



LEXICON
MC-14
SURROUND PROCESSOR
USER GUIDE

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read these instructions.
2. Keep these instructions.
3. Heed all warnings.
4. Follow all instructions.
5. Do not use this apparatus near water.
6. Clean only with a dry cloth.
7. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
8. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
9. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding-type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong is provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
10. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched, particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
11. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
12. Use only with a cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.
13. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.

14. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
15. Use the mains plug to disconnect the apparatus from the mains.
16. **WARNING:** TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPARATUS TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.
17. DO NOT EXPOSE THIS EQUIPMENT TO DRIPPING OR SPLASHING AND ENSURE THAT NO OBJECTS FILLED WITH LIQUIDS, SUCH AS VASES, ARE PLACED ON THE EQUIPMENT.
18. THE MAINS PLUG OF THE POWER SUPPLY CORD SHALL REMAIN READILY OPERABLE.
19. Refer to the manufacturer's operating instructions for power requirements. Be advised that different operating voltages may require the use of a different line cord and/or attachment plug

TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT REMOVE TOP OR BOTTOM COVERS. NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

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PARA PREVENIR UN CHOQUE ELÉCTRICO, NO RETIRE LAS CUBIERTAS SUPERIOR O INFERIOR. NO EXISTEN PARTES QUE PUEDAN SER REPARADAS POR EL USUARIO AL INTERIOR. REMITA EL SERVICIO AL

PERSONAL TÉCNICO CALIFICADO.

TO COMPLETELY DISCONNECT THIS EQUIPMENT FROM THE AC MAINS, DISCONNECT THE POWER SUPPLY CORD PLUG FROM THE AC RECEPTACLE. THE MAINS PLUG OF THE POWER SUPPLY CORD SHALL REMAIN READILY OPERABLE.



POUR DÉMONTER COMPLÈTEMENT L'ÉQUIPEMENT DE L'ALIMENTATION GÉNÉRALE, DÉMONTER LE CÂBLE D'ALIMENTATION DE SON RÉCEPTEACLE. LA PRISE D'ALIMENTATION RESTERA AISÉMENT FONCTIONNELLE.



PARA DESCONECTAR COMPLETAMENTE EL EQUIPO DEL SUMINSTRO ELECTRICO, DESCONECTE EL CABLE DE ALIMENTACION DE LA TOMA DE CA. LAS PATAS DEL CONECTOR DEL CABLE DE ALIMENTACIÓN DEBERAN MANTENERSE EN BUEN ESTADO.

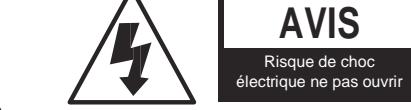


WATCH FOR THESE SYMBOLS:

The lightning bolt triangle is used to alert the user to the risk of electric shock.



The exclamation point triangle is used to alert the user to important operating or maintenance instructions.



FCC COMPLIANCE NOTICE

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

CAUTION: Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. 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. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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DOCUMENTATION CONVENTIONS

This document contains general safety, installation and operation instructions for the MC-14 Digital Surround Processor/Controller. It is important to read this user guide before attempting to use the product. Pay particular attention to safety instructions.

The following symbols are used in the document:



Appears on the component to indicate the presence of uninsulated, dangerous voltage inside the enclosure – voltage that may be sufficient to constitute a risk of shock.



Appears on the component to indicate important operating and maintenance instructions in the accompanying literature.

WARNING

Calls attention to a procedure, practice, condition or the like that, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in injury or death.

CAUTION!

Calls attention to a procedure, practice, condition or the like that, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in damage or destruction to part or all of the product.

Note:

Calls attention to information that is essential to highlight.

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1. Getting Started

ABOUT THE MC-14

Thank you for purchasing the MC-14 Analog / Digital Controller, a reference-quality, 8-channel audio and video control center with independent zone monitoring to provide control of input source selection in two zones at the same time. The analog input allows for a true analog bypass mode to create a very high quality analog stereo preamp for critical listening.

The MC-14 features an HDMI interface that enables the transmission of uncompressed digital audio and video signals through a single connector. The MC-14 can pass digital video signals of up to 1080p, 12 bit and 3D, and multiple digital audio channels (7.1 channels) at sample rates of up to 192 kHz through the HDMI interface. The MC-14 also supports the High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection (HDCP) technology that comprises data encryption and authentication of the partner equipment.

Beyond the HDMI connectors and standard 7.1-channel audio output connectors, the rear panel includes stereo rear and stereo subwoofer connectors to provide even more audio channels. All Main Zone audio output connectors include 24-bit/192kHz D/A converters operating in dual differential mode. In addition, the MC-14 includes balanced and unbalanced audio output connectors for all Main Zone channels.

Two connectors are provided for external control. One RS232 9-pin serial and one Ethernet 10BaseT which also acts as a web page server, User Interface and firmware update tool.

The MC-14 is also equipped with Dolby® Digital Surround EX™, Dolby Pro Logic®, Dolby Pro Logic II, Dolby Pro Logic IIx, DTS 96/24™, DTS NEO:6®, DTS-ES®, Dolby True HD, Digital Plus, Digital EX, Pro Logic IIx, DTS-HD master audio, and Dolby volume

With two 32-bit floating-point TI DA710 digital signal processing (DSP) engines, the MC-14 offers unparalleled processing power. This processing is available at digital input sample rates up to 192 kHz, with 24-bit resolution to retain top performance from all input sources and listening modes.

High-precision 192kHz/24-bit A/D converters can be used to convert stereo analog audio input signals to digital signals, allowing the MC-14 to provide the benefits of precise digital signal processing without sacrificing signal integrity. Additionally, all output D/A converters can operate at up to 192 kHz/24-bit and are completely *asynchronous* from input converters and all digital inputs, allowing the outputs to be completely buffered and internally clocked to a very stable crystal oscillator. This is especially important in removing jitter from the unstable sources, especially HDMI. This allows the MC-14 to give the best possible signal output and maintain the highest possible resolution even on less than ideal sources.

To complement its audio performance, the MC-14 features a broadcast-quality HDMI video switcher that does not process or manipulate the signal in any way. This allows full resolution HDMI video to pass through the unit without any additional processing. This also allows for very high data and video resolution throughput including 3D.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 192kHz sampling rate on all analog inputs
- Up-sampling to 192kHz on all digital audio inputs including HDMI
- Internally buffered and “de-jittered” D/A output stage.
- Class A discrete audio circuits
- Analog Bypass Mode
- Separate digital and analog power supplies
- Dolby TrueHD decoding
- Dolby Digital Plus, Dolby Digital EX, Pro Logic IIx decoding
- DTS-HD Master Audio decoding
- DTS Neo6, DTS, DTS-ES decoding
- Support for all HDMI 1.4 video formats including 3D pass through of HDMI 1.4a mandatory 3D formats
- HDMI video 12 bit deep color and xvYCC (x.v.Color) supported up to 1080p (225 MHz equivalent)
- 4x pairs single ended unbalanced RCA inputs (BLURAY, SAT/CBL, GAME, MEDIA)

- 2x pairs single ended, unbalanced RCA loop-through (TV, Digital Video Recorder)
- 2x pairs of Balanced XLR (female) inputs (CD, Balanced 2)
- 4x coaxial inputs (RCA) 75 Ohms (SPDIF),
- 3x Optical inputs (TOSLINK)
- 2x AES/EBU inputs (XLR) 110 Ohms
- 1x USB 2.0 type B input
- 10x balanced XLR male main zone outputs
- 10x single ended (unbalanced) RCA main zone outputs
- 2x single ended (unbalanced) RCA zone 2 outputs
- 1x headphone output [Not Available In All Regions]
- 8x HDMI Inputs (Audio and Video)
- 2x HDMI outputs
- 1x TOSLINK optical output
- 1x USB (Type A) input for audio
- One 12V input and 3 programmable trigger outputs
- 1x Infra-Red sensor; remote control receiver
- 1x mini (3mm) phone jack (2 conductor) for auxiliary Infra-Red control data input
- 1x Ethernet (RJ45 connector): bilateral data, software download, etc.
- 7.1, 6.1 and 5.1 surround sound
- Dolby® Volume to control listening level
- Second zone output via single ended pair which allows for separate audio from another source
- RS-232 serial data port for remote control via Crestron, AMX, Savant or similar control systems
- Rack Mounted (19" Standard), 3 RU High
- Texas Instruments DA710 Dual DSP audio processing chipset
- 3 Year Warranty (U.S.A. Only)
- 100 hour burn-in process during manufacturing

PRODUCT REGISTRATION

Please register the MC-14 Digital Controller within 15 days of purchase. Register online at WWW.LEXICON.COM. Retain the original sales receipt as proof of warranty coverage.

INSTALLATION CONSIDERATIONS

The MC-14 requires special care during installation to ensure optimal performance. Pay particular attention to instructions below and to other precautions that appear throughout this user guide.

DO install the MC-14 on a solid, flat, level surface such as a table or shelf. The MC-14 can also be installed in a standard 19-inch equipment rack using an optional rack-mount kit available from an authorized dealer.

DO select a dry, well-ventilated location out of direct sunlight.

DO NOT expose the MC-14 to high temperatures, humidity, steam, smoke, dampness or excessive dust. Avoid installing the MC-14 near radiators and other heat-producing appliances.

DO NOT install the MC-14 near unshielded TV or FM antennas, cable TV decoders, or other RF-emitting devices that might cause interference.

DO NOT place the MC-14 on a thick rug or carpet, or cover the MC-14 with a cloth, as this might prevent proper cooling.

DO NOT place the MC-14 on a window sill or any location exposed to direct sunlight.

DO NOT obstruct the front-panel IR receiver window. The remote control must be in line of sight with the IR receiver for proper operation.

DO NOT install the MC-14 on a surface that is unstable or unable to support all four feet, unless it is installed in an equipment rack.

DO NOT stack the MC-14 directly above heat-producing equipment such as a power amplifier.

CAUTION!

Before moving the MC-14, power the unit off by disconnecting the power cord from the rear panel and the wall outlet.

INCLUDED ACCESSORIES

- Installation, Operation and Owners Guide
- IEC Standard Power Cord
- Remote Control and remote control batteries

UNPACKING

Your MC-14 was carefully packed at the factory to protect against any damage in shipping and handling. Carefully examine the packing and the unit for any signs of external damage or impact and report those to your dealer or LEXICON prior to using the unit. LEXICON advises that you keep all packaging in the event that the unit may have to be returned for service.

SAFETY

It is important that you read and completely understand the safety instructions and warning on page one of this manual before installing or connecting the MC-14 to any electrical power source.

REMOTE CONTROL BATTERY INSTALLATION AND REPLACEMENT

The remote control requires three AAA batteries (included). The batteries do not come installed when shipped from the factory. You will need a small Phillips head screw driver to open the battery compartment.

To install the remote control batteries:

1. Locate the battery compartment on the back of the remote control. Remove the small Phillips head screw in the tab.
2. Press the tab and lift the cover away from the remote control.
3. Observing the proper polarity, insert three AAA batteries.
4. Align the cover over the battery compartment and gently press down until it snaps back into place. Re-install the small Phillips head screw.

The batteries should be replaced as needed. Alkaline batteries, which last longer without leaking, are recommended. When battery power is low, the remote control enters a low-voltage condition, preventing it from operating the MC-14. When this occurs, replace the batteries.

Normal operation will resume when new batteries are installed.



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2. Basic Operation

QUICK START

- Unpack the MC-14 and carefully examine the unit for any shipping damage before installing. Your MC-14 was carefully packed at the factory to protect against any damage in shipping and handling. Carefully examine the packing and the unit for any signs of external damage or impact and report those to your dealer or LEXICON prior to using the unit.
- Plug into an appropriate power source using the included power cord or an approved IEC-60320 power cord with a C13 plug on the equipment end. Check the label located on the rear panel next to the power inlet to confirm that the unit you have is rated for the electric power supply in your region. There are two (2) different voltage versions available: 120volt and 230volt. Be sure you have the correct voltage before connecting to live power.
- Connect Audio and Video Inputs according to the default inputs chart on the next page.
- Connect outputs from the MC-14 to your amplifiers.
- Connect the video display device to HDMI output #1.
- The Status LED located above the Standby button should be lit red within two (2) seconds after the unit is plugged in. Press the Standby button & the red LED will extinguish & the alphanumeric display will turn on, initially showing "LEXICON".
- Within two (2) seconds the status screen will display four lines:
 - SRC: (Selected Input Source)
 - IN: (Input Audio Format)
 - OUT: (Output Surround Mode)
 - VOLUME: (In Decibels)

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SRC: DVR   HDMI5
IN: DdDigital 2/0.0
OUT: PL2xMovie 7.1
VOLUME: -27.0db
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NOTE The HDMI inputs can be used for both Audio and Video. Analog, S/PDIF and OPTICAL connections are provided as an option only.

NOTE The HDMI input for digital audio is selected by pressing the HDMI button on the front panel or remote after first selecting the source.

NOTE The HDMI connections 1 – 8 are hardwired to sources 1 – 8 and cannot be changed. The HDMI input is always selected for video.

NOTE The S/PDIF and OPTICAL inputs are selected by pressing the DIGITAL button on the front panel or remote after first selecting the source. The ANALOG input is selected by *deselecting* the current digital input. When no digital or HDMI input is selected, the default becomes analog and the front panel will display ANALOG on the LCD screen.

NOTE Zone 2 audio input is the analog (unbalanced RCA) inputs. Zone 2 can also receive a down-mix of the Main outputs by pressing DIGITAL while controlling the ZONE outputs.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER AND SOURCE SETUP

The factory defaults for all speaker channel outputs are **SMALL** with an **80 Hz** Bass Management crossover using all **7.1 outputs**. The output level controls are set to **0db** adjustment and the distance is defaulted to **2m** for all outputs.

The **SOURCE** parameter control is factory set for **INDIVIDUAL** (and not **GLOBAL**), as outlined in section 3 - **SETUP**. As such, any changes to Speaker Size, Crossover, or Level will be different for each source and must be repeated for each source. For more details read the section below for **SOURCE PARAMETER**.

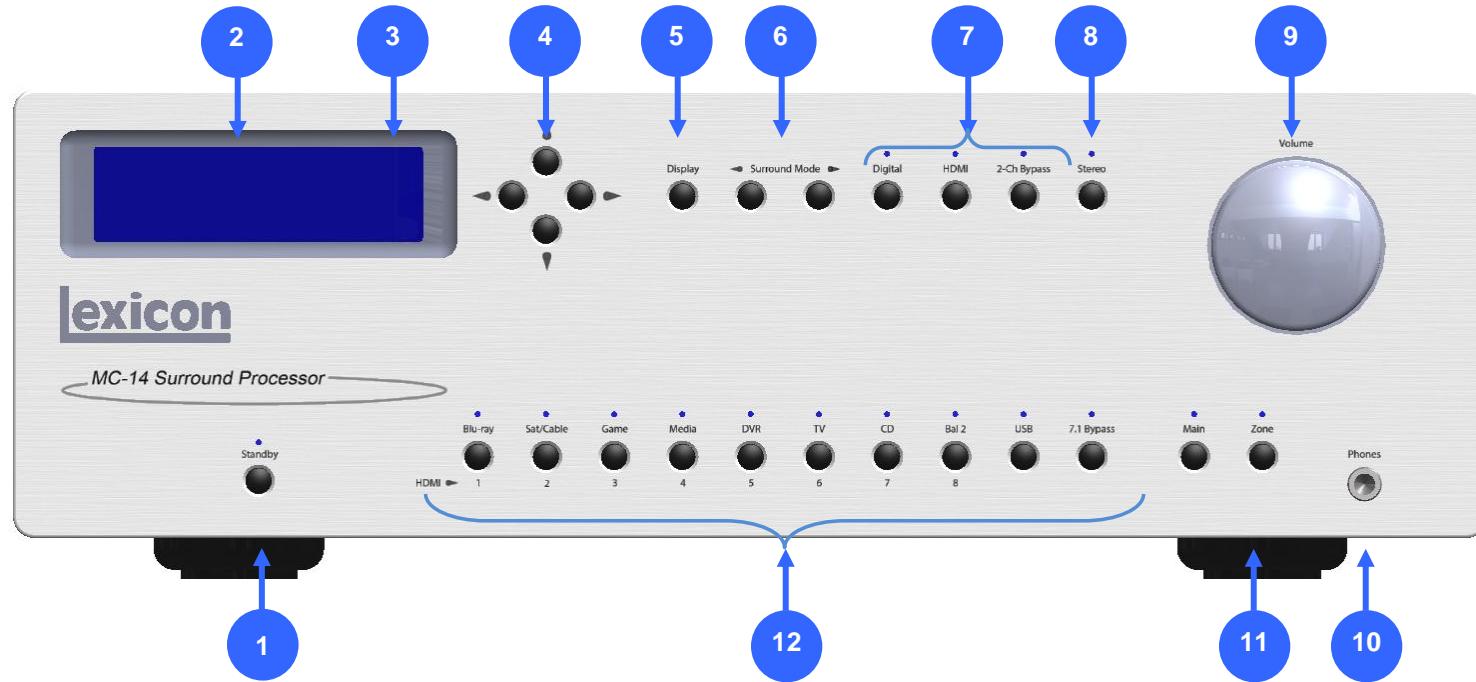
HARDWARE INPUT CONNECTION DEFAULTS

	Input	HDMI /Video	Digital Audio	Main Zone Default	Zone 2
1	BLU-RAY	1	S/PDIF 1	HDMI	Analog
2	SAT/CBL	2	S/PDIF 2	HDMI	Analog
3	GAME	3	S/PDIF 3	HDMI	Analog
4	MEDIA PLAYER	4	S/PDIF 4	HDMI	Analog
5	DVR	5	OPTICAL 1	HDMI	Analog
6	TV	6	OPTICAL 2	HDMI	Analog
7	CD	7	AES 1	HDMI	N/A
8	BALANCED2	8	AES 2	Analog (Balanced)	N/A
9	USB	See Note	N/A	USB	N/A
10	7.1 Bypass	See Note	N/A	Analog	N/A

These sources do not have any video assigned to their inputs. The last used video source will remain active when selecting these inputs. To select a video source first select the active video source and then select the 7.1 or USB input. If no video is required then do not first select a video source.

FRONT PANEL OVERVIEW

The MC-14 is shown below. The numbers in the front panel illustration correspond with the numbered items below.



1. Standby Button
2. Front Panel Display
3. IR Receiver
4. Menu Navigation Buttons
5. Display On/Off Button
6. Surround Mode < and > Buttons
7. Audio Input Select Buttons
8. Stereo / Stereo Down-mix Mode
9. Volume Control / Rotary Encoder
10. Headphone Jack [Not Available In All Regions]
11. Main / Zone Selection Buttons and MUTE LED Display
12. Source (Input) Selection Buttons

1 STANDBY BUTTON

Places the unit in standby mode. Status indicator LED is normally off when unit is operating. It turns red when unit is placed in standby mode. Power consumption in Standby mode is <0.5 Watt. In ON mode the RED LED will blink when a valid IR signal is received from the remote control.

2 FRONT PANEL DISPLAY

Use the front-panel display to view the current input, listening mode, input source, and volume level. The four line display also functions as a display for messages and menus.

3 IR RECEIVER

The IR receiver accepts infrared commands from the MC-14 remote control. The front panel Standby Button LED will blink when a valid IR command is received.

4. MENU NAVIGATION BUTTONS

This cluster of 4 buttons are used to navigate the menus on the Alpha-numeric display. Press the right arrow button (►) to enter the main menu. Use the left arrow button (◀) to step back up through the menus. The up (▲) and down (▼) buttons are used to move up and down through the menu items. Up (↑) and/or down (↓) arrows may be displayed at the right hand side of the display to indicate that more items are listed either above and/or below the current screen.

5 DISPLAY ON/OFF BUTTON

Turns the front panel display on and off.

6 SURROUND MODE BUTTONS

Use the Mode buttons to scroll to the previous and next available listening mode. These buttons can also be used to select different options in the setup menus.

7 AUDIO INPUT SELECT BUTTONS

For each selected source (input) using these buttons will select the audio input connection used.

- Press **HDMI** to select the HDMI input and the LED above will light.
- Press **DIGITAL** to select the S/PDIF COAX or OPTICAL digital input and the LED above will light.
- Press the **2-CH BYPASS** to switch to the 2-channel analog inputs and bypass all DSP and use a pure analog signal chain. In this case the front panel LCD will display **BYPASS**.
- Pressing the currently selected input will turn that off and default to **ANALOG** input with DSP (through the AD/DA convertors). In this case no LED will be on and the front panel LCD will display **"ANALOG"**.
- For the digital inputs (HDMI, DIGITAL) the LED will appear **BLUE** when a valid digital signal is received and **RED** when no signal is received.

8 STEREO / STEREO DOWNMIX

Press this button to turn off any surround mode processing. If the signal is 2-channel then the output will be 2-channel with bass management. If the supplied bitstream is more than 2 channels, the decoder will automatically implement a stereo down-mix.

9 VOLUME CONTROL / ROTARY ENCODER

To adjust the Main Zone volume level:

The **MAIN** button should be selected (see below). Rotate the volume knob clockwise or counterclockwise to increase or decrease the volume level. The display will show the current Main Zone volume level in dB. The volume range is -80 to +12dB.

To adjust the Zone 2 volume level:

The **ZONE** button should be selected (see below). Rotate the volume knob clockwise or counterclockwise to increase or decrease the volume level. The display will show the current Zone 2 volume level in dB. The volume range is -80 to +12dB.

To adjust variable setting in the Setup Menu:

From within any menu that has options rotate the knob to increase or decrease the setting, or change the options available.

10 HEADPHONE JACK

[Not available in all Regions]

Stereo (3 conductor) 1/4" headphone jack. In *2 Channel Bypass* mode the Left and Right analog inputs appear, amplified, at the headphone jack. When other sources are selected a stereo down-mix is used.

11 MAIN / ZONE 2 SELECTION BUTTONS

The MC-14 can send a different **stereo** audio source signal to its **ZONE** outputs (Zone 2 Out) than to its main outputs (Single Ended Outputs or Balanced Outputs). Pressing the **MAIN** button allows selection of the signal that will go to the Single Ended Outputs and Balanced Outputs using the source select buttons while pressing **ZONE** allows the same source select buttons to set the signals that will be sent to the Zone 2 Out (Single ended outputs).

- Pressing the **MAIN** Button while the main zone is selected will MUTE the Main zone Outputs.
- Pressing the **ZONE** Button while the zone 2 is selected will MUTE the Zone 2 Outputs.
- The Zone MUTE condition will be shown as a RED LED on the selected output where GREEN = Not Muted and RED = MUTED.
- The front panel LCD display will show volume in the four line status display or MUTED.

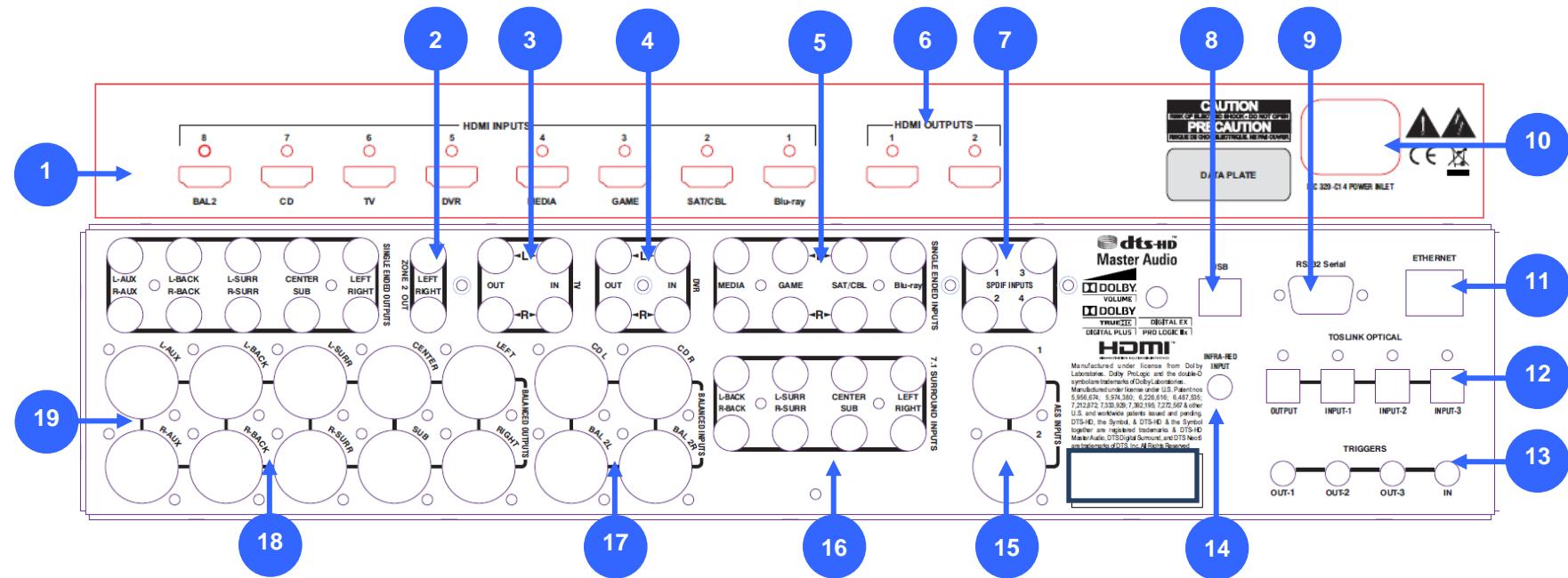
12 SOURCE SELECTION BUTTONS

Ten buttons for selecting audio input source signals. When **HDMI** is selected (LED above HDMI button is ON) the first 8 source select buttons (**BLU-RAY**, **CBL/SAT**, **GAME**, **MEDIA PLAYER**, **DVR**, **TV**, **CD**, **BAL-2**) represent HDMI inputs 1 through 8 respectively. When **MAIN** is selected, source signal selected will appear at the **MAIN** outputs. When **ZONE** is selected, the source signal selected will appear at the **ZONE 2 OUT** outputs.

The Source selection LED light will appear BLUE when selected.

REAR PANEL OVERVIEW

The MC-14 is shown below. The numbers in the rear panel illustration correspond with the numbered items below.



- HDMI Inputs
- Zone 2 Outputs (Unbalanced)
- TV Loop (Analog Inputs and Outputs)
- DVR Loop (Analog Inputs and Outputs)
- Unbalanced Analog Inputs (Stereo)
- HDMI Outputs (Primary [1] and Secondary [2])
- S/PDIF Digital COAX Inputs
- USB Input
- RS232 9-Pin Serial (Female)

- Power Cord Inlet
- Ethernet 10BaseT Jack
- Toslink Optical Digital Inputs and Output
- Trigger Input & Outputs
- Infrared Remote Control Input
- AES Digital Inputs
- 7.1 Analog Inputs (Unbalanced)
- Balanced Analog Inputs (Stereo)
- 7.1 + Aux Outputs (Balanced)
- 7.1 + Aux Outputs (Unbalanced Single Ended)

1 HDMI Inputs

HDMI inputs 1 through 8 are hardwired to Source inputs 1 through 8 as listed on the front panel from left to right. HDMI video is routed directly to the two (2) outputs without any processing or transcoding. Audio may be extracted from the HDMI inputs if desired by pressing the **HDMI** button on the front panel for the source that is currently selected. These HDMI inputs are all v1.4 compatible and pass through all 3D formats. All HDMI inputs can extract and decode all current HD audio formats up to and including Dolby TrueHD and DTS-HD Master Audio

2 Zone 2 Outputs (Unbalanced RCA)

A pair of RCA jacks that provide a second stereo signal path completely separate from the main output with its own independently selected inputs

3 TV Loop (Analog Inputs and Outputs)

A conventional TV loop consisting of two pairs of RCA jacks; one stereo pair of inputs and one stereo pair of outputs. A stereo down-mix for the selected source (or, in 2 Channel Bypass mode, the Left and Right analog inputs directly) appear at the TV OUTPUTS, unless the selected source is the TV INPUT itself in which case the TV OUTPUTS are muted. The inputs can also be used as another pair of analog inputs, at unity gain.

4 DVR Loop (Analog Inputs and Outputs)

A second record loop which functions same as the *TV Loop* above.

5 Unbalanced Analog Inputs

Four pairs of general purpose analog inputs labeled BLU-RAY, SAT/CBL, GAME and MEDIA.

6 HDMI Outputs

HDMI Outputs (1) and (2). Always connect the primary display to HDMI (1). HDMI video is switched to these outputs from the HDMI inputs above. More detailed information on the use of both outputs is below in section *USING DUAL HDMI OUTPUTS* on pg - 21 -.

7 S/PDIF Digital COAX Inputs

The BLU-RAY, SAT/CBL, GAME, and MEDIA PLAYER front panel selectable sources are supplied with a COAX RCA jack digital audio input. These four inputs will accept any standard S/PDIF source PCM (2 channel), Dolby Digital and DTS formats. These input assignments can be changed at any time.

8 USB 2.0 Type A Input

Used as a digital audio and control input from computers and similar sources. This source does not have any video assigned. The last used video source will remain active when selecting this input. To select a video source first select the active video source and then select the 7.1 or USB input. If no video is required then do not first select a video source.

9 RS232 9-Pin Serial (Female)

Serial data port utilizing a DB9 female connector. For connection to system control systems such as *Crestron, Savant, AMX and others*.

10 Power Cord Inlet

Use with a standard IEC removable power cord (included).

11 Ethernet 10BaseT (RJ45) Port

For interconnection to personal computers (and/or routers) to facilitate MC-14 software updates; and also for control functions through system controllers (Crestron, AMX, etc.). This acts an HTTP server.

12 Toslink Optical Digital Inputs and Output

The DVR, and TV front panel selectable sources are also supplied with a standard optical digital audio input. These three inputs will accept any standard S/PDIF source PCM (2 channel), Dolby Digital and DTS formats. These input assignments can be changed at any time.

The Toslink Digital output always sends a digital signal that is identical to the MAIN Left and Right output. No down-mixing or bitstream pass through is used.

13 Trigger Input & Outputs

Four (4) 3.5mm two-conductor (Mono-Mini) phone jacks with the tip being positive and the sleeve being negative.

- The trigger input accepts from 3V to 12V DC to turn the MC-14 on. With no voltage the MC-14 will go into standby. If no trigger cable is inserted into the input then the front panel standby button will control the power status. The front panel button will always be able to turn on the MC-14 regardless of trigger status, however *if the MC-14 is turned on with the trigger, then the MC-14 will only turn off with the trigger.*
- Three (3) outputs that supply 12V DC trigger output. The three outputs are per source selectable through the Setup Menu configuration.

14 Infrared Remote Control Input

Accepts input of IR signals from infrared distribution equipment.

15 AES Digital Inputs

Two (2) 3 pin female XLR jacks for digital audio inputs conforming to the Audio Engineering Society/European Broadcasting Union standard using 110 Ohm shielded twisted pair wire.

16 7.1 Analog Inputs (Unbalanced RCA)

Eight RCA jacks for connecting single-ended analog surround signals. This source does not have any video assigned. The last used video source will remain active when selecting this input. To select a video source first select the active video source and then select the 7.1 or USB input. If no video is required then do not first select a video source.

17 Balanced Analog Inputs (Stereo)

Two (2) pairs of balanced XLR-Female audio inputs. The XLR inputs use the standard "Pin 2 Hot" configuration.

XLR Pin	Signal
1	Ground/Shield
2	Signal +
3	Signal -

18 7.1 + Aux Outputs (Balanced XLR)

Eight (8) XLR-Male connectors provides analog audio output from the Main Zone labeled Front L/R, Center, Subwoofer, Side L/R, and Rear L/R are available.

An additional XLR-Male pair labeled AUX L/R is available and provides a 2-Channel downmix of the main 7.1 outputs. The AUX outputs can be re-configured to provide an extra (duplicate) output for the Center and Subwoofer signals. When used as a duplicate output the Left-Aux becomes the Center and the Right-Aux becomes the Subwoofer. This output is configured in the System setup menu.

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ABOUT THE ZONES

The Main zone 7.1 output has access to any of the analog, digital or HDMI sources. The Zone 2 outputs are connected to the stereo analog RCA Unbalanced inputs ONLY. Alternatively you can choose to listen to a 2-channel downmix of the main zone, including any digital sources, by selecting DIGITAL while controlling the ZONE input.

NOTE

Zone 2 can only select the analog RCA sources as shown in the quick start section above. It cannot select the USB, or Balanced inputs. You can listen to a downmix output of the digital input that is selected in the Main Zone by selecting DIGITAL while controlling the ZONE 2. When selecting DIGITAL the display will show "DAC" as the input source.

USING DUAL HDMI OUTPUTS

The MC-14 has two (2) HDMI outputs. Both can be used at the same time with some restrictions on output formats.

- When only one output is used the HDMI video resolution will be determined by the source according to the maximum capabilities of the display device. This is how all HDMI devices are designed to work and is part of the HDMI "handshake" that all devices must do for HDMI to work.
- If two displays are connected but only one is powered the output will behave the same as if only one is connected. If you turn off one and turn on the other display the HDMI signal will see the change and adjust the output to match the newly turned on display. This is called "*Hot Plug*".
- If two displays are connected and BOTH are powered the HDMI output of the source will automatically be set to the highest possible resolution that BOTH displays can allow. For example: if display #2 can only accept 720p, but display #1 can accept 1080p, then both outputs will be forced to use 720p.

HDMI AUDIO OUTPUTS

The audio output of the MC-14 can be routed out through the HDMI output for connection to a downstream TV with built in speakers. The audio output options are controlled from the SYSTEM SETUP→MISCELENEOUS option.

The choices are:

- MUTED: this mutes the output at all times
- 8-CH: this sends a copy of the multi-channel signal to the output. This is identical to what is heard on the Main Audio Outputs.
- 2CH Downmix: This sends a down mixed signal from the multi-channel outputs to the HDMI Audio output.

HDMI INPUTS AND HI-RESOLUTION AUDIO

The HDMI inputs can accept and decode high resolution audio bitstreams including Dolby TrueHD and DTS-HD Master Audio™. It may be necessary to disable the Secondary Audio capabilities of most blu-ray players to enable the uncompressed audio and receive the highest possible fidelity audio. This option may be called "secondary audio", "pure direct", "button effects", "BD Audio Mix interactive audio", "HD Audio Output" or similar and should be set to OFF, DIRECT, BITSTREAM or similar settings. Your particular player may have different settings and you should consult your owner's manual to review the possible settings and functions.

SPEAKER PLACEMENT GUIDE

[THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS REPRINTED FROM THE CEA/CEDIA GUIDELINES AS WRITTEN BY DR. FLOYD TOOLE AND REPRINTED WITH DR. TOOLE'S PERMISSION]

The **horizontal loudspeaker layout** is defined from the perspective of the prime listening location. In the example in Figure 1, the prime listening location is in the center of the seating area; this is obviously not a requirement. If there is to be only one pair of surround loudspeakers, as in a 5.1-channel system, they should be placed within the angular range $\pm 110^\circ$ to $\pm 120^\circ$. If there are four surround loudspeakers, as in a 7.1-channel system shown here, the side loudspeakers can be placed symmetrically within the angular range spanning $\pm 60^\circ$ to about $\pm 100^\circ$, and the rear loudspeakers within the angular range spanning approximately $\pm 135^\circ$ to $\pm 150^\circ$. A 6.1-channel system could obviously have a single center-rear loudspeaker, but it is recommended that the signal be split between two rear loudspeakers. Note that, in some rooms, the rear loudspeakers cannot be, or need not be, on the rear wall – it is the angles that matter. Given the flexibility in surround speaker placement, in a small room with two rows there is a benefit to placing monopole or bipole side loudspeakers in positions that are equidistant from each row. This yields a simplified sound level calibration which does not bias one row over another.

If it is necessary to use additional surround loudspeakers for large audience areas and/or in large rooms, those added loudspeakers should be spaced by equal angles within the angular range shown in Figure 1.

Finally, the prime listening location, and as many other listeners as possible, should be placed on the center line of the seating array, preferably half way between the side surround loudspeakers. From the perspective of perceived envelopment, these are the best seats in the house. They are also the best seats in the house to avoid hearing steering artifacts in upmix algorithms – the unintended momentary bursts of sound in surround loudspeakers. In the past, some designers have avoided this location because they believed that there were low-frequency acoustic nulls at that location. This is true if only a single subwoofer is used. However, if two or more are used in the manners prescribed in the Subwoofer section later in this document, these nulls are eliminated, and several listeners are exposed to better and more uniform bass.

Loudspeaker elevations or height: The front three loudspeakers should be mounted with tweeters at, or close to, ear level. A vertical discrepancy between center and side channels of about 2 ft (60 cm) is acceptable across the width of a large screen. The ventriloquism effect often deals with even greater directional errors than this when all of the on-screen sounds emanate from the center channel. Surround loudspeakers should be elevated about 2 ft (60 cm) above ear level, this being a compromise between the requirements for multichannel music (all loudspeakers at ear level) and movies (surround loudspeakers elevated). Be careful to ensure that listeners have line-of-sight contact with the tweeters of the three front loudspeakers. This may require staged multilevel seating, which has the additional advantage of allowing one listener in each row to be on the center line of the room – staggered seating is not required. Elevating the surround loudspeakers allows them to be heard by all listeners in each row. In very narrow rooms, high wall locations will help avoid localization of the side loudspeakers by those listeners on the edges of the audience area.

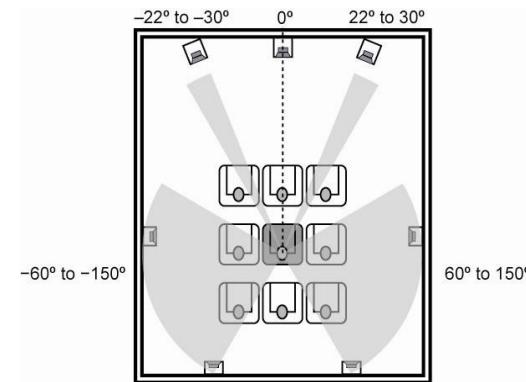


Figure 1 –
A simple diagram showing the angular ranges within which loudspeakers should be located relative to the prime listening location. The locations of the front loudspeakers follow guidance at www.dolby.com. The angular range for surround loudspeakers is the recommendation in ITU-R BS.775-2 (2006)©. From CEA/CEDIA-CEB22.

5.1 SPEAKER PLACEMENT

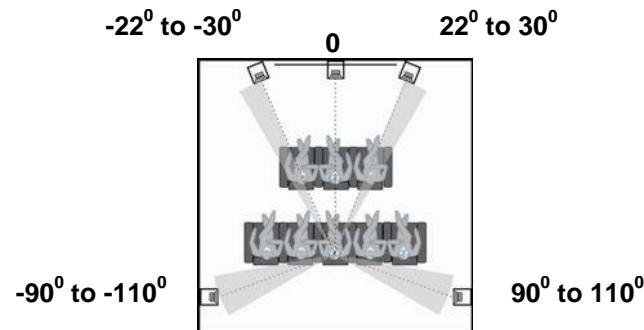


Figure 2 –

A simple diagram showing the angular ranges within which loudspeakers should be located relative to the prime listening location for a 5.1 system. From CEA/CEDIA-CEB22.

7.1 SPEAKER PLACEMENT

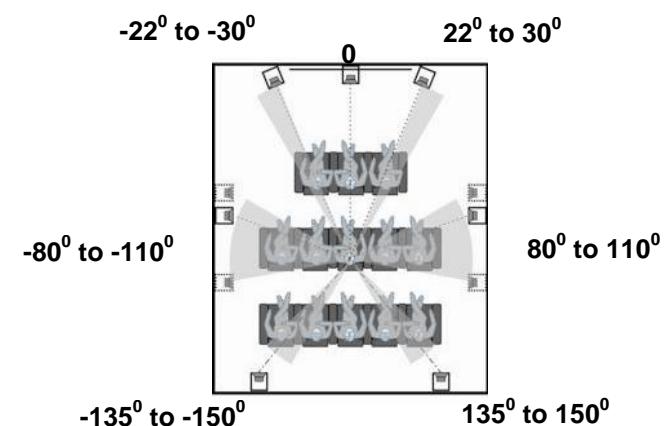


Figure 3 –

A simple diagram showing the angular ranges within which loudspeakers should be located relative to the prime listening location for a 7.1 system. From CEA/CEDIA-CEB22

For multiple rows of seats it may be beneficial to add multiple side channels. These side channels should be $\sim 90^{\circ}$ to the intended or primary row they are associated with.

REMOTE CONTROL OVERVIEW

The MC-14 remote control provides full operation of the MC-14, including commands such as Mute and special discrete functions that are not available from the front-panel.

OPERATION CONSIDERATIONS

The following factors can improve or impede remote control operation.

Note the following before operating the MC-14 remote control:

- The remote control must be in line of sight with the front panel IR receiver. Eliminate obstructions between the remote control and the IR receiver. The remote control may become unreliable if strong sunlight or fluorescent light shines on the IR receiver.
- For optimal performance, position the remote control at a 30 degree angle no more than 17 feet (5m) from the MC-14. Placing the MC-14 inside a smoked glass cabinet will reduce the remote control range.
- Remote controls for different components can interfere with one another. Avoid using remote controls for different components at the same time.
- Remote control batteries should be replaced as needed.



REMOTE CONTROL COMMAND MATRIX



BUTTON	MAIN ZONE	ZONE 2
POWER	Activates and deactivates standby mode. When standby mode is activated, pressing the power button deactivates standby mode and activates the MC-14, including the sources that were activated during the previous operating session. The red front panel standby button LED lights to indicate that standby mode is activated. Note: Power is still supplied to the MC-14 when standby mode is activated. Note: Zone 2 power on defaults to Full Mute.	
ON	Turns MC-14 ON. If the MC-14 is already ON then no action will occur.	
TEST	Turns on the Internal Pink Noise Test with AUTO-CYCLE through all the speaker outputs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press TEST again to turn off Auto-Cycle and turn on MANUAL advance. Press TEST to advance to the next speaker when in MANUAL advance. Press the < button to stop. Use the SURR < and SURR > buttons or the VOL Up and VOL DOWN buttons to increase or decrease speaker output levels. 	No Action
ANLG	Toggles 2-Channel Analog Bypass On/Off	No Action
SPDIF	Toggles Digital (COAX or OPTICAL) On/Off	Switched Zone 2 output to the Digital to Analog Output Main Zone signal. This is shown as DAC for SRC on the 4 line status display.
HDMI	Toggles HDMI Input On/Off	No Action



BUTTON	MAIN ZONE	ZONE 2
BLU-RAY	Selects BLU-RAY for the Main Zone	Selects BLU-RAY for the Zone 2
SAT/CBL	Selects SAT/CBL for the Main Zone	Selects SAT/CBL for the Zone 2
GAME	Selects GAME for the Main Zone	Selects GAME for the Zone 2
MEDIA	Selects MEDIA for the Main Zone	Selects MEDIA for the Zone 2
DVR	Selects DVR for the Main Zone	Selects DVR for the Zone 2
TV	Selects TV for the Main Zone	Selects TV for the Zone 2
CD	Selects CD for the Main Zone	No Action
BAL2	Selects Balance Input 2 for the Main Zone	No Action
USB	Selects the USB input for the Main Zone	No Action
7.1 DIR	Selects the 7.1 Analog input for the Main Zone	No Action
DD	<p>Direct access to the default Dolby surround mode that is valid for the incoming signal or bitstream, as allowed by the current speaker setup.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Example: If a 7.1 speaker setup is active and an analog input is selected the DD button will default to Dolby PLIIx-Cinema 7.1 	No Action
DTS	<p>Direct access to the default DTS surround mode that is valid for the incoming signal or bitstream, as allowed by the current speaker setup.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Example: If a 7.1 speaker setup is active and an analog input is selected the DTS button will default to DTS-Neo6-Cinema 7.1 	No Action



BUTTON	MAIN ZONE	ZONE 2
MENU Left	Closes the current menu	No Action
MENU Up	Scrolls Up through the current menu	No Action
MENU Down	Scrolls Down through the current menu	No Action
MENU Right	Opens the menu structure and selects the highlighted menu item	No Action
EXIT	Closes the current menu and saves the setting	No Action
MUTE	Main Zone Mute LED for MAIN on front panel will turn RED on MUTE and BLUE on UNMUTE	Zone 2 Mute LED for MAIN on front panel will turn RED on MUTE and BLUE on UNMUTE
VOL + VOL -	Increase or Decrease the Main Zone Volume	Increase or Decrease the Zone 2 Volume
MODE + MODE -	Cycles forwards and backward through the available surround modes. These modes are dynamic based on input source and signal.	No Action
MAIN	Selects the Main Zone if not already selected.	Switches the control from Zone 2 to Main
ZONE	Switches the control from Main Zone to Zone 2	Selects the Zone 2 if not already selected.
Pass-Through	Turns off all output encoding or Post-Processing	No Action
Party	Selects Party output mode	No Action
Stereo	Toggles Stereo Mode On/Off	No Action
ProLogic	Selects Dolby Pro Logic 5.1 output mode	No Action
DD Music	Selects Dolby Pro Logic IIx Music output mode	No Action
DD Movie	Selects Dolby Pro Logic IIx Cinema output mode	No Action
DTS Music	Selects DTS Neo6 Music output mode	No Action
DTS Movie	Selects DTS Neo6 Cinema output mode	No Action

MENU NAVIGATION

Use the remote control or front panel Menu arrow buttons to navigate the extensive menu structure shown in the Appendix. The table below indicates the navigation commands that the remote control buttons perform when the Main Zone command bank is activated. You cannot access the setup menu when selected on the Zone 2 output. The 4 line status display on the front panel will display all the menu options available and allow you to scroll through all available options.

Button	Navigation Function(s)
Menu ▶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When no menus are displayed, press the ▶ arrow button to open the MAIN MENU. When a menu is open, press the ▶ arrow button to select the highlighted menu item.
Menu ◀	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When a menu is open, press the ◀ arrow button to close the menu and, in most cases, open the previous menu. Subsequent presses continue to close the current menu and open the previous menu until the MAIN MENU is closed. When the MAIN MENU is closed, the menu structure is also closed. When no menus are displayed, pressing the ◀ arrow button performs no function.
Menu ▲ ▼	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When a menu is open, press the ▲ or ▼ arrow buttons to scroll upward or downward through the complete list of menu items. All menu items are displayed on-screen. An up and/or down arrow appears on the right side of the menu when menu items exceed the top and bottom margins of the display.
Surround Mode ▶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases the selected parameter or advances to the next option in the highlighted menu.
Surround Mode ◀	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decreases the selected parameter or returns to the previous option in the highlighted menu.
Volume Knob /Encoder (Front Panel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn clockwise to increase the selected parameter or advances to the next option in the highlighted menu. Turn counterclockwise to decrease the selected parameter or returns to the previous option in the highlighted menu.
Volume (Remote) ▲ ▼	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same function as the volume / encoder know as above.

FRONT PANEL STATUS DISPLAY

The four (4)-line status opens on the front panel displays whenever the MC-14 detects a status change such as a new input source or listening mode. The information included on the four-line status differs depending on the zone in which the MC-14 last detected a status change and if the display is being used to show the Setup Menu or the currently active zone status.

MAIN AND ZONE STATUS DISPLAY

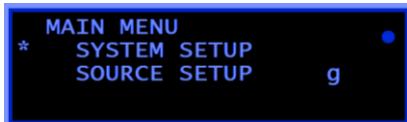
Under normal operation the four line display shows the following information:

- Line 1: Source
- Line 2 Input Signal and/or Format
- Line 3: Output Surround Mode
- Line 4: Volume



SETUP MENU DISPLAY

Pressing the RIGHT ➤ arrow on the remote or the front panel will open the SETUP MENU. The four lines will show up to four lines of menu options for the currently selected setup menu. If there are more menu options above or below the displayed text then an arrow will appear in the right side of the display indicating up and/or down for more information.

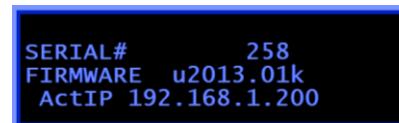


VOLUME DISPLAY

Changing the volume from either remote or the front panel will change the display to VOLUME. The entire display will show in large size font the currently selected zone (MAIN or ZONE 2) volume level in dB when the volume is changed. It will automatically switch back to the last four line status display after 1 second.

SYSTEM INFORMATION DISPLAY

From the MAIN or ZONE STATUS DISPLAY (pictured at left) pressing the LEFT ◀ arrow on the remote or the front panel will change the display from the STATUS to the SYSTEM INFORMATION DISPLAY.



DOLBY VOLUME DISPLAY

From the MAIN STATUS DISPLAY pressing the DOWN ▼ arrow from the remote or front panel will open the DOLBY VOLUME DISPLAY. From this you can configure DOLBY VOLUME options. For detailed information see section 7. DOLBY VOLUME.



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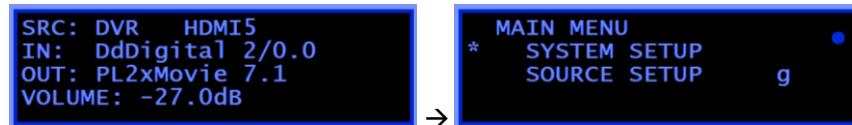
3. SETUP

MENU NAVIGATION OVERVIEW

For all menu screens the UP / DOWN / LEFT / RIGHT menu arrows are used to navigate through all the menu screens. If a screen has more options than can be shown there will be an arrow in the right side of the screen to indicate this.

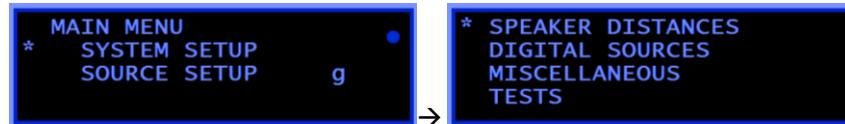
- To exit any screen use the LEFT menu arrow.
- To enter any screen use the RIGHT menu arrow.
- To change any parameters use the VOL UP or VOL DOWN buttons or the SURR LEFT or SURR RIGHT buttons or the VOLUME KNOB.

NOTE You must exit the menu before the “Menu Time Out” occurs or your changes will not be saved. Changes are automatically saved when exiting the menu.



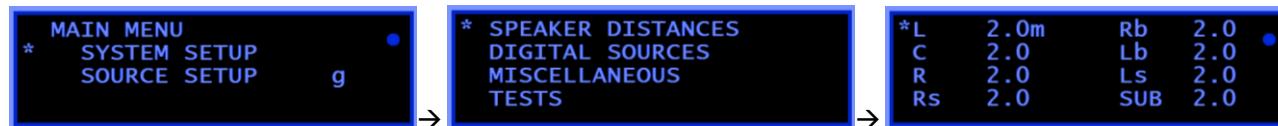
Selecting > from the status menu opens the **MAIN MENU**. The **Main Menu** has 2 options, **SYSTEM SETUP** and **SOURCE SETUP**.

SYSTEM SETUP



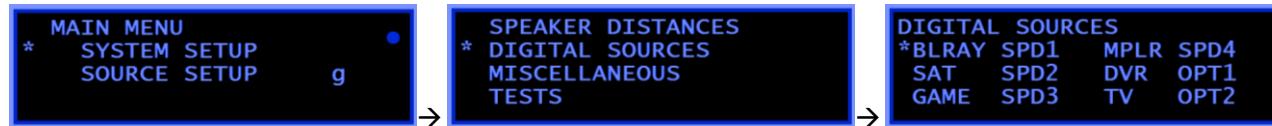
Selecting **SYSTEM SETUP** from the **MAIN MENU** opens the system setup options menu. The items in the System Setup menu include those options that are global, or effect multiple inputs or sources at a time, as well as any miscellaneous settings. Items that are not in the **SYSTEM SETUP** MENU include those options that are source specific, or have the option to be either Source specific or System global.

SPEAKER DISTANCES



The speaker distances can be set using either METERS (M) or FEET (ft). The units can be changed from the MISCELLANEOUS setup menu.

S/PDIF DIGITAL AUDIO SOURCES



Digital Sources refers to the connected COAX or OPTICAL digital audio connections. If you are using connections other than the defaults then use this screen to change to the correct connections. Once you have selected the source you want to change by using the UP and DOWN buttons you can change to a different Digital Source to select from any valid input. S/PDIF Digital Inputs are only available for inputs 1 – 6. Inputs 7 (CD) and 8 (BAL2) are connected to the balanced analog and balanced digital (AES/EBU) inputs and are not assignable.

Parameter	Possible Settings
BLU-RAY	SPDIF 1 to 4, OPTO 1 to 3
SAT/CBL	SPDIF 1 to 4, OPTO 1 to 3
GAME	SPDIF 1 to 4, OPTO 1 to 3
MPLR	SPDIF 1 to 4, OPTO 1 to 3
DVR	SPDIF 1 to 4, OPTO 1 to 3
TV	SPDIF 1 to 4, OPTO 1 to 3

MISCELLANEOUS OPTIONS



BRIGHTNESS:

Select from 25% / 50% / 75% / 100% front panel LCD display brightness.
The default is 50%

HEADPHONES:

[Not Available In All Regions] Sets the headphone output level Offset from -12dB to +6 from the Main Zone volume level

PRESET VOLUME ON:

Sets the turn on volume of the Main Zone output from -60dB to +10dB.
The default setting is -40dB.

AUX:

The AUX L + R outputs can be used as an additional stereo pair or to duplicate the Center and Subwoofer signals of the Main Zone output.
The default is **Stereo L+R**. The two options are:

- **Stereo L+R:** This routes a stereo down-mix signal on the two AUX output jacks, the same stereo down-mix that appears on the headphone jack.
- **Center & Sub:** This option routes the Center channel onto the L-AUX connector and the SUB channel onto the R-AUX connector thus facilitating the use of two sub-woofers and/or two Center channel speakers.

AUTO SAVE:

The changes made to the setup and operation of the MC-14 can be automatically saved as you make the changes, and no additional step is needed. This is the default setting: ON. When set to on the system will automatically save the settings as you exit the setup menu. You can also set the unit to NOT save automatically and in this case you will need to save manually. **WE DO NOT RECOMMEND CHANGING THIS PARAMETER.**

DISP TIMEOUT

The time it takes for the Setup Menu to time out and return to the Status Menu. This parameter also controls the time it takes for the LCD display and/or the LED lights to time out and turn off. The default setting is for the LCD display timeout of 10 minutes, with no time out on the LED lights.

[NOTE] When the option is set to DISPLAY+LED all the lights on the front panel and LCD display will turn off. The unit will look dark and OFF but will still be operational. Pressing any button or changing the volume will turn on the display and LED lights for the selected time.

The options are:

- Display Timeout 2 Minutes
- Display Timeout 10 Minutes
- Display Timeout 30 Minutes
- Display Timeout 120 Minutes
- Display+LED Timeout 2 Minutes
- Display+LED Timeout 10 Minutes
- Display+LED Timeout 30 Minutes
- Display+LED Timeout 120 Minutes

SPEAKER DIST UNIT:

Select between Meter (M) and Feet (ft). The default is Feet.

TRIG DELAY:

The delay before the DC triggers located on the rear panel turn on after becoming active as set in the Source Setup menu for each source. The default is 0 seconds. The options are 0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 seconds.

DHCP CLIENT and IP Address:

Changes the internal TCP/IP network configuration between acting as a server or as a client. Depending on the capabilities of your system or computer and the connection between the MC-14 and the computer or external control you will need to set this parameter to the correct setting. Use the description below for the options to determine the best setting. The default setting is **CLIENT AUTO IP**.

NOTE For most standard home networks with a typical residential router and a standard home computer running Windows® or Mac OS® X the setting of **CLIENT Auto IP** will be correct.

- **Client Auto IP:** This is the most common home networking connection. “Obtain an IP address automatically” is typically the default configuration in Windows® PC. In this case a DHCP router will assign all IP addresses dynamically as needed. The MC-14 will be assigned a valid IP range by the router. The MC-14 can be contacted by typing in the current IP Address in any common internet browser (Microsoft Internet Explorer®, Firefox, etc...) in the address bar or using the “NetBios Name”. “NetBios Name” addressing for the MC-14 would be <http://LEXICON-XYZ> where XYZ is the serial number of the unit (for example <http://LEXICON-258>). NetBios can often be used in this scheme, depending on the capability of the network server and the firewall settings. Using the actual IP address of the MC-14 would also work however, the actual IP address value is determined by the DHCP server or router and may vary based on the time at which the system was powered on, especially after a power outage.
- **Static IP:** In this case the MC-14 will not receive any IP address. The IP Address and Subnet must be set manually and also avoid conflicts with other devices. The IP address must be valid for any computer or host to reach the MC-14. This is the most common setting for an external control system such as Crestron or AMX. The static IP setting allows the network administrator to control the IP address of the unit, and to have a constant IP address even after a power cycle.
- **Server:** In this configuration the MC-14 will act as an IP address Server and the Computer should be set to DHCP or “Obtain an IP address automatically”. This setting is recommended only for a direct or “peer to peer” connection with a single computer and will most

likely require a cross-over Ethernet cable. This setting is not recommended for any system that might include a DHCP Server as it can cause the DHCP Server or Router to shut down.

- **Client & Server:** If no DHCP Server is found the MC-14 will act as a DHCP Server as described above. If a DHCP Server is found the MC-14 will act as a Client as described above. This is the most common setting for connecting to a single Windows® computer. The MC-14 and the computer will be connected using an Ethernet Cat5e “cross-over” cable.

NOTE After Selecting one of the choices above be sure to press the LEFT arrow and escape out of the setup screen to ensure that the MC-14 is reset to the choice you selected.

MC-14 SETUP FOR STATIC IP

For this setup the IP Address must be set manually. After selecting the STATIC IP choice in the step above you will need to select and enter an IP Address. To set the address of the MC-14:

- Press right arrow key to enter the menu system, then **SYSTEM SETUP→MISCELLANEOUS** and Scroll to the TCP/IP setup screen

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*DHCP STATIC IPadr ^ •
IPadr 192.168.1.200
IPmsk 255.255.255.0 v
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- Make sure that the setup screen looks on like above screen.
- Use the MENU ARROW buttons to move between the fields for IPadr (IP Address) and IPmsk (Subnet) to enter the correct settings for your system.
- Set IPmsk first as this controls what IPadr can be accessed.
- After making a new DHCP selection press LEFT arrow key to escape back to the main screen, then press STANDBY button and then again to power up, to reset the MC-14 unit to the new IP Address.

NOTES FOR NETWORK CONNECTIONS AND WEB INTERFACE

NOTE For details on the Web Interface itself see section 6 WEB INTERFACE.

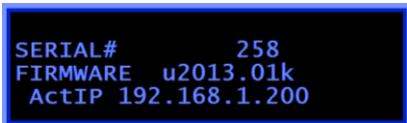
MC-14 can be connected to a PC (Windows®, MacOS, Linux etc) using an Ethernet cable through a local area network hub or through a direct peer-to-peer (MC-14-to-PC) using a cross-over network cable. Connection between the MC-14 and a PC can be established using either one of the 3 basic configuration schemes differing in the way the IP addresses are leased out or assigned.

The communication interface with the MC-14 is handled by an internet browser, for example Microsoft Internet Explorer®, Google® Chrome®, Safari®, etc. This can be done with Windows®, Mac, Linux, or other operating system that supports standard networking and standard internet browsers. Once a connection is established to the network, typing in the MC-14 so-called "Net Bios Name" or its IP address in the browser URL window and pressing enter, should bring the internal home page.

The NetBios name would be **HTTP://LEXICON-(serial Number of the unit)**. Note that the serial # in this field is the internal Network Interface Card serial number, and not the product serial number as needed for warranty status information.

The IP Address can also be typed directly into the web browser, such as (for example) 192.168.1.30.

To determine the Serial # or the IP address simply press the LEFT ARROW on the MC-14 from the home screen and the main LCD screen will show the serial # and the IP Address of the currently active system. In the below example the Serial # is 258 and the IP address is 192.168.1.30. In this case the internet browser address is either **HTTP://LEXICON-258** or simply **http://192.168.1.200** and either could be used to connect to the unit.



If the unit cannot be found by your browser then make sure that the computer and the MC-14 are on the same network, and that they are in the same IP Address range (for example both have 192.168.1.xxx).

NOTE The NetBIOS name might not work on your computer depending on the network configuration in use. MAC OS® X computers in particular are not set to use the NetBIOS name and should use the IP Address method first.

CONNECTION TROUBLESHOOTING

1. Did use the correct IP address?

Try accessing the MC-14 directly at the IP address shown in the MISC menu screen, for example type "**http://169.254.1.1/**" directly into your browser URL line. If this fails, then that IP address you set may not yet be reachable. Try the step below.

2. Still not working?

If you are connected through a LAN router acting as a DHCP server then set up DHCP setting in the MISC menu as "CLIENT", then reset everything, that is - reboot your PC or "nbtstat -R", re-power the router and re-standby the MC-14. Selecting **DHCP=CLIENT&SERVER** should also work in most circumstances, except it is not recommended with business/office LANs because it may in some cases cause the main network server to cease acting as the main DHCP server for other workstations.

3. If it is still not working, then:

If your PC is running Windows® and is connected directly to MC-14 through a LAN cable, then set up MISC menu: either as:

- (a) **DHCP=SERVER**, or
- (b) **IP ADDRESS=169.254.1.1; IPMASK=255.255.0.0, DHCP=STATIC**

Then reset everything. It sometimes may take a minute for a Windows® system to re-negotiate a LAN connection after a change.

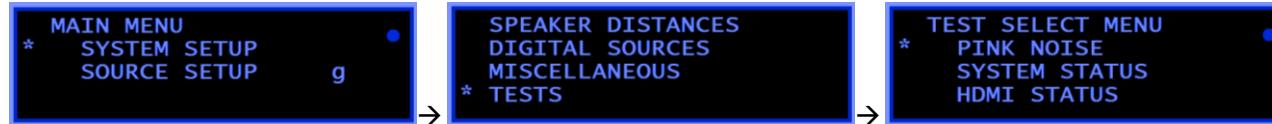
RESET OPTIONS

The MC-14 has several reset options. These options are accessed from the System Setup menu → Miscellaneous. Scrolling down past the IP Address options will show these additional menu options.

All RESET menu options work in the same manner. Scroll down to the option using the UP/DOWN arrows. Press the SURR MODE RIGHT/+ button to change the menu to show DO IT! Press the LEFT arrow to exit the menu and DO the reset.

- **DEFAULT EPROM:** This will reset all USER settings back to FACTORY defaults *except* for TCP/IP network settings. This option should be used if any strange or unusual behavior of the unit is observed that cannot be fixed with normal troubleshooting. It will erase any user adjustments so be sure to write down any settings that you will need to enter.
- **ETH RST:** This will reset the Ethernet port but not change TCP/IP settings. Use this option if communication on the network port has become corrupted.
- **DEFAULT TCPIP:** This will reset all TCP/IP user settings back to the factory defaults.
- **REBOOT:** This is the same as disconnecting power completely and will power cycle the unit.

TESTS and TEST OPTIONS



INTERNAL NOISE TEST:

PINK NOISE: AUTOCYCLE
PRESS: - TO EXIT
SPEAKER: L
SETVOL:-27.0dB

Selecting NOISE TEST will put a burst of pink noise, sequentially, on all speakers while displaying the output the test signal is being sent to. This is intended to help you verify that the connections and speaker levels are correct.

The test tone by default is a band limited from 500Hz to 2000Hz with 12dB per octave roll-offs above and below those frequencies. This band limited test tone is best used for setting output level of speakers when using an SPL meter.

The test tone frequency range can be changed to a full range 20Hz to 20kHz pink noise tone from the SYSTEM SETUP→MISCELLANEOUS menu. The full range test tone will be output regardless of bass management crossover or speaker size selection. This full range test is best used for testing speakers for proper operation including possible woofer or ultra-high frequency driver. Care must be taken when using the full range test tone as speakers not designed to play all frequencies may be damaged. PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

TURNING ON THE TEST TONE FROM THE FRONT PANEL MENU:

- Within the System Setup → Test menu, move the cursor to select *NOISE TEST* and press the right arrow button to initiate the test (and the left arrow button to stop it, if desired). This menu can also be accessed by pressing the TEST button on the remote.
- When operated from the TEST MENU The AUTOCYCLE will continue until the LEFT arrow is pressed to exit or five (5) complete cycles have occurred.
- To change from *AUTO-CYCLE* to *MANUAL* press the RIGHT arrow button again. Once in *MANUAL* mode to advance the channel from press the right arrow again. To exit press left arrow button.

TURNING ON THE TEST TONE FROM THE REMOTE CONTROL:

- To use the MC-14 remote control to initiate the test press the *TEST* button on the remote. To change from *AUTO-CYCLE* to *MANUAL* press the *TEST* button again. To advance the channel from the remote press right arrow again. To exit press left arrow button.
- When operated from the *REMOTE CONTROL* the test tone will stop after one complete cycle through the channel outputs.

ADJUSTING THE OUTPUT LEVEL:

- The first 8 seconds of the test will allow you to adjust the **MAIN** output level to reference level by using the **LEFT FRONT** speaker as the reference. The test tone is designed so that a 0dB reading on an SPL meter that is set to C-weighting and SLOW response will correlate with the THX reference level of 75dB, however the test tone level can be set using any convenient SPL level.
- By default the test tone will appear at the current **MAIN** output level control setting. Using the **LEFT FRONT** speaker adjust the main output level until you achieve the desired level on your SPL meter.
- The front left speaker will always read 0dB. The front left speaker is used as the “reference” speaker so that all adjustments are relative

to the front left speaker. This allows the maximum headroom and best signal to noise ratio for the system as all adjustments are relative and no one speaker should be extremely high or extremely low.

- The volume control can be used to adjust the output levels during the test. While the front panel display shows the currently selected speaker channel output the volume knob or volume control can adjust the output up or down.
- Each channel will be tested for 8 seconds and then the next channel will be selected unless the MANUAL control is used from the remote as described below.

SYSTEM STATUS:

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BOOTLOADER      2012.05 ^ •
SERIAL NUM      258
MANUF DATE     20120503
SOFTWR REV     u2013.01v
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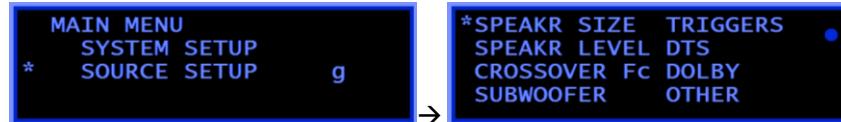
The System Status page shows information about the system that can be used by Technical Support to evaluate and troubleshoot an MC-14.

HDMI STATUS

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HD-*SP3
STATE:ON    NotHDMUTE
InputDet: 0x001B
Alerts: 0x00000000    v
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The HDMI STATUS page shows information about the system that can be used by Technical Support to evaluate and troubleshoot an MC-14.

SOURCE SETUP



The SOURCE SETUP Menu includes all those options that *can be set* on a per source basis. The sources can also all use the same settings on a *global* basis. The SOURCE SETUP menu is controlled by the currently active source in the main zone. For example, the Main Zone is selected to BLU-RAY. All source setup parameters that are shown will relate to the BLU-RAY input only.

SOURCE INDIVIDUAL: The Factory Default and preferred operation is to use source INDIVIDUAL settings. This setting allows changes to be made that only apply to the currently selected source. While the parameter is INDIVIDUAL then all source settings can be changed on a per source basis. Changes made do not affect other sources and the settings are outlined below. All menu options contained in the source setup menu are controlled by the GLOBAL/INDIVIDUAL parameter, as well as the default playback modes as shown below.

SOURCE GLOBAL: A small letter g will appear on the MAIN MENU to indicate that GLOBAL is turned on. SOURCE SETUP parameters for the currently selected source become applicable to all other sources after changing from INDIVIDUAL to GLOBAL. Conversely, changing from GLOBAL to INDIVIDUAL restores the original source parameters present at a time before INDIVIDUAL was previously changed to GLOBAL. It is very important to check all sources for proper setup when changing from GLOBAL to INDIVIDUAL.



SOURCE SETUP DEFAULTS:

SPEAKER SIZE	SPEAKER LEVEL	CROSSOVER	SUBWOOFER	TRIGGERS	DIGITAL OUT	LIP SYNC	FORMAT DETECT	Surround Mode*
FRONT: SMALL CENTER: SMALL SIDE: SMALL REAR: 2 SMALL	LEFT: 0dB RIGHT: 0dB CENTER: 0dB SIDE LEFT: 0dB SIDE RIGHT: 0dB BACK LEFT: 0dB BACK RIGHT: 0dB SUBWOOFER: 0dB	FRONT: 80hz CENTER: 80hz SIDE: 80hz BACK: 80hz	ON OFF in 2ch Bypass Xtra Bass OFF	1: ON 2: ON 3: ON	ZoneDAC (downmix similar to Headphone)	0ms	AUTO	2 channel Input: Dolby PLIIx Movie Dolby 5.1 Input: Dolby PLIIx Movie DTS 5.1 Input: 7.1 Output 5.1 PCM Input: Dolby PLIIx Movie

NOTE The settings for each source for Analog Audio, Digital Audio or HDMI Audio input are controlled from the front panel and are not shown in the setup menu. You do not need to open the setup menu to control these options, and no menu control exists.

SPEAKER SIZE

* FRONT	SMALL	.
CENTER	SMALL	.
SURROUND	SMALL	.
BACK	2 SMALL	.

Speaker configuration involves declaring the size such as Large, Small or None (see SPEAKER SIZE menu) for the five categories of speakers: Front (Left and Right), Center, Surround (side surround), Back (rear surround) and Subwoofer (in SUBWOOFER sub-menu).

The Subwoofer output carries a combined (sum) contents of bass extracted from all the other speaker channels, for those speakers that are declared as "Small", and also includes the Low-Frequency Effect contents (LFE) present optionally only in the multi-channel stream (labeled as 5.1, 6.1 or 7.1). Bass contents is defined as the portion of the audio spectrum of frequencies from all the channels that are below the cross-over frequency (default is 80Hz), added up to the LFE channel (if present). The cross-over frequency can be modified in the SOURCE SETUP→CROSSOVER Fc submenu, separately for the front speakers, center, surround and back. The LFE channel cannot be altered or cut off and the cross-over frequency setup or Xtra Bass setup does not affect it. Bass content carried through those channels where the speakers are declared as "Large" is not re-routed through the Subwoofer. Instead it is output through those speakers directly. If Subwoofer is declared as not present, then the bass contents from all the channels will be re-routed through the large speakers only (if there are any), otherwise it will be cut-off. MC-14 provides a single subwoofer channel.

Parameter	Possible Settings
FRONT	LARGE, SMALL
CENTER	LARGE, SMALL, NONE
SURROUND	LARGE, SMALL, NONE
BACK	1 LARGE, 2 LARGE, 1 SMALL, 2 SMALL, NONE

SPEAKER LEVEL

* L	0.0dB	Rb	0.0	.
C	0.0	Lb	0.0	.
R	0.0	Ls	0.0	.
Rs	0.0	SUB	0.0	.

YOU MUST ENTER THE SAME SETTINGS FOR EACH SOURCE OR REPEAT THIS PROCESS FOR EACH SOURCE WHEN THE MC-14 IS SET TO SOURCE INDIVIDUAL.

Volume level corrections (from -12 to +12dB) can be entered for each speaker individually in the SPEAKER LEVEL screen. This level control can also be changed during the internal noise test as shown in the SYSTEM SETUP→TEST screen, or by pressing the TEST button on the remote control.

SETTING SPEAKER LEVEL USING THE INTERNAL NOISE TEST:

The internal noise test allows you to set the levels of the speakers. The noise test is used to balance the speakers relative to each other.

Note the following:

- You should use a Sound Pressure Level (SPL) meter to manually calibrate output levels. An SPL meter is a device that measures the relative loudness of the speakers to ensure accurate output level calibration. SPL meters are available at Radio Shack.
- Output levels should be calibrated from the primary listening position by placing the SPL meter at the approximate location where the listener's head will be during listening.
- The SUBWOOFER level will need to be adjusted higher than the main speakers. This is due to the roll-off that all SPL meters have built in to the microphone. Unless you are using a known SPL meter with frequency response to below 30Hz do not set the levels to the same as the Main Speakers.
- The MC-14 will return to the main Volume Level when the test is exited.

To calibrate output levels during the MANUAL internal noise test:

Please see the sections regarding the Remote Control and the Front Panel User Menu for detailed instruction on how to turn on the internal noise test and adjust levels.

- Turn on the noise test by pressing the TEST button once to turn it on and a second time to go to MANUAL.
- The first speaker to play the test tone will be the Front Left. Adjust the level using the Volume Up/Down until you reach the desired SPL reading on your meter. For reference level we recommend using 75dB when the meter is set to SLOW and C-weighting. Once the Front Left speaker is set you will now be able to move on the next speaker.
- Press the TEST button again to move to the next speaker.
- Adjust the next speaker to the same SPL reading.
- After each speaker is adjusted press TEST to move to the next.
- When all speakers have been set the unit will exit the TEST and return to normal operation.

To calibrate output levels during the AUTO-CYCLE internal noise test:

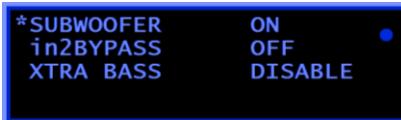
- Turn on the noise test by pressing the TEST button once to turn it on to AUTO-CYCLE
- The first speaker to play the test tone will be the Front Left. Adjust the level using the Volume Up/Down until you reach the desired SPL reading on your meter. For reference level we recommend using 75dB when the meter is set to SLOW and C-weighting. The test will automatically move after a few seconds to the next speaker.
- Adjust the next speaker to the same SPL reading.
- Each speaker will be tested in sequence, moving after 4 seconds on each speaker.
- When all speakers have been set the unit will exit the TEST and return to normal operation.

CROSSOVER

*FRONT	80Hz	.
CENTER	80Hz	.
SURROUND	80Hz	.
BACK	80Hz	.

Crossover points can be selected in 5Hz increments within a 40 to 200Hz range.

SUBWOOFER



The Subwoofer Menu allows turning the Subwoofer ON (default) or OFF. If any speaker is set to SMALL then the subwoofer must be ON for best results.

Parameter	Possible Settings
SUB WOOFER	ON , OFF
in2Bypass	ON , OFF
XTRA BASS	ON , OFF (for large front speakers)

SUBWOOFER IN 2-CHANNEL BYPASS MODE:

Two channel bypass mode is selected by the front panel button labeled "2 CH. BYPASS" and applies to analog stereo (left and right only) input signals. The signals are bypassing the Digital Signal Processor (DSP) and are routed only through analog preamps and analog volume control circuit. In this mode DSP can be completely disabled when the "in2BYPASS" option is OFF, or it can be used to extract the bass contents of the analog L and R input channels and output it through the Subwoofer sockets. When "in2BYPASS" option is ON then the cross-over frequency used for bass extraction is the one set up in: **SOURCE SETUP→CROSSOVER Fc→FRONT**, while the Subwoofer Volume Level correction is the one set up in: **SOURCE SETUP→SPEAKER LEVEL→SUB**.

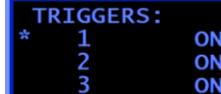
XTRA BASS FEATURE:

If Subwoofer is present and the Front speakers are declared as Large then bass contents will be streamed through the Front speakers while only LFE will be reproduced through the Subwoofer. In this case, in order to make the subwoofer reproduce bass from the Front speakers as well, in addition to being reproduced by the Front speakers, Xtra Bass option

can be enabled. Xtra Bass option has no effect and is disabled when the Front speakers are declared Small or when no subwoofer is present. Xtra Bass option has no effect on LFE reproduction. To turn on the XTRA BASS you must do the following:

- Front speakers set to LARGE in **SPEAKER SIZE**
- Turn ON the XTRA BASS in SOURCE **SETUP→SUBWOOFER→XTRA BASS** In addition, the mixing volume level of the bass contents can be adjusted by this parameter: **SOURCE SETUP→SUBWOOFER→LEVEL** The adjustment range is -20dB to 0dB. The LEVEL parameter applies only to Subwoofer in Xtra Bass (on top of the normal Subwoofer Level correction from **SOURCE SETUP→SPEAKER LEVEL**). It is disabled and not applied if Extra Bass is OFF.
- You cannot use XTRA BASS if the front speakers are set to SMALL

TRIGGERS



Allows control of the three (3) triggers on a per source basis. Each source can have a different and discrete trigger configuration

Parameter	Possible Settings
TRIGGER #1	ON , OFF
TRIGGER #2	ON , OFF
TRIGGER #3	ON , OFF

DTS

Any adjustments for the DTS settings for the source will be found here. This controls how the MC-14 will decode DTS bit-streams as well as DTS post-processing.

Parameter	Possible Settings
Neo:6 Center	0 to 1.0 (0.3 = default)

DOLBY

Any adjustments for the Dolby settings for the source will be found here. This controls how the MC-14 will decode Dolby bit-streams as well as Dolby post-processing.

Parameter	Possible Settings
PLII Music Pan (Panoramic)	ON, OFF
PLII Music Cen (Center)	0 (C max), 1, 2, 3 (L,C,R), 4, 5, 6, 7 (no ctr)
PLII Music Dim (Dimension)	4 (back), 5, 6, 7 (neutral), 8, 9, 10 (front)

OTHER



Controls advanced settings on the source. [Page 1]

Parameter	Possible Settings
SRC PARAM	Individual, Global
DIGI OUT	ZoneDAC, TOSLINK
LIPSYNC	0 to 255mSec
FMT (Format) DETECT	Gapless, Disable, Auto

SOURCE PARAMETER

The Source Parameter controls if the setup done in the previous **SOURCE SETUP** screen acts for all sources or is only affected on the currently selected source. For example, if the parameter is set to GLOBAL then all speaker size, levels and crossovers and triggers will be global and the changes will affect all sources. If set to INDIVIDUAL then these changes will be done on a SOURCE specific selection. Any changes done while in GLOBAL will affect all sources. When switching from INDIVIDUAL to GLOBAL all parameters on the currently selected source will become active for all sources. Conversely, when switching from GLOBAL to INDIVIDUAL all parameters will return to the settings last stored during INDIVIDUAL. This parameter affects all settings within the Source Setup Page and the preferred surround mode.

DIGITAL OUT

This controls what will be sent to the OPTICAL digital output. ZoneDAC will be a down mixed 2-channel output from the MAIN ZONE. TOSLINK will be a pass through of the Dolby Digital or DTS signal.

FORMAT DETECT

This note describes an anomaly showing up when playing BLU-RAY (or BD) media containing digital recording in Dolby Digital or DTS compressed formats, when switching from one audio track recording to another or from track playing to BLU-RAY menu and back. This is not applicable to analog sources, USB source or HDMI sources.

When a compressed digital contents stops playing, as when a track finishes playing, a pause or fast forward buttons are pressed etc, a player stops outputting the compressed digital contents but typically continues outputting linear PCM signal. MC-14 built-in digital signal processor catches such occurrences using a so-called “zero run detection” algorithm. This is necessary to prevent mis-decoding of compressed digital bit-stream as uncompressed or vice versa, which would result in a spurious noise. When an audio track is played again, after the pause, the “zero-run detection” algorithm allows the decoder to switch back to the correct decoding format.

DISABLE – disables the “zero-run detection” algorithm. This is the best setting for all digital sources that are guaranteed to always output an uncompressed linear PCM format. This allows for the most robust and fastest switching between tracks recorded at different sample rates (44.1kHz, 48, 96, 192 etc). It is the default setting for CBL/SAT, BAL1 and BAL2 sources. However, this setting may also permit a spurious noise occurring on some BLU-RAY media when a compressed digital content is being stopped or paused.

AUTO – enables the full version of “zero-run detection”. It prevents mis-detecting of digital formats and prevents any spurious noise appearing when stopping or pausing a compressed digital bit-stream from the BLU-RAY media etc. However, this setting may sometimes delay or prevent decoding of a compressed track after switching it by fast forward button, or during a sequential play.

GAPLESS – enables a simplified version of the “zero-run detection” algorithm which prevents occurrence of the very short burst of noise at the start of a compressed Dolby Digital or DTS track. It does not prevent the spurious noise occurring on some BLU-RAY media when the compressed digital bit-stream is being stopped or paused. Unlike PCM AUTO, this setting would not cause a delay or a loss of play at a track start or after fast forward. This is the default setting for the CD source.

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**HDMI STARTUP**

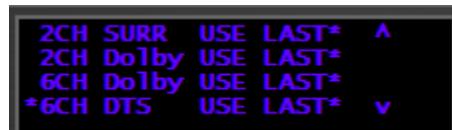
Controls how the EDID and HDMI Sync is controlled. Auto should be used for most sources and allows the source to auto negotiate with the display devices. 1 – EDID will resend the EDID regardless of the display device preferences. 2 – Keep On will keep the HDMI sync clock alive at all times which can speed up switching. 1+2 will resend the EDID and keep the clock alive at all times.

DOLBY VOLUME DEFAULT

Defaults the Dolby Volume to ON or OFF when the source is selected.

Parameter	Possible Settings
HDMI STARTUP	0 - Auto, 1 - EDID, 2 - Keep On, 1+2
Dolby Vol Dflt	Off , On

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**SURROUND MODE DEFAULTS**

Allows control of the default surround modes decoding for each source and incoming format.

Parameter	Possible Settings
2CH SURR	Any 2-channel to Multi channel
2CH DOLBY	ProLogic2 or Pass Through

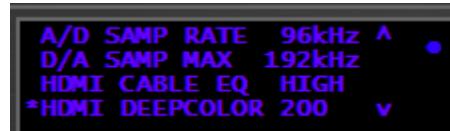
6CH DOLBY

DD-EX, PL2Music, PL2Movie, Pass through

6CH DTS

N/A – No user control is possible.

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Parameter	Possible Settings
A/D SAMPLE RATE	48K, 96K, 192K
D/A SAMPLE RATE	48K, 96K, 192K
HDMI CABLE EQ	LOW, HIGH
HDMI DEEP COLOR	50 - 225

A/D SAMPLE RATE

Sets the sample rate for the analog inputs. For 5.1 or less channel playback up to 192khz is possible. For 7.1 playback we only recommend 96kHz.

D/A SAMPLE RATE

Sets the max sample rate the digital inputs will accept. Do not change this.

HDMI CABLE EQ

For long HDMI cable lengths set the EQ to HIGH. For short HDMI cable length set to LOW. Changing this can improve the video quality and reliability during switching sources.

HDMI DEEP COLOR

Sets the max HDMI bandwidth. The higher the bandwidth the higher the possible resolution. Longer HDMI cable lengths may require lowering the possible bandwidth for reliable connections. This is the same as lowering the output resolution or turning off Deep Color in the source player.

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4. SURROUND MODE

MC-14 SURROUND MODES

Pressing the SURROUND left and right arrow buttons will allow you to sequentially select one of the many available decoding modes for expand or upmix almost any source signal into the maximum number of output channels the MC-14 is configured to use. The custom MC-14 Surround Modes use a set of DSP algorithms to create a set of simulated surround sound signals from the original left and right 2 channel data or can increase a 5.1 signal to 7.1 outputs. The surround mode can also be a result of the incoming digital audio stream, and may be encoded onto the disc or broadcast signal as a discrete multi-channel, or encoded multichannel format.

- The available surround modes are dynamic and not all modes are available at all times, dependent on the source and source content.
 - 2.0 to 5.1 or 7.1 modes: These include the Dolby Pro Logic, Pro Logic IIx, DTS Neo6, Club, Party and Stereo7 modes. When these modes are used the 2 channel signal is “upmixed” to more channel outputs. In these listening modes the original content is used to create more channels and fill the outputs available.
 - 5.1 discrete to 7.1 modes: When the input signal format is a discrete input format, including
 - 7.1 discrete modes:
- All surround modes pass through the bass management as set for that source unless the 2-Channel Bypass is engaged.
- The MC-14 uses “last used” logic, and remembers the last used surround mode that was valid. If the last used mode is not valid, a valid mode will be automatically selected. This selection is remembered even if the MC-14 is turned off.
- The surround mode memory is affected by the GLOBAL / INDIVIDUAL parameter located in source setup. If GLOBAL is chosen then all sources will apply the same surround mode for each logical signal format. If the parameter is set to INDIVIDUAL then each input will allow for and remember different playback surround mode choices.

PASS THROUGH: No additional output processing is applied. Only the input processing (if needed) and bass management is enabled.

STEREO7: The Stereo7 (Seven-Channel Stereo) Mode converts stereo input to surround sound. The stereo signal is distributed to the 7 channels plus sub-woofer, creating a giant stereo image in your listening space.

STEREO7x: This post processing uses a matrix decoder and a complex array of delay and reverberation processing to create a pseudo surround sound effect from a stereo input signal.

PARTY: Similar to STERO7 but with a MONO center channel.

CLUB: This Sound Field Mode is intended to simulate being fairly close, around 10 feet away, in a small intimate club setting with a moderate amount of reverberation that does not destroy clarity. The result is a bit colored for speech due to the small room size, but it is quite suitable for jazz groups, cabaret, small-venue rock 'n roll, and a small disco venue where dance music is played. This mode can also be used for classical chamber music and solo instrumental music of most kinds.

DOLBY PRO LOGIC: Dolby Surround/Pro Logic is based on basic matrix technology. When a Dolby Surround soundtrack is created, four channels of sound are matrix-encoded into an ordinary stereo (two channel) sound track. The Center channel is encoded by placing it equally in the left and right channels; the rear channel is encoded using phase shift techniques. A Pro Logic decoder/processor “unfolds” the sound into the original 4.0 surround—left and right, Center, and a single limited frequency-range mono rear channel.

DOLBY PLII NATURAL: PLII Natural mode enhances the basic stereo reproduction by using the inherent acoustics recorded within the source material. If the source material was surround encoded or recorded in an acoustically oriented manner (such as symphonic music and many live recordings) this mode can provide an enhanced sense of the space in which the music was being performed.

DOLBY PLII MUSIC: This mode can enhance normal stereo music recordings, offering a wider soundstage and enhanced spatial effects.

DOLBY PLII MOVIE: This is the preferred decoding method for watching movies with matrix surround encoding. The Center width and dimension variables are set and optimized for this application, and cannot be adjusted. No filters are present on the surround channels, and auto-balance is operational.

DOLBY DIGITAL: This is the name for audio compression technologies developed by Dolby Laboratories. It was originally named Dolby Stereo Digital until 1994. The audio compression is lossy but each output channel can be discrete. Dolby Digital is the common version containing up to six discrete channels of sound. The most elaborate mode in common use involves five channels for normal-range speakers (20 Hz – 20,000 Hz) (right front, center, left front, rear right, rear left) and one channel (20 Hz – 120 Hz allotted audio) for the subwoofer driven low-frequency effects.

DOLBY DIGITAL EX: is similar in practice to Dolby's earlier Pro-Logic format, which utilized matrix technology to add a center surround channel and single rear surround channel to stereo soundtracks. EX adds an extension to the standard 5.1 channel Dolby Digital codec in the form of matrixed rear channels, creating 6.1 or 7.1 channel output.

DOLBY TRUEHD: An advanced lossless audio codec based on Meridian Lossless Packing. Dolby TrueHD supports 24-bit, 96 kHz audio channels at up to 18 Mbit/s over 14 channels. Blu-ray Disc standards currently limit the maximum number of audio channels to eight. It supports metadata, including dialog normalization and Dynamic Range Control

DTS NEO:6 MUSIC: Neo:6 derives a Center channel from two-channel material. Neo:6 expands stereo non-matrix recordings into the five- or six-channel layout, in a way which does not diminish the subtlety and integrity of the original stereo recording. In music mode, the intent in the front channels is less one of steering and more one of stabilizing the front image by augmenting it with a Center channel, while preserving the original perspective of the stereo mix. Therefore the derived Center is never fully subtracted from the left and right channels.

DTS NEO:6 CINEMA: Neo:6 derives a Center channel from two-channel material. Neo:6 expands stereo non-matrix recordings into the five- or six-channel layout, in a way which does not diminish the subtlety and integrity of the original stereo recording. In cinema mode, for Left/Right film soundtracks, sounds steered to the Center are subtracted from the left and right channels. Neo 6 provides up to six full-band channels of

matrix decoding from stereo matrix material. Users with 6.1 and 5.1 systems will derive six and five separate channels respectively, corresponding to the standard home-theater speaker layouts. (The ".1" subwoofer channel is generated by bass management in the preamp or receiver.)

DTS DIGITAL SURROUND™: The basic and most common version of the format is a 5.1-channel system which encodes the audio as five primary (full-range) channels plus a special LFE (low-frequency effects) channel for the subwoofer.

DTS-HD MASTER AUDIO: Supports a virtually unlimited number of surround sound channels, can downmix to 5.1 and two-channel, and can deliver audio quality at bit rates extending from DTS Digital Surround up to lossless (24-bit, 192 kHz). DTS-HD Master Audio is selected as an optional surround sound format for Blu-ray where it has been limited to a maximum of 8 discrete channels. DTS-HD MA supports variable bit rates up to 24.5 Mbit/s on a Blu-ray Disc, with up to 6 channels encoded at up to 192 kHz or 8 channels encoded at 96 kHz/24 bit.

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5. USB AUDIO

USING THE USB AUDIO SOURCE

The USB port (Revision 1.1) in the MC-14 emulates a streaming receiver device and it allows the MC-14 to receive a digital sound stream from a host device such as a PC, originating from a file or from the internet, and playing it through MC-14 audio processor. The MC-14 will appear as a USB audio device in the computer system.

INITIATING A USB CONNECTION WITH A PC

Make sure MC-14 is connected to a power source but in Standby. When the USB cable connecting MC-14 is plugged to a USB port in a PC and MC-14 is taken out of Standby, the computer should recognize the MC-14 as an audio device. The device will appear as "LEXICON" under USB audio devices. It uses a generic USB driver and is compatible with all modern operating systems and computers.

It will be necessary to select the USB audio output from your computer to receive audio at the MC-14.

NOTE

The USB audio input is currently limited to a maximum sample rate of 48kHz. Any file that is chosen at a higher sample rate will either be "down sampled" to 48kHz or no audio will be heard, depending on the software and hardware source used.

- For Windows® XP this is done in the CONTROL PANEL → SOUND and AUDIO DEVICES
- For Windows® 7 this is done in the SOUND MANAGER → AUDIO DEVICES
- For Apple® Mac OS® X this is done in SYSTEM PREFERENCES → SOUND →OUTPUT

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6. WEB INTERFACE

INTRODUCTION TO THE WEB INTERFACE

The MC-14 includes a built in “Web Server” that can display information about the MC-14, and also control the MC-14 functions, just as the remote control can. The Web Interface has active feedback of the front panel information in real time and can be accessed from any standard internet browser. For details on the hardware setup needed to access the Web Interface see the section under SETUP for DHCP Client and IP Address.

WEB INTERFACE CONNECTION

MC-14 can be connected to a PC (Windows®, MacOS, Linux etc) using an Ethernet cable through a local area network hub or through a direct peer-to-peer (MC-14-to-PC) using a cross-over network cable.

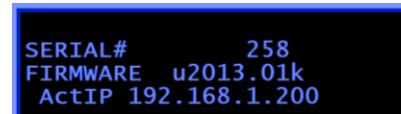
Connection between the MC-14 and a PC can be established using either one of the 3 basic configuration schemes differing in the way the IP addresses are leased out or assigned.

The communication interface with the MC-14 is handled by an internet browser, for example Microsoft Internet Explorer®, Google® Chrome®, Safari®, etc. This can be done with Windows®, Mac, Linux, or other operating system that supports standard networking and standard internet browsers. Once a connection is established to the network, typing in the MC-14 so-called “Net Bios Name” or its IP address in the browser URL window and pressing enter, should bring the internal home page.

The NetBios name would be `HTTP://LEXICON-(serial Number of the unit)`.

The IP Address can also be typed directly into the web browser, such as (for example) `192.168.1.30`.

To determine the Serial # of the IP address simply press the LEFT ARROW on the MC-14 and the main LCD screen will show the serial # and the IP Address of the currently active system. In the below example the Serial # is 258 and the



SERIAL# 258
FIRMWARE u2013.01k
ActIP 192.168.1.200

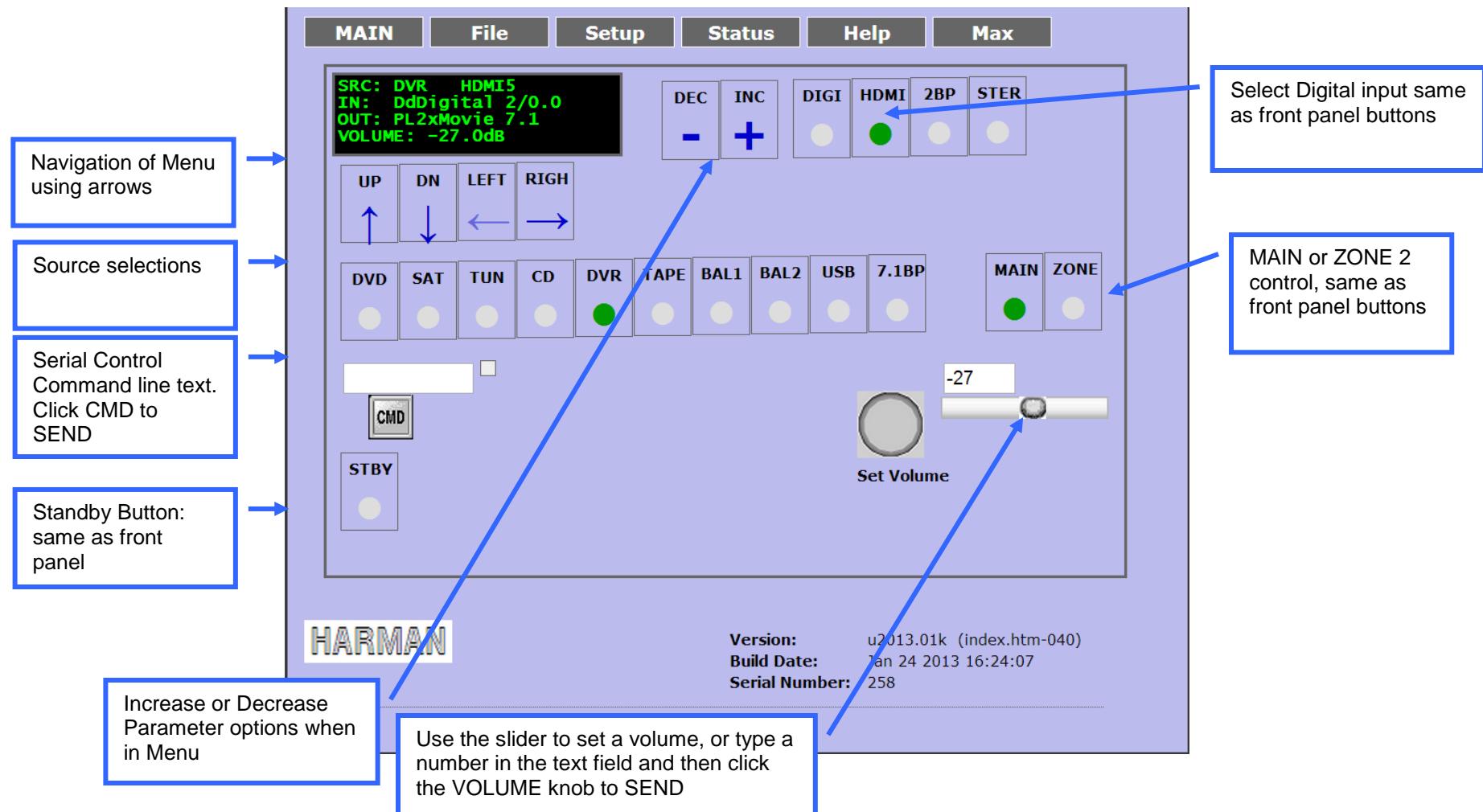
If the unit cannot be found by your browser then make sure that the computer and the MC-14 are on the same network, and that they are in the same IP Address range (for example both have `192.168.1.xxx`).

NOTE The NetBIOS name might not work on your computer depending on the network configuration in use. MAC OS® X computers in particular are not set to use the NetBIOS name and should use the IP Address method first.

The Web Interface can be accessed from mobile devices such as iPhone® or iPad® or Android® tablets or phones.

The Web Interface has five (5) screens or pages that can be accessed:

- **MAIN:** Main Controls and Display
- **FILE:** Firmware updates
- **SETUP:** TCP/IP interface setups
- **STATUS:** CPU and DSP status
- **HELP:** Instructions and commands guide

MAIN

FILE

This page is password protected. You should not be able to access this page without proper password information. No access should be needed under normal use.

Use of this page is explained in the technical documents that come with the firmware upgrade release notes. This page should not be used unless instructed. Using this page incorrectly can damage your MC-14.



SETUP



This page is password protected. You should not be able to access this page without proper password information. No access should be needed under normal use.

This screen displays network-connectivity settings and also allows modification of: DHCP mode selection, IP address, Gateway IP address, Subnet Mask, Primary DNS and Secondary DNS. MAC Address and Host Name are hard-coded and cannot be changed and saved!

MAIN **File** **Setup** **Status** **Help** **Max**

Board Configuration

This page allows the configuration of the board's network settings.

CAUTION: Incorrect settings may cause the board to lose network connectivity!

Enter the new settings for the board below:

MAC Address:	04:6D:42:01:02:58
Host Name:	JBL-258
<input type="checkbox"/> Enable DHCP Client <input type="checkbox"/> Enable DHCP Server	
IP Address:	192.168.1.200
Gateway:	192.168.1.1
Subnet Mask:	255.255.255.0
Primary DNS:	192.168.1.1
Secondary DNS:	68.237.161.12
<input type="button" value="Save Config"/>	

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STATUS

Status screen displays the current “Error and Status messages” (if any), and “Number of Flash Write Cycles”. This is advanced technical information for support engineers.

The screenshot shows a web-based status interface with a dark grey header bar containing six tabs: MAIN (highlighted in white), File, Setup, Status, Help, and Max. Below the header, the word "Status" is displayed in large, bold, black font. Underneath, the text "Error and status messages:" is followed by "Volume Contrl Fault". A horizontal dashed line separates this from the next section. The text "Number of Flash Write Cycles:" is then shown, followed by two lines of data: "Internal (PIC32MXx): 16" and "External (25VFxx) : 213". At the bottom of the page, the Harman logo is visible, and a copyright notice "© Harman 2012" is centered at the very bottom.

MAIN File Setup Status Help Max

Status

Error and status messages:

Volume Contrl Fault

Number of Flash Write Cycles:

Internal (PIC32MXx): 16
External (25VFxx) : 213

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HELP

The top part of the Help screen contains important links to documents:

User Manual – an on-line version of the user manual (this link requires an active Internet connection)

Remote Communication Commands – displays the list of available RS232 commands

Remote Control Codes - displays the list of available IR remote controller codes.

The screenshot shows a web-based help interface. At the top is a horizontal navigation bar with six items: MAIN, File, Setup, Status, Help, and Max. The 'Help' item is highlighted. Below the bar, the word 'Help' is displayed in large green font. A bold black box surrounds the text '[NOTE: THIS PAGE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION]'. A horizontal line separates this from the 'INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS' section. This section contains three blue hyperlinks: 'Remote Communication Commands', 'List of video modes (#10VFMTQS)', and 'Infrared Remote Controller Codes'. Below this is another bold black box containing the heading 'Help on Setup Screen' and a descriptive paragraph about the configuration screen.

MAIN File Setup Status **Help** Max

Help

[NOTE: THIS PAGE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION]

INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

[Remote Communication Commands](#)

[List of video modes \(#10VFMTQS\)](#)

[Infrared Remote Controller Codes](#)

Help on Setup Screen

Configuration screen allows changing and saving the system parameters relating to TCP/IP Stack and communication through Ethernet cable with a microcomputer running an internet browser.

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7. DOLBY VOLUME

DOLBY VOLUME/DRC

Dolby® Volume is an advanced digital signal processing technology for controlling playback volume. It evens out the volume level on everything you watch, greatly improving your listening experience. No more sudden blasts from ads, no dialogue suddenly too soft, no volume differences when you change channels or switch sources.

BRINGING UP THE DOLBY VOLUME SCREEN:



Pressing a down arrow key while the default (idle) screen is being displayed brings up the Dolby Volume screen for about 10 seconds. After 10 seconds the screen reverts back to default (or when the up or left arrow is pressed).

The screen shows only one active parameter selection line: Line 2: DYN RANGE FULL OFF This setting (power up default) indicates that the dynamic range is full, in other words - no dynamic range compression is engaged (DRC=OFF). A selection made using this screen will remain persistent after the screen times-out back to the default display. The Dolby Volume/DRC selection will persist for as long as the source is not switched over (for example from BLU-RAY to CBL/SAT etc) and as long as the unit is not powered off or placed into standby.

DOLBY VOLUME MODES

Turning a volume control knob or pressing the **SURROUND MODE** left and right arrow keys causes the following selections to scroll in line 2:

- **DYN RANGE FULL OFF** - all dynamic range compression is off (power up default) and Dolby Volume is OFF
- **DD VOL LOW FULL MODE** - Dolby Volume is ON in low strength, and the audio dynamic range is slightly reduced. The "Full Mode" (as opposed to "Half Mode") means that Dolby Volume algorithm applies both audio compression and spectral equalization.

- **DD VOL MED FULL MODE** - Dolby Volume is ON, medium strength (dynamic range is moderately reduced). The "Full Mode" means that Dolby Volume algorithm applies both audio compression and spectral equalization.
- **DD VOL HIGH FULL MODE** - Dolby Volume is ON, high strength (dynamic range is highly reduced). The "Full Mode" means that Dolby Volume algorithm applies both audio compression and spectral equalization.
- **DD VOL LOW HALF MODE** - Dolby Volume is ON, low strength (dynamic range is slightly reduced). The "Half Mode" (as opposed to "Full Mode") means that Dolby Volume algorithm applies only audio compression but not spectral equalization.
- **DD VOL MED HALF MODE** - Dolby Volume is ON, medium strength (dynamic range is moderately reduced). The "Half Mode" means that Dolby Volume algorithm applies only audio compression but not spectral equalization.
- **DD VOL HIGH HALF MODE** - Dolby Volume is ON, medium strength (dynamic range is moderately reduced). The "Half Mode" means that Dolby Volume algorithm applies only audio compression but not spectral equalization.
- **DYN RANGE MEDIUM 1** – Dolby Volume is OFF but older DRC algorithm (Dynamic Range Compression) is ON resulting in medium dynamic range (moderate compression)
- **DYN RANGE LOW 2** – Dolby Volume is OFF, DRC is ON producing low dynamic range (high compression).
- **DRC AUTO** – Dolby Volume is OFF, DRC is ON, high compression conditional upon the presence of DYNF flag in the digital source stream.

DOLBY VOLUME MODE ADJUST

```
DOLBY VOLUME / DRC
*Dd VOL LOW FULL MODE
Dd VOL OFFS 0.0dB
Dd VOL MID/SIDE OFF
```

When any of the Dolby Volume selections are made then the additional configuration settings are displayed in the lines 3 and 4 on the screen:

- **DD VOL OFFS 0.0dB** - use the Volume knob to adjust Dolby Volume level offset from -20.0 to +20.0dB. This parameter defines the maximum sound level for the recording (as it should have been listened to originally, in a studio etc). For example, when listening to a movie, this value could be increased initially during the loudest portion of the recording, to set the reference for the loudest parts. A positive VOL OFFS value makes the average output sound less loud, negative VOL OFFS value makes it louder. For most systems we recommend a setting of +6dB to obtain a comfortable level.

NOTE DD VOL OFFS does NOT have to be continuously adjusted during a playback; this is an optional once per movie adjustment!

- **DD VOL MID/SIDE OFF** – use volume knob or SURROUND left/right arrow to toggle this parameter ON or OFF. MID/SIDE is relevant only in STEREO mode and causes Dolby Volume algorithm to automatically re-balance the left and right channels. Default is OFF.

NOTE The Dolby Volume algorithm only operates at 96kHz sample rate and lower. When set to any ON mode if a bit-stream is received at 192kHz then that bit-stream is automatically sample rate converted down to 48kHz before being processed by Dolby Volume.

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8. SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL	
A/D Conversion	24-Bit, 192 kHz Delta-Sigma
D/A Conversion	24-Bit, up to 192 kHz Delta-Sigma
DSP Engine	Dual TI DA710
Power Supply	Separate off-line standby PSU & main linear power supply with toroidal power transformer

HDMI INPUT & OUTPUT CONNECTORS AND PERFORMANCE	
HDMI Inputs	8 HDMI Type A (19-pin) connectors
HDMI Output	2 x HDMI Type A (19-pin) Connectors
Video Resolutions	<p>Full support for HDMI v1.4 including 3D pass-through and all mandatory video resolutions</p> <p>12 bit deep color and xvYCC (x.v.Color) supported up to 1080p (225 MHz equivalent)</p> <p>Full HDCP compliant</p>
Audio Resolutions	<p>Up to 7.1 channels and up to 192kHz sample rate at 24 bits bit depth</p> <p>Internal Decoding of all HDMI 1.4 audio formats including:</p> <p>Dolby TrueHD, Dolby Digital Plus</p> <p>DTS-HD Master Audio</p>

MAIN ZONE AUDIO PERFORMANCE	
Frequency Response	20 Hz to 20 kHz +/- 0.25 dB
Low Frequency Cutoff:	0.3 Hz (all speakers channels in Bypass mode)
High Frequency Cutoff	180 kHz (all speakers in Bypass mode)
THD+Noise	< 0 .006% in DSP modes; < 0.0025% in Bypass mode 20Hz to 20kHz at maximum output level
Signal-to-Noise Ratio	105dB in DSP Modes; 110dB in 2ch Bypass Mode; 22 kHz bandwidth, Ref. 1 kHz at max. output
Input Level	2 Vrms in DSP modes; 4 Vrms in Bypass Mode
Input Impedance	50 kOhms for single-ended analog audio, 1K Ohms for balanced analog inputs
Output Level	8 Vrms (16 Vrms Balanced) in DSP Modes; 10 Vrms (20 Vrms Balanced) in Bypass Mode
Output Impedance	110 Ohms
Bass Management	2nd Order HP filter(x7), 4th Order LP filter 40 – 200 Hz Crossover Freq

AUDIO INPUT & OUTPUT CONNECTORS		DATA & CONTROL PORTS	
Analog Audio Inputs	4x stereo single ended/unbalanced pairs (CD, GAME, Cable/SAT/CBL, BLU-RAY) 2x pairs single ended, unbalanced TV inputs (RCA) 2x pairs of Balanced XLR (female) inputs	Trigger Inputs/Outputs	One 12V input and 3 programmable trigger outputs
Digital Audio Inputs	8x HDMI 4x coaxial (RCA) 75 Ohms (SPDIF) 3x Optical (TOSLINK) 2x AES/EBU inputs (XLR) 110 Ohms 1x USB 2.0 type B Analog Audio	IR Remote Control	Front Panel IR Sensor 1x mini (3mm) phone jack (2 conductor) for auxiliary Infra-Red control data input
Analog Outputs	10 balanced XLR male: Left, Center, Right, Left Surround, Right Surround, Left Back, Right Back, Left Auxiliary, Right Auxiliary and Subwoofer	Ethernet	1x Ethernet (RJ45 connector): bilateral data, software download, etc
	16 single ended (unbalanced) RCA: Left, Center, Right, Left Surround, Right Surround, Left Back, Right Back, Left Auxiliary, Right Auxiliary & Subwoofer, 4 TV outputs, 2 Zone Two outputs.	RS232	1x 9-pin DB9 Female; for Control and system feedback
Digital Outputs	2x HDMI 1x TOSLINK optical	PHYSICAL SPECIFICATIONS	
ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS		Dimensions	19"W x 14.25"D (not including knobs & connectors or Rack Ears) 5.25"H (not including rubber feet) 19"W x 15.38"D (including knobs & connectors) 6.25"H (including rubber feet)
Power	120VAC & 230VAC models	Rack Mount	19"W standard Rack Mount Width 3RU High without rubber feet
Maximum power consumption	95 Watts	Weight	approx 22 lbs (10 kg)
Standby power consumption	<0.5Watt (Ethernet OFF in Standby) 1.5Watt (Ethernet ON in Standby)	Environmental	50 deg Celsius max Relative Humidity: 95% maximum without condensation



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