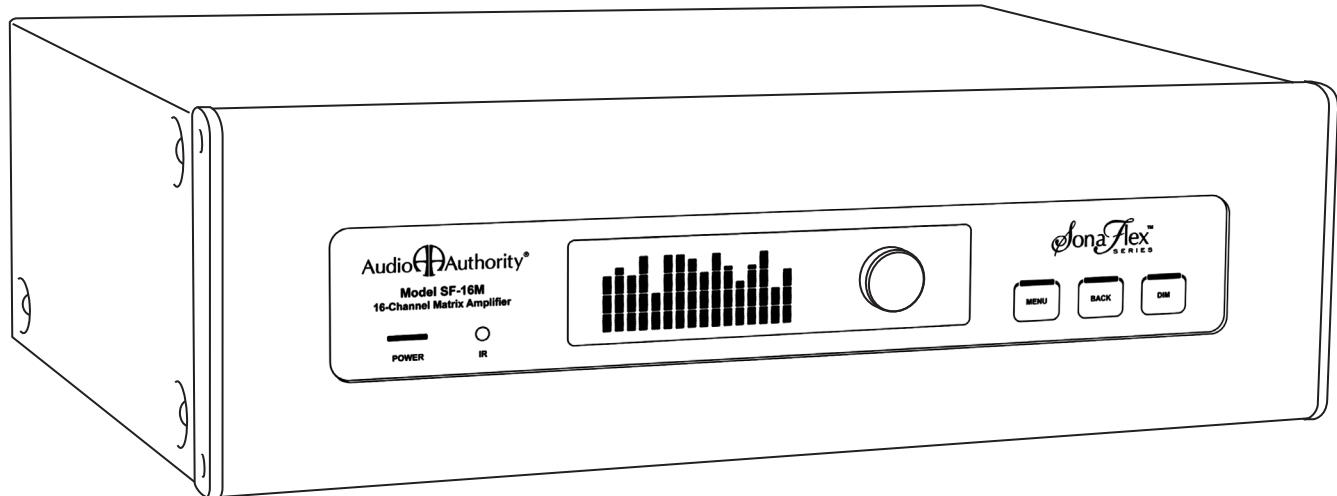




**SF-16M 16-Channel Digital Matrix Amplifier**

## Installation and Operation Guide



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- Conserver les directives de sécurité et d'utilisation pour future consultation.
- Tenir compte des avertissements.
- Suivre les directives.
- Ce produit doit être installé par un personnel qualifié.
- Afin d'éviter tout risque d'électrocution, ne pas retirer le capot ou la couvercle. Aucune des pièces intérieures n'est réparable par l'utilisateur. Pour toute réparation, s'adresser à un technicien d'entretien qualifié.
- Ne pas utiliser cet appareil près de l'eau.
- Nettoyer seulement avec un chiffon sec.
- Assurez-vous que la circulation d'air autour de l'ampli est suffisante. Les ouvertures et fentes dans le châssis sont prévues pour la ventilation de l'appareil. Ces ouvertures ne doivent pas être bloquées. Installer conformément aux directives du manufacturier.
- L'appareil doit être situé loin de sources de chaleur telles que des radiateurs, des registres de chaleur, des fourneaux, ou d'autres appareils produisant de la chaleur.
- Ne pas modifier le dispositif de sécurité de la fiche ayant une broche de mise à la terre. S'il est impossible d'insérer la fiche dans la prise de courant, contacter un électricien pour remplacer la prise de courant.
- Avant de relier votre SF-16M à la tension secteur, assurez-vous qu'il est réglé sur la tension adéquate.
- Les cordons d'alimentation devraient être disposés de façon à ce qu'on ne puisse pas marcher dessus ou qu'ils soient susceptibles d'être coincés par des articles placés sur ou contre eux. Une attention particulière doit être portée aux fiches, prises de courant, et aux points où ils sortent de l'appareil.
- Utiliser seulement les attaches et accessoires recommandés par le manufacturier.
- Débrancher l'appareil de la prise d'alimentation pendant un orage électrique ou une absence d'utilisation prolongée.
- Confier tout entretien à un personnel de service qualifié.
- Un service d'entretien est nécessaire quand l'appareil ne fonctionne pas normalement en suivant les consignes d'utilisation, quand le cordon d'alimentation ou sa fiche sont endommagés, quand des objets sont tombés dans l'appareil, quand du liquide y a été renversé, ou quand l'appareil a été exposé à la pluie ou à l'eau.

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# INTRODUCTION

The SonaFlex™ SF-16M is a unique blend of premium, multi-channel amplification, flexible input options, audio matrix switching, signal processing, and open control capability. Built and designed in the U.S. with AV integrators in mind, the SF-16M offers a new approach to commercial and residential distributed audio applications. This manual covers basic and some advanced topics, but you can find more articles and video at [www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex\\_tips](http://www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex_tips).

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## Key Features

- Input matrix switching, signal processing and amplification in one unified system
- 16 analog RCA inputs, plus two FlexPort™ inputs (two channels each) for a total of 20 mono (10 stereo) inputs
- Optional Cat 5 FlexPort audio transmitters accept balanced line/mic, XLR, digital SPDIF, or analog RCA audio
- 16 amplified outputs can be configured as mono, stereo or a combination of stereo and mono
- Up to four SF-16M units can be linked together to form a 64-output audio matrix (see p. 15)
- Class-D amplification provides a conservatively rated 50 watts per channel, *all channels driven* into 8 Ohms - stable at 4 Ohms
- Linear power supply delivers the warmth and musicality of an analog amplifier, combined with the responsiveness and headroom required for dynamic music content
- Signal processing tools include hi and low shelf filters (bass/treble), hi and low pass filters and up to seven bands of parametric equalization per output
- 10 preset sound scenes (a system-wide snap-shot of all volume and source settings) can be saved and recalled using IR, RS-232 or IP commands
- 10 output “groups” allow multiple outputs to share commands like volume ramping, muting, and source selection
- Compatible with virtually any control system using RS-232, Ethernet, or IR commands
- Commonly used settings are accessible via the front panel controls and VFD display; advanced setup is performed via the PC configuration utility\* or Ethernet/serial commands (see page 24)
- Power saving features include automute and turn off per output channel, and a system trigger input so that power management devices can put the SF-16M in standby when not in use

## FlexPort Cat 5 Audio Inputs

- Four compatible FlexPort audio modules: FPM-U Stereo RCA, FPM-D Digital Coax/Optical Audio, FPM-X Mic/ 1/4" TRS Audio and FPM-B Balanced Audio (See Appendix A for detailed information)
- Provides a mixture of consumer and pro audio sources such as MP3 players, audio streaming devices, microphones, audio mixers, paging microphones and more
- FlexPort modules can be located up to 500 feet away from the SF-16M giving flexibility in audio source placement

## Control Interfaces

- Ethernet via telnet commands (see page 24)
- RS-232 serial commands (see page 25)
- Two contact closure inputs to trigger audio overrides and sound scenes (page 14)
- Rear panel IR input (3.5 mm jack)
- Front panel IR sensor
- Front panel capacitive touch buttons and knob with vacuum fluorescent screen

## Carton Contents

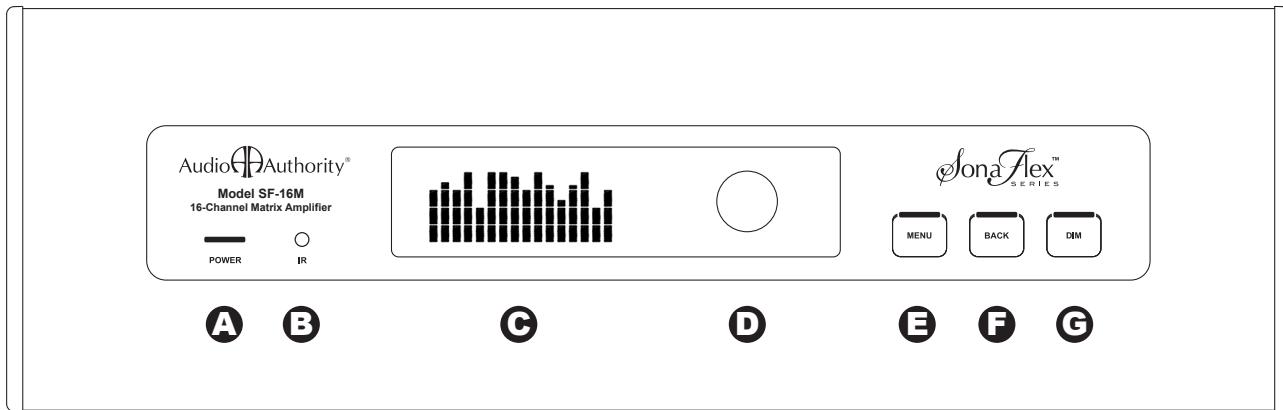
- SF-16M 16 Channel Matrix Amplifier
- Power Cord
- Rack ears (see page 22)
- Ferrite beads (see page 10)
- User manual

## Other Materials You May Need

- Speakers and cabling
- Audio sources, microphones, audio mixers
- Patch cables: Ethernet, RCA, DB-25 (see page 10)
- Infrared receiver
- Third party programmable remote control
- USB 1.1 or USB 2.0 compliant drive (FAT 32)

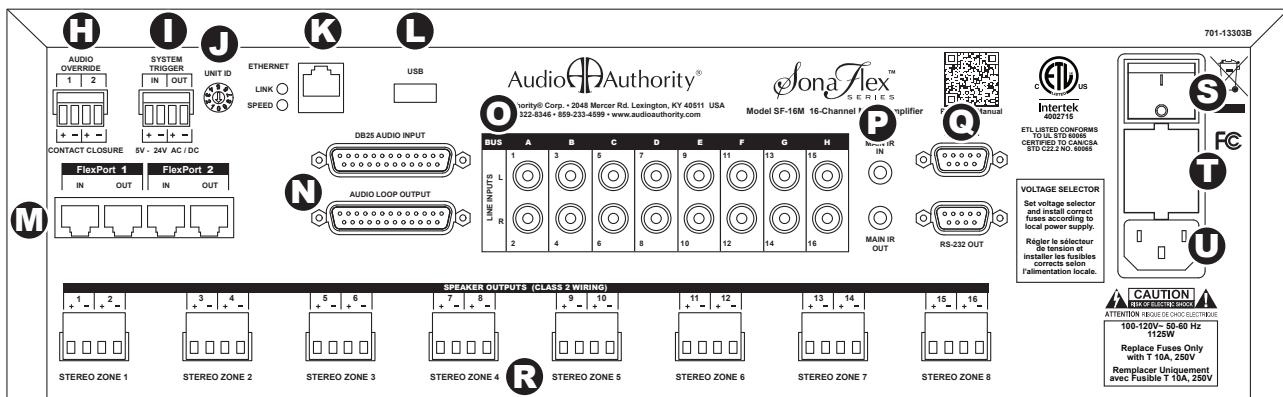
\* The PC configuration utility (free download) allows easy setup, but is not intended as a day-to-day user interface. See online video tutorials for details: [www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex\\_tips](http://www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex_tips).

## FRONT PANEL DESCRIPTIONS



- A** Power Indication LED
- B** Front Panel IR Receiver
- C** Vacuum Fluorescent Display (VFD)
- D** Multi Function Knob
- E** Menu Selection Button
- F** Back Button
- G** Dim Button

## BACK PANEL DESCRIPTIONS



- H** Audio Override Triggers 1 & 2 (Contact Closures)
- I** System Trigger In & Out (5V - 24V AC / DC)
- J** Unit ID Switch for multiple unit operation (p.15)
- K** Ethernet Connector with Link/Speed Indicators
- L** USB Connector (to update firmware and save settings)
- M** FlexPort Audio 1 & 2 In/Loop Out (p.11)
- N** DB-25 Audio In/Loop Out (p.10)
- O** RCA Stereo/Mono audio inputs (p.10)
- P** 3.5 mm Main IR In/Loop Out (p.13)
- Q** DB-9 RS-232 In/Loop Out (p.13)
- R** Stereo and/or Mono Speaker level Outputs
- S** Power Switch
- T** Fuse Compartment (p.12)
- U** Power Cord Input

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Confirm that nothing is missing from your shipping carton. Refer to Carton Contents on page 7.
- Record the serial number (see rear panel) in the space provided inside the cover of this manual.
- Activate your warranty and receive firmware update notifications: [www.audioauthority.com/register](http://www.audioauthority.com/register).
- Read this instruction manual to become familiar with the configurations and functions of this product.



## Essential Setup Tasks

1. Thoroughly plan your system layout including wire runs, audio inputs and speaker locations.
2. Mount the SF-16M in an equipment rack (page 28); pull and label all audio and control cabling.
3. Connect audio sources to SF-16M inputs and speakers to amplified outputs of the SF-16M.
4. Set all outputs to an acceptable volume level for testing (all outputs are muted by default).  
Note: If the SF-16M will not be used to control volume, set all outputs to -0dB (full volume).
5. Recommended: connect a control system via the Ethernet, RS-232 or IR ports of the SF-16M. Program your control system using SF-16M serial commands (listed on page 29) or IR codes\*.
6. Test all audio inputs at all speaker locations.

\* Available for download at [audioauthority.com](http://audioauthority.com)

## SYSTEM CONNECTION AND PLANNING WORKSHEET

Unit #: 1 2 3 4

Use this worksheet to plan and document all audio input and output connections to the SF-16M.

### RCA or DB-25 Inputs:

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2		R		<input type="checkbox"/>
3		L	Mono	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		R		<input type="checkbox"/>
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6		R		<input type="checkbox"/>
7		L	Mono	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		R		<input type="checkbox"/>

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14		R		<input type="checkbox"/>
15		L	Mono	<input type="checkbox"/>
16		R		<input type="checkbox"/>

### FlexPort Inputs:

1	17	L	Mono	<input type="checkbox"/>
	18	R		<input type="checkbox"/>

2	19	L	Mono	<input type="checkbox"/>
	20	R		<input type="checkbox"/>

### Speaker Outputs:

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## SF-16M CONNECTIONS - Audio Inputs

### RCA Line Inputs

The SF-16M includes 16 RCA audio inputs that can be configured as mono, stereo or a combination of both mono and stereo. Figure 1 provides examples of all configurations.  
**NOTE:** Specify input configurations using the PC utility (page 21) or the front panel menu (page 18).

Note: to create a mono signal from a stereo source, Audio Authority recommends using the SF-16M DSP for optimal audio quality, but when only one RCA input jack is available, a y-adapter may be used.

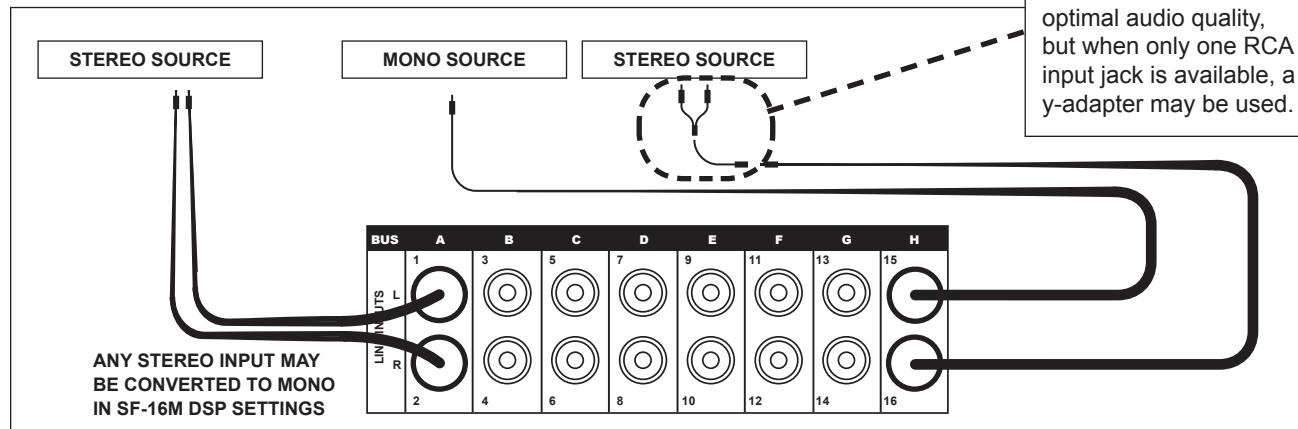


Figure 1

### DB-25 Audio Connections

SF-16M units may be linked together to create systems up to 64 outputs (see page 15 for hookup details). The DB-25 ports streamline this type of expansion, and also serve as a connection from other Audio Authority matrix systems.

- 1. Source audio link between SF-16M units:** When multiple SF-16M units are linked together, the DB-25 audio input receives source audio from the DB-25 audio loop output of the previous SF-16M. The source audio originates from the RCA audio inputs or the DB-25 audio input of the first SF-16M chassis. (See Figure 2).
- 2. Direct input from an Audio Authority audio matrix:** The SF-16M may serve as an amplifier for Audio Authority audio matrix switchers such as the ADX-0808/ADX-1616 and the HLX 2278 audio output card (Figure 3). In this scenario, the SF-16M receives all audio content from the ADX or HLX and passes the audio through to the amplified outputs. The HLX or ADX provides all of the matrix switching (See figure 3 below). If the volume levels will be controlled from the HLX or ADX matrix, turn up all SF-16M outputs to maximum volume (-0dB).

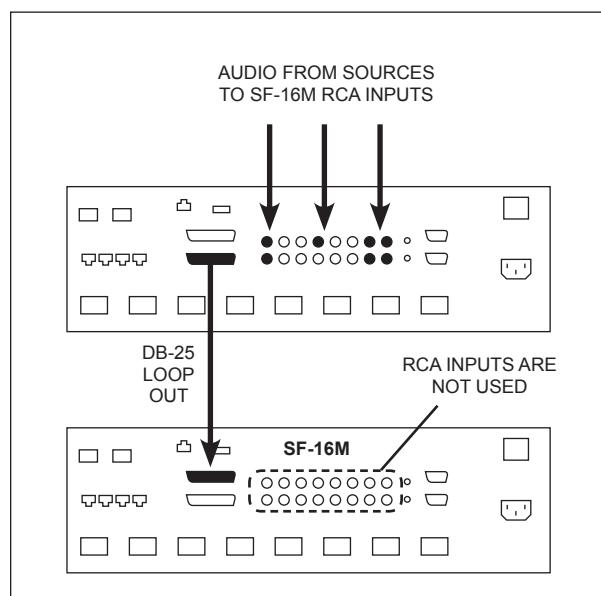


Figure 2

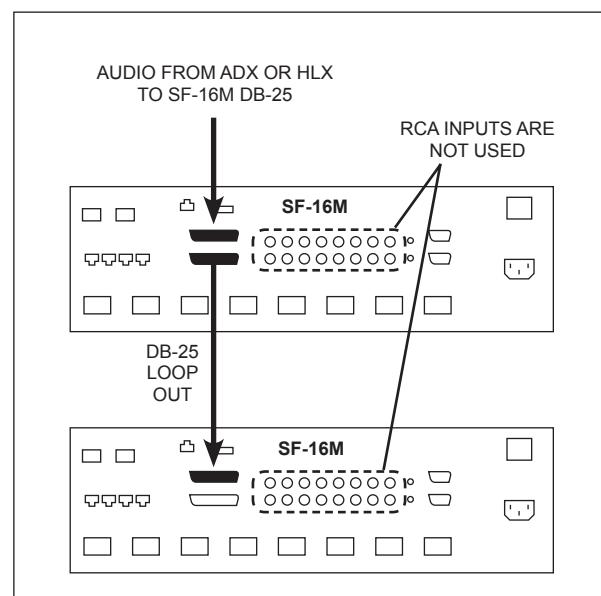


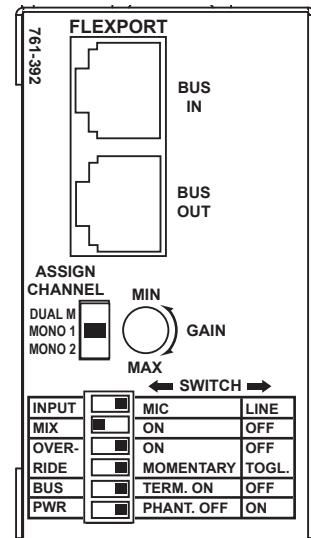
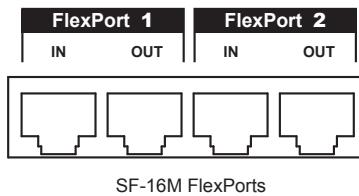
Figure 3

## FlexPort Cat 5 Audio Inputs

The SF-16M includes two FlexPort Cat 5 inputs that accept a variety of pro and consumer audio sources via optional FlexPort audio modules. See Appendix A for a detailed overview of all FlexPort modules and system configuration.

FlexPort module options include:

- FPM-B** Balanced line/mic with phantom power
- FPM-X** XLR/ 1/4" TRS with phantom power
- FPM-D** Digital optical/coax
- FPM-U** Analog RCA



## Understanding the FlexPort Audio Bus

Each SF-16M FlexPort input supports:

- **Two channels of audio** - input can be either stereo or two mono channels (allows two mono inputs per FlexPort bus)
- **RS-485 data pathway** - provides 2-way communication between the SF-16M and all connected FlexPort modules
- **18V power** - provides power for two FlexPort modules on a single bus

## Daisy Chain FlexPort Modules For Two Mono Inputs Per Bus

All FlexPort audio modules feature a FlexPort Bus In and Out, so any two modules may be daisy chained together for a two mono source setup. In daisy chain configurations, it is required to assign one module as "Mono 1" and the other module as "Mono 2" using the dipswitches located on the back of the FlexPort modules. See Appendix A for more information. Figure 4 below illustrates a daisy chain configuration.

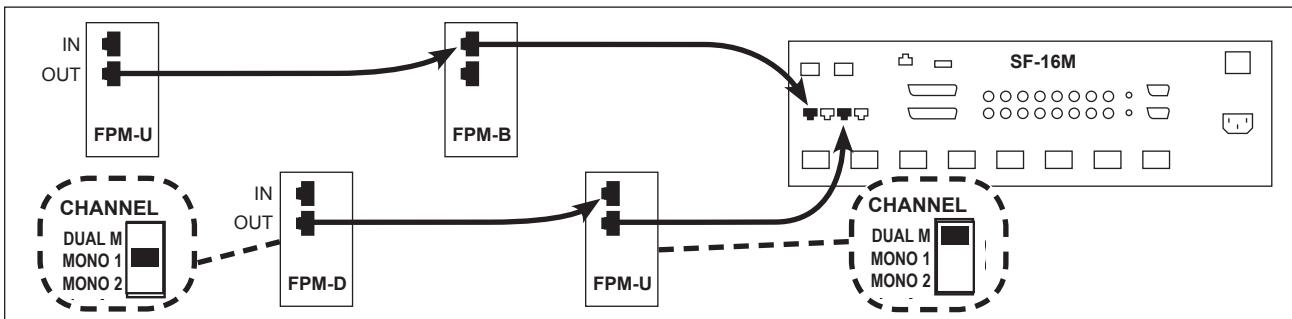
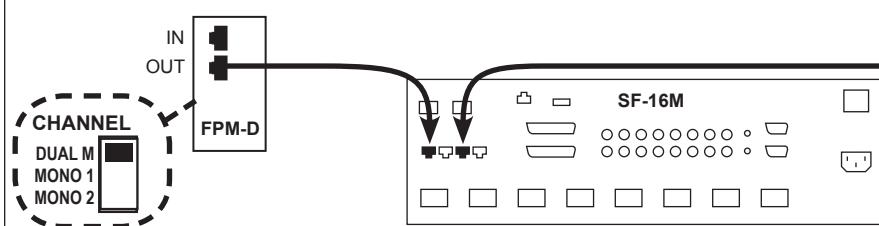


Figure 4

## Single FlexPort Module Connection For One Stereo or Dual Mono Input

When connecting a single FlexPort audio module to a FlexPort bus input (See figure 5 below) it is necessary to configure the audio modules as shown below.

**FPM-D and FPM-U:** These are natively stereo input modules - Dipswitch setting should be "Stereo".



**FPM-B and FPM-X:** These are natively mono input modules - If one mono source input is desired on both FlexPort bus audio channels, the dipswitch setting should be set to "Dual M" for dual mono.

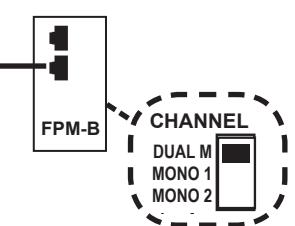


Figure 5

## SF-16M CONNECTIONS - Speaker Outputs

Factory default for all 16 amplified speaker outputs is mono, -40dB and muted. For installation, set all outputs at a reasonable volume (page 18). Outputs can be configured as mono, stereo or a combination of both mono and stereo.  
**NOTE:** Specify speaker output configurations using the PC configuration utility (page 21) or the front panel menu.

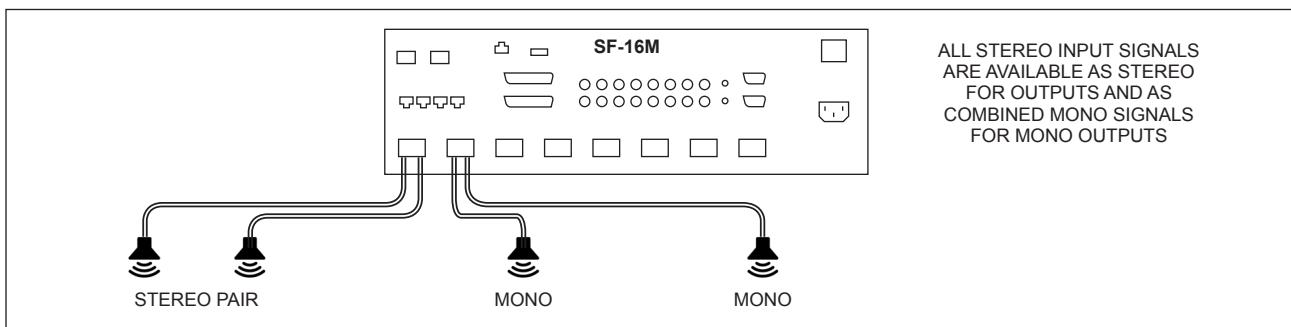


Figure 6

### Speakers and Impedance

Each amplifier output of the SF-16M can support a 4 Ohm speaker load. In many cases only one speaker is connected per amplifier output, so any single speaker with a 4 - 8 Ohm impedance rating is acceptable for use with the SF-16M. Two 8 ohm speakers can be connected in parallel onto a single SF-16M amplifier output without sacrificing performance (Figure 7). Do not connect multiple 6 ohm or 4 ohm speakers to one SF-16M output, and do not connect multiple speakers wired in series.

Speaker Impedance	8Ω	6Ω	4Ω
Max # of speakers per SF-16 amp output	2	1	1

### Ferrite Beads

If System Trigger or Override terminals are used, attach a ferrite bead (included in SF-16M carton) around the wires near the terminal. Apply separate ferrite beads to Override and System Trigger wires.

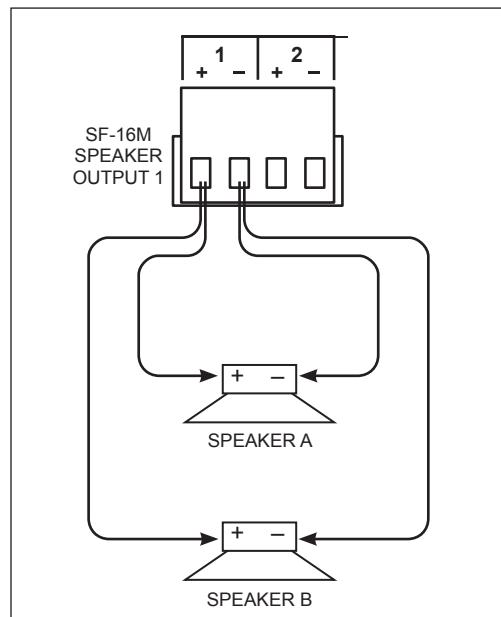


Figure 7 - Parallel 8 ohm speaker wiring

### Changing the Power Fuse

Before changing the fuse, find and correct the excessive impedance load or wiring short that caused the fuse failure.

- Remove the power cord.
- Carefully remove the fuse cover using a flat blade screwdriver.
- Inspect both fuses to determine which one is blown.
- Slide out spare fuse compartment as shown and remove a spare fuse.
- Replace the blown fuse with a spare fuse, or a fuse of the same value.
- Orient the fuse cover so that the arrow points toward the correct voltage for your region as shown in Figure 8.

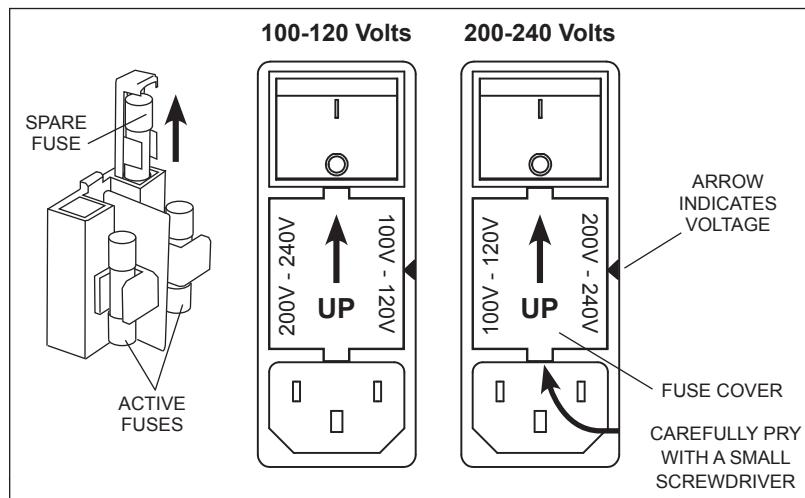


Figure 8

## SF-16M CONNECTIONS - Control

The SF-16M is designed to be integrated into an automation system with advanced control capabilities. Four methods of system control are possible, listed here in recommended order:

1	Third party serial controller	DB-9 RS-232 port	Most reliable, all functions available, customized
2	Third party telnet controller	RJ-45 Ethernet port	Very reliable, all functions available, customized
3	Third party IR controller	3.5mm IR port	Most functions available, customized
4	Front panel menu (see page 14)	Keys and multi-function knob	Most functions available, inadequate for day-to-day operation

### RS-232 Port

The DB-9 “Serial In” port of the SF-16M can be connected to virtually any third party RS-232 controller using a straight-thru serial cable. Allows 2-way communications for control and feedback. Commands are listed on page 29.

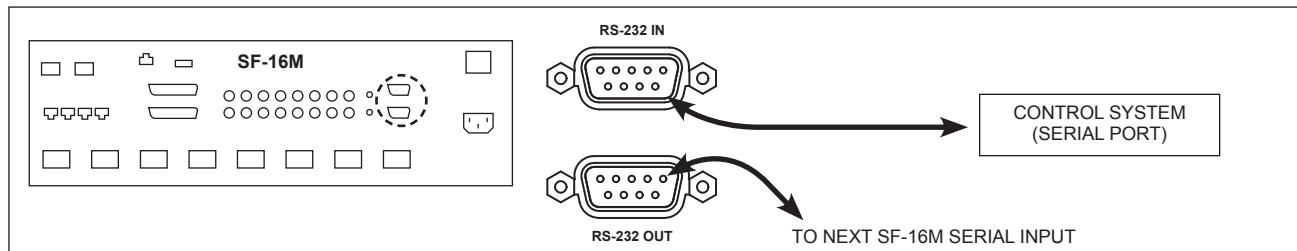


Figure 9

### Ethernet Port

The SF-16M Ethernet port connects to any standard Ethernet router/switch. Control4 SDDP is available for seamless integration. By default DHCP is enabled on the SF-16M. If the router is also DHCP enabled, it will automatically assign a unique network IP address to the SF-16M. Once an IP address is assigned, the SF-16M can be setup and controlled with any network-enabled control system using telnet-based serial commands. For detailed information on Ethernet setup, please see page 24. Allows 2-way communications for control and feedback. Commands are listed on page 29.

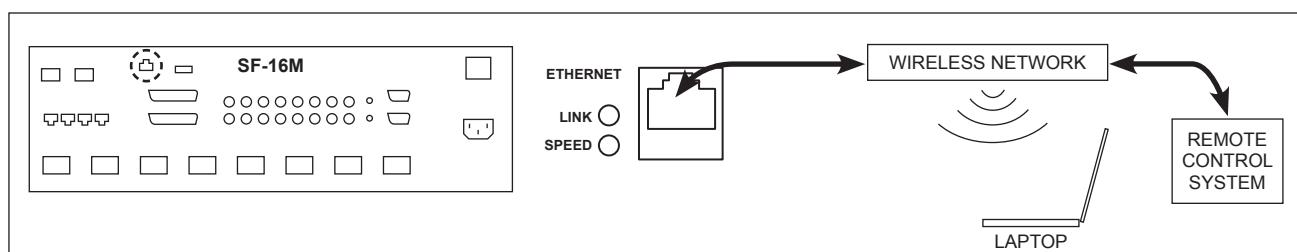


Figure 10

### IR Port

The 3.5mm “Main IR In” connects to any third party IR controller using a mono 3.5mm cable. A comprehensive list of available IR commands for the SF-16M is available in spreadsheet format. Download the hex. code /IR command set from the SF-16M product page on our website.

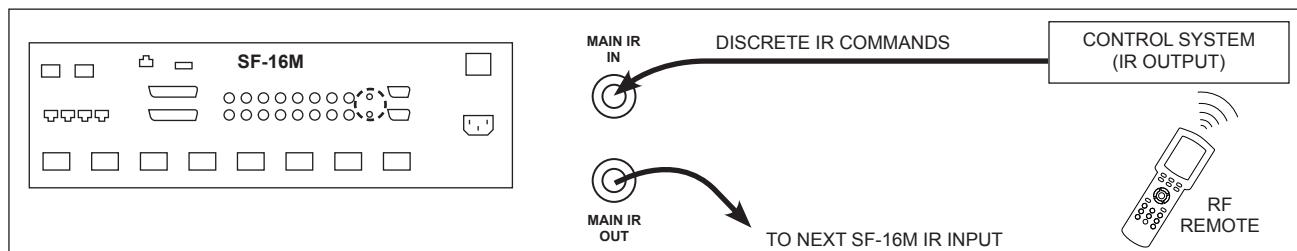


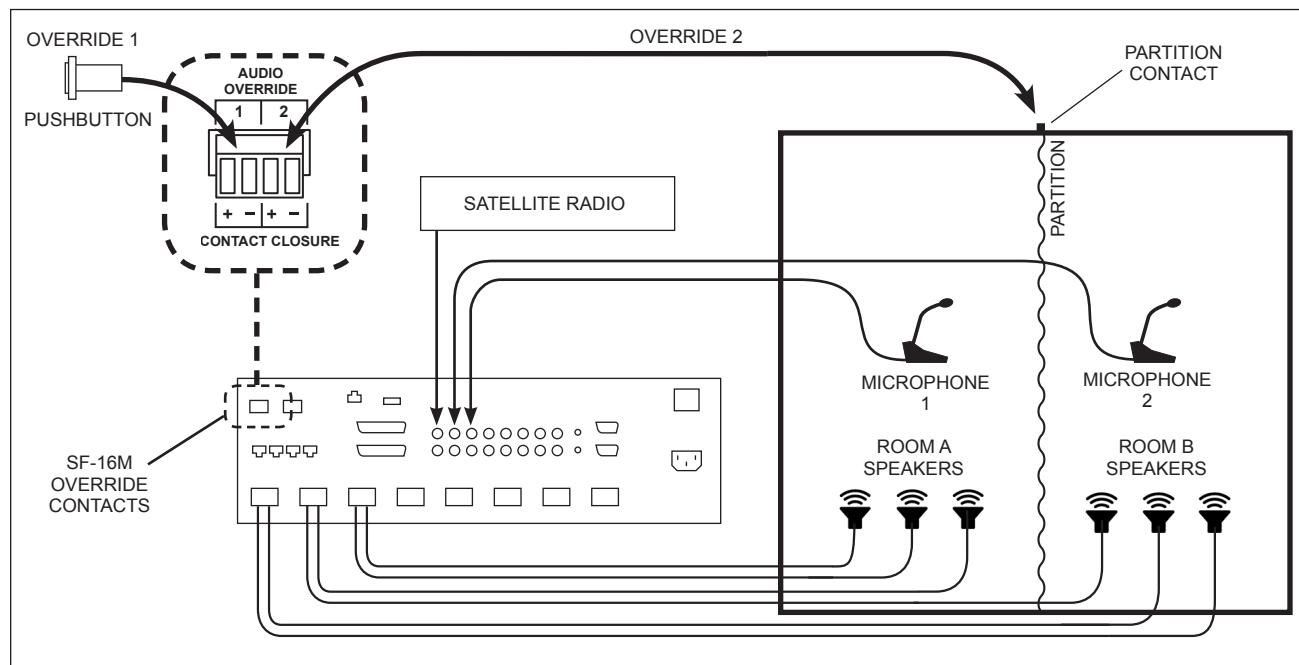
Figure 11

## SF-16M CONNECTIONS - Audio Override (Contact Closure)

The SF-16M provides two “Audio Override” contact closure inputs, which allow pushbuttons, partition wall contacts, and other contact sensors to trigger the system. Audio override provides a convenient method of temporarily switching to an alternate audio input when a sensor is triggered. Learn more: [www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex\\_tips](http://www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex_tips).

A practical example of this feature is a conference hall with movable partition walls (*Figure 12*). The speakers in the room normally play background music from a satellite radio receiver. A pushbutton triggers Override 1 which is programmed to toggle speaker outputs for both rooms between background music and the Microphone 1 input. When the partition closes to create individual rooms, a partition wall contact closure (Override 2 in the example) triggers the SF-16M to switch the speakers in Room B to microphone 2. When the partition wall opens, the SF-16M returns to its default audio input.

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*Figure 12*

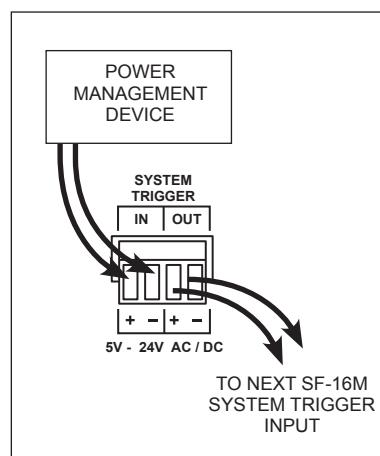
**NOTE:** In order for Audio Override to function, all settings must be programmed using the PC configuration software. Learn more: [www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex\\_tips](http://www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex_tips).

## SF-16M CONNECTIONS - Standby and System Trigger

By default, the SF-16M enters standby mode when it cannot sense audio on its inputs; it wakes from standby when it receives audio input. The System Trigger contacts on the SF-16M allow equipment such as AV receivers or power management devices to put the SF-16M in standby to conserve energy.

To use the System Trigger:

1. Enable “Audio Sense + Trigger” via front panel controls (see page 20), PC Utility (Misc. Tab) or serial command (see page 34).
2. Make system trigger connections as illustrated in Figure 13.
3. Power the SF-16M, then test the power management system.
4. A high-to-low voltage transition on the trigger input puts the SF-16M into standby mode; a low-to-high voltage transition wakes the unit from standby.



*Figure 13. System trigger (5V-24V AC/DC)*

## SF-16M CONNECTIONS - Connecting Multiple SF-16M Chassis

Up to four SF-16M units can be linked to function as a 64 output system. In Figure 14, the maximum number of input channels is 20; 16 inputs via RCA or DB-25, and four shared Flexport channels. Units are linked using the loop out connections for FlexPort Audio, DB-25 Audio, IR, Serial and System Trigger inputs (Figure 13). Set the Unit ID as shown, incrementing from top to bottom. All SF-16M units can share the Unit 1 FlexPort inputs, as shown, or each unit can have independent FlexPort inputs, increasing the total number of inputs to 32 (four FlexPort channels per SF-16M unit).

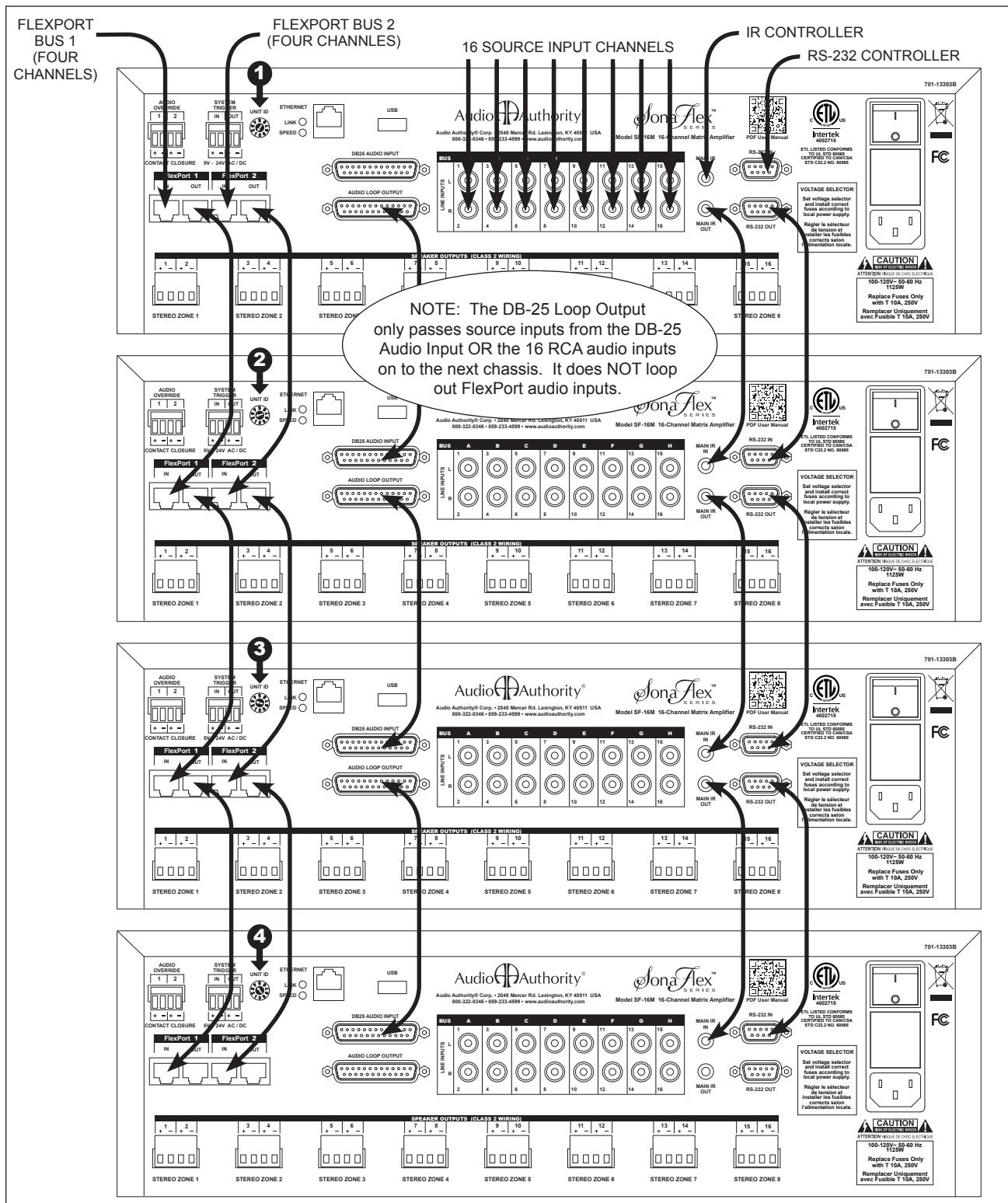


Figure 14

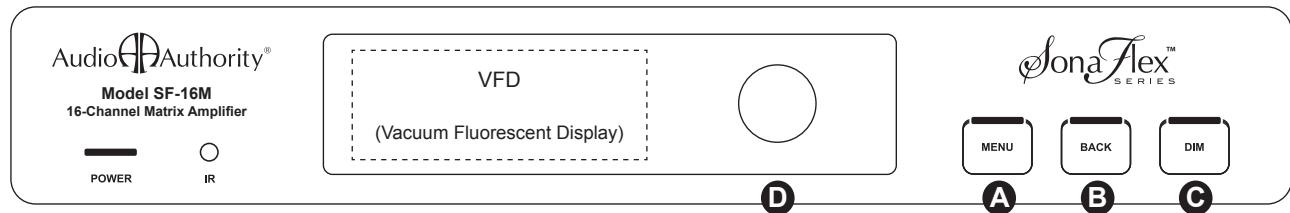
## CONFIGURATION

Configure the SF-16M using front panel controls, PC utility, or individual commands (via serial or telnet). Basic settings can be accessed via the front panel controls; the best way for any advanced configuration is the PC utility (see page 21, and [www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex\\_tips](http://www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex_tips)), but all settings can also be adjusted via telnet/serial commands with a program such as hyperterminal from a PC (page 24).



### Front Panel Description

**Multi-Function Knob Operation:** The multi-function knob can scroll (clockwise or counterclockwise) and select or de-select (press in). The open arrow ▷ symbol is displayed when scrolling through menu items. Once an item has been selected (press the knob), the arrow fills in ►. Turn the knob to adjust the value. Press the knob again to de-select the menu item and scroll to the next item.



#### Menu Button > Menu Screen **A**

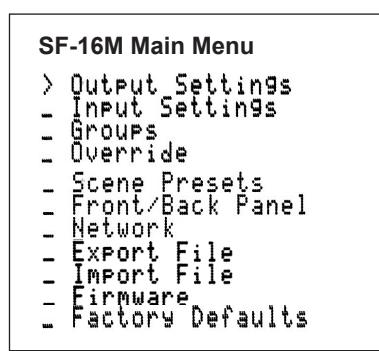
Output Settings, Input Settings, Groups, Override, Scene Presets, Front/Back Panel, Network, Export/Import, Firmware and Factory Defaults. The menu button also toggles the display between the main menu and output meters.

#### Back Button **B**

Press Back to return to a previous screen. Pressing the back button repeatedly eventually returns to the main menu.

#### Dim Button **C**

This button toggles through four brightness levels for the display and key lights. After a set period of time (adjustable using the front panel or the SF-16M PC configurator), the display enters a screen saver mode (dark). The power and button lights remain on. Any key press or knob adjustment causes the display to return to the last selected brightness level.



#### Main Menu

The main menu contains the root level selections for basic operation. Many commands are available only through serial or telnet control. See the serial command list (page 29) for more information.

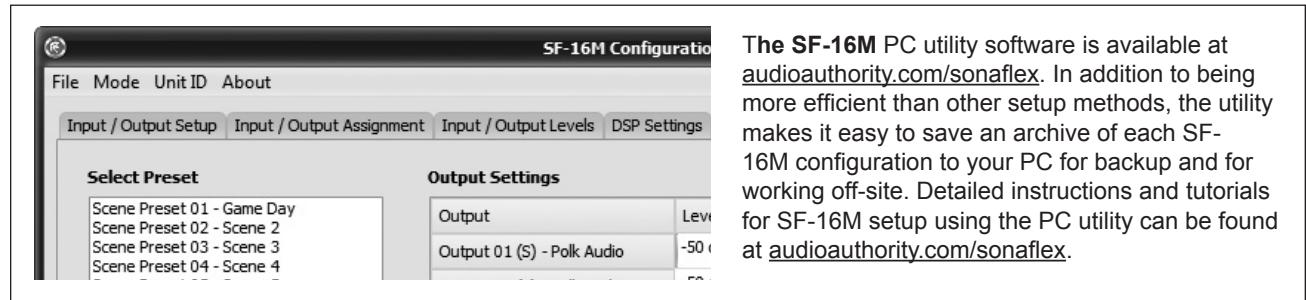
#### Vertical Bar Graph

The vertical output level graph, which is accessible by pressing the menu key while in the root menu, displays the output levels of all channels simultaneously. Press the menu key, back, or the encoder knob to return to the menu.

#### Output Settings

##### Output Settings > Quick Access

**Line 1:** Output number and name. Mono outputs appear with a single number and name (example, 1 Entry Hall), while stereo pairs appear with two numbers separated by a comma and a name (example 1,2 Family Rm).



The SF-16M PC utility software is available at [audioauthority.com/sonaflex](http://audioauthority.com/sonaflex). In addition to being more efficient than other setup methods, the utility makes it easy to save an archive of each SF-16M configuration to your PC for backup and for working off-site. Detailed instructions and tutorials for SF-16M setup using the PC utility can be found at [audioauthority.com/sonaflex](http://audioauthority.com/sonaflex).

## Output > Quick Access

```
1 3,4 Great Room 3
2 Volume -20 dB
3 Input 1,2 Internet
4 Loudness On
5 Bass 0 dB
6 Treble 0 dB
7 Stereo
8 Balance Centered
9 Max Volume 0 dB
10 Max TO Vol 0 dB
11 Min TO Vol -80 dB
```

**Line 2:** Volume level or other status of the output channel(s). Select to display and adjust volume level. Status messages are as follows:

- Standby – the entire unit is in standby, forcing all outputs into low power mode (no output).
- Shutdown – the output is in thermal shutdown, meaning the output chip has overheated. Shutdown prevents any permanent damage to the chip and gives it time to cool down.
- Overtemp – the output stage is getting too hot. The SF-16M turns down the output by 3dB at this point in order to prevent shutdown.
- Poweroff – power is removed from the output manually. Poweroff is similar to mute, but when the output is powered back on, it comes on in a known and safe state (within minimum turn on, maximum turn on volume settings).
- Muted – the output has been muted. When an output is unmuted, it returns to its most recent volume level, which can be outside minimum/maximum turn on.
- Automute – the output has been automatically muted due to lack of input audio. The outputs are split into two banks, 1-8 and 9-16. If no input audio is present on an entire bank, all the outputs in that bank will automatically mute to conserve power.
- Volume – the output volume level of the channel. Volume bar is always available when you select the line.

## General Setup Tips

- Each input and output can be set up as stereo or mono, but the easiest way to keep track is by counting each mono input or output as a single channel. Use the odd numbered channel to number a stereo input (skip the even numbers).
- Be sure to record input names and stereo or mono status; a worksheet is provided on page 7.
- Do not connect RCA and DB-25 input cables at the same time; it may degrade audio quality.
- Audio Override terminals provide a way to trigger an override or a sound scene. Connect a momentary switch, button, or other contact closure. Use the SonaFlex PC utility to define sound scenes and overrides (see online video tutorials).
- Observe correct polarity when connecting system trigger input or output (e.g. a preamp out which sends out a +12V signal when on, and 0V when off).

### Mono vs. Stereo

Note: A stereo input can be selected for mono output(s) using either of its input numbers (e.g. 7 or 8). Stereo input channels are available to stereo outputs as stereo, and also combined in the DSP for mono outputs.

**Line 3:** The connected input number(s) and name. There are four ways for an output and input to be connected:

1. Stereo output pair to stereo input pair - The stereo input pair is listed in the “number-comma-number” sequence (e.g. “1,2 iPod” is a stereo input pair including channels 1 and 2).
2. Stereo output pair to mono input - The mono input is displayed as a mono pair (e.g. 3,3 Microphone). The “number-comma-number” indicates that the stereo output pair has both outputs connected to the same input.
3. Mono output to stereo input pair - The mono output connects to a “monoized” version of the stereo input pair and displays in “number-plus-number” format (e.g. 1+2 CD Changer). Input 1 and 2 are digitally combined to mono.
4. Mono output to mono input - The mono output will connect to a mono input; it appears as a “single number and name” (e.g. “1 Page Mic”).

**Line 4:** Loudness status. Loudness is a 5 dB bass and treble boost. It is intended to enhance audio for listening at low volume levels. Loudness uses low shelf and high shelf filters at 200 Hz and 3000 Hz respectively.

**Line 5:** Bass boost, an adjustable low shelf filter. Bass boost requires that filter 1 is a low shelf, but allows any frequency to be specified and still operate. The boost range is -15 to +15 dB. Switching filter 1 to any other filter type will disable bass boost. When the fifth line is selected, a horizontal bar showing the bass setting is displayed.

## Output > Quick Access

```
- Balance Centered
Max Volume 0 dB
Max TO Vol -27 dB
```

### Adjusting Levels

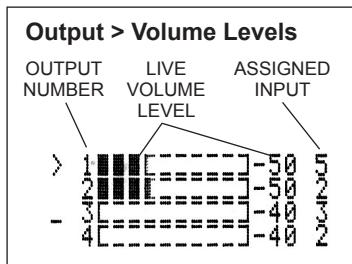
To change volume levels, bass, treble, and balance, select the item and turn the knob to reach the desired level on the bar graph provided. Press the knob again when finished.

**Line 6:** Treble boost (like bass boost but high shelf). Requires filter 2 to be a high shelf.

**Line 7:** Stereo/mono status. Any output can be mono or stereo.

**Line 8:** Balance; attenuates a single channel of a stereo pair.

**Line 9-11:** Maximum volume, maximum turn on volume, and minimum turn on volume. Maximum volume sets the maximum level that the output can ever be set to. Maximum and minimum turn on volumes take effect when the output is powered off and then back on. If the volume is below the minimum turn on volume, it is raised to the minimum volume; if above, it is turned down to the maximum.



#### Output Settings > Volume Levels

Shows live volume levels of all outputs on one screen, and shows input(s) connected. Note: for stereo pairs, only the first member of the stereo pair is selectable, but controls both outputs.

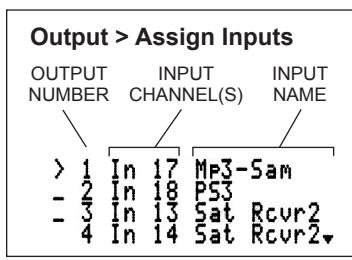
Note: The scale range on the input level detection is 500 mVRMS = 0 dB; therefore an input signal of 500 mVRMS on an output set to 0 dB will have full scale display.

Select a line to show a horizontal bar for volume level, the full name of the output, and the full name of the input.

To set all outputs to a specific volume, select the last line and rotate the knob to increase/decrease, then push the knob again to activate the new setting (volume does not update in real time).

#### Output Settings > Assign Inputs

- Each line shows output, input channel number, and input name. Mono outputs are individually selectable (inputs 1 and 2 are selectable, shown by an underscore), whereas only the first output of a stereo pair can be selected, but both switch together.
- Select an output and rotate the knob to switch the input on the fly.
- To set ALL outputs to a specific input, scroll to the bottom line. This adjustment only activates after you push the knob.



#### Input Settings

There are two ways to make input adjustments: QUICK ACCESS, which allows multiple adjustments to an individual input, and GAIN LEVELS, which allows gain adjustment of all inputs on the same screen.

#### Input > Quick Access

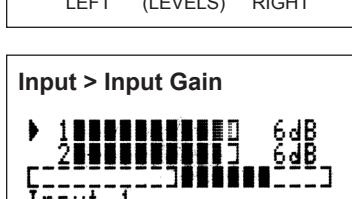
Adjust input gain and stereo/mono settings for an individual input or stereo pair.

**Line 1:** Input channel number(s) and names. A mono input displays a single channel (e.g., 7 Sirius), and stereo inputs display the channel-commma-channel format (e.g., 7,8 CD Changer). Again, to select a stereo input, select the first channel of the pair.

**Line 2:** Stereo or mono mode of the input. All inputs are natively mono, but when an input is set to stereo, outputs connect as left and right.

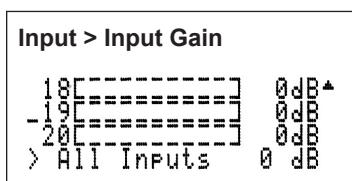
**Line 3:** Gain level, digital gain of -10 to 10 dB.

**Line 4:** The fourth line displays the live volume input level. This level is a dB display from -20 to 0 dB; therefore any inputs that are below -20 dB will not show on the meter.



#### Input > Input Gain

Input 1



#### Input > Gain Levels

All input channels are listed on the left and the meter displays input levels from -20 to 0 dB. The last line allows all input gains to be set in one action.

## How to Adjust Input Gain

Adjust input gain so that all input sources are approximately the same volume. Tip: it is usually best to *trim* the “hot” inputs, rather than boost low ones; too much digital gain can sometimes introduce distortion with a hot input signal.

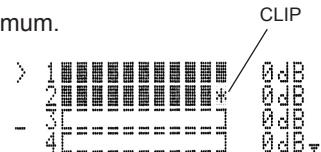
1. Access INPUT SETTINGS, then choose GAIN LEVELS so that you can see all inputs at once.

Connect all outputs to the first source, and if it has a volume control, turn it up to maximum.

2. Look at the live input level; if it is clipping, turn the input device down until it is just barely clipping (shown by an asterisk at the end of the bar).

4. If the level is low, turn up the SF-16M input gain, just until it clips.

5. If the device has no output volume control and it is clipping, turn the gain down.



## Groups

```
> 1 Hallways
- Input 1,2 MP3
- Volume -50 dB
- Mute Off
- 1 Hall 1
- 2 Kitchen 1
- 3 Kitchen 2
```

All members of the group are displayed if you scroll down. The format is number name for mono and number comma number name for stereo.

## Groups

Groups are a collection of outputs that can be controlled simultaneously using group volume and group switching commands, etc. If you have several different outputs that are a member of the group, you can adjust their settings individually, but when a group command is issued, all member outputs respond.

**Line 1:** Group number and name.

**Line 2:** The most recent input selection of any member in the group. (All members in the group can have different input selections.) Select this line to force every member of the group to select the input displayed here.

**Line 3:** Volume adjustment. Select the line, turn the knob, and deselect the line to activate the new level.

**Line 4:** Mute status of the final member of the group. Select and turn the knob to mute or unmute all members of the group.

## Override 1

```
> 1 Audio Override
- Status Off
  In 1,2 MP3
  Priority 5
```

## Override 2

```
> 2 Audio Override
- Status Off
  In 7 Door Bell
  Priority 1
```

## Override

An override is a command that temporarily switches a number of designated outputs to an input, and when the override is released, all outputs return to previous inputs.

An override sets a specified volume level for each output, and if the output is muted or powered off, will unmute or power on appropriately. Output volume levels can be adjusted while an override is active, but the level will be reset to the override settings next time the override is activated.

Each override has a priority setting that dictates whether it effects outputs already in override. Priority 1 is the highest. Example: A music source override with priority 5 would be interrupted by a doorbell override with priority 4. Once the doorbell override is released or cancelled, the music source will be re-enabled.

When all overrides are released, then all outputs return to their original input sources and volume levels that were active before the override.

**Line 1:** The override number and type. There are ten audio overrides and four mono FlexPort overrides (or two when FlexPorts are used in stereo mode).

**Line 2:** Active/inactive status of the override. Select this line to activate an override. Activating a standard override follows the rules below; a FlexPort override activates in stereo mode, so FlexPort override 3 activates channels 19 and 20.

**Line 3:** Input number and name that will take effect when the override is activated.

**Line 4:** Override priority. Priority 1 is highest.

**Line 5:** Member(s) of the override, which are the outputs that are affected by the override. For example, you may not want a doorbell to ring in certain rooms, so you could disable (ignore) them for that override.

**For Each Member Output, A Sound Scene Preset Remembers:**

- Current volume level
- Mute status
- Power status
- Current input

Note: A scene “snapshot” command saves the *current* volume/input, so if you have an override activated, the override input and volume level will be recorded in the scene preset.

## Scene Presets

A Scene Preset is a “snapshot” of the current state of the system (volume, inputs, mute, and power status). When you recall a Scene Preset these settings return to just the way they were when the preset was saved. Create a Scene Preset by sending a snapshot command (see page 34) via Ethernet or serial. You can also build or edit a scene preset using the PC utility (see page 24 and video tutorial).

When you send a snapshot command to save a Scene Preset, all outputs are included as members of that Scene, but it is possible to disable outputs from a Scene membership or to add them manually using serial/Ethernet commands or the PC utility.

**Line 1:** Scene number and name.

**Line 2:** Select this line to recall and activate the scene. Status is not indicated here because a scene is not activated and then “released” like an override.

**Line 3 and Following:** Outputs belonging to the Scene Preset, aka “members”.

## Front/Back Panel

**Sleep Timer:** Turns off the front panel display after the front panel keys and knob have not been used for a period of time. Select a time period of 0, 1, 2, or 5 minutes. Select (zero) if the display should remain on. The display is turned off automatically when entering standby unless the sleep timer is set to zero.

**Brightness:** Brightness level of the keys and front panel display. Choose 100%, 75%, 50%, or 25%. Also accessible by the dim button on the keyboard.

**Front Panel IR On/Off:** Disables / enables front panel IR sensor. If not required for control, leave it off to avoid issues with sunlight or other interference.

**Audio Sense Standby:** Choose standby mode: either Audio Sense standby (AS) or Audio Sense + Trigger (AST). In AS mode, the SF-16M detects the presence of audio to exit or enter standby (power-conserve). To use AST mode, connect any 12V device to the trigger input on the back of the unit. With AST mode on, a high-to-low transition triggers standby (automute), and a low-to-high transition will bring it out of standby. Simply having a high or low level present does not trigger the amp; it is the transition that triggers the change.

## Network

This screen displays the status of the network, the native IP address, gateway, subnet mask, and mac address. It is often convenient to turn DHCP on to connect automatically to a DHCP network for initial setup. Once the SF-16M is installed, use a static IP address and turn DHCP off. If the network settings have changed but not yet committed, this screen displays a message.

**Network**

```
DHCP ON - LINK
IP 192.168.0.100
NM 255.255.255.0
GW 192.168.0.1
```

## Firmware

This screen displays the unit number, the system firmware and bootloader, and the input board firmware and bootloader versions. To update firmware load the new version onto a USB drive, insert the drive into the USB port, and select the update firmware line.

**Firmware**

```
> Update Firmware
Unit : 1
System: 1.0.0, 1.0.0
CoProc: 1.0.0, 1.0.0
```

## Factory Defaults

If you need to clear all the settings in the SF-16M and return it to default values, use the Factory Defaults command. The only way to restore custom settings is if you have an archive saved on a USB drive or computer hard disk.

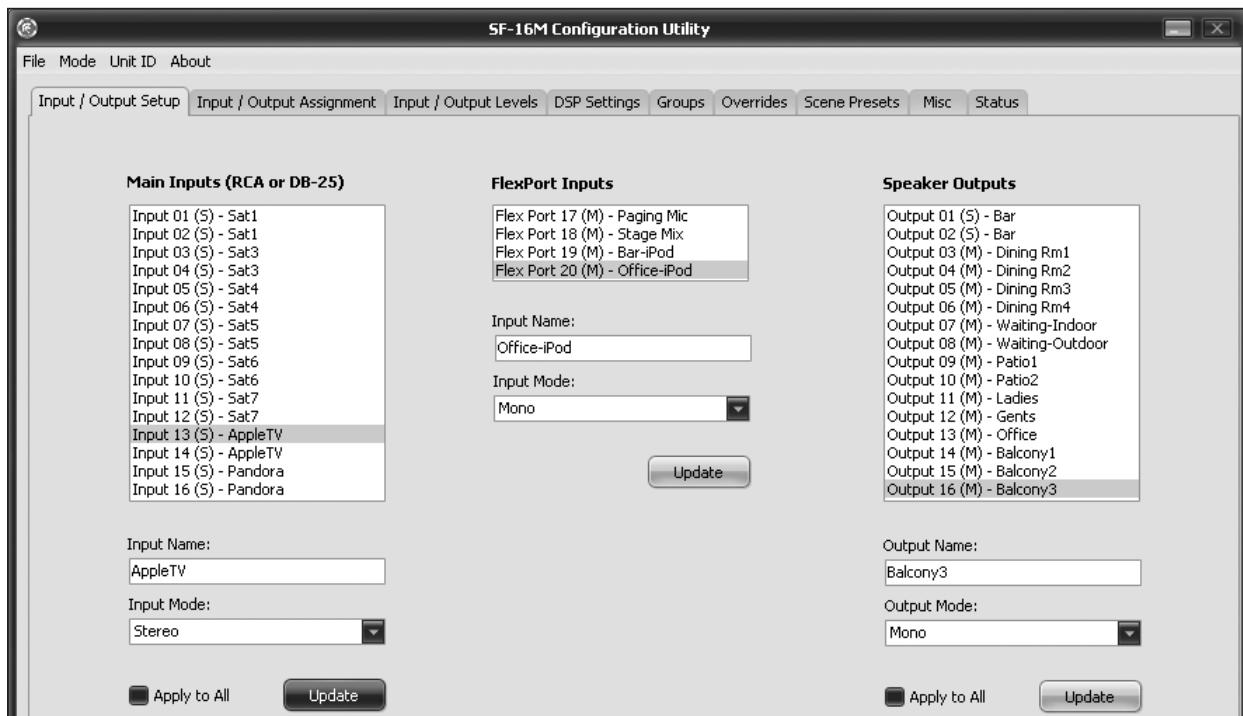
Learn more: [www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex\\_tips](http://www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex_tips).

## Advanced Configuration Using the PC Utility

The PC Utility is the most efficient way to set up the SF-16M, and it is easy to save an archive of each configuration to work on off-site, or for backup. This manual covers main functions of the utility, but for more detail, see video tutorials at [www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex\\_videos](http://www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex_videos). The following settings can only be configured using Ethernet/serial commands or the PC setup utility (not front panel controls): Input/Output Names, Groups, Overrides, Scene Presets, DSP (EQ Filters), IP Configuration.

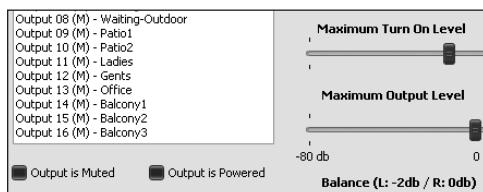
### Setup Tips:

- **Save your work!** Learn more: [www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex\\_tips](http://www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex_tips).
- To connect via Ethernet, connect the SonaFlex to the network via DHCP, and check its network menu for the assigned IP address. Open the utility on your PC, choose Mode > Telnet, and enter the SonaFlex IP address.
- Import your SF-16M configuration, either by serial connection, Ethernet, or a USB drive via File Mode (in File Mode, you must export it from the SF-16M onto a USB drive first).
- Double click in each field to enter information (do not use tab or enter key).
- Save time by using the “Apply to All” check box where available.



**1. Naming Inputs and Outputs** - Type a name for each input or output, choose mono or stereo, and click update. All inputs and outputs are mono by default. Designating an input or output as stereo ties the selected odd numbered input or output to the next even number for switching, volume and DSP. Mono outputs appear with a single number and name (example, 1 Entry Hall), while stereo pairs appear with two numbers separated by a comma and a name (example 1,2 Family Rm). 16 characters are allowed, including a-z, A-Z, 0-9, - . / ? \ but long names may display truncated on the front panel display. The FlexPort inputs can be named in a similar fashion. They can also be set to mono or stereo, but additional setup must be performed. See the FlexPort manual for details.

### Levels



**2. Input / Output Assignment** - Provides a basic input switching interface, and indicates the mono or stereo mode.

**3. Levels** - Set gain or trim levels for inputs, and volume levels for outputs. Some settings on this tab are permanent (e.g. input gain and maximum output levels, etc.), and some are intended for temporary convenience while setting up levels (e.g. mute, power off, etc.). Set minimum and maximum turn-on levels to impose moderate volume levels when an output is powered on (limits do not apply after mute).

## DSP Filters

Select Output	Filter	Type	Frequency	Level
Output 01 (M) - Great Room 1	Filter 1	High Pass	200 Hz	0db
Output 02 (M) - Great Room 2	Filter 2	Parametric	80 Hz	2db
Output 03 (M) - Great Room 3	Filter 3	Parametric	200 Hz	4db
Output 04 (M) - Great Room 4				
Output 05 (M) - Great Room 5				
Output 06 (M) - Kitchen 1				
Output 07 (M) - Kitchen 2				
Output 08 (M) - Kitchen 3				

## Groups

Select Group	Select Outputs
Group 01 - Dining Room	<input type="checkbox"/> Output 01 (S) - Bar <input type="checkbox"/> Output 02 (S) - Bar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Output 03 (M) - Dining Rm1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Output 04 (M) - Dining Rm2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Output 05 (M) - Dining Rm3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Output 06 (M) - Dining Rm4 <input type="checkbox"/> Output 07 (M) - Waiting-Indoor <input type="checkbox"/> Output 08 (M) - Waiting-Outdoor <input type="checkbox"/> Output 09 (M) - Patio1 <input type="checkbox"/> Output 10 (M) - Patio2 <input type="checkbox"/> Output 11 (M) - Ladies <input type="checkbox"/> Output 12 (M) - Gents <input type="checkbox"/> Output 13 (M) - Office <input type="checkbox"/> Output 14 (M) - Balcony1 <input type="checkbox"/> Output 15 (M) - Balcony2 <input type="checkbox"/> Output 16 (M) - Balcony3
Group Name	Dining Room
	<input type="button" value="Apply"/>

## Overrides

Select Override	Priority
Audio Override 01	AO 01 (2)
Audio Override 02	AO 02 (2)
Audio Override 03	AO 03 (2)
Audio Override 04	AO 04 (2)
Audio Override 05	AO 05 (2)
Audio Override 06	AO 06 (2)
Audio Override 07	AO 07 (2)
Audio Override 08	AO 08 (2)
Audio Override 09	AO 09 (2)
Audio Override 10	AO 10 (2)
Flex-Port Override 01	FPO 1 (2)
Flex-Port Override 02	FPO 2 (2)
Flex-Port Override 03	FPO 3 (2)
Flex-Port Override 04	FPO 4 (2)

Input Assign
Input 01 (S) - Sat1

Priority
01

Contact Closures
Contact Closures Contact 1 Mode Momentary Type Audio Override Select Audio Override 01

## Sound Scenes

Level	Enabled	Input	Power	Muted
-14 dB	Disabled	01	No	Not Muted
-14 dB	Disabled	01	No	Not Muted
0 dB	Disabled	01	No	Not Muted
0 dB	Disabled	01	No	Not Muted
0 dB	Disabled	01	No	Not Muted

## Network

Network Card Settings	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable DHCP?	
Network Settings	
IP Address	0 . 0 . 0 . 0
Netmask	0 . 0 . 0 . 0
Gateway	0 . 0 . 0 . 0

## Lockout

Contact Closures
Contact Closures Contact 1 Mode Momentary Type Audio Override Select Audio Override 01

**4. DSP Settings** - Seven filters are available, to be used individually and/or as a multi-band EQ. Filters include high-pass, low-pass, high shelf, low shelf, and parametric. To create a seven-band parametric EQ, select type: parametric for all filters, then set frequencies at regular intervals. Set levels to compensate according to requirements for each output. High-pass and low-pass filters are intended for passive subwoofers and satellite speakers. If low shelf filter is used, always use filter slot 1.

**5. Output Groups** - Group multiple outputs together to share source selection, volume up/down, mute on/off, and power on/off commands. Groups are ideal for making large areas act like a single audio zone or for grouping outputs with hi-pass and low-pass filters (sub/sat combinations) so that they respond together. Group specific serial and IR commands are available for source selection, volume up/down, mute on/off and power on/off. Up to 10 groups can be stored per SF-16M. Group settings include group naming and output members.

**6. Overrides** - The purpose of audio override is to provide a convenient method of temporarily switching a pre-defined group of outputs to a specific input. Once the audio override is released or cancelled, the outputs effected by the override return to their previous inputs and volume levels. Overrides can be brief, for applications like paging and doorbells, or longer duration for local source selection like an iPod, AppleTV, or audio mixer. Audio override can be triggered by two contact closure inputs on the back of the SF-16M, as well as specific serial and IR commands. Up to 10 audio override configurations can be set up per SF-16M, plus FlexPort overrides (see FlexPort Manual). Audio override settings include input assignment, output members, output levels, override priority and momentary or toggle mode for the audio override contact closures.

**7. Sound Scenes** - A sound scene is a system-wide snapshot of all volume levels and input assignments. Scenes allow the end-user to recall previously captured system settings with a single button press. Up to 10 sound scenes can be saved and recalled per SF-16M. Scenes can also be saved and recalled across multiple SF-16M amplifiers linked together, however each individual SF-16M has a maximum of 10 unit or "global" scenes (see sidebar for details). Scene settings include scene naming, input selection, output levels, mute status and an "Ignore" option which allows any output to always ignore a scene preset.

**8. Miscellaneous** - DHCP is convenient for initial network setup, but it is best to use a static IP address for long term use, or use a serial connection. Leave front panel IR sensor off if not required for day-to-day operation. It is often a good practice to lock front panel controls after setup is complete to prevent tampering.

Contact closures may be used to trigger an override or a sound scene preset. Choose toggle or momentary. Contact closures can not be used to trigger a FlexPort input.

## Editing Configuration Files with Text Editor

To edit configuration files manually, export the file, either from the SF-16M onto a USB drive, or from the PC Utility onto USB or hard drive. The file is a text document that can be edited in a text editor such as Notepad++. This method can be more efficient when programming multiple SF-16M amplifiers to be used in one system. Set up one amplifier, then make copies of that configuration file and find/replace the Unit ID number for each additional SF-16M. You may also want to use this method to enter DSP settings, or scene presets, etc.

SF-16M Configuration Utility

File Mode Unit ID About

Input / Output Setup Input / Output Assignment Input / Output Levels DSP Settings Groups Overrides Scene Presets Misc Status

**Select Preset**

Scene Preset 01 - Wakeup
Scene Preset 02 - Scene 2
Scene Preset 03 - Scene 3
Scene Preset 04 - Scene 4
Scene Preset 05 - Scene 5
Scene Preset 06 - Scene 6
Scene Preset 07 - Scene 7
Scene Preset 08 - Scene 8
Scene Preset 09 - Scene 9
Scene Preset 10 - Scene 10

**Preset Name**

**Update**

**All Scenes**

Allow Remote Saving of Presets

**Output Settings**

Output	Level	Enabled	Input	Power	Muted
Output 01 (M) - Great Room 1	0 dB	Disabled	09	No	Not Muted
Output 02 (M) - Great Room 2	0 dB	Disabled	07	No	Not Muted
Output 03 (M) - Great Room 3	0 dB	Disabled	09	No	Not Muted
Output 04 (M) - Great Room 4	0 dB	Disabled	01	No	Not Muted
Output 05 (M) - Great Room 5	0 dB	Disabled	05	No	Not Muted
Output 06 (M) - Kitchen 1	-40 dB	Enabled	03	Yes	Not Muted
Output 07 (M) - Kitchen 2	-32 dB	Enabled	03	Yes	Not Muted
Output 08 (M) - Kitchen 3	-32 dB	Enabled	03	Yes	Not Muted
Output 09 (M) - Dining Room 1	0 dB	Disabled	01	No	Not Muted
Output 10 (M) - Bedroom 1	0 dB	Enabled	03	Yes	Not Muted
Output 11 (M) - Bedroom 2	-61 dB	Enabled	17	Yes	Not Muted
Output 12 (M) - Bedroom 3	-61 dB	Enabled	05	Yes	Not Muted
Output 13 (M) - Game Room 1	-54 dB	Enabled	03	Yes	Not Muted
Output 14 (M) - Game Room 2	-52 dB	Enabled	03	Yes	Not Muted
Output 15 (M) - Garage	-54 dB	Enabled	03	Yes	Muted
Output 16 (M) - Jacuzzi	-48 dB	Enabled	03	Yes	Muted

File Mode Unit 1 Import complete

An example Sound Scene Preset designed to be triggered by an automation system every morning. Soft music plays in some rooms, while others are muted or powered off. A different source plays in each of the bedrooms.

SF-16M Configuration Utility

File Mode Unit ID About

Input / Output Setup Input / Output Assignment Input / Output Levels DSP Settings Groups Overrides Scene Presets Misc Status

**Select Output**

Output 01 (M) - Kitchen1
Output 02 (M) - Output 2
Output 03 (S) - Output 4
Output 04 (S) - Output 4
Output 05 (S) - Output 6
Output 06 (S) - Output 6
Output 07 (S) - Output 8
Output 08 (S) - Output 8
Output 09 (S) - Output 10
Output 10 (S) - Output 10
Output 11 (S) - Output 12
Output 12 (S) - Output 12
Output 13 (S) - Output 14
Output 14 (S) - Output 14
Output 15 (S) - Output 16
Output 16 (S) - Output 16

**DSP Settings**

Filter	Type	Frequency	Level
Filter 1	Parametric	100 Hz	-1db
Filter 2	Parametric	200 Hz	0db
Filter 3	Parametric	400 Hz	2db
Filter 4	Parametric	800 Hz	3db
Filter 5	Parametric	1600 Hz	3db
Filter 6	Parametric	3200 Hz	5db
Filter 7	Parametric	6400 Hz	8db

Loudness

Enable Advanced DSP

Bass

Treble

File Mode Unit 1 Import complete

In this example, all seven filters are used for a 7-band parametric EQ set up at regular frequency intervals. The frequencies may be set at any interval. The levels may be set from -10db through +10db. Bass and treble controls are not available on an output when Advanced DSP is enabled. Activate loudness for intelligibility at low volumes.

## CONTROL INTERFACES

Operate the SF-16M using a professional automation control system. Its open-control architecture allows any third party automation controller to use serial or Ethernet commands to control volume, EQ, switching, overrides, sound scenes, or any other function programmed into the controller. IR controllers are adequate for many basic installations.

### Control Interface Capabilities

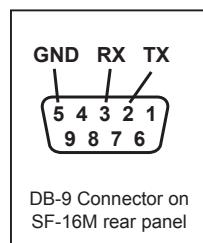
All commands are available on Ethernet and RS-232, but other control methods are limited as shown. The SF-16M PC utility (not shown) is the best setup method for advanced tasks, but is not intended as a user interface.

	RS-232	Ethernet	Infrared	Front Panel
Source selection per output	X	X	X	X
Output volume, mute & tone control	X	X	X	X
Parametric EQ, hi-pass/low-pass filters	X	X		X
Lock front panel interface	X	X		
Change Ethernet settings	X	X		
Upgrade firmware				X
Group, scene and override creation	X	X		
Group, scene and override control	X	X	X	X

## Using Serial and Ethernet (Telnet)

Follow the instructions for the controller of your choice using the serial settings below, and/or Ethernet settings accessible via the SF-16M front panel menu. Serial commands (listed on page 29), are used for telnet or serial control. Control4 SDDP is available for seamless Ethernet integration.

The internal SF-16M telnet server allows two clients to be connected at one time. Each client connection has a time out of 15 minutes; if a client crashes and does not close the connection properly (sending an EOF command) that connection remains busy until it times out.



### Using the RS-232 Port

System controllers and PCs send all setup and control commands as well as receive feedback via the RS-232 serial port. Important: If a PC is connected directly to the SF-16M RS-232 port, use a *standard* serial serial cable (male to female) for RS-232 input, and to loop out to the next SF-16M, if multiple SF-16Ms are included in the system.

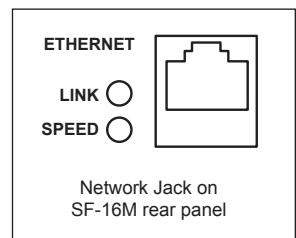
Transfer Rate	9600 bps
Data Bits	8
Parity	None
Stop Bits	1
Flow Control	None or Off
Character type	ASCII
Connector	DB-9
Electrical Rating	Pins 2 and 3, ±15 VDC
Pin out	Pin 2, Tx
(Standard cable)	Pin 3, Rx
	Pin 5, Ground
	Shell, Ground

## Using a PC via Ethernet

Connect a computer directly to the SF-16M Ethernet port using a crossover cable, or alternatively use a standard Ethernet hub or switch and a standard patch cable. Once connected to a computer or network, the SF-16M by default attempts to obtain an IP address automatically using DHCP. To use static settings, see the detailed instructions on page 25.

There are two LED indicators located next to the Ethernet port on the rear panel that will help in identifying connection issues:

- Link - The Link LED is steadily lit if a connection is detected and flashes when activity is present.
- Speed - The Speed LED is off for 10 base T, and on for 100 base T.



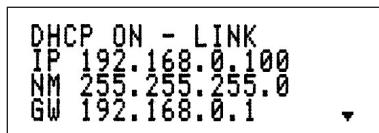
### Using DHCP

DHCP is enabled on the SF-16M by default. If DHCP is enabled on your network, simply connecting the SF-16M to the network with an existing DHCP server enables it to obtain all necessary information. You can enter a static IP and turn DHCP off after initial setup is finished.

## Static Addressing Connected Directly to a PC

Assign an IP address to the SF-16M which will not conflict with the PC.

- Windows 7: Control Panel -> Network and Sharing Center > Change adapter settings > Local Area Connection (or wi-fi adapter) > Details
- Windows XP: control panel > network > local connection properties



SF-16M screen image showing Network Settings with DHCP set to ON, with a link established.

Change the TCP/IP protocol properties, and set the IP address, gateway, and subnet mask, if they are not already set. This can be arbitrarily done on a direct connection, but a good choice for the settings would be IP address of **192.168.0.1**, subnet mask of **255.255.255.0**, and an empty default gateway. Once these values have been set, use serial commands to set the network settings of the SF-16M in a similar manner, but use a different IP address than that of the computer (for example, 192.168.0.2).

### Static Addressing on a Network

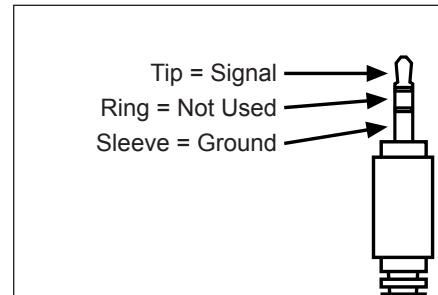
The SF-16M must be set to the same settings as the PC except for the IP address, which must be one available on the network. To determine this in Windows, use the DOS prompt (Start->Run->cmd) commands ipconfig and ping. Ipconfig will list the PC's settings, and ping will allow you to test addresses to make sure that nothing else on the network has that address. Enlist the help of a network administrator if you are unfamiliar with setting up a network connection.

Once a connection is established, a telnet program such as Hyper Terminal, Teraterm, PuTTY etc, must be used to connect to the device. Enter the IP address of the SF-16M and leave the default port (23) to connect. Once connected, standard serial commands can be issued in an identical manner to serial control.

## Using an IR Control System

The SF-16M uses a two wire IR circuit. It is imperative that the correct polarity be maintained when connecting third party IR equipment. The 3.5MM pinout is shown in the illustration below. Connect the IR signal from your IR controller directly to the main IR input port on the rear panel. Alternatively, adhere an IR emitter from your infrared system onto the SF-16M front panel receiver.

If the SF-16M IR codes are available from your remote control company, download and/or activate those files. A CCF file containing the latest codes can be downloaded from our website on the SF-16M product page. Learn more: [www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex\\_tips](http://www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex_tips).



### Tips for Using Infrared Control

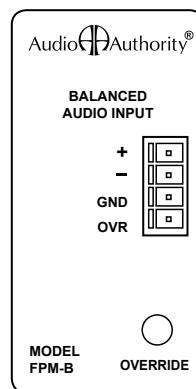
- If you are using standard hand-held IR remote controls, ensure correct operation by avoiding sources of light pollution such as Plasma and LCD TVs, direct sunlight, fluorescent light, etc. Experiment with the physical placement of the IR receiver to avoid interference.
- If a source of interference cannot be eliminated or avoided, use IR receivers that block that type of interference, such as Plasma-proof or LCD-proof receivers.
- The SF-16M back panel IR input provides no power, and therefore requires a connecting block if used with an IR receiver.
- The loop out to another unit or device is compatible with a mono or stereo 3.5mm patch cable.

## Appendix A: FlexPort Audio Modules

FlexPort audio modules provide up to four additional audio inputs (2 per FlexPort input) to each SF-16M. FlexPort modules connect via Cat 5 cable to the SF-16M and accept a wide variety of pro and consumer audio sources. All FlexPort modules can be located up to 500 feet from the SF-16M and include mounting points for either surface or in-wall mounting in an “open ended” single gang bracket such as Arlington model LV1 or Carlon model SC100RR.

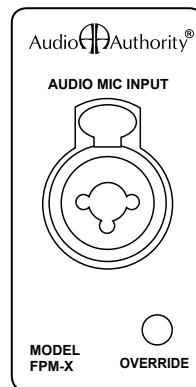
### 1. FPM-B Balanced line/mic input with phantom power

- Accepts any 3-wire balanced line or mic level audio input
- “Override” contact closure input for push-to-talk paging mics such as Bogen model MBS1000A
- Override button (defeatable) with backlighting to indicate audio override status
- 15V phantom power (defeatable) for condenser microphones
- Input gain potentiometer
- Input can be assigned as Dual Mono (2 mono channels), Mono 1 or Mono 2 on the FlexPort audio bus
- Optional “Mix” setting allows two FlexPort modules to be mixed together on a single FlexPort audio bus (both inputs must be assigned to a mono channel)



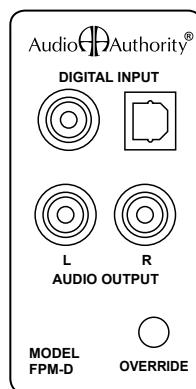
### 2. FPM-X XLR/ 1/4" TRS input with phantom power

- Accepts any 3-wire balanced line or mic level audio input via a combo XLR/ 1/4" TRS input
- Override button (defeatable) with backlighting to indicate audio override status
- 15V phantom power (defeatable) for condenser microphones
- Input gain potentiometer
- Input can be assigned as Dual Mono (2 mono channels), Mono 1 or Mono 2 on the FlexPort audio bus
- Optional “Mix” setting allows two FlexPort modules to be mixed together on a single FlexPort audio bus (both inputs must be assigned to a mono channel)



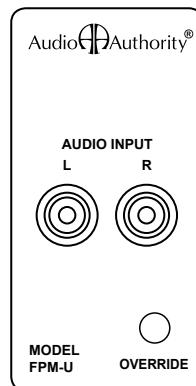
### 3. FPM-D Digital Coax/Optical Input

- Accepts any digital SPDIF coax or optical audio input (Stereo PCM only)
- Override button (defeatable) with backlighting to indicate audio override status
- Input can be assigned as Stereo (default), Mono 1 or Mono 2 on the FlexPort audio bus
- Optional “Mix” setting allows two FlexPort modules to be mixed together on a single FlexPort audio bus (both inputs must be assigned to a mono channel)
- Analog audio output (pass-thru) for applications where a converted analog output is desired



### 4. FPM-U Analog Audio Input

- Accepts any analog RCA audio input
- Override button (defeatable) with backlighting to indicate audio override status
- Input can be assigned as Stereo (default), Mono 1 or Mono 2 on the FlexPort audio bus
- Optional “Mix” setting allows two FlexPort modules to be mixed together on a single FlexPort audio bus (both inputs must be assigned to a mono channel)



## FPM Rear Panel Connections and Settings

### FlexPort RJ-45 Pinout

It is recommended that all FlexPort bus Cat 5 wiring be configured using the EIA-568B standard pinout. Audio Authority cannot guarantee correct operation using any other wiring configuration. *Figure A-3 below shows both EIA-568B and FlexPort RJ-45 pinouts.*

### FPM-B and FPM-X

- A** **FlexPort Bus In** - Connects via Cat 5 to the FlexPort “Bus Out” of another FPM in daisy chain scenarios
- B** **FlexPort Bus Out** - Connects via Cat 5 to a SF-16M “FlexPort In” or *in daisy chain configurations* to the “Bus In” of an additional FPM (See **D** for audio settings when daisy chaining)
- C** **Input Gain** - Increase or decrease input signal level prior to being sent to the SF-16M
- D** **Assign Channel** - The input source can be assigned as: Dual Mono (input is assigned to both FlexPort channels), Mono 1 (FlexPort bus channel 1) or Mono 2 (channel 2)
- E** **Input Mic/Line** - Sets input gain as mic or line level

**Mix On/Off** - Allows two daisy chained FlexPort modules to mix together upon override

**Override On/Off** - Enables or Disables override button on the front panel

**Momentary/Toggle** - Sets the override button to respond as a momentary or toggle switch

**Bus Termination On/Off** - Turn on if the FPM is the last module in a daisy chain configuration

**Phantom Power On/Off** - Turn on for phantom powered microphones

### FPM-D and FPM-U

- G** **FlexPort Bus In** - Connects via Cat 5 to the FlexPort “Bus Out” of another FPM in daisy chain scenarios
  - F** **FlexPort Bus Out** - Connects via Cat 5 to a SF-16M “FlexPort In” or *in daisy chain configurations* to the “Bus In” of an additional FPM (See **I** for audio settings when daisy chaining)
  - H** **Input Gain** - Used to increase or decrease input signal level prior to being sent to the SF-16M
  - I** **Assign Channel Switch** - The input source can be assigned as: Stereo (default), Mono 1 (FlexPort bus channel 1) or Mono 2 (channel 2)
  - J** **Mix On/Off** - Allows two daisy chained FlexPort modules to mix together upon override
- Override On/Off** - Enables or Disables override button on the front panel
- Momentary/Toggle** - Sets the override button to respond as a momentary or toggle switch

**Bus Termination On/Off** - Turn on if the FPM is the last module in a daisy chain configuration

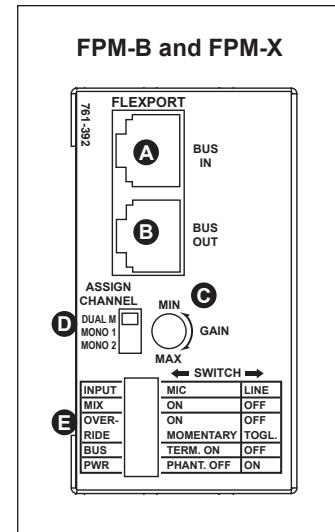


Figure A-1

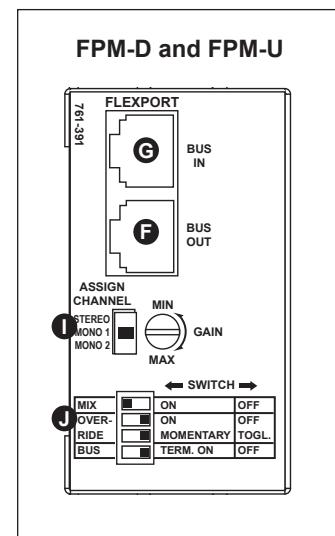


Figure A-2

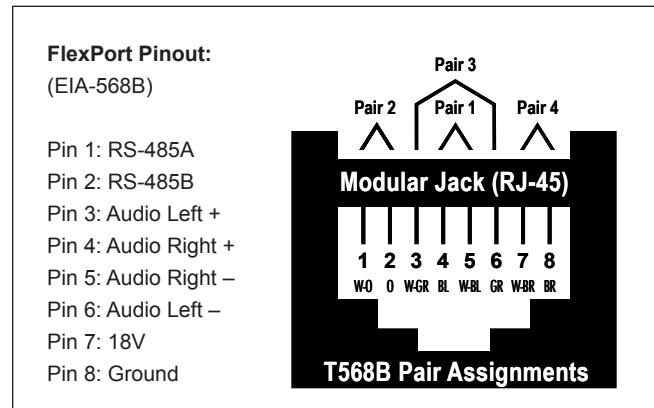


Figure A-3

## FlexPort Module “Override” Button

The purpose of the front panel override button is to switch designated SF-16M outputs to a FPM input. Learn more: [www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex\\_tips](http://www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex_tips). A typical example is an audio mixer, connected to a FPM-X in a conference room. When the override button is pressed, designated outputs switch over to the audio mixer for the duration of the override. When the override button is pressed again, all affected outputs will switch back to the input source prior to override. Audio override is based on two key settings:

1. FPM dipswitch settings, previously configured above.
2. SF-16M audio override settings, programmed using the SF-16M PC configuration software (see page 22 or view the online video Override tutorial).

### Audio Override with “Mix” Option Enabled

In some cases it may be desired to mix two FPM module inputs together upon audio override. An example would be a classroom where both a microphone and an audio presentation need to be heard simultaneously. To achieve this function, first daisy chain two FPM modules and wire back to the SF-16M. Set one FPM as “Mono 1”, and set the other as “Mono 2”. Both FPM’s must have the “Mix” dipswitch set to On.

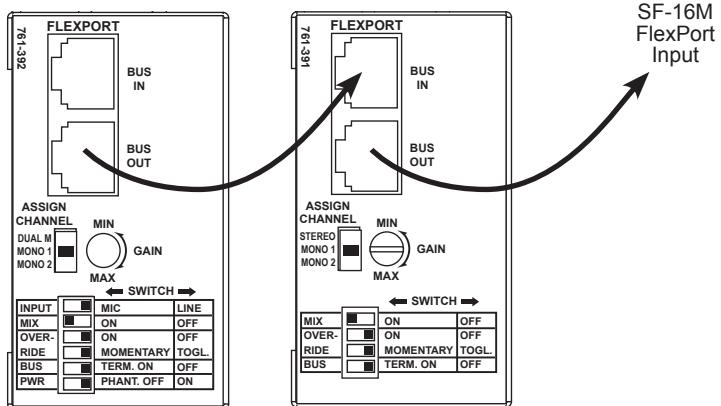


Figure A-4

## Appendix B: Firmware Update Procedure

The latest version of firmware is available from our website on the SF-16M product page.

Learn more: [www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex\\_tips](http://www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex_tips).

1. Copy the latest firmware file onto a USB drive.
2. Insert the drive in the USB port on the rear panel of the SF-16M.
3. Press the menu key and navigate to the firmware update menu item.
4. Follow the prompts and select the firmware file.
5. After a short delay the SF-16M reboots and performs the firmware update.
6. Once the update has finished, the SF-16M reboots and resumes operation with the new firmware version.

## Appendix C: SF-16M Rack Mounting

The SF-16M is designed so that it may be installed either on a shelf or in a standard 19-inch equipment rack. If rack mounting, remove the feet and the cover screws adjacent to the front panel of the unit. Reuse the cover screws to mount the rack adapters supplied with the SF-16M. Be sure to place a spacer under the adapters at every screw location. Secure the SF-16M to the rails of the equipment rack with the screws supplied, and use appropriate chassis supports, such as Middle Atlantic CSA Series.

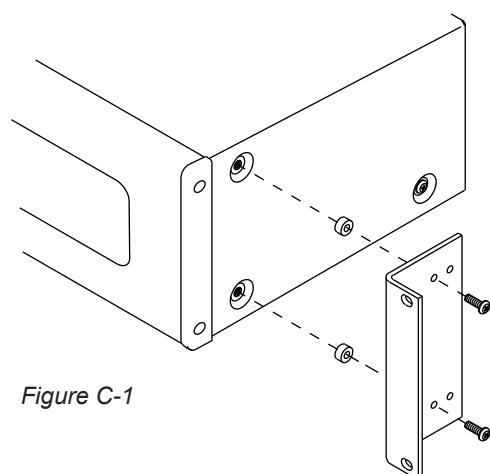


Figure C-1

## Appendix D:

### Serial and Ethernet Command List

See page 22 and [www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex\\_tips](http://www.audioauthority.com/sonaflex_tips). for instructions.

Command	Serial String	Valid Range	Description
<b>Ethernet</b>			
Commit			
DHCP	[U#EFC]	U1-4	Commit changes that have occurred to the Ethernet settings. This command must be issued after you have finished changing DHCP, IP, Gateway, or Netmask settings in order to cause them to become active. Note that any Telnet client connected will be disconnected when this command is issued.
Gateway	[U#DHCP#]	U1-4, DHCP0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Change the dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP) setting. This protocol is used to allow the device to receive IP address settings automatically from a properly enabled network. Note that a commit command is required after changing this setting.
IP Address	[U#GW###.###.###.###]	U1-4, GW (0.0.0.0 - 255.255.255.255)	Change the gateway setting. The gateway is used to communicate with devices that are not inside the subnet (devices external to the router or switch). Note that a commit command is required after changing this setting.
Network Mask	[U#IP###.###.###.###]	U1-4, IP (0.0.0.0 - 255.255.255.255)	Set the static IP address; DHCP must be off. Note that a commit command is required after changing this setting.
Query	[U#QE]	U1-4	Query the current Ethernet settings - DHCP, IP Address, subnet mask, gateway, mac address, commit status.
<b>Front Panel Controls</b>			
Dim	[U#DIM#]	U1-4, DIM0-3 (0 = 100%, 1 = 75%, 2 = 50%, 3 = 25%)	Sets the brightness level of the front panel display and lights.
IR Sensor	[U#FPIR#]	U1-4, FPIR0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Enable/disable the front panel IR sensor.
Lock Controls	[U#FPL#]	U1-4, FPL0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Front panel lock. Locks out front panel input (keyboard, knob) to prevent changing system settings from the front panel. An alternate unlock sequence is available via the keyboard: press menu, back, dim, back, dim, dim.
Sleep Timer	[U#SLEEP#]	U1-4, SLEEP (0, 1, 2, 5 in minutes)	Sets the front panel VFD sleep timer, in minutes. A time of 0 never sleeps.
<b>Input-Specific Commands</b>			
Gain	[U#I##G##]	U1-4, T1-20, G-10-10 (dB)	Set the level of digital input gain on a stereo pair or mono input channel. This feature is designed to equalize the input volumes of sources that do not have volume control.
Gain All	[U#XG##]	U1-4, G-10-10 (dB)	Set the level of digital input gain on all inputs.
Input Name	[U#I##N@"]	U1-4, I1-20, N (16 characters a-z, A-Z, 0-9, -, ./!?)	Names the specified input stereo pair or mono source for front panel display.
Stereo or Mono	[U#I##STEREO#]	U1-4, I1-20, STEREO0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Sets an input pair as stereo or mono, which defines how stereo or mono outputs will connect to the input. For example, a stereo input of (1,2) will be selected by a stereo output as (1,2), but a mono output as (1+2). A mono input of 1 will be selected by a mono output as 1, but a stereo output as (1,1).
<b>Output-Specific Commands</b>			

Balance	[U#0##BAL##]	U1-4, 01-16, BAL-40-0 (dB)	Set the balance level of an output. This setting is a negative volume offset applied each time the volume level is set for the output.
Balance Left	[U#0##BALL]	U1-4, 01-16	Adjust the balance level for the specified output pair to the left (decreasing the output volume of the right output).
Balance Right	[U#0##BALR]	U1-4, 01-16	Adjust the balance level for the specified output pair to the right (decreasing the output volume of the left output).
Mute	[U#0##M#]	U1-4, 01-16, M0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Change the mute status of an output.
Mute All Global	[XM#]	M0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Change the mute status of all outputs.
Mute All	[#XM#]	U1-4, M0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Change the mute status of all the outputs of the specified unit.
Output Name	[U#0##N"@"]	U1-4, 01-16, N (16 characters a-z, A-Z, 0-9, -,./!?\")	Name the specified single output or stereo pair.
Power	[U#0##P#]	U1-4, 01-16, P0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Set the power status of a single output or stereo pair. An output that is powered from off to on will be checked to confirm that the output volume level fits into allowed limits and may be adjusted.
Power All Global	[XP#]	P0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Set the power status of all outputs. If power status is toggled, each output will be toggled individually, where outputs that are off will be turned on and outputs that are on will be turned off.
Power All	[U#XP#]	U1-4, P0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Set the power status of all outputs in the specified unit. If power status is toggled, each output is toggled individually, where outputs that are off will be turned on and outputs that are on will be turned off.
Query an Output	[#O##Q]	U1-4, 01-16	Query a specified output, which displays all settings related to that output
Stereo or Mono	[U#0##STEREO#]	U1-4, 01-16, STEREO0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Enables or disables the pairing of outputs. Stereo mode causes two outputs to track each other when performing all functions, and also controls the manner in which inputs are connected to the outputs. For example, consider a pair of stereo outputs (1,2), a mono output (3), a pair of stereo inputs (5,6) and a mono input (7). Valid connections will be (1,2) = (5,6) or (7,7), and (3) = (5+6) or (7).
Switch	[U#0##1##]	U1-4, 01-16, I1-20	Switches the single output or stereo pair to the specified single input or stereo pair.
Switch All Global	[XT##]	I1-20	Switches all outputs to the specified input observing mono/stereo connection rules.
Switch All	[#XI##]	U1-4, I1-20	Switches all outputs of a unit to the specified input observing mono/stereo connection rules.
Volume	[U#0##V##]	U1-4, 01-16, V-80-0(dB)	Set the output volume of a single output or stereo pair.
Volume Down	[U#0##VD]	U1-4, 01-16	Increment the volume of a single output or stereo pair.
Volume Up	[U#0##VU]	U1-4, 01-16	Decrement the volume of a single output or stereo pair.
Volume All Global	[XV##]	V-80 0 (dB)	Set the output volume level of all outputs.
Volume All Down Global	[XVD]		Increments the output volume level of all outputs from their current settings.
Volume All Up Global	[XVU]		Decrements the output volume level of all outputs from their current settings.
Volume All Unit	[U#XV##]	U1-4, V-80-0 (dB)	Set the output volume level of all outputs of a unit to a specified level.
Volume All Unit Down	[U#XVD]	U1-4	Increments the output volume level of all outputs of a unit from their current settings.
Volume All Unit Up	[U#XVU]	U1-4	Decrements the output volume level of all outputs of a unit from their current settings.

Volume Max	[U#0##M\###]	U1-4, 01-16, MV-80-0 (dB)	Sets the maximum volume level of an output. Note that this setting also directly affects the nominal output volume, the current ‘live’ output volume, override levels, the maximum turn on volume, the minimum turn on volume, and scene preset volumes. If any of these contain a level that exceeds the maximum, they will be set to the maximum.
Volume Max Turn On	[U#0##MXT0###]	U1-4, 01-16, MXT0-80-0 (dB)	Sets the maximum turn on volume. After a power cycle or return from standby, the desired output volume will be checked against this, and any levels exceeding it will be set to the maximum.
Volume Min Turn On	[U#0##MNT0###]	U1-4, 01-16, MNT0-80-0 (dB)	Sets the minimum turn on volume. After a power cycle or return from standby, the desired output volume will be checked against this, and will be set to this level if they were lower.
<b>Groups</b>			
Add	[U#G##0##A]	U1-4, G1-10, 01-16	Adds a single output or stereo pair to a group.
Mute	[U#G##M#]	U1-4, G1-10, M0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Sets the mute status of a group. Toggling mute status will result in all the members of the group being set to same mute status as the first member; if that member is muted, all will be unmuted, and vice versa.
Name	[U#G##N@"]	U1-4, G1-10, N (16 characters a-z, A-Z, 0-9, -, /, !?)	Names the specified group.
Power	[U#G##P#]	U1-4, G1-10, P0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Sets the power status of a group. Toggling power status will result in all the members of the group being set to the same power status as the first member; if that member is powered off, all will be powered on, and vice versa.
Query	[U#G##Q]	U1-4, G1-10	Query a group, which displays group members and group name.
Remove	[U#G##R#R]	U1-4, G1-10, 01-16	Removes a single output or stereo pair from a group.
Remove All	[U#GR]	U1-4	Clears the group membership of all groups.
Switch	[U#G##T#]	U1-4, G1-10, I1-20	Switch the outputs in the group to the specified input, based upon the mono/stereo status of the input(s) and output(s).
Volume	[U#G##V#]	U1-4, G1-10, V-80-0 (dB)	Sets the output volume of a group.
Volume Down	[U#G##VD]	U1-4, G1-10	Decrements the output volume of all members in the group from their current volume settings. It is possible to set different members of the group to different volume levels and retain the difference while turning them all down.
Volume Up	[U#G##VU]	U1-4, G1-10	Increments the output volume of all members in the group from their current volume setting. It is possible to set different members of the group to different volumes and retain the difference while turning them all up.
<b>Basic DSP</b>			
Bass	[U#0##BASS##]	U1-4, 01-16, BASS-15-15 (dB)	Set the bass boost level of a single output or stereo pair. This requires that the output DSP filter 1 is a low shelf filter.
Bass Down	[U#0##BASSD]	U1-4, 01-16	Decrement the bass boost level of a single output or stereo pair. This requires that the output DSP filter 1 is a low shelf filter.
Bass Up	[U#0##BASSU]	U1-4, 01-16	Increment the bass boost level of a single output or stereo pair. This requires that the output DSP filter 1 is a low shelf filter.
Loudness	[U#0##LD#]	U1-4, 01-16, LD0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Turns on or off loudness for a single output or stereo pair. This requires that output DSP filter 3 is a low shelf and DSP filter 4 is a high shelf.
Treble	[U#0##TREB##]	U1-4, 01-16, TREB-15-15 (dB)	Set the treble boost level of a single output or stereo pair. This requires that the output DSP filter 2 is a high shelf filter.

Treble Down	[U#0#TREBD]	U1-4, 01-16	Decrement the treble boost level of a single output or stereo pair. This requires that the output DSP filter 2 is a high shelf filter.
Treble Up	[U#0#TREBU]	U1-4, 01-16	Increment the treble boost level of a single output or stereo pair. This requires that the output DSP filter 2 is a high shelf filter.
<b>Advanced DSP</b>			
Bypass Filter	[U#0##B#BYPASS]	U1-4, 01-16, B1-7	Bypass the DSP filter on the single output or stereo pair.
Hi-pass Filter	[U#0##B#HP#####]	U1-4, 01-16, B1-7, HPF1-20, Q@0 (Hz)	Enables a high pass filter in the specified DSP and single output or stereo pair. The filter is a second order filter, resulting in a -3 dB pass band at the crossover frequency and dropping at -40 dB per decade below.
Highshelf Filter	[U#0##B#HS####]	U1-4, 01-16, B1-7, HS1-15-15 (dB), F1-20,000 (Hz)	Enable a high shelf filter in the specified DSP and single output or stereo pair.
Low-pass Filter	[U#0##B#LP#####]	U1-4, 01-16, B1-7, LPF1-20, Q@0 (Hz)	Enables a low pass filter on the specified DSP and single output or stereo pair. The filter is a second order filter, resulting in a -3 dB pass band at the crossover frequency and dropping at -40 dB per decade above.
Lowshelf Filter	[U#0##B#LS#####]	U1-4, 01-16, B1-7, LS-15-15 (dB), F1-20,000 (Hz)	Enable a low shelf filter in the specified DSP and single output or stereo pair.
Peaking Filter	[U#0##B#P##F#####]	Unit 1-4, Output 1-16, BiQuid 1-7, Peaking Boost (-15 to 15 dB), Frequency (1-20000 Hz)	Enable a peaking filter in the specified DSP and single output or stereo pair. A peaking filter is essentially a parametric equalizer, allowing a boost or cut at the frequency of interest.
<b>Override</b>			
<b>Basic Audio Override</b>			
Action	[U#AO##A#]	U1-4, A01-10, A0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Override action (toggle on or off). Turning an override on connects the output(s) that are members of the audio override to a specified input at a specified volume level. Outputs that are muted or powered off will be turned on and unmuted for the duration of the override. Turning an override off causes the outputs that are a member of the override to be set to their previous volume level and input.
Add	[U#AO##O##V##A]	U1-4, A01-10, (dB)	Add a single output or a stereo pair to an audio override.
Input	[U#AO##I##]	U1-4, A01-10, 01-16, V-80-0	Set the input(s) to be connected when the audio override is activated.
Priority	[U#AO##P##]	U1-4, A01-10, P1-14	Set the priority level of the audio override. Lower numbers equal a higher priority (priority 1 is the highest). Multiple overrides can have the same priority. Overrides of the same priority will override each other.
Query	[U#AO##Q##]	U1-4, A01-10	Query an audio override, which displays membership, levels, input, and priority.
Remove	[U#AO##O##R]	U1-4, A01-10, 01-16	Remove a single output or a stereo pair from an audio override.
Remove All	[U#AOR]	U1-4, A01-10	Clear the membership status of all overrides.
<b>FlexPort Override</b>			

Action	[U#FP0#A#]	U1-4, FP01-4, A0-6 (0 off, 1 on stereo, 2 on mono, 3 on mix, 4 toggle stereo, 5 toggle mono, 6 toggle mix)	FlexPort override action (toggle on/off or momentary). Turning a FlexPort override on connects the output(s) that are members of the audio override to a FlexPort input at a specified volume level.
			FlexPort override actions can cause a variety of results depending on command. Consider stereo outputs (1,2) and mono output (3), as well as flex port input (17), which is override 1. Action on stereo connects (1,2) to (17,18), and (3) to (17+18). Action on mono connects (1,2) to (17,17), and (3) to (17). Action on mix connects (1,2) to (17+18,17+18), and (3) to (17+18). Outputs that are muted or powered off will be turned on and unmuted for the duration of the override. Turning an override off causes the outputs that are a member of the override to be set to their previous volume level and input.
Add	[U#FP0#0##V##A]	U1-4, FP01-4, 01-16, V-80-0 (dB)	Add a single output or stereo pair to a flexport override. This output will be set to the override defined input and the specified volume level when the override is activated.
Priority	[U#FP0#P#]	U1-4, FP01-4, P1-14	Set the priority level of the flexport override. Lower numbers equal a higher priority. (Priority 1 is the highest). Multiple overrides can have the same priority. Overrides of the same priority will override each other.
Query	[U#FP0#Q]	U1-4, FP01-4	Query a FlexPort override, which displays membership, levels, input, and priority.
Remove	[U#FP0#Q##R]	U1-4, FP01-4, 01-16	Remove an output from an audio override. This output will be ignored by the override when it is activated.
Remove All	[U#FP0R]	U1-4	Remove all outputs from all audio overrides.
<b>Query</b>			
Query All	[U#XQ]	U1-4	Query all settings for the unit. Note that while displaying the settings the unit will be unresponsive.
Query All Square Brackets	[U#XQS]	U1-4	Query all settings, but return them in square brackets [ ]. Useful to copy and paste settings into a text file for editing. Note that the unit will be unresponsive while displaying the settings. WARNING - if you have units looped together, this command could cause unintended actions.
<b>Contact Closure (Audio Override)</b>			
Contact Closure Type	[U#CC#T#A##B##]	U1-4, CC1-2, T0-1 (0 audio override, 1 scene preset), A1-10 (The number of the audio override or scene preset), B0-10 (The number of the scene preset to trigger when contact closure is released, or 0 for none)	Set the effect of the audio override contact closure inputs on the back panel of the unit. By default, the contact closure inputs activate the matching audio override 1 (contact closure 1, contact closure 2, activates audio override 2). Alternatively, the contact closures can be used to load one or two scene presets. On contact closure open, argument A scene will be loaded. On contact closure open, argument B scene will be loaded, or if the scene number is specified to be 0, nothing will happen; this allows a scene to be loaded on closure and one to be loaded (or nothing happen) on release.
Contact Closure Mode	[U#CC#M#]	U1-4, CC1-2, M0-1 (0 momentary, 1 toggle)	Sets the mode of the audio override contact closure inputs on the back panel of the unit. Momentary mode causes the override action when the contacts are closed and opened. Toggle mode requires a close and open for each action.
<b>Scene Presets</b>			
Add	[U#SP##O##I##V##A]	U1-4, SP1-10, 01-16, I1-20, V-80-0 (dB)	Add a single output or stereo pair to a scene preset, by specifying the volume level and input(s) to connect to when the scene preset is loaded. When an output is added to a scene using this command, mute for the output is set to off, and power for the output is set to on.
Load Global	[SP###LOAD]	SP1-10	Set the input, volume level, mute, and power status of the output(s) which are members of the scene preset on all units.
Load	[U#SP##LOAD]	U1-4, SP1-10	Set the input, volume level, mute, and power status of the output(s) in the unit which are members of the scene preset.

Mute	[U#SP##0##M#]	U1-4, SP1-10, 01-16, M0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Set the mute status of a single output or stereo pair in a scene preset.
Name Global	[SP##N#@"]	SP1-10, N (16 characters a-z, A-Z, 0-9, -, /, !?\\)	Specify the name of the scene preset on all units.
Name	[U#SP##N"@"]	U1-4, SP1-10, N (16 characters a-z, A-Z, 0-9, -, /, !?\\)	Specify the name of a scene preset on a per-unit basis.
Power	[U#SP##Q##P#]	U1-4, SP1-10, 01-16, P0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Specify the power status of a single output or stereo pair in a scene preset.
Query	[U#SP##Q]	U1-4, SP1-10 Query a scene preset, which lists all members, their settings, and the name of the preset.	
Remove	[U#SP##O##R]	U1-4, SP1-10, 01-16 Remove an output from a scene preset.	
Remove All	[U#SPR]	U1-4 Remove all outputs from all scene presets.	
Allow Remote Save (allow snapshot)	[SPRS#]	SPRS0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Turn on or off the ability to save scene presets (take a snapshot) remotely.
Remote Save (snapshot)	[SP##SAVE]	SP1-10 Snapshot: Save the current output levels, input levels, and mute status to the specified preset.	
Remote Save (snapshot, one unit)	[U#SP##SAVE]	U1-4, SP1-10 Snapshot: Save the current output levels, input levels, and mute status to the preset in the specified unit.	
<b>Standby</b>			
Standby Global	[SBY#]	SBY0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Places all units in standby or releases them from standby. Turning on standby causes all outputs to be disabled, the DSP to stop running, and the screen to be turned off. Returning from standby turns on the DSP and the outputs.
Standby	[U#SBY#]	U1-4, SBY0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Places a unit in standby or releases it from standby.
Trigger	[U#TRIG#]	U1-4, TRIG0-2 (0 off, 1 on, 2 toggle)	Sets the way the system trigger input on the back panel functions. By default, the unit will auto-mute and power down the channel blocks in groups of 8 based on the detection of input signals. In addition to this power saving feature, the system trigger input can force the entire unit into standby or out of standby based on a voltage present on the System trigger input. Once the trigger mode is set to on, a high to low transition on the trigger input will place the unit into standby. Once in standby, a low to high transition will release the unit from standby.
<b>State</b>			
Load	[U#LOAD]	U1-4 Load the system state from memory.	
Reset	[U#RESET]	U1-4 Reset the state of the system to factory defaults.	
Save	[U#SAVE]	U1-4 Save the system state to memory. There is an auto-save that saves the state 60 seconds after the last change.	

## Appendix E: SF-16M Specifications

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Power Per Channel (All Channels Driven):	50W @ 8 Ohms
Frequency Response:	20Hz to 20kHz, +/- 0.55 dB into 8 Ohms
Full Power Bandwidth:	20Hz to 20kHz
S/N Ratio:	96dB
Channel Separation:	70dB(channel to channel @1kHz)
THD+N:	<0.3% @ full power output
IMD:	<0.5% @ full power output
Input Sensitivity:	0.5Vrms
Input Impedance:	20k Ohms
Audio Clock Frequency:	96KHz
Output Clock Frequency:	385KHz
Output Protection:	Short Circuit, Over-Temperature, Overload
Line Voltage & Frequency:	100-120VAC 50-60Hz
Power Consumption:	1125W continuous, 1280W for 2 minutes
Maximum Current Draw:	10A RMS
Heat Output:	1109BTU/Hr. maximum
Dimensions (H x W x D):	5.22" x 16.60" x 14"
Net Weight:	41 lb.
Shipping Weight:	49 lb.
Approvals	FCC, ETL
Warranty:	Three years, parts and labor

### Limited Warranty

If this product fails due to defects in materials or workmanship within two years from the date of the original sale to the end-user, Audio Authority guarantees that we will repair or replace the defective product at no cost. Freight charges for the replacement unit will be paid by Audio Authority (Ground service only). A copy of the invoice from an Authorized Re-seller showing the item number, serial number, and date of purchase (proof-of-purchase) must be submitted with the defective unit to constitute a valid in-warranty claim.

Units that fail after the warranty period has expired may be returned to the factory for repair at a nominal charge, if not damaged beyond the point of repair. All freight charges for out-of-warranty returns for repair are the responsibility of the customer. Units returned for repair must have a Customer Return Authorization Number assigned by the factory.

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