH card on the MMR-8 rear panel.

All biphase connectors use standard 6-pin modular telephone plugs (RJ12, the same type used on 3-line telephone systems) so that up to 1,000 feet of standard 6-wire phone wiring can be run to the various film transports. A terminal strip (or a 6-wire surface mount jack) can be used to adapt the film transport connector wiring to the MMR-8 wiring.

These connections are normally done for post production final mixing sessions. Other post production duties, such as ADR and Foley would use the same connections if a film transport or dubber was to be involved. In both of these applications the MMR-8 would be set up to record the dialog and Foley sounds directly to the disk that would be moved back to the original DAW editor.

As in all uses of the MMR-8, the Lynx and/or MMR buses can be used by the MMR-8 to control any number of additional audio and video equipment even though that MMR-8 is being controlled by the film transport.

Video Post Production

In video post production the MMR-8 is typically slaved to a video tape recorder. In this use the VTR's time code output is the time code reference for the MMR-8. If the VTR is connected to a house sync signal, then the MMR-8 should also be connected to house sync (through the Video In connector) and should use that signal as the frame reference. In lieu of house sync, the VTR's video output would connect to the MMR-8's Video In for the frame reference source. The MMR-8, although time code slaved to the VTR, typically also functions as a master for any other audio devices on the Lynx and/or MMR buses.

The Lynx Bus

The Lynx Bus is an asynchronous communications bus that transmits a frame clock as well as time code and motion commands between the MMR-8 and other devices using an RS-422 serial communications bus operating at 38.4 KBaud. Up to 1,000 feet of cabling can be used in the bus system with each device connecting via 9-pin D-sub connectors. All that is required to build-up a Lynx bus is to daisy-chain each Lynx bus device to the next one in line along with a separate house sync connection. Each Lynx-2 box has two Lynx bus loop-through connections just like each MMR-8. A Lynx-2 interface is necessary to connect each remote controllable audio or video device to the Lynx bus. A Lynx Keyboard Control Unit KCU can also be connected directly to the Lynx bus to allow independent and grouped remote control of up to six Lynx bus connected machines. This is described in more detail in Chapter 4 MMR-8 Setup Menus.

Chapter 6 Maintenance & Service

The MMR-8 requires little maintenance other than ensuring adequate airflow through the interior of the unit. Do not use alcohol or other common studio chemical cleaners on the front panel keys.

The rear panel maintenance is to vacuum and/or brush off the fan opening area of the power supply if a build-up of dust occurs.

System Input Level Calibration Using the Meter LEDs

The LED meters are factory aligned for +4 dBu analog operating levels. Thus a +4 dBu input level will yield a 0 VU indication. There are no meter calibration trim pots in the MMR-8, only trim pots for setting the analog input and output signal levels.

The LED meters can be set to indicate various headroom operating levels, however. The industry de facto standard (and MMR-8 default setting) is for 0 VU to indicate an absolute level of -20 dBFS (20 decibels below digital full scale). This setting determines the amount of headroom in the system before digital clipping occurs. This setting is adjustable from -15 dBFS to -24 dBFS. Use Setup Menu 520 to select the meter reference level.

For in-system calibration of the input signal levels, there is a calibration mode that uses the meter LEDs to indicate input level in steps of .333 dB, 1.0 dB, or 3 dB. Setup Menu 521 sets the MMR into this calibration mode. The default setting is Off for a normal meter display. To monitor the input level, use Menu 521 to set the calibrate mode ON. At the source, adjust the input source levels so that the meter LEDs up to and including the 0 LED are on, indicating an input level of +4 to +4.33 dBu. Once calibration is complete be sure to restore Setup Menu 521 back to Off for regular meter indication. The input and output calibrations can be checked with the MMR-8 rack mounted, but to actually adjust the input or output trim pots the MMR-8 must be removed from the rack and the top cover removed.

MMR Input and Output Level Calibrations

Use the following procedure to calibrate the MMR-8 Input Converter board (MIC), and the MMR-8 Output Converter board (MOC). This procedure assumes that both of these cards are in the unit. It is assumed that an electronics technician who has experience operating audio measurement equipment is performing the calibration.

The following equipment is required to perform calibration adjustments:

1. A Low distortion, accurate balanced input/output audio analyzer/generator (Audio Precision System 2 or equivalent). A digital multi-meter with AC rms volts measurement capability, in conjunction with a function generator with a sine wave output as a signal source may also be used. However, the AP equipment will provide more accurate measurements, and the settings/displays will be in the proper units
2. Plastic Potentiometer Adjustment screwdriver/tweaker.
3. Input and Output cables compatible with the MMR-8 analog Audio In/Out connectors (equivalent to Tascam DA-88 analog audio cables).

The MMR-8 has a built-in 1 kHz oscillator to check that the output levels are calibrated. To check the output levels, select Setup Menu 530 and select the 1 kHz setting. Press STO to turn on the internal oscillator. Make sure no tracks are selected in the Input mode, and then press the Play switch. Measure the output levels and verify that they match the calibration settings (+4 dBu nominal=1.228Vrms, measured at XLR pin 2(+) and 3(-) pins). If calibration is required continue to the MOC Calibration Procedure.

MOC Calibration Procedure

Follow this step-by-step procedure to calibrate the MMR-8 Output Converters (MOC).

1. Turn off power and remove the top cover of the MMR.
2. Connect the audio analyzer input to the Output connector at the rear of the MMR.
3. Turn on the MMR. Wait for the software to load.
4. Generate the MOC calibration tone, a 1 kHz, -20 dBFS (of the digital bus) sine wave. To do this, Press SETUP, and go to menu 530 by turning the Wheel. Press TRIM then turn the Wheel to select the 1 kHz tone. Press STO to enable generation of the tone. Make sure no tracks are selected in the Input mode. Press the PLAY (>) switch to start tone generation.
5. Set up the audio analyzer input to measure the output level on Output channel 1. Standard Calibration level is digital full scale = +24 dBu. Pot adjustment range is digital full scale = +17 dBu to +25 dBu.(If there are special level requirements, those levels must be substituted for the levels in the following steps.)
6. Locate the MIC and MOC card cage. Note on its cover that the Output board is identified, as well the pot associated with each channel.
7. Using a plastic tweaker (supplied with the MMR-8), adjust the Output Ch1 pot to +4 dBu, +/-0.025 dB (= -20 dBFS.)
8. Move the audio analyzer input to the next MMR output channel. Repeat step 7. Continue until all 8 channels are calibrated.

End of the analog output level calibration procedure.

MIC Calibration Procedure

Follow this step-by-step procedure to calibrate the MMR-8 Input Converters (MIC).

1. Get out of the Reference Tone mode by pressing the SETUP key. Go to menu 530. Press TRIM and use the Wheel to select the Off menu selection. Press STO to turn off the tone. Press the STOP switch. Press CLR to exit Setup mode.
2. Press INPUT and turn on all channels for monitor input by pressing SEL on each track (all eight Input LEDs should be turned on).
3. Connect a cable from the audio analyzer output to MMR Input connector, channel 1, at the rear of the unit. Set the audio analyzer output to be a sine wave with a level of +4 dBu. Also connect the audio analyzer input to MMR Output channel 1. (The next step assumes the user wants a unity system gain with an input clip level of +24 dBu. The full scale (CLIP) adjustment range is from +9 dBu to +25 dBu.)
4. While monitoring the channel 1 output level, adjust the Input board channel 1 trimpot for an output level reading of +4 dBu (+/- .05 dB). This equals 1.228 Vrms (+/- .025 Vrms) measured at XLR pin 2(+) and 3(-) pins.
5. Move the audio analyzer output and input to the next channel. Repeat step 4 for each channel
6. Turn off the power. Replace the top cover on the MMR. Remove the calibration cables.

End of the analog input level calibration procedure.

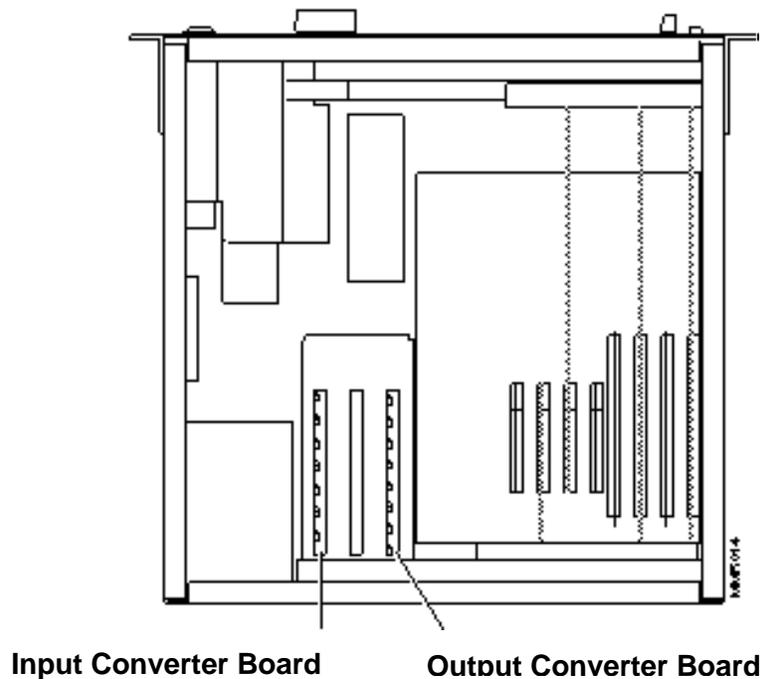


Figure 6-1: Analog Converter cards location within the MMR-8 chassis (top view).

Adding External Drives to the System

Up to five additional SCSI drives can be added to each MMR-8. The drives must be assigned unique SCSI ID numbers. Two SCSI ID numbers (7 and 0) are already taken by the MMR-8 SCSI controller card and the removable drive in the internal Kingston carrier of the MMR-8. The external drives should be added to the system while the MMR-8 is powered down (off).

Formatting Disks

The MMR-8 uses the WaveFrame disk format for recording, so disks from that system are compatible with the MMR-8, and disks can be formatted on the MMR-8 for use with the WaveFrame. There are two formatting options: Disk Initialize (menu 710), which is the typical formatting option; and Disk Low Format (menu 711), which would be used on a brand new (unformatted at the factory) disk, a (software) damaged disk, or a disk that has been formatted for use on a non-Intel based system using an incompatible formatter.

When a new disk is added to the system, and you wish to initialize it, place the disk into the default system disk location. Go to Setup menu 710, and press STO to select Disk Format. A warning message will show in the display, asking if you wish to format the disk. Press STO to answer yes (or RCL to answer no, returning you to Setup Menu 710). A further message will appear, asking if you are sure. Again, use STO for yes, RCL for no. If a password has been set, then the Enter Password: message will be displayed and you will have to enter the password to continue with the format.

On disks that have been (software) damaged, or incompatibly formatted, repeat the above operation using menu 711 instead. Keep in mind that a low-level format can take from 20 minutes to an hour, during which time the MMR-8 cannot be used for normal operation.

Using Removable Media

The MMR-8 currently supports two types of removable media: SCSI hard drives, and SCSI MOs (Magneto Optical) drives. The only type of SCSI hard drives that should be used are those specifically recommended by Tascam, or drives and media that have been specified for use with high-demand applications such as audio/video systems. These disks typically have faster access times (12 ms or faster average seek time is required), larger storage capacities (2.4 GB or larger), and thermal compensation that is only active when the drive is not being accessed. A list of approved removable media drives is given in Appendix B of this manual. Contact Tascam for the most current list of recommended SCSI hard drives for the MMR-8. This list is also available on the Tascam Web site at www.Tascam.com.

For archiving and for transferring 4-track reels between the WaveFrame editor and the MMR-8, the Tahiti 3 or similar optical drive may be used. The MMR-8 can format, backup to, or play back up to four tracks off of 620 MB, 1.3 GB, or 2.6 GB MO media. The latest generation of LIM/DOW optical drives (such as the Nikon Beluga A/V drive) offer the best removable optical disk performance.

Chapter 7 Technical Support

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Technical assistance is only available to registered owners of MMR-8 products. Be sure to write down your serial number before installation for future reference, as you will need it, along with the software version you are currently running, when contacting technical support. You can write your serial number here:

MMR-8 serial #: _____

Information on software updates, technical support, and Tascam products is also available via the Tascam World Wide Web site at:

<http://www.tascam.com>

MMR-8 System Software

The MMR-8 operates using an industry-standard operating system and program files that run on a Pentium microprocessor chip. The system software comes pre-installed onto the internal hard drive in the MMR-8. When the MMR-8 is turned on, all necessary software is loaded automatically. The version of software that is currently running can be displayed using Setup menu 990, which displays the current revision level of the software.

Software updates are supplied on one or more floppy disks. To install the software update, insert the floppy disk (or Disk 1, if multiple disks are received) into the front panel floppy drive while the unit is operating normally. Access Menu 995 (Load Software) and press STO. The system will ask "Are you sure?" Confirm the floppy is properly inserted and press STO again to confirm. If multiple disks are supplied, the operator will be prompted via the display to remove Disk 1 and place Disk 2 into the drive. After the software update is installed, the system will display a message that the update is complete, and will display a checksum number (written on the floppy update disk for reference) to verify that the installation has been successful. Remove the floppy disk and recycle the power to operate the unit with the new software installed. All system floppy disks should be kept in a secure location in case they may be needed in the future.

Appendix A: Control Panel Command Summary

Transport Group

ONLINE	Toggles between offline and online. When lit, indicates unit is online.
ONLINE+□ (Stop)	Unmounts all drives so they can be removed from the MMR-8.
<< (Rewind)	Moves all tracks in reverse at a high rate of speed with no audio playback.
< (Play Backwards)	Plays audio backwards at the normal play speed.
□ (Stop)	Stops audio playback; re-mounts drives after an unmount operation.
> (Play)	Plays the audio at the normal play speed.
>> (Fast Forward)	Moves all tracks forward at a high rate of speed with no audio playback.
REH (Rehearse)	Used to practice a punch-in / punch-out before actually recording.
REC (Record)	Records into armed tracks (may need to press Play plus REC to engage, depending on REC key setting in Setup Menu 202)

Setup and Wheel Group

SETUP	Enters Setup Mode.
SHIFT+SETUP	Changes the algebraic sense of time code entry (+/-).
DOWN ARROW	Performs decrement action, according to mode.
SHIFT+DOWN ARROW	Displays/hides subframes
UP ARROW	Performs the increment action, according to mode.
SHIFT+UP ARROW	Switches display of time code position between time code and feet/frames format
TRIM	Trims the time code value in the display's bottom line.
SHIFT+TRIM	Dynamically trims the time code value in the display's bottom line.
JOG	Wheel rotation plays the audio either forwards (CW) or backwards (CCW) up to play speed.
SHTL	Wheel rotation shuttles the audio from stop to play forwards (CW) or stop to play reverse (CCW).

Keypad keys

CLR	Clears the time code in the bottom line of the display; cancels most operations
7	Enter digit, or selects 700 menus (in Setup)
SHIFT+7	Locate to “In point”
STO+7	Stores time code in bottom line of display into Memory register 7.
RCL+7	Recalls the time code in Memory register 7.
8	Enter digit, or selects 800 menus (in Setup)
SHIFT+8	Locate to “Head of tape” – follows SEL key selection in EDIT mode
STO+8	Stores time code in bottom line of display into Memory register 8.
RCL+8	Recalls the time code in Memory register 8.
9	Enter digit, or selects 900 menus (in Setup)
SHIFT+9	Locate to “Next Edit” point
STO+9	Stores time code in bottom line of display into Memory register 9.
RCL+9	Recalls the time code in Memory register 9.
SHIFT	Modifies function of most keys
CAPT	Captures the current time code and places it in the bottom line (active register).
SHIFT+ CAPT	Time (Feet & Frames local zero) register
4	Enter digit, or selects 400 menus (in Setup)
SHIFT+4	Locate to “Out point”
STO+4	Stores time code in bottom line of display into Memory register 4.
RCL+4	Recalls the time code in Memory register 4.
5	Enter digit, or selects 500 menus (in Setup)
SHIFT+5	Locate to “Tail of tape” - follows SEL key selection in EDIT mode
STO+5	Stores time code in bottom line of display into Memory register 5.
RCL+5	Recalls the time code in Memory register 5.
6	Enter digit, or selects 600 menus (in Setup)

- SHIFT+6** Locate to Previous Edit point
- STO+6** Stores time code in bottom line of display into Memory register 6.
- RCL+6** Recall Previous Edit time into the bottom line of display.
- STO** Used with the number keys to store the bottom line time code into another register; loads tracks in Track mode, selects in Setup mode, affirmative response in other modes
- 0** Enter digit, or selects 000 menus (in Setup)
- SHIFT+0** Lynx sync register
- STO+0** Stores time code in bottom line of display into Memory register 0.
- RCL+0** Recalls the time code in Memory register 0.
- 1** Enter digit, or selects 100 menus (in Setup)
- SHIFT+1** Offset register (shows machine MMR Bus offset when slave on MMR bus)
- STO+1** Stores time code in bottom line of display into Memory register 1.
- RCL+1** Recalls the time code in Memory register 1.
- 2** Enter digit, or selects 200 menus (in Setup)
- SHIFT+2** Time Code Reader register
- STO+2** Stores time code in bottom line of display into Memory register 2.
- RCL+2** Recalls the time code in Memory register 2.
- 3** Enter digit, or selects 300 menus (in Setup).
- SHIFT+3** Free time register
- STO+3** Stores time code in bottom line of display into Memory register 3.
- RCL+3** Recalls the time code in Memory register 3.
- RCL** Used to recall a memory register (used with number keys); provide negative response to query
- LOOP** When active, loops the transport from the In time to the Out time until Stop is pressed.
- LOC** Locates the transport to the time code location in the active register.

Track Select Keys

Red 1 - 8	Record enable for Tracks 1 - 8
EDIT+SEL (1 - 8)	Select Edit Mode for Tracks 1 - 8
MON+SEL (1 - 8)	Select Headphone Monitor, Tracks 1 - 8
INPUT+SEL (1 - 8)	Monitor Inputs 1 - 8
LOAD TRACK	Enter Load Track mode
TRACK	Enter View Track mode
SLIP	Enter Slip Tracks mode
SHIFT+SEL (1)	Cut
SHIFT+SEL (2)	Copy
SHIFT+SEL (3)	Clear
SHIFT+SEL (4)	Paste
SHIFT+SEL (5)	Insert
SHIFT+SEL (6)	Open
SHIFT+SEL (7)	Undo
SHIFT+SEL (8)	Redo
SHIFT+EDIT	Sets in and Out times to beginning and end of event under play head on track currently selected for editing
SHIFT+MON	Enters Slip In/Out mode
SHIFT+INPUT	Toggles all tracks between Input and Repro
SHIFT+LOAD TRACK	Delete
SHIFT+TRACK	Unload
SHIFT+SLIP	Backup

Appendix B:

TASCAM MMR-8 Drive Compatibility Chart

<i>MANUFACTURER</i>	<i>MODEL</i>	<i>MODEL NO.</i>	<i>FIRMWARE</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
NIKON MO DRIVE (A/V)	BELUGA	DD53-S1P	UNKNOWN. MFG 1/97	7/2/97	QUALIFIED FOR USE ON ALL MMR-8 SERIAL Nos. QUALIFIED FOR USE ON ALL S/W VERSIONS 1.04 & 1.10 The results from a canned test of the NIKON Beluga LIM-DOW (Light Intensity Modulation / Direct Over Write) MO drive with 1K per sector media are as follows: 16-bit (heavier edits) Record 6 tracks, playback 8 tracks 24-bit (light edits) Record 5 tracks, playback 8 tracks 24-bit (heavier edits) Record 4 tracks, playback 8 tracks SUMMARY With the Nikon Beluga using 1K per sector media , the MMR-8 is a 6-track 16-bit recorder, or a 4-track 24-bit recorder with 8-track playback under most typical conditions. Note: our tests were reliable only with a high-quality SCSI cable.
SONY MO DRIVE		SMO-F544	UNKNOWN.	10/1/97	
SEAGATE 2G HDD	BARRACUDA	STN 32272N	0686	8/7/97	QUALIFIED FOR USE ON ALL MMR-8 SERIAL Nos. QUALIFIED FOR USE ON ALL S/W VERSIONS
SEAGATE 2G HDD	BARRACUDA	ST 32171N	0280	8/7/97	QUALIFIED FOR USE ON ALL MMR-8 SERIAL Nos. QUALIFIED FOR USE ON ALL S/W VERSIONS
SEAGATE 2G HDD		ST32550N	--	8/7/97	QUALIFIED FOR USE ON ALL MMR-8 SERIAL Nos. QUALIFIED FOR USE ON ALL S/W VERSIONS
SEAGATE 4G HDD		ST34371N	--	8/7/97	QUALIFIED FOR USE ON ALL MMR-8 SERIAL Nos. QUALIFIED FOR USE ON ALL S/W VERSIONS
SEAGATE 4GB HDD		ST34572N*	--	8/7/97	QUALIFIED FOR USE ON ALL MMR-8 SERIAL Nos. QUALIFIED FOR USE ON ALL S/W VERSIONS
SEAGATE 9 GB HDD		ST19171N	--	8/7/97	QUALIFIED FOR USE ON ALL MMR-8 SERIAL Nos. QUALIFIED FOR USE ON ALL S/W VERSIONS
IBM 9GB HDD		DCRS09Z	--	9/1/97	QUALIFIED FOR USE ON ALL MMR-8 SERIAL Nos. QUALIFIED FOR USE ON ALL S/W VERSIONS

Note: The Iomega Jaz drive and SyQuest SyJet drive have received preliminary testing and will play 8 channels, but record performance has not yet been fully tested. It is suggested not to attempt recording 8 channels with punch in/out to the Jaz or SyJet, since performance degrades as the disk fills up and may fall below acceptable limits for 8 channels.

Appendix C: WaveFrame Compatibility

This section contains information on using the MMR-8 in the film post production environment that heretofore has relied on a WaveFrame/StudioFrame system for playback on the mix stage.

There are a number of considerations necessary to ensure compatibility between the MMR-8 and existing WaveFrame/StudioFrame projects. WaveFrame/StudioFrame systems require at least one fixed drive on the 'A' SCSI bus. On many StudioFrame systems, all drives are configured as "fixed" (i.e., non-removable). However, fixed drives in the StudioFrame system do not hold edit information, only the track audio. To store the edit information with the audio on the same drive requires that the drive be set up as a "removable" drive. The MMR-8, therefore, will work only with drives that have been configured by the workstation as "removable", since it relies on edit information being present on those drives. In addition, WaveFrame/StudioFrame systems place a maximum of four playable tracks of audio (per project/reel/dub) on each disk volume.

The optimal configuration for a WaveFrame/StudioFrame system that is intended for use with the MMR-8 is as follows: The workstation would have the one required fixed drive on the 'A' SCSI bus, with enough additional drives for holding all tracks. The additional drives would all be configured as "removable" drives. Tracks 1-4 would be recorded onto drive 1A (the first removable drive), tracks 5-8 would be recorded onto drive 1B (the second removable drive), and so on for any further groups of four. Although this is the best MMR-compatible configuration, earlier projects may have been created under other StudioFrame configurations using fixed drives. In these cases, a conversion procedure is necessary in order to use the MMR-8 with the pre-recorded disk volumes. The following outline describes the procedure for turning "fixed" StudioFrame drives into removable drives that can then be moved to the MMR-8, with both track edits and audio information intact.

As an example, suppose we wished to make two drives "removable" that were attached as fixed drives to the 'A' SCSI bus on the workstation. To make the fixed drives removable, you must first edit your Autoexec.bat file to include this line somewhere in the file (for example, as the last line):
SET NFREMOVEID=4

(To edit your Autoexec.bat file select File, Run and type SYSEDIT in the dialog box. Click on the Autoexec.bat window and type in the new command (SET NFREMOVEID=4) on a new line. Select File, Quit. Select Save to save the changes you made to the Autoexec.bat file.) Changing the Autoexec.bat file requires rebooting for the change to take effect. You could also exit Windows, type the 'set' command above on the command line, and re-start Windows, if you do not wish to reboot. You would, however, have to do this every time the system was restarted.

To the WaveFrame/StudioFrame, this will signal that all SCSI drive addresses equal to or higher than four (4) are to be considered "removable" drives (lower numbers than 4 may be used, but be careful not to over-step any other lower addresses in use on the bus). Before re-starting your system, you must physically change the SCSI addresses of the two drives to SCSI id's 4 and 5, or 5 and 6. The SCSI id's must not be duplicated by any other drive on the SCSI bus.

StudioFrame Configuration Example A: 8-8-8 (8 track layout, tracks are in stereo pairs, on two fixed drives). Sound was recorded to the F1 drive group.

Edit your Autoexec.bat file and (perhaps) change the SCSI address of your drives as described above. Restart the system, launch StudioFrame, and mount the now-removable drives. Disregard the "missing edits" message at startup (fixed disks do not have the edits stored on them, whereas removable drives do).

Go into the Track Rack. Move all left channel tracks to the '1B' drive and move all right channel tracks to the '1A' drive. Rebuild the database on both drives.

StudioFrame Configuration Example B: 8-8-8 (8 track layout, tracks are in stereo pairs, two fixed drives). Sound was recorded as Tracks 1-4 to FA, Tracks 5-8 to FB.

Edit your Autoexec.bat file and change the SCSI address of your drives as described above. Launch StudioFrame and mount the now-removable drives. Disregard the "missing edits" message at start up (fixed disks do not have the edits stored on them, whereas removable drives do).

Go into the Track Rack. Move tracks 1-4 to the '1A' drive and move tracks 5-8 to the '1B' drive. Rebuild the database on both drives.

In each of the above examples, you will now have two removable drives with four tracks of audio (along with their edits) on each drive. If you have an external drive housing to hold a second drive, the two drives, with four tracks each, can be used on a single MMR-8. If not, the MMR-8 can handle playing all eight tracks from one drive. To do this on the WaveFrame/StudioFrame, you must copy the tracks from either drive to the other drive using the Track Rack. This procedure will, as you know, require some time to copy all the actual sound files.

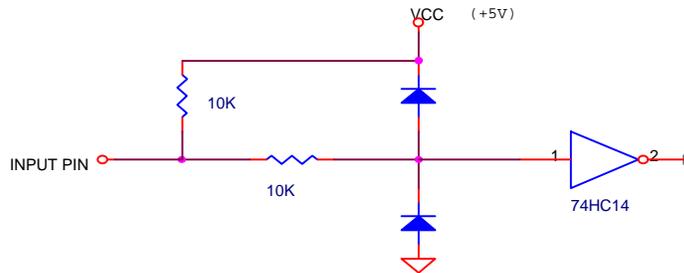
If you moved all eight tracks to one drive and then need to bring the tracks back into StudioFrame from the MMR-8, you must mount the drives, go into the Track Rack, and swap the tracks onto the editor, making sure that you assign only four tracks per drive. Note: these swapped tracks will now be mono, and will need to have their pans re-set (if they contained that information). If the audio was recorded in mono and had a pan value set, the pan value will be lost as well.

Appendix D: MMR-8 Cable Information

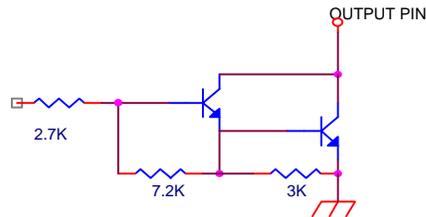
PARALLEL TRACKS and PARALLEL TRANSPORT Connector

37-pin D Male

TYPICAL INPUT



TYPICAL OUTPUT



DARLINGTON OUTPUT STAGE OF ULN2803A

MAX RATINGS: 50V @ 500MA

Note: I/O shares same logical ground

Tracks

Switch	Tally
1. Trk 1 Input	21.
2. Trk 2 Input	22.
3. Trk 3 Input	23.
4. Trk 4 Input	24.
5. Trk 5 Input	25.
6. Trk 6 Input	26.
7. Trk 7 Input	27.
8. Trk 8 Input	28.

Tracks

Switch	Tally
9. Trk 1 Rec	29.
10. Trk 2 Rec	30.
11. Trk 3 Rec	31.
12. Trk 4 Rec	32.
13. Trk 5 Rec	33.
14. Trk 6 Rec	34.
15. Trk 7 Rec	35.
16. Trk 8 Rec	36.

Transport

Switch	Tally
9. Online	29.
10. Rewind	30.
11. Rev Play	31.
12. Stop	32.
13. Play	33.
14. FFwd	34.
15. Record	35.
16. Preview *	36.

Pins Common to Both Connectors

19. +5VDC

20. GRD

37. GRD

*When preview is grounded, all record functions will invoke rehearse.

MIDI IN/THRU/OUT Connector pinout

PIN #	Signal Description (IN, OUT, & THRU)
1	n/c
2	n/c
3	n/c
4	Signal +
5	Signal -

- NOTES:
1. DIN-5 connector - shield tied to case.
 2. Signals are MIDI specification compliant.

LYNX (Remote Controller) Connector pinout

PIN #	MSTR Signal	SLAVE Signal	Pin #	MSTR Signal	SLAVE Signal
1	Frame ground	Frame ground	6	Frame ground	Frame ground
2	Receive -	Transmit -	7	Receive +	Transmit +
3	Transmit +	Receive +	8	Transmit -	Receive -
4	Frame ground	Frame ground	9	Frame ground	Frame ground
5	Frame clock	Frame clock			

- NOTES:
1. 9-pin D-subminiature female connector (DB-9).
 2. Signals are RS422 Compatible. Frame clock is open collector driver.
 3. The two connectors allow parallel connection of the Lynx Bus. Each pin is paralleled internally between the two connectors. The signal description indicates master / slave signals.

EDITOR Connector pinout

PIN #	MSTR Signal	SLAVE Signal	Pin #	MSTR Signal	SLAVE Signal
1	Frame ground	Frame ground	6	Frame ground	Frame ground
2	Receive -	Transmit -	7	Receive +	Transmit +
3	Transmit +	Receive +	8	Transmit -	Receive -
4	Frame ground	Frame ground	9	Frame ground	Frame ground
5	Spare Fr Ck	Spare Fr Ck			

- NOTES:
1. 9-pin D-subminiature female connector (DB-9).
 2. Signals are RS422 Compatible. Frame Clock spare should not be used.
 3. The two connectors allow parallel connection of the Lynx Bus. Each pin is paralleled internally between the two connectors. The signal description indicates master / slave signals.

TRANSPORT (Sony 9-pin) Connector pinout

PIN #	MSTR Signal	SLAVE Signal	Pin #	MSTR Signal	SLAVE Signal
1	Frame ground	Frame ground	6	Frame ground	Frame ground
2	Receive -	Transmit -	7	Receive +	Transmit +
3	Transmit +	Receive +	8	Transmit -	Receive -
4	Frame ground	Frame ground	9	Frame ground	Frame ground
5	Spare Fr Ck	Spare Fr Ck			

NOTES:

1. 9-pin D-subminiature female connector (DB-9).
2. Signals are RS422 Compatible Frame Clock spare should not be used.
3. The two connectors allow parallel connection of the Lynx Bus. Each pin is paralleled internally between the two connectors. The signal description indicates master / slave signals.
4. Signal Descriptions are MMR Output / Transport (Input). Signals are of Protocol-2 (P-2) standard, which is also known as Sony 9-pin

ANALOG INPUT & OUTPUT Connectors pinouts

PIN #	Signal Description	PIN #	Signal Description
1	Channel 8 + signal	14	Channel 8 - signal
2	Channel 8 ground	15	Channel 7 + signal
3	Channel 7 - signal	16	Channel 7 ground
4	Channel 6 + signal	17	Channel 6 - signal
5	Channel 6 ground	18	Channel 5 + signal
6	Channel 5 - signal	19	Channel 5 ground
7	Channel 4 + signal	20	Channel 4 - signal
8	Channel 4 ground	21	Channel 3 + signal
9	Channel 3 - signal	22	Channel 3 ground
10	Channel 2 + signal	23	Channel 2 -signal
11	Channel 2 ground	24	Channel 1 + signal
12	Channel 1 - signal	25	Channel 1 ground
13	No connection		

NOTES:

1. 25-pin D-subminiature female connector (DB-25). The pinouts follow the Tascam DA-88 configuration. Each input is differential with the (+) inputs being the non-inverting input and the (-) being the inverting input.
2. Input impedance is 10k ohm.
3. Output impedance is 75 ohm.
4. Max load 12.28 VRMS

BIPH (Biphase) Connectors pinout

PIN #	Signal Description
1	Ground
2	Phase-A
3	Phase-B
4	Phase-B
5	Phase-A
6	Ground

NOTES:

1. RJ12 compatible Modular Plug, 6 Position, 6 Conductor.: Flat Wire - Stranded. Round Wire - Stranded. DataComm Warehouse (<http://kerry.warehouse.com/>) can supply these parts, however, many other sources available.
2. The four Biphase Inputs are selected one-at-a-time by the Sync Group setting.
3. Not intended for public telecommunication network.



DIO (AES/EBU Digital Audio) Connector pinout

PIN #	Signal Description	PIN #	Signal Description
1	Digital Output 4 (ch 7&8) + signal	14	Digital Output 4 (ch 7&8) - signal
2	Digital Output 4 (ch 7&8) ground	15	Digital Output 3 (ch 5&6) + signal
3	Digital Output 3 (ch 5&6) - signal	16	Digital Output 3 (ch 5&6) ground
4	Digital Output 2 (ch 3&4) + signal	17	Digital Output 2 (ch 3&4) - signal
5	Digital Output 2 (ch 3&4) ground	18	Digital Output 1 (ch 1&2) + signal
6	Digital Output 1 (ch 1&2) - signal	19	Digital Output 1 (ch 1&2) ground
7	Digital Input 4 (ch 7&8) + signal	20	Digital Input 4 (ch 7&8) - signal
8	Digital Input 4 (ch 7&8) ground	21	Digital Input 3 (ch 5&6) + signal
9	Digital Input 3 (ch 5&6) - signal	22	Digital Input 3 (ch 5&6) ground
10	Digital Input 2 (ch 3&4) + signal	23	Digital Input 2 (ch 3&4) - signal
11	Digital Input 2 (ch 3&4) ground	24	Digital Input 1 (ch 1&2) + signal
12	Digital Input 1 (ch 1&2) - signal	25	Digital Input 1 (ch 1&2) ground
13	No connection		

NOTES: 25-pin D-subminiature female connector (DB-25).

SYNC (MMR-Bus) Connector pinout

PIN #	Signal Description	PIN #	Signal Description
1	CAN_BUS+	9	CAN_BUS-
2	CCLK_BUS0+	10	CCLK_BUS0-
3	CCLK_BUS1+	11	CCLK_BUS1-
4	CCLK_BUS2+	12	CCLK_BUS2-
5	CCLK_BUS3+	13	CCLK_BUS3-
6	+12 TERM PWR	14	Frame ground
7	CAN LEFT TERM	15	CAN RIGHT TERM
8	N/C		

NOTES:

1. 15-pin D-subminiature female connector (DB-15). The two connectors are paralleled in the MMR-8 and either can be used as an input or output.
2. Tascam supplies a 3 foot interface cable, 70447. The differential signals should be routed on twisted pairs of wires.

TIMECODE IN Connector

PIN #	Signal Description
TIP	Time Code Reader +
Ring	Time Code Reader -
Sleeve	Ground

NOTES:

1. 1/4" TRS Phonejack
2. 10K Ohm input impedance. Differential input.

TIMECODE OUT Connector

PIN #	Signal Description
TIP	Time Code Reader +
Ring	Time Code Reader -
Sleeve	Ground

NOTES:

1. 1/4" TRS Phonejack
2. Differential op-amp output circuit.

WORD CLOCK IN Connector

NOTES:

1. BNC, 75 Ohm Terminated. TTL logic levels.

WORD CLOCK OUT Connector

NOTES:

1. BNC, 75 Ohm Drive Capability. TTL logic levels.

VIDEO IN/OUT Connector

NOTES:

1. BNC, Video is connected in parallel between connectors.
2. 1K Ohm input impedance. Supports Composite, Color Bars, Black Burst. Should be 75 ohm terminated if at end of cable.

VITC IN Connector

NOTES:

1. BNC, 75 Ohm Terminated.

SERIAL CONNECTORS

NOTES:

1. These connectors are for factory diagnostics only.
2. 9-pin D-subminiature female connector (DB-9), connected to COM1 on the motherboard.
3. 25-pin D-subminiature female Connector (DB-25), connected to COM2 on the motherboard.

SCSI Connector

NOTES:

1. SCSI-2 Compliant.

PRX Connector

NOTES:

1. 3.5 mm Stereo Phonejack.
2. Same audio signal as on Headphone Monitor, but audio on tip (left channel) only.

Appendix E: MMR-8 Glossary

Abbreviations and Terms	Definitions
24 frames	The standard film frame rate per second.
25 frames	The standard PAL and SECAM video frame rate per second.
29.97 frames	The standard NTSC video frame rate for color broadcasting per second.
30 frames	The standard audio-only and black and white video frame rate per second.
AES/EBU	Audio Engineering Society/European Broadcasting Union. The two main organizations that set the standards for audio production. Digital audio connections are often referred to as AES/EBU since these organizations standardized the digital audio interconnection methods.
Autolocator	An analog tape function to position the transport to previously marked locations that is emulated in the MMR-8 using the LOC key and a register or memory location to instantly locate the “play head.”
Biphase	The two-pulse sync signal generated by a film transport that the MMR-8 uses to generate time code or feet & frames timing. The MMR-8 can also generate biphase signals to control a film transport.
Bus	Any signal that is daisy chained between multiple devices. In the case of the MMR-8, there are two main buses: the MMR bus and the Lynx Bus.
Calibrate	Adjusting a signal to match a reference or standard. The MMR-8’s inputs can be calibrated so that a +4 dBu signal will correctly drive the MMR-8, and the outputs can be calibrated for a +4 dBu output from the MMR-8. In these cases the calibration references are the level meters.
Capture	During play or stop saves the current time code into the bottom line of the LCD display for subsequent saving to a memory or position register.
Chase	The process whereby one device controls another device to synchronize their playback. Chase implies there is both a synchronization signal as well as a device control signal.
Clear	A function to remove audio between the In and Out times on one or more tracks of audio.
Clip	Indicates the maximum signal level has been exceeded going into the analog-digital converter. Typically this will cause severe distortion (popping, snapping, crackling sounds) in the output signal.

**Abbreviations
and Terms****Definitions**

Control Mode	The mode (menu 000) which sets how the MMR-8 is being controlled.
Control Track	The VTR speed control signal recorded onto the tape. It typically also has time code recorded in it.
DF	Drop Frame. A type of time code that compensates for color video tape (which runs at 29.97 frames per second) having 108 less frames per hour than black and white video (which uses 30 frames per second). Since most video productions are in color, 108 frames must be “dropped” each hour from the audio in order to keep audio and video in sync. 29.97 DF is the normal time code used in the majority of video applications.
Dubber	An audio transport that uses film sprockets as its timing device.
Edit	The process of modifying the tracks in a project using the EDIT key and one of the edit functions (cut, copy, paste, clear, insert, open).
Error	An LCD display that indicates a problem with the MMR-8 or with the last operator key entry.
Frame	Each image on a film strip is a frame. In video, a frame consists of two interlaced fields. In film there are 24 frames per second (fps). In video there are 25 fps in the PAL and SECAM systems (European broadcasting) and 29.97 fps in the NTSC system (USA and Japan). Older black and white video and audio-only applications use 30 fps.
Frame Reference	The timing signal for each frame of video.
Groups	There are four Sync Groups in the MMR-8. This allows multiple MMR-8s to be shared between up to four film transports or video systems.
HH:MM:SS:FF	SMPTE/EBU time code stated as Hours:Minutes:Seconds:Frames.
Head	The start of a project.
Input Monitor	Applies the MMR-8 track Input to the Output in lieu of the audio from the hard drive. Typically used to check Input levels before recording.
Interlock	Refers to synchronizing film transports, audio dubbers and audio transports via the biphasic bus.
Jam Sync	When discontinuous time code is found on a tape, jam sync will ignore the gaps to create continuous time code on another tape.
Jog	Also called scrub, this function uses the Wheel to manually control the speed of forward and reverse play.
KCU	Keyboard Control Unit. TimeLine’s external machine controller. Provides remote control for up to six machines (MMR-8s or tape machines).

Abbreviations and Terms	Definitions
LCD	Liquid Crystal Display. The twenty character by two line display used on the MMR-8 to display time code, Setup Menus, or machine status.
LED	Light Emitting Diode. Front panel indicators used to identify machine or key status.
Local	When the MMR-8 is Off-line it is said to be in local mode.
Locate	Jumps the MMR-8 (and any controlled machines) to a new time code location using the LOC key and one of the registers or memories.
Loop	Plays the project between the In and Out time code points according to the Loop Mode setting selected in Setup Menu 110.
LTC	Longitudinal Time Code. Time code that is recorded on audio tape or using one of the audio tracks or the control track on videotape.
Lynx	TimeLine's machine controller interface bus that is compatible with the MMR-8, Lynx-2 Interface, the KCU, and Micro Lynx controllers.
Lynx Master	The Lynx device that is the master for the Lynx bus. If one or more MMR-8s are tied to the Lynx bus only one can be the master on the Lynx bus.
Lynx Sync	The Lynx bus frame clock.
Machine	Any audio, video or film playback device.
Machine Control	Remote control commands for positional control and operational control of a device. In the case of the MMR-8, machine control commands can come from the MIDI input, the Lynx or MMR buses, the Editor input or the parallel remote input.
Master	The device that is in positional control of one or more slave devices.
MIDI	Musical Instrument Digital Interface. A serial data connection originally used to communicate key and voice parameters between music synthesizers. The MMR-8 will respond to MMC (MIDI Machine Commands) but will ignore any other signals transmitted on the MIDI bus.
MMR Bus	An asynchronous bus that ties multiple MMR-8s together to relay motion control commands and timing references from the master machine to the slave machines. The MMR bus supports up to four Sync Groups with their own timing references and motion control commands.
MMR Master	The MMR-8 that is in control of a particular Sync Group on the MMR bus.
Mixdown	The process of bringing together the multiple tracks of dialogue, FX, Foley, and music to create a finished soundtrack for a film or video production.

**Abbreviations
and Terms**

Definitions

Monitor	The process of selecting one or more tracks to listen to in the headphones or rear panel studio monitor output.
Motion Controls	The “transport” keys on the MMR-8.
MTC	MIDI Time Code. Time code that is transmitted as part of a MIDI signal. Because there is not enough room for the complete time code to be sent at once, MTC counts in two frame increments.
Multitrack	A tape or solid state device that can record and/or playback more than one track of audio at a time.
NDF	Non-Drop Frame. A type of time code that uses full frames for timing. It is used in audio-only applications and with black and white video.
NTSC	National TV Standards Committee. The television and video format used in the USA and Japan. The basic frame rate is 30 fps for monochrome and 29.97 fps for color transmissions and recording.
Offset	The amount of difference between the program time code and an event. Tracks and entire machines can be offset. Offsets are sometimes added to correct for incorrect time code numbers on a tape or to compensate for timing delays between machines.
Operating State	There are eight operating states of the MMR-8, Normal, Setup, Load Track, View Track, Slip Track, Backup, Verify, and Error. These are distinguished by the nature of the information displayed in the LCD window and by the keys that are available while in each state.
PAL	Phase Alternating Line. The main European broadcasting standard that uses a 25 fps rate.
Phase Lock	The process where a machine is locked to reference signal (or to another machine’s reference signal) so that its reference signal can be matched in phase by controlling the speed of the machine compared to the other machine or to a speed reference signal.
RAM	Random Access Memory. To convert audio from analog into digital, or vice versa, a RAM buffer is required to allow the continuous analog audio to be converted into “chunks” of digital data and the chunks of data from the hard drive to be converted back into continuous analog audio.
Rate	How many ticks per second of some clock or other counter. There are various rates used in the MMR-8 include fps (frames per second), ppf (pulse per frame, biphasic), word clock (samples per second)
Reference	The master clock. The MMR-8 uses two reference signals: a sample reference

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	for the audio and a frame reference to keep the audio timed correctly to the video or film frame.
Register	A memory that holds a time code position or other number. There are 11 dedicated registers (to hold such numbers as the Head, Tail, In and Out points, etc.) plus 10 memory registers (0 -9) in the MMR-8.
Reshape	The process of regenerating incoming time code so that the time code output is clean and free of noise or other signal distortions.
Resolving	The process of regulating the playback speed of a machine through phase locking a recorded signal on the tape to a fixed reference signal.
Safe	No recording can take place since all record enables are locked out.
Sample Reference	The reference for the digital audio sample clock in the MMR-8. It can come from a digital input, from the word clock input, or from the frame reference.
SCSI	Small Computer System Interface. The bus that connects external removable drives to the MMR-8.
Setup Menus	The method through which operating parameters are changed and set in the MMR-8. To bring up the Setup Menus on the LCD display press the Setup key.
Shuttle	Manual control over the machine transport from stop to play to fast forward and from stop to reverse play to rewind through using the Wheel.
Slip	The process of adding slight timing offsets to individual tracks.
SMPTE	Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers. The organization that developed and approved the video time code that is often referred to as SMPTE or SMPTE/EBU code.
Sync Group	Each MMR-8 can be placed into one of four Sync Groups, or groups of machines that can be controlled together. The Sync Group also selects the biphasic input that is being used.
Sync Word	Part of the SMPTE/EBU time code, the sync word indicates the end of the time code word. It can also be used to determine the direction the transport is moving as well as for phase locking.
TC	Time Code. The 80 bit biphasic-encoded code (90 bit code is used in VITC code) that marks the time on a video or audio tape in hours:minutes:seconds:frames:subframes. It also identifies the type of code being used (DF or NDF). It can be recorded longitudinally along the edge of a tape or recorded within the vertical interval on a video tape. Time code can also be encoded onto film, although in most applications the time code will be generated from the film transport biphasic signal.

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and Terms****Definitions**

TC Generator	Time Code Generator. A device to create the 80 bit time code signal for recording onto a video or audio tape. The MMR-8 contains a built-in generator which is always sending out TC when the MMR-8 is playing.
TC Reader	Time Code Reader. The circuit in the MMR-8 that reads incoming time code from the VITC or time code inputs. Typically used to slave the MMR-8 to another time code generator's output.
Tail	The end of the track's audio.
Track	Can refer to one of the audio channels in the MMR-8, but typically it refers to the edited audio for one track of audio on the reel.
Track Select	The process of selecting which tracks an action affects through using the SEL key for that track.
Transport	A generic reference to any audio, video, or film device that mechanically "moves tape" or electronically plays audio or video.
Trim	The process of adjusting the time code using the Wheel.
Unmount	The process of releasing the removable hard drive from the MMR-8 so that it can be removed.
User Settings	When any MMR-8 Setup parameters have been changed, the new settings can be saved in a User Settings File (menu 900). Ten User Settings are available.
Video Sync	Also known as house sync, it is generated by an extremely stable video source and consists of black burst, sync bars, or composite video. It's used as a timing reference to synchronize video devices throughout a video facility.
Virtual Tracks	Audio tracks that are "stacked" on top of one another so that alternate takes can be kept at hand. Only the track on top will actually play back.
VITC	Vertical Interval Time Code. SMPTE/EBU time code that is recorded within the video signal on a VTR. It has an advantage over LTC in that it can be read during fast searches and even when the video machine is paused since the rotating VTR heads are always reading the video portion of the tape.
VSO	Variable Speed Oscillator. Indicates that the audio is not being played back at a "standard" playback speed, but is rather playing back at an off-speed for an effect or to compensate for incorrect timing between devices.
Word Clock	The digital audio clocking signal (44.1 or 48 kHz most commonly used) used to synchronize audio devices.
Wheel	The rotary encoder on the MMR-8 front panel that can be used to trim, jog, and shuttle audio, in addition to being used to scroll through the Setup Menus and menu choices.

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